

Pana Tri-County Fair Demo Derby
2026 LIGHT WELD COMPACT
NEW RULES IN RED

This class is open to all men and women 16 years old and over. 16 and 17 years old must have a notarized permit signed by parent/guardian. Drivers must have a driver's license. In fairness to all the following rules and regulations shall followed.

Participant regulations Driver may move forward or backward. Driver must make contact every 60 seconds or be disqualified. No sandbagging. No team driving. Cars must move when hit or show visible damage. No driver door hits allowed.

Entry Fee Each car/driver shall pay \$40.00 unless otherwise posted. All drivers and pit persons must sign waiver and release of liability before entering pit area or track. Entries will be accepted up to 1-hour prior to show.

Safety Rules and Regulations 1. Cars must have 9 wire or at least one bar laying flat from roof down to dash area not past windshield seal area to prevent hood from coming in. 2. Radiator overflow hoses must be pointed at the ground and fastened so they cannot shoot water towards officials or other drivers. 3. Header pipes must be pointing straight up cannot be aimed towards front of cars. 4. Note if you have a hole in the firewall it should be covered. 5. Safety belts required. 6. D.O.T. approved helmets mandatory. Any driver using an open face helmet will not be covered by insurance if facial injury occurs. 7. Safety glasses or shield recommended. 8. Mandatory-you must wear long pants and a shirt (fire suit recommended). 9. 2 fires and you are out unless it's a fuel fire then it's just 1 fire and you are out. 10. No alcoholic beverages or drugs allowed in pit area or on the track. 11. NO PIT PERSONS ALLOWED ON THE TRACK. 12. Note management does have the right to disqualify a car/driver at anytime. Any person on track or causing trouble and not complying with the rules will be asked to leave (we can have you escorted off or have you arrested and you can be banned from running or being in pit area at future events). 13. Protests must be made 5 minutes after the compact heat. Only Drivers are allowed to protest a car. Officials will re-inspect the top cars.

Preparation of Cars WHEEL BASE WILL NOT EXCEED 108 INCHES. Measured from center of wheel to center of wheel (must be factory 108 inches cannot move wheels in). No screws allowed. NO PLASTIC GAS TANKS (heavy duty plastic racing fuel cells are allowed). No wedging, no sedagons, no jeeps, trucks. No convertibles. All glass, chrome, pot metal, lights, carpet, headliner, back seats, fiberglass (anything flammable) must be removed before reaching the exhibit area. DO NOT BREAK GLASS IN DOORS. Trunks must be empty of all debris (spare tires, rims, etc.). Absolutely no welding but what is stated in these rules. **Unlimited 9 wire.** Mandatory you must have number on both front doors and on roof sign big enough to see and must be bright enough colors to be seen. No profanity allowed on cars.

Engines Must be 4 or 6 cylinders and must be in stock position. Must have factory motor mounts. No protectors or cradles. Header protectors are ok but must be attached to header tube only.

Pedals Aftermarket Gas/Brake pedals are ok. **Must not be oversized or may be asked to cut down. Must be bolted to the floor pan only and not touch the firewall.**

Radiators May be removed but not relocated. No reinforcing of core support.

Transmission Coolers ARE ALLOWED. No protectors. Aftermarket shifters are ok.

Battery Must be in a secure position and be covered with something non-flammable (like rubber floor mat). Batteries must be secure with no movement. May have 2 batteries MAX. **The battery box must not be oversized or may be asked to cut down. Must be bolted to the floor pan only and not touch the firewall or may be mounted off of the cage.**

Suspension Must remain stock. You may weld shocks. Spacers are allowed. No trailer hitches, spacers, blocks, air shackles. Airlifts must be deflated.

Rear-ends Must be GM to GM, Ford to Ford etc. 5 Lug only.

Drive Shafts/Drive Train MUST BE STOCK

Steering Column May be modified from gearbox to steering wheel. All other components must remain stock.

Hood Must be in factory position. **Two ways to fasten hood.** 1) 4 hood bolts allowed but only 2 can go to the frame. They cannot go in front of the radiator. Bolts must not be bigger than 3/4 with washers no larger than 6 inches outside diameter. **Or 2) 2 pieces 3/4 all thread can go to the frame and 4 spots of 2x2 angle 2 inches long back to back 1 on hood one on fender with 1 bolt 7/16 per spot.** Must have 2 holes cut in the hood big enough for fire extinguisher. Not directly over the carburetor. **May have 8 bolts total around header holes or seams with SAE 3/8 washers.**

Trunk/Wagon tailgate/Hatches You can use 4 3/4 bolts with washers not bigger than 6 inches outside diameter, none to the frame. You may tuck the trunk but no wedging and no sedagons. **You may dish the trunk lid but the tail light panel area and the rear quarters must remain vertical. Trunk lid must remain at least 6 inches off of the highest point of the floor pan.** If you don't bolt you may weld the trunk 1 inch leave 6 inches. Hatches and wagon tailgates weld 1 inch leave 6 inches. All thread must go up and down, not side to side.

