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Hamilton County Demolition Derby 2017

2017 Pickup Rules

Entries are open to men and women. In the interest of safety and in fairness to all contestants the following rules and regulations will prevail.

Driver entry:

- Drivers must be 18 years of age or have notarized permit by parent or guardian.
- Driver must furnish own pickup or have someone sponsor the pickup.
- We will run 1 heat of pickups only.

Participation Regulations:

- Vehicles may maneuver forward or reverse.
- Two wheels out of bounds and you're out.
- No hitting of driver's door allowed. Accidental bumps will receive one warning. The second will result in disqualification. If a driver's door hit is deemed to be intentional you will be disqualified.
- Do not use your driver's door as a shield.
- Drivers have 1 minute to make an aggressive hit (60 seconds). This WILL be enforced! Do not play possum! (EX. your pickup quit and it won't restart and you lay over in your seat, it starts shortly b4 you time out, get a hit, then repeat, or you can't find a gear, or you can't steer) Do not sandbag, sandbagging will result in disqualification.
- No team driving!
- In case of a fire, the heat will be stopped until the fire is out. The driver will have 1 minute to restart his/her pickup and hit another pickup. The second fire you are out.
- Safety belts, eye protection, and a DOT certified helmet must be worn during all competition.
- Drivers must remain in the pickup, with their helmets and seat belts applied, until the heat is over.
- Emergency personnel and officials are the only ones permitted in the arena during the heats.
- Orderly conduct is required of all drivers and pit persons. Violators will be evicted from the derby.
- State law prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages on Hamilton County Property. State law also prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages while operating a vehicle. Therefore, no driver under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed to participate or enter the exhibition area. Judges may disqualify a driver if he/she is considered unfit to drive. Law enforcement will be notified of violations.

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- No one is allowed in the pit area without a pit pass. No one under the age of 13 is allowed in the pits. Entrants and pit crews are expected to wear pit passes at all times.
- Entrants and pit crews are expected to keep their areas clean of trash and debris.
- No one will be permitted to sit, stand, or jump on any vehicles towing or being towed from the arena.
- The decisions of the judges are final. All protests, by a driver only, will be made to the head judge immediately following the heat. A \$250 protest fee is required to be paid in cash at time of protest. Driver protest must be specific as to location.
- The head judge has final say on everything. Anyone arguing or verbally abusing anyone (Judges, Drivers, etc.) will be disqualified and possibly barred from future events.
- Top 3 in final will be re inspected. If rules do not state that you can do it, don't do it! Any questions? Call first!

Pickup rules:

- Any 2wd or 4wd ½ ton or ¾ ton pickup or suburban may be used
- No tilting or narrowing of the frame.
- Rear of vehicle cannot be lowered and the front cannot be raised to achieve a wedge. No wedging.
- No blocks or any other special lifts to gain height even if they came with the lift from the factory. This is at the judge's discretion – Please don't push this rule or you will not run.
- Front 4x4 driveshaft must be removed.
- Radiators and fans may be removed, but not relocated.
- Transmission coolers, sliders, headers, and shifters, are allowed.
- Batteries must be relocated to the passenger front floor. You may have two batteries, must be properly secured, and covered.
- Recommended that all holes in firewall be covered.
- All glass and moldings must be removed. Do not break glass in doors. Headliners, door panels, dash, carpet and any other combustible material must be removed. Any molding retainers, clips, screws, ECT. Must be removed. Help us keep the derby arena clean.
- Slogans, advertising, or printing may be placed on car except on front doors. Put drivers name and number on both front doors in large contrasting print. No vulgarities! Keep in mind that this is a family friendly show!
- Maximum of 10-gallon gas tank. Gas tank should be placed center of the cab, in the pickup box, properly secured and covered. Make sure to keep safety in mind.
- No special bumpers, trailer hitches, special lifts, airline blocks, shackles or any other reinforcements.

