

For rules and info related to the Derby, contact: Brian Gearheart at 765-366-3076 call, text, or Facebook messenger

Any DRIVER under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be DISQUALIFIED AND REMOVED from the premises.

Each driver must fill out an entry form at the pit gate the day of the derby. Each driver must supply his or her own vehicle and only ONE entry per class per driver.

Drivers must be 16 years or older to enter. Drivers under the age of 18 MUST have a parent or guardian sign a waiver.

Driver must have a physical form of ID. Not a picture on your phone.

Nobody is allowed on the track except the drivers, officials and emergency personnel. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Any driver or crew member disobeying the rules will cause his or her vehicle to be disqualified. Drivers are responsible for the actions of their crew.

Gearheart Motorsports will not be held responsible for any vehicles or personal property before, during and after the show.

Infield and pit speeds will be enforced. No hot-rodding, donuts, or other unsafe driving will be tolerated. These practices can be grounds for disqualification with entry fee forfeited.

Any altercations between drivers, crew, or officials will be grounds for disqualifications and possibly being barred from future derbies.

If a DRIVER EXITS THEIR VEHICLE DURING A GREEN FLAG for any reason other than fire or injury, they will be disqualified and position and money can be taken away at Official's discretion.

It is the DRIVER who qualifies, NOT the car.

Gearheart Motorsports reserves the right to accept or reject any or all entries.

DECISIONS OF OFFICIALS ARE FINAL!!!!

Remember: just because it is not in print, doesn't mean it is allowed. Call BEFORE you do it. Inspection crew has the final ruling.

BASIC RULES

1. These rules are a guideline that specifies what we will allow, it does not specify what we will not allow. If not listed here, call before you do it. Do not ask us to show you in the rules where it is. Call First!!

2. Due to a Fair ordinance, No firearms, knives, or weapons of any kind will be allowed.

3. DOT approved Helmet MUST be worn while on the track. Eye Protection and Long Sleeve Shirts are highly recommended.

4. Cars must have working seat belts & must be worn during the heat.

5. If you are using a torch, you must have a fire extinguisher and Eye protection.
6. **NO gangbanging & NO HOLDING!** – If you don't know what this is, you better ask.
7. **Must make contact within 60 seconds if you are having mechanical problems or hung up, otherwise, you must make AGGRESSIVE contact!!! We use our own discretion for this rule. If a driver is really hitting well, he may get more time, if a driver is love tapping, he may get less, so get used to it. Sandbagging is not tolerated and will be strictly enforced. Locking up the brakes prior to a hit for anything other than a driver's door as a defense will be a cause for disqualification. THE FANS PAY TO SEE A SHOW. PUT ONE ON FOR THEM.**
8. **One (1) warning for driver's door contact, 2nd time you are eliminated! Driver's door hits are illegal. If the hit is deemed by the official to be careless or intentional, you will be disqualified. If you use your driver's door as a defense, we will not enforce the rule. If you do it repeatedly, you will be disqualified.**
9. **One (1) fire is allowed, second fire you are disqualified. One (1) fire in the passenger compartment and you will be disqualified. If a door comes open you are disqualified. You may return in the consolation heat.**
10. **If you are caught cheating, you get NOTHING back, so don't ask!!!**
11. **Drivers will be assigned heats as they enter in a predetermined pattern that varies show to show.**
12. **Please take all scrap with you! All items (including vehicles) left on Fairgrounds the next day WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF Gearheart Motorsports.**
13. **ALL drivers must attend the drivers meeting.**
14. **OFFICIALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REINSPECT ANY VEHICLE AT ANY TIME. We reserve the right to cut or drill anything in question at any time. Failure to allow this will result in disqualification**
15. **We will stop the heat to remove bumpers, wheels with axles or any other debris for safety reasons.**
16. **All drivers must keep their hands inside the car at all times! If we see you driving with your hand on your door we will stop the race once, next time you're out. We want everyone to leave with all the body parts they came with!**
17. **All glass, plastic, chrome, wheel weights, and loose debris must be removed from the car. All hitches must be removed. The stock gas tank MUST be removed.**
18. **No concrete anywhere on the car.**
19. **DRIVERS ONLY must bring the car to inspection unless pre-approved by the head official.**
20. **SAFETY FIRST: No unsafe practices like protruding all thread, radiator drain hoses pointed at people, and teeth cut into the bumpers, etc. If a bumper or something comes loose during the race and appears to be a safety concern, we reserve the right to act and correct it.**
21. **ENGINE / TRANSMISSION MUST BE ISOLATED FROM THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT WITH STEEL, FIRE BLANKET, RUBBER, OR APPROVED FIRE RESISTANT MATERIAL IF FIREWALL / FLOORBOARDS ARE MODIFIED.**
22. **Once again, OFFICIALS DECISION IS FINAL, so if unsure if you can do something, please call ahead.**
23. **If putting patches on frame after heats, consult an Official before you put any band-aid on your car before Feature run. Remember, ASK BEFORE YOU DO IT!!**
24. **WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CLEAR THE TRACK OF ANY VEHICLES DURING A HEAT OR FEATURE FOR ANY REASON WE DEEM NECESSARY**
25. **When pulling cars apart, NO driver is allowed in the vehicle!**
26. **We strongly suggest that you have roll over protection for Safety!!!**
27. **No Imperials or Imperial Sub-Frames.**

