

# *D&H* ***Motorsports***

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## **2011 Motherlode Fair** **Destruction Derby** **Rules**

**All rules are subject to the interpretation of the officials, any equipment that the officials consider not in the intent of the rules will be considered illegal for competition. In the interest of fairness the rules may be adjusted to create a balance in competition.**

### **A. General & Safety**

- 1. ALL PROTESTS MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE DRIVER MEETING AND WILL BE HANDLED BY TECH OFFICIALS AND AFFECTED DRIVERS ONLY. ONLY DRIVERS MAY PROTEST! IF A DRIVER WISHES TO LODGE A PROTEST AGAINST ANOTHER DRIVER/CAR AFTER THE EVENTS STARTS, THAN HE MUST PUT UP A \$50.00 PROTEST FEE. IF ACCUSED DRIVER IS FOUND TO HAVE CHEATED, BY TECH OFFICIALS, THAN HE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND THE PROTEST FEE WILL BE RETURNED. IF TECH OFFICIALS DO NOT FIND THAT DRIVER/CAR HAS CHEATED THAN THE PROTEST FEE WILL GO TO ACCUSED DRIVER.**
- 2. ALL PARTICIPENTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER AND HAVE A VALID CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE. BE PREPARED TO SHOW LICENSE WHEN SIGNING IN.**
- 3. ANYONE ENTERING THE PIT AREA MUST BE OVER THE AGE OF 14 AND PURCHASE AND WEAR A PIT PASS AND SIGN THE INSURANCE RELEASE FORM. THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 6 PIT PASSES, INCLUDING DRIVER, AVAILBLE FORE EACH ENTRY. IF YOU LOOK YOUNG, BE PREPARED TO SHOW ID.**
- 4. ALL INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED TO DERBY OFFICIALS, NO MATTER HOW MINOR.**
- 5. CAR NUMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON DUPLICATION OF REQUESTED NUMBERS. RETURNING DRIVERS GET FIRST CHOICE OF NUMBERS. CAR NUMBERS MUST BE PLACED ON TOP (NOT HOOD OR TRUNK) AND ON BOTH DOORS OF THE CAR. ALL CAR NUMBERS AND LETTERS MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN INCHES (18") HIGH AND ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES (1 1/2") WIDE.**
- 6. VEHICLE MUST BE READY TO RUN WHEN BROUGHT INTO THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

