

# **Oakford Village Soap Box 2024** **in association with Oakford Village Hall**

## **Kart Application Form**

Please review the guidelines thoroughly, fill out the sections on the final two pages, and return them as soon as possible.

Our Soap Box Competition is an enjoyable and family-friendly event aimed at supporting Oakford Village Hall and St. Peter's Church Bells Fund.

Although there is no admission fee for spectators, donations will be encouraged from the spectators.

## **THE COMPETITION**

The competition will consist of 3 scored elements:

- Soapbox presentation
- Team fancy dress
- Individual Timed Runs over 2 Rounds

## **How the event will be Run**

The race is scheduled for July 20th, 2024, starting at 1:00pm. Participants are required to arrive at the starting point with their karts by 10:30am, but no later than 12:00pm, for scrutineering and judging of the best-dressed kart and the best fancy-dress team. A panel of judges will carefully inspect each vehicle for roadworthiness and engineering compliance, ensuring they adhere to the established rules.

These handcrafted machines are powered solely by courage and the force of gravity. In this non-motorised racing event, amateurs are challenged to design and construct soapbox dream machines and compete against the clock in a downhill race in Oakford.

Although it may seem obvious, it's important to emphasise that this event is primarily a competition. Therefore, the fastest kart to cross the finish line will naturally receive favourable attention. It's worth noting that both the driver and co-driver (if applicable) must be in the vehicle when crossing the finish line.

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

- Top overall points (comprising the timed race and any points awarded for best-dressed kart or best fancy-dress team) 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Best-dressed kart
- Best fancy-dress team

# THE COURSE

- The competition will take place on Rookery Hill, Oakford over a course of approx. 310m.
- The **start line** will be situated outside the Red Lion Hotel.
- The **finish line** will be located at the entrance to Oakford Village Hall.
- Marshals in hi-viz jackets will control the event and drivers and spectators must adhere to their instructions at all times.
- The route and surrounding roads will be closed to public traffic for the duration of the event except for emergency vehicles or in exceptional circumstances.
- Straw bales will be used as a safety barrier at various points along the course.
- After each run the kart must be pushed off the road into the Village Hall car park. After all karts have run the first round they will be towed back to the start for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round to commence.
- Drivers and co-drivers must remain at the finish after each run until all karts have completed their runs.
- Different team members will be allowed on each run.

# ENTERING THE EVENT

Simply having a moving Soap Box isn't sufficient. What we're aiming for are soapboxes that break the mold. They should embrace a theme, something out of the ordinary, yet entirely family-friendly. Let your imagination run wild with vibrant and inventive designs for your karts.

As mentioned earlier, being the first to cross the finish line won't guarantee victory. Speed alone won't cut it; personality matters too. Teams must impress us with their creativity and flair.

Teams are permitted to push their kart to the start line only. Any team member other than the driver and co-pilot who crosses the line will incur deductions from the final overall score.

By completing the registration form and paying the £20.00 competition entry fee, you agree to abide by these terms. By doing so, you, as the team captain, along with the driver, the co-driver (if applicable), and each member of the pit crew (collectively referred to as the "Team"), confirm that you meet all eligibility requirements outlined below.

Participants must submit a Team application as outlined below. Any driver under the age of 18 as of July 2024 must be accompanied by an adult at all times, who will assume full responsibility for their health, safety, and welfare.

The organisers reserve the right to request proof of age, identity, and/or other provided details at their discretion. In the event of a dispute or incorrect information regarding your age, the team will be deemed ineligible.

Application forms for the event must be returned by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Any late bookings will incur an additional charge of £5. Please be aware that spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

# THE RULES

## Teams

- Each team must have a team name.
- A team captain is to be appointed (who must be over the age of 18) to sign the registration form (in advance) and participation and waiver form (on the day)
- The team captain will be responsible for the entire team's compliance with all the rules and regulations.
- Anyone under the age of 18 **must** be accompanied by an adult within the Kart.
- Each Team must have one (1) nominated driver and optionally may have an co-driver. A maximum of two (2) people may actually race in the event (one driver and one co-driver). The remaining pit crew will be permitted to push the kart as far as the start line, but must not push the vehicle once all wheels are over the start line.
- No changes are to be made to the kart after scrutineering.
- Each team must have their own kart.
- If your kart has been used in a previous event we ask if you rebrand it with a different theme.

## Specifications/Requirements for Kart and Drivers

All karts and drivers must comply with the following specifications and must pass the safety inspection, as follows:

- the karts must be human- and gravity-powered. No engines, stored power or external energy sources (e.g., engines, gas, batteries, electrical cords, catapults,) can be used;
- kart maximum width: 5ft (1.5m);
- kart maximum height: 5ft (1.5m);
- kart maximum length: 8ft (2.4m);
- kart must have fully functional brakes and steering. Brakes must function independently of the steering and must be connected to and operate at least two of the wheels and braking with the feet
- Karts can carry no more than 2 people.
- Only soap box karts that pass the safety inspection will be permitted to participate in the event. The organisers of the event accept no responsibility for the failure of a kart whatsoever. Even after passing the scrutiny and by passing a kart in the safety inspection. Members of Teams whose kart pass the safety inspection will be permitted to participate in the event (collectively, "Participants"). Teams are limited to no more than (four) (4) participants, including the driver. Members of teams must follow all safety instructions each team's driver and co-driver (if applicable) must wear helmets, and at least a form of arm protection.
- All drivers (and, if applicable, co-drivers) must wear full-length trousers, a long-sleeved top, and gloves as part of their costumes. Motorcycle leathers, or overalls, are recommended.
- Occupants of the Kart must wear a hard-shell helmet with secured chinstrap.
- Elbow and knee pads are advisory.
- All drivers must be sat feet-forward in the kart during the race.
- Anyone under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- GoPro/action cameras may be fitted to either the kart or participants helmets.

