



2025 Duxford Soap Box Derby - instructions for racers

Welcome to the 2025 soap box derby raising funds in support of Cancer Research UK. Thank you for competing because without you there would be no race. We have prepared a set of guidelines below, which we hope will give you more idea of what to expect from the derby this year.

If you are a new competitor I would like to extend our warmest welcome to Duxford and hope you enjoy the day. For those returning competitors please read through these notes as there will be changes.

If you have not provided a name for your competitors and/or team **please do so now** (duxfordsoapboxderby@outlook.com).

If you have not paid for your slot, please do so as soon as possible. You can do this via our Cancer Research Giving Page

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/duxford-soap-box-derby-2025-race-entry-fees>.

Failure to pay your registration fee will mean you will not be allowed to compete.

Finally whilst we hope that you have an enjoyable day, we also want you and your family to stay safe so please listen out for any H&S instructions from myself or any of the marshalls.

Andy Yates, Race Director.

On behalf of the Soap Box Derby Committee 2025

Arriving at the village on the 31st August 2025

- Registration is at the farmyard across from **The Plough, 57-59 St Peter's St, Duxford, Cambridge CB22 4RP**
 - **What3words location: ///streetcar.stadium.surpasses**
- Registration & scrutineering opens at 10:00 and **closes at 11:20 sharp**
- Road closures start at 11:30, so please make sure you have dropped off your cart at the farmyard before then
- There is room to drop-off carts at the farmyard however there is no space for your cars/vans to remain parked throughout the race so we ask competitors to move their vehicles to one of the two derby car parks after drop-off or a street not on the route
- Parking is available at:
 - Welch's Transport, Moorfield Road, CB22 4PS (20 minutes walk to The Plough)
- Additional parking is available at:
 - Duxford Community Centre, Hunts Rd, CB22 4RE (5 minutes walk to The Plough)
- **Please do not park on the race routes as it puts your car and our racers at risk**



Registration, briefing, scrutineering and parade

- Your cart must go through registration and scrutineering before being allowed to enter the race
- At registration you will be assigned a race number, starting grid position and grid position number sticker. Please pass all these items to the scrutineer
- Check the rules at <https://www.duxfordsoapboxderby.co.uk/participating/rules>
- Should your cart fail scrutineering then you will have an opportunity to make changes but if these cannot be made you will be forced to withdraw your cart
- You must pass scrutineering in order to race
- If you are entering the same cart for multiple races you only have to pass scrutineering once
- Once through scrutineering please line your cart up in start order at the allotted position as directed
- A race briefing will be conducted at 11:30 at the farmyard and is **mandatory for all competitors**
- The parade will start at 11:40 where all carts will walk down St Peter's Street and back up
 - Those in the first race (4-7 & 8-11) will be invited to form up on the grid. Follow instructions from marshalls
 - All other carts will move back to the farmyard until your race is ready to go

The races

- We have **four** races
 - A 4-7 year old race starting at 12:00 consisting of **1 lap of the children's route**
 - A 8-11 year old race starting at ~12:20 consisting of **1 lap of the children's route**
 - A 12-15 year old race starting at ~12:40 consisting of **1 lap of the 12-15 route**
 - An adults race starting at ~13:30 following down St Peter's Street to join up with our traditional route
- Please see the attached map for more route details or [our website](#)
- All children racing in the 4-7 and 8-11 categories **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT SHADOWING AT THE SIDE WITHOUT EXCEPTION**
- Adults are permitted to help their teams if needed. Whilst there are prizes we want this to be a fun race for all
- All races start at the Plough in grid formation
- Both children's races finish at the Plough
 - Once you pass the chequered flag please stop further up the course and await instructions from marshalls
 - Eventually you will be asked to enter back into the farmyard



- Children's presentations will be conducted immediately after the respective races.
- The adults race finish at The Plough, 57-59 St Peter's St, CB22 4RP and will be followed by the trophy presentation
 - Parc fermé at the adult's finish is located at the farmyard entrance opposite The Plough
 - Please do not leave any carts in The Plough car park once the race has finished

