

BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

APPLIANCE RACES/CAR SOCCER/TRAILER RACES/ /BACKWARDS RACE/ MINIVAN DERBY & SMALL CAR DEMO DERBY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

NO VEHICLE ENTRY FEES*!!!

(*Everyone must purchase pit pass)

GENERAL RULES:

***If car does not pass inspection or driver is unwilling to change car to pass inspection- absolutely no refunds!

- 1) Drivers must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Ages 16-17 must have a signed permission slip from a parent or legal guardian and some form of driver's license. The parent must sign the permission slip in front of a fairboard representative. The person that signs in the as the driver must be the driver for that event!
- 2) Driver must wear seat belt, helmet, long sleeve shirt, pants, gloves, and eye protection. A neck brace and racing fire suit jacket are **strongly** recommended. A racing seat is NOT required.
- 3) Each driver is solely responsible for the effectiveness of personal safety equipment used during an event. Butler County Fair is not responsible for the effectiveness of any personal safety equipment.
- 4) ALL drivers and participants must attend the driver's meeting.
- 5) DO NOT hit the driver's door! Sometimes this happens, but if it looks intentional or careless, you will be disqualified. Don't use your driver's door as a shield as it may cause you to get disqualified.
- 6) Any open driver's door, leaking fuel, or fire will cause disqualification.
- 7) Cars are subject to re-inspection before any prize money is handed out. There is a \$150 CASH pro-test fee and you must be a driver in order to protest. Only drivers in the feature event may protest another car. Driver must have CASH in hand after feature event in order to protest.
- 8) Any controversies will be taken up at the drivers meeting.
- 9) ***IF YOUR VEHICLE CATCHES ON FIRE AND THE RACE IS STOPPED BECAUSE OF IT, YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ON IF FIRE PERSONNEL ON HAND DEEM THE VEHICLE SAFE TO RACE AGAIN. IF YOUR VEHICLE CATCHES ON FIRE A SECOND TIME AND THE RACE IS STOPPED BECAUSE OF IT, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.***
- 10) Additional rules may be added if needed.
- 11) **NO PASSENGERS ALLOWED!**
- 12) Any questions, give us a call. If it doesn't say you can do it, don't do it. Call 1st! Judges decisions are FINAL!

CAR PREPARATION

- 1) All glass, plastic, chrome, and interior must be removed from car before arriving to the fairgrounds.
- 2) No split rims. Valve stem protectors are OK.

- 3) Radiator must be in the stock location.
- 4) All cars MUST have working brakes.
- 5) Original gas tanks in back of the rear axle *MUST* be removed. Original gas tanks in front of the rear axle *MAY* be removed. You can use a boat gas tank or a well made steel gas tank. *It must be properly secured and covered.* NO gas cans. Plastic gas tanks must be placed in a metal box! Fuel line must be secured and fastened properly. Keep away from exhaust. Place gas tank in the center of the car where the backseat use to be.
- 6) Transmission coolers are allowed, but must be properly secured and safe.
- 7) Batteries must be removed to passenger floorboard, close to the transmission tunnel. *It must be properly secured and covered.*
- 8) You must have a number in BRIGHT colors on each front door as well as a 15" by 15" roof sign with car number for the officials.

CAR BUILDING- GENERAL:

- 1) Driver's door must be protected. All doors must be chained or bolted shut. Trunks and hoods must be bolted or chained shut as well. *Welding only allowed on driver's door.*
- 2) A roll cage is recommended, but not required. If you don't build a roll cage, then at a minimum, you will need to weld a bar behind the seat from door post to door post. It is recommended that you then need an "H" loop behind the seat to provide protection in the event of a roll over.
- 3) You may weld a plate across the driver's door not to exceed 6 inches past each seam.
- 4) Hood must have at least a 12" square opening in case of fire.

