

Klamath County Fair Demolition Derby Car Rules 2026

- Klamath County Fairgrounds is a non-smoking facility. **NO** smoking on the grounds!
- Absolutely no alcohol or intoxicating substance in the pit area prior to or during the event. Any driver or pit member signed in with car found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will disqualify the car for the remainder of the event. **Absolutely no open containers.**
- The Klamath County Fairgrounds and event staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- All drivers must present a valid driver's license or learner's permit for minors and sign a release of liability waiver. Participants 16-17 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the entry form and release of liability waiver.
- Cars must be towed or trailered to the event and must be removed from the grounds after the event.
- Upon registration there will be a \$50.00 fee; this covers the entry of the car, driver and two pit members. Additional pit passes are \$20.00 each. Pit members must sign a release of liability waiver.
- Depending on the car count, there will be 2 car heats, and the main event. Additional heats may be needed based on total number of cars. There has to be a minimum of 2 cars in each heat including the powder puff. All cars that participate in a heat or the powder puff are eligible to return for the main event. The car qualifies not the driver (for example, a powderpuff car can be driven in the main by a male driver as long as he has signed a waiver, entry form, and must be declared the driver during registration). If a car is disqualified from the heat it can return to the main with a different driver who has filled out the required documentation. Women can drive in the main event if they choose to do so.
- No one is allowed in the arena area during the event. Only officials will be allowed to be on the arena side of the fence during the events. After the last heat there will be an intermission to prep the arena for the main event.
- Drivers must stay in the car/truck until the heat is over, or the event has been stopped by officials, due to fire or immediate danger
- All glass must be removed from cars.
- NO studded tires or chains.
- Flammable materials inside the car must be removed. Trunks must be free from any debris. Inside of doors must be clear from all glass and debris. All light covers, bulbs, side mirrors, hubcaps, grills, side chrome, plastic, door handles and pot metal must be removed.
- **If car is equipped with plastic inner fenders they will be removed.**
- All trailer hitches, related brackets, reinforcements and hardware will be completely removed.

- Radiator must be in the stock location. 5 additional gallons of coolant allowed. Looped lines will be permitted.
- You must have an air cleaner. A large hole must be cut in the hood at least 12" in diameter, for fire extinguisher access. Stack holes are acceptable for fire access holes.
- Exhaust pipe must be cut in front of the rear axle, if not using stacks.
- Any rear end may be used as long as it is OEM to a car. NO truck rear ends.
- **Stock fuel tanks must be removed.**
- Gas tanks must be a safe container and made of steel. Example: a boat tank, saddle tank or fabricated tanks must be approved by an official. **NO PLASTIC tanks or cans.** Gas cans must be bolted and/or chained solid to car body, and must not connect to the frame. Tanks must be capped with leak proof cap, and placed securely behind the driver seat, or placed in the center of the rear seat area.
- • **No intentional hitting of the driver's door the judge's decision is final. Direct Drivers Door Hit Will Disqualify the Car**
- In the event of a roll over, the event will be stopped until the vehicle is upright. Roll-over cars will not be allowed to continue in that heat including vehicles on their side. Under both circumstances the driver is required to shut down the motor, fuel pump, etc. If deemed safe for competition by a judge, flopped or rolled cars can return for the main event.
- Cages are optional, however cannot attach to the car frame or floor. Side bars may extend 6 inches behind passenger door seam, and 12" behind driver's door seam. Cross bars will be MANDATORY and will be no smaller than 3" in diameter and will run straight across to passenger side. Roll bars are allowed.
- No radio or cell phone communication allowed in the arena.
- Car flags will be up during the event until drivers take themselves out of the competition. If you break your flag, or are signaled to do so under disqualification, you cannot re-enter the ONGOING heat/main.
- All cars must be in continual action. Cars out of action for 2 minutes will be told to pull your flag. Cars must make a hit every 2 minutes or you will be disqualified; meaning unassisted contact in forward or reverse under power. Rocking back and forth is not considered a hit. **NO SANDBAGGING!!!** If at any time sandbagging is declared by the officials, that participant WILL BE Disqualified
- Any car or driver the officials deem to be unsafe will be ordered to stop and removed from competition. A car will not be allowed to compete if the judge's find it to be unsafe prior to a heat or main event.
- All drivers MUST have a FULL FACED helmet.

