

2026 TRUCK DEMOLITION DERBY RULES

Race Day – Saturday, April 18TH, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Pits open at 11:00 am and close at 5:00 pm. NO wristbands will be given out after 5:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS

PLEASE READ ALL RULES - SOME HAVE CHANGED!

Must be 18 years of age to enter the pits. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NEW ADDITIONS/CHANGES for 2026 RULES

- Driver's door bar **MANDATORY**.
- Race car style window nets recommended.
- two minute rule (Demo Derby) - If you do not move or hit another vehicle within 2 minute, you will be disqualified.
- Any driver caught using 2 way communication will be automatically disqualified
- Fuel door must be removed.
- Stock bumper can be replaced with 4x4 maximum square tubing. Ends must be completely open and welded to original stock bumper mounts.
- Fire extinguishers are mandatory for your pit stall but optional in the car. If in the car they must be securely mounted.

Vehicles

1. Open to all foreign or domestic made passenger trucks.
 - NO vehicles with OEM weight less than 3,000 lbs.
 - NO wheelbases less than 112"
 - NO utility beds, flat beds or service beds. Must be a stock truck bed.
 - No wooden beds
 - NO 4-wheel drive. If the truck has 4 wheel drive, the front driveshaft must be removed. Two wheel drive only.
 - NO trucks running on Propane, CNG or ethanol.
2. Trucks **MUST** be able to withstand the dangers associated with this event, including: Roll-over, Driver door impact, Fire, Track debris
3. Framed trucks with carbureted engines are preferred, but Unibody and Fuel injected trucks are OK.
 - Please notify officials in advance of event if you are considering running a unibody or fuel injected truck, they may require additional modifications to insure driver safety.

Interior

4. Door trim and upholstery - Remove and strip all combustibles from interior, including rear seat, carpet and headliner. Dash may be left fully intact. NO sharp points or objects within reach of the driver. Truck **MUST** be clean inside.
5. Safety Bars/cage – Only bars added for driver safety within the driver's compartment are allowed. Mandatory for all cars to have a brace bar from side to side, located behind the driver seat. Brace **MUST** extend from door ledge to door ledge, lower than driver's shoulder. Use one pipe, minimum 2 inches in diameter and .090 thick; round or square. Weld pipe ends to flange plates, not to exceed 12"x12"x1/4" thick. Flanges **MUST** be welded securely to interior or sandwiched/bolted through to external flanges.

- **Driver's door bar MANDATORY.**
 - 4 point cage for all cars is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**
 - Trucks MUST be capable of safely rolling over; vertical posts and halo bars OK. Additional bracing may be added for driver protection. Bracing for ONE rollover hoop (round or square) may extend outside drivers compartment. Bracing and interior (Roll) cages are for driver's safety only, not for competitive advantage.
6. Seat - Drivers seat MUST be securely fastened. Bolted or welded to floor and strapped to cross member.
 7. Seat belts - Belts for the driver MUST be at a minimum Factory type and shall include a shoulder belt, be in good serviceable condition, and not weathered. Officials will have final say on the condition.
 - 4 point harnesses OK.
 8. Fire extinguisher recommended - MUST be in working order, within reach of driver, and securely mounted to prevent accidental dislodge.
 9. Holes in firewall and floor - All holes in firewall and floor must be covered with metal or non-flammable material.***note: this is the most common reason for tech failure. Please cover ALL holes in floorboard and firewall.
 10. Gas Tanks - Gas Tanks - Stock gas tanks **MUST** be removed. You cannot move the OEM tank to the inside of the truck. Gas tank must be a safe container designed to hold fuel (High impact boat tanks or fuel cells) and must be securely strapped with metal straps in the center of the truck bed and against the back of the cab. Insure no movement or leaks. Metal tanks and enclosures are preferred. No homemade gas cans. No plumbers tape. All hoses must be double clamped and all lines encased in some form of outer conduit to insure that no fuel leaks inside driver's compartment in case of leakage. Must be able to withstand impact and rollover. NO pressurized lines or fuel pumps allowed inside the driver's compartment. Fuel injected vehicles are NOT recommended and require prior approval to insure safety. Fuel tank to carb needs a shut off valve at the tank, preferably within reach of the driver. Electric pumps should be mounted in the engine compartment with shutoff on the dash or dash cross point.
 11. Fuel pumps - Electric pumps are recommended to be mounted in the engine compartment with a shutoff switch on the dash. If mounted inside the truck, they MUST be secured and covered to protect from impact with debris and catastrophic failure.
 12. Fluid lines through Driver's compartment - NO unwrapped flammable fluid lines inside truck - which includes gas, oil, and ATF.
 - Fuel lines running inside driver's compartment MUST be contained within conduit and painted red.
 - Other lines within truck should be encased in some form of outer conduit to insure that nothing can leak inside driver's compartment. Wrapping transmission cooler hoses in aluminum tape is ok.
 - All hose ends must be double clamped.
 13. Coolers - Heater cores MUST be disconnected from cooling system if left in dash. No engine oil coolers allowed outside engine compartment. Transmission cooler installation inside engine compartment is preferred. If mounted inside passenger foot well:
 - Recommended to be pre-approved to insure safe installation
 - MUST be securely mounted away from driver
 - Completely encased in a sealed box
 - Any line connections should be within the box
 14. Battery -The battery must be relocated to the driver's compartment and securely fastened with metal straps to the floor. 24-volt starting system is optional.
 15. Engine kill switch required - Stock ignition is OK. ON/OFF MUST be clearly labeled.
 16. High density foam padding required in driver door and interior steering wheel (example, boogie board or seat cushion); highly recommended on all areas within reach of driver to minimize impact injuries (example, steering column, door posts, etc.)

