



# EASTBOURNE SEAFRONT SOAPBOX RACE

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Any Questions?

Please contact The Events Team on [Soapbox@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:Soapbox@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk)

These apply to all entries. They have been designed for your safety and the safety of others, which is paramount throughout the day. Please ensure you read all carefully. Each team member will be required to sign a disclaimer before racing.

### 1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 Up to six persons per team.
- 1.2 Maximum of two people in a soapbox at any time (one driver and one passenger) in a feet first direction.
- 1.3 Team members must be over the age of 18 at time of the event.
- 1.4 All drivers and passengers must wear a full face cycle/motorbike helmet, gloves, goggles or safety glasses. Long sleeved heavy duty overalls and it is also highly recommended that you wear protective footwear and knee and elbow protection. Fancy dress is encouraged - please ensure you wear overalls underneath.
- 1.5 Registration will commence between 10:00am-11:00am on race day.
- 1.6 Please make sure your soapbox complies with our rules and regulations. Each soap box will be checked for safety by event organisers before the race commences.
- 1.7 Drivers must remain seated at all times.
- 1.8 Your racing number assigned by the organisers must be fixed to the side of your soap box so that it is visible.
- 1.9 No team will be allowed to compete under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You must hold a valid UK driving license - and be deemed fit to drive a motor vehicle by the DVLA. You are not permitted to take part if you are pregnant.

### 2 SOAPBOX DESIGN REGULATIONS

- 2.1 Your soapbox should not exceed 1500mm in width.
- 2.2 Should not exceed 100kg in weight (not including the driver/passenger).
- 2.3 Driver's eyeline must be a minimum of 70cm measured from drivers eye-line, when seated, to the road surface. Drivers to remain seated at all times.
- 2.4 The maximum length of your soapbox should be 2500mm.



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- 2.5 There must be no sharp edges inside or outside of your vehicle, or anything that could cause damage to yourselves, spectators or marshals in the case of a crash. This means no glass or perspex that could shatter. Accessories, e.g. lights, speakers or screens must be integral to the bodywork and affixed in a permanent matter.
- 2.6 Seats must be securely bolted to the soapbox.
- 2.7 Wheel's diameter should not exceed 67cm.
- 2.8 Should not have any mechanical parts to increase its speed (no catapults, pedals, jet or any other engines).
- 2.9 Must have a rear wheel(s) braking system as a minimum. Disc brakes are recommended and brakes will be checked. Braking must operate on at least two wheels on the same axle and be effective to hold stationary on the starting ramp.
- 2.10 The soapbox must be family friendly in design. It is deemed inappropriate, you will not be allowed to race.

### 3 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Feet on the front axle steering is not allowed.
- 3.2 Lean steering and skid steering is not allowed.
- 3.3 Steering must not have excessive play when controlling the axle.
- 3.4 The driver must be able to enter and exit the soapbox without the need to remove bodywork.
- 3.5 Chassis clearance should not be higher than 30cm from the ground.
- 3.6 The soapbox must have a solid floor.
- 3.7 No part of the soapbox must extend beyond the width of the soapbox (no dangerous projections).
- 3.8 There must be four wheels with pneumatic tyres, one on each corner; all wheels should be in road contact during normal running.
- 3.9 No loose weights will be allowed inside or outside the Soapbox.
- 3.10 It is recommended that Soapboxes are fitted with a substantial roll bar and all welding and general construction should be of a good standard. The roll bar and all welding and general construction should be of a good standard.



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3.11 All carts must be fitted with a towing eye at the front to enable towing in tandem with other carts up hill. Failure to include will mean that you will not be allowed to compete.

### 4 TIMINGS OF THE DAY

- 4.1 Racers must arrive to register at Helen Gardens between 10:00 - 11:00.
- 4.2 Registration is followed by a driver's safety briefing at Helen Gardens at 11:15
- 4.3 Racers to assemble on Upper Dukes Drive near Wellcombe Crescent. Access is via Beachy Head Road. Please assemble by 11:45.
- 4.4 The race begins at 12:00 on Upper Dukes Drive near the junction with Wellcombe Crescent. Please line up in number order and on the left hand side of the road. Please be aware that if you are not at the start line on time, you will be required to wait until the next available opportunity.
- 4.5 Teams must follow the instructions of the safety officials, marshals and race committee.
- 4.6 The soapbox and all remains must be removed immediately after the soapbox run. Your fastest time will be your result.
- 4.7 After crossing the finishing line, drivers will need to enter the run off area and apply their brakes and depart from the track under the marshal's instructions. At least one team member must remain at the finishing line to assist the driver and ensure that their soapbox proceeds immediately to the pits.
- 4.8 Soapboxes and drivers will be scrutinised in the pits, and prior to each run and at any other time, before being allowed to participate.
- 4.9 The start will be from a starting grid on Dukes Drive, near Wellcombe Crescent. Two team members will act as pushers to provide momentum. The starting grid will be marked with tape, no pushers may pass. An infringement of this will incur a penalty of five seconds being added to the offending team's time. The starter's decision is final.



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### 5 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 5.1 Teams are responsible for the on-going risk assessments on their Soapbox during the event and are obliged to report any change in risk to the scrutineers.
- 5.2 No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. This publication is in no way a guarantee against injury to team members, supporters or spectators.

### 6 DISCLAIMER

- 6.1 By taking part in the Eastbourne Seafront Soapbox Race you will be required to comply with, and be bound by the rules and regulations of the event at all times.
- 6.2 You will accept that by taking part in the event you will understand that soapbox racing can contain inherent risks. You will participate entirely at your own risk and accept that event organisers are not liable for any loss, damage, claim, expense, injury or accident which may arise as a consequence of negligence. You will remain responsible for your own property and actions.

### 7 USEFUL LINKS

#### 7.1 Useful links:

BS approved helmets/overalls/protective pads

<https://bit.ly/37Lrh1g> £25.00 Full Face Helmet –Argos

<https://bit.ly/2QYODwe> from £14.99 Overalls—Screwfix

<https://bit.ly/2Ov8fok> £13.00 Protective Pads—Argos