

## **2026 Keystone Nationals**

### **Compact Rules**

**\*\*Special thanks to Hardcore derby promotions for allowing us to use their rule set\*\***

Cars will consist of 1980 and Newer FWD-wheel-drive cars only.

EXCEPT for NO Eldorado, Tornado or Riviera's.

-No full frame cars No Camaros, Pacers / AMC Products

-No V8 cars permitted

-FWD cars must stay FWD

-No AWD cars allowed

#### **Preparation:**

1. All glass (including windshield, front and rear windows, loose glass that is broken or that is still around the window seals, head and taillights, light bulbs, etc.) **MUST BE REMOVED** prior to bringing the car to the track.
2. All exterior (chrome, trim, emblems, plastic grills, door handles, plastic bumper covers, spoilers and anything that's plastic or metal that will break and fall off onto the track) **MUST BE REMOVED** prior to bringing the car to the track.
3. All interior (carpet, moldings, seats except driver's seat, head liners, door panels, speakers, etc. and anything flammable) **MUST BE REMOVED**.
4. Dashboard is optional. If it is left in, radio, ash tray, glove box and anything that can come loose. **MUST BE REMOVED**.
5. Car **MUST BE SWEPT** clean from ALL debris, tools, tires and anything that doesn't belong **MUST BE REMOVED** before being teched or you will NOT pass!!!
6. **ALL CARS MUST HAVE A ROOF SIGN.**
7. 7. All cars must have working brakes. Cars that do not have brakes will NOT run!!

**Safety:**

1. DOT or Snell rated helmet is MANDATORY.
2. Eye protection is MANDATORY.
3. Long sleeves, pants and gloves are MANDATORY for driver safety.
4. Fire extinguisher is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED and MUST BE securely mounted within the drivers reach.
5. All fuel injected cars must have FI Rated Line (must say for fuel injection use on the line) and all fittings must be double clamped. Failure to have a proper line or be double clamped you WILL NOT run.
6. If your helmet comes off during the derby you WILL BE disqualified. Make sure that they are strapped on.

**Tires and Wheels:**

1. ANY tire and wheel combination PERMITTED.
2. NO beadlocks, studded tires, or screw in tires.
3. ALL wheel weights MUST BE REMOVED.
4. A 2-inch lip protector is permitted, standard 8-inch universal centers are permitted, valve stem protectors are permitted but must NOT extend in any direction further than 2- inches from valve stem

**Interior:**

1. 2 Batteries are permitted.
  - b. Battery must be securely mounted in a metal battery box. Battery Must be mounted to floor or cage in the rear seat compartment NO Front Floor Passenger side Battery Mounting
  - c. Or be mounted with 2 pieces of All thread and a metal strap over the top. ABSOLUTELY NO ratchet straps, bungees, 9 wire, muffler strapping, etc. allowed holding down the battery. OFFICIAL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
2. Battery coverings are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for the driver's safety.
3. Original factory fuel tank MUST BE REMOVED and replaced with a metal style fuel tank.
  - a. Fuel tank must be securely bolted to the floor or the gas tank protector. No

ratchet straps, bungees, chain, 9 wire, etc. allowed.

b. No plastic fuel tanks will be permitted. No factory tanks permitted inside the car

c. Homemade fuel tanks can consist of boat tank, or a heavy constructed tank from one of the many vendors. ONLY. All tanks MUST BE 100% leak proof and sealed. If they are not you will NOT run.

d. Fuel tank cover is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for the driver's safety.

e. All fuel lines must be securely mounted. Anywhere that a fuel line intersects metal, it must be doubled with a protective layer preventing it from being punctured.

f. All fuel injected cars MUST run fuel injected lines and must be clearly marked (for fuel injected use) and all fitting must be double clamped.

g. Any spilled fuel MUST BE cleaned out and evaporated before it will pass tech.

Any car that has a fuel leak during the derby will be shut down.

**Cage:**

2. Cage is RECOMMENDED for your safety, a 4-point may be placed in the driver's compartment. Cage bars are not to exceed 4"x4"x1/4" or 2"x6"x1/4" in size (Anything larger will be cut down to correct size). 4-point cage consists of:

3. a. 1 dash bar

b. 1 seat bar

c. 2 door bars

d. You are allowed four 6"x6"x1/4" mounting plates to attach the cage to the body (A pillars and B pillars ONLY).

e. Cage must be a minimum of 5" inches away from ALL SHEET METAL . Door bars CANNOT go past the rear kick panel on any car.

