

## Sandy Creek Fire Department's Annual Demolition Derby Rules and Regulations 2022

The Demolition Derby is designed as an unusual spectator event. Each and every entrant is subject to the following rules and regulations as set forth by the Sandy Creek Fire Department, in the interest and safety of all involved.

### Driver's Entry:

**NOTE: Officials have the right to accept or reject any and all applications.**

1. You must be 16 years of age or older, including crew members.
2. Minor Drivers (16-17 year-old) and parent must fill out a Release & Waiver of Liability form and must show a form of picture ID with birthday. (See Participation Regulations #23)
3. You must fill out an entry form prior to the Derby and include a \$35.00 ENTRY FEE per vehicle when you register.
4. Pit passes for crew and spectators are \$15.00. (See Participation Regulations #27)
5. You must supply your own car for the event. You may enter as many cars as there are qualifying heats unless otherwise noted on the entry form.
6. There can be NO driver switching between vehicles at any time, including regular heats and consolation heats.

### Participation Regulations

1. **Conduct:** Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the field and pit areas. Violation of this rule by any driver or crew member will result in disqualification of the vehicle and immediate removal of all persons involved. No entry fee will be refunded. All competition rules will be outlined at the **MANDATORY driver's** meeting held 30 minutes prior to the start of the Derby. Fighting may result in disqualification from this and future events. No tag-teaming, each driver run your own race. No pinning to the wall.
2. **SAFETY AND CAR INSPECTIONS:** No commercial vehicles, including limos, hearses, ambulances or Chrysler Imperials or Imperial frames 1973 or older. Any two or four door hardtop cars are allowed. Cars are divided into class, small cars classified, as those having four-cylinder engines, and big cars classified as those having six or eight-cylinder engines. All vehicles must have a minimum 100" wheelbase. No 4WD vehicles allowed unless the front or rear wheel drive shafts have been removed. We reserve the right to drill holes in any part of the car during the inspection. We reserve the right to inspect all winning cars. All airbags must be removed. All cars that do not meet inspection will be loaded.
3. **BUMPERS/SHOCKS:** Any OEM CAR bumper is permitted. You may cut or bend bumper ends for clearance. Brackets may be re-bolted but must be used in their original manner. They may not be altered in any way. You may collapse and weld bumper shocks and weld bumper solid to the shocks. If there are no shocks, bumper may be welded to the frame but with no added metal.
4. **HELMETS AND SAFETY BELTS:** All drivers must wear an approved full-face helmet with a shield or safety glasses. This should also have a chin wraparound. Safety belts and quick release chest restraint shoulder harnesses are required. If a shoulder harness needs to be added to the vehicle it should be bolted through the roof. If a harness or belt breaks it must be repaired before you will be allowed to participate. There is a time limit for repairs, at the discretion of the officials. Long-sleeved shirts and neck protection are strongly encouraged.
5. **ROLLOVER BARS/HALO BARS:** A four point is recommended by not required. If using a dash bar and seat bar (bar running behind driver's seat) they must be attached to the side bar. If no side bars are used, the seat bar must be attached to the solid part of the pillars and not to the door's sheet metal. Roof bars are allowed but must come off the seat bar and must go straight up, across and bolt in 3 spots across the roof.
6. **PRE-BENDING/PRE-RUN CARS: ABSOLUTELY NO PRE-BENDING:** Pre-run cars must be approved by the judges and will be treated as a new entry.
7. **BODY MOUNTS/ENGINE:** The body mounts may be removed, two in the very front of the car closest to the bumper and two in the very back, closest to the bumper, a total of four only. Headers are allowed but must be

in front of the fire wall. They must have a separate hole, different from the hood hole. Engine mounts may be altered if engine swaps occur. Any metal added to make engine fit or to support engine cannot exceed thickness of the frame. Bolts fastening the body to the frame cannot exceed ½". Any holes larger than 4" x 4" in the firewall must be covered with metal.

