

Haverfordwest Grand National Soapbox Derby 2017

DATE: The races will take place on Sunday 19th August 2018, scrutineering commencing at 10am and first race at 12 noon prompt.

COURSE: The races will be run at the western end of the Upper Race Course, Haverfordwest using existing tarmac footpaths.

ENTRIES: The closing date for entries is 12th August 2018.
Entry fee of £30.00 per team together with the fully completed entry form is required. As the maximum number of soapbox entrants will be limited, a place cannot be guaranteed until the entry fee is paid.

DRIVERS: Drivers must be 16 or over on race day. Drivers under 18 on that date **must have the WRITTEN consent of a parent or guardian.**

RACE FORMAT: Teams of three (three runs per team), for entry in the team event each team member must take a turn at being the driver - Lowest total team time wins the fastest team award, lowest individual driver time wins the solo award (solo drivers also have three runs). Extra races may be held at the organisers discretion.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded for:

The Best Dressed Soapbox
The Best Dressed Team
Fastest Solo Cup (fastest individual run)
Fastest Business Team Cup (best combined time 3 runs / 3 drivers)
Fastest Amateur Team Cup (best combined time 3 runs / 3 drivers)
The Driver's Bravery Award
'Spirit of Soap Box' Award
The Fastest Lady Driver Award

Note: The definition of what constitutes a Business Team entry is at the discretion of the organisers.

Entry Form

Team Name:
Business Team or Amateur Team?.....
Team Captain Name:
Team Captain Contact Address:
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Tel No:Email:
Race Classes to be entered (tick all categories that you'd like to enter)

- Solo Cup (fastest individual race time)
- Team Cup (three drivers, lowest total race time wins)
- Fastest Lady (fastest female race time)

The rules and regulations of the event have been drawn up for the benefit and safety of the competitors and spectators and must be strictly adhered to.
I / We agree to pay a fee of £30.00, which may be raised by sponsorship, to secure entry to the Haverfordwest Grand National Soapbox Derby.

Please note that this fee is non-refundable.

Soapboxes will be allowed to race subject to rules of the event and scrutineering. (Please read the Scrutineering Guidelines below.)
The organisers of Haverfordwest Grand National Soapbox Derby and the owners of the Upper Race Course do not accept any responsibility for any damage, loss or injury to the entrants or to the entrants' soapbox or equipment.

We the undersigned enter this competition having read and understood the rules and regulations of the event. We accept full responsibility for any damage caused to our person, soapbox or equipment.

Soapbox Team Name:
Team Members Names and Details
Name 1(Principle Driver/Captain).....
Name 2(Second Driver if applicable).....
Name 3(Third Driver if applicable).....

Driver 1
Name:
I will be over 18yrs on 30/7/16 Signature:

or I will be over 16yrs on 30/7/16 Signature:.....
Parent/Guardian

Name:
As parent/guardian of the above Driver, I
consent to his/her participation in the Haverfordwest Grand National Soap Box Derby
2016.
Address:.....
Signature:
Telephone:

Driver 2

I will be over 18yrs on 30/7/16 Signature:.....
or I will be over 16yrs on 30/7/16 Signature:
Parent/Guardian:
Name:.....
As parent/guardian of the above Driver, I
consent to his/her participation in the Haverfordwest Grand National Soap Box Derby
2016.
Address:
Signature:
Telephone:

Driver 3

I will be over 18yrs on 30/7/16 Signature:.....
or I will be over 16yrs on 30/7/16 Signature:
Parent/Guardian:
Name:.....
As parent/guardian of the above Driver, I
consent to his/her participation in the Haverfordwest Grand National Soap Box Derby
2016.
Address:
Signature:
Telephone:

Please make cheques payable to: [Haverfordwest Town Council](#) and send with
completed Entry Form to:-

Soapbox,
c/o The Town Clerk,
Haverfordwest Town Council,
Picton House,
2 Picton Place,
Haverfordwest,
SA61 2LU.

RULES

General Regulations

1. The minimum £30 fee must have been deposited with the organizers together with a fully completed entry form (see foot of Entry Form). Please submit your entry as soon as possible as numbers will have to be limited and places cannot be guaranteed until fees have been submitted.
 2. Soapboxes must be in position on the Upper Race Course by 10.00am to allow for scrutineering and judging. Participant machines will be given their race number at this time. There will be a driver's briefing in the scrutineering area at 10.15pm. Racing will commence at 12 o'clock.
 3. Soapboxes and drivers will be scrutinised prior to participating and must adhere to the minimum specifications outlined below.
 4. Soapboxes will descend the hill one at a time and will be timed.
 5. Brightly coloured soapboxes, novelty, sponsorship and advertising are encouraged. Construction will be of unique design, no commercially built chassis permitted i.e. recumbent trikes or the like.
 6. Every team member or individual must accept the rules and regulations of the event in full and sign the disclaimer.
 7. The decision of the timekeepers and clerk of course is final.
 8. Absolutely no practising on the course prior to the event is permitted; any team seen practicing will face automatic disqualification, no exceptions.
 9. Participants must not be intoxicated.
- All Participants take part at their own risk.** A disclaimer must be signed by the driver and all team members (see Entry Form). The applicant will be held responsible if anyone takes part in racing without signing the disclaimer.
10. Disclaimers must also be signed by each driver on the day of the race.
 11. Participants must be over 16 years of age on raceday.
 12. Competitors aged under 18yrs must have a signed parental consent (see Entry Form).
 13. The following protective clothing must be worn by drivers:- Crash helmet (motorcycle not bicycle), gloves, long sleeved tops and full length trousers must be worn at all times while racing. One piece overalls are acceptable.
 14. Soapboxes will be driven and raced by one person at a time only(one occupant).

