

2026-Full-size Stock class- Full-size Youth class- Iron Maidens(women's class)

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

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General Rules

***If car does not pass inspection or driver is unwilling to change car to pass inspection - absolutely no refunds!!

1. All rules will be followed, or you will not run!!
2. Any American make sedan or station wagon can be run. NO Hearse, 73 & older Imperial or imperial frames. Women's class is Sedans only.
3. Drivers must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Ages 14 –17 must have a notarized permission slip and some form of driver's license. The person that signs in as the driver/passenger- must be the driver/passenger for that event!
4. Driver must wear seat belt and helmet, along with eye protection.
5. ALL drivers and crew members must attend the drivers' meeting.
6. DO NOT hit the driver's door! Sometimes this happens, but if it looks intentional or careless, you will be disqualified. Don't use your door as a shield; it may cause you to get disqualified. No hot rodding in the pits, keep it at an idle.
7. Any open driver's door or fire will cause disqualification. If in heat, you may fix it and come back in the consolation.
8. NO sandbagging or holding!!! You will be disqualified! You are given 20 seconds for aggressive hits, 1 minute for restarts and 1 minute if you are hung up.
9. No alcohol in the pits, if anyone is caught with alcohol, they will be disqualified, this includes their pit crew.
10. Cars are subject to re-inspection before any prize money is handed out. There is a \$150 pro-test fee and you must be a driver in order to protest. Only drivers in the feature event may pro-test another car. Driver must have cash in hand directly after feature event in order to pro-test. Any controversies will be taken up at the drivers meeting.
11. Any questions give us a call! If it doesn't say you can do it, don't do it. Call 1st!! Judges' decisions are FINAL!!!

Car Preparation

1. All cars must be stock, unless modification is stated in the rules.
2. All glass, plastic, chrome, and interior must be removed from car before arriving to the derby.
3. All decking in station wagons MUST be removed!!!

4. Tires no bigger than 16 inches, No split rims, No studded tires. Foam filled or Doubled tires OK!!! Valve stem protectors OK. Tires may be screwed to rims. **Full weld in centers and beam protectors allowed.**
5. Driver must have a fire coat or non-flammable jacket to wear while driving in event.
6. Driver must have safety approved glasses or face shield. Driver needs to have Full face helmets.
7. You must use a radiator, