

# **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.

# STOCK FULL-SIZE CAR CLASS

All Years, old iron included, except: No 60'S Lincoln's and No Imperials '73 & older (can run '74 & up)

## GENERAL RULES

1. Remove all glass, trim, debris and plastic. Remove all decking in station wagons. Must have working brakes.
2. Battery must be mounted securely in the drivers' compartment, no bungee straps. 2 batteries max allowed.
3. Fuel Tanks must be securely mounted behind the driver or passenger seat area. You can use a fuel cell or boat type tank. Plastic tanks aren't recommended but if you choose to run one it must be mounted in a steel containment box and away from the doors and rear firewall. Securely mounted, bungee straps not acceptable.
  - a. You may run an electric fuel pump with a kill switch clearly marked.
  - b. Fuel lines must run through the car and not underneath. Keep all lines away from headers or pinch points on the firewall that could damage it.
4. Must have a working seatbelt.
5. Must have an 8" hole in the hood above the carburetor if not running headers.
6. For inspection you must bring the hood with the car and must be able to open it along with the trunk lid if requested.
7. Absolutely no hammering or creasing of the body allowed. No pre-bending of any kind. No tucking of wagons at any time, even preran.
8. Anything can be removed from the car, but nothing added unless it's stated in the rules.
9. Floor pan rust can be patched with sheet metal only. Rust must be visible and only allowed 1" overlap. No other rust patching allowed.
10. Battery box , pedals and trans cooler cannot be oversized or cope around anything to lock them into place . A max of (4) 1/2" bolts with (4) 3"x3"x1/4" washers may be used in each to mount them . Bolts must be in the flat part of the floor and only go through sheet metal . If components are mount to the cage They must remain 4" off the floor and all sheet metal .
11. Doors: All doors must be wired, chained or welded shut. Front doors may be welded using up to 2" x 1/8" strap. You may weld 12" on each vertical door seam only. It can be a continuous weld or broken up for a total up to 12" only.

## Cage:

1. All cars must have a safety cage and roll over bar.
2. Cage material can be no larger the 6" material .
3. A 4-point cage is required. Your cage must have a dash bar that can not be any closer than 4" from fire wall and trans tunnel. Dash bar needs to be straight and not radiused.
4. Your cage must have a bar behind the driver's seat.
5. You must have (2) side bars 1 per side and they cannot be longer than 60" and 4"away from the wheel tub. (DRIVERSIDE ONLY YOU MAY STACK DOOR BARS BUT CAN ONLY BE THE 60" AND MUST BE 4" OFF THE FLOOR . THIS IS FOR SAFETY ONLY !!!)
6. Roll over bar cannot be more than 8" behind the head rest. Rollover bar cannot attach to frame. Must weld or bolt to sheet metal only. Cannot be attached to any body mounts. Must be vertical . Can not be pitched back and used to support pillars.

7. Rollover bar can be bolted with 2"x2"x3" angle to the roof, no kickers coming off the cage or rollover bar.
8. Roof sign and mount can not be welded to roll over bar .
9. All cage materials can be welded to sheet metal only.
10. (4) down bars 2"x4" max (2) per side. Roll over bar counts as 2 if ran to the floor.
11. Down bars must be vertical and can be no further forward than the front inner door seem and a minimum of 4" away from wheel tub. Down bars can only be welded to the door bar and to the floor sheet metal. They can not go through the floor nore be welded to the frame!!! 12. You may have a door plate outside of the car on drivers side only.
13. All down bars / Dash bars / rear seat bars and halo must be within the 60" door bars. Not in front or behind door bars.(READ THIS RULE SEVERAL TIMES !!)
14. Front Window must have #9, chain or (2) 3"x 1/4" max windshield straps, OR 2"x2" angle iron max. May be bolted not welded. Max. 4" on roof and 4 "cowl. Cannot re-enforce the car. Sheet metal to sheet metal only. No capping the ends of the cowl  
This is for safety only.  
If used for anything else it will be removed
- 14.No rear window bars are allowed .

