

BREMER COUNTY FAIR
COMBINE DEMOLITION DERBY RULES
FRIDAY JULY 31st 2026

1) All Owners and Drivers must sign a copy of these rules and send them in with their entry form and \$100 entry fee payable to the "Bremer County Fair Association". The \$100 entry fee will be refunded to the driver along with all eligible payouts subject to the entry competing in the event.

2) All attendees, competitors and pit crew members will pay admission at the gate to be admitted to this event.

- ❖ Show money of \$500 is paid out to entries meeting both the following requirements:
- ❖ Entry must be received prior to July 25th, 2026.
- ❖ Participants must compete until knocked out of the competition.
- ❖ An extra \$500 in show money will be awarded to any competing combine that has never competed in a demolition derby before.
- ❖ An extra \$250 will be awarded to any competing driver that has never competed at the Bremer County Combine Demo Derby before.
- ❖ An extra \$500 in show money will be awarded to any competing 9000 series or newer JD combine, or 1600 series or newer Case IH combine.
- ❖ The \$500 in show money includes \$45 to cover the purchase of three passes (1 driver, 2 crew members)

3) All eligible payouts will be issued on August 1st, 2026 if the entry is loaded and ready to be removed

from the Fairgrounds prior to 1:00 PM. Any combine in the derby but not removed from the Fairgrounds by 1:00 PM on August 1st, 2026, will hereby relinquish any eligible payouts, grants the Bremer County Fair board all rights and privileges to remove the combine to a disposal area and relinquishes ownership of the combine to the Fair board.

4) The Fair board will have equipment available for assisting in loading combines after the Demolition Derby and again on Saturday morning.

5) Pit parking is limited to 1 tow vehicle and 2 support vehicles per machine. No exceptions.

6) Competition may be limited to the first 24 paid entries received.

7) Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and able to show proof of age to compete. Exception: A 16 or 17 year old may compete with a parent or guardian's signature on the permission sheet, and a valid Iowa driver's license.

8) All drivers and pit crew members must sign the liability waiver agreement and report to the driver's meeting held in the pits at 6:40 PM.

9) All entries will be subject to a safety and rules inspection by the Judges prior to the event in the pit

area from 4:30 – 5:45 PM. Any changes requested by the Judges must be completed prior to the start of the event and be approved by the Judges. All entries are subject to a rules inspection by the Judges after the event and prior to removal from the Fairgrounds.

10) All decisions of the Judges are final. Judges reserve the right to “Juggle” the classes as necessary to be as fair as possible. Judges will utilize stock weights of combines as much as possible to establish the classes.

11) Drivers and crew members shall not consume beer or other alcoholic beverages prior to completion of the final night’s heat.

12) One of the crew members must walk in front of the combine in the pits as a ground guide during any movement of the combine in the pit area. Pit speed is the walking speed of the crew member for all vehicles in the pits. This will be enforced by Fair board members and local law enforcement.

13) All entries must include names of the driver and owner. All drivers and crew members must enter through the pit entrance.

14) After each competition all drivers must stop on the track area to the east of the arena to be inspected prior to driving in the pit area. This is to help prevent damage to the sod areas of the pits.

Inspection Rules

1) Judges have the authority to request inspection holes cut by torch or other means to inspect any/all parts of the combine during any inspection of the competing combines. Failure to comply with the Judges request may result in penalties as outlined in Item #15 of the Inspection Rules.

2) All combines must have cabs and only two wheel drive units will be allowed. Mud hog/rear wheel assist axles can be used but must have drive systems disabled.

3) All combines must use either a grain table (platform) or a row crop head with the heads fixed at 18” from the ground. Loss of any platform will result in disqualification from the competition.

4) Combine grain tables must have the reel, guards, sickles, and any loose sheet metal removed. All combine row crop heads must have the row units removed. Combine ladders, unloading augers, and glass must also be removed, external lights and mirrors also. Separator must be inoperative. The driver’s door must be chained or welded shut. Safety bars or a shield must be added to the cab.

5) Combine heads from prior events may be reinforced to original strength or less. Excessive reinforcement will be grounds for disqualification. Competitors and owners are encouraged to contact the Head Judge prior to the event concerning questions on reinforcement and safety shielding.

6) All exterior fans must be shielded.

7) All direct drive hydro pressure hoses or lines must be shielded with 1/8” steel deflection shielding.

8) Any combine deemed to be spraying oil into spectator areas, may be disqualified by ruling of the Judges.

9) Fuel tank must be mounted inside the grain tank, with the original tank removed or sufficiently vented.

10) Batteries must be secured on top of the combine at least 6 feet away from the operator and covered.

11) Tires must be filled with air only. No fluid or foam. No duals allowed. No solid tires. ALL WHEEL RIMS MUST BE A ONE PIECE RIM, NO SPLIT RING OR SPLIT RING RIMS WE BE ALLOWED.

