

**DEMOLITION DERBY RULES
JEFFERSON COUNTY PARK & FAIRGROUNDS**

**EACH DRIVER AND ALL MECHANICS ARE OBLIGATED TO READ AND
FOLLOW THE RULES FOR THEIR BEST INTEREST**

The Demolition Derby is promoted as an unusual spectator attraction. **In the interest of safety**, Drivers and Mechanics are subject to, and must obey, the following rules and regulations which are set up by the track where this event is being held.

A. Each driver and all mechanics must sign in at registration desk the day of the show and have their car inspected at least one-half hour prior to show time. A \$10.00 fine may be imposed for late arrivals. Each driver must fill out an entry blank. All drivers must supply their own cars. Proof of ownership may be required on each car entered. The car (one car and one car only) is qualified for the feature.

B. Cars that need re-inspection may be charged \$5.00 extra for a third review or more. The track or promoter reserves the right to approve or reject any and all entries. In each scheduled Derby, the car must compete in an honest effort to win a heat. **Ruling will be made at the discretion of the officials.**

C. All persons must sign the release sheet and receive a pit pass to be permitted in the pit area or on the track. Registration will cost \$10.00 which will include one car. Driver is additional \$10.00. All other pit passes are \$10.00 each. **(No Refunds)** The official registration form can be found on the fair's website and may be printed for use. A special offer is also available for pre-registration.

D. All drivers and/or pit persons 16 or 17 years of age must have a notarized release signed by his or her parent or guardian. Nobody under 16 years of age can drive or be in the pit area. No spectators are allowed on the track area.

E. No drinking of alcoholic beverages on track or in pit. Cars and trucks may be searched before entering pit area. Any driver or pit person under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be immediately disqualified and removed from the grounds.

F. Any driver or crew member disobeying the rules will cause his or her car to be disqualified. Excessive speed or reckless driving in the pit area or to & from the track will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification and barring from future derbies. Drivers are responsible for the actions of their crew members. All pit crew must sign in under a car. Please review the reasons for disqualification as shown below.

G. Contestants are not employees of the Jefferson County Fair. The Jefferson County Fair, its officials and promoters of this event will not be responsible for any damage caused by a driver's negligence on the track or in the pit area.

H. The promoter, track owner, or fair association will not be held responsible for any cars, parts or personal property before, during and after the show or overnight.

NOTE: IF A PRE-REGISTRATION FORM IS MAILED TO THE FAIR OFFICE WITH A \$20 PAYMENT BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF JUNE 30, THE \$20 PAYMENT WILL COVER REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE CAR AND DRIVER, PLUS TWO FREE PIT PASSES AT THE GATE ON THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

You may copy the registration form from this website and send it, along with your advance payment of \$20.00 to the following address:

Jefferson County Fair
c/o Jim Grant Secretary
1709 Arch Street Ext.
Brockway, PA 15824

TOWING AND TRANSPORTING CARS

Towing and transporting Demolition Derby cars to and from race locations must meet highway safety codes.
(Including proper light controls, safety chains, tow bars, towing trailers, etc.)

TYPE OF CAR

Any American made, hardtop automobile is allowed except as follows: No trucks, Suburbans, Travelalls, convertibles, Jeeps, limousines, Volvos, sedagons, or any full-framed Chrysler Imperial. GM Wagons are not allowed.

Compact cars include 4 & 6 cylinder, front-wheel or rear drive, 105" wheel base or less - no Volvos

REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

Cars may be disqualified (black flagged) during competition for any of the following:

- A. Intentionally hitting of an opponent's driver's door.
- B. Intentionally hitting another vehicle with a head-on impact, where both vehicles are moving towards each other and hit hood ornament to hood ornament.
- C. Blatant team driving will result in all those participating in team driving being disqualified. This will be a judgment call by the officials and as all rulings of the officials, it shall be final.
- D. Intentionally hitting of any vehicle stuck any where in the arena. Due to the serious nature of this safety factor in protection of the crowd, workers, officials, etc., this is considered a very serious matter.
- E. Exiting arena under own power at the end of a heat if subject to inspection before leaving the arena. Those going on to feature are required to be inspected prior to leaving the arena.
- F. Intentionally pushing another car out of the arena entrance or exit, or holding them from re-entering the arena after being illegally shoved out.
- G. Disobeying, arguing, or use of profanity to any official may constitute dismissal for the entire event and considered as grounds for permanent barring from further competition at the Jefferson County Fair.
- H. Spilling fuel or catching fire, but an exhaust fire or carburetor fire that is immediately extinguished on its own is excluded.
- I. The head flagman may disqualify any vehicle which, in his/her opinion, constitutes a reasonable safety hazard to the driver, other drivers, or spectators.