- Participants acknowledge that they participate at their own risk. They must not have (a) medical conditions that would make it dangerous to participate in the Event; (b) not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol; (c) comply with all directions of the Event Organisers at all times; (d) wear all safety and other equipment required; (e) not physically attach themselves to their karts or be enclosed in any type of capsule or cockpit from which they cannot escape; (f) only race their karts on the specified course in accordance the event organiser's directions; and (g) ensure that any performance costume does not pose the risk of getting caught in the kart or hamper the driver's visibility.
- The Event organisers, in their absolute discretion and at all times, reserve the right to: (a) prevent any participant from participating in the event if, at any time, they reasonably believe that the participant poses a safety risk or for any other reason, including but not limited to, acting in a manner which is likely to cause harm to participants, event organiser's volunteers, or any other third party; and (b) cancel the event if the conditions are deemed dangerous or in any other way unsuitable. If the event is varied for any reason beyond the control of the event organisers it may not be rescheduled and no compensation will be offered.
- If any part(s) of the kart fall off during the event, the participant must recover any part or parts or maybe disqualified. Each Team is responsible for the safe keeping and transport to and removal of their kart from the Event. The event organisers accept no responsibility for the recovery of any part of the kart. Participants should not use anything in or on their kart that they are not prepared to lose.
- Modifications during the event – no modifications are permitted to any kart during the event, other than running repairs.
- **Drive Insurance** – All drivers are recommended to have insurance. Specialist Soapbox derby insurance may be obtained here for around £10 per person: <https://www.sportscoverdirect.com/insurance/soap-box-racing-insurance/>

## How the Race will be Run

- Each run will consist of a maximum of 4 people (1 Driver, 1 co-driver/passenger) and 2 kart pushers (as required).
- Any pushers MUST stop at the start line. Any member of the team other than the driver and co-driver over this line will have penalty points deducted. 10 points per team member.
- A signal will be given to mark the start of the timed run.
- Only 1 kart is permitted on the track at any time.
- The race timings and decisions on the prizes are final. In the event of a tie in any prize category specified, above, The Organisers will consider the scores of the tied Participants as a tie-breaker in the following: - the fastest Race Time will be declared the winner. In the event that there are still tied Participants, The Event organisers in its absolute discretion will determine the winner.

## THE SCORING

- **Soapbox Presentation**  
Karts will be assessed at the start of the event and points awarded for the best decorated/themed. Up to 50 points will be awarded.
- **Team Fancy Dress**

Up to 50 points will be awarded for the best team fancy dress.

- **Individual Timed Runs**

Each kart will take part in 2 rounds over a 310m course. Each run will be timed and the best (lowest)time will be counted towards the scoring. 100 points will be awarded for the fastest run of the day, 90 points for the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest, 80 points for the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest and so on down to 10 points for the 10<sup>th</sup> place. Placing lower than 10<sup>th</sup> will be outside the points. Two “run on” points will be designated beyond the finish line. An additional 5 or 10 points will be awarded for reaching either of these points.

## SPECTATORS

- Spectators and non-driving members of each team must stay off the course during each run and must remain either at the start or finish points, or at designated spectator points along the course.
- After the first round of runs spectators and team members may move between the start and finish points. Marshalls will ensure spectators adhere to this rule for safety reasons.

## CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

- Karts should be dropped off at The Red Lion Hotel on the morning of the event.
- All cars/trailers and spectator vehicles must be parked in the designated carpark as signposted on the day and as directed by the marshals.

## ADDITIONAL RULES

- The race director’s decision is final and binding.
- The organizers reserve the right to modify the course as required to mitigate risks of any currently unforeseen hazards. All team members are required to walk the course on the morning of the event before taking part in any runs.
- **Accidents** – if there is an accident on the course, the kart and driver(s) involved must be checked by a marshal before being assessed to continue.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- As this is a public event it is likely that members of the public and local press may take wish to take photographs and/or video of the karts and members of the teams. Participants accept that such photographs and video may be used on social media and other public forums in relation to the event.

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Please nominate a ‘Team Captain’ who will act on behalf of your team (by signing this form, the Team Captain ensures that ALL team members have read, understood, and adhered to the Rules and Regulations.

All application forms must be received with payment by the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024, any late booking will occur an extra £5 charge. Please send all application forms to Georgina Potter at [gkpotter@outlook.com](mailto:gkpotter@outlook.com) or Gloyns Farm, Oakford EX169HE. Entry is on a first come first served basis. Please be aware spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Payment must be made to Oakford Village Hall.

Your place is not secured until:

- Registration form has been completed and submitted
- The registration fee has been paid to **Oakford Village Hall. Sort Code 30-90-89 Account 35556760.** Or Cheques payable to Oakford Village Hall sent to Georgina Potter, Gloyns Farm, Oakford EX16 9HE. Please use your Team name as a reference.

## Team Captain/ Applicant Details

Individual's Name	
Contact Address	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	
Date of Birth	
Kart Team Name	
Team Members	

Declaration:

By signing this form, I agree to all the rules and regulations set out previously.

Signature .....

Printed Name .....

Date .....

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## Waiver Form for Under 18's

Name of Participant Under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Participant Under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, certify that I am the legal parent or guardian of the Participant named above.

I agree to allow the above named Participant to take part in the Oakford Soap Box event and I agree not to hold the Organisers, Oakford Village Hall or it's Committee members liable for any and all injuries or damage caused by or resulting from the Participant's involvement in the event.

I further agree to indemnify the said parties from any claims, loss, liability, damage, or costs incurred directly due to my child/ward's presence while participating in the Event.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_