Exterior/Body

17. External glass and plastic - All windows, headlights, turn signals, body trim **MUST** be removed. No decorative fabric, carpet or other flammable materials allowed to remain on truck.
18. Driver door - Although driver's door hits are punishable by disqualification, they do happen. To reduce risk, extra reinforcement should be considered
 - Reinforcement is only allowed for the driver's side/door.
 - Steel plate or tubing is allowed inside door cavity. For safety, not competitive advantage.
 - Any reinforcement should not protrude past original opening (No more than 3 inches)
 - Absolutely no sharp edges allowed within reach.
 - Door **MUST** at minimum be chained front and rear
 - Alternatively seams may be fully welded.
19. Driver's Window - **Race car style window nets** HIGHLY recommended
20. Hood, Trunk, and Passenger Doors – Welding, bolting, or chaining is allowed for securing doors.
 - Doors **MUST** be secured with at least 2 chains, one at each latch.
 - Chain diameter cannot be less than 3/16" diameter.
 - Hoods and tailgates if chained shut; 4 chains max per hood, 2 for tailgates.
 - Max length of each chain is 48 inches, ½ inch max diameter.
 - Hood, tailgate and doors can be bolted instead of chained.
 - Hood **MUST** have fire extinguisher access to both sides of engine (min. 4 inch holes)
21. Windshield - Glass **MUST** be removed. Safety bars (Min 1, Max 3) **MUST** be added.
 - Bolt/screw/weld heavy duty flatbar post from dash/firewall to roof.
 - Heavy duty (22ga) wire screen or expanded metal (in front of driver) is mandatory.
 - Screen **MUST** cover no less than 1/3 of the windshield opening.
22. Numbers/Lettering - All vehicles **MUST** have their registered numbers on both sides, and top of vehicle.
 - A vertical, two sided number plate is required on the roof.
 - ALL numbers **MUST** be minimum 14 inches tall, with a 1 to 2 inch border around them.
 - Numbers **MUST** BE contrasting colors.
 - Numbers should be painted with stencils or cut from vinyl lettering.
 - If we can't see your numbers clearly, we can't score you!
 - No obscenities on trucks. Trucks **MUST** be acceptable for a "family" atmosphere.
23. Tires/rims - ANY size/width tires with any tread design **WILL** be allowed.
 - No studded tires
 - Inner tubes OK
 - Filling with water is OK
 - Screwing tire to rim is OK
 - Valve stem protection OK, but **MUST** not be sharp or protrude from rim.
 - No other reinforcing of wheels allowed.
24. Bumpers – Only stock automotive bumpers may be used. No excessive replacements allowed.
 - Bumpers may be safety chained on both ends or welded.
 - Chains should have some slack in the links between the bumper and frame.
 - The stock brackets and/or chains may be welded to keep them attached.
 - Additional braces are allowed to be added or welded to bumper.
 - Bumpers cannot extend past the wheels.
25. Body/Frame Modifications - Trucks **MUST** appear as stock as possible.
 - Added (non-stock) reinforcement only allowed for driver safety and protection.
 - Front kickers and arm forward plating will be allowed.
 - Wheel wells may be trimmed. No sharp edges allowed.
 - No frame mounted trailer hitches.
 - No "cosmetic" objects protruding from vehicle.
 - Radiator support: Only ONE added bar allowed in front of radiator, outside the vehicle or within engine compartment.
 - No foreign substances (concrete, steel plates, rebar, etc.) inside frame, any body cavities, or passenger doors.