15. Any person driving without consideration for other drivers or spectators will be disqualified at the direction of the clerk of the course.

16. Any person found testing at the Upper Race Course prior to the event will be disqualified. Testing on **any** public road without suitable road closures in place **is strongly discouraged by the organisers.**

17. Any person found maliciously tampering with another driver's soapbox will be disqualified.

Soapbox design

1. Each soapbox must have space for 3 white self-adhesive number plates measuring approximately 200mm x 200mm placed on the front and each side of the Soapbox. These will be used to clearly display the number given to each team on registration, and must be kept clearly visible. No other numbers will be allowed on soapboxes. Numbers should not be used in your soapbox name.

This will allow the timekeepers to record the times of participants at the event **this is important**.....! Teams may affix their own numbers but must be clearly visible to time keepers.

2. Soapboxes must have effective brakes and steering. They must be powered by gravity only, no pedals, engines, motors, sails, jets or similar. Brakes will be tested during scrutineering and failure to be effective will lead to disqualification (See scrutineering guidelines below). Effective brakes and steering are imperative to protect driver and spectator safety.

3. Soapboxes must be of original construction, no pre-manufactured karts – if in doubt ask before race day.

4. Soapboxes must weigh a maximum of 70 kilos.

5. Soapboxes should only carry one person, in a feet first direction.

6. All soapboxes must be safe. Any soapboxes believed to be dangerous to the public or the participant will not be allowed to race. If in doubt consult the organisers well before the scrutineering time. Pre-race day consultation with the clerk of course is highly encouraged!!!

7. Soapboxes must have a minimum of 3 wheels.

8. The soapbox construction process should be independent of any professional organisation which is actively involved in the construction of soapboxes.

9. When designing Soapboxes participants need to make extra consideration for other soapbox drivers and spectators. Sharp or protruding objects outside the body of the soapbox will not be allowed and must be removed to pass scrutineering. **Please design your soapbox with the safety of others in mind.**

10. Neither total compliance with these rules and regulations, nor the successful passing of the scrutineering process for the event will in any way guarantee against injury to team members, drivers, supporters or spectators. The organisers will not accept responsibility, or be held liable for injury to any team member. If you are not happy with this rule, don't race.

The Head Scrutineer's decision in regard to any of the above rules is final.

Scrutineering Guidelines

Please note **all** soapboxes must be in position on the Upper Race Course at the scrutineering paddock by 10am on raceday.

- 1) Braking may be tested on a ramp at a maximum angle of 1 in 4 (or using any other method deemed appropriate by the organisers). The Soapbox will have to remain stationary with the driver in it on the ramp. The ramp size will be 8ft x 4ft. Soapbox wheels must come within this size to enable testing.
- 2) Steering must work with immediate effect. Excessive play in steering will not be allowed.
- 3) Any soapboxes believed to be of excessive weight will be weighed. Max weight 70kg.
- 4) **Soapboxes must not have sharp or protruding edges.** No glass or other materials that would shatter or cause injury to drivers or spectators in the event of a crash can be used in the construction of a soapbox. There must be no sharp or protruding objects within the soapbox that could cause injury to the driver in the event of a crash.
- 5) Motorcycle crash helmets must be worn and must be road legal. **Mountain bike helmets or bicycle helmets are not acceptable.** Gloves, long sleeved tops and long trousers **must** be worn during racing.
- 6) There must not be loose objects within or on the Soapbox. All components must be fixed firmly.

Recommendations

We would strongly recommend wearing race suits, motorcycle clothing, or elbow and knee pads while racing. We would also recommend boots and full face helmets should be worn. Please be aware that soapboxes can travel at speed and driver protection is important.

We would also recommend that you can apply the brakes without removing your hands from the steering. Rope steering, although acceptable will be thoroughly checked for excessive play. Be aware that large spoke bicycle wheels can be subject to collapse especially on corners and may need strengthening. If you are concerned about any aspect of your soapbox and scrutineering you can contact the scrutineers well before the race on 07815 881054.

The Clerk of Course's decision in regard to any of the above rules is final.

IMPORTANT!!!!

Entry to the course is to be from *Park Corner Road ONLY*!!!
DO NOT PARK AT THE CRICKET CLUB!!!!!!

