



ANCASTER HERITAGE DAYS



2026 RULES & REGULATIONS YOUTH DIVISION

Vehicle Specifications

1. Soapbox vehicles must be made primarily from a solid, impact resistant material. Wood is most typical.
2. Soapbox must have an effective braking system without losing control of the vehicle in a quick and safe manner. Brakes can be hand or foot controlled and cannot damage the road surface.
3. No sharp edges protruding from the interior or exterior of the soapbox.
4. Wheels must NOT be larger than 13 inches in diameter.
5. The Soapbox must be equipped with 4 wheels.
6. The frame must be secure, along with axles and wheels. NO suspension allowed.
7. Maximum length of 6 feet and maximum width of 3 feet.
8. This is "gravity racing;" no form of power assistance is allowed.
9. No added weight to soapbox; vehicle and driver only.
10. The steering assembly must be secure and not rub on the body at any angle. Use of steering limiters is strongly suggested to only allow the car to make minor adjustments. The derby will be run on a straight course so that there will be no need for sharp turns. Please do not design your car to turn on a dime, it is not safe and may cause your car to flip or create an accident.
11. Driver position must have feet forward, and an upright seating position.
12. Drivers must participate in the construction of vehicles.

General Race Rules

1. All vehicles MUST pass inspection prior to entering the race.
2. Proof of age is necessary; all participants must be 8 to 15 years old (16 and over – see adult division).
3. Drivers must have 2 adults over the age of 16 assist them throughout the entire race event, who will assist in returning the soapbox to the start of the hill.
4. A secure and properly fitted CSA approved helmet is required (bicycle, snow mobile, motorcycle helmets). No hockey helmets.
5. Modifications to soapbox after inspection will result in **disqualification**.
6. No further lubrications permitted once inspection is complete.
7. Any unsportsmanlike behaviour will result in **disqualification** – NO warnings.
8. Drivers will be assigned numbers on the day of the race.
9. Registration and waiver forms must be submitted by May 31, 2026.
10. All vehicles must meet specifications and will be inspected by a race representative on race day, prior to racing.



2026 YOUTH REGISTRATION

Participant Name: _____

Date of Birth (YY/MM/DD): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Soapbox: _____

Name & Phone Number of 2 Adults Over 16 to Assist on Race Day:

CONSENT WAIVER

I _____ (Parent/Legal Guardian of the registered child, a minor) hereby certify that my son/daughter named above is allowed to participate in the 2026 Annual Heritage Days Soapbox Derby. Further, I release the Ancaster Heritage Days Committee, volunteers and sponsors from any cause of action or claim for damage, whether for bodily injury, property damage, or emotional trauma, anxiety or distress arising from the child's participation in the Ancaster Heritage Days Soapbox Derby events. I understand that I, or a designate of legal age, must be present during the entire event for the child to participate. I have read the above and I understand the implications. I further agree that this waiver is made of my own free will and without duress.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registrations are to be emailed to Gregg Vandenberg at gregg@uniquelandscapeervices.ca

Deadline for entry is **4 pm on May 31, 2026**