

RACE WEEK

Schedule of Events

July 2025

#ISBDWorldChampionships2025

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Sunday, July 13

CHECK IN, SHELL RE-ATTACHMENTS, KINGPIN DROP, PHOTO SHOOT & TRIAL RUN STATIONS

Location: Topside - Park across from Topside and enter to the right of the Blue Building. Check-in is behind the blue building under the tent.

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Derby Downs, Topside

Parts Store Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Check-In times assigned during online registration. Should you have any questions, please contact raceprograms@soapboxderby.org.

CHECK-IN

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

If you picked up your CHAMP Bag on Saturday, please Check-in again on Sunday, July 13th. Sunday is the last day to check in for Race Week.

VIP & REPAIRS

All VIP and repair lists will be posted on aasbd.soapboxderby.org by the evening of July 12th. If you have a question about a repair, please wait until check-in on July 13th and we can assist with your question at check in behind the Blue Building.

STATIONS

All stations are mandatory on check-in day including photo and trial run. A station card will be attached to your lanyard and badge and must be signed off by a racing volunteer – see the picture.



Miscellaneous Information:

- The official Derby Shirt (will be provided) must be worn by all Champs on Sunday, Monday's Events, all Challenge & All Star races and Championship Saturday.
- Your ID Badge must be worn at **ALL** times while at the track
- Volunteer Race Director for World Championships – Nancy Mooney

BOWLING

Spins Bowling, 2911 E. Waterloo, Akron (3 miles from track)– Bowling is available Sunday, July 13th, 3-9pm for Champs and their families. \$12 tickets include 2 games and shoes. Racers and families must bring their badge to the event, to receive the discount rate. You can attend anytime during the 3-9 pm time frame. Parent or guardian must attend with Champ.

Monday, July 14

Parade, Badge Trading Opening Ceremonies, Movie Night

Parts Store Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PARADE – Begins at Noon, line up at 11:45 a.m.

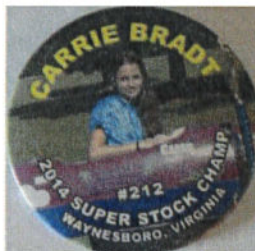
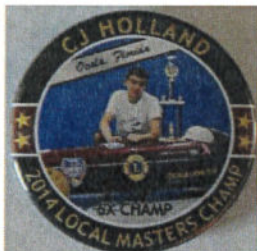
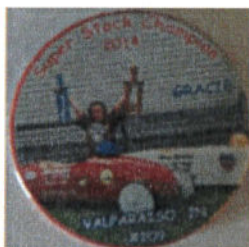
The parade will start near Rubber Ducks Stadium on Main Street and proceed to Lock 3 Park

BADGE TRADING – Begins immediately following opening ceremonies

- **Badge trading** - Champs will have the opportunity to trade badges with each other during this time. Badge trading session is a unique opportunity that provides a one-on-one experience with every champ. Badge trading allows each Champ to get to know each other and collect their personal badges.
- We strongly encourage each Champ to design and bring approximately 200 to 300 badges. Throughout the week, Champs will also be asked for their personal badges by staff, volunteers, fans and families. We want to make you aware of this tradition, so your Champ has a great experience during the badge trading session.

Badge Suggestions:

- Design and Printing: Local Community Print Shop or Online Companies
- Format: Champ's Photo, Name, Division, City/State or Country



OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremonies will start immediately after the parade. Champs will proceed down the windy sidewalk and enter at the back of the stage. They will be directed to sit with their regions on the stage. We will start with region #1 this year. After the introduction of each Champ, they can throw trinkets to the crowd – another traditional item of the Derby! Please don't throw your badges, pencils, gum, candy or anything else that may be harmful.

