

2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS
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1. **GENERAL** - No rear engine lawnmowers are allowed. -Remove all glass, cast iron, and plastic. -No zero turn radiuses allowed. -Do not make your mower into a tank, you WILL be disqualified. -No bumpers allowed. -Remove deck completely. Weld brackets and joints that raise and lower the deck if they are not removable. No reinforcing the frame. -All mowers must use lawnmower type wheels. Lug style (farm tractor style) tires are not allowed. No tire chains, no dual wheels no all steel wheels, no valve stem protectors, no tires in tires, foam filled tires, no studs, or solid tires. Tires may be checked for air pressure at check-in time.
2. **MOWER** - Electric start mowers is preferred, not required. If your mower does pull start, you must be able to start your mower while remaining on your lawnmower and your legs and arms inside of the Safety Cage. -No spikes, or any protrusions on mower. -Mower must have a number on each side. Original and clever names are also strongly encouraged, but not required. No profanity or demeaning language. -Mowers must have good brakes, forward, and reverse gears at start of the heat.
3. **SAFETY CAGE** - Mowers must have a Safety Cage installed for driver protection. The purpose of the Safety Cage is to protect the driver, NOT to reinforce the strength and durability of the mower. -Safety Cage may be as far forward as the engine crankshaft and extend to the fenders. This must be 1 1/4" - 2" square tubing, angle iron, or round tubing, this is to protect feet and legs. Safety Cage must have at least four solid weld/bolt points to the frame/fenders. -The Safety Cage must not protect the tires. The tires must remain FULLY open and exposed. -Close the sides of the safety cage along the driver's legs with bars (no more than 8" apart) or/and sheet metal. -The top of the Safety Cage rail must come to just below the drivers knees (when seated), and be colored RED between the tires so it is visible to the other drivers and officials. This is the "NO HIT ZONE" -No direct hits to the driver's safety allowed (the red leg area). These hits will be treated like a direct hit to the driver's door in an auto demo derby. Drivers will receive one warning, and then they will be disqualified for a second illegal hit.
4. All mower have hood either screwed or welded to dash panel around driver's area.
5. **Bumpers**- Rear and front bumper can NOT extend out more the 4 inches from mower and must stay inside of tires. Bumper must remain flat across, no spikes, sharp edges, points, etc. Must be at least 6 inches off the ground. Back bumper may have a Hoop weld off bumper going up behind back seat. Hoop can NOT be any wider 15 inches for protection of driver's seat only.
6. **ENGINE** - Air-cooled engines only, limited to a maximum of 20 horsepower. Engine must be a factory lawnmower engine such as Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh, Onan, Kohler, etc. -Internal engine performance modifications allowed. Exhaust modifications are encouraged, however all pipes must be securely mounted. Broken or loose exhaust pipes may disqualify the mower from the heat.
7. **ELECTRICAL** - An occupant kill switch must kill the engine in a rollover, or the driver falls off. Examples are a seat kill switch or a tether switch. Key switches are NOT kill switches. -Battery must be covered with a non-conductive material and anchored securely down.
8. **FUEL TANK** - You will be disqualified for any leaking gas. Fuel tank must be secure and have a cap on it. Tank may be relocated to a more secure location if stock position is in a compromising area.
9. **MODIFICATIONS** - You may use any seat that will fit on top of the back of mower. You may build a chair cage on top of the fenders around seat to project your ribs and back. This may not be wider than fenders. CAUTION: Modifying the mowers may cause it to be top heavy and tip-over easier. -Changing of pulleys is permitted and encouraged. Drive train modifications are permitted as long as it stays belt driven, no chain driven or shaft driven tractors allowed. -
10. **DRIVERS** -Participate at your own risk. -All drivers must show a legal I.D. All drivers must be at least 16 years old. Drivers under 18 years of age must provide a parental consent form. -Drivers must wear a helmet, gloves, long sleeves, long pants, closed toed shoes, and eye protection. No exceptions! -No sandbagging allowed. Driver must administer at least one hit every 20 seconds or be disqualified.
11. **EVENT** -All mowers must pass inspection before the derby. -If your mower does rollover, you are eliminated; all drivers must stop and wait until the officials give drivers instructions to restart. Each mower will get 1 minute total to restart or put the belt back on. Once the 1 minute is up, you are eliminated.

