

Club Class Guidelines

The Rumble 2019

Below are the final guidelines for The Budget Club Class at the 2019 The Rumble at Thunder Valley. These guidelines may be altered based solely on betterment and safety of the event and class.

These guidelines have been drafted by a committee comprised of clubs and club members already committed to participating in the 2019 Budget Club Class.

Qualifications and basic rules for the Budget Club Class:

- 1). Club must be comprised of 3 or more active members involved in the vehicle assembly.
- 2). Active club member names and contact info will be provided when club registers to be a part of Budget Club Class Racing.
- 3) No Club member can be active in more than 1 Club Class Race Team.
- 4) Clubs must have a minimum 25 sq. ft banner that represents club name and/or symbol posted in their pit area. Sponsorship names are allowed on banners.
- 5) Clubs must declare 1 driver and 1 alternate upon registering for this class. Drivers may be alternated at any time.
- 6) Club agrees to upload progress photos to the Rumble Group page. Initial car photos and (minimum) monthly photo updates must be uploaded upon commitment to becoming a part of this club class. Initial photos must include all 4 sides of all sides of the vehicle and least one photo of the engine compartment. These are minimum requirements additional photos to Club Class cars and the progress are always welcome. Clubs that fail to submit initial and monthly updated photos are subject to disqualification from the Budget Club Class.
- 7) Club agrees to race at The Rumble at Thunder Valley May 17 & 18, 2019 to establish The Rumble at Thunder Valley Club Class Winner. (As of June 14, 2018 dates have not yet confirmed but will be in May 2019).
- 8) Participants agree that the class winner will be determined by fastest average ET over 10 passes in the Budget Club Class Competition. 5 Passes the evening of May 17th and 5 passes during the Rumble at Thunder Valley Drags May 18th.

Car Qualifications – This class is based around Stock & Gas Coupe/ Gas Sedan Class rules for the Rumble. The spirit of these guidelines is to mimic budget race cars that would have been seen at the drag strips in 1964. Allowable deviations are for safety reasons and have been outlined below.

Clubs are encouraged to research NHRA history, magazines and other publications for similar makes and models of cars of they are building. Any deviation from the guidelines will be for safety purposes.

“Budget Club Class exterior”

- 1) Vehicle must be 1964 or older (No Mustangs). 1965 if vehicles are ok if they share visual similarities of a 64. **Must appear period correct.**
- 2) Steel Bodied Car/Truck/4 Door/ Wagon
- 3) Must be an American made vehicle.
- 4) Period correct paint schemes or period correct primer colors.
- 5) Must utilize steel OEM style steel wheels
- 6) No Sponsors or other lettering on the vehicle other than Club Name
- 7) Club Name must be displayed on both front doors or quarter panels (each side) or rear quarter window and legible from 50'. Must be hand painted, stenciled paint. NO Vinyl or magnetic lettering.
- 8) No hood scoops unless made from sheet metal.
- 9) Lightening the car by elimination of inner trunk skins, hood, seats, bumpers are allowed as long as they do not affect the safety of the driver.

“Budget Club Class Engine”

- 1) Carbureted Small or Big Block V8 or Strait Six push rod engines.
- 2) Engine *Long Block* budget of \$1300 or less. (block, block internals and heads aka “long block”)
- 3) OEM Style ignition. No MSD spark control systems. GM HEI/Ford Duraspark, pertronix or similar
- 4) No nitrous/super chargers/blowers/turbos/injection
- 5) Must submit to claim of your engine if class winner and are challenged.

Budget Class Transmission

- 1) 2 and 3 speed automatic
- 2) 3 or 4 speed manual (blanket or scatter shield recommended)
- 3) NO Transbrake

Frames

- 1) Stock appearing, Safety modifications allowed if period correct appearance has been preserved. NO ROUND TUBE FRAMES.

Rear End

- 1) Spool/Lincoln Locker/Stock Posi

Tires

- 1) Rear tire: 10.5" maximum width street tires or slicks
- 2) Front – Anything safe

Brakes

- 1) Functioning drums/discs or combination

Fuel

- 1) If you can burn it through a carburetor you can run it.

Interior

- 1) At least 1 drivers seat securely mounted.
- 2) Seat belt

Safety

- 1) Helmet
- 2) Functioning Headlights and Tail Lights
- 3) Drive shaft loop
- 4) Dual Return Springs for Carburetors
- 5) Overflow tank
- 6) Inspections of vehicle safety will be conducted by track tech officials prior to the car making its first pass down the track. Thunder Valley Track Tech Officials make the final decision as to track worthiness of any vehicle participating in the event.