28. Must have the number on a roof sign on the roof, a minimum of 24" tall so the Judges can see it or you will not be allowed to run.

29.No PROFANITY or OFFENSIVE material including numbers allowed!!! This is a family show! Any number or lettering on any car must be approved by GEARHEART MOTORSPORTS

Compact - Midsize FWD Limited Weld Class

NO REAR WHEEL DRIVE RULES APPLY TO FRONT WHEEL DRIVE LIMITED WELD COMPACT/MIDSIZE VEHICLES.

Up to 113-15/16" factory wheel base allowed.

Front wheel drive and rear wheel drive are allowed

No full-frame cars

FRAMES:

1. 2 plates on fresh car
2. No seam welding, pinning, filling, stuffing or painting
3. Rust holes may be covered; they will count towards your allowed plates.
4. Pre-ran will be allowed, 6 plates total
5. Body mount holes cannot be covered if a patch plate is over a body mount hole, you must cut hole in patch the same diameter as the factory body mount hole.
6. Patch plate size 4x6x1/4 or 6x6x1/8. Can use either size plates, but 2 on fresh cars, 6 on pre-ran max.
7. Re-clipping of cars allowed, 1" overlap with no additional material, single pass only, clips must match make and model.
8. Plates/welds can not be touching or overlapping, including bumper strap. ALL PLATES MUST BE 1" APART INCLUDING THE WELDS.
9. No welding K frame to frame. You must use your patch plate to tie them together.
10. No adding material between k-frame and frame.
11. No painting frames or they will be drilled.
12. Only allowed method of pitching is to cold bend.
13. Frame and body cannot be welded together.

SUSPENSION AND STEERING:

1. Steering box allowed
2. Build tie rods allowed, must mount and perform like factory.
3. Aftermarket shafts allowed.
4. Rear trail arms can be shortened or lengthened, may be reinforced or replaced with 2x2.
5. Vehicle must sit at a level of no extreme height, or you won't run. Safety first.
6. Rear bumper no lower than 14" from the ground to the bottom of the bumper or frame, whichever is lowest.
7. Struts may be built AGAIN NO EXTREME HEIGHT.

BODY MOUNTS:

1. Core support mounts must mount in factory location but may be replaced with up to 1" all thread and run through the hood. May be solid or you may use a free-floating spacer. No to exceed 2x2x6 tubing, must be mounted on top of frame rail.
2. 4 rear body mounts can be bolted solid, the back 2 of those may have 1" all thread run vertically through the trunk lid. Wagons may go through the roof or pillars through rearmost body mount only, but if you do that, do not use the 2 pieces to hold the tailgate shut.
3. Core support, trunk washers may not exceed 4x4.
4. No double nutting or sleeving all thread.
5. Body mounts from firewall to the humps may be changed only in the factory location,

only allowable substitution is to use a bolt no bigger than 1". Must have rubbing bushing with steel sleeve, hockey puck or can stack washers. NO SOLID SPACERS. Max washer size 4x4x1/4, round only on mounts from firewall to humps, body mounts must go through the top of the frame only, no solid spacers.

