

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

**Saturday, September 9th, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

**Rules and Entry Information**



## Payout & Entry Information

**Total Purse:** Up to \$6000; Chained and Welded cars are both allowed and may be split into separate classes if there are enough cars in each class and will have a welded car main and chained car main.

**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 for the driver. The driver will use one of the pit passes that is included with the car. 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. Pre-registration entries must be received no later than **August 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- **Fair-time Gate 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 that is included with the car. 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 fair-time gate entry. Derby cars will be accepted at the pit gate on Saturday, September 9<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.

### **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 9<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.

### **SAFETY:**

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 Tulelake-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.

### **EVENT RULES:**

1. **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.
2. Regulation racing crash helmets must be worn at all times during the entire event.
3. Long sleeve shirts are mandatory; no shorts.
4. Safety belts and/or lap harness belts are required. Seat belts must remain buckled at all times during the event, except in cases of fire. Safety Belts must be secured to the frame or by factory mount.
5. Drivers are to stay in their car during the entire event, except in case of fire and/or directed by officials.

6. 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!
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Last car running is not necessarily the winner. The driver is judged on aggressiveness, performance and a scoring system by scorekeepers.  
OFFICIAL'S DECISION IS FINAL.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. All drivers must be at least 16 years of age.
14. NO REFUNDS.

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

1. Open to All American hardtop model stock cars or station wagons. No Pick-ups, Vans, 4-Wheel Drives, Foreign type cars, T-top commercial vehicles. Due to possible safety concerns severely dented or mangled cars may be allowed only at the discretion of the officials. No pre-1965 Chrysler Imperial vehicles will be allowed to enter the derby.
2. Remove all glass, body trim, clips plastic grills, interior trim, and all composite body parts.
3. Material sizes, unless specified in rules are as follows: chains ½", welding filler ¼" rebar or ¼"x 1" flat stock. All are maximum sizes.
4. Car # must be on both sides of car and on the roof. Min. 12" lettering.
5. Gas tanks must be removed from stock location. New tank installed forward of rear axle behind driver's seat. Chains, cable, or steel brackets must secure gas tanks. Tank must be made of steel or similar quality. 6 gal. Tanks. No plastic tanks or plastic connectors. Tank must be installed within safety bars. See attachment. 6gal. of fuel max.
6. Holes must be made in the floorboard around gas tank in case of spillage.
7. Battery must be relocated to the front passenger floorboard. Batteries/s must be covered and securely attached with bolts or chains. No plumbers tape.
8. Mandatory Safety Bars: side bars from dash to 1" forward of rear wheel well. 2 cross bars at dash and behind driver. A third safety bar at rear wheel well is optional. Side bars and cross bars must be connected by welding or bolting. Side bars 4"x3/8" stock min. and cross bars minimum 2" pipe or square tubing. Welding to floorboard is acceptable. Schedule #40 min. Drivers door may have bracing to the floorboard not frame passenger side may have a total of 8" of bracing to floorboard. See attachment.
9. Padding center of steering wheel. Optional
10. Mandatory: weld or bolt windshield braces (2) from top of opening to bottom of opening to prevent hood from entering the car. Rear window same as windshield deck lid safety sedans only.
11. Bumper heights front and rear will not be higher than 20" measured from the ground to the bottom of bumper. Cars may be raised to this height. Spring spacers are not acceptable. Used cars heights determined by officials.

