

OFFICIAL DEMOLITION DERBY RULES

2023 Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair

Event Directors

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7:00 pm – Friday, July 28; Wednesday, August 2; Friday, August 4

EACH DRIVER MUST HAVE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DAY AND EACH CLASS

- A. Each driver must fill out an entry blank for each night of participation. All drivers must supply their own cars, **only one entry per person per class**. Proof of ownership may be required on each car entered.
- B. All drivers and/or pit persons 16 or 17 years of age must have a notarized release signed by his or her parent or guardian. No person under 16 years of age can drive or be in the pit area.
- C. The track or promoter reserves the right to approve or reject any and all entries.
- D. All persons must sign the release sheet and receive a pit pass to be permitted in the pit area or on the track.
- E. No drinking of alcoholic beverages on fairgrounds. Any driver or pit person under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be immediately disqualified and removed from the grounds.
- F. Any driver or crew member disobeying the rules will cause his or her care to be disqualified. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification and barring from future derbies. Drivers are responsible for the actions of their crewmembers.
- G. Contestants of the Demolition Derby are not employees of the Demolition Derby. The Demolition Derby will not be responsible for any damage caused by driver's negligence on the track or in the pit area. "Drivers and pit personnel are responsible for any damage caused by their negligence on the track or in the pit area.
- H. The Fredericksburg Fair Association will not be held responsible for any cars, parts, or personal property before, during and after the show or overnight.

TOWING AND TRANSPORTING CARS:

Towing and transporting Demolition Derby cars to and from race locations must meet highway safety codes (including proper light controls, safety chains, tow bars, towing trailers, etc.).

TYPE OF CAR:

Any hardtop automobile, station wagon, truck, van or SUV is allowed. No limousines, convertibles, hearses, or diesel run vehicles are allowed.

PREPARATION OF CAR:

1. Side windows, rear windows, head, and taillights **MUST** be removed from vehicle. Rolling windows down is not permitted.
2. Windshield removal is optional and may remain on vehicle if desired.
3. Auto must be swept clean. No junk tires, wheels, metal parts, broken glass, etc. allowed in car.
4. All fiberglass or plastic front header panels must be removed.
5. Any sharp protruding fins or dangerous objects (mash down or cutoff).
6. No special bumpers, reinforcements or trailer hitches permitted. Fenders and bumper ends may be trimmed to allow for wheel clearance. On late model, shock bumper may be lightly welded or short piece of chain from bolt on bumper to bolt on frame (trailer hitches only permitted for trailer racing).
7. Suspension **MUST** remain **STRICTLY STOCK**. Do not invert spring shackles on Fords. Do not crank up torsion bar suspension on Chrysler Corp. cars. All cars **MUST** have some give or bounce. No rigid suspension.
8. Chained down engine mounts are recommended but not required.
9. Radiators must remain in original position. Comparable replacement radiators are permitted. Radiators and cooling systems must be flushed of anti-freeze and only water added. Transmission coolers are permitted but **ONLY** if they are secured inside the engine compartment.
10. A single bar may be added behind driver's seat B Post to B Post, or a ratchet strap may be used.
11. A single bar may be used A post to A post in the dash area.
12. A single bar may be used A post to B post on driver and passenger side, not to extend 6 inches past B post.
13. ALL Interior must be removed.
14. All doors must be fastened shut by wire, straps, or chains. It is recommended the driver's door be reinforced inside with a steel bar, pipe not to exceed 6" beyond front of front door and not 6" beyond rear of front door axel.

