

Soapbox Derby 2026

Race Day Registration and Waiver

Sunday 3rd May 2026

COMPLETED WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT AT SCRUTINEERING
OR ON THE DAY OF THE RACE, BEFORE COMPETING

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BILLERICAY MAYFLOWER
ENTRANCE WAIVER MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BY ALL COMPETITORS**



Driver's name: _____ Age on 3rd May 2026 _____

Address: _____

Mobile Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Team Captain's Name: _____

Address: _____

Driver's Signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian's of Driver Signature (if under 18): _____

Car race number: _____

I am allowing my child (name), _____ to participate in the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby, and do hereby release the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby and the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower from any claim or liability. I, and my child, will abide by the rules and regulations of the operation of the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby. Also in consideration for allowing my child to participate in the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby I hereby give, release and discharge the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby, my written permission to copyright or publish all photographs, films, drawings and written material in which the above named minor appears in and I or have written, while participating in the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby event. I further agree that the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby may transfer, use or cause to be used, these photographs, films, drawings and written material for any and all exhibitions, public display publications, commercials, art and advertising purposes, without limitation or reserve or any compensation, other than a receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

- We have read and understood the Soapbox Derby Information Guidelines, Rules and Regulations and will abide by them.
- We will conduct ourselves in a sportsmanlike manner.
- We realise our soap box needs to pass a safety check on the race day to qualify for the event.
- We realise all decisions by the safety team are final.
- We realise that we need to wear safety clothing as stated in the rules of the competition.
- We have read the Disclaimer and agree to the terms.

DISCLAIMER: by signing below, each parent/guardian/driver/participant expressly waives any right to claim for damages from the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower, its members and all its member organisations which may arise out of participation in the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby. For greater clarity, each parent/guardian/driver/participant expressly agrees to allow their child/minor to participate in the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby, and should any child, minor or adult receive personal bodily injuries or property damages as a result of participating in the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower Soap Box Derby, the parent/guardian/driver/participant expressly waives the right to make a claim on their own behalf or on behalf of their child/minor for damages and costs of any kind from the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower or any of its members and member organisations. The undersigned parent/guardian/driver/participant further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower and all of its members and member organisations from any and all claims or costs resulting out of any personal injury or property damage which may result to any other individual, including other participants and spectators, which may result due to participation in this event. The Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower, its members, and its entire member organisations make no representations or warranties as to the safety of this event and by signing below the parent/guardian/driver/participant expressly acknowledge this fact. If you agree to the foregoing, please sign below. If you do not agree, kindly do not sign or allow your child or any of your team members to participate in the event.



Spectacular Soapbox Derby 2026

Including the Wacky Racers



Rules & Regulations

No.

We would like to thank our major sponsors, mostly local companies, for their contributions to the event, the 2026 Billericay Spectacular Charity Soapbox Derby. Other sponsors in-kind are also much appreciated.

This year we will again be running 3 categories of Soapbox:-

1. Student - including Schools and Colleges, (Dads, Mums and Friends may help build the cart Drivers should be 12 years to 21 years old. Cash prizes and Trophies will be presented to the winners.
2. Corporate - Police, Fire Services, Institutions, Shops, Industry, etc. Trophies will be presented to winners.
3. Wacky Racers - Creative Wacky-looking soapboxes. Trophies will be presented to the winners based on the team's dramatic performance, and the quality of the soapbox and the crowd's reaction. So why not get started making a creative wacky soapbox...

**All Categories will be judged on:
1/3 Team Performance, 1/3 The Soapbox, 1/3 Spectators' Reaction.**

There will be a separate Trophy and Cash Prize for the fastest three Soapboxes across all Categories, also a separate Trophy for the best constructed Soapbox across all Categories.

Entry Forms

Cost:

Entry fee is £50 (**non-refundable**) per soapbox with an expectation that each team raises at least £100 in sponsorship for Soapbox Derby Charities