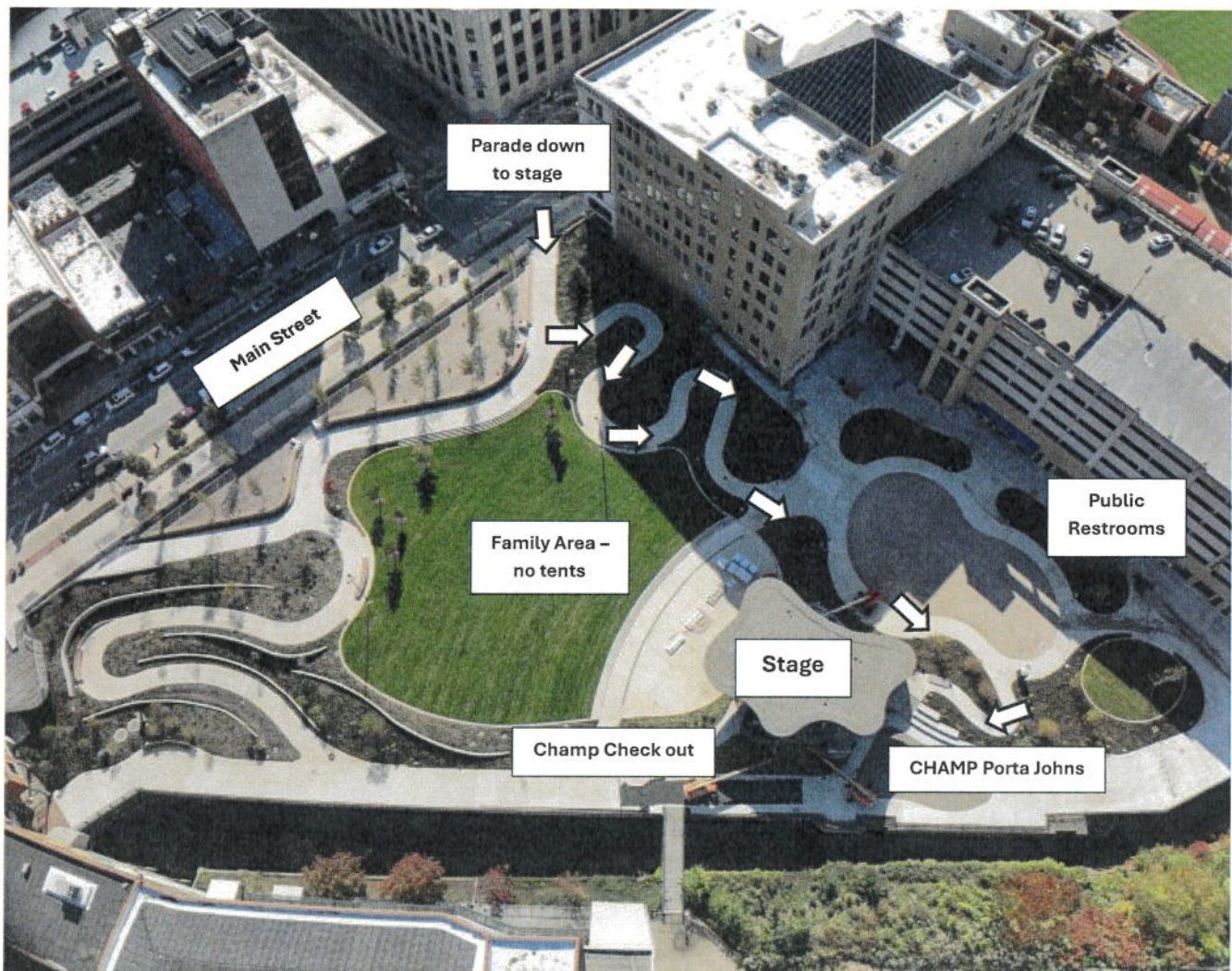
MOVIE NIGHT FOR THE FAMILY

Around 7:30 p.m. we are having a Movie Night on the track. Break out your new blankets, bring your own chairs, bring some old pillows, and watch the movie on the track!! We will provide water and popcorn for all. The entire family is invited. Parking will be down Derby Downs Road near the bleachers.

