# 2025 PCF Demo Derby Monday – July 14, 2025

PUTNAM
COUNTY

All Classes: \$50 Entry Fee

**Payouts:** Gut-n-Go Class – 100% Payout

All Other Classes - \$1000, \$300, \$200

# **TOWING & 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 bar, towing trailers, etc.)

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1. Read all the rules carefully and follow them! There will be no stretching or bending any rules.
- 2. Cars must be stock unless modifications are stated in the rules.
- 3. No painting of the frames, inside of the body of the car, underneath the car, or the inside of the trunk.
- 4. Any controversies or protests must be brought up during the drivers' meeting. We have the right to reinspect, cut, or drill any car at any time. If you are caught breaking the rules, you will forfeit all winnings and/or prizes you are due.
- 5. All airbags, glass, plastic and interior must be removed before arriving at the event
- 6. Cars must have functioning brakes at all times at least on one axle.

- 7. Any aftermarket parts must be approved by an official. Parts that are not approved before the derby are not permitted to run.
- 8. All trailer hitches and braces must be removed.
- 9. Batteries must be moved to the passenger floorboard. They must be properly secured and covered. Battery box may not strengthen the car in any way.
- 10. Patching and rust repair will only be permitted if cleared by an official.
- 11. Officials' decisions are final! All cars are subject to re-inspection at any time.
- 12. If the care is found to have plate on the frame or body that the rules do not allow, the car will not be permitted to run. There is no option to fix this problem.
- 13. If you hammer/shape/weld the frame in any manner not covered by the rules, you will not be permitted to run. There is no fixing this.
- 14. Your helmet, seatbelt, and eye protection must be worn at all times on the track.
- 15. You may not get out of your car for any reason during the heat until you are out and cleared to exit the vehicle by the pit crew.
- 16. No sandbagging, teaming, or holding. Any of these will result in disqualification. You cannot pin to win.
- 17. No one under the age of 16 is permitted to participate.
- 18. No passengers permitted.

# **DRIVELINE / ENGINE**

- 1. Cars must be 100% stock!
  - The driveline must remain the same make of the car (Chevy to Chevy, Ford to Ford, etc.).
  - o It must have stock exhaust or headers. The exhaust may be cut off.
- 2. The engine must be mounted with factory mounts in stock position.
  - Welding or bolting engine mounts is permitted.

- (welds must be within reason)
- NO homemade cross members.
  - Cross members must be stock and bolted in, not welded.
- You are permitted an aftermarket aluminum radiator, but it must be bolted in like factory or held in with rachet straps or #9 wire.
  - NO radiator protectors or holders are permitted.
- 3. You must use factory rear end housing and axles for the make and model of the car you are running. Any gear is permitted.
  - You may weld the spider gears in the rear end to make it posi.
  - You must run the stock housing. Rear end bracing is not permitted.
- 4. Aftermarket shifter is permitted. It cannot strengthen the car in any way.
- 5. You may run aftermarket gas/brake pedals, but they may not strengthen the car in any way.
- 6. No aftermarket oil/transmission coolers.
- 7. You may leave the stock gas tank in the stock location ONLY if it is in front of the rear axle.
  - o If not, you must relocate the fuel tank to the rear floor of the car.
    - If this has been done, you must use a fuel cell or boat tank.
    - If it is a plastic fuel tank, it must be bolted pr welded to sheet metal in a steel structure.
  - No stock fuel tanks are permitted inside of the car.
  - o If you move the fuel cell to the inside of the car, it must be securely fastened to the floor with bolts, 9 wire, or ratchet straps AND you must remove the stock tank from under the car.
- 8. Under the hood, you may take the plastic fender wells piy.
  - You must move the battery to the floor of the car. You may lengthen the cables to reach the battery on the floor, but not the wiring harness.
  - Battery box may not strength the car in any way.
- 9. A simplified wiring harness is permitted.

- If the car has a wiring harness in front of the core support, you may move it behind the core support.
- You CANNOT remove the body mount to do this.
- 10. After market steering columns are allowed.