Body No seam welding allowed. No patching allowed. Pre-denting is okay. Creasing is okay. No double creasing.

Fenders Fenders may be trimmed. 10 bolts per fender may be used. Bolts are to be no bigger than 3/8 with washers no larger than 1 inch outside diameter. Rear fenders must remain vertical.

Body mount bolts Must be factory size and be in factory location. Must have factory rubbers

Frame Absolutely no welding on frame. No reinforcing of frame. You can notch the frame. May use 2- 4" x 4" x 1/4" plates on a fresh car and 4 total 4x4 x 1/4" on pre ran bent frame. Plates may not be used to connect main frame to sub frame in any way. **All plates and bumper straps must have at least a 1" gap between plates including welds.**

Doors Doors may be welded solid with a strap no bigger than 3 inches, on the outside only. Driver's door should be reinforced.

Cage You may have a cage with two side bars and three cross bars. The cage cannot extend past the dash area in the front and must be in front of the rear fender wells in the back. This can be welded in. Absolutely no kickers. You may have a halo bar. No further back than 10 inches behind driver's seat and straight up and down. None of the cage or halo bars can connect to the frame, or to windshield bars or roof signs. **Cage must be 4 inches off the floor and 4 inches from fire wall and 4 inches from wheel well humps. Side bars cannot be longer than 60"**

Bumpers FULL SIZED STOCK BUMPERS OKAY. (must be cut down to width of car). Bumper may be loaded. You may weld the bumper on. You may use 2 straps 1 per frame rail from bumper to frame **3x6x1/4** to keep bumper on. **If this bumper strap covers a factory whole you must cut that whole out of your strap. At least a 1" whole.** Bumper brackets may be welded on. You can not weld any of this to the sub frame. NO back brackets on front. NO shocks inside of frame unless it was factory. Must be factory shocks off compact. May have straps or shocks, not both. May use tubing no larger than 4x4 for a bumper. If running a 4x4 tube bumper **the last 6" of the tube on both ends need to be bent to a 45* angle.** No homemade pointies. Must be flat. **My use a factory replica bumper. Must not have a excessive point. Must be rounded at tip. Bumper must not be over 6" tall** Chrysler replica point can not be more than 14" measured from the mounting surface to the tip and must be 32" wide at the base of the point. If the point is any bigger you will not run.

Gas Tank Maximum 7 gallons of gas. Gas tank must be placed in back seat area and properly secured. Tanks must be secured so there is no movement. Must be bolted to floor or cage, but not both. (DO NOT USE BUNGEE CORDS FOR THIS). You may have a 24"x24" gas tank protector. This must be at least 4" away from back seat backing or speaker deck. Must be centered between wheel wells. No higher than 4" above the fuel tank and 4" off of the floor if mounted to the cage. If tank is not secure you will not be running, Tanks must have secure lids and be leak proof. All fuel lines must have no leaks. Stock gas tanks in cars must be removed or have holes in them and be washed out. You may run stock tank if it is in front of rear axle. NO PLASTIC TANKS (exception heavy duty plastic racing fuel cell). NO FREON TANKS WITH LEGS WELDED ON THEM.

Tires

Any Tires and wheel allowed. Doubled tires ok. Valve stem protectors are okay.

Back window bars You may use nine wire or a chain in back window area chain links cannot be welded if you use chain you may use 2 3 x 3 plates to a ach chain. This is a stock type class do not exceed these rules. Do not do anything after inspection to make car illegal. If this happens you will be disqualified with no return of entry fee. Officials have the right to re-inspect cars at any time. Do not Paint or undercoat any part of the frame. If frame has been painted we will not inspect your car.

Plates

You will be allowed 6 4x6x1/4 plates. Plates cannot go frame to frame. You can tie frame to frame with 9 wire ONLY. Bumper strap can be 3x6x1/4.

THIS IS THE MAX OF WHAT YOU CAN DO. DO NOT DO ANYMORE THAN THIS OR YOU WON'T BE RUNNING THIS CLASS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR TXT DOUG HUGHES AT 217.825.9823