

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

ROYAL RACERS

OUTREACH



**BUILD IT. RACE IT.
LIVE IT.**

WHAT IS ROYAL AMBASSADORS ROYAL RACERS?



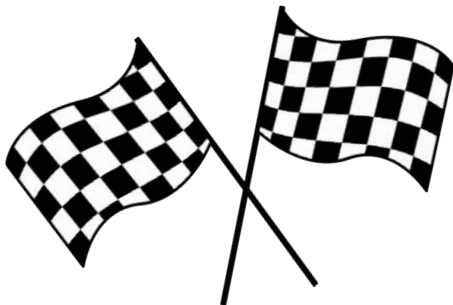
For over a century, Royal Ambassadors (RA) has shaped generations of boys and men who understand what it means to live on mission for Christ. One of the most iconic and joy-filled traditions of the RA program is **Royal Racers derby car racing**.

WHY ROYAL RACERS?

Royal Racers is fun, loud, and unforgettable. Every year boys design, shape, paint, and race wooden derby cars, discovering the thrill of craftsmanship and the character-building lessons that come through friendly competition.



But **Royal Racers is more than a hobby project: It is a discipleship tool** used by godly men to help form boys into young men who work with excellence, persevere through challenges, celebrate one another's success, and live on mission for Christ.



HOST A ROYAL AMBASSADORS ROYAL RACERS EVENT

Hosting a Royal Racers event is an easy, energizing way to introduce boys and their families to the world of Royal Ambassadors. It is also a unique way to help the boys you lead and your church live on mission, right in your own community.

PLAN YOUR EVENT

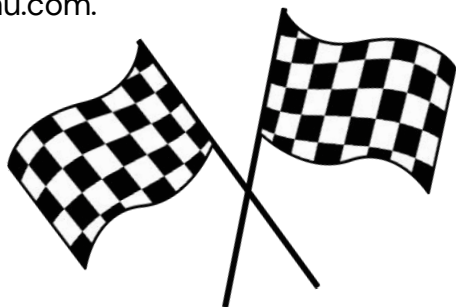
Choose a date at least eight weeks in advance so participating boys have time to build and paint their cars. Consider whether your race will be a stand-alone event, part of a missions fair, or a highlight in your RA year. Then choose and secure an appropriate location. Be sure to promote your event with other churches and around the community.

Note: To make your event missional, incorporate a brief devotional and prayertime before the race starts (see p. 4 for one idea).

PREPARE THE CARS

Each boy will need a derby car kit, which can be ordered at wmu.com (see p. 5 for options). Be sure each boy's car complies with the Official National RA Derby Car Race Rules (wmu.com/royalracers).

Optional: Order extra wheels and axles (Royal Racers Replacements Kit) at wmu.com.



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SET UP THE TRACK

A standard derby track is 32-foot-long and 3-foot-wide, but tracks vary. Many have handy electronic scoring and decision accessories that “judge” the place of each boy. Borrow one from another church or your state RA office, if needed. Test the track before race day to ensure smooth operation.

RACE DAY

Create a festive atmosphere with banners, cheering sections, and a clear race bracket. Celebrate creativity as much as speed by offering awards for “Best Paint,” “Most Creative,” or “Most Missional Theme.” The National RA Derby Car Race offers an award for “Best Design.” Ask several men in your church or association to help judge.



DEVOTIONAL IDEA:

RUN WITH ENDURANCE HEBREWS 12:1

- A derby car race is the perfect moment to remind boys of the bigger picture:
- Jesus came to save us so we can live on mission with Him. Before the first race begins, gather boys and their families for a brief devotional.

MAIN THOUGHT

Just as each boy has prepared his car, shaped it, and made it ready for the track, God shapes His followers for the race He has set before us. The Christian life is not a sprint but a long race.

KEY POINTS

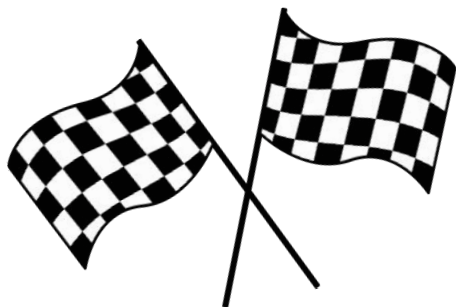
- **Preparation matters.** Just as a car needs sanding and painting and tuning, our hearts need Jesus, prayer, Scripture, and obedience.
- **Stay in your lane.** We don't compare ourselves to others—we run the race God has given us.
- **Celebrate others.** In RA, we cheer for every racer. In life, we encourage every believer.
- Finish well. Winning is fun, but faithfulness is the real victory.

MISSIONAL MOMENT

Share a brief story of a missionary who persevered through challenges (*Missions Journey: Kids* curriculum has many to choose from!). Remind boys that the same God who helps missionaries stay faithful can help each one of them grow into young men who serve Him boldly.

CLOSE WITH PRAYER

Ask God to help each boy "run with endurance the race set before him."



ROYAL RACERS EVENT SUPPLIES

To host an RA Royal Racers event, you only need a few simple supplies—and most can be reused year after year.

DERBY CAR KITS

(available at wmu.com*)

- Royal Racers Block Kit (W267120) / \$12.99
- Royal Racers Bishop Stock Car Kit (W267121) / \$14.99
- Royal Racers Green Speed Wedge Kit (W267123) / \$14.99
- Royal Racers Black Trail Truck Kit (W267122) / \$14.99
- Royal Racers Replacements Kit (W267124) / \$9.99

* All kits sold by wmu.com and not modified meet National Royal Ambassador Derby Car Race Rules.

TOOLS AND CRAFT SUPPLIES

- sandpaper (medium and fine grit)
- quick-drying paint (various colors)
- paintbrushes
- weights (check rules (wmu.com/royalracers) if using more than what is available in the kits sold on wmu.com)
- wood glue
- screwdrivers or pliers
- drying racks or cardboard trays
- table saw (optional)

EVENT HELPS

- stopwatches or electronic timers
- brackets or race charts
- check-in table
- decorations (checkered flags, banners, RA signage)
- Track (standard: 32-foot-long and 3-foot-wide)
- Royal Ambassador Racecar Patch (available at wmu.com; one per boy) (M127146) / \$4.99
- Royal Racers Participation Certificate (p. 6, one per boy)



Royal Racers

Certificate of Participation



This certificate is presented to:

For: Outstanding participation in the Royal Ambassadors Derby Car Race

Event Date

This certifies that the above-named individual has, through creativity, perseverance, and sportsmanship, successfully built and raced an RA Racecar and is committed to continue running the race God has set before him.

RA Leader / Church Representative



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