



2026 DEMOLITION DERBY RULES

1. Open to any American car. No Imperials of any year. No Commercial vehicles (i.e. hearse, limousines, ambulances, etc.). No pick-up trucks or convertibles.
2. Car must be stripped of all glass, interior, plastic, etc. The only thing that should remain are the dashboard and the driver's seat.
3. Driver seat must be secured to the floor; either bolted or bolted and welded. Padding on the Driver's door is highly recommended.
4. Fuel systems – Fuel cells must be mounted in the middle/rear of the vehicle where the backseat used to be. Both tank or aluminum race style fuel cells are acceptable. Fuel cells must be securely fastened to the floor. If you are running stock fuel injection systems in your car, you must have the correct fuel pump mounted to the floor with fuel injection, lines and fuel injection hose clamps. If you are unsure at all, please contact Dan directly. 10-gallon maximum tank.
5. Bumpers may be welded to bumper brackets if your vehicle has bumper shocks, they may be collapsed and must be welded together. Do not add any extra material. Bumper swaps are allowed from other cars. You may also use 4 x 4 square tubing to replace your front bumper that can be attached by using 4 x 4 flat steel and you can bend that and use that in any direction that you choose to attach the tube to the frame. This is not meant to plate the frame, just to keep the bumper attached to the car. If you need to trim the frame to make the tube fit properly, that is OK. Do not cut the frame down to shorten. No loaded bumpers. If you are using the square tube, the bumper must have both ends open for inspection. Do not load it or cap it. The ends must not exceed the center of the front tire on either side. Max height of the bumper's is 19 inches from the bottom. Do not weld straps from the bumper to the core support – no extra bracing of any kind.
6. Suspensions must remain stock. No aftermarket suspension parts. You may change coil springs to achieve max height. You may change arms and spindles from different years and models for the front suspension. No bracing, plating, reinforcing, or welding of any kind to suspension parts. Factory gearbox must be in place. Rear suspension must be the way the car was factory built. If it has leaf springs, you may clamp it in four spots total, two per side. No leaf spring swaps. If your car came stock with coil springs, it MUST have coil springs. You can clamp your coil springs to the rear end or weld it, but not the top. No leaf spring swaps and no imperial subframe swaps are permitted.



7. No welding on the frames. No plating of the frames. No seam welding. No buffing. No grinding. Leave the frames alone! This is a Stock class. The only thing allowed to do is weld the bumpers to the frame like specified.
8. Street tires are allowed. Mud tires are okay but must be street legal. All-terrain tires are okay. You may use any car rim. No skid steer tires. No forklift tires. No solid tires. No bead lockers. Valve stem protectors are okay. Tubes are okay.
9. Rear Ends – Factor car five lug rear ends only! No truck rear ends. No bracing of any kind. You may swap them Ford to Chevy – Chevy to Ford – etc. You may weld the factory gears or put a different gear in.
10. Batteries must be moved to the passenger side floorboard area and must be secured to the floor with either a box or a tray strapped down so it will NOT move. Batteries must be covered. There is a two-battery maximum.
11. Motors and Transmissions – Any motor/transmission combo in any car may use a lower cradle to mount motor in place. No full cradles. No distributor protectors. No pulley protectors. No carb protectors, etc. Pipes through the hood are highly recommended. Slider shaft is optional. Do not cut the firewall out completely for motor clearance. If the firewall needs to be cut to fit, the motor must be covered with metal and re-welded to make a barrier between the driver and the motor/transmission.
12. Vehicle must have working brakes and must show the car can stop on its own power.
13. Cage – There needs to be a box around the driver from the A-pillar to 7-inches behind the B-pillar. No fence post. You may use up to 6x6 steel. Cage may have bars welded from the cage to the floor in the driver's door area. Cages must be welded to the body, not the frame. Gas tank protector welded to the back bar only and must not be tied into any part of the body. It is mandatory to have a halo bar welded to the cage.
14. You may remove factory body mounts and replace them with steel mounts and steel washers. No all-thread. Do not add more body mount bolts. Factory spots only.
15. Radiators must stay in factory position. May use aluminum style ones. Radiators may be strapped to the core support with ratchet straps. No radiator protectors allowed. You may use an AC condenser in the front which can be strapped to the core support with ratchet straps and/or tie wire.
16. Factory seatbelts are okay. Replacement race style seatbelts are highly recommended. Five-point harnesses are okay and must show that the harness is in proper working order.



17. Hoods and trunks may be secured down with chains or angle iron welded to the hood, to the fender, to the trunk, and to the quarter panel with 4-inch pieces. Maximum of six per hood and trunk with two bolts in each maximum. You may tuck your trunk. Do not weld the trunk or the hood. If you are tucking the trunk and cannot open it for inspection, you must have inspection holes. Do not crease the quarter panels, fenders, doors, etc. Leave the bodies alone. If car has been in a previous derby and needs to be straightened, we will inspect that on a case-by-case basis. You must make the car look like "a car" again, to the best of your ability. Weld your doors closed with 2x2 or 3x3 square flat steel. Do not fully weld your door. Leave a 6-inch gap.

If you have any questions, please call Dan at (714) 931-4502. Do not read the rules and interpret them differently than what they are. If you are unsure, call Dan. If you have any questions about the rules, call Dan. DO NOT build a car any way you want and show up and expect to run it in the show.