26. Drivetrain - Modifications will be allowed where manufacturer swaps, or between different models of vehicles has been done.
- ANY engine and transmission mounts allowed, from any manufacturer.
 - Brakes **MUST** be in working order.
27. Suspension –
- Limiting chains or straps are OK.
 - Suspension arms **MUST** be stock appearing. Arms cannot be reinforced.
 - Suspension mounting brackets can be custom fabricated.
 - Coil springs may be wired, chained or bolted. Welding NOT recommended.
 - Suspension modifications will be inspected where a Drivetrain swap has been done.
28. Engine bay –
- Using other manufacturer's Engines and drivetrains is allowed.
 - Switching from fuel injection to carbureted is encouraged.
 - Engine **MUST** be steam cleaned and free from leaks of any flammable liquids.
 - All trucks **MUST** have a suitable air cleaner or flame arrestor; Carbureted or fuel injected.
 - All trucks **MUST** have two return springs on the carburetor or throttle linkage.
 - All trucks **MUST** use radiator in stock location only. Fans are optional, any type allowed.
 - Exhaust **MUST** extend beyond driver compartment. Exhaust may come through hood, but **MUST** extend above top of windshield and point straight up.
 - No nitrous systems, superchargers, or turbos allowed.
 - No systems designed to inject starter fluid, or fuel additives (Filling station fuel only)
29. Pre-Ran Vehicles - No material stronger than stock should be used for repairs. This includes bumper area, frame, steering, suspension, body panel, and radiator supports. No additional welding or material may be added to reinforce frame or body besides those specifically stated in rules above for driver safety. Any cars found with excessive modifications, will be asked to fix or remove them, and will be done via driver's consensus. Every effort will be taken to allow vehicles to participate, but cannot be guaranteed if truck cannot be made safe or seen as fair alongside other entries.

GENERAL RULES - for Driver and Crew

30. Drivers will be held responsible for their pit crew's actions - Excessive use of profanity, intoxication, and objections or interference to official's calls will not be tolerated.
- No alcohol, drugs, firearms/weapons of any kind, or fighting. (ZERO TOLERANCE)
31. Age Requirements - To receive "all access" Pit area wrist bands:
- **DRIVERS AND CREW MEMBERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE**
 - **MUST** show a valid driver's license or ID card if age is questionable.
 - Everyone **MUST** sign the Fair approved waiver/release form prior to receiving wristbands and entering the arena/pit area.
 - Wristbands will **ONLY** be given to those who enter from Gate 6 off of Avenue G-8.
32. Driver Safety –Please consider using the best safety gear available, for your protection.
- **MANDATORY** to wear DOT approved Full face Helmet.
 - Snell Sticker **MUST** be intact at inspection (SA 2005 or newer).
 - **MANDATORY** to wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, and gloves.
 - **MANDATORY** to wear Goggles or approved eye protection
 - Eye protection **MUST REMAIN ON** while on track.
 - Fire suits and fire resistant "racing/driving shoes" are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**
 - Fire-proof foam neck collars are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**
33. Tech inspection - Adherence to the Build Rules and safety will be done via driver's consensus. Each truck may require additional inspection, if so, 2 committee members will be selected to inspect the vehicle in question. Officials may inspect before, after, and even during an event.
- After tech, there is to be no further modification to the vehicle. If caught, you may be disqualified or not permitted to run if truck cannot be re-teched. (Time allowing) Only 'tuning' of truck is allowed.

- If your vehicle is unable to pass tech inspection and is deemed unable to race, you are disqualified. There are **NO REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Any driver or crew member has the right to inspect any truck 'Post tech' and after events.
 - a. If anything is contested - **ONLY DRIVERS CAN PROTEST.**
 - b. Protests can be made to Event Director **ONLY.**
 - c. Protests **MUST** be accompanied with \$100 cash bail.
 - d. Protests **MUST** be filed in person no later than 10 min after event.
 - e. If validated, the money will be returned to driver who protested.
 - f. If by consensus, nothing 'wrong' is found, the protested driver would get the \$100 cash bail.
 - g. Any truck found to have been modified after tech (to avoid discovery) may be **DISQUALIFIED.**
- Tech representatives will be available to answer any questions, and Tech inspections will also be available to pre-inspect your vehicle up until the day before the event. These visits are as a courtesy to you. Contact the AV Fair Motorsports Committee for more information. See below for contact info.