- 7. ALL DRIVERS MUST HAVE ABC APPROVED EXTINGUISHER, 2 3/4 LB. MINIMUM, IN THE PIT AREA.**
- 8. NO TOW VEHICLES ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA UNLESS SIGNED UP TO HELP REMOVE VEHICLES FROM ARENA.**
- 9. AFTER VEHICLE INSPECTION IS COMPLETED, NO MODIFICATIONS OR PREPARATIONS SUCH AS WELDING, OR CUTTING BUMPERS, WILL BE PERMITTED! CREAMING OF THE TRUNKS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- 10. VEHICLES THAT CATCH FIRE AND STOP EVENT MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FOR REMAINDER OF HEAT OR MAIN EVENT.**
- 11. VEHICLES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO A MAXIMUM OF 3 HEATS. NON-WINNERS OF THE FIRST 3 HEATS WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN HOOLIGAN. THOSE WHO PLACE IN THE TOP 4 POSITIONS OF THE 3 HEATS AND HOOLIGAN, WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN MAIN.**
- 12. SAFETY FIRST! ANY VEHICLE SITUATION OR SETUP WHICH PLACES ANY PERSON AT RISK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED---BRAKES, TIRES, ETC.**
- 13. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE SEDANS OR WAGONS. NO PICKUPS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, CONVERTIBLES, 4 WHEEL DRIVES, OR CHRYSLER IMPERIALS (PRE 1973).**
- 14. ALL DRIVERS MUST WEAR DOT APPROVED FULL/OPEN FACE HELMETS AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE VEHICLE. (NO BRAIN BUCKETS, SKULL CAPS, ECT. ECT.)**
- 15. SHOES, SHIRTS, AND PANTS ARE REQUIRED. FIREPROOF CLOTHING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**
- 16. ALL INSPECTIONS WILL BE MADE BY OFFICIALS ONLY. OPPOSING DRIVERS AND PIT CREWS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO INSPECT VEHICLES.**
- 17. ALL LIGHTS, GLASS, MIRRORS, PLASTIC AND CHROME TRIM PIECES MUST BE REMOVED FROM ENTIRE VEHICLE.**
- 18. ALL FLAMABLE MATERIAL MUST BE REMOVED FROM VEHICLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DRIVER'S SEAT AND SEAT BELT.**
- 19. ORIGINAL GAS TANKS MUST BE REMOVED. FUEL TANKS WITH A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 6 GAL. MUST BE POSITIONED IN THE REAR SEAT AREA AND ANCHORED SECURELY TO THE FLOOR BOARD. METAL BOAT TANK RECOMMENDED. NO PLASTIC GAS CANS ALLOWED. " JERRY CANS" OK.**
- 20. NO LOOSE MATERIALS INSIDE VEHICLE, INCLUDING TOOLS AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER.**
- 21. VEHICLE MUST HAVE DOT APPROVED DRIVER SEAT LAP BELT OR HARNESS. IF VEHICLE DOES NOT HAVE LAP BELT OR HARNESS, THEY MUST BE ADDED TO VEHICLE. DRIVER'S SEAT AND MUST BE SECURELY MOUNTED TO THE FLOOR. (SHOLDER BELT RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED)**
- 22. VEHICLE MUST HAVE WORKING FRONT WHEEL BRAKES. ALL TIRES WILL BE MARKED ("XED") IN ORDER TO INSURE WORKING BRAKES DURING THE EVENT.**

23. **NO PRESSURIZED FUEL SYSTEM. ie NO PROPANE OR PRESSURIZED FUEL CANS. IF YOU ARE RUNNING A ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP, THAN A SAFTY KILL SWITCH MUST BE INSTALLED ON ROOF ON DRIVERS SIDE FRONT AND CLEARLY MARKED. THESE SWITCHES WILL BE TESTED AT INSPECTION.**
24. **BATTERY MUST BE LOCATED ,AS IT ALWAYS HAS, IN THE DRIVERS COMPARTMENT AND MUST BE COVERED AND SECURED IN SUCH A WAY TO PREVENT BATTERY FLUIDS FROM SPRAYING. (PLUMBERS TAPE IS NOT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE AS A SECURING DEVICE.) 2 BATTERIES ALLOWED. NO JUMPER CABLES ALLOWED INSIDE OF CAR.**
25. **DRIVERS SAFETY CAGE. A SIMPLE SQUARE BOX AROUND DRIVER ALLOWED, MAX OF 6 INCH MATERIAL, CHANNEL, PIPE, OR BOX. CAGE MUST NOT EXTEND NO MORE THAN 12 INCHES BEHIND DOOR POST. NO PART OF CAGE MAY BE WELDED OR BOLTED TO FLOOR. SIDE BARS MAY ANGLE DOWN TO FLOOR OR BE STRAIT DOWN. SAFETY FIRST!**
26. **TIRE SIZES MAXIMUM 15 INCHES, NO AGGRESSIVE MUD AND SNOWS. OFFICIALS WILL DECIDE!!**
27. **TRANSMISSION OIL COOLER LINES, IF USED, MUST BE COVERED AND DOUBLE CLAMP.**
28. **RADIATOR MUST BE STOCK AUTOMOBILE AND IN ORIGINAL STOCK POSITION, MAY BE STRAPPED OR WIRED IN, NO WELDING. FANS OPTIONAL.**
29. **ANY VEHICLE MAY BE SEARCHED FOR WEAPONS, ALCOHOL, AND DRUGS PRIOR TO ENTERING THE PIT AREA.**
30. **ONLY CAR, DRIVER, PIT CREW MEMBERS, AND ONE (1) SUPPORT VEHICLE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED WILL PERMITTED TO ENTER THE PIT AREA. NO ONE UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA. ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE SIGNED PARENTAL CONSENT FORM. AGAIN IF YOU LOOK YOUNG BE PREPARED TO SHOW ID.**
31. **DRIVER AND PIT CREW MEMBERS FOR EACH ENTRY SHALL, AT ALL TIMES, WEAR THE CAR # ON THEIR FRONT AND/OR BACK AND THE NUMBER( S) MUST BE AT LEAST 3” HIGH. (No tape permitted)**