NOTE: At no time shall recording devices such as VCR cameras be used for consideration of a decision by an official. As in any fast-moving sporting event, there will be calls made by officials that may not be viewed the same by everyone. Each person entering this event does so with the understanding that in the interest of all concerned, the decision of all officials shall be respected without over-reaction. Any behavior that incites the crowd to negative behavior shall be grounds for consideration of permanent barring from further competition. The Demolition Derby is presented with the best intentions of providing an enjoyable experience for all.

The Jefferson County Fair is strongly committed to providing family-type experiences for participants and spectators in all activities. When this goal cannot be attained, then it becomes very necessary to consider not sponsoring such activities. Such considerations outweigh any financial considerations.

PREPARATION OF CAR

(Remove following before arriving at fairgrounds or track)

1. **All glass** including windshield, side windows, rear window, head and tail lights. All plastic & fiberglass trim, molding and grill. **Rolling windows down is not permitted.**
2. **Auto must be swept clean. No junk tires, wheels, metal parts, broken glass, etc. allowed in car.**
3. Chrome molding strips and complete rear seat must be removed. On station wagons all rear seats must be removed. No loose flooring is allowed.
4. Any sharp protruding fins or dangerous objects must be mashed down or cut off.
5. No special bumpers, reinforcements or trailer hitches will be permitted. Fenders and bumper ends may be trimmed to allow for wheel clearance. On late models, any shock bumper must be welded and chained from bolt on bumper to bolt on frame. The maximum bumper height (to bottom of bumper) of 24" is permitted on car first run.
6. Welded solid or chained down engine mounts are recommended. No other welding is permitted on frame of the car.
7. Radiators must remain in original position or be taken off. Radiator may be supported with banding of two 1" bands or 3/8 all tread & 1/2" chicken wire to protect it. Comparable replacement radiators are permitted. Radiators and cooling systems must be filled with water only or environmentally safe antifreeze. Transmission coolers are permitted but **only** if they are secured inside the engine compartment.
8. Seat bracing is permitted from floor only. Door to door bracing is permitted. Roll cages are permitted, 2" pipe maximum, 4 posts to the floor only, door to floor bracing both sides is permitted. 6" x 6" plate maximum on end of pipe.
9. All doors must be fastened shut by wire, straps, chains, or welded for the driver's safety. 3" on 3" off allowed per door, trunk or tailgate. No limit on welding of the driver's door or passenger door if no post on full size cars. Coil springs may be welded to axle only. **Compact cars - all doors may be welded solid.** It is recommended that the driver's door be reinforced inside or with steel bar, angle iron, or pipe, length not to extend more than eight (8) inches on either end of driver's door. **A strong wire or nylon mesh screen is recommended on driver's window and windshield area. Plexiglas is permitted in driver's windshield. Strap or pipe cowl to roof is permitted.**
10. Any battery size is allowed. Battery must be moved from original position. It must be placed on floorboard of driver's compartment and securely fastened and covered.
11. Trunk, or tailgate may be wired if not welded. Light chains may be used on trunk or tailgate. Wiring or banding must be from sheet metal to sheet metal. No other wiring to bumpers or frames. No bands or cables can be used from sheet metal to frame. **Hoods must remain on cars.** Hoods must have opening at least 12 inches by 12 inches square in case of fire - hood must be open for inspection. **Inside trunk must be visible for inspector.** No extra body mounts. No interior panels welded. No additional welding or reinforcing of tail gate is permitted.
12. Tucking and folding of sheet metal will not be permitted. Bolting of sheet metal with 3/8" bolts will be permitted at no less than 3" spacing. No double panels will be permitted – all winners will be drilled and tested. No sheet metal or frame reinforcement will be permitted. Body mounts must be in the original position with rubber bushings in place. Maximum size for mounts will be a 6" plate with a 1/2" bolt. Additional support may be added to hardtop models without original door posts. . Front and rear spring suspension, stock appearing, no leaf-spring conversions. **Ruling will be made at the discretion of the officials.**
13. Special numbers are permitted with extra number on roof. **No profanity allowed on any portion of the car.**

PREPARATION OF CAR (continued)

14. Stock gas tanks **must** be removed from original position and placed in front of rear axle and no farther forward than the rear of the front seat; all tanks must be securely fastened to floor and covered with a flame retardant blanket; a portable tank is recommended in place of the original. **Gas lines and fittings to fuel tanks must be secured and leak proof and installed in side of the car.** Only metal or rubber gas lines permitted. **No plastic lines!** Approximately four (4) gallons of gas permitted per heat. Tanks with more than 4 gal. of gas after an event will be disqualified. **Officials have the right to check.** Electric fuel pumps permitted. Switches must be located on top of dash in front of driver. **No plastic fuel tanks!** Inspection official will give final approval on tanks and fittings. Fuel cell recommended.