### **BODY / CAGE / SUSPENSION**

- 1. All body mount bolts AND body mounts must be factory stock. No altering is permitted.
- 2. Doors must be secured by chain, 9 wire or weld. Driver's door can be welded solid with 3-inch-wide strapping. All other doors can be welded 5-inch on 5-inch off with 3-inch-wide strapping on vertical door seems only. If you choose to chain or wire doors, no more than 10 places per door and no more than 2 double strands of wire per spot. The wire for the bottom of the doors may go around the frame. You may use 5/16" chain or 2 strands of #9 wire per spot. You can have a door skin on drivers side only. Inside or out no thicker than 1/8"
- 3. Trunks may be chained, wired or bolted in 6 locations. You may weld 2x2 angle 5" long and use 3/8" bolt or you may use 5/16" chain or 2 strands of #9 wire.
- 4. TRUNKS MUST BE OPEN DURING INSPECTION or two 8"x8" inspection holes must be cut in trunk lid. You cannot remove speaker deck from car. Chain or wire cannot go to the floor. It must be to the top of the quarters. The deck lid and tailgate must be in the factory position on the car, or it must be completely removed from the car. If you remove the deck lid, you are not permitted any chain or wire for your trunk.
- 5. Two 8"x8" inspection holes must be put in all deck lids within 2" of the center of the quarter panel rain channel. The quarters of the car closest to the bumper, must measure 12 in from the top edge of the quarter. NO WEDGED quarters.
- 6. Hoods may be chained, bolted or wired in 6 spots. You may weld 2x2 angle 5" long and use 3/8" bolt or you may use 5/16" chain or 2 strands of #9 wire. Must be 12" hole in hood incase of fire. REMOVE THE HOOD LATCH!! Hood must be open for inspection.
- 7. A double strand of #9 wire or 3" wide 1/8" thick flat strapping may be used in the center of the front windshield for driver's safety. If firewall is cut out for

- distributer, you may use two 3" wide 1/8" thick window straps with #9 wire on each side of cutout.
- 8. Creasing of the body is permitted, but it must be behind the back door on the quarter panels only. The quarter panels must stay the stock height of the car.
- 9. You may have a simple 4-pount cage with a rollover bar. Cage material can be no larger than 4"x4".
- 10. Door bars may be 2"x6" but must remain 12 in from the wheel tub. Rollover bar must go straight up and across; can only be welded to the top side of the rear seat bar and can be bolted to the roof in two places. NO excessive gussets! Cage is for driver's safety only and cannot strengthen the car in any way.
- 11. You are permitted a gas tank holder off the back bar that can be o wider than 24" and must be 5" away from all sheet metal. (See year specific advantages below)
- 12. The car's factory springs and shocks are what can be used and must be in the factory location. No solid suspension. Screw in spring risers are permitted.
- 13. Factory tie rod sleeves can be welded and reinforced with round stock angle iron or comparable material.
- 14. No wire, chains, seatbelt, or any weld on the rearends or the rear spring pockets. The can must bounce. Only 1 factory shock per side is permitted. No hump chains but you may wire rear coils in with #9 wire only to keep them from coming out.
- 15. Factory A arms and ball joints must be used.
- 16. On 2003 and newer Fords, you must run a factory strut.
- 17. Absolutely no rack and pinion protectors are permitted, NO EXCEPTIONS
- 18. You may have four spots with 2 strands of #9 wire that may run from roof/bar down around frame.

#### **BUMPER**

- 19. The front bumper cannot be any higher than 21" from the bottom of the bumper. The back frame rails cannot be any lower than 12" from the bottom of the frame. This will be measured behind the back body mount hole of the bottom of the frame.
- 20. Any year bumper (except Chrysler Pointy Bumper) is permitted. They can be hard-nosed but if you hard nose, you must remove shock/bracket. You can use a

6"x6"x1/4" flat steel plate on the back of the bumper to create a flat mount surface. (Plate MUST be between the bumper and the frame rail). If you run factory bumper shocks, you may collapse the shocks and weld all the way around the shock and the plate to bumper but back of bumper must remain 1" from frame if done this way. Replica bumpers and homemade bumpers are permitted. Bumpers may be loaded inside. Homemade bumpers must be equivalent to size and dimension of a factory bumper. Point must be no larger than 8 inches from mounting pad. If you run square tubing as a bumper on the front or back, you must weld end caps on it. NO BIG POINT BUMPERS! No ramp/scoop style rear bumpers!!