#### **GAS TANK PROTECTOR**

1. Tank protectors can be no wider than 36" max. Gas tank/protectors must be centered between wheel wells and be a minimum of 4" away from the package tray, speaker deck, wheel wells, and roof. Gas tanks may be bolted directly to the floor unless you're mounting off your cage/protector then it must have a 4" gap from the floor and cannot be fastened to any sheet metal. If mounting the gas tank directly to the floor you are allowed 4 - 1/2" bolts with washer not to exceed 3"x3"x1/4" on bottom side of car. Gas tank cannot be used as a kicker and needs to remain 4" away from all sheet metal other than the floor and 2" away from the rear seat bar . You cannot attach the tank to seatbelt bolts. You may use the 4 -1/2" bolts only!!
2. Gas tank mount may have a halo behind the tank no higher than 4" above the tank. Halo must remain 4" from all sheet metal . Halo needs to remain at least 6" from the roof. You may have kickers going from your roll over bar to your gas tank protector halo . These must remain within the 60" door bars and 36" gas tank protector. These are for safty only and not used for reinforcement

#### **Body Mounts**

- 1.All body mounts must be completely stock and untouched except for the front core support mount and the two rear most trunk mounts. If you have a rusted or broken body mount bolt you may only use 9 wire to repair it. No extra body bolts allowed anywhere.
2. The front two core support mounts and rear most trunk mounts may be replaced with up to 3/4" allthread. Core support may run through the frame and up through the hood in the front. The rear two most rear trunk mounts can be through trunk pan and frame only in the rear, not the decklid. You may use up to a 4" tall spacer between the bottom of the core support and the frame, no bigger than 2"x2" square or 2" round tubing. This may not be welded anywhere and must start on top of the frame and stop at the bottom of the core support. Max washer size is 4"x4"x1/4" and no double nutting anywhere.

## **Trunk Lid**

**Trunk Lid must remain on the hinges or be completely removed. You may tuck the trunk lid using one 90 degree bend. Must remain completely stock except for the tuck.**

**Trunk: trunk lid is #9 wire only in 6 spots. You may weld a 1" hardware washer around each hole to keep from tearing. Washers can't bridge any body gap.**

**Hood: In addition to the 2 pieces of 3/4" or smaller allthread in the core support, the washers must not exceed 4" x 4". You will be allowed 4 more bolts to hold the hood down using angle iron 2x2x2 and bolt hood or use #9 wire. Must be body to body only. You may weld a 1" hardware washer around each hole to keep from tearing only when wire is used. Washers can't bridge any body gap.**

**17. For safety you must have 9 wire or chain from the roof to the cowl in the windshield opening.**

**18. MOTOR MOUNTS: Engine cradle can be FRONT PLATE AND LOWER CRADLE 1/2" thick maximum material and can go from factory engine mounts mounting bolts forward only, must mount to a Stock OEM rubber mount or spaced with hockey pucks with 2 bolts to mount to engine crossmember only. You can use the engine and transmission of your choice. No distributor protectors, No header protectors, No carb protectors, No pulley protectors or No transmission braces. No mid plates. The mounting pad may be welded to the engine crossmember only.**

**19. You may use an aftermarket steel bellhousing for safety purposes but no other bracing is allowed and no aftermarket tail shafts. Transmission must use a factory mount or 9 wire only.**

**20. Floor or cable shifter is allowed.**

**21. Rear-end swaps aren't allowed. No rear-end bracing of any kind. You may weld the rear-end gears or use a spool. Unlimited gearing.**

**22. Stock or slider driveshafts are allowed.**

**23. Vertical headers are allowed.**

**24. Transmission and oil coolers allowed but must be securely mounted and use high pressure lines. Keep it safe!!!**

**25. One factory style radiator is allowed in the factory location. Aftermarket aluminum radiators are allowed. You may use an electric fan. No extra engine cooling devices beyond the allowed oil cooler. If using a conventional fan it must be covered.**

**a) Radiators can be mounted how they came from the factory or ratchet strapped to the core support. The only thing allowed in front of the radiator is one ac condenser.**

**26. STEERING COLUMN: Aftermarket steering column is allowed. Steering box must remain factory to the car. No tie rod reinforcement at all.**

**27. No allthread shocks. You may swap coil springs to gain height.**

**28. Leaf spring cars must retain factory spring packs, shackles and clamps. No alterations.**

**29. No leaf spring conversions.**

**30. No chaining of rear-ends.**

**31. Any passenger car bumper may be used. All bumper seams may be welded and skin can be beat down and welded. Front bumpers may be loaded on the inside. You may use up to a 6" x 6" mounting plate if you desire. A 4" x 6" square tube bumper may also be used front or rear instead of a factory bumper. Fab bumper allowed but must be same dimensions as a factory bumper.**

**Mounting front bumper has 2 options:**

**1- Use the factory shock in the factory location. You can collapse the shock and weld all the way around. Weld the shock to the frame and the bumper to the shock. no welding of the shock beyond 6" from the end of the frame rail. Must remain factory beyond that point. You may weld a 2" x 1/4" strap from the bumper to the frame and also 8" from the end of the rail. No longer. 1 per corner**

**2- Weld the bumper straight to the frame and use a 2" x 1/4" strap welded to the bumper and on one side of the frame no further than 8" from the end of the frame rail.**

**32. You may trim the front frame down to square it up to mount the bumper; however the core support mount and bracket must remain in the factory location unaltered.**

**33. The back bumper mounts and shocks must be used and not altered or welded on in any way. You may weld a 2" x 1/4" strap from the bumper to the frame no more than 8" from the end of the rail.**

**34. TRANSMISSION CROSSMEMBER: If you choose to not run the factory transmission cross member you may use 2" x 2" tubing instead. It must mount in factory make and model location. No plates bigger than 4" x 4" x 4" welded to the frame to weld your cross member to!!!**

**35. You may notch or dimple the rear frame rails.**

**36. Absolutely no welding on the frame except for the bumper, engine mounts and transmission crossmember mounts. No seam welding.**

**37. No frame shaping, pitching or cold tilting allowed fresh or preran. If pulling a car back down. Be Careful not to pull it past the factory position.**

**38. Pre-ran cars may have up to six 4"x6"x1/4" or 6"x6"x1/8" repair plates on a bent, rusted or broken frame. Six total can be either size plate. BUT MAX OF SIX TOTAL PLATES.**

**1" gap between plates. If there's no visible rust or bends you will remove the additional plates. Must prove they're needed. Just because it's pre-ran doesn't mean it needs them.**

**39. Re-Clipping of cars allowed, 1-inch overlap with no additional materials, single pass only. Clips must match make & model**

**40. Plates/Welds cannot be touching or overlapping including bumper strap and A-arm strap . Plates must be 1" apart including welds.**

**41. PLATES: Fresh Cars can have 2 plates 4"x6"x1/4" or 6"x6"x1/8" Either size but only 2 MAX. Plates can't protrude between the crush box and frame rail. Outside of the box and rail only.**

**42. Unlimited 9 wire may be used. #9 wire must contact sheetmetal or frame. A turnbuckle, tuggie or etc can be used to aid in tightening.**

**43. All suspension must be factory for year, make and model. No swapping any parts. 2 A arm straps per side 2"x4"x1/4" OR a MAX 2" pipe from lower A arm to bottom of frame.**

**44. 2003 up can use a basic cradle mounted to the factory aluminum cradle to mount engine to. CAN NOT TOUCH FRAME AT ALL. MUST ONLY MOUNT TO THE FACTORY 4.6 ENGINE MOUNT POINTS.**



**We strongly suggest that you have roll over protection for Safety!!!**

### **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**

