



2023 CASS COUNTY FAIR

RIDING MOWER/LAWN TRACTOR

DERBY RULES

1st Place - \$500
2nd Place - \$250
3rd Place - \$100

Check in time: **3:00 pm to 6:30 pm no exception!** Driver's meeting: **6:30 pm**; Derby starts: **7:00 pm**. Semi wet track.

1. Driver CANNOT be impaired at check-in or anytime until after the race.
2. All drivers must wear a helmet, long sleeve shirt, long pants and eye protection.
3. The lawn mower must have a factory frame, no homemade frames.
4. No pull start mowers permitted.
5. Only front mounted motors are allowed. No rear engine mowers.
6. No zero turns allowed.
7. Engine bay area may be reinforced but must be contained inside the hood and maintain factory body lines. Original steering linkage may be reinforced, but can not be replaced totally.
8. Engine must be factory mower engine no large than 30 hp. and must be belt driven.
9. Mower Decks must be removed. All plastic and lights must be removed.
10. Spark plug and carburetor protectors are allowed. Do not get carried away, official's decision is final.
11. Homemade exhausts are allowed, but must be pointed up or down
12. Leg guards are mandatory and must be bolted or welded from rear fender to front of footrest or frame. Must not protect tires in any way.
13. Any mower with unsafe leg guard or any guard that falls off during event will not be allowed to continue.
14. Shifter guard is recommended to protect your hand/arm if shifter is mounted on fender. Hand throttle is allowed.
15. No grill guards on the front of mower.
16. Hood must stay stock and intact with the exception of replacing plastic/fiberglass hoods with sheet metal hoods. Hoods must be bolted, wired or chained down.
17. Trans axles remain factory but reinforcing or welding of spider gears is permitted.
18. Brakes must be in operation when pulling in for the heat race, must also have forward and reverse
19. A rear bumper is allowed, but is NOT allowed to extend more than 4 inches out & must stay in between outside most part of the tires. Also :NO SPIKES, NO SHARP EDGES or ANY PROTRUSIONS ALLOWED. Bumper can be home-made with Hollow Square Tubing or Hollow Round Stock. No Larger than 3 inches.
20. NO front bumpers. EVERYTHING MUST FIT UNDER THE HOOD... The front of the mower must be smooth finish for safety.

21. Mowers must use lawn mower type wheels. No dual wheels or tire chains permitted. Tractor tread and cut tires are permitted, but must be lawn mower type. AIR ONLY IN TIRES NO FOAM, FLUIDS, ETC....
22. Numbers are to be fully visible on the hood and visible from each side
23. A rolled-over driver is out of the heat. ALSO: If a driver touches the ground with a hand, foot or any part of their body, the driver is out.
24. For safety. If a mower rolls-over, all drivers must stop & wait until that driver is up, okay, & off the track. Also give us time to Upright the Mower.
25. Must run pump gas only. NO ALCOHOL or Diesel.
26. Gas tank must be fastened with cap on, if it comes loose or gas leaks you will be disqualified.
27. Inappropriate language & gestures will NOT be tolerated. You will be told to leave.
28. Mowers must resemble a factory mower, no other modifications will be permitted other than what is stated in these rules.
29. No pushing off or kicking of opponents tires allowed. If locked up with another, rocking of the mower is the only thing allowed.
30. You must make 1 hit every 60 seconds.
31. If mower does not pass inspection, or participant refuses to fix something, you will be disqualified.
32. All motion to be halted upon signal from referees in case fire, injury, and other emergencies.
33. Officials have final say, we reserve the right to check mower after the derby.
34. Any deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the Officials. Their decision is final.
35. Keep in mind when building your mower, safety first for you & the other mower drivers you will be hitting.
36. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL** ALLOWED IN PITS AS WELL AS IN THE ARENA. DURING THE DERBY, ALL COOLERS WILL BE INSPECTED.

Drivers must be 14 or older, and under 18 has to have a parent sign a consent form at check-in. All drivers must complete registration and waiver forms at the time of registration. Pit gate opens at 3pm, and check in runs until 6:30. Only the driver allowed free entry all others must pay gate fee.