OPENING CERMONIES

LOCK 3 PARK

Please make sure your champ has eaten before the parade – Water will be provided
We are working on having food trucks along Main Street for you to purchase food



Tuesday, July 15

Daily Racing Schedule

7:30 a.m. Rally Stock
10:00 a.m. Rally Masters
12:30 p.m. Rally Super Stock

**RALLY
CHALLENGE**

Parts Store Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Evening Event – Family Swimming – 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Shaw JCC of Akron

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OUTDOOR POOL WEATHER POLICY

A minimum of 65° at the time of opening is needed to open the pool*

65° 

For your safety, we reserve the right to close the pool temporarily during inclement weather, such as a thunderstorm/lightning. The pool will close for 30 minutes after each thunder/lightning strike.
***This is at management's discretion*



The JCC reserves the right to close/limit hours as needed, based on facility usage & weather



Check the "My Akron J" app for updates & alerts



*Please refer to The Weather Channel for temperature reporting



Pool Layout

Outdoor Pool: Shallow end 2 feet deep, middle section 3 to 5 feet deep. Six, lanes 5 to 12 feet deep. During open swim the lap lanes are divided into two sections, one for a 5 to 6 feet deep section and another 12 feet deep section where the diving board and the slide are located.

What to bring:

- Towel & Bathing suit
- Wear your Derby Shirt to enter the facility
- This is a family event, and all youth must be accompanied by an adult. There is no check-in since you are with your family.
- Efrat's Café will be open if you would like to purchase food and drink.

Wednesday, July 16

Daily Racing Schedule

Local Challenge Races

7:30 a.m. Local Stock
9:30 a.m. Local Masters
12:30 p.m. Local Super Stock

LOCAL
CHALLENGE

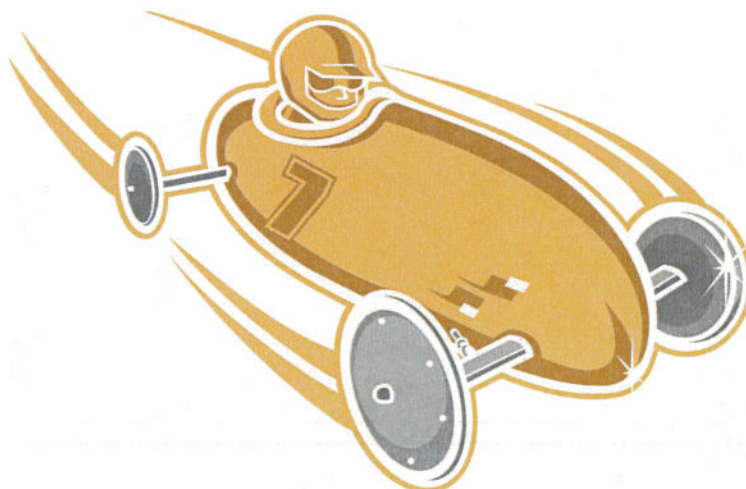
Times are estimates and will be determined based on numbers in each Race

Parts Store Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AKRON HISTORY CENTER

The Akron History Center is located next to the Akron Civic Center. Come experience the history of Akron and see the Derby display.

Open and free to all Soap Box Derby Families – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Thursday, July 17

Racing Schedule

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	All Star Alignment
9:30 a.m.	All Star Race
12:30 p.m.	Legacy Check in
1:00 p.m.	Legacy Race
4-6 p.m.	Topside Show

Parts Store Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ALL-STAR RACES

- Eighteen (18) All-Star drivers per division race in a special invitational race. All Champs should report to Topside entrance at their posted time.
- Photos will be at the finish line immediately following each race at the Championship Banner located across from the HQ office.
- The top three finishers in each division receive their awards at the awards ceremony Saturday, July 19 at the Akron Civic Theatre.

LEGACY RACE

- Legacy puts the STEM principles of aerodynamics and chassis design into practice and accommodates larger, more experienced drivers. This is an open-invitation, double-elimination, and lane-and-wheel swap.
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Evening Event – Topside Show

Car viewing, mini-car races, vendors and voting for best designs, and continue badge trading

Location: Topside & parking across from Topside

People's Choice Awards for the best-decorated cars!

Make sure to stop by both buildings and view the cars to find your favorite car design from each division.

