

Fairfield County Fair Combine Derby

Official Rules & Regulations

General Rules

1. **Eligible Equipment:** Any size self-propelled combine is allowed.
2. **Header Specifications:**
 - Must use a grain table with **no hydraulic action**.
 - Grain table must be in a **fixed** in position at **18"–24"**
 - Grain table must be **permanently stationary**.
 - No **Reel, Glass, or Floating Cutting Bars** allowed.
3. **Modifications Required:**
 - **Unloading auger, cab ladder, and straw chopper must be removed.**
 - **Fuel tank must be relocated into grain bin.**
 - **Cab doors must be welded or chained shut.**
 - **Must have a seat belt and helmet, and both must be worn** during the event.
 - **Cab or roll cage is required.**
 - **Rubber tires only** – no steel or solid wheels.

Driver & Participant Requirements

4. **Minimum Age Requirement:**
 - Must be **18 years or older**, OR

- **16 years old with valid driver's license and signed parental waiver.**

5. Safety Compliance:

- **All machines must pass inspection by a judge.**
- Combines failing initial inspection have until **7:00 PM before drivers meeting** to make corrections.
- If not passed by then, **you will not be placed in a heat.**
- All drivers must attend the **7:00 PM drivers meeting** at the **center of the demolition area.**

6. Inspection Rules:

- Judges' decision is **FINAL.**
 - All drivers must **sign a personal injury release.**
 - All safety practices must be followed.
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Pit & Crew Regulations

7. Wristbands:

- Each team receives **4 crew wristbands and 1 driver wristband.**
- All **drivers and pit crew must wear wristbands at all times.**

8. Service Vehicle Rules:

- **Limit of 2 service vehicles per team** on the track.
- Service vehicles **must display the official sign** in the window or **will be towed.**
- Service vehicles must line up **single file along the inside rail of the track.**
- **No parking** of service or pit vehicles at the **West entrance** or **East exit** of the demo area.

Demolition Derby Conduct

9. Derby Format:

- **Top 2 finishers from each heat** advance to the **Feature Heat**.
- **Maximum 30 minutes** allowed between your heat and the feature to repair or restart your combine.
- If a combine is not operable for the feature, **you may substitute another combine** that participated in an earlier heat.

10. On-Track Rules:

- All combines must remain **factory-original** (no reinforced parts or shields).
- **No direct hits to the driver's area.**
- Must stop motion if **lifting another combine off its wheels** to avoid tip-overs.
- **No intentional rear-end hits.**
- **No hitting opponents who are out of bounds.**
- **No pit racing.**
- **No returning to the driver's seat** after leaving during a heat.
- **3-minute restart rule** – you must start the engine or move the machine within 3 minutes.
- **All movement stops immediately** upon **red flag** or **judge's spotlight** (fire, injury, or emergency).

11. Prohibited Items:

- **No I-beams, gates, spears, or sharp/protruding objects** welded to the feeder house.
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Conduct and Awards

12. Alcohol Policy:

- **Absolutely no drinking** by drivers or pit crews during the event. **Violations will result in disqualification.**

13. Entry Fee: None

14. Awards:

- **Trophies awarded** for:
 - Event Winners
 - Best Decorated Combine

Questions?

All inquiries prior to the event can be directed to Fair Manager Stacey Fisher via email fcfair@fairfieldcountyfair.org or by phone 740-653-3041. During the fair all inquiries can be directed to the Fairfield County Fair Combine Derby Officials during the pre-event setup.