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SOAP BOX DERBY

If you have any questions regarding this document or the event please forward them by email to andovercommunityevents@hotmail.com

INTRODUCTION

The Thruxton Retro Soapbox Derby is a community event organised and supported by Andover Community Events. The event is being held as part of The Thruxton Retro Presents Superfunk event at Thruxton Circuit. We hope to create a fun day for the teams, supporters and spectators. Fun & exciting designs are obviously highly encouraged.

CATEGORIES FOR TEAMS

There will be two categories of soapbox:

- Private (including charities and community groups)
- Business / Corporate

NB: Teams can have under 18 year olds but they are NOT to be Driver or Passenger.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Read the Rules and Regulations of this Race Pack
2. Complete the Entry Forms for all the members of your team
3. Submit your entry and BACS payment for either:
 - Private/Charity – £15
 - Corporate / Business £25 (which allows company branding, see T&Cs)

Payment to:

Natwest Account Name: Andover Community Events Number 5456 3771

Sort Code 60-01-17

PLEASE use your team name as reference.

COMPLETED FORMS

When you have completed your Entry Form, please return by email to:
andovercommunityevents@hotmail.com

Or post to: A.C.E, 8 Lingen Close, Andover, Hants. SP10 4LS. Closing date for entries is: 13th June 2025

INSURANCE

We have event insurance, but this does NOT cover you as a driver/passenger in the soapbox race and your liability to 3rd parties also on site (see your signed waiver on entry form). There is a company that you can get this from at a small cost at: www.sportscoverdirect.com/insurance/soap-box-racing-insurance/
This is a must as it protects you! Please send us a copy of your insurance by email or at the very latest bring a copy on the day of the event to hand in when you register.

SPONSORSHIP

Our hope is to raise funds via each team's own sponsorship as well as direct sponsorship from local businesses. We would be very grateful if the entering teams could do their best to collect sponsorship from their friends, family and colleagues as they build their Soapbox. Every penny really does count. There will be a prize for the most sponsorship raised.

THE CHARITY

For this event our aim is to raise money for the principle benefit of Koala, a local registered charity. Details can be found on our website - www.thruxtonracing.co.uk

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please use Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to promote your Soapbox entry and tag us in where possible, we will share through the Thruxton Circuit accounts. We encourage our teams to talk to each other through social media and invite friends and family along on the day.

TROPHY CATEGORIES

There will be various Trophy Categories on the day including:

- Private Category – 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Business / Corporate Category – 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Scores will be a combination of Run time and Design.

RULES & SOAPBOX SPECIFICATIONS

1. Should not exceed 100kg in weight (not including driver).
2. Should not exceed 1.5m in width.
3. Chassis clearance should not be higher than 30cm from the ground.
4. Wheelbase from front axle to back axle should not exceed 2.5m.
5. Wheel's diameter should not exceed 67cm.
6. Should not have any mechanical parts to increase its speed (no catapults, pedals, jet or any other engines).
7. Must have a rigid steering system (no ropes).
8. Must have a rear wheel(s) braking system as a minimum.
9. Must have a minimum of three wheels.
10. Must not have any design elements to endanger themselves or the public (i.e. no sharp metal objects, mirrors or glass).
11. The soapbox must have a solid floor.
12. No part of the soapbox must extend beyond the width of the soapbox (no dangerous projections).
13. A soapbox derived from an existing chassis is permitted provided that it complies with the rules.
14. A soapbox not complying with the above specifications may be allowed to run if it complies with the safety regulations, but it will not be eligible for any of the prizes.

SOAPBOX RACE

1. The Soapbox runs will start at West Portway Industrial Estate, Hopkinson Way at 12:00pm.
2. Timing will be electronic
3. Teams must register at the entry table before unloading their vehicle, here they will be told where to set up.
4. There will be a Drivers' Briefing at 12pm, all drivers MUST attend or they will not be allowed to ride.
5. The race is open to all homemade soapboxes, all of which will race against the clock, one at a time. The start will be a significant run up and push.. Once the soapbox has been removed from the circuit the next soapbox competitor will start.
6. All racers will be scored on overall spectacle in their category and also speed. (see information details for trophy categories.)
7. The soapbox and all remains must be removed immediately after the soapbox run.
8. By taking part in the Andover Community Events Soap Box Derby you will be required to comply with, and be bound by the rules and regulations of the event at all times and in particular:
 - Ensure that your soapbox is in good working order before attending the event
 - You accept that by taking part in the event you will understand that soapbox racing can contain certain inherent risks. You will participate entirely at your own risk and accept that the event organisers are not liable for any loss, damage, claim, expense, injury or accidents which may arise as a consequence of negligence. You will remain responsible for your own property and actions.
 - We ask that participants have appropriate sports insurance cover in place. If you do happen to hurt yourself personal sports cover will help cover medical costs and associated costs.