12. Bumper may be welded to bumper brackets. Bumper brackets may be welded to frames. No fillers or added material. Bumper seams may be welded no fillers or added material. 5mph bumper may be installed using 4" x14" x $\frac{1}{2}$ " square round channel etc. material welded on the outside frame only. Not on top bottom inside or stuffed in frame!
13. Engines may be chained bolted or welded to frame. No engine mounts forward of engine block. 4" max. mounts. One mount per side only.
14. Engine must remain in stock position. No cutting of firewall for engine swaps or set back. You may cut maximum 12" x 12" hole in firewall to relieve distributor rollback. Holes must be covered for safety.
15. Radiators if used must be in stock location may be strapped or wired in no welding. Water only!
16. All cars must have an engine air cleaner. All cars must have working brakes.
17. Doors may be chained or welded shut. Filler not to exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$ " stock. Drivers door may be welded solid all other doors 2" weld with 4" gap. All chains on car must be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " min. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " max. chain. Driver's door may be reinforced. Door bar may be channel iron box tube or I-beam. Padding is to be installed on driver's door inside to protect driver.
18. Trunk lids may be chained bolted down or welded 36' of weld max. chain may wrap bumper in 2 places  $\frac{1}{2}$ " max. max. 4 chains no longer than 5 ft. each may be used. If bolted max. 1  $\frac{1}{8}$ " all thread (ready rod) may make 2" contact to frame perpendicular to frame.
19. Station wagon deck lids max. 36" weld tailgates may be chained or welded 24" max of weld. Chains  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " max. refer to rule #3 for filler. A 14" hole must be cut in deck lids for inspection or removed.
20. Hood must be chained or bolted only no welding. Bolts may extend to frame must be located rear of radiator 4 bolts max. a 12" x 12" hole must be cut in hood for fire suppression. If bolted 1  $\frac{1}{8}$ " all thread may make 2" contact to frame perpendicular to frame.
21. Seat belts are Mandatory. Front seat may be bolted or welded down. Bucket seat allowed.
22. OEM body bushing and washers can be changed to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " max. with 3" washers.
23. Spring clamps may be used 4 per spring 2" wide only.

24. Leaf spring shackles may be re-hung 3" wide shackles max. used car leaf repairs officials will decide depending on spring type.
25. Second time no holes in firewall. Holes must be covered!
26. Electric fuel pump if used requires a kill switch to be installed above steering column in windshield area. Must be brightly painted for easy identification.
27. Tires must be automotive type. Max. 16" wheel size. All tires must be street legal and DOT approved not to exceed 8 ply. No aggressive tread on drive axel no studs or additives of any kind allowed. No wheel weights. Max. 31" height. Air only in tires. Tire depth may not exceed 5/32"
28. Transmission filler tube must have drain hose installed to avoid fluid from contacting exhaust system. (Burp tube) call for information.
29. It is illegal to weld body seams unless specified in the rules. It is also illegal to weld paint undercoat mud sand grind etc. any portion of the car frame unless specified. Used cars must have frame cleaned of debris dirt from prior derbies.
30. Repairs: When repairing damaged cars you may use (2) 4" x12" x 3/8" plates per frame section. Pieces can't be any closer than 3". They may not attach to each other in any fashion. Repair pieces must have an inspection hole drilled in center of the plate. A frame section is one frame rail in front of or behind an OEM firewall. A total of 8 plates are allowed-2 plates rf frame, 2 plates rr frame, 2 plates lf, 2 plates lr. You may not add any more than 2 plates per frame section. You may not take plates away from 1 frame section and add it to another.
31. NO trailer hitches. NO objects protruding outside of car.

**VEHICLE OPTIONS**(The following options may be used on derby vehicles)

1. Mufflers may be removed
2. Locked rear-ends
3. Fenders may be cut away from wheels
4. Transmission cooler if used must be covered
5. Bumper may be trimmed
6. One a/c condenser allowed
7. Floor shift
8. Radiator fans



9. Safety gloves should be worn by all drivers.
10. Chain may be wrapped from rear axle to frame. One on each side. No cutting away body. No welding. No bolting to frame.
11. Mud screens allowed. Driver's side only may have a steel/metal plate inside the window area.
12. If dashboard removed, side to side brace is allowed and recommended in dash position.
13. Front of A-frame may be welded to frame (bottom a-frame only) no reinforcing of A-frames.
14. Bump stop may be added to rear for height. (Welded to axel housing only, not to frame.)
15. Coil Springs can be replaced with leaf springs. Either stock type hangers or 3x6 flat plate, 3/8 max.
16. You can replace shock absorbers with 2" pipe or square tubing bolted in place.
17. Roll Over bar maybe welded inside only to the cage.

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 trucks 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**

### **POWER WHEELS DERBY**

**There will also be a power wheels derby for the kids ages 2-7 years old prior to the start of the derby and at intermission. The power wheels cars will be provided for the first kids that sign up. All kids must wear a helmet (bicycle or ATV). They must also be wearing the proper footwear (boots or tennis shoes) no sandals. If you are interested in signing up for the power wheels derby please call the fair office at 530-667-5312 or email at nancy@tbvfair.com**

# 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>, 2023. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Entry Fees: Registration for Car and Driver must be received by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.....\$50.00**

**(Includes the driver and one crew member) additional pit passes are \$30 each**

**Late registration fee – on site September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.....\$70.00**

**(Includes the driver and one crew member) additional passes are \$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: \_\_\_\_\_