DRIVETRAIN:

1. Any motor or transmission in any vehicle.
2. Solid lower engine mounts are allowed, no extra mounting, stock locations only.
3. If you choose to chain your engine in, the chains must only be attached to the engine and straight down to the engine cross member. Chain links cannot be welded together.
4. We will allow 1 transmission cooler and 1 engine cooler.
5. Transmission cooler must be near floor level or contained, steel or high-pressure lines only.
6. Battery must be moved to passenger compartment area and tightly fastened with a cover. You may use (2) automotive batteries or 1 large marine battery. Battery and gas tanks must be in separate areas and covered (not next to each other) or in separate containment boxes.
7. Gas tank must be mounted inside the passenger compartment, tightly secured, and covered. Plastic tanks must be in the metal containment box and covered. Or you will not be allowed to participate with no expectations. Absolutely NO STOCK FUEL TANKS OR FUEL LINES. Secure new fuel lines properly in drivers compartment not underneath the car. Gas tank mounts must be mounted to cage or the floor, not both.
8. Gas tank mount if on cage must be a "halo" tight bar only 4" gap required from rear firewall and no more than 36" wide in the center of the car. If floor mounted and not connected to sheet metal in any wavy (bolted or welded).
9. Electric fuel pumps must be doubled clamped and covered. No electric fuel pumps without a cut off switch.
10. BRAKES MUST BE WORKING. Be prepared to demonstrate. Violators will not be allowed to participate if this occurs before or during the event.
11. Radiators must remain in stock positions with no reinforcements or added materials.
12. Factory condenser or 1/8 expanded metal/radiators guard only. MAY BE BOLTED IN ONLY. with (4) 3/8 bolts and cannot be used for reinforcement at all. Radiator guard can only be a flat piece of 1/8 steel. NO BENDING. Header protectors allowed but must only mount to the headers.
13. Basic lower cradle and front plate, no thicker than 1/2". If you are not sure what a basic lower cradle is, ASK.

BUMPER/BUMPER MOUNTING:

1. Any OEM bumper may be used and it may be loaded on the inside if you choose. Homemade bumpers can be up to 8x8x1/2" box tubing, if you make a "homemade pointy", you have to have it where it's the same dimensions as factory chrysler pointy. Judge decisions on the safety of homemade bumpers are final. NO SMALL WEDGES ALLOWED. One that looks like a wood splitting edge, no sharp edge. Bumpers cannot be wider than the vehicle.
2. Bumper may be plated on the inside and the backing of the bumper.
3. YOU HAVE 3 OPTIONS TO MOUNT YOUR FRONT BUMPER:
 - a. OPTION A - you may make your shocks out of 3" wide x 4" tall x 14" long 1/4" box tubing max and must contact the back of bumper, 1 per frame rail.
 - b. OPTION B - 4"x14"x1/4" strap must contact bumper 1 per frame rail.
 - c. OPTION C - use factory shock weld 14" from back side of bumper, 1 per frame rail.
4. Absolutely no bracket or shock may be welded past 14" behind the back of the front or rear bumper. If your cars factory shock or bracket goes farther than 14" back, it must

remain completely factory beyond the allotted 14".

5. If you choose to hard nose or put your shock inside the frame, you MUST have a 3/4" hold in the top center of your frame. 14" behind the bumper (unless we can clearly see the shock stops where it is supposed to). You may weld a 3/4" hardware washer around the hole, to make up for the missing metal, single pass only.

6. Rear bumper brackets may be welded single pass only. Absolutely no rear brackets may be moved forward.

7. A 2"x1/4" strap can be welded to bumper and 6" on to frame, 1 per frame rail.

GAS TANK PROTECTOR AND MOUNTING:

1. Gas tank protector can be 36" wide max and must be centered between wheel wells, no higher than 4" above the tank. 4" OFF OF THE FLOOR IF MOUNTED TO CAGE. MUST BE A 4" GAP BETWEEN GAS TANK PROTECTOR AND ALL SHEET METAL/PACKAGE TRAY. (front side of rear end humps will count as the package tray in a wagon).

2. Gas tank mount may have a "halo" bar behind the tank. No higher than 4" above the tank. "Halo" must remain 4" off all sheet metal and cannot be kicked back.

3. If you are not using a protector and choose to bolt the fuel tank down to the floor, the tank cannot be used as a kicker. Must stay 4" away from the package tray and 2" away from the rear seat bar.

4. Fuel tank can be fastened down with no more than (4) 1/4" bolt through sheet metal only with a max of 3x3x1/4 free floating washers.