4. At a minimum a rear seat bar is MANDATORY and if the dash is removed a dash bar is MANDATORY. Seat bar MUST attach to the B post. It CANNOT attach to the inner door skins

5. Rollover bar is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Must attach to the seat bar or door bars (NOT BOTH) and consist of 2 bars that run straight up and a cross bar to attach them

together. (NO angled rollover bars will be allowed or kickers off of rollover bar.)

6. Rollover bar maybe attached to roof in 2 spots with ½ inch bolts max , these bolts cannot be more than 6 inches away from rollover bar 2"x2" tubing or less.

7. (1) Front window bar is MANDATORY. Must consist of tubing, pipe, flat bar. 2-inch max in size. No chain, 9 wire, bed frame or etc. will be permitted. (This is for driver's safety.)

a. Front window bar may be bolted or welded to the sheet metal. Can attach on the roof and on the cowl. Must be within 6 inches of the window opening.

8. A rear window bar is NOT PERMITTED.

9. Gas tank protector can consist of a 5-bar design. 2 bars off your seat bar and one across the rear. Gas tank protector CANNOT be any wider than 32" inches outside to outside.

Gas tank protector can go all the way back to where the package tray area and rear seat meet No Further It CANNOT go past the package tray hump in any car. It can have a backing to it but no higher than the factory speaker deck height. Tank protector gusset bars must come from the backseat bar or halo bar only, 1 bar per side only, this bar must go straight to the gas tank protector only. BACKING MUST RUN STRAIGHT UP AND CANNOT BE ANGLED TOWARD THE SPEAKER DECK. Speaker deck MUST REMAIN in factory location. REMEMBER THIS IS NOT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CAR IN ANY WAY.

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11. No down bars or kickers of any kind allowed.

**Frame/Subframe:**

1. No welding on frames or seam welding permitted. All subframes and frames MUST remain factory stock unless stated in the rules.

2. If a repair needs to be made it MUST BE APPROVED by the hardcore Officials prior to the derby. Please Call.

3. All body mounts (bolts, rubbers, washers, spacers) MUST REMAIN factory stock and in factory location.

4. Sub swaps are Not permitted.

**Body:**

a. Doors can be secured shut in (12) spots per door by welding, bolting, 9 wire, 1 inch banding or chaining (3/8 max). If welding, you can use 3"x3"x1/4" max. Plates MUST HAVE a 3 - inch gap in between plates. Drivers Door maybe Plated and welded solid. The Door Plate May run 3 inches past Door Seem Max, it may run from Dash Bar to seat Bar and be connected Dash Bar and Rear seat bar also it can be welded to the floor sheet metal ONLY and have 4, 6-inch welds where it touches the floor. External door Plate is same as driver's door.

b. Body creasing will be permitted BUT limited to the rear quarter panels ONLY. MAX 2 lines per quarter panel.

c. 4 All cars can have 9 wire But CANNOT have any attachment points (chain links, bolts, eye bolts, washers, etc. ) can only wrap around.

d. 4 spots 2 loops per spot

e. 1/8" Radiator Guard or 1/8" expanded metal permitted must be bolted with 6 - 3/8"

Bolts and no bigger than 1/2" standard washer No Welding Permitted and May Not be Attached to any part of the frame rail in any manner.

No strengthening the body of the car unless stated.

1 six 1/2 inch hood bolts max. CANNOT attach to the frame or subframe.

**2. Trunk lids must be open for inspection: ( This is Keystone National Specific)**

- **Lids may be secured in 10 locations by wire, banding, or bolts (1/2") with 3" outside diameter washers.**
- **No Sheet metal manipulation, body creasing, peening, wedging etc....until after inspection.**
  - **All sheet metal manipulation will be done after inspection and in the staging area. No added material other than the allotted tie downs. Bring your friends!**
  - **The earlier you're through inspection the more time you have to manipulate sheet metal!**

2. Door handles MUST BE REMOVED.

4. (1) 12-inch inspection hole MUST BE placed in the hood in case a fire occurs and all excess sheet metal MUST BE REMOVED. Hood MAY have 6 3/8" bolts MAX around the inspection hole.

5. Wheel wells may be trimmed for tire clearance. But they CANNOT be rolled over to create a doubling affect.

6. Rear wheel wells can be bolted together with up to (6) 3/8" bolts with factory store bought 3/8" washers.

### **Suspension:**

1. Factory OEM suspension. No reinforcing or strengthening of components will be permitted. MUST BE FACTORY Stock Working Suspension for the car that you are using.