## **B. FRAMES**

1. **NO WELDING ON VEHCAL FRAME, EXCEPT FOR MOTOR MOUNTS AND BUMPER BRACKETS. (SEE RULE 6 & 7)**
2. **NO REPAIRED FRAMES ALLOWED, INCLUDING USED CARS. IF A VEHICLE HAS A BROKEN FRAME, IT IS NOT TO BE TOUCHED-UP OR REPAIRED IN ANY WAY!!! RUN AS IS.**
3. **NO ATTACHING MATERIALS TO FRAME ANYWHERE, BY ANY MEANS INCLUDING NO WELDING, BOLTING, CLAMPING, PLATING, DUCT TAPE, ECT.**
4. **NO FILLED/PACKED FRAMES.**
5. **NO TRAILER HITCHES**
6. **BUMPERS MUST BE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT OF MANUFACTURER (OEM). STOCK BRACKETS MAY BE WELDED TO BUMPER AND TO FRAME. NO BRACES MAY BE WELDED OR ADDED TO BUMPER AND BUMPER CANNOT BE WELDED TO BODY. BUMPER TIPS AND FENDER WELLS CAN BE TRIMMED.**

7. ENGINES MAY BE CHAINED TO FRAME. FABRICATED MOUNTS OK. 4" X 3/8" MAX. FLAT STEEL PLATE BOLTED TO ENGINE AND WELDED TO FRAME STRAIT DOWN 90 DEGREES FROM INNER SIDE OF FRAME. NO KICKERS OR GUSSETS.
8. IT IS ILLEGAL TO WELD, PAINT, UNDERCOAT, GREASE, MUD, SAND, GRIND, ECT. ANY PORTION OF CAR'S FRAME UNLESS SPECIFIED IN THE RULES. USED CARS MUST HAVE FRAME WASHED OF DEBRIS (MUD/DIRT) FROM PRIOR DERBYS.

## **C. SUSPENSION**

1. NO SOLID SUSPENSIONS. VEHICLE MUST HAVE 3 INCHES OF SUSPENSION TRAVEL AT BOTH ENDS.
2. NO ALTERED SHOCKS. COIL-OVER SHOCKS ARE ALLOWED ON REAR ONLY. NO AIR SHOCKS OR AIR BAGS.
3. NO REPAIRED, ALTERED, WELDED SPRINGS, INCLUDING USED CARS. NO EXTRA OR SUBSTITUTE SPRINGS OR LEAFs. WELDING OR DUCT TAPING ANY OBJECT TO ANY LEAF SPRING IS NOT ALLOWED. BUMPERS MUST NOT BE ANY HIGHER THAN 24 INCHES.
4. LEAF SPRING CLAMPS ARE PERMITTED. 2 CLAMPS ARE ALLOWED PER SIDE. CLAMP PLATES NOT TO EXCEED 3/8 INCH THICK, 3 INCHES WIDE, OR 5 INCHES LONG. CLAMPS MAY BE HELD TOGETHER WITH 2 BOLTS PER CLAMP. REAR COIL SPRINGS MUST BE SECURED, CLAMPED, CHAINED OR WELDED TO THE DIFFERENTIAL. COIL SPRING SPACERS OK TO RAISE CAR TO 24 INCHES.
5. NO SHORTENED, LENGTHENED, OR DESIGNER SPRING SHACKLES OR PERCHES. SUSPENSION MUST BE SECURED TO VEHICLE USING OEM-STOCK SHACKLES AND HARDWARE, AND SECURED TO THE FRAME AT STOCK LOCATION, USING STOCK DESIGN. USED CARS ARE NO EXCEPTION.