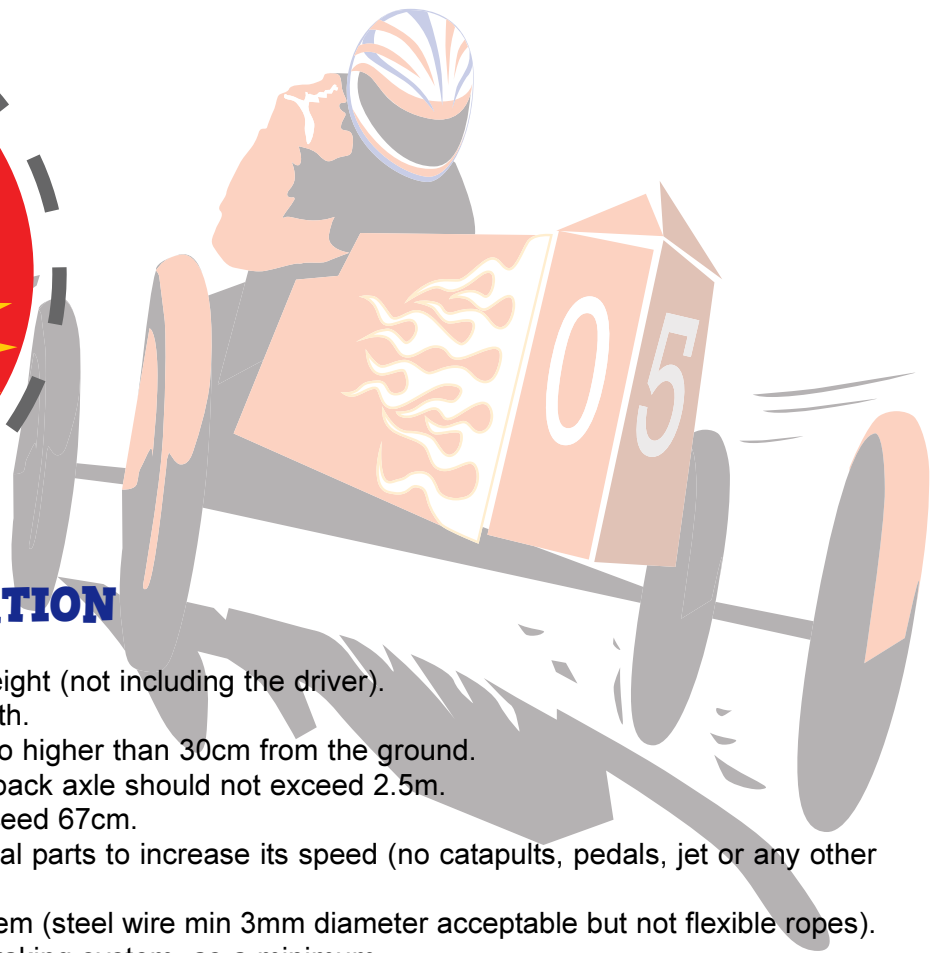
Entry Packs:

The Entry Pack of Entry Forms, Sponsorship Forms, Rules & Regulations and Waiver documents, can be requested on-line from Colin Campbell (e-mail address below) with a cheque made out to Billericay Mayflower Rotary for £50 per entry (as above).

Completed Forms

When you have completed your Entry Form, please scan it and e-mail a copy to cpandba@gmail.com

YOUR ENTRY FORM NUMBER WILL BE THE RACING NUMBER ON YOUR SOAPBOX



SOAPBOX SPECIFICATION

1. Should not exceed 110kg in weight (not including the driver).
2. Should not exceed 1.5m in width.
3. Chassis clearance should be no higher than 30cm from the ground.
4. Wheel base from front axle to back axle should not exceed 2.5m.
5. Wheel diameter should not exceed 67cm.
6. Should not have any mechanical parts to increase its speed (no catapults, pedals, jet or any other engines).
7. Must have a rigid steering system (steel wire min 3mm diameter acceptable but not flexible ropes).
8. Must have a back two-wheel braking system, as a minimum.
9. Must not have any smoke or fire devices fitted.
10. Must not have any design elements to endanger themselves or the public (i.e. no sharp metal objects, mirrors or glass).
11. The soapbox MUST have a solid floor.
12. No part of the soapbox must extend beyond the width of soapbox (no dangerous projections).
13. A soapbox derived from an existing chassis is permitted provided that it complies with the rules.
14. All soapboxes should be designed to ensure no part of the soapbox, except the wheels, touches the ramp, jumps or road during its run.
15. All soapboxes must have a towing eye front and back or means of attaching a tow rope.
16. A soapbox not complying with the above specifications may be allowed to run if it complies with the safety regulations, but it will not be eligible for any of the prizes.