CAGE

1. All cars must have safety cages and roll over bar.

2. A 4-point cage is required, your cage must have a dash bar that must be a minimum of 4" from the firewall and transmission/tunnel.

3. Your cage must be a bar behind the drivers seat.

4. You must have (2) side bars, 1 per side and THEY CANNOT BE LONGER THAN 60' MUST REMAIN 4" OFF THE FLOOR, 4" FROM WHEEL TUB, you may stack door bars on driver's side only. For safety but still must be 4" off the floor.

5. Rollover bar cannot be more than 8" behind the top of the head rest, must be vertical, rollover bar cannot attach to frame. May be welded or bolted to sheet metal only. No kicker off halo other than to your gas tank protector. Through the door windows, this is for safety only and not for structure; reinforcement cage cannot be attached to any body mounts.

6. Rollover bar can be bolted (2) 3x3 angle 3" L to the roof. Roof sign/mount cannot be used to reinforce nor be welded to the halo unless there is a 2" gap to all sheet metal.

7. (4) down legs 2x4 tube max is allowed (2) per side, all down legs must be vertical and not kicked. Front (2) down legs can be welded from side bar and to top of side of frame. Single pass weld only. Cannot attach to anything else. DOWN LEG CANNOT PROTRUDE DOWN FARTHER THAN THE TOPSIDE OF FRAME! No added metal, front of down leg must be 6" away from the body bolts in the crush box (same for cars without crush box) rollover bar counts as the back (2) down legs if ran to the floor. All (4) legs can be only welded to the topside of the frame or bolted to sheet metal.

8. Cage can be made from nothing bigger than 6" tubing or 4x8 box tube max.

9. All down legs must be at or behind the dash bar, straight up and down.

10. You may have a door plate outside of the car on drivers side only. Door plates can not go any further than 3" past drivers door seam.

11. All down bars/dash bars/rear seat bars and halo bars MUST BE WITHIN 60" OF DOOR BARS, NOT IN FRONT OR BEHIND DOOR BARS. READ THIS RULE SEVERAL TIMES!!!

12. ALL CAGE MATERIAL MUST BE A MIN OF 4" OFF THE FLOOR OTHER THAN DOWN

LEGS, THIS MEANS EVERY BAR AND PROTECTOR IN THE CAR, EXCLUDING DOOR BARS!

13. Front window must have #9 wire, chain or (2) 3" wide x 1/4" max windshield straps. Or 2x2 angle iron max MAY BE BOLTED NOT WELDED. Max 4" on roof and 4" on cowl cannot reinforce the car, sheet metal to sheet metal only. No capping the ends of the cowl this for safety not for reinforcement. IF FOUND TO BE OVER BUILT YOU WILL CUT. this is for safety only, use for anything else, it will be removed.

14. Rear window bars are allowed bolt on only must be bolted to roof only, no more than 6", and no more than 6" on trunk lids, as close to speaker deck as possible. 2"x2" max size.

BODY:

1. Sheet metal may be cut for clearance, no bending, folding, or reattaching anywhere, body creasing is allowed, but absolutely no bolting or welding to assist.

2. You may use (5) 3/8" bolts per wheel well opening, hardware washers only, no other bolting of the body. Other than bolts allowed in the hood.

3. You are allowed (6) 2x4x1/4" plates to weld the trunk shut. Must be 1" gap between plates. You may weld a 1" hardware washer around each hole to keep from tearing. Only when #9 wire is used, washers cannot bridge and body gap.

4. Wagons tailgates - they have 2 pieces of 1" all thread but all thread must go through the body only and not the frame.

5. The only acceptable body rust repair on any car is allowed in the driver and passenger area, this is for your safety only. And if we think you used it to strengthen the car for anything other than safety purposes, you will not be allowed to run.

6. Doors may be welded solid with a strap no bigger than 4"x1/8" tops of doors may be folded over and welded but no added metal. ABSOLUTELY NO BODY SEAM WELDING OR YOU WILL NOT RUN. Besides the doors, minor reinforcements of the drivers door is allowed. Cannot go beyond drivers door seam, and 12" max.