## **D. BODY**

1. NO STUFFING, PACKING OR REINFORCING OF BODY, BUMPERS, OR FRAMES, EXCEPT SAFETY CAGE.
2. TRUNKS MUST BE OPENED FOR INSPECTION UNLESS THEY ARE WELDED SHUT. IF WELDED SHUT THERE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF A EIGHT INCH (8") HOLE IN THE TRUNK LID OR A LARGE OPENING IN FLOOR PAN, OR BACK FENDERS TO ALLOW FOR INSPECTION. IF TRUCK LID IS WELDED OR BOLTED IT MUST BE A TWO INCH (2") WELD, SKIP SIX INCH (6") AND WELD TWO INCHES (2") AROUND THE ENTIRE LID. IF LID IS CHAINED A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) CHAINS MAY BE USED.
3. TRUNK LIDS MAY BE WELDED, CHAINED, OR BOLTED. NO COMBINATIONS. MAXIMUM BOLT ONE INCH (1") IN DIAMETER, MAXIMUM WASHER FOUR INCHES (4") IN DIAMETER, ALL WASHERS NO MORE THAN 1/4 INCH THICK. BOLTS MAY NOT BE WELDED.
4. HOODS ARE TO BE CHAINED OR BOLTED WITH A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) ONE INCH (1") BOLTS, ALL WASHERS MAXIMUM OF 4" X 4" X 1/4" THICK. NO J-BOLTS, BOLTS, CHAINS, ECT., FROM FRAME TO HOOD. HOODS MUST HAVE A SIX INCH BY SIX INCH (6"X6") HOLE AROUND THE FRONT OF THE CARBURATOR FOR FIRE SUPRESION. IF HOOD IS CHAINED, MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) CHAINS. CORNER PLATES MUST NOT EXCEED 6" X 6" X 1/4" THICK.

5. NO STATION WAGON DECK LIDS ALLOWED.
6. ALL DOORS MUST BE CHAINED OR WELDED SHUT. ALL CHAINS ON VEHICLE MUST BE AT LEAST A MINIMUM QUARTER INCH (1/4") CHAIN AND/OR MAXIMUM OF HALF INCH (1/2") CHAIN. CHAINS MAY NOT EXCEED THREE FEET (3') ANYWHERE ON VEHICLE.
7. ANY OPENING ON THE FIREWALL LARGER THAN 2 INCHES MUST BE COVERD / SEALED WITH SHEET METAL. SHEET METAL MAY BE SECURED USING SCREWS, RIVITS, OR TACH WELDS. IF YOU CUT AROUND THE DISTRIBUTOR FOR CLEARANCE IT TO MUST BE COVERED.
8. NO REINFORCING WILL BE ALLOWED EXCEPT ON DRIVERS DOOR. SAFTEY FIRST.
9. NO TIRE CHAINS, SPIKES, STUDS, OR DUAL TIRES WILL BE ALLOWED. VALVE STEM PROTECTION IS ALLOWED, LIMITED TO ONE INCH (1") LONG 1/8" MATERIAL.
10. ALL BODY BUSHINGS AND HARDWARE MUST BE STOCK (OEM).
11. 2 VERTICLE BARS ARE REQUIRED IN WINDSHIELD OPENING, 2 BARS OPTIONAL IN REAR WINDOWS OF SEDANS.
12. IT IS ILLEGAL TO WELD BODY SEEMS UNLESS SPECIFIED IN THE RULES. THIS INCLUDES THE HOOD AND THE TRUNK.