2. You MAY use spring spacer to gain front height or strut risers. You CANNOT add any metal to make your suspension solid!!!

3. The Car Must Bounce in the front.

4. Rear strut may be locked in place, all added metal must be attached to shock stem only, no part of this assembly may be attached to the body or subframe.

### **Driveline:**

1. Any 4 cylinder or 6-cylinder engine allowed. NO V8's.

2. Aftermarket shifters, pedals, steering columns are permitted.

3. No transmission, oil or fuel coolers permitted.

4. Upper motor mounts can be changed out with 2"x2" tubing MAX.

5. No engine cradles allowed. A simple carb protector that bolts to the motor is permitted (for drivers' safety cannot strengthen the car in any way).

6. Motor mounts MUST BE factory rubber

7. Headers are permitted. Headers must point straight up in the air.

### **Bumpers:**

1. Any OEM car bumpers permitted. NO extra metal can be added. Seam welded bumpers are PERMITTED (Outer seams ONLY). No welding of inner seams. Ends of bumper may

be capped with 1/8-inch MAX. MUST have a 2-inch inspection hole on each end of the bumper. No Amish style replica bumpers

a. SMW, DEC, Adept etc. bumpers permitted. Bumpers CANNOT be heavier than 3/16" material. (No custom bumpers) No Amish style /Chrysler pointy replica bumpers

2. Tubing bumper permitted. 1 piece of tubing MAX. Bumper can consist of 1 piece of 4"x4"x1/4" or smaller tubing or 2"x6"x1/4" or smaller tubing. NO METAL ADDED. MAX THICKNESS on tubing bumpers is 1/4" of an inch or less. Anything found to be heavier WILL NOT be allowed to run. Tubing bumpers must remain flat. You cannot cut and form your bumper into a point. We also would like the ends angled back for safety reasons

3. Front frame rails MAYBE shortened to the front side of the core support. The core support MUST REMAIN in the factory location. It CAN NOT be moved, removed, etc. (If it has been moved, removed, etc. you WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUN. Officials' decision is FINAL!)

4. No swapping bumper shocks allowed. If hard nosing you lose the bumper brackets and shocks

5. You can weld or bolt the bumper on only where factory metal or bumper shock touches the bumper.

OR

6. You can hard nose the bumper to the frame rail. You are permitted to use a 6"x6"x1/4" max plate to mount your bumper. This is to give you a flat surface to mount your bumper to. This plate must be between your bumper and frame rail on the end cap of the rail only not the side. You Cannot wrap this plate around frame or attach to sub frame.

7. You can use ONE 4"x6"x1/4" Rectangle plate per frame rail to help hold your bumper on (measured from back side of the bumper). One plate per side. Plate CANNOT be altered in anyway. Your 4"x6"x1/4" plate MUST attach to your bumper. If it does not attach to your bumper, you will have to remove anything that's more than what is permitted. You Cannot wrap this plate around frame or attach to sub frame.

8. Bumpers CAN NOT be cut and formed around frame rails. Bumpers MUST mount to the

end of the frame rails ONLY.

**Repairs:**

1.
  - a. Repair plates CANNOT touch. All repair plates MUST HAVE a 1" gap between them including the weld. If Repair is Approved
2. All cars can have (2) 4"x4"x1/4" fix plates parallelogram . Fix it plates MUST have a 1" gap including welds. There must be a 1-inch gap between the (4"x6"x1/4") bumper plate and the 4"x4"x1/4" fix it plate. This includes the weld also.
3. Parallelograms are permitted but must be 4" top to bottom and side to side with the two furthest points exactly 7" apart.
4. Cars can be re-stubbed and clipped if need be. All repairs must be butt welded with no overlap and DONE in factory way. PLEASE CALL.
5. All repairs must be done with OEM parts in factory manner.

**Final:**

1. Officials have the right to drill, scope, etc. as they need too.
2. Officials have the right to re-inspect any car before, during and after the event.
3. Any car found to be cheated will not receive any prize money or trophies.
4. All drivers MUST attend the drivers meeting.
5. Drivers ONLY allowed in the inspection area while the cars are being inspected.
6. Cars that have failed tech get 1 re-inspection. All cars that need a 2 nd re-inspection must wait until all the cars go through their initial inspection before they get their 2 nd re-inspection.
7. Bring torches!!!
8. Any car found to have added any metal to the frame, body, suspension, bumper (or your tubing bumper to be heavier than 1/4") WILL NOT be able to run and you WILL NOT have a chance to fix it!!!!

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