

82ND FIRSTENERGY ALL-AMERICAN  
SOAP BOX DERBY

# RACE WEEK HANDBOOK

July 14-20, 2019

Derby Downs - Akron, OH

## International Soap Box Derby Mission

The International Soap Box Derby® is a non-profit youth education and leadership development organization whose mission is to build knowledge and character, and to create meaningful experiences through fair and honest racing competitions, STEM curriculums, and other community-focused activities.



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# WELCOME TO DERBY DOWNS!

The Soap Box Derby® staff and volunteers would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 82nd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship being held July 14-20, 2019, in Akron, Ohio.

We hope that your experience during this event is truly both a rewarding and memorable one. Please remember that Soap Box Derby staff and volunteers are available to assist at any time before and during the event.

Enclosed are event schedules and suggestions for first time (as well as returning) Champions to assist with activities during Race Week.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- Soap Box Derby Headquarters will be located in the Office Tent at Topside behind the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building.
- **Phone:** 330-733-8723
- **Email:** soapbox@soapboxderby.org
- **Topside Address:** 1000 George Washington Blvd, Akron, OH 44312
- **Office Hours:** Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Race-week website:** aasbd.soapboxderby.org



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### #Momentum

SUGGESTIONS? PLEASE VISIT [WWW.SOAPBOXDERBY.ORG/SUGGESTIONBOX](http://WWW.SOAPBOXDERBY.ORG/SUGGESTIONBOX)

# DIRECTIONS TO DERBY DOWNS

Topside Address: 1000 George Washington Blvd., Akron, OH 44312

AASBD World Championship Race Day Parking - July 20, 2019:  
Located in gravel and grass lots off of Derby Downs Drive.

## APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH

- Route 8 South to 76 East (at the central interchange)
- I-76 East to Market St./Mogadore Rd.
- Right at the bottom of the exit on to Market St.
- At the first light take a right on to Hilbish Rd.
- Follow through 3 traffic lights.
- Hilbish Rd. changes name to George Washington Blvd. when you cross over Triplett Blvd.
- If you wish to go to Soap Box Derby® Headquarters - Continue straight on George Washington Blvd. Turn right on Springfield Lake Blvd. (you will see Derby logos in the center of the road) and then take an immediate right onto the access road (Derby Downs Drive). Soap Box Derby Headquarters is the white brick building on the right side past the back of Derby Downs grandstands.
- If you wish to go to Topside - Continue straight up George Washington Blvd. Topside facilities are at the top of the hill on your right.

## APPROACHING FROM THE SOUTH

- I-77 North to 224 East towards Mogadore
- Turn left at the first traffic light (Route 241)
- If you wish to go to Soap Box Derby® Headquarters - Turn left on Springfield Lake Blvd. (you will see Derby logos in the center of the road) and then take an immediate right onto the access road (Derby Downs Drive). Soap Box Derby Headquarters is the white brick building on the right side past the back of Derby Downs grandstands.
- If you wish to go to Topside - Continue straight up George Washington Blvd. Topside facilities are at the top of the hill on your left.

## APPROACHING FROM THE EAST AND WEST LOCATED ON NEXT PAGE

# DIRECTIONS TO DERBY DOWNS (CONTINUED)

## APPROACHING FROM THE WEST

- I-76 East to Market St./Mogadore Rd.
- At the bottom of the ramp turn right onto East Market St.
- At the first light take a right onto Hilbish Rd.
- Follow through 3 traffic lights.
- Hilbish Rd. changes name to George Washington Blvd. when you cross over Triplett Blvd.
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## APPROACHING FROM THE EAST

- I-76 West to the Market St./Mogadore Rd. Exit
- At the bottom of the ramp turn left onto East Market St.
- At the second light take a right onto Hilbish Rd.
- Follow through 3 traffic lights.
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# ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ADDRESSES - DOWNTOWN

## MONDAY - JULY 15, 2019

Polsky/ West Campus Parking Deck:  
275 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308  
Free parking - Monday ONLY

