



Keystone Competition Rules

Since the 1970's the Keystone Rally Association has run a grand prix style soap box derby competition. The "Keystone" circuit consists of multiple cities who host races that follow the same rules and standards. Drivers who participate in these races are exposed to different driving conditions, car set ups and local cultures and attractions. This exposure helps the driver and their car handler hone their skills while having fun with other derby enthusiasts.

The Keystone season usually starts in August, after the conclusion of the All-American (AA) and National Derby Rallies (NDR) championships. The exact starting date is predetermined by the members of the organization and the hosting Rally Directors at a general meeting held in the winter. The Keystone season, depending on the number of participating race cities, usually ends the first or second week of October. Again, the exact ending date is predetermined at the same general meeting.

In addition to earning AA and NDR rally points, drivers who compete in the Keystone circuit will also be awarded Keystone Points based on their finish in each rally as per the following table:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	15	6 th	7
2 nd	12	7 th	6
3 rd	10	8 th	5
4 th	9	9 th	4
5 th	8	10 th	3
		All Other Drivers in Attendance	2

The Keystone Secretary will maintain and publish the results of every rally, which will be made available for review at every rally in printed form. At the conclusion of the Keystone season, the driver in each division who has earned the most Keystone points will be crowned the Keystone Champion for that particular division. An end-of-season awards banquet / picnic is held to honor all of our Keystone drivers and officially announce our champions.

As with any other competition there are some rules that need to be followed:

1. Rally Directors shall decide the race format for their rally (AA or NDR) and shall obtain, at their expense, all of the necessary permissions, permits, insurances, etc. required to host a rally.
2. The current AA and NDR Rules of Construction, AA and NDR Rally Rules and the Keystone Rally Rules shall apply to all Keystone rallies. In the event of a disagreement between these sets of rules, the Rally Director shall make the final decision, preferably prior to the start of the rally.
3. All drivers who qualify under the AA and / or NDR rules are welcome to race in all Keystone rallies. There are no dues paid by any driver directly to the Keystone Rally Association for participation in the Keystone competition, however rally fees, paid to the host city, do apply. These race fees shall not exceed \$30 for the first child, \$25 for the first sibling, \$20 for the second sibling and so on.
4. The Keystone competition only includes the stock, super stock and flat bottom masters divisions.
5. Keystone points are only awarded for double elimination races ("Keystone Races") and no more than two double elimination races may be run per weekend per race city. The phrase "one half of the Keystone races", when referring to qualifying for participation, shall mean half of the double elimination races held, rounded down. For example, half of 20 races is 10 and half of 19 races is 9.



6. Keystone points must be accumulated by a driver in the same division. If a driver participates in multiple divisions, they will be recognized based on the division where they accumulated the most points, with the exception of participation recognition which will consider the total number of rallies regardless of division.
7. Driver standings will be determined by the sum of ALL rally results, per division, less the two lowest rally results (a.k.a. "drop two races"). Note, a driver who does not attend a Keystone rally, will be given zero points for that rally.
8. The top twelve drivers in each division will be recognized for their placement at the end of the Keystone season based on their Keystone point standings. To be eligible for top 12 placement recognition for a particular division, a driver must race in one half of the Keystone rallies in that particular division. All drivers who did not place in the top 12 but competed in at least one half of the Keystone rallies will be recognized as Keystone participants. Duplicate recognitions will be awarded in all cases of ties.
9. Keystone recognizes retired drivers at the end-of-season banquet and awards ceremony. Retired drivers may continue to race in Keystone, however they are not eligible to earn Keystone points past the date of their retirement. A driver may be recognized as a retired driver if either of following conditions are met:
 - a. A driver who has raced in at least one half of the Keystone rallies (participant) for a minimum of five years. Please note, these years do not need to be consecutive.
 - b. A driver who has raced in at least 50 Keystone rallies and has raced in at least one Keystone rally per year for a minimum of six years. Please note, these years do not need to be consecutive. This option is only available to drivers who raced in the 2011 Keystone season or later (2012, 2013, 2014, etc.).
10. All participating race cities must pay an annual fee of \$100 per double elimination race, not to exceed \$200, for inclusion in the Keystone competition. This fee will be waived if a host city was not able to host any races for reasons outside of their control, i.e. weather conditions, turn out, etc.
11. Potential race cities that wish to join the Keystone circuit must appear before the membership at any general meeting to present their case for inclusion. A simple majority of voting members shall decide whether or not a new race city will be added to the competition. Potential race cities must share their intention to join Keystone at least two weeks prior to a general meeting.
12. Existing race cities may be removed from the Keystone competition by a simple majority of voting members, however the race city must be given the opportunity to present a reason why they should not be removed from the competition. A race city may not be removed until the end of any Keystone season.

Any changes to this document must be approved by a simple majority vote of all voting members at any general meeting, however modifications must be posted to members two weeks prior to the meeting for review and comment or no voting may occur.

Last but certainly not least, the organization respects everyone's right to privacy. Race results and racing pictures are routinely posted on the Keystone web site and may appear in printed materials advertising the organization. Especially in the latter situation, we will always try our best to obtain approval before using anyone's name or picture. Anyone who does not wish to have their name or picture appear electronically or in print, should identify themselves to any Keystone Officer or Rally Director for immediate removal.

Thanks for racing with us.


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