

SANDY CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
ANNUAL DEMOLITION DERBY
Rules and Regulations 2025

The Demolition Derby is an unusual spectator event. To ensure the safety of everyone involved, every entrant must adhere to the rules and regulations set by the Sandy Creek Fire Department.

DRIVER'S ENTRY

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

1. You must be 16 or older, including crew members.
2. Minor Drivers (16-17 years old) and parents must fill out a release & waiver of liability form and show a form of picture ID with birthdate. (see participation regulations #23)
3. When registering, you must fill out an entry form before the Derby and include a **\$35.00 ENTRY FEE** per vehicle.
4. Pit passes for crew are \$20.00 and are obtained at the back gate only.
5. You must supply your car for the event. You may enter as many cars as there are qualifying heats unless otherwise noted on the entry form.
6. The driver cannot switch between vehicles, including regular heats, consolation heats, and features.

HEATS WILL BE DETERMINED BY 100% BLIND DRAW ACCORDING TO CLASS.

Participation Regulations

CODE OF CONDUCT: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the field and pit areas. If any driver or crew member violates this rule, the vehicle will be disqualified, and all persons involved will be immediately removed. No entry fee will be refunded. All competition rules will be explained at the **MANDATORY** driver's meeting, which will be held 30 minutes before the start of the Derby. Engaging in physical altercations may lead to disqualification from this and future events. Tag-teaming is prohibited, and each driver must run their race—**NO PINNING TO THE WALL.**

SAFETY AND CAR INSPECTIONS: No commercial vehicles, including limos, hearses, ambulances, Chrysler Imperials, or Imperial frames 1973 or older. Any two or four-door hardtop car is allowed. Cars are divided into two classes: 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 109" wheelbase. No 4WD vehicles are allowed unless the front or rear wheel drive shafts have been removed. We reserve the right to drill holes in any car part during the inspection. We reserve the right to inspect all winning cars. All airbags must be removed. All vehicles that do not meet inspection will be loaded.

HELMETS AND SAFETY BELTS: All drivers must wear an approved full-face helmet with a shield or safety glasses. This helmet 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 can participate. There is a time limit for repairs at the discretion of the officials. Long-sleeved shirts and neck protection are strongly encouraged.

BUMPERS/SHOCKS: Passenger car bumpers are permitted, but they may not be wider than the car. You are allowed to cut or bend bumper ends for clearance and re-bolt brackets as long as they are used in their original manner and not altered. You can collapse and weld bumper shocks and weld the bumper solid to the shocks. If there are no shocks, the bumper may be welded to the frame with a max of 5x5x 1/4 inch plate only. You cannot load or stuff bumpers, including adding extra steel; homemade bumpers are not allowed. The removal of fenders is also not permitted.

ROLLOVER BARS/HALO BARS: A four-point is recommended but not required. If using a dash bar and seat bar (bar running behind the driver's seat), they must be attached to the side bar. If no sidebars are used, the seat belt must be attached to the solid part of the pillars, not the door's sheet metal. Roof bars are allowed but must come off the seat bar and go straight up, across, and bolt in three spots across the roof.

BODY MOUNTS/ENGINE: When replacing body mounts with hockey pucks, ensure there is a 1" gap between the body and the frame. Do not modify the hockey pucks. Headers are permitted but must be located in front of the firewall, with a separate hole from the hood. Engine mounts may be adjusted for engine swaps. Any added metal for engine fitment or support cannot exceed the thickness of the frame. Bolts and washers fastening the body to the frame should not exceed 1/2" in diameter. Motors can be secured with chains no larger than 3/8". Washers holding the body down should not exceed 4"x4"x1/4".

PRE-BENDING/PER-RUN CARS: **Absolutely no pre-bending is allowed.** Pre-run cars must be approved by the judges and will be considered new entries. Pre-run cars with ripped frames may have tack welding or a maximum of four 4"x4"x1/4" plates, and these must be painted **bright yellow**. However, this must be brought to the officials' attention during the inspection.

FRAME AND SUSPENSION: Frames may be notched or dimpled but cannot be welded back together. Suspension should remain in factory form but may be solid. It should not exceed the bumper height of 20 inches from the bottom of the bumper. If a chain is used for suspension modification, it may not exceed 3/8".

GLASS: All glass, except for the windshield, must be removed, including the headlights, taillights, and sunroof. All glass edges must be removed. **No exceptions.**

CAR INTERIOR: Sweep out all dirt and loose debris from the interior. Remove the rear seat, rearview mirror, and sun visors. You may reinforce the driver's seat with a chain or rope, attaching it horizontally from the driver's side to the passenger side, behind the seat. This reinforcement must be welded to the body and the pipe used should be no larger than 3" in diameter. Remove all door panels, headliners, carpet, and rear seats. Ensure that the trunk is empty and that all carpets have been removed.

GASOLINE/FLUIDS: Must be kept in their original position and secured using chains, wires, or fasteners. Zip screws are not allowed for this purpose. You can use gas tank protectors, but they must be mounted to your cage or spreader bar and should not touch the speaker deck. There must be no leaking gas tanks when entering the pit area and throughout the first run. Also, only fuel with an octane rating of 93 or lower is permitted. You can use fuel cells, but they must be firmly fastened behind the car's B-Post and covered with a securely attached metal or rubber flap (no plastic tanks are allowed). These rules must be strictly followed with no exceptions.

RADIATORS: Before bringing vehicles to the derby, radiators must be drained and back flushed of ALL antifreeze coolant. They can be refilled with water or any new naturally biodegradable coolant. You must evacuate your vehicle's air conditioning apparatus (line and pumps) and gas-refrigerated coolants. The radiator must remain in its original position.

DOORS: They must be chained or welded shut, and if welded, the “3 on 3 off” method will be used. No car-sharing chains. NO EXCEPTIONS. Chains must be on at inspection. The driver's door may be completely welded. If the door comes open, the car will be disqualified. The sunroof must be covered with steel or ¾” plywood. Roof number plates are acceptable but must be safely fastened. Your registered number must be visible.

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 they come loose, you will be disqualified.

TIRES: Any ply tire is allowed, but studded or concrete-filled tires are not. Valve stem protectors and variable lug centers will be allowed, but full centers will not. Rim guards or bead locks are not allowed. All-wheel weights must be removed before racing.

TRAILER HITCHES: All trailer hitches, including added hitch brackets, must be removed. There are no exceptions and no excuses.

ELECTRICAL UNITS: Only 12-volt batteries are allowed. The batteries can be kept in the original position in the vehicle, or they can be placed in the passenger seat or on the floorboard. However, they must be placed in a non-electrical conducting covered battery box approved by the Department of Transportation. The box must be securely fastened using bolts or two non-electrical conducting tie-downs to the satisfaction of the inspecting officials. It's important to note that car sharing is not allowed, and the battery must be properly secured at the time of inspection. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

ENGINES/TRANSMISSIONS: The engine and transmission can be swapped, but the number of cylinders must stay the same. The rear end must be from the same make as the car. The transmission can be secured with chains, but only to the cross-member. Transmission and engine lines can be bypassed. Floor shifters are allowed, but they must be installed safely and securely without any unnecessary cutting. Slider shafts are also allowed.

HOOD: All vehicles must have a 12" hole cut over the carburetor or throttle body. Hold-down springs and/or shocks must be removed. They must be replaced with at least 2 hood pins, wires, or chains with a maximum of 4 securement points. You may run the body mount up through the hood and bolt it down through the hood, but it will count as two hold-down spots. The use of ½” all-thread from body mounts through the hood may be used, not to exceed 2” above the hood. The hood must be able to open freely.

TRUNK: Hold-down springs and shocks must be removed, as must trunk latches. Vehicles with compartments must allow for inspection accessibility. Trunk lids may be wired or welded down in up to four 4 locations. If the trunk is permanently closed, there must be a 12-inch hole in the center of it. Trunks may be tucked.

IGNITION SWITCHES: The ignition switch can be relocated or modified using a key or toggle switch instead of the original. The switches must be placed within 18 inches of the steering wheel and securely mounted with no exposed wiring.

Heat winners and consolation winners will automatically be entered in the feature. Participants must compete in a regular heat to be eligible for a consolation event. Trophies will be awarded for consolation events.

MINORS CLASS: Only 16 and 17 year-olds will be allowed in the minor heat. Drivers and parents must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability. To ensure the safety of the drivers, heats will be determined by the number of entries divided. There will be no feature. At least six pre-registered entries must be paid 1 week before the derby. Separate minor class rules and regulations will apply. Pre-registrants will be contacted in advance.

MINIVAN AND TRUCK CLASS: A minivan and truck class will be added in addition to the small and large car classes. If applicable, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicles will have their own class. All rules and regulations mentioned above will apply.

PIT PASSES: Pit passes are available for \$20 obtained at the back gate only. Each pit pass necessitates the signature of a liability waiver form. Individuals who are 16 and older are permitted to enter the pits. However, minors (aged 16-17) and their parents/guardians must complete a release and waiver of liability form and present a valid photo ID with their birthdate. It is mandatory to wear the provided wristband at all times.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- In case of an emergency during a heat, a fire apparatus will sound its air horn. This indicates that all vehicles must immediately stop in their current position. All drivers must remain in their cars unless otherwise directed. A driver will be disqualified and out after experiencing two fires in the same heat; however, they may still be eligible for future heats or consolation.
- If another car pushes a driver out of bounds, that driver may re-enter the track **SLOWLY**. The driver may resume after all four tires are back within the tape. If a driver intentionally leaves the track before the end of the race, the driver is disqualified from that heat. It will be at the judges' discretion whether this car may re-enter another race.
- A two-minute clock will start once the race is down to the last two cars. These final two cars will have a two-minute limit to disable each other. If, at the end of two minutes, both cars are still running, the race will be called off, the two drivers will split the prize money and both will advance to the feature race.
- Only two people will be allowed in the car during the parade, and everyone must remain inside.
- **Please ensure the owner removes all cars from the fairgrounds no later than 8:00 am the day following each derby. It is your responsibility to do so. Anything left on the fairgrounds property after 8:00 AM the day following each derby will become the property of The Fire Company of Sandy Creek.**
- All cars must be ready for inspection upon entering the pit gate area. Only minor repairs are allowed in the infield.
- No refund will be issued for cars that do not pass inspection or have been disqualified!
- **Anyone not registered and inspected by the gate closing time will not be permitted to enter. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Just because the rules don't say you can't do it, doesn't mean you can. Please contact us with any questions; it will save you from loading your car.
- **Overall Best Decorated and Mad Dog winners will be determined by the Judge.** Mad Dog winner is the most aggressive driver with the best hard-hit show. **Heat winners are not exempt.

ABSOLUTLEY NO SPECTATORS OR DRIVERS ALLOWED ON THE TRACK OR ON THE BARRIERS AT ANY TIME. ONLY ONE VERBAL WARNING WILL BE GIVEN. ANYONE SPOKEN TO MORE THEN ONCE WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE PIT. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN. 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!

TROPHIES AND PRIZE MONEY AS FOLLOWS:

Overall Best Decorated	\$75 and Trophy
Each Heat Winner	\$250 and Trophy
Truck Heat Winner	\$200 and Trophy
Van Heat Winner	\$200 and Trophy
Mad Dog per Heat	\$100 and Trophy
Grudge Match Heat Winner	\$300 and Trophy
(Truck & Vans)	
Grudge Match Mad Dog	\$200 and Trophy
Consolation Heat Winner	\$100 and Trophy
Small Feature Winner	\$400 and Trophy
Small Feature Runner-Up	\$200 and Trophy
Big Feature Runner-Up	\$300 and Trophy
Mad Dog for Features	\$300 and Trophy -Big Car
	\$200 and Trophy - Small Car
Overall Big Feature Winner	\$600 and the Dick McNitt Memorial Trophy

**THURSDAY JULY 3rd, 2025
GATES OPEN AFTER 12:30 PM
GATES CLOSE PROMPTLY 3:30 PM
FIRST HEAT AT 5:00 PM**

**SATURDAY JULY 5TH, 2025
GATES OPEN AFTER 8:00 AM
GATES CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 11:30 AM
FIRST HEAT AT 1:00 PM**

****ALL CARS MUST BE REGISTERED, INSPECTED, AND INSIDE THE GATE BY
GATE CLOSING TIME NO EXCEPTIONS****

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