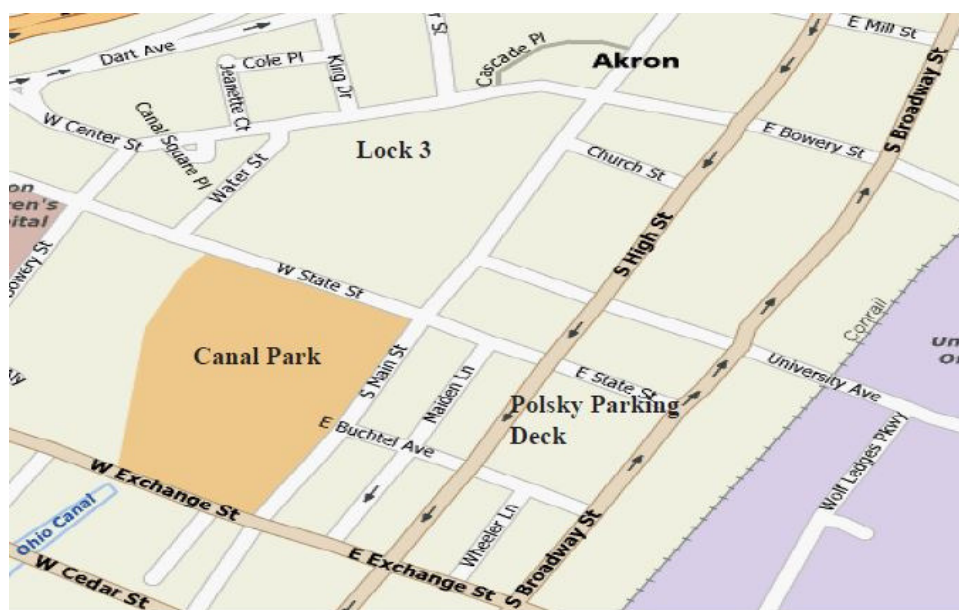
Canal Park Stadium:  
300 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308

Lock 3:  
200 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308

The University of Akron Recreation Center:  
382 Carroll Street, Akron, OH 44325

## SATURDAY - JULY 20, 2019

- Akron Civic Theatre: 182 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308



Polsky /West Campus Parking Deck, Canal Park and Lock 3 pictured above.

# SUNDAY, JULY 14

*Check-In, Shell Re-Attachment, Kingpin Drop, Triangulation, Photo Shoot, Trial Run and Orientation*

## Daily Schedule

Check-In Shell Re-Attachment, Trial Run, Photo Shoot  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Derby Downs, Topside

Race Week Overview and Orientation  
6 p.m. - Derby Downs, Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion

### CHECK-IN

Race Week check-in will take place at Topside beside the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building. Champs will receive their welcome bag at this time.

Check-in will ONLY take place on Sunday, July 14.

There will be a Race Week overview and orientation meeting for families at Derby Downs, Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion beginning at 6 p.m.. First time parents are encouraged to attend but all are welcome. Soap Box Derby staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions.

Speakers Include:

Director of Operations, Heather Morrow  
Race Director, Will Looman  
Racing Commission Chair, Keith Scheurman  
Rally Commission Chair, Alan Howe  
Regional Directors Chair, Marty Sullivan

### ORIENTATION

# MONDAY, JULY 15

*Parade, Opening Ceremonies, Rock the Rec and Badge Trading*

## Daily Schedule

### Parade of Champions

11:30 a.m. - Parade Staging, Canal Park

12 p.m. - Parade, Main Street Downtown

12:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremony, Lock 3

### Rock the Rec

6 - 9 p.m. - The University of Akron Student Recreation and Wellness Center (Champs Only)

#### PARKING

Polsky/West Campus Parking  
Deck: 275 South High Street,  
Akron, OH 44308  
Parking free Monday ONLY

Canal Park:  
300 South Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308

#### PARADE

Parade of Champs move from Canal Park to Lock 3.

We recommend that Champs wear their shirt that was provided at check-in and bring their buttons to trade during staging.

Lock 3:  
200 South Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308

#### OPENING CEREMONY

Champs are encouraged to bring their "throw-out" items to this fun-filled family event.

