

# **Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair Destruction Derby**

**Saturday, September 7th, 2024  
7:00 p.m.**

**Rules and Entry Information**



## Payout & Entry Information

**Total Purse:** Up to \$6000

**Awards:** Trophies will be awarded to the first-place winners of each heat, plus 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place cars in the main event. A trophy will be awarded to the “Best Appearing Car” chosen by the crowd.

### Heat Payouts

	<b>First Heat</b>	<b>Second Heat</b>
<b>1st Place</b>	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>2nd Place</b>	\$75.00	\$75.00

### Main Event Payout

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$1500.00    2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$500.00    3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$250.00**

### Entry Fees & Pit Pass Information

- **Pre-Register Entry Fees & Pit Pass Cost:**

The pre-register entry fee is \$50.00 per car. This includes the car entry fee and 2 pit passes. The driver will use one of the pit passes that is included with the car registration. Additional pit passes may be purchased for cost of \$30 per pit pass. All pre-entry discounts will end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please mail all pre-entries to the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair Office, c/o Destruction Derby Entry, P.O. Box 866 Tulelake, CA 96134. Or email to [nancy@tbvfair.com](mailto:nancy@tbvfair.com) Pre-registration entries must be received no later than **August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

- **On-Site Registration Entry Fees & Pit Pass Cost:**

The fair-time gate entry fee is \$70.00 per car. This includes the car entry fee and 2 pit passes for the driver. The driver will use one of the pit passes. Additional pit passes may be purchased at a cost of \$30 per pit pass. All entries after August 31<sup>st</sup> will be priced at the On-Site gate entry. Derby cars will be accepted at the pit gate on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. All derby cars must be entered and in the pits by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. **No derby cars will be accepted after 5:00 and paid pre-entry fees will not be refunded. No exceptions.**

**\*\*Anyone wishing to enter the pits must be 16 years of age purchase a pit pass and sign an insurance release form.**

**No Refunds will be issued for Entries or Pit Passes!**

### **Dry Camping Information**

Dry Camp sites will be available at the fairgrounds for derby contestants who wish to “dry camp” the night of Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Please check here if you would like to reserve a dry camping space and include an additional \$20 in your entry form.

Any or all entries may be refused at the discretion of derby officials prior to, or during the event.

***MANDATORY DRIVER’S MEETING*** is scheduled @ 6:00 p.m. in the pits.

For any questions regarding the Destruction Derby, contact Bill Moore 541-331-3984.

### **OFFICIAL’S DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**

#### **PLEASE REVIEW ALL THESE RULES IN THEIR ENTIRETY**

We have attempted to focus on three key objectives (1) To provide safety for everyone involved in the derby. (2) To ensure that vehicle rules are fair to all participants in the event. (3) To ensure this is a fun, thrilling and entertaining event for everyone.

While we have designed these rules with safety in mind, we and our agents do not assume any liability in respect to the rules, your application thereof, and your safety. We have provided flexibility in areas where in our opinion, safety is not compromised nor an unfair advantage created. In the interest of ensuring fairness, the rules are subject to interpretation of our officials and as such, may be adjusted to create a balance in the competition. Please remember that any equipment that the officials consider not within the intent of the rules will be considered illegal for competition purposes.

### **EVENT SAFETY RULES FOR DRIVERS and PIT CREW:**

1. NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA. ALL VEHICLES WILL BE INSPECTED AT THE PIT GATE.
2. For the safety of all the participants, all vehicles must pass an inspection by a Tulalake-Butte Valley Fair derby official before participating in the event. Officials may re-inspect vehicle during or after the derby to ensure conformity to the rules and specifications outlined herein.
3. Anyone entering the pit area must have a pit pass at all times. PIT PASSES MUST BE WORN AND VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES. Due to safety and insurance regulations, all drivers and persons entering the pit area must be at least 16 years of age, show proof of age and sign a waiver of liability form. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!
4. Animals are not allowed in the pit area.
5. Your pit area must remain clean and clear of all trash at all times.
6. There will be absolutely NO alcoholic beverages, drugs or weapons allowed in the pits or in the arena. Any driver or crew member that is obviously intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance will not be allowed to compete

and will be asked to leave. Drivers are responsible for their crew and can be disqualified for their actions.

