

# RULES OF COMPETITION



Saturday October 3, 2009  
Washington County Fairgrounds Arena

## Preparing Your Vehicles

- No convertibles, trucks, Chrysler Imperials or panel vehicles are allowed. Station wagons are acceptable for full-sized car competition. Compact cars may be entered in heats specifically for them.
- All glass, snap-on chrome, clips, hubcaps, trailer hitches, plastic lenses, etc. must be removed from the exterior of your vehicle.
- Screen wire should be used to protect the windshield opening.
- The doors, trunk lids and hood must be secured with chain or cable, or welded shut. Any doors that open are grounds for disqualification.
- Your hood should have an opening cut in the top to allow the use of fire extinguishers if necessary.
- Your trunk needs to have a 10" - 12" inspection hole.
- The driver's doorpost must be padded.
- The bottom of the rear bumper must be no higher than 21" from the ground on level pavement.
- You may cut out metal around fenders and wheels if desired, and you may also weld metals together after cutting out, but no additional reinforcement is allowed.
- No added weight, ballast or reinforcement is allowed to bumpers, frame, fenders, body, floor or any other location on your car, except the driver's door.
- For the driver's safety, a channel iron may be bolted or secured along the outside of the driver's door, not to exceed 2"X 6".
- Tires are to be filled with air only. On full-sized cars, the maximum tire size allowed is 16 inches.
- No spring lifts are allowed; coil springs may be welded into place.
- Roll bars are allowed, but they may not be attached to the frame.
- No full cages are allowed.
- All interior fabric of combustible nature, with the exception of the front seat, must be removed from the interior of the car.
- The headliner, rear seat, door panels, and floor mats must be removed.
- Seat belts are mandatory and must be securely fastened to the car.
- Brace bars are required between center doorposts of hard tops.
- If desired, you may support the driver's seat with a horizontal brace behind the seat, between the doorposts.
- The battery must be relocated to the car's interior, securely attached to the floorboard on the passenger side with bolts or metal straps.



## **Preparing Your Vehicles, continued**

- The original fuel tank must be removed, or punctured and drained.
- A replacement gas tank must be installed in the rear passenger compartment and secured so it will not become dislodged upon impact. The filler cap must be covered so gasoline cannot splash into the interior of the car.
- Radiators, stock bumpers and stock shocks must remain in their original positions.
- If desired, you may use additional transmission cooler.
- An electric fuel pump is allowed, but must be off when the ignition key is off. Air pressure, applied to the fuel tank to deliver gas to the carburetor, is prohibited.
- You may apply sponsor advertisements on your car, if desired.
- Your car number should be painted on each side of your car, and also on the roof. All car numbers should be at least 18" tall.

## **Driver Check-in and Pit Area**

- At Driver Check-in, each driver must show a valid driver's license. If not already submitted through pre-registration, each driver must also complete an Entry Form, Indemnity Form, and T-Shirt Order Form naming 2 pit attendants.
- Each car entry will admit 1 driver and 2 pit attendants. Any drivers or pit attendants under the age of eighteen (18) must submit an Indemnity Form completed and signed by the parent or guardian. Photo IDs may be asked for at Driver Check-in.
- At Driver Check-in, 3 official (adult) t-shirts will be given with each car entry: one for the driver and one each for 2 pit attendants. Additional shirts may be purchased at \$15 each.
- All cars must pass inspection before competing, to ensure compliance with the above rules.
- All drivers must attend the mandatory driver meeting at 4:00. Failure to attend will disqualify you.
- Leave your coolers at home. You may purchase food and drinks at our concession stand, to support the charities that this event serves.
- Anyone in the pit area showing signs of drunkenness or drug use will immediately be asked to leave with no refund.
- No firearms are allowed in the pit area.
- After the event, each driver and pit crew are responsible for removing their debris.
- Drivers must arrange for the tow of their own vehicles. All cars must be removed by midnight from the grounds. Any car left at the fairgrounds after midnight will be towed at the owner's expense.



## **During Competition**

- Each car will be assigned to a specific heat. If a car cannot make it to its assigned heat, it will be disqualified and the entry fee forfeited.
- Only one person (the driver) is allowed in each car during competition.
- All drivers must wear approved crash helmets. Face shields, neck braces and goggles are highly recommended.
- A flag will be supplied to each driver, and must be taped to the car's door post. You must have the flag to participate. Do not enter the arena without a flag.
- No loose items are allowed inside a car, including 2-way radios.
- Each car must make a hit at least once each minute. Anyone not making hits at the rate of one per minute will be eliminated from the competition.
- If a car stalls, the driver has one minute to get back into motion, and then one additional minute to make another hit.
- No direct head-on collisions are allowed.
- No intentional or avoidable collisions are allowed on a driver's door. Any driver intentionally hitting another driver's door will be immediately disqualified.
- Drivers must remain inside their vehicles at all times while a heat is in progress. There is only one exception to this rule: if there is a fire in a vehicle, the driver is allowed to exit. At that time, the heat will be stopped and the fire extinguished by fire department personnel. When the fire is out, the heat will resume.
- If any driver is caught with a "buddy system" or "sandbagging", that driver will be disqualified. Hits must be aggressive.
- If a car door opens during a heat, that car will be disqualified.
- If a different driver is desired to drive in a heat, rather than the driver who registered in the event, the judges must be immediately notified and the second driver must complete an Indemnity Form before competing. Failure to comply will disqualify the car.
- Drivers should not leave the arena floor before the Race Steward gives a positive signal. Any cars leaving the arena, before a heat is officially over, will be disqualified.
- The Race Steward has final authority on decisions regarding scoring and rule violations.