Basic Event Rules

34. During the event, it is "every man for himself" (or woman...). Team atmosphere in the pits is highly encouraged, but obvious **TEAM DRIVING AND/OR SANDBAGGING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** as it has a negative impact on the quality of the show for the fans.
35. **Two minute rule (Demo Derby) - If you do not move or hit another vehicle within 2 minutes, you will be disqualified. Drivers will be asked to 'pull their flag' and are seen as 'out of contention'.**
36. **DO NOT HIT DRIVER'S DOORS.** Drivers **MUST** do everything within their ability to avoid contact with a competitor's driver door. Also effort **MUST** be made to avoid hitting vehicles that have 'pulled their flag' or are broken down and 'out of contention'. Intentional driver door contact and/or reckless driving resulting in substantial impacts to vehicles 'out of contention' will warrant an immediate black flag. Any continued 'accidental' hits will be seen as intentional.
37. With or without driver's acknowledgement of warning, the event may be stopped and an offending car **DISQUALIFIED** in consideration of other driver's safety.
38. Driver **MUST** remain in control and pay attention to the flagmen at all times. The red flag indicates an emergency. All drivers **MUST** come to a complete stop. Any truck failing to stop at the red flag puts other drivers and safety crew at risk and may be disqualified.
39. Driver's **MUST** stay in their vehicles with helmet and seat belts on and fastened until the event is over and has been stopped completely before it's safe to exit vehicles.

Competitor Information

40. All participants realize that this is can be an inherently dangerous sport. These rules are designed to make the event as safe as possible. There is **NO** expressed and/or implied warranty of safety or assurance resulting from the publication, or compliance with, these rules and regulations. All participants and crew members assume **ALL liability** and will be required to sign a liability release form.
41. In the event of a serious injury during the event, both or all vehicles involved may be impounded and subject to teardown.
42. All drivers and crew members **MUST** attend the race day meeting. Time determined day of race.
43. **Pits open at 11:00 Am and close at 5:00pm on race day.**
44. Signing the entry form and paying the entry fee implies a total understanding of all rules in regards to this event, as does signing the release of liability to awareness to all risks involved.
45. **Registration is \$100.00 up until 4/17/26, after that entries are \$200.00. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
46. Event participants will receive One (1) all access armband for competitor along with Two (2) all access armband for a crew members. Additional armbands may be purchased for crew members at the gate, each additional armband is \$20.

47. Note: Any rules may be amended at any time in the interest of safety, up to and including the day of the event.

***** If you or someone you know has any questions about the rules and/or regulations contained in this packet, please feel free to contact Johnny Troesch or Michael Williams**

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Special Notice

All decisions of the officials and/or management of the Antelope Valley Fair, and/or the Race Safety Committee shall be considered final. The spirit and intent of these rules, with the safety of all drivers in foremost in mind, shall prevail. The Antelope Valley Fair Management reserves the right to limit the number of entries. Further, the Fair Management reserves the right to impose such other new rules and/or requirements as may be required by the State of California or the insurance carrier after the publication and dissemination of the above rules and this application prior to the race event commencement, without liability to the drivers, car owners and sponsors. It is the entrant's responsibility to furnish the Fair, along with this application, the correct sponsors and drivers name for program purposes, and the Fair assumes no responsibility for any inaccuracies that may occur. Car numbers will be assigned by the Fair, after receipt of your application. Car numbers requested are not guaranteed until the Drivers Meeting.

NO alcoholic beverages, containers or coolers of any kind will be allowed in the infield or pit areas. Possession of alcoholic beverages in the infield or pit areas will be cause for immediate disqualification by the officials, including driver, crew members, etc. Entrance fee will **NOT** be returned. Obscene words, emblems, symbols, etc. fastened to or on the vehicle, including tow vehicles, will not be allowed and may, at the discretion of the officials, be grounds for disqualification. The race official, in lieu of disqualification, requires the painting out or removal of such at any time. Your cooperation in keeping this family entertainment is requested.