7. All vehicles must have a secure internally mounted fire extinguisher accessible to the driver and the officials.
8. Only officials and derby drivers are allowed in the arena area before, during, and after the heats and main event. **NO PIT CREW ALLOWED.**
9. **NO PIT CREW OR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE ARENA AT ANY TIME.** Pit crew and family members must stay in designated areas, pit area, or grandstands, and must not communicate with officials or drivers during the running of the events.
10. **THE DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER PIT CREWS ACTIONS.** One person affects the entire team. Violation of any/all rules can result in the driver and pit crew being banned from the area for the entire derby.
11. All protests should be handled before the derby starts, between the derby drivers and officials **ONLY**. Any protest arising after the derby will be discussed by the **DRIVERS AND OFFICIALS ONLY**.
12. Verbal or Physical abuse will not be permitted. No fighting allowed in the pit area or arena. No profanity or attack on any official will be allowed. **VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED** and may be banned from participating in future destruction derbies at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds.
13. **REPORT ALL INJURIES.** All injuries **MUST BE REPORTED** to a derby official before you leave the derby area and/or the fairgrounds no matter how minor.
14. Regulation racing full faced crash helmets must be worn at all times during the entire event.
15. Approved safety harnesses or functioning OEM belts are mandatory. No ratchet straps, wire, or rope! They must be mounted to stock mounts or have a 2' minimum flat washer where it is mounted through the sheet metal. Lap belts are acceptable.
16. Drivers are to stay in their car during the entire event, except in case of fire and/or directed by officials.

**A drivers meeting will be held prior to the start of the first event. As a safety precaution, all persons in the pit area are required to attend the meeting. MANDATORY!**

1. We want to ensure a safe, fair event that provides a fun and thrilling event for the crowd. In support of this drivers may be disqualified for the following:
  - a. Sandbagging, (staying in the background and doing little hitting; you must move or hit at intervals not to exceed 2 minutes)

- b. Being hooked up to another car too long or not making contact with another car
  - c. Driver door hitting not allowed! If in the opinion of an official you intentionally hit another drivers door you will be automatically disqualified
  - d. Teaming (Teaming drivers will be disqualified if any one of two drivers get together and makes two or more consecutive hits on one car.
  - e. Car condition (Anything that in the opinion of our officials endangers participants)
  - f. Unacceptable driver or pit crew behavior.
2. In the event a vehicle catches on fire, the official will sound the siren and red flag the event. The car that caught on fire cannot participate for the remainder of that event and the driver must exit the car at that time. The siren sound and a green flag will be used to restart the event.
3. Last car running is not necessarily the winner. The driver is judged on aggressiveness, performance and a scoring system by scorekeepers.  
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4. All derby cars must be registered and in the pit area by no later than 5:00 p.m. Pit gate will open at 1:00 p.m.
5. All cars & debris (parts, etc.) must be removed the night of the derby. NO EXCEPTIONS! Failure to comply could result in inability to enter future events or monetary fines.
6. There will be no passing through gates from pit area to grandstands. Pit crew must stay on pit side of derby arena, if no concession stand is available pit crew members will be able to pass through to fairgrounds for food and drinks.
7. All drivers must be at least 16 years of age.
8. No radio or cell phone communication allowed in the arena.
9. Car flags will be up during the event until drivers take themselves out of the competition. If you break your flag, or are signaled to do so under disqualification, you cannot re-enter the ONGOING heat/main.
10. All cars must be in continual action. Cars out of action for 2 minutes will be told to pull your flag. Cars must make a hit every 2 minutes or you will be disqualified; meaning unassisted contact in forward or reverse under power. Rocking back and forth is not considered a hit.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY  
THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY**

- All glass must be removed from cars.
- NO studded tires or chains.
- Flammable materials inside the car must be removed. Trunks must be free from any debris. Inside of doors must be clear from all glass and debris. All light covers, bulbs, side mirrors, hubcaps, grills, side chrome, plastic, door handles and pot metal must be removed.
- If car is equipped with plastic inner fenders they will be removed.
- All trailer hitches, related brackets, reinforcements and hardware will be completely removed.
- Radiator must be in the stock location. 5 additional gallons of coolant allowed. Looped lines will be permitted.
- You must have an air cleaner. A large hole must be cut in the hood at least 12" in diameter, for fire extinguisher access. Stack holes are acceptable for fire access holes.
- Exhaust pipe must be cut in front of the rear axle, if not using stacks.
- Any rear end maybe used as long as it is OEM to a car. NO truck rear ends!
- Stock fuel tanks must be removed.
- Gas tanks must be a safe container and made of steel. Example: a boat tank, saddle tank or fabricated tanks must be approved by an official. NO PLASTIC tanks or cans. Gas cans must be bolted and/or chained solid to car body, and must not connect to the frame. Tanks must be capped with leak proof cap, and placed securely behind the driver seat, or placed in the center of the rear seat area.
- Cages are optional, however cannot attach to the car frame or floor. Side bars may extend 6 inches behind passenger door seam, and 12" behind driver's door seam. Cross bars will be MANDATORY and will be no smaller than 3" in diameter and will run straight across to passenger side. Roll bars are allowed.
- No fiberglass/plastic racing style seats.
- Doors: You may fully weld driver's door. A maximum of 6 inches per door seam is accepted on all other doors. Seam welding only using filler (bolts, rebar etc.). No more than 2" wide strap allowed! Doors may be chained on both the top and bottom of the doors. Link chain must be used, and must be bolted. No tape, wire, etc. NO roller chain, or cable will be allowed.
- Trunk lids, Tailgates, and Hoods:  
A maximum of 12 inches of welding will be allowed on the trunk of cars or tailgate of wagons, and 12 inches allowed on the hood. Seam welding only using filler (bolts, rebar etc.) strap allowed, not to exceed 2" wide. Hoods as well as the trunk can be bolted in a maximum of 6 places other than stock. If using plates instead of washer the maximum

size is 6in by 6in. All thread (1" max) may go through frame or be welded to the side of the frame in two locations on the trunk and two locations on the hood. Remember 6 bolts maximum! If using the two bolts through the frame on the hood and two in the trunk, only 4 additional bolts will be authorized in the hood and 4 in the trunk. Wagons can use two bolts through the frame inside the rear of the car behind the hump.