8. **FRAME AND SUSPENSION:** No welding, cutting or alternation of frames or sub-frames or suspensions. Car must have factory and free-moving suspension. Pre-run cars with ripped frames may have tack welding AND MUST BE PAINTED BRIGHT YELLOW but must be brought to the attention of the officials during inspection. NO repair to frames will be allowed after initial inspection.

9. **GLASS:** All glass, except for the windshield, must be removed, including headlights, tail light and sunroof. All glass edges must be removed.

10. **GASOLINE: NO MORE THAN THREE (3) GALLONS IS PERMITTED IN TANK.** Gas tanks may remain in original position and may be chained or wired or strapped in place. No gas tank protectors are allowed. **NO LEAKING GAS TANKS WHEN ENTERING PIT AREA** and through the first run. No octane over 93 is allowed. Option: Fuel cells may be used but must be DOT certified tanks and must be securely fastened behind the driver's seat and covered with a SECURED metal/rubber flap.

11. **RADIATORS:** Prior to bringing vehicles to derby radiators must be drained and back flushed of ALL antifreeze coolants. They then can be refilled with water or any of the new naturally biodegradable coolants. You must evacuate all air condition apparatus (lines & pumps) and gas refrigerates coolants from your vehicles.

12. **DOORS:** Must be chained or welded shut and, if welded, the "3 on 3 off" method is to be used. Front doors must be painted solid white with black numbers. If the door comes open, the car will be disqualified. Roof number plates are acceptable but must be safely fastened.

13. **COSMETICS:** Wheel covers, sharp hood ornaments, mirrors, antennas, and ALL chrome and plastic molding, including grills, must be removed. Protruding tail fins must be bent over. Profanity, obscene pictures or wording painted on vehicles is strictly prohibited. Small numbered roof signs are allowed BUT must be securely fastened. If it comes loose, you will be disqualified. All dirt and loose debris must be swept out. Rear seat, rearview mirror and sun visors must be removed. Any holes in floor must be covered with metal.

14. **TIRES:** All-season tires only, not to exceed 6 ply. TRUCK tires cannot exceed 10 ply. No snow studded, or aggressive tread tires allowed on drive axle. The tires must be filled with air only and no modifications may be made to the tires or rims. Valve stem protectors will be allowed. No tires inside of tires will be allowed. All wheel weights must be removed prior to racing.

15. **TRAILER HITCHES:** All trailer hitches must be removed, including all added hitch brackets. No exceptions, no excuses.

16. **ELECTRICAL UNITS:** Batteries 12 volt only, solenoid and voltage regulators may be relocated, provided they remain under the hood and forward of the firewall and not enclosed in any way. Another option is to Place the battery in the passenger seat or passenger flood board. IT MUST be in a DOT approved covered, battery box and fastened securely and to the satisfaction of the inspecting officials. No open wires will be allowed.

17. **ENGINES/TRANSMISSIONS:** The engine and transmission may be interchanged, number of cylinders must remain the same, but the rear end must be the same make as the car. Transmission may be chained up but to the cross member only. You may have only one throttle cable and it must be foot-operated only. Transmission and engine lines may be by-passed. Floor shifters may be used but must be installed in a safe and secure method. No slider shafts.

18. **HOOD:** All vehicles must have a 12" hole cut over the carburetor or throttle body. Hold-down springs and/or shocks must be removed. Releases are to be replaced with two (2) hood pins or seat belted, but NOT chained, wired, welded or bolted down due to fire regulations. The use of 5/8" all-thread from body mounts through the hood may be used, not to exceed 2" above the hood. All threads must be ground smooth, with a hole for a pin. The all tread may be welded to the top of the frame rail. The hood must be able to open freely. All vehicles must start the Derby with a hood.

19. **CARBURETOR:** Cars that have air cleaners installed are to have these held down with a wing out only. The

filter element may be removed.

20. **TRUNK:** Hold down springs and shocks must be removed. Trunk latches must be removed. Any vehicles with any compartments must leave accessibility for inspection. Or it may be welded down with three (3) inch on each side. There must be a twelve (12) inch hole in the center of the trunk. All vehicles must start the Derby with a trunk.