### **WHEELS/TIRES**

Any Wheel and tire combo are permitted

#### **FIX IT PLATES**

 Fresh cars may have six 4"x4"x ¼" square plates. Pre-ran cars may have eight 4"x4"x ¼" square plates.

#### YEAR SPECIFIC OPTIONS

- 80's to 2002 cars may have 24in wide gas tank protector pressured in the package tray
- 2003 cars may either swap the factory aluminum spindles to a factory cast steel spindle, OR you may run factory aluminum spindles and have a 24in wide gas tank protector pressured into the packing tray. YOU CHOOSE ONE OPTIONS OR THE OTHER, NOT BOTH!
  - If you choose to spindle swap you may use a f150 lower balljoint welded on top of lower A arm, you may also use a 80's model upper ball joint welded to a stamped steel upper A arm, OR a f150 cast steel upper A arm and ball joint.

If you have any questions call/text. (please use time awareness)

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# SPECIFIC RULES FOR CAR CLASSIFICATIONS

### **FULL SIZE STOCK SPECIFICATIONS:**

Any hard-top automobile or station wagon is allowed. NO trucks, convertibles, jeeps, El Camino, hearses, Chrysler Imperials or limousines are allowed. Engine swaps are permitted and can be carb or fuel injection. Transmission shifters can be stock or aftermarket.

### **MINI CLASS STOCK SPECIFIFCATIONS:**

- 1. 4 Cylinder or V-6 Only
- 2. Wheelbase 106 RWD & No more than 109 FWD. No Full frame cars. If car is painted black at 12" X 12" roof sign is mandatory. No altering. No trucks.

# **PREPARATION OF CAR (INCLUDES ALL CLASSES):**

- 1. All glass including windshield, side windows, rear windows, head and tail lights, rolling windows, chrome, and mirrors are to be removed. Any fiberglass on outside of or including plastic bumper covers are to be removed.
- 2. Auto must be swept clean. No junk tires, wheels, metal parts, broken glass, etc. allowed in car.
- 3. Chrome molding strips and the bottom portion of rear seats must be removed. On station wagons, all rear seats and deck lids must be removed. All fiberglass or plastic front header panels must be removed.
- 4. Any sharp protruding fins or dangerous objects must be mashed down or cut off.
- 5. You may load the front bumper. Must bolt or weld in factory location. Any bumper permitted except Chrysler pointy. You may also run fab bumpers. If you fab your own bumper , tubing must be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4"x4"x 60" MAX. You are not allowed to shorten the frame. Bumpers may be welded to front of frame with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " 4"x4" plate max. No bumper shocks on the outside of the frame
- 6. Welded solid or chained down engine mounts are recommended.

- 7. Radiators must remain in the original position or taken off. Comparable replacement radiators are permitted. Transmission coolers are permitted, but only if they are secured inside the engine compartment.
- 8. Three inch (3") max Dash bar or seat bar to sheet metal is permitted. No roll cages.
- 9. All doors must be fastened shut by wire, straps, and/or chains for the driver's safety. Driver's and Passenger doors are to be welded or wired shut 5" on 5" off.
- 10. Only one battery, any size, is allowed. If battery is removed from original position, it must be placed in driver's compartment, secured and covered.
- 11. Light chains may be used on trunk or tailgate only. Wiring must be from sheet metal to sheet metal. No welding washers to body for wire. No welding washers for holes. No other wiring to bumpers or frames. No welding, pre-bending, smashing, folding of sheet metal. No bands, bolts, pins, or cables can be used. No welds on hood, trunk, or tailgate. Official's decision on overuse of wires or chains. Hood and trunk must be left open until after inspection. Hoods must remain on cars
- 12. BOTH FRONT DOORS MUST BE PAINTED WHITE FOR SAFETY and numbered. Special numbers are permitted. NO PROFANITY WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY PORTION OF THE CAR! Numbering shall be on both doors and roof.
- 13. Stock gas tanks must be removed from original position and placed in front of rear axle and no father forward than the rear of the seat. All fuel tanks must be securely fastened to the floor and covered. A fuel cell tank is recommended in place of the original. Gas lines and fittings to fuel tanks must be secured and leak-proof. Only metal or rubber gas lines permitted. No plastic lines. Approximately four (4) gallons of gas permitted per heat. Inspection official will give final approval on tanks and fittings.
- 14. Each driver and mechanics must sign in at the registration desk the day of the derby and have their car inspected at least one hour prior to show time. Failure to comply with the inspection will result in disqualification of the "said car".
- 15. It is recommended that the driver's door be reinforced inside with 3" (three inch) max steel bar, angle iron, or pipe. Length not to extend more than 8" (eight inches) on either end of the driver's door. Can not be attached to dash bar or seat bar.