- Approved safety harnesses or functioning OEM belts are mandatory. No ratchet straps, wire, or roper. They must be mounted to stock mounts or have a 2" minimum flat washer where it is mounted through the sheet metal. Lap belts are acceptable.
- • No fiberglass/plastic racing style seats.
- Doors: You may fully weld driver's door. A maximum of 6 inches per door seam is accepted on all other doors. **Seam welding only using filler {bolts, rebar etc.}. No more than 2" wide strap allowed!** Doors may be chained on both the top and bottom of the doors. Link chain must be used, and must be bolted. No tape, wire, etc. NO roller chain, or cable will be allowed.
- Trunk lids, Tailgates, and Hoods:

A maximum of 12 inches of welding will be allowed on the trunk of cars or tailgate of wagons, and 12 inches allowed on the hood. **Seam welding only using filler {bolts, rebar etc.} strap allowed, not to exceed 2" wide.**

Hoods as well as the trunk can be bolted in a maximum of 6 places other than stock. If using plates instead of washer the maximum size is 6in by 6in.

All thread (1" max) may go through frame or be welded to the side of the frame in two locations on the trunk and two locations on the hood. **Remember 6 bolts maximum! If using the two bolts through the frame on the hood and two in the trunk, only 4 additional bolts will be authorized in the hood and 4 in the trunk.** Wagons can use two bolts through the frame inside the rear of the car behind the hump.

- **ANY WELDING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE 6 AND 12 INCHES WILL BE CUT OUT IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THE EVENT.**
- No full cradles, lower cradles are allowed.
- No distributor protectors and no transmission braces.
- **ONLY** factory frame and factory subframe allowed. No Chrysler Imperial sub frame swap allowed. Imperial must stay Imperial.
- A-arm seams forward may be welded. 1/2" welds maximum.
- Bumper guards must be removed or welded. Bumper ends may be cut off. Fenders may be cut.
- Bumper swaps are allowed; however, you must use factory hardware (bracket/shocks) {one shock or one bracket per corner not a combination of both} these pieces must be OEM original to any make of car. Bumpers and hardware
 - can be from any make of car. Square tubed 5"x5"x1/4" with no points are allowed with no capped ends and must be able to see through. No Amish pointys allowed. **NO**

homemade bumpers. Any questions...call tech.

- Front and rear bumpers may be welded solid (for example, bumper to bumper shock, shock to bracket and bracket to frame). Bumper shock itself may be collapsed and welded.
- Bumpers, front and rear may be welded directly to frame. **No added metal.**
- Bumpers must be chained to the car in a maximum of four locations and a minimum of two.
- You may re-bolt hood skins. 16 bolts maximum. 3/8" max bolt size. 1" max washer size.
- Fire extinguishers are NOT MANDATORY, ALTHOUGH HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. If a fire extinguisher is installed in the vehicle, it must be securely mounted and within drivers reach. We suggest having one in your pit area as well.
- Gas lines and fittings must be leak proof. No exceptions! Electric fuel pumps are optional. If an electric fuel pump is used, you must have an on/off switch that is positioned so that up is on and off is down. The switch must be easily visible and "off" must be clearly marked.
- Batteries must be removed from engine area and moved to the inside of the vehicle and placed in a securely mounted approved battery box, placed in the passenger floor area. Battery box must be of metal construction, and securely fastened to the floor. In **NO** way may it be connected/bolted to the frame. All batteries will be covered with rubber (inner tube) to protect the driver. **NO wooden boxes or plastic milk crates.**
- 1967-73 Chrysler Imperials will be allowed under the following stipulations
 - (a) Welding of the driver's door and safety cage is the only welding permitted on Imperials. Absolutely no welding on the body or frame of the car.
 - (b) All other doors, trunk lid, and hood must be secured shut with a minimum 1/4" and a maximum of 1/2" chain.
 - (c) In the hood, you may run two bolts at the core support that are drilled through the frame no larger than 1" in diameter. Absolutely no welding bolts to the frame. For driver's safety, two bolts at the back of the hood will

be permitted, but shall not go through the frame, sheet metal only.

(d) Trunks may be secured in 6 spots with chain only.

(e) Firewall may be cut for distributor clearance, but must be covered up in case of fire.

(f) Leaf springs may be clamped, 3 clamps per leaf, 2"x1/4" MAX, no bigger than 1/2" bolts per clamp.

(g) Any motor and transmission combos will be permitted.

- Switches or wires used for powering off the car must be within reach of the driver while harnessed in.
- Mad Dog award (most aggressive) will be determined by all officials.
- Judge's decisions are final.

ANY CAR THAT DOES NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS MUST HAVE THE ISSUES MITIGATED PRIOR TO THE DRIVER'S MEETING OR WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE.

NOTICE: The Klamath County Fairgrounds and those associated with the Destruction Derby are in no way responsible for injuries, damages, or accidents incurred in the Destruction Derby.