Champs are NOT permitted to throw items such as candy, buttons, pins, pens, pencils and other sharp objects.

All Champs must be signed out after they cross the stage at the welcome ceremony. The Champ pick-up location is to the right of the stage. A parent/guardian must sign for their Champ. Champs 16 and older may sign themselves out.

University of Akron Student Recreation and Wellness Center: 382 Carroll Street, Akron, OH 44325

Only Champs will have the exclusive use of the Recreation Center. Champions can participate in swimming, basketball, soccer, volleyball, rock climbing wall, kickball and other fun games.

All Champs must have waiver forms signed before entering the facility.

Check-in will begin at 5:50 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Food provided to Champs only.

A parent room is available for parents who prefer to stay at the facility.

#### ROCK THE REC



# TUESDAY, JULY 16

*Local Challenge and Legacy Division*

## Daily Schedule

### Local Challenge

7:30 a.m. - Local Masters

9 a.m. - Local Super Stock

10:30 a.m. - Local Stock

### Legacy Division \*NEW FOR 2019\*

1 p.m. - Legacy Race

#### LOCAL CHALLENGE

All racers should report to the Topside entrance at their posted time.

Only Champs and car handlers are permitted in Topside.

No tools are permitted at this time.

The Challenge races will be a single elimination three-car lane and wheel swap. Each race will be run until a Champion is crowned.

The top three finishers in each division will receive their awards at Saturday night's awards ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre.

#### LEGACY DIVISION

All Champs should report to Topside entrance at their posted time.

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No tools are permitted at this time.

Legacy puts the STEM principles of aerodynamics and chassis design into practice and accommodates larger, more experienced drivers. It will kick off with an open-invitation, double-elimination, and lane-and-wheel swap as part of the 2019 FirstEnergy All-American Race Week. Legacy is intended for experienced racers age 12-20.

# WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

## *Rally Challenge and All-Star Race*

### Daily Schedule

#### Rally Challenge

7:30 a.m. - Rally Masters

9 a.m. - Rally Super Stock

10 a.m. - Rally Stock

#### All-Star Race \*NEW FOR 2019\*

2 p.m. - All-Star Race

#### RALLY CHALLENGE

All racers should report to the Topside entrance at their posted time.

Only Champs and car handlers are permitted in Topside.

No tools are permitted at this time.

The Challenge races will be a single elimination three car lane and wheel swap. Each race will be run until a Champion is crowned.

The top three finishers in each division will receive their awards at Saturday night's awards ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre.

#### ALL-STAR RACE

All Champs should report to Topside entrance at their posted time.

Only Champs and car handlers are permitted in Topside.

No tools are permitted at this time.

18 All-Star drivers per division will race in a special invitational race.

Invitations are based on the number of wins in the current Rally race season by division.

The top three finishers in each division will receive their awards at Saturday night's awards ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre.

# THURSDAY, JULY 18

*Parent's Race, Group Photo, Open Hill, Topside Show and Build and Battle Competition!*

## Daily Schedule

### Parents Race

12 - 1:30 p.m. - Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion

### Group Photos

2 p.m. - Derby Downs, Grandstands

### Open Hill

3 - 5 p.m. - Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion

### Topside Show

3 - 7 p.m. - Derby Downs, Topside

### Build and Battle Competition

5 - 8 p.m. - Derby Downs, Topside

#### PARENTS RACE

Parents will be randomly selected from the VIP list and the kingpin drop.

#### GROUP PHOTO

Champions must wear AASBD racing shirt to be included in the photograph. No spare shirts will be provided during this event.

#### TOPSIDE SHOW

Enjoy the Topside Show for car viewing, games, mini car races and concessions. Bring your decorated mini car for a chance to race and win!

#### OPEN HILL

Cost - \$20 per trip

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the office tent or during the open hill beginning at 2:45 p.m. Tickets will be sold until 4:45 p.m. or until sold out. Tickets are limited.

Adult cars and Super Stocks will be available to ride in. Must be 18 or younger to ride in a Super Stock car.

#### PARKING

All parking will be in the lower parking area of Derby Downs.

