

# Klamath County Fair Youth Derby Rules 2026

## Age 11-15 (must have an adult passenger)

1. Any 1980 and newer rear wheel drive car will be permitted.
2. When using chain, it is a max of 3/8 diameter
3. The following must be removed prior to entering the fairgrounds; windows, plastic bumper covers, headlights, taillights, all chrome, and mirrors. Interior must be swept clean of debris and glass.
4. Under the hood you may take plastic fender wells out and strip plastic and unneeded parts off. Battery MAY be left in stock location. You may move the battery to the floor of the car and lengthen cables to reach it and must be mounted in a secure fashion.
5. Motor may be swapped or changed if the stock motor is not functional. You must use the factory rear end housing, gear, and axles for the car you are running. You may weld spider gears in rear end to make it a posi.
6. Engine must be mounted with the stock mounts in the stock position. No welding of the engine mounts. Firewall maybe be cut out or pounded back behind distributor.
7. Must use the OEM column shifter or the OEM floor shifter, whichever it came equipped with or you may use 1 solid piece of 3/8 rod direct to the linkage. The ignition switch may be bypassed along with the fuel pump.
8. You must relocate the fuel tank to the rear floor of the car, if this is done you must use a fuel cell or boat tank. No stock fuel tanks permitted inside of the car. Ratchet straps are not approved to mount fuel cells. Injected cars may use an internal or external high psi pump.
9. ALL body bolts, mounts and washers must be factory stock, no altering permitted, don't even put a socket on them. If they are broken or rusted off, you can add a new bolt.
10. The drivers and passenger doors can be welded shut. The drivers and passenger's door must be at least chained shut.
11. Trunk and hood must be chained shut for the derby and 4 bolts no larger than 1" are allowed. HOOD MUST BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION and A 12-inch hole in the hood for fire. Deck lid 12-inch tailgate must be in factory shape and position on car or be completely removed from car. You cannot remove the speaker deck from the car or push it down. No tucking, wedging, pre-bending, smashing, folding or anything else you can think of to the body. No welding washers to body for wire or chain. You may cut the rear of the trunk lid off if you choose to. Do not tuck, wedge, pre-bend, notch, fold, or anything else you can think of to modify the trunk, hood, quarter panels or fenders. No welding washers to the body when using wire or chain. The rear frame behind the humps may be notched and at no time can this be re-welded.
12. Air filled tires only. Must start with stock wheel and an 8" or smaller wheel center may be added along with a valve stem protector. No other welding. No traction tires.
1. 13. NO CREASING OF THE BODY OR FRAME IS PERMITTED AND DO NOT FOLD THE TRUNK LID. IF YOU CREASE THE BODY OR HAMMER THE BODY OR FRAME, BE PREPARED TO CHOP THE WHOLE AREA PLUS MORE OUT OR BE ASKED TO PUT IT BACK THE WAY IT CAME.
14. A cage is mandatory and must protect driver and passenger The Cage cannot be welded to the frame. The cage cannot touch the rear fender wells.

15. You must have at least two front and back window bars for your protection.
16. Steering and suspension parts for your car must be the ones that came on the car or must be replaced with box store replacement parts. No purpose-built parts. Must be as it came. Twist in coil spring boosters may be used to achieve bumper height.
17. Bumper swaps are permitted by using any car bumper excluding pointys (New Yorkers and Imperials). Cars that came factory with bumper shocks may bolt bumper to the shock plate and/or weld it to the shock plate. You may collapse the shock and weld all the way around the shock to limit the shock from sliding in and out of itself. If your car didn't come from the factory with bumper shocks, you may weld it directly to the frame. No squaring or shortening, use filler in the gaps if necessary. In either case you may weld 2 pieces of 2x6 steel strap on each side from the frame to the bumper to ensure it stays on. No homemade, loaded or seam welded bumpers. Max bumper height will be 18" to the bottom of the bumper.
18. There will be no hitting of the driver or passenger door.

**If you have questions or just need advice, please contact us, we'll be happy to help. For  
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