

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Can I use the colored wheels from Council?	YES!	The new colored wheels from BSA can be used
Can I change the distance between the wheels?	NO!	The car must run over a center guide. Changing the wheel spacing will cause the car to mis-track and/or interfere with adjacent lanes.
Can I change the front-to-back distance between the wheel axles?	NO!	Since it is difficult to get the slots parallel, and not every one can do this, it is forbidden. The car will be disqualified.
Can I paint the car any color I want to?	YES!	Paint, crayon, varnish, Jello(?), mud, magic-marker, chalk, burn(?), cauterize, smear... OK, no mud or Jello (too messy)
Can I make the car ANY shape?	Almost	The shape of the car can not extend beyond the OUTSIDE of the wheels (this will cause interference with adjacent cars. Cars have a height limit (see the size rules above). Length is almost unlimited, but spreading the car's weight over a large distance will cause it to mis-track. Be reasonable.
Must I put weights on the car?	No, but...	If the car is too light (not closer to being 5oz.) it will not accelerate very well due to imperfections in just about everything.
If I use them, what kind of weights can I put on the car?	Any kind	You can be as inventive as you want with weights. Yes, you MAY buy pre-made weights at a hobby shop.
Where can I put weights?	Almost anywhere	You can also be inventive in weight placement BUT you are STRONGLY ADVISED NOT to hang the weights under the car. You may recess them under the car however. Hanging weights may rub on the locating rail and slow down or stop the car.
Can I put moving/movable weights on the car?	Yes	NOT ADVISABLE: This may cause the car to bounce off the track.
Can I buy/use store-bought special wheels or axles?	NO! But...	The new colored wheels from BSA can be used...
Can I smooth/round-off, balance, sand, polish or paint the wheels?	Yes	This may be an advantageous thing to do.
Can I use a pre-cut car from a hobby shop?	NO!	Premade/cut cars will be disqualified. Don't even think about it!
Can I air-spray the car?	Sure	But why bother? It won't get you anything because aerodynamics are a non-entity in

		<p>these races. I would wager to say that none of the boys can do this. It sure would knock the car out of the Most original territory!</p> <p>Let your cub paint it himself! Big points for a car that looks like the cub made it....</p>
How much should the car weigh?	5oz. Max	Between 4oz. & 5oz. is ideal. Don't get ridiculous and try for 4.9999999 ounces!
Where can I weigh my car?	Anywhere BUT>>>	The final weight will be measured by OUR digital scale. Come to our pre-weigh-ins for a valid weighing. (see pre-weigh in schedule)
Should I lubricate the wheels?	YES	<p>Without lubrication you could loose up to 40% of it's possible speed.</p> <p>Use silicone or light petroleum oil, salad dressing, vegetable oil, Mobile 1!</p> <p>DON'T USE GRAPHITE: It makes a mess and there is absolutely no advantage in using graphite.</p>
How high can I make the car?	3.5inches	See the construction specs above.
Will my car be inspected and weighed at the Derby?	Yes	WE CHECK FOR ILLEGAL CARS ALSO!
Can I change the weight of my car at the Derby?	Yes, But..	You may change your car's weight only before the car is accepted and placed in the parking lot.
Can I race the car if I come late to the Derby?	Yes, BUT	Although we will run your car in the Derby, whatever place it winds up in will not count, even if it's 1st. place. Part of the Derby is to get there on time!
Can I fix my car if it breaks during a race?	Yes	<p>We will wait a reasonable amount of time for quick repairs to the car to get it racing again.</p> <p>The Racemaster will judge when unreasonable becomes obvious....</p>
Can I officially race a non-authorized car?	NO, BUT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why would you do that? 2. If it fits on the track properly we will race it but whatever place it ends up in won't count. 3. The Racemaster has the final say on a non-authorized car runs.
Can I put store-bought decorations on my car?	Yes	Use your imagination!!!