Additional things to be aware of

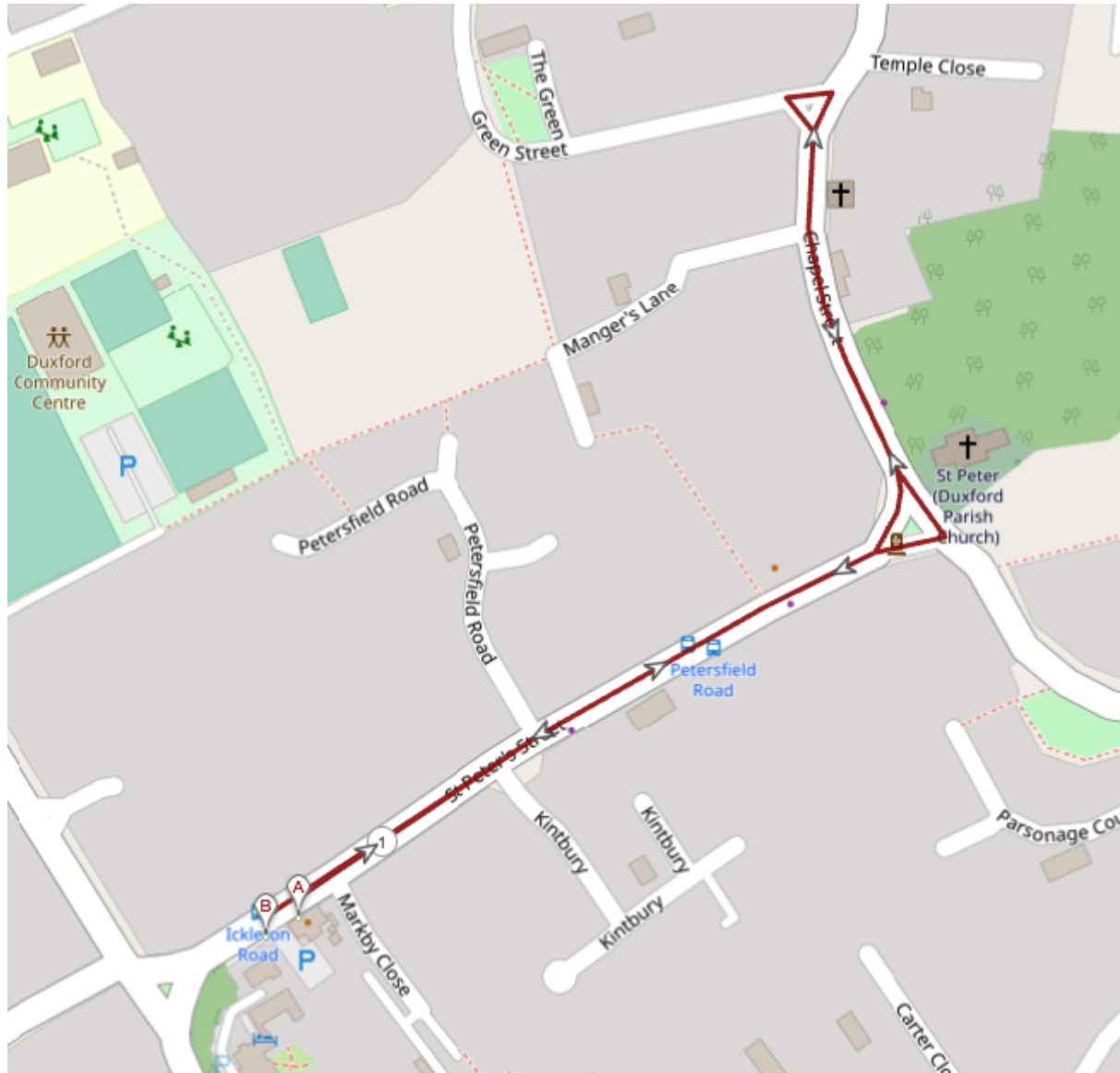
- Always race on the right hand side of the road
- Water is available on the route
- Always follow the directions indicated by our marshalls

Reusing carts between races

- Cart reuse is possible between the races and positively encouraged
- If you plan to do this, please make yourself known at registration and let us know which races the cart will be participating in
- You will be given an opportunity to form up on the grid from the Plough, please await instructions from the race director/marshalls before rejoining the start grid.

The map shows the proposed bus route in blue along Petersfield Road. Key locations include the Duxford Community Centre, St Peter's Church, and the bus stop at Markby Close. The route starts near the community centre, goes south along Petersfield Road, and then turns east towards the church. Other roads shown include Manger's Lane, Kintbury, and Parsonage Court.

2025 12-15 race route



2025 adults race route