Winners will be posted on social media. Volunteers, staff, racers, and families are allowed to vote. Voting will only take place during the Open House.

Come ready to race your mini car! Mini cars can be decorated.

TOP SIDE SHOW



Friday, July 18

Daily Racing Schedule

Alignment, Wheel Selection, Weigh-In

8 a.m.	Local Masters & Rally Masters
9 a.m.	Super Kids Parade/Race Immediately following Cheer on the Super Kids!
9:30 a.m.	Local Super Stock & Rally Super Stock
11:15 a.m.	Rally Stock
12 p.m.	Local Stock

Parts Store Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All Champs are to report to the Topside entrance behind the blue building at their posted starting times listed above.

Free night on your own

Good Luck CHAMPS!

Saturday, July 19

Parts Store Open - 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championships

6:30 a.m. Gates Open

Shuttle will be available from the parking lot to Topside

Parking only on Derby Downs Road Lower Lot – No Parking at Topside Area

Champ/Car Handler Check-In at Topside at the scales

7:00 a.m. Local Champs

7:20 a.m. Rally Champs

Parade, Opening Ceremonies and National Anthem

7:45 a.m. Line up by regions for Parade – Top of track (Topside)

8:00 a.m. Proceed down track

First Heat of the 87th FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby

8:30 a.m. Starting Line

Pick up your CHAMP after the race – if your son or daughter does not win the heat, they will be transported by the golf cart shuttle to the pavilion. Parents **MUST** check them out from the pavilion.

Pizza & Popsicles for Champs – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Pick up at the Pavillon and at the Topside Office Tent

Car Check Out - following the last heat of the day - **Photo ID required**

Awards Ceremony

7 to 8:30 p.m. Akron Civic Theatre, 182 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308 – on street and deck parking

Food & Drink Vendors - will be on site all day at Track side

Sunday, July 20

Daily Schedule

8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Continue with Car Pick-Up & Crating @ Topside – Photo ID required

Parts Store Open – 8:00 – 12:00 pm

Vendors - Photos & Custom Apparel



GENERAL INFORMATION

T-shirts – all champs **MUST** wear their champs' shirts each day they are participating in a race week event. Please keep in mind that the shirts may not be altered

Trackside Tents and Banners – tents are permitted along the track on the east and west side of the track south of the crosswalk (signs will be posted). Also, if you want to put a 3x5 banner along the fence near the starting line, please make sure they are fully secured with zip ties.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

The weather is an uncontrollable factor that we must deal with throughout the racing season. Racing will continue rain or shine with the following exceptions:

Lightning & Thunder - 30/30

When lightning/thunder occurs and it is less than 30 seconds (or less than six miles away) all activities will be suspended immediately. Take cover – preferably in your car, in the Blue or White Building (space is limited in these buildings. After 30 minutes of no lightning/thunder, then activities may resume. A horn will sound when racing can resume.

QUESTIONS DURING RACE WEEK

For any questions during race week, please ask our staff at the office tent or ask a key volunteer who are wearing a Soap Box Derby Polo Shirt or Staff Shirt.

Office Tent locations:

- Sunday, behind the blue building
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – at top side near the top of the hill
- Saturday – at the pavilion

MISC

AKRON ZOO

500 Edgewood Avenue. Akron, Ohio

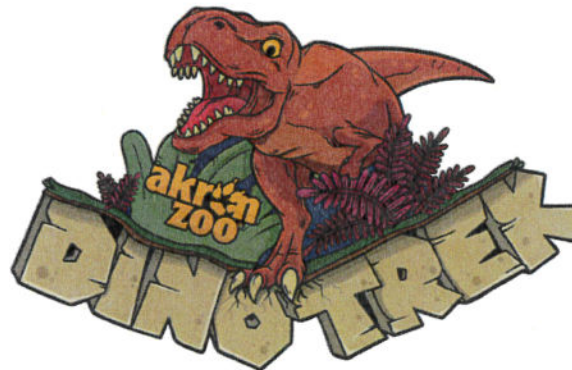
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Discount Code ZOODERBY2025

Tickets - \$11 per person

The zoo store will be active July 7th



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