15. **No solid steel bladed Fan can be used.** Clutch type, plastic, fiberglass or electric fans may be used.

17. Double tires and industrial tires will be permitted. Paddle, scoop, and farm tractor tires will not be permitted. Liquid, sand, concrete, or other foreign matter will not be permitted inside tires. Tires may be attached to the wheels with screws. Valve stem protectors are allowed. No split rims. Wheel weights must be removed. If wheel weights are not removed, vehicle will be disqualified.

RUNNING

1. **Safety belt, Z-90 full face helmet or better approved helmet, goggles, safety glasses or face shields are required. You will Not Run Without Them.**

2. **No** deliberate hitting on the driver's door.

3. Vehicles must have dependable brakes at all times and boundaries must be observed.

4. **No** cars are permitted in the competition area before the heat in which they are to participate.

5. **A vehicle will be disqualified if the driver's door comes open during the event.**

6. One (1) minute limit is enforced by the track officials for re-starts and making competitive contact with another car. Hits must be aggressive. Simple contact within the time limit does not constitute combat and could be considered sandbagging!

7. All cars are to be removed from the track and fairgrounds following the show or they will become the property of the Jefferson County Fair Authority and the officials will have them removed (unless otherwise specified at the drivers meeting). A removal deposit may be required.

8. A \$25.00 protest fee is required to contest another car - \$25.00 will go to protested car if found OK.

9. A fire extinguisher is recommended at close reach in driver's compartment.

10. Vehicles will be disqualified after a second fire in same event. **Officials Discretion on type of fire.** Car can be reinspected.

11. **No** one riding on outside of cars anytime due to insurance regulations.

12. Car may be disqualified for poor overall condition upon discretion of judge.

13. Derby will be stopped if **Bumper, axle or any other safety hazard is on the track.**

14. Boundaries must be observed at all times. Any car shoved or driven out of bounds, may be immediately disqualified if Derby official feels it's a **safety hazard.**

RUNNING (continued)

15. The Derby will be composed of individual heats and one Feature, with cash prizes going to the winners of each heat and grand prize going to the winner of the Feature. Decision of the official is final.

16. These rules supersede any, and all rules previously used. **Rules subject to change without notice**--track officials have this right.

TITLES MUST BE TURNED IN FOR ALL CARS LEFT FOR JUNK.

CHECK THE MAIN FAIRGROUND AND FAIR SCHEDULES ON THE WEBSITE FOR ANY SCHEDULED DEMO DERBIES THIS YEAR.

PRIZE MONEY

FAIR WEEK EVENTS:

CLASSES: '80s and Newer Full Size Cars, Compacts

Feature with largest car count:

1st \$1,000 2nd \$400 3rd \$150

The other Feature:

1st \$600 2nd \$150 3rd \$75

Heats: \$35 per car, 3 winners per heat

Over 40 cars entered, \$10 will be added to each class winner's purse for a total of \$20 per entrant.

REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE PRINTED FROM THE FAIR'S WEBSITE AT www.jeffcofair.com .

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CARS REGISTERED AFTER 6:30 WILL BE IN THE LAST HEAT

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER 6:45

PLEASE BE ON TIME

Contact Joe Caltagarone (814) 653-2033 home OR (814) 541- 5215 cell

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JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR AUTHORITY

2007 Demolition Derby Form

Paid _____

<u>Car #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compact</u>	<u>Place in Heat</u>	<u>Heat #</u>

Name	SS #
Address	
Phone #	

TYPE OF VEHICLE

Year	Make	Model
Engine Size	Vehicle Color	

Sponsors	

WAIVER

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that participating in a demolition derby or any motorized sport is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not compete unless I have the prerequisite training to participate safely. I assume all risks associated with participating in these events including but not limited to damage or injury to my vehicle and/or person(s) that results from an accident or mishap. Having read this waiver along with the rules and regulations, and knowing these facts with the consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I for myself, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, hereby release the Jefferson County Fair, its employees, and associated parties from any and all claims and liabilities arising out of my participating in this event. I have read all the rules and regulations.

Driver	Date
Pit Crew	Date
Pit Crew	Date
Pit Crew	Date
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Pit Crew	Date

**\$10.00 gets car in gate, Driver and any additional pit person is \$10.00 per person
All drivers and pit crew must sign insurance form at gate.**