

Official Rules Lawnmower Demo Derby

July 9, 2025

Taylor County Fair

Registration starts at 4:30

Derby at 6:00

The Taylor County Fair Lawnmower Derby is being held as a spectator attraction. In the interest of safety, all drivers and mechanics are subject to and must obey the following rules that are set up by the Taylor County Fair Lawnmower Demo Derby Committee.

1. Participants must be 16 years of age or older. 16 and 17 years old must have a parent present who has a pit pass and has signed a waiver permitting their child's participation.
2. \$35 entry fee which include driver pit pass. Each additional pit pass \$10.00. No one permitted in pit area without a pass.
3. Any riding mower with a front engine is allowed. No rear mounted engines permitted. 20 HP engine maximum. Electric start preferred. If pull start, you must be able to start engine from seat. All mowers must have forward/reverse and operating brakes at start of demolition derby. No homemade frames. No Zero Turn mowers.
4. All mower decks must be removed.
5. Homemade exhaust allowed, but must be pointed straight up.
6. Leg guards are mandatory and must be bolted/welded and extend from rear fender to front of footrest. ¼" steel maximum.
7. If battery or fuel tank is in front of the engine, it must be moved to a safe location. Tanks ½ full maximum for safety.
8. You may make and use hand throttle.
9. Hoods must be bolted or wired down tightly.
10. Spark plug protector permitted but must be attached to engine only.
11. Rear bumper permitted but must remain between tires. No spikes or protrusions permitted. Bumper can be homemade with square, round tubing, or I/H Beam.
12. Re-gearing or changing pulleys to increase speed is permitted and encouraged. All drive train modifications must remain belt driven.
13. All mowers must use lawnmower type wheels. Tractor treads and cut tires are permitted. No tire chains or dual wheels. Tires must be exposed. No points or sharp metal around mower.
14. All headlights and any other glass/plastics must be removed prior to entering the pits.
15. No front bumpers. Front of mower must be a smooth finish.

16. In the event of a rollover, all drivers must stop until the driver of the mower is out of the mower and off of the track.
17. Numbers must be placed on each side of the mower and helmet for identification purposes.
18. Helmets, shirts, long pants, and boots covering the ankle must be worn. Gloves are optional.
19. No profanity or obscene gestures painted on any mowers or helmets.
20. No placing feet or hands on the ground. If you touch the ground, you will be disqualified for that event.
21. All repairs and or starting of mower must be done from the seat. If you get off your mower for any reason, you will be disqualified for that event.
22. No pushing off or kicking of opponent's tires or mower permitted. If mowers become stuck together, rocking of the mowers is the only thing allowed.
23. You must make 1 hit every 60 seconds.
24. Fighting from any driver or team member will cause immediate removal from event and grounds as well as forfeit of any winnings.
25. All rules will be explained prior to start of event.
26. All mowers will be inspected by committee official prior to start of event.
27. Judges decision is final!!
28. No alcoholic beverages of any kind permitted in pit area.
29. No one permitted in pit area without a pit pass. Minimum age for entry to pit area is 16 years old.
30. Registration will be completed at the booth adjacent to the pit area.