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- All Freon and antifreeze must be removed.
 - A windshield bar is required maximum of 3 permitted.
 - A roll bar is REQUIRED or you will not run. Please keep in mind your safety. If you have any questions how to do this please call.
- Hood Fasteners: you may have 6 hood fasteners. 1 hinge counts as 1 fastener. You may chain, bolt, or wire. Choose 1 method only.
- A wrap of # 9 wire is considered a 1 fastener.
- You may have (2) all thread through the frame at the front body mounts and can go through the hood. 1" Max all thread. These count toward your 6 retainers.
- (6) 1/4" X 6" hood washers max.
- Doors: doors may be chained, wired, bolted, or welded you must choose (1) method only.
- Welding doors: You may weld solid the driver front and passenger front doors only.
- A wrap of # 9 wire is considered a 1 fastener.
- Must have 12" X 12" hole cut in hood in case of fire.
- Drivers Door: We want you to be safe!
- Weld it solid!
- Reinforce it!
- Driver's door inside padding is required.
- You may have a driver's and passenger door bar on the outside it must not protrude more than 2" and 12" past the door seams.
- Bumper and bumper brackets:
 - Bumper may be welded from bumper to bracket, bracket to frame.
 - Do not use this to reinforce frame!
 - You may weld bumper directly to frame. No added metal. If you weld bumper directly to frame you may not use brackets or bumper shocks. Weld only. Do not reinforce.
 - Bumper swaps are permitted. Car bumpers are permitted.
 - Stock bumper heights enforced.
 - No homemade bumpers.

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- Leaf spring suspension:
 - 4 fasteners per side.
 - Do not wrap with tape.
- Stock springs only.
- Built spring packs are not allowed.
- No solid suspension.
- Tires and wheels: Unlimited.
- Rear end:
 - May change rear ends.
 - Rear coil springs may be wired. (1) Wrap on top and bottom.
 - May lock rear ends.
 - No braced or reinforced rear ends.
- Pre-run pickups:
 - May repair frames with (2) 3"X 6" Plates per frame rail. A hole must be drilled in the repair plate to verify thickness. Repaired area must have been damaged and must be visible to official. No plating an undamaged frame. Call first if you have any questions. Must use complete plate. Do not cut up and use in multiple places. (EX. Cut up 6" plate into 1" strips, ½" weld, 1" plate, ½" weld, ETC.)
 - Please do not abuse this rule.
- Engines and Transmissions:
 - May change as necessary.
 - You may use (2) chains to secure engine.
 - No full engine or transmission cradles or protectors period. May have an engine cradle. Cradle may not have a pulley protector. Use cradle as intended to protect the block or mount engine in different make pickup. Do not use as a kicker.
 - No distributor protectors allowed.
 - Do not add any metal, wood, plastic, or any other foreign material to doors or frame, ECT.
 - You may have a dash bar and a bar behind the seat. You may have 4 down bars that attach to the dash bar and behind the seat bar. Cannot attach to the frame. You may also have a bar that connects the dash bar and the bar behind the seat on both the drivers and passenger sides. You may weld these in securely. You may attach rollover bar to the behind the seat bar.

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- You may weld tailgate. Outside seam only.
- Do not wedge the bed. Bed sides must be in original location.

You may weld/bolt the bed to the cab.

You may use 4 additional bolts to secure bed to frame and 4 additional bolts to secure the cab. 1" Bolts max. ¼"X6" washers max.

- No flat beds or homemade bumpers. Must be stock. Call first if you have any questions!
- Any modifications that add structural integrity to the pickup, other than the modifications listed are considered illegal. Pickups will be inspected prior to the derby. The top 3 in the final will be re inspected.
- If these rules set forth by the Hamilton County Fair Board are not followed, vehicles and participants may be disqualified, any or all prize money may be forfeited.

Entry Disclaimer:

The Hamilton County Fair Board and everyone associated with the demolition derby are not responsible for accidents, injuries, theft or liability. Judges decisions are final. We reserve the right to disqualify, remove, or ban entry to anyone in violation of these rules or whose behavior is unacceptable.

Heats:

We will have 1 heat of pickups.

Removal of pickups:

Each driver must remove pickup and any broken and removed parts from the fairgrounds by the following Monday after the derby by noon. After which time, pickups left on the grounds will become the property of the Hamilton County Fair Board and will be removed at the immediate previous owner's expense.

Questions about the rules:

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