## **E.Pickups**

**OPEN TO FULL SIZE PICKUPS. NO 1 TONS OR DUAL REAR WHEELS. NO CREW CABS. TWO WHEEL DRIVES ONLY. STANDARD BED ONLY, NO UTILITY BOXES, OR FLAT BEDS.**

1. NO WELDING EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFIED.
2. SAFTY CAGED AROUND DRIVER REQUIRERED. ROLL BAR RECOMMENDED, CAGE MAY BE WELDED TO FRAME IN FOUR CORNERS THROUGH FLOOR OF CAB.
3. BUILDING RULES IN CAR SECTION APPLY.
4. MAX 8 LUG WHEELS, MAX SIZE 31 X 10.50 X 16.5. NO MUD GRIP TIRES.
5. HIGH BACKED BUCKET SEATS REQUIRED.
6. TAILGATES MUST BE WELDED OR CHAINED SHUT. MAX. 4 CHAINS.
7. NO LIFTED TRUCKS

### **OPTIONAL:**

1. MAY RUN BARS FROM ROLL BAR TO WHEEL WELLS IN BED TO 6" PLATE ON EACH SIDE.
2. BED MAY BE HELD DOWN WITH MAX. 4 6X6 PLATES WITH 1" BOLTS THROUGH FRAME.
3. REAR STOCK OR STEP BUMPER MAY BE WELDED TO FRAME. NO FILLER OR HOME MADE BRACKETS.
4. FRONT BUMPER MAY BE AUTOMOTIVE 5 MPH TYPE. BRACKETS MAY BE MADE FROM 3"CHANNEL OR 2"X 3" BOX METAL MAX. NO MORE THAN 8" LONG. MAY BE WELDED TO BUMPER AND TO FRAME. BACK OF BUMPER MUST TOUCH FRAME.
5. MAY USE 2" X 24" X 1/8" THICK STRAP (PER SIDE) TO WELD BED TO CAB.

## **REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- A. SANDBAGGING: HOLDING BACK AND DOING LITTLE RAMMING.**
- B. GETTING TIED UP WITH ANOTHER CAR TOO LONG.**
- C. NOT MAKING CONTACT WITH OTHER CARS ON IT'S OWN POWER.**
- D. TAKING TOO LONG TO START CAR.**
- E. DRIVING OUT OF DERBY AREA.**
- F. UNSPORTSMANSHIP LIKE CONDUCT.**
- G. HAVING PIT CREW MEMBERS IN THE ARENA DURING THE EVENT.**
- H. POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IN THE PIT.**
- I. A CAR THAT IS PRODUCING HEAVY SMOKE.**
- J. HAVING OBSCENE LANGUAGE OR ILLUSTRATIONS ON CAR.**
- K. INTENTIONALLY RAMMING OF OPPOSING DRIVER'S DOOR.**
- L. AFTER A HEAT, REPAIRS CAN BE MADE. METAL CAN BE CUT OR HAMMERED AWAY BUT NOT ADDED OR WELDED FOR EXTRA STRENGTH.**
- M. CHANGES MADE AFTER INSPECTION.**
- N. HITTING A CAR WITH A FLAG UP.**
- O. DRIVERS ARE TO STOP IMMEDIATELY WHEN HEARING OR SEEING OFFICIALS SIGNALS. FAILURE TO DO SO IS GOUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**
- P. DOUBLE TEAMING: ONE OR MORE CARS HOLDING OPPOSING CARS WHILE ANOTHER RAMS HIM.**
- Q. HARRASSMENT OF OFFICIALS OR FELLOW DRIVERS AND/OR PIT CREW.**

**ANY INFRACTION OF THE ABOVE SAID RULES WILL BE JUDGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICIALS AND MAY CONSTITUTE COMPLETE DISQUALIFICATION, INCLUDING PLACEMENTS OF HEATS, REAINDER OF HEATS, FORFEITURE OF ANY AND ALL TROPHIES OR PRIZE MONEY, AND ALL FUTURE PROMOTIONS.**

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