CAR BUILDING- BUMPERS: (APPLIANCE RACE/BACKWARDS RACE/MINIVAN DERBY/& SMALL CAR DERBY ONLY)

- 1) ***Bumpers must remain stock.*** No custom bumpers or interchanging of bumpers from old iron cars. Bumper brackets must remain stock and no cutting or relocating of bracket parts.
- 2) Front bumpers may be bolted or chained with no extra reinforcing. Bumpers may be attached with 4 chains or 4 wires (4 loops) from deck/hood to bumper (not frame)! You can choose one method- NOT BOTH!
- 3) No other welding on bumpers.
- 4) You may trim bumper ends or fold them around.
- 5) Bumper height must be a minimum of 16" from the ground to the bottom of the bumper and not exceed 24". Bumpers must be in stock location.

CAR BUILDING- SUSPENSION:

- 1) Must remain totally stock at the stock height. Car must have some movement in suspension.

CAR BUILDING- ENGINE & TRANNY:

- 1) Engine must be in stock location. NO extra welding or added metal.
- 2) You may chain motor and tranny to keep in place.

CAR BUILDING- FENDERS:

- 1) You may cut wheel wells for tire clearance. The rear quarter panel is considered part of the rear fender. No welding or bolting of these parts together.

CAR BUILDING- FOR SAFETY:

- 1) You must have (2) vertical bars in windshield area in front of the driver from roof to dash for safety reasons. The windshield bar can't be any bigger than 1/2" diameter material with 5" on dash and 5" on roof. You may connect the bars 3" above the firewall.
- 2) You may run the shifter through the floor and you can have a switch panel. If you are running an electric fuel pump, we would advise hooking it up to the ignition switch. When your car shuts off, it shuts off. Please mark clearly so safety crew can shut off in case of an emergency.
- 3) NO welding or bolting of factory seams.
- 4) Radiator support must remain in stock location. May run hood bolts through the front core support mounts.

MINIVAN DEMO DERBY –ADDITIONAL RULES:

- 1) Front wheel drive minivans only- ***NO REAR WHEEL DRIVE MINIVANS***

CAR SOCCER- ADDITIONAL RULES:

- 1) Only 1989 and newer front-wheel drive cars or front-wheel drive minivans with 126" or less wheel base.
- 2) It is recommended to have a front bar fashioned that is at least 2 ft tall by 4 ft wide. Use whatever gauge materials you want to protect your front end. The ends should not extend past the front fenders of the car. This is meant to try to help keep the ball from using the hood as a ramp and sending the soccer ball airborne.

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TRAILER RACE- ADDITIONAL RULES:

- 1) ***ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVERS SIDE HITS!***
- 2) During trailer race- ***NO VEHICLE HITS- TRAILER HITS ONLY!***
- 3) Every vehicle/trailer combo must drive through tech.
- 4) No start and parks! Competitors must make a reasonable effort to race in order to win.
- 5) Overall trailer length: **MINIMUM 10 feet measured from hitch ball socket to end of trailer.** You can extend the tongue if necessary to get the 10 feet minimum length. Suggestions are travel trailers, pop-up tent campers, boat trailers, etc. Pop-up trailers must be raced in the fully extended (popped-up) position.
- 6) Trailers cannot be rigged to self-destruct, leaving only the frame to continue racing and must be able to race without falling apart. Trailers should only be destroyed upon impact with another vehicle. If a trailer is rigged to self-destruct, thereby gaining a racing advantage, that driver will be disqualified.
- 7) All appliances and heating/cooling units must be removed from campers.
- 8) All glass must be removed.
- 9) Trailers must be cleaned out on the inside, removing everything that is not part of the unit: ie.- pots, pans, clothes, silverware, trash, loose tire, household items, etc. that is not a permanent part of the trailer as manufactured.

- 10) Tongue must attach to tow vehicle by hitch ball, free pivoting. **NO EQUALIZER HITCHES! NO PINTLE HITCHES and NO CLASP TYPE HITCHES!**
- 11) **SAFETY CHAINS ARE REQUIRED!**
- 12) NO BALLAST WEIGHT ALLOWED!
- 13) If using a boat and trailer, the outboard motor must be removed.
- 14) No sharp edges that may cut competitors tires or be a hazard to other competitors.
- 15) No material may protrude from the back of the trailer.
- 16) Plain flat beds will not be allowed to enter. **TRAILER MUST HAVE SOMETHING ON IT!!!!**
- 17) Single axle trailers only.
- 18) **NO FARM IMPLEMENTS CAN BE USED AS TRAILERS!!!**
- 19) Tow vehicle can be a stock truck, SUV, or van. **There will only be one class this year.** 4 wheel drive vehicles must disable the 4x4 to make them a 2wd vehicle. Anyone caught using 4 wheel drive will be disqualified.
- 20) For all tow vehicles- Please refer to the "Car Building- General" section with reference to driver's door and roll-over protection.
- 21) All glass must be removed, including the windshield. **Minimum of 3 bars of at least ½ inch diameter must be welded in front of the driver. Mesh needs to be added to the windshield window area as well as the drivers window area with no bigger than ½ inch openings.**
- 22) Shoulder and lap belt are required!