7. Hood must be open for inspection.

8. No wedged cars allowed.

9. Sedagons will be allowed wire only.

10. In addition to the (2) of all thread in the core support, you will be allowed (4) more bolts to hold the hood down. No longer than 8" each must be sheet metal only. IF THERE IS EXTRA ALL T HREAT RUNNING DOWN SHOCK TOWER, IT WILL HAVE TO BE FULLY REMOVED. (4) spots on the trunk no longer than 8" except for the (2) body mounts from the trunk lid through the frame. Trunk washers must not exceed 4x4 or you may use #9 wire.

11. No more than (10) 3/8" bolts to hold your outer hood skin to your inner hood skin.

12. Unlimited #9 wire

TIRES:

1. Any tire and wheel combo must have tired - cannot run just rim. No split rims or studded tires.

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ALL RULES FROM FRONT WHEEL DRIVE LIMITED WELD COMPACT/MIDSIZE

RULES APPLY TO REAR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES.

FRAMES:

1. No frame shaping other than 12" in the center of each hump, no hump plates. You may chain frame rails together behind the humps.

2. Patch plate cannot protrude between the crush box and the frame rail. It must be on

outside of frame.

SUSPENSION AND STEERING

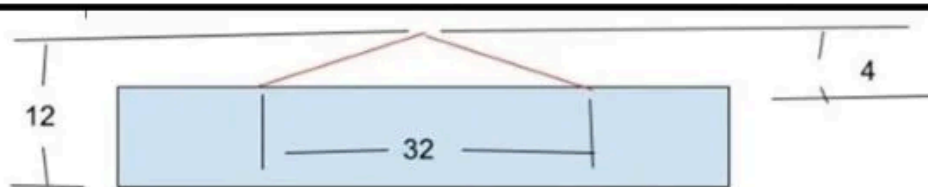
1. A-arms and spindles may be changed and must be OEM parts. Ford, GM, and etc.
2. A-arms may be bolted down. (1) 1/2" bolt per a-arm, or (2) 2x4x1/4" strap may be to a-arm and spring bucket only.
3. Rear end may be chained around the frame in 1 spot per side.
4. You may have (5) leaf spring clamp per leaf pack, clamps can be no bigger than 2x5x3/8". (2) 1/2" bolt per clamp, leaf spring needs to be off passenger car only, no home-made leaf. Leaf pack can have up to (7) 5/16" thick max lead, leaf can not be more than 2-3/4" wide, LEAF PACK MUST HAVE A 2-1/2" ARCH FROM VENTER TO ENDS. ARCH MUST BE SMILING NOT FROWNING NO FLAT PACKS. Main leaf must be on top if you are building a pack. No leaf can be as long as the main leaf. EVERY leaf must have a 2" stair step on each leaf. MEANING EACH LEAF IS 4" SHORTER THAN THE LEAF ABOVE IT. no welding or taping. No flipping over leaf pack. MUST HAVE FACTORY SHACKLE. NOTHING HOME MADE!! No more than (4) 5/8 bolts or (2) 5/8 "u" bolts per pack to hold the rear end to the leaf springs.
5. No leaf conversions.

DRIVETRAIN

1. You may run aluminum ultra or a steel bell on automatics, manual transmissions may run a blow-proof bell housing, no additional bolts or welding permitted, if you're using a bolt on style transmission mount, it must be OEM rubber mount if you choose not to run a mount, you may wrap a chain or wire around the transmission and cross member to hold in place. NO WELDING. And only (1) bolt if you choose the wire or chain route NO BRACING, NO TUNNEL ALTERATIONS, 6" GAP BETWEEN TRANS AND CAGE BAR.
2. If you choose not to run factory transmission cross member, you may use 2x2 tubing, instead it must mount in factory make and model location. No plates bigger than 4x4x4" welded to the frame to weld your cross members to!
3. Slider shafts are allowed.
4. Any 5 lug rear end allowed. If your rear end has a brace it must be 5" away from frame. NO EXCESSIVE BRACES ARE ALLOWED ON REAR END! You may run pinion brake.
5. Basic front plate and cradle, no thicker than 1/2". If you don't know what basic is, ASK!
6. Header protectors allowed, but can only be attached to headers.

Manufactured Bumper

If you choose to manufacture a homemade bumper, it must conform to the following size limits. The point must taper over an area of at least 32" wide and cannot exceed 12" wide at the tip of the point to the back of the bumper WHERE IT MEETS THE FRAME.. No sharp points or they will be cut. **"The point may only extend out 4" max, from the front flat part**



Bumper guide lines