SOAPBOX DERBY

1. Scrutineering will only be from 4pm to 6pm on **Friday 1st May 2026** in the car park at the side of Unbar Rethon factory in Radford way.
2. Soapbox racing starts from Sun Corner, Billericay at 10.30 a.m.
3. Timing will be electronic (*Penalties: 8 seconds for each jump missed. Maximum is 15 seconds*).
4. Teams must assemble in the pits at Sun Corner Event Field by 08.30am This will immediately be followed by the Drivers' Briefing.
5. Entry fee will be £50 per soapbox (*subject to review*) with the expectation that each team will raise in sponsorship at least £100 for the nominated charity supported by Rotary.
6. The race is open to all home-made soapboxes, all of which will race against the clock, one at a time. A start ramp will be in use. Once one soapbox has been removed from the circuit the next soapbox competitor will start.
7. The fastest three soapboxes in any run will win an additional cash prize - See the "Prizes" document.
8. All Racers will be judged on overall spectacle and performance for their category.
9. The soapbox and all remains must be removed immediately after the soapbox run.
10. Your fastest time will be your result.
11. All soapboxes will be in Parc Fermé for 15 minutes at the end to allow for objections. If no objections are made, the Prize Giving will take place 15 minutes later.



Privacy and Confidentiality

The Rotary Club of Billerica Mayflower promise to respect the confidentiality of any personal data you share with us, when you enter a soapbox or buy tickets to the Rotary in Billerica Soapbox Derby, including information that we have access to through the third party purchase processes. We will only use this information to ensure the success and the effective operation of the Soapbox Derby, during the preparation of which we regularly send information to you about the forthcoming event including, but not limited to, our Soapbox Newsletters.

This information contains vital facts about the event which we need to share with you. For this purpose we maintain a mailing list comprising your names and e-mail addresses, and if you are a competitor, your telephone number(s) and postal address. We take your privacy very seriously and our "Privacy Policy" is published on our website and accessible directly from our Home page: <https://mayflowerrotary.org> using the **Privacy Policy** link at the foot of that page, or directly at <https://mayflowerrotary.org/policies/privacy-policy/>

Once the event is over and all activities related to it have been completed, we will delete all such information except that necessary to allow us to inform you when the next event will take place, and relevant information about it, so that you have the opportunity to enter or help us again.



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Rules & Regulations

No.

1. Four crew members per Team (one must be Captain)
2. Maximum of 1 driver per soapbox, per run (NO Passengers)
3. Every driver must wear a recognised BSA approved helmet (no bicycle helmets please), trousers, long sleeved top, protective footwear, gloves and knee and elbow pads (no bare arms, legs or skin). No exceptions to this rule.
4. The racing number assigned by the organisers (the Entry Form number) must be fixed to both sides of your soapbox, visible for all to see.
5. No team will be allowed to compete under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication.
6. Teams must follow the instructions of the safety officials, marshals and the race committee.
7. Any team that does not come to the Starting Line at the correct time or when called to do so by the Marshals, will, at the Race Marshal's discretion, have 5 seconds added to its timing and 5 points deducted from the Judges' scores.
8. ALL ENTRANTS TAKE PART AT THEIR OWN RISK.
All competitors MUST take out Public Liability Insurance. Sportscover Direct specialise in insurance for active people and will cover competitors taking part in properly organised soap box racing events.
9. All members of the Team must sign, at scrutiny, a declaration absolving the organisers from any and all responsibility.
10. All 12-17 years old (inclusive) must be accompanied at ALL times by a parent or guardian at scrutiny, practice and racing (see disclaimer).
11. It is the responsibility of each Team Captain to ensure the safety of his/her Team. Team Captains will be required to sign a declaration to this effect.
12. In all matters relating to the Soapbox Derby, the Committee's/Judges'/Time Keeper 's ruling is final.
13. Entries are limited to three categories:-
Corporate - Police, Fire Services, Institutions, Shops, Industry, etc.
Student - including Schools and Colleges, ages 12 to 21 years old.
Wacky Racers - Creative wacky-looking soapboxes.
14. All categories will be judged on: 1/3 Team Performance - 1/3 The Soapbox - 1/3 Spectators' Reaction.
Team Performance = 20 - 30 second act prior to race.
The Soapbox = Soapbox appearance.
Spectators' Reaction =Applause from the crowd
15. To be eligible for a prize, a soapbox has to complete at least one run under its own power (not carried part of the way by its team members).
16. If more than one team in awarded equal scores by the Judges, then the team with the fastest time will be judged the winner.
17. All drivers must be fit and well I healthy with no medical conditions and must not be pregnant. A disclaimer must be signed at scrutineering.