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OBJECTIVE OF TRAILER RACE:

The objective of the race is to finish the race (**15 laps**) with your trailer (and axle) still attached while separating the trailers of your competitors from their tow vehicle. If you lose your trailer (or your axle), you will be black flagged and you must leave the track. If you fail to leave the track after you have been black flagged, you will be disqualified and forfeit any purse or awards. You must retain your axle to remain in the race. A part of the boat/camper/trailer frame must still be attached to win. **IF YOU PURPOSELY HIT ANOTHER TOW VEHICLE WITH YOUR TOW VEHICLE, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY!** Length of race will be 15 laps through the Figure 8 or until there is only one competitor left with the tow vehicle/trailer combination intact, whichever is less. In that event, they will be declared the winner.

BACKWARDS RACE- ADDITIONAL RULES:

- 1) **ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVERS DOOR HITS ON EITHER VEHICLE!**
- 2) Only 1989 and newer front-wheel drive cars or front-wheel drive minivans with 126" or less wheel base.
- 3) All laps must be completed in reverse.
- 4) No start and parks! Competitors must make a reasonable effort to race in order to win.

OBJECTIVE OF BACKWARDS RACE:

The objective of the race is to finish 6 laps around the race track (figure 8 track) in reverse and do it in the fastest time. There may be several small dirt speed bumps to go over as well. The person to finish 6 laps first will be the winner!

APPLIANCE RACE- ADDITIONAL RULES:

- 5) **ABSOLUTELY NO HITTING OF OTHER COMPETITORS VEHICLES!**
- 6) Only 1989 and newer front-wheel drive cars with 126" or less wheel base.
- 7) Appliances will be provided by the Butler County Fairboard.
- 8) All straps and materials to tie the appliances to your vehicle will be provided by the Butler County Fairboard.
NO ADDITIONAL STRAPPING MATERIAL MAY BE USED!
- 9) The driver of the car will remain in the car at all times.
- 10) The driver and the two people loading the appliances must be 18 years of age. Drivers must have a valid driver's license. Ages 16-17 must have a signed permission slip from a parent or legal guardian and some form of driver's license. The parent must sign the permission slip in front of a fairboard representative. The person that signs in the as the driver must be the driver for that event!
- 11) The loaders must also wear a long sleeve shirt, pants, gloves, and eye protection.
- 12) No start and parks! Competitors must make a reasonable effort to race in order to win.
- 13) Please refer to the general car building section for rules about building cars.
- 14) Shoulder and lap belt are required!
- 15) NO radio or communications devices are allowed between team members.

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OBJECTIVE OF APPLIANCE RACE:

The objective of the race is to finish three laps around the race track (figure 8 track) with all three appliances still strapped to your car and do it in the fastest time. There will be one person driving the car and two people loading the appliances (stoves, washers, dryers). The loaders will load one appliance on the car and strap it down with materials provided. The driver will then go out and take one lap around the track and go over a small jump before coming back to the loading area to have another appliance loaded onto the vehicle. This will continue until all three appliances have been loaded onto the vehicle and three laps have been completed around the race track. One appliance will end up on the trunk, one on the hood, and one on the roof. There will be time penalties for each lost appliance during the race. The group with the fastest time, after penalties, will be the winner!

Cars must be ready to go before entering inspection area.

NO ALCOHOL IN COOLERS IN THE PIT AREA- BUTLER COUNTY FAIRBOARD WILL BE SELLING BEER.

RULES WILL BE INFORCED.

IF IT DOES NOT SAY IT, DO NOT ASSUME IT IS PERMISSIBLE!

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