12) All combines are to be as originally manufactured. No modifications to add weight to the combine are acceptable. No reinforced parts or shields will be allowed, except as outlined in Inspection Rules #4.

13) A colored stick must be mounted in the vicinity of the driver. The stick must be broken off when driver is disqualified or the machine is immobilized or unable to continue. This will be provided after the machine has cleared inspection.

14) Combines may be decorated, painted or offer advertising. No profanity or obscene materials will be allowed. No derogatory comments about the event staff or Bremer County Fair will be allowed.

15) All combines will be subject to a post event inspection by the Judges before the combines are removed from the Fairgrounds. Removal of a combine prior to post event inspection or failure to pass the post event inspection will be grounds for loss of all eligible payouts. In addition, the owner and operator of any combine failing post event inspection may be disqualified from participating in any future Combine Derby events at the Bremer County Fair based on the Judge's recommendation.

16) Any alterations to stock exhaust must have the exhaust directed upward. Any turbo-charged combine must have upward directed exhaust.

17) Flame throwers or other open flames for any purpose are strictly prohibited.

18) Feeder houses, stops and lift cylinders can be reinforced within reason to the operator's discretion, but cannot extend outside the area of the feeder house. This is intended to keep the feeder house from collapsing and to provide driver safety. Refer to rules #4 regarding criteria for combine headers.

Competition Rules

1) No direct hits to the driver area will be allowed.

2) Drivers must wear a seat belt, helmet, sleeved shirt (long sleeve recommended), pants and close-toed shoes through each entire heat or until an official approves their exit of the combine. Drivers removing their seat belt or helmet prior to the end of the heat will forfeit all eligible payouts for the competition.

3) RADIOS USED DURING COMPETITION ARE FOR EMERGENCY USE AND FOR SHOW OFFICIALS TO COMMUNICATE IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO THE DRIVERS. NO DRIVER TO DRIVER STRATEGY

DISCUSSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED! RADIOS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE EVENT STAFF CONDUCTING POST COMPETITION INSPECTION PRIOR TO EXITING TRACK AREA.

4) Any driver leaving their seat during any heat, will be disqualified.

5) Drivers are required to make contact with another non-disqualified combine within **1 minute**, once the Judges deem the combine to be on the clock..

6) Drivers must stop their machine if contact causes another combine to lift the tires off the ground. This rule is designed to eliminate roll-overs.

7) Drivers must stop their machines when they see they are pushing another competitor into or onto the cement barriers.

8) All drivers will bring their combines to an immediate stop upon signal from the Judges in case of fire, injury, any other emergency or at the end of the heat. Any driver not complying with this rule will be disqualified.

9) Any driver leaving any event/heat prior to their combine being knocked out through competition will forfeit all eligible payouts. (Drivers leaving to save an engine based on punctured radiator or other critical issue will be acceptable). Judges' decisions will be final.

10) All decisions of the Judges during the competition are final. Decisions are made to protect the participants and spectators.

11) The competition arena may be expanded to allow for more room. If this is done out of bounds lines will be utilized on the north and south ends of the arena. If a combine drives out of bounds they will be eliminated. If a combine is pushed out of bounds by another competitor they will be allowed to return to the competition.

12) In the event of a stalemate between two remaining combines and the contest is ruled to be over by the officials both competitors will be awarded 2nd place, no champion will be crowned.

13) Fire or excessive smoke will cause the competition to be halted and investigated, judges ruling will determine eligibility to continue.

14) Any attempt to pull or push start a combine anywhere on the grounds will result in disqualification.

Complaint Rules

1) Any Driver or Owner that suspects another competitor is cheating, will be allowed to file a Complaint with the Judges within 1 hour of the finish of the event along with a \$100 Complaint Fee per each complaint filed. NO complaints will be heard by the Judges without receipt of the \$100 fee. If the Complaint is found to be accurate based on the Judge's ruling and the competitor is found to be cheating, the \$100 will be returned to Driver/Owner filing the complaint. If the Complaint is found to be unfounded based on Judge's ruling, the \$100 Complaint Fee will be retained by the Bremer County Fair Association. Any competitor found cheating is subject to the penalties outlined in Inspection Rules #15.

Prize Money will be awarded as follows:

Qualifying Events - \$100 for each qualifier (Top 2 in each heat)

Small, Medium & Large Combine Championship (\$500 – 1st, \$350 – 2nd, \$250 – 3rd, \$150 – 4th)

Showmanship Awards (3-Prettiest, Tough Luck Award - \$100 each)

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And THE BREMER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

By signing below, the owner and driver acknowledge they have read the aforementioned rules and agree to abide with the rules and regulations listed out in this document.

Please print.

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____

Owner Phone #: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Driver Name: _____

Driver Address: _____

Driver Phone #: _____

Driver Signature: _____

Combine model: _____

Combine name: _____

Please send completed entry form (rules) to:

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Or scan and email to:

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