- 16. It is mandatory that an opening be cut in hood over carburetor, approximately 12" or larger, square or diameter. Hood latches must be removed. Also recommended that a hole should be cut in middle of trunk lid for visibility.
- 17. Any tire allowed. No studs or screws in rims to hold tires. No bead lock. Valve stem protectors will be permitted. No split rims. Wheel weights must be removed.
- 18. A strong wire or nylon mesh screen is recommended on driver's window and windshield area. Plexiglas is permitted on driver's windshield.

# **RUNNING**

- 1. Safety Belt, Z-90 approved helmet, goggles, safety glasses or face shields are required.
- 2. No deliberate head-on collisions and on deliberate hitting on the driver's side 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 heat.
- 6. One minute limit is enforced by the track official 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 fairgrounds or race track following the show or they will become the property of the Putnam County Fair Demolition Derby and the officials will have them removed (unless otherwise specified at the driver's meeting). A removal deposit may be required in some areas.
- 8. A \$100.00 protest fee is required to contest another car.
- 9. A fire extinguisher is recommended at close reach in driver's compartment.
- 10. Due to insurance regulations, no one is permitted to ride on outside of cars at any time.
- 11. One fire will be allowed, 2<sup>nd</sup> fire and you will be disqualified.
- 12. ALL OFFICALS DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

### Demolition Derby Rules- Gut and Go Class 100% STOCK CLASS 1. Any 4

Cylinders or V-6 Cars only 2. Wheelbase- NO longer than 110.5 FWD or 106 RWD based on factory specs. 3. Must remove all Glass and Plastic from inside of car, interior MUST be swept clean 4. Hood and Trunks MUST be open for inspection. 5. Hoods and Trunks MUST be wired shut after inspection (no washers are allowed), No more than four (4) places shall be wired in trunk and hood. Hood latches MUST be removed. 6. Hoods MUST have a minimum of a 12-inch hole in case of a fire 7. Can have a sear bar (2-inch Max) Must be bolted in car, not welding. Rachet strap may be used to support driver seat. 8. Stock bumper must be used, absolutely no bumper swaps allowed. No adding metal to bumper. Must use factory crush box mount in stock location, MUST be bolted. No welding allowed. 9. Gas tanks can be left in stock location. You may relocate stock gas tank to rear floor of car. 10. Battery can be moved to passenger floor but MUST be secured in place. Must be covered if relocated to passenger floor. 11. No homemade mounts or welding of mounts for transmission or engine. 12. No header pipes allowed. 13. No aftermarket wiring harnesses allowed. 14. All body Mounts must be factory. 15. Must have factory suspension (No altering in any way shape or form.) No welding or chaining or modification of factory suspension. Must have bounce. 16. Only DOT approved tires allowed (No cutting or grinding. No doubled, studded, liquid, or foam filled tires). No bead lock or valve steam protectors. 17. All wheel weights MUST be removed. 18. Drive Door MUST be painted white, if not painted white, don't complaint of door hit(s). 19. NO pre-bending or creasing before or after tech (will result in disqualification) 20. NO WELDING or adding metal what so ever. 21. Read all rules carefully and follow them. There will be no stretching or bending of any rules. \*\*No refund will be given if you fail to pass tech\*\*

\*\* ADDITIONAL SAFETY REGULATIONS MAY BE IMPOSED, DEPENDING ON TRACK CONDITIONS\*\*

Boundaries must be observed at all times. Any car shoved or driven out of bounds or is on or over a pole may be immediately disqualified if derby officials feel it is a safety hazard.

The Derby will be composed of individual heats and one feature with cash prizes going to the winners of each heat and grand prizes going to the winner of the feature. DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL IS FINAL.

These rules supersede any and all rules previously used.

Rules subject to change without notice according to the PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR DEMOLITION DERBY committee

TITLES MUST BE TURNED IN ON ALL CARS LEFT FOR JUNK