

## Supporting Japan's national athletes to participate in the World Championships One of the Greatest Gravity Car Race, Soap Box Derby

LOGISTEED, Ltd., supports the activities of the non-profit organization, Nippon International Soap Box Derby (NPO\_NSBD), which aims to popularizes the Gravity Car Race. We are pleased to announce that we are sponsoring the participation of the Japanese national team in the All-American Soap Box Derby<sup>※</sup>) (AASBD) Championships holding in the U.S. in July 2024. Our LOGISTEED VANTEC Nippon soap box car will run in the race.

※)Soapbox Derby is a general term for car races using zero-emission cars and run down slopes by only the gravity of the earth to compete for speed. In 1933, born in the United States, and the race has been held every year in Akron, OHIO for 90 years, sponsored by major automobile and tire manufacturers.

NPO\_NSBD is the only Japanese organization which has the right of participation in the AASBD World Championship. NPO\_NSBD's activities are promoting soap box derby in Japan, while they offer opportunities to learn about the familiar energy of gravity, solve problems in a mobility society such as traffic safety, and contributing to the healthy development of youth and the work on regional healthy local communities through car racing.



LOGISTEED VANTEC Nippon soap box car and Hayate Yoneyama, a driver representing Japan in 2024

Prior to the World Championships, the "2024 Soap Box Derby National Team Selection Competition in Kanagawa," held in March 2024, was a heated competition in which the 17 elementary and junior high school students who participated set new records one after another. NPO\_NSBD is preparing for the World Championships with the help of Hadano City of Kanagawa prefecture, by holding special training sessions on public roads that resemble the course of the World Championships.

We agree with NPO\_NSBD's goal of nurturing children's challenging spirit and healthy mind, and efforts to contribute to society based on SDGs. As co-sponsor, VANTEC Group and LOGISTEED support NPO\_NSBD's activities.

# News Release

## ■ Event Overview

Event Title	86 <sup>th</sup> FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championships 2024
Venue	789 Derby Downs Drive Akron, OH 44306
Date	Saturday, July 20, 2024
Admission	10\$ <a href="#">Click here for tickets.</a>

## ■ Reference

Website of NPO Japan Soapbox Derby Association (Japanese language)

<https://nsbd.org>

FIRSTENERGY ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

<https://www.soapboxderby.org/aasbd-race-program/feaasbd-world-championship.aspx>

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