



Desert Empire Motorsports Organization (DEMO) 2026 Destruction Derby Rules

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. All entry forms must be sent or delivered to Alexis Byrd (1259 N. Everett Street, Ridgecrest Ca. 93555). Checks must be received no later than October 04, 2026 and made payable to Desert Empire Fair
2. Pre-Entry Fee is **FREE** before October 04, 2026, after October 04, 2026, entry fee is \$100.00. Additional \$50 for second car. Entries are for CAR ONLY. Entry fee (if late) must be included with the entry form and filled out completely and legible.
3. **ALL** Pit passes can be purchased for \$30.00 each at the pit gate on the day of event.
4. **NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED AFTER ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. NO SAME NUMBER FOR THE SAME CLASS!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Drivers must be 16 years of age and have some form of Driver's License.
2. Cars must be checked in for tech no later than **1pm** for inspection, **NO EXCEPTION!!**
3. Children under 14 are not allowed in the pits, there is no exception!
4. All cars must be removed after the event (unless previously arranged with officials) or they will become property of Desert Empire Motorsports Organization.
5. No speeding in the pit area. The speed limit is 5 MPH.
6. **NO** passengers in derby cars during the race.
7. Management has the option to remove anything obscene or objectionable from any car entered. **No POLITICS Allowed!**
8. All decorations must be removed prior to racing.
9. Winning cars are subject to inspection after the races are over.
10. The ruling of the officials is final. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
11. All drivers are responsible for cleaning their pit area.
12. Drivers' door must be painted with a contrasting color.
13. Anyone arguing with officials will be grounds for disqualification.
14. The drivers' meeting will be held after everyone has passed tech and cars are in impound.
15. Drivers are responsible for the actions of their crew members.
16. No teaming up.
17. **IF IT IS NOT IN THE RULES, PLEASE ASK BEFORE ASSUMING IT'S ALRIGHT (THERE IS NO GRAY AREA)!!!**

SAFETY INFORMATION (Mandatory)

1. All drivers must wear helmets, shoes, long sleeve shirts, gloves, and long pants (no shorts).
2. Driver door hits WILL NOT be tolerated. There is no intentional driver door hit. So, if you hit a driver's door you will be DISQUALIFIED from that class.
3. No intentional hitting of a non-flagged car.
4. Drivers MUST remain in their vehicle throughout the event until the checkered flag flies with all SAFETY gear on!
5. If your car is rolled on its side or flipped over, you will not be allowed to compete any further in that heat.
6. Track officials may stop a heat at any time if unsafe conditions should arise. An effort will be made to rectify the issue at which point the heat will resume.

TECH INFORMATION

1. All cars will be inspected between 9am and 2pm.
2. Decision of the officials is final in ALL cases.
3. After your car is inspected it will be impounded, ONLY the driver will be allowed in the impound area. You CANNOT work on your car in the impound area.
4. Cars not passing inspection will return to the pit area to fix any problems and then return for re-inspection.
5. Only driver and one pit crew member in the tech area allowed. We don't need the entire crew.
6. **If your car is not being teched YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE IN TECH!!**
7. First car to pass tech on the first inspection will receive \$100.00.
8. **IF IT IS NOT IN THE RULES, PLEASE ASK BEFORE ASSUMING IT'S ALRIGHT!!!**
9. Winning cars are subject to inspection after the races are over.
10. Hood must be open.

SCORING INFORMATION

1. No playing possum. You must keep moving and hitting with authority. Any car standing for 2 minutes without hitting will no longer be scored. **The 2-minute hit rule will be enforced.**
2. Anyone entering the scoring tower will be disqualified.
3. If you have a scoring issue please do not go to tower until derby is finished.

NO ALCOHOL IN THE PITS BEFORE OR DURING THE EVENT. YOU CANNOT HAVE A PIT WRISTBAND AND GET ALCOHOL FROM THE BEER BOOTHS! ANY DRIVER OR CREW MEMBER THAT IS CAUGHT DRINKING OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED AND ESCORTED OFF THE PROPERTY. THERE WILL BE A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THIS!

General & Scoring Questions please call Alexis (760) 793-2010
Tech Questions please call David (760) 793-4199 or Tobin (760) 977-0939



2026 Ridgecrest DEMO Rules

Compact Cars, Mid-Size Trucks & Mini Vans

GENERAL PREPARATION

1. Open to 4 cylinder or 6-cylinder vehicles with a MAX wheelbase of 107 inches.
2. Bumpers must not be more than 18 inches from the track surface to the bottom of the bumper. Custom bumpers are allowed no bigger than 3x3 and ¼ inch plate. No gussets and 1 inch inspection hole for custom bumpers.
3. You must cut a 24"x24" escape hole in the roof above the driver's seat. The edges must be covered with a rubber hose or something to make it not sharp. Except TRUCKS! Trucks need a window net behind driver!
4. There must be a 12-inch hole cut in hood over carburetor for fire protection. No coverings of any kind over said opening.
5. A triangle with your number on it must be attached to the roof 18" x 18" x 18" minimum and 24" x 24" x 24" max size. It must be easy to read your number from 200 feet away. TEST IT!
6. No alcohol or starting fluid allowed or tolerated.
7. All pot metal, glass, plastic, and fiberglass must be removed from inside and outside of the vehicle.
8. Vacuum all debris from the bottom of doors and trunk.
9. No welded engine cradles.
10. No stuffing of frame.

BUMPERS

1. **NO POINTED BUMPERS OF ANY KIND!**
2. Bumpers may be welded to the frame, but no material other than the weld can be used. Shock bumpers should be drained (caution the shocks can contain high pressure) then compressed and welded. Bumpers may be shortened, but no sharp edges left. A chain (maximum chain size 3/8) may be welded to bumper and frame to prevent the bumper from falling off the car. 3 minimum 5 maximum chain links may be welded to the frame and bumper. All trailer hitches must be removed.

SAFTEY

1. Fire extinguisher must be mounted inside car within reach of the driver. Original mounting brackets must be used NO tape or tie straps allowed.
2. All drivers' doors must be painted a CONTRAST color. No numbers or writing aloud on the driver's door. This is to identify the driver's side of the car, and to help prevent a hit to the door. Driver side numbers are to be located behind the driver's door. Numbers must be 24 inches tall by 6 inches thick; they must be brightly colored and easy to read from 200 feet away.
3. Seat belts must be fastened to the frame or floor pan and must be in working condition. Shoulder harness optional.
4. Firewall all holes in firewall and the floor must be covered with metal or non-flammable material.

BATTERIES

1. Extra batteries are allowed, a maximum of three. All extra batteries must be properly secured and covered with non-conductive material.

BODY

1. The driver's door MUST be welded closed with 2x6 inch strap.
2. Two chains must be secured from the front of the hood to the core support. The hood can be chained to bumper. One loops minimum. NO wrapping of the chain.
3. Two chains or two bolts must secure the rear corners of the hood to the cowl or fender.
4. Two chains must secure the trunk to the body. The trunk cannot be chained to the frame.
5. Maximum chain size 3/8 no smaller than 1/4 welded links.
6. No pre-bending of deck lid or hood.

CAGES

1. No full roll cages!
2. MANDATORY support bar maximum 6 inches diameter pipe with 12 x 12 plates on the end will be mounted behind front seats between door posts. (B-pillar).
3. Driver's door only may be reinforced, or foam filled no maximum on door bar. You can replace the dash with a support bar if you choose to remove it. 3-inch maximum diameter installed from front door post to front door post. (A-pillar). Foam filled driver's door is a highly effective safety measure. You may connect front and rear support bars to make a box. Two door bars on the driver's side, one door bar passenger side, 6-inch diameter maximum material everywhere but the driver door.
4. OPTIONAL-Roll over bar (Halo Bar) 1.5-inch OD tubing minimum .095 steel. Must be connected to the floor with 4x4 inch plates with minimum four bolts each and front facing kickers. Your rollover bar must be the same size as the support bar and connected to the support bar. It can be inside or outside the vehicle.

FUEL

1. Fuel tank door must be removed.
2. The original gas tank **MUST** be removed. Stock automotive tanks, racing fuel cells, and marine fuel cells are allowed. Approved fuel tank must be installed in rear passenger seat area. Tank must be secured to floor with no less than 4 straps, 4 chains, or 4 bolts. A properly fitting gas cap must be used. No rope, plumbers' tape, bungee cords, ratchet straps, or duct tape. No "plastic filler type" paint or solvent cans allowed. No 5-gallon jeep or jerry cans. Make sure your tank does not come loose and will not leak.
3. Truck fuel cells to be mounted in the center behind cab.

SUSPENSION

1. No altering, reinforcing, or cut welding of frame or suspension is allowed. Suspension must function! No seam welding!

TIRES & BRAKES

1. Any tires that hold air. No studded, foam filled, or solid tires.
2. All **FOUR** brakes must work on your vehicle! Optional drive line brake can be used.
3. No wheel protection. No reinforcing of the wheel except a stem protector

DRIVE TRAIN

1. Transmission coolers are allowed, if mounted inside the driver's compartment, transmission cooler must be covered.
2. No reinforcing of rear end housing!
3. **MANDATORY:** Paint drive line white!

RADIATORS

1. Radiators must stay in stock location. Do not alter or reinforce the mounting area. You may remove the stock fan blade. You may install an electric fan. No additional water tanks allowed. Water only may be used. No oils, oil supplements, diesel fuel, etc. may be used in the radiator.