789 Derby Downs Drive  
Akron, OH 44306

# FRIDAY, JULY 19

*Super Kids Race, Alignment, Wheel Selection, Local and Rally Directors Meeting, State of the Derby and Akron RubberDucks Game*

## Daily Schedule

National Super Kids Classic  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Derby Downs

Alignment - Wheel Selection - Weigh-In \*ALL CHAMPS\*  
8 a.m. - Local Masters and Rally Masters  
9:30 a.m. - Local Super Stock and Rally Super Stock  
11:15 a.m. - Rally Stock  
12 p.m. - Local Stock

Local and Rally Directors Meeting  
3 - 4 p.m. - Location TBD

State of the Derby Update  
4:15 - 5:30 p.m. - Location TBD

Akron RubberDucks Game  
7:05 p.m. - Canal Park

### ALIGNMENT, WHEELS, & WEIGH-IN

All Champs are to report to Topside entrance at their posted starting time.

### DIRECTORS MEETING & STATE OF THE DERBY

Location TBD

### AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME

Canal Park:  
300 South Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308

Visit  
[aasbd.soapboxderby.org](http://aasbd.soapboxderby.org)  
to order tickets

# SATURDAY, JULY 20

*FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship Race Day*

## Daily Schedule

Champ/ Car Handler Check-In

7 - 8 a.m. - Whitey Wahl Startling Line Pavilion

Opening Ceremonies

8:30 a.m. - Derby Downs

**PARTS  
STORE  
HOURS**

Store will be open once the final heats are run.

First Heat of the 82nd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby

9 a.m. - Derby Downs

VIP Heats, presented by Accenture

1 p.m. - Derby Downs

**CHECK-IN**

Champ and car handler check-in will be at the Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion

7 a.m. - Local Masters  
7:15 a.m. - Local Super  
7:30 a.m. - Local Stock  
7:45 a.m. - All Rally

Final Heats

Immediately following VIP Heats

Awards Ceremony

7 p.m. - Akron Civic Theatre

**PARADE  
STAGING**

7:30 a.m. Topside

**WORLD  
CHAMPIONS**

Presentation of the 82nd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Champions will be on stage at the finish line.

**2ND - 9TH  
FINISHERS**

Photographs with family members - immediately following final heats at Topside.

**AWARDS  
CEREMONY**

Photographs with family members - immediately following final heats at Topside.

**CHAMP  
CHECK-OUT**

Once a Champ is eliminated they can be checked out near run out at the finish line.

**CAR  
PICK-UP &  
CRATING**

Car pick-up and crating begins after the final heats are run. Check-out all cars Topside in the white building. Must show valid ID.

# SUNDAY, JULY 21

*Car Pick-Up & Crating*

## Daily Schedule

Topside Open

7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Car Pick-Up
- Car Crating
- Parts Store
- Vendors - Photographer & Custom Apparel

## SAVE THE DATE

Please join us next year for the 83rd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship Race Week

July 12 - 18, 2020

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## BUILD AND BATTLE

### Champ Build and Battle

One Champ from each of the Derby's 13 regions will be selected during Monday's opening ceremonies at Lock 3 to participate in the "Build and Battle" competition. Each Champ selected will pick one other Champ to help them build a Vintage Soap Box Derby car. The champ selected will race against the other 12 participants to see who is crowned "Build and Battle" Champion. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. The "Build" will take place Thursday, July 19, 5-7 p.m. during the Topside Show. The "Battle" will take place from 7-8 p.m. All necessary tools will be provided.

### Parent Build and Battle

(Only parents staying at a partner hotel are eligible. Please see hotel benefits for rules and regulations.) Three parents will be selected during Monday's opening ceremonies at Lock 3 to participate in the "Parent Build and Battle" competition. Each parent selected will pick one other parent to help them build a Vintage Soap Box Derby car. The parent selected will race against the other two participants to see who is crowned "Parent Build and Battle" Champion. The "Build" will take place Thursday, July 19, from 5-7 p.m. during the Topside Show. The "Battle" will take place from 7-8 p.m. All necessary tools will be provided.

