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CHAPTER 62. MOTOR VEHICLE RACE  
TRACK RULE

**SUBCHAPTER 9. DEMOLITION DERBY**

**§ 13:62-9.1 Demolition derby vehicles**

- (a) In a demolition derby event, any stock, American made, hardtop automobile may be used.
- (b) In a demolition derby event, jeeps, carryalls, 4WD, pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles, full-frame station wagons, ambulances and other vehicles utilizing a truck chassis are not permitted. Newer model station wagons utilizing unibody construction shall be permitted. American made and foreign made, stock, hardtop vehicles may participate together in a compact car class with the following guidelines:
  - 1. Vehicles must have four cylinder engines;
  - 2. A maximum wheelbase of 104 inches measured from center of front wheel to center of rear wheel;
  - 3. Vehicles shall not have more than five lug nuts per wheel;
  - 4. Wheel size not to exceed 15 inches;
  - 5. No full framed vehicles allowed;
  - 6. Compact cars shall not compete with any other class.
- (c) All glass, including rear windows, headlights, tail lights, and parking lights, must be removed with the exception of the windshield. If the windshield is removed it must be replaced with heavy mesh screening with a center post or plexiglass.
- (d) All chrome strips must be removed from a participating vehicle.
- (e) Gas tanks may be moved to a different position within the driver compartment. Tanks relocated into the driver compartment must be placed in the vehicle where the back seat normally would be located, either behind the driver, or on the right side, behind the front passenger seat. All tanks shall be constructed of steel (22 gauge minimum) or aluminum (16 gauge minimum). Tanks shall be restricted to a maximum capacity of five gallons. Tanks shall be encased in a metal box that is bolted to the floor of the vehicle. The box shall have a metal lid that is fastened to the container. A metal fire wall must be between the driver and the gas tank.
- (f) Fuel lines and pumps will not be allowed in the driving compartment.
- (g) All doors must be securely fastened by either welding, metal strips or chains.
- (h) Doors opening during an event will automatically disqualify that automobile.
- (i) Batteries located within the driver compartment must have a suitable cover and be securely fastened.
- (j) All vehicles must be equipped with a securely installed safety belt.
- (k) Rear seats must be removed from a participating vehicle.
- (l) No vehicle emitting heavy smoke will be allowed to participate. A vehicle discharging heavy smoke after an event has started must be disqualified.

**§ 13:62-9.2 Demolition derby**

- (a) Participants in a demolition derby event shall be 17 years of age or older.
- (b) A participant must remain in the vehicle until the event has been completed.
- (c) All demolition derby drivers shall wear a properly secured, full face helmet with face shield, which meets or exceeds the Snell Memorial Foundation Testing Standard K, M or SA, incorporated herein by reference, as may be amended or supplemented, which has not reached the expiration date established by the Snell Memorial Foundation at the time of the event. The standards are available from the Snell Memorial Foundation, 3628 Madison Avenue, Suite 11, North Highlands, CA 95660. The use of open face helmets and goggles is prohibited in demolition derby. A Nomex, or similar fire-resistant head sock is recommended to be worn in conjunction with the use of the full-face helmet with shield. Full face helmets are recommended but not required for drivers of tractors in tractor pull events. Tractor pull event drivers are permitted to wear properly secured open face helmets.
- (d) All demolition derby participants shall wear a properly secured head and neck restraint device/system and/or a neck collar which are commercially-produced and designed for racing.

**§ 13:62-9.3 (Reserved)**

**§ 13:62-9.4 Clothing requirements for demolition derby**

Drivers shall wear safety clothing to afford maximum protection to the driver according to industry standards. At a minimum, drivers in both demolition derby and tractor pull shall wear long pants, long sleeve shirt and closed-toe shoes. Shorts and nylon clothing are prohibited. It is recommended that drivers wear a one piece fire resistant driving suit and fire resistant gloves.

**§ 13:62-9.5 Demolition derby exhibition area**

- (a) The demolition derby exhibition area shall be no more than 250 feet and of 100 feet deep.
- (b) The outer edge of the exhibition area shall be marked with poles or similar devices so as to contain the participating vehicles.
- (c) No one shall be allowed within this area except track officials and participants.
- (d) If mechanics or members of the press are allowed in the infield portion, a suitable fence shall be erected 50 feet from the outer edge of the exhibition area.
- (e) Spectators are prohibited within infield portions of the exhibition area unless protected by a fence of at least six feet in height erected no closer than 50 feet from the outer edge of the exhibition area.

**§ 13:62-9.6 Demolition derby tow vehicles**

- (a) Tow vehicles shall be permitted to enter the demolition derby exhibition area for vehicle removal.
- (b) There shall be no more than two persons per tow vehicle.
- (c) No riders shall be permitted on the outside of the tow vehicle.

**§ 13:62-9.7 (Reserved)**

**§ 13:62-9.8 (Reserved)**

**§ 13:62-9.9 Speed limits**

All vehicles traveling in the pit area or staging area shall obey a five miles per hour speed limit.

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Demolition derby and tractor pull events shall only take place in licensed facilities.

**ANY PARTICIPANT WHO VIOLANTS ANY OF THE RULES GOVERNING A DEMOLITION DERBY SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION.**