

Race to the Church

entry form and rules

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Please complete the Entry Form, and signed Disclaimer for each entrant to indicate your acceptance of the Rules and return with your Entry Fee in full to secure your place

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| Cart Name | | £ |
| Contact Name | | |
| Address | | |
| Email | | |
| Telephone No's | | |
| Family Entry | | £ |
| Entrant 1: Name and Age Category | | £ |
| Entrant 2: Name and Age Category | | £ |
| Entrant 3: Name and Age Category | | £ |
| Entrant 4: Name and Age Category | | £ |
| <i>Please use a separate Continuation Sheet for additional Entrants / Family members</i> | | |
| TOTAL ENTRY FEE | | £ |

Fee: Single entry, one cart £15 OR Family entry £30, family members can run once in appropriate category. (Adult M/F, KS1 (Yr2 & below) KS2 (Yrs 3-6) KS3/4 (Sec school))

GENERAL

- These Rules and Regulations apply to all entries; they have been designed for your safety and for the safety of others around you and to run the event effectively for the maximum benefit of all – please ensure you read them carefully and comply with the details
- Every Entrant must accept these Rules in full
- The Organisers reserve the right to amend the Rules at any time, and/or to refuse entry or participation to any team, at any time
- The Organisers reserve the right to disqualify any and all participants that demonstrate inappropriate conduct
- The Organisers' decision will be final
- Entries will be accepted on a first come / first paid basis
- No entry deemed complete without a signed disclaimer for each entrant
- A maximum of thirty Carts will be accepted
- All profits go to the Thames Valley Adventure Playground
- Please send the Entry Fee using exact money to: Race to the Church Organising Committee, c/o Mulberry House, High Street, Taplow, Bucks SL6 0EX (CASH ONLY PLEASE)

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THE TEAMS

- A team will consist of a maximum of two people in the cart
- Age Categories: Key Stage 1 (below Yr 2), Key Stage 2 (Yrs 3-6), Key stage 3 & 4 (Yr 7-12) and Adult (18 and over)
- KS1 entrants must be accompanied by a Yr 7-12 or Adult who is in control of the Cart
- All entrants under eighteen must have signed consent from a parent
- ALL CONSENT FORMS AND DISCLAIMER FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH ENTRY FORM
- OR ELSE YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RACE.

THE COURSE

- The course will run down the High Street in Taplow, from Maryfield House to St Nicolas Church. The total length is 200m and a drop of 10m. The course has one tight corner and a number of chicanes and drivers can expect to reach fast speeds. There are several potholes in the road surface that require skilful negotiation. The first bend is sharp and the gradient is steep so your cart must have efficient brakes
- Pushing will be not be allowed – any infringement may preclude the team from the fastest time awards
- To ensure safety the KS1 and KS2 start line may be lower down the course
- Marshalls will be provided at the start, finish and regularly along the course
- Please do not smoke on or alongside the course

THE CARTS

- The carts must be “homemade”, amateur and predominantly made of wood although LIMITED use of bicycle, pram and other scavenged components are allowed. Advise max spend on components £50. Welding is not permitted. Innovation will be applauded and the rules are open to interpretation provided safety is not compromised. The cart design must be in the “spirit of soapbox” and will be judged as acceptable by the Organisers with this in mind
- All carts must be constructed with pedestrian and spectator safety in mind. Sharp edges will not be permitted and no glass or other materials that would shatter or cause injuries to drivers, passengers or spectators in the event of a crash can be used in the construction of the cart.
- Maximum width 2’6” / 762mm measured from outside to outside
- Maximum eye height 1.2m measured from driver’s or passenger’s eye-line, when seated, to the road surface
- No protuberances outside these dimensions will be allowed
- Seats must be securely bolted to the cart and drivers & passengers must remain seated during entire run
- Carts must be designed to carry no more than two persons, in a feet first direction
- Carts must have a minimum of FOUR wheels and all wheels should be in road contact during normal running
- Bodywork and controls must not impede the driver / passengers in exiting the vehicle unaided
- Any doors or hatches required for access must be readily operated from both inside and outside the vehicle without the use of tools
- Good brakes are essential and the condition of the Cart including the brakes will be checked before entries are allowed to the Start on each run. Wheel braking must operate on at least two wheels on the same axle and be effective
- Any steering column, brake lever or other item must be designed and fitted such that the risk of injuries is minimised
- Steering must not have excessive free play or any characteristic tending to promote instability
- Gravity propulsion only – i.e. no motors, no pedals and no stored potential energy
- Carts shall be subject to safety scrutineering before and during the event and if any member of the organizing committee deems a cart to be dangerous, it may not race unless the issue is rectified. Please note the safety of the carts are ultimately the responsibility of the entrants. If an organizing committee member allows a cart to race, that does not of itself give any guarantee that the cart is in fact safe.
- should you have questions concerning technical aspects of the design ,the organizing committee will be please to help

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THE RACE

- The Organisers may change or make exceptions to the design criteria, the Race Plan or the Rules at any time
- There **will** be a period of free practice in the morning, starting at 10am and finishing at 12.00
- At the end of free practice all carts must be brought into *Parc Fermée* – behind the gates of Maryfield House – and no runs **will** be allowed down the course until the start of the Race
- The timed runs start at 1pm and finish at 4pm
- The official time is final, even if it's incorrect
- If time allows there will be a final race off for the fastest entrants in each category.
- After the Race all entrants **will** be invited to a prize-giving ceremony at 4.30pm approximately.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Please bear in mind that however hard we try to minimize the dangers involved, soapbox racing does carry an element of risk
- The public liability insurance does not cover injury to competitors and you must sign the Disclaimer below before you may compete
- Entrants are reminded that normal laws apply to road users, particularly regarding the consumption of alcohol
- Please listen carefully to the instructions of the marshals and comply with them without delay
- All competitors must wear suitable head protection
- Gloves to protect hands, sensible footwear and full clothing on legs and arms should also be worn
- No head first driving

Please fill in separate disclaimer for each entrant, adult or child version.