21. **IGNITION SWITCHES:** The complete ignition switch may be relocated or altered using a key or toggle switch in place of the original. Switches are to be relocated within eighteen (18) inches of steering wheel. Any open wiring used to start the vehicle is prohibited. It must have a factory steering column.

22. **THE WINNERS OF THE CONSOLATION EVENTS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED IN THE FEATURE.**

You must run in a regular event to run in a consolation event. There will be trophies for consolation events.

23. **MINORS CLASS: Only 16-17 yr old allowed in Minors Heat. Driver and parent must sign a Release & Waiver of Liability.** Heats will be determined by the number of entries divided to ensure the safety of the drivers. **There will be no feature.** There must be at least six pre-registered entries, which must be paid one (1) week prior to the Derby. All rules and regulations as stated above will apply. Pre-registrants will be contacted in advance.

24. **MINIVAN AND TRUCK CLASS:** A minivan and Truck class (half-ton or smaller) will be held in addition to the small and large car classes, provided there are at least six pre-registered entries, which must be paid one (1) week prior to the derby. All rules and regulations as stated above will apply. Heats will be determined by the number of entries divided to ensure the safety of the drivers. Pre-registrants will be contacted in advance.

25. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** In the case of emergency during a heat, a fire apparatus will sound its air horn. This means all vehicles must immediately stop in their current position. All drivers must remain in their cars unless otherwise directed. You will be disqualified and out after two fires in the same heat. If a car is pushed out of bounds, the driver is out of the race. The track official may decide, based on the circumstance to allow the driver to re-enter. If driver intentionally leaves track prior to end of race, driver is the disqualified from that heat. It will be at the discretion of the Judges as to whether this car may reenter another race. **When heat is down to the last two cars running, they have one minute to eliminate each other, if not eliminated, the heat will be stopped and both will go to the feature.**

26. **PROTESTS:** In the event of a tie, money will be divided equally between the winners. \$25.00 must accompany each written protest and be submitted within five (5) minutes of the heat completion. Protests apply to the winner only under Safety and Car specifications. If officials find the car illegal, the winner will be disqualified. Officials reserve the right to alter the program and structure of the events. **Any exceptions to the rules will be at the discretion of the Officials and their decision is FINAL!**

27. **PIT PASSES:** Can be obtained at any gate for \$15.00. Anyone 16 and over may enter the pits; minors (16-17 year old) and their parent must fill out a Release & Waiver of Liability form and show a form of picture ID with birthdate. You are required to wear a wrist band.

28. **ALL CARS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS BY THE OWNER NO LATER THAN 8:00AM** the next day following the Derby. This is your responsibility so make arrangements before derby time.

**ALL CARS MUST BE INSPECTION READY WHEN ENTERING THE PIT GATE.  
ONLY MINOR WORK WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE INFIELD**

**Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Pit gate opens at One and closes promptly at 5pm.**

**Race at 6pm**

**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Pit gate opens at Noon and closes promptly at 4pm.**

**Race at 5pm**

- **NO REFUND ON CARS THAT DO NOT PASS INSPECTION**
- **ANYONE NOT SIGNED IN BY GATE CLOSING TIME WILL BE ASSESSED AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 FEE**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-INS AFTER THE DERBY HAS STARTED**

**PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHIES AS FOLLOWS:**

Overall Best Decorated \$75.00 and Trophy  
Winner(s) in Each Heat \$100.00 and Trophy  
Minors Heat(s) Winner \$100.00 and Trophy  
Best of Show per Heat \$75.00 and Trophy  
Consolation Event Winner \$100.00 and Trophy  
Overall Small Feature Winner \$400.00 and Trophy  
Best of Show for Features Small Car \$150.00 and Trophy  
Big Car \$250.00 and Trophy  
Overall Feature Winner \$1000.00 and the Dick McNitt Memorial Trophy

**\*Contact the Sandy Creek Fire Department via their Facebook page with any questions**