

# **Poor Diesel Challenge 2026 Official Rules**

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The Poor Diesel Challenge (PDC)

Dates: June 4-6th 2026

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The Poor Diesel Challenge was created to show that building a powerful and competitive diesel truck doesn't necessarily require deep pockets. It celebrates the ingenuity and passion of diesel enthusiasts who can make the most of limited resources. An emphasis on Resourcefulness and knowledge of your motor is highly recommended. A **\$10,000** limit has been put in place, and this must cover everything, **Buy, Build and Compete!**

The Poor Diesel Challenge consist of 5 competitions:

- Drag racing
- Dyno
- Burnouts
- Endurance Drive
- Fan Voted Show & Shine

## **Drag Racing:**

- E/T Class of ODSS. Truck **MUST** be able to pass ODSS and Track Tech!
- For Rules and Tech guidelines go to <https://www.outlawdieselss.com/> for more details.
- We will be running 9.90 and up on 1/4 mile and 6.40 and up on 1/8 mile same as ODSS
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- Points will be rewarded on E/T (Fastest Truck = 1st)

## **Dyno:**

1. Each truck in the competition will compete in the dyno pull, (Hp + Torque = Score) the truck with the highest number will be 1st, runner up will be 2nd and so on until all trucks have ran and have a score.
2. Example Points: 10 points to first, 7 points to 2nd, 6 points to 3rd etc. 0 points will be awarded for mechanical failure/oil on the dyno.

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## **Burnouts:**

1. Same rules will be applied for here as UCC's Burnout Pit, We have rules if you need them, please reach out
2. Points will be rewarded on placement in burnout competition  
(1st In PDC trucks = Highest points)

## **Endurance Drive:**

1. The Endurance Drive is a road trip of sorts to prove you can build a reliable vehicle that not only gets down the track, but will still get you to work Monday morning after a long weekend of trashing! Milage will be announced at the PDC drivers meeting on June 4th
2. Points will be based on successful drive (No Failures) and fuel economy. Be prepared for a 100 mile street drive, so trucks must be registered in home state and have insurance (Indiana requires minimum "PLPD")

## **Show & Shine:**

1. This Section of the competition is the only portion that is based on fan interaction, UCC has developed a feature where the fans can scan a QR code and vote on the truck they like the best.
2. Most votes at the end of the competition will receive 1st place.

## **Additional:**

1. All budgets will be gone over on Thursday prior to fuel economy and "100 mile" drive. Please have all info ready at check in.
2. If you go over for \$10,000 budget, every \$100 is -1 point taken away
3. All Equipment must be removed from pit area prior to leaving Saturday night
4. Autism is allowed but must be controlled - Robert (Cmax)
5. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
6. Vehicle must be Diesel powered, and have a bed to compete
7. Safety items such as roll cage, helmet, fire suit etc. aren't counted against budget

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## **Schedule of Events:**

- PDC Drivers meeting 1pm on Thursday June 4th
- Fuel economy and “100 mile” Drive Thursday June 4th
- Burnout Comp drivers meeting 6pm Friday June 5th
- E/T and Dyno - Drivers discretion. Must be done before 1pm Saturday June 6th
- Awards will be handed out the evening of Saturday June 6th

## **Budget Rules:**

- \$10,000 to buy, build and compete
- Sponsors are allowed and welcome, but all products given to you must be counted and added to your budget at fair market value! (this will be checked and if not in your budget, we will use ebay pricing)
- All purchases must be listed and in a book (or spreadsheet) for the judges to go over at check in to be sure your build is within budget

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## **Poor Diesel Challenge: Code of Conduct**

The Poor Diesel Challenge (PDC) is a competition designed to showcase ingenuity, resourcefulness, and skill in building and driving diesel trucks on a limited budget. This Code of Conduct outlines the rules and expectations for all participants, ensuring a fair, safe, and respectful environment. Adherence to this code is mandatory for participation in the PDC.

### **I. General Principles:**

- **Sportsmanship:** Participants are expected to compete with integrity and good sportsmanship. Respectful behavior towards other competitors, event organizers, judges, and spectators is paramount.
- **Safety:** Safety is the top priority. All vehicles must meet minimum safety standards, and participants must operate their vehicles responsibly and safely at all times. Reckless driving or disregard for safety regulations will result in disqualification.
- **Fair Play:** Honesty and fair play are essential. Cheating, sandbagging, or any attempt to gain an unfair advantage will be dealt with severely, up to and including disqualification and banishment from future events.
- **Resourcefulness:** The spirit of the PDC is to build competitive trucks on a limited budget. Participants are encouraged to be creative and resourceful in their builds, but all parts and modifications must adhere to the rules.
- **Respect for Rules:** Participants are responsible for understanding and complying with all rules and regulations of the PDC. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse for non-compliance.

### **II. Vehicle Regulations:**

- **Budget Limit:** The \$10,000 budget limit will be strictly enforced. Detailed documentation of all expenses is required. Any discrepancies or undisclosed costs will be subject to review and potential penalties.

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- **Safety Inspection:** All vehicles must pass a thorough safety inspection before participating in any event. This includes, but is not limited to, brakes, steering, tires, and safety equipment.
- **Technical Specifications:** Vehicles must meet specific technical requirements as outlined in the official PDC rulebook. These requirements may include limitations on modifications, engine size, and other technical aspects.
- **Documentation:** Participants must maintain detailed records of their build process, including receipts for all parts and services. This documentation must be presented upon request.

## **III. Competition Conduct:**

- **Driver Conduct:** Drivers are expected to operate their vehicles safely and responsibly during all events. Any reckless or dangerous driving will result in disqualification.
- **Track Etiquette:** Respect for other competitors and track officials is essential. Follow all instructions and adhere to track rules.
- **Event Participation:** Participants are expected to participate in all scheduled events unless excused by event organizers for legitimate reasons (e.g., mechanical failure).
- **Protests:** Any protests must be submitted in writing to the designated officials within the specified timeframe. Protests must be accompanied by evidence to support the claim.

## **IV. Penalties and Disciplinary Actions:**

- **Warnings:** Minor infractions may result in a warning from event officials.
- **Penalties:** More serious infractions may result in penalties, such as point reductions.
- **Disqualification:** Severe violations of the Code of Conduct or rules may result in disqualification from the event.
- **Banishment:** In extreme cases, participants may be banned from future PDC events.

## **V. Dispute Resolution:**

- **Official Decisions:** The decisions of event officials and judges are final.
- **Cheating Process:** If a competitor feels another competitor is cheating, the accusing party must bring it up to PDC officials along with \$200, if the competitor is found to be cheating, the \$200 will be refunded. In the case of false accusation, the \$200 will be given to the accused competitor.
- **Appeals Process:** Participants may appeal decisions by following the designated appeals process outlined by the PDC organizers.

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## **VI. Code of Conduct Acknowledgement:**

All participants must acknowledge and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct as a condition of participation in the Poor Diesel Challenge. By participating in the PDC, you agree to be bound by these rules and regulations.

## **VII. Amendments:**

This Code of Conduct may be amended or updated by the PDC organizers at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes.

**This Code of Conduct is designed to ensure a fair, safe, and enjoyable experience for all participants in the Poor Diesel Challenge. By adhering to these principles and regulations, we can maintain the integrity and spirit of this competition.**

**PDC wants all competitors to have a fun and safe weekend while all together in INDY!**