## T-SHIRTS & JERSEYS

### T-Shirts and Jerseys

All Champions **MUST** wear their provided All-American Champion T-shirts on the following days: Sunday through Thursday, July 14-18. On Saturday, July 20, all Champions must wear their provided All-American Champion Jersey. Please keep in mind that the shirts may **NOT** be altered.

## CHAMP WHEEL PURCHASE

### Champ Wheel Purchase

You have the opportunity to purchase your Champ's wheels that are used during Saturday's race. If you would like to purchase your Champ's wheels, visit our online store through July 13. Champ wheels can be purchased at the office tent Sunday, July 14 - Friday, July 19 at 5 p.m.

## TRACKSIDE TENTS & CANOPIES

### Trackside Tents & Canopies

Do not place or set-up tents/canopies on Derby Downs grounds before 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 14. Violations will result in the removal of the tents/canopies. When setting up, please avoid the zoned off areas. The ISBD is not responsible for tents/canopies placed on the grounds or for items left in them.

## MISSION ACTIVITY

### Mission Activity

Your Mission Activity can be your own adventure during Race Week. You can complete the activities in any order that you wish. When you have finished all of the activities, turn your activity guide in at the office tent for your chance to win a Custom Apparel gift certificate that can be used on July 20, 2019. To qualify for the drawing complete all activities and return this to the office tent by the end of Thursday, July 18. Mission Activity guide will be provided at Sunday check-in.

## FEAASBD RACE DAY TICKETS

### FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby Race Day Tickets

Tickets are \$5.00 pre-sale and \$8.00 at the gate on race day and can be purchased online at [aasbd.soapboxderby.org](http://aasbd.soapboxderby.org) or at the office tent behind the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building during race-week. Tickets can also be purchased at the entry gate on race day. The Champ and one car handler will be admitted free on race-day.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ALIGNMENT BADGES

### Alignment Badges

Each Champ is provided one additional badge for alignment days. The badge will be included in the Champ bag and can only be used to get into Topside during scheduled alignment days. Scheduled alignment days are Sunday and Friday.

## BANNERS

### Banners

Families are encouraged to bring banners to support their champs. Banners should be no higher than 3' and no longer than 6'. Do not hang banners on Derby Downs fencing before 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 14. Violations of the above will result in the removal of the banners.

## CHAMP CAR MESSAGES

### Champ Car Messages

Want to write and give a message for a Champ wishing him/her "good luck" in Saturday's race? Blank message cards can be picked up, filled out, and given to the volunteers at the office tent behind the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building. These messages will be placed in the Champs' cars for them to read on Saturday morning before the race. All messages are due by Thursday at 7 p.m.

## SHUTTLE

### Shuttle

A shuttle route will be available for all Derby Downs guests during Race Week. Shuttle maps and hours will be available at the office tent.

## RECYCLING

### Recycling

Recycle bins are located throughout Derby Downs. Materials we are able to recycle include plastic, paper and aluminum. Please help us continue our recycling efforts by placing the appropriate items in the recycling bins.

## ATMS

### ATMs

There are no ATMs located at Derby Downs. There are a number of local and national ATMs that are just a short drive from the grounds.

## STREAMING RACE DAY

### Streaming Race Day

The 82nd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby Championship Race Day will be available to stream live on YouTube and Facebook.



[/user/aasbdorg](https://www.youtube.com/user/aasbdorg)



[/soapboxderby.org/](https://www.facebook.com/soapboxderby.org/)

## WATER STATIONS

### Water Stations

There will be water stations located throughout Derby Downs for your convenience. We encourage you to bring a reusable water bottle that can be refilled at these stations. The stations will be located at Champ check-in, office tent, within Topside (more than one station), at the starting line and in run out.

## FIRST AID

### First Aid

There are first aid kits available to guests located at the Office Tent, Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building, White Building, starting line, finish line bridge, and run out. For medical emergencies, an ambulance will be located in run out during all racing events. In case of a medical emergency dial 9-1-1 and the ambulance will be dispatched from run out.



# MAP OF GROUNDS