15. **ONLY ONE BATTERY**, any size is allowed. Battery must be moved from original position and placed in passenger floorboard of driver's compartment and securely fastened and covered.
16. Hood, trunk, or tailgate may be wired in six (6) places each, 2 strands of wire per hole. Light chains may be used on trunk or tailgate only. Wiring must be from sheet metal to sheet metal. No other wiring to bumpers or frames. Official's decision on overuse of wire or chains. **HOODS AND TRUNK MUST BE LEFT OPEN UNTIL AFTER INSPECTION, HOODS MUST REMAIN ON CARS**
17. ******Vehicle Numbers will be issued on day of event by Fredericksburg Agricultural Fairgrounds during on – site check-in.******
18. The original gas tank may remain on your car if they are in front of the rear axle and underneath the rear car seat. If gas tank is relocated/replaced it must be an approved metal tank and securely fastened to floor and covered. Gas lines and fittings to fuel tanks must be secured and leak proof. Only original metal or rubber gas line permitted. Maximum four (4) gallons of gas permitted per heat. Electric fuel pumps are not permitted in the driver or passenger compartment but must have a shut-off switch within drivers reach. Inspection official will give final approval on tanks and fittings.
19. Each driver and mechanic must **SIGN-IN** at registration desk the day of the show and have their car. **INSPECTED at least ONE HOUR** prior to show time.
20. **IT IS MANDATORY THAT AN OPENING BE CUT IN HOOD COVER OVER THE CARBURETOR**, approximately 12" or larger, square or diameter. **HOOD LATCHES MUST BE REMOVED.**
21. **NO RESTRICTIONS ON TIRE SIZE. NO STUDS OR SCREWS IN RIMS TO HLD TIRES. NO VALVE STEM PROTECTORS. NO SPLIT RIMS. WHEEL WEIGHTS MUST BE REMOVED.** The decision of the inspectors is final.
22. **A STRONG WIRE OR NYLON MESH SCREEN IS RECOMMENDED ON DRIVER'S WINDOWS AND WINDSHIELD AREA IF REMOVED.**
23. All Airbags and devices must be removed.
24. **NO AWD and NO 4WD are allowed in ANY Class.** If a vehicle is AWD or 4WD either the front or rear driveshaft must be removed, making the vehicle 2WD.
25. Headers allowed in all classes.
26. Engine, Transmission, and rear end swaps allowed in modified class.
27. Truck and snow tires are allowed in Van, Truck and SUV class. Truck, Snow, Skid Steer Tires and V trend allowed in modified class. No stud locks, bead locks or screws allowed in any class.
28. All vehicles in all classes must have driver's side window net.

SAFETY REGULATIONS:

1. Safety belt, Z-90 approved helmet, goggles, safety glasses or face shields are required. Long pants and shirts or jackets are required.
2. No deliberate head-on collisions and no deliberate hitting on the driver's door.
3. Vehicles must have dependable brakes at all times and boundaries must be observed.
4. **NO** cars are permitted in the competition area before the heat in which they are to participate.
5. **A vehicle will be disqualified if ANY** door comes open, helmet comes off, seat back breaks, or seat belt breaks during the heat.
6. **NO** one can ride on outside of cars anytime due to insurance regulations.
7. **Additional safety regulations may be imposed depending on track conditions.**
8. Boundaries must be observed at all times. Any car shoved or driven out of bounds or is on or over a barrier may be immediately disqualified if Derby Officials feel it is a **SAFETY HAZARD.**
9. The Derby will be composed of individual heats and one Feature, with cash prizes going to the winners of each feature. Decision of the officials is final.
10. A \$ 100.00 protest fee is required to contest another car. Fee will be refunded if car is found to be ineligible. Protest must be done before drivers meeting.
11. These rules supersede any and all rules previously used.

Rules are subject to change without notice according to Executive Committee:

- **To save a car on Friday night, owner must report to Derby Officials at registration/check-in. All cars must be removed from the fairgrounds and racetrack following the show (midnight), or they will become the property of the fairgrounds. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **NO preparing cars in the pits – all cars need to be prepared before arrival.**
- **ONLY CREW MEMBERS IN PITS!!!!**
- **IF CAR IS LEFT FOR SCRAP, THE TITLE OR INDEMNITY FORM MUST BE SURRENDERED AT REGISTRATION.**
- **BLANK INDEMNITY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM DERBY OFFICIALS.**