

**SANDY CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT'S**  
**ANNUAL DEMOLITION DERBY**  
**V8, 4&6 Cylinder, Mini van, Suv Rules and Regulations 2026**

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 **\$40.00 ENTRY FEE** per vehicle.
4. Pit Passes for crew are \$15.00
5. You must supply your car for the event. Unless otherwise noted on the entry form, you may enter as many cars as there are qualifying heats.

**HEATS WILL BE DETERMINED BY 100% BLIND DRAW AT THE DRIVER'S MEETING 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 OR HOLDING TO THE WALL OR OTHER CARS.**

**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 100" 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. You may not add shocks, if there are no shocks, the bumper may be welded to the frame with a 6x6x1/4in plate. **You may bend plate but do not cut and divide plate.** You cannot load or stuff bumpers, including adding extra steel; homemade bumpers are not allowed. The removal of fenders is also not permitted. No stuffing of the frame to mount the bumper

**ROLLOVER BARS/HALO BARS:** A four-point is recommended but not required. If you run a dash bar and seat bar (bar running behind the driver's seat), they must be attached to the side bar. Side bars may be no taller than 8 inches. If no side bars 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 go straight up, across, and bolt in three spots across the roof. Halo bar may be bolted to the roof in a max of 3 spots. You can use gas tank protectors, but they must be mounted to your cage or spreader bar and should not touch the speaker deck.

**BODY:** Body mounts may be replaced but must have a 1in gap between body and frame at each mount. Do not add any additional body mounts. Bolts may be no larger than **5/8"**, washers holding body may be no larger than 3x3x1/4. Sun roofs must be covered.

**PRE-BENDING/PER-RUN CARS:** **No pre-bending or altering body panels is allowed.** Pre-run cars must be approved by the judges and new entries will be considered. All cars fresh and pre-ran are allowed a maximum of 4 plates no larger than 4x4x1/4 **plates must be at least 1-inch apart plates may not touch.**

**FRAME AND SUSPENSION:** Frames may be notched or dimpled but do not weld back together. Suspension should remain in factory form but may be solid. It should not exceed the bumper height of 20 inches to the bottom of the bumper. If a chain is used for suspension modification, it may not exceed  $\frac{3}{8}$ ".

**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 car 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.

**Gas Tanks:** tank may be left in original position or you may run a fuel cell but must be 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 as stated above. There must be no leaking gas tanks when entering the pit area and throughout the first run. Also. You can use fuel cells, but they must be firmly fastened behind the car's B-Post and (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.

**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. Numbered roof signs are allowed but must be securely fastened.

**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. **You may run an engine cradle to mount your engine but must still have a rubber mount/bushing.** No distributor protectors.

**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 hood pins, wires, or chains with a **maximum of 6 locations.** 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 5/8 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 for inspection.

**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 6 locations.** If the trunk is permanently closed, there must be a twelve (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 eighteen (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- 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 features for this class. 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.

**PIT PASSES:** Pit passes are available for \$15 at any gate. 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. 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 fairground's 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.**

**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!**