- ANY WELDING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE 6 AND 12 INCHES WILL BE CUT OUT IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THE EVENT.

- No full cradles, lower cradles are allowed.

- No distributor protectors and no transmission braces.

- ONLY factory frame and factory subframe allowed.

- A-arm seams forward may be welded. 1/2" welds maximum!

- Bumper guards must be removed or welded. Bumper ends may be cut off. Fenders may be cut.

- Bumper swaps are allowed; however, you must use factory hardware (bracket/shocks) {one shock or one bracket per corner not a combination of both} these pieces must be OEM original to any make of car. Bumpers and hardware can be from any make of car. NO homemade bumpers. Any questions...call tech.

- Front and rear bumpers may be welded solid. (i.e. bumper to bumper shock, shock to bracket and bracket to frame). Bumper shock itself may be collapsed and welded.

- Bumpers, front and rear may be welded directly to frame. No added metal.

- Bumpers must be chained to the car in a maximum of four locations and a minimum of two.

- You may re-bolt hood skins. 16 bolts maximum. 3/8" max bolt size. 1" max washer size.

- Gas lines and fittings must be leak proof. No exceptions! Electric fuel pumps are optional. If an electric fuel pump is used, you must have an on/off switch that is positioned so that up is on and off is down. The switch must be easily visible and "off" must be clearly marked.

- Batteries must be removed from engine area and moved to the inside of the vehicle and placed in a securely mounted approved battery box, placed in the passenger floor area. Battery box must be of metal construction, and securely fastened to the floor. In NO way may it be connected/bolted to the frame. All batteries will be covered with rubber (inner tube) to protect the driver. NO wooden boxes or plastic milk crates.

- 1967-73 Chrysler Imperials will be allowed under the following stipulation

- (a) Welding of the drivers door and safety cage is the only welding permitted on Imperials. Absolutely no welding on the body or frame of the car.

- (b) All other doors, trunk lid, and hood must be secured shut with a minimum 1/4" and a maximum of 1/2" chain.

- (c) In the hood, you may run two bolts at the core support that are drilled

through the frame no larger than 1" in diameter. Absolutely no welding bolts to the frame. For driver's safety, two bolts at the back of the hood will be permitted, but shall not go through the frame, sheet metal only.

(d) Trunks may be secured in 6 spots with chain only.

(e) Firewall may be cut for distributor clearance, but must be covered up in case of fire.

(f) Leaf springs may be clamped, 3 clamps per leaf, 2"x1/4" MAX, no bigger than 1/2" bolts per clamp.

(g) Any motor and transmission combos will be permitted.

- Switches or wires used for powering off the car must be within reach of the driver while harnessed in.
- Judge's decisions are final.

No cars will be inspected until the car is completed and ready to participate in the event. All rules are subject to interpretation of the officials anything the officials find not intent of the rules will be considered illegal. The rules are for safety. In fairness the rules may be adjusted for a balanced event. Official's decisions are final in all cases. If you believe a winning car is illegal you must put a complaint in writing and back it up with \$100.00. If the officials do not find the complaint valid, your \$100.00 will not be refunded. Only a driver may file a complaint.

If you believe one of the winning car is illegal, you must put the complaint in writing and back it up with \$200.00. If we find the complaint not to be valid the money will not be refunded. **Protests are restricted to drivers only.**

**All vehicle rule questions – please contact Bill Moore 541-331-3984**



# Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair Destruction Derby Entry Form

Mail entry to below address, Pre-Entries to be received no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Entries will be accepted the day of; there is an extra late entry fee.

Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair  
P.O. Box 866 Tulelake, CA 96134

Please Print Clearly:

CAR # \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR/MAKE OF DERBY CAR: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAINED CLASS OR WELDED CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORS: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREREGISTER BY AUGUST 31** - Pre-register entry fee is \$50.00 per car. This includes the car entry fee and 2 pit passes. One pit pass must be used by the driver.

**DAY OF THE DERBY** - Entry fee is \$70.00 per car. This includes the car entry fee and 2 pit passes. One pit pass must be used by the driver.

ADDITIONAL PIT PASSES TO PURCHASE @ \$30 EACH: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TULELAKE-BUTTE VALLEY FAIR DESTRUCTION DERBY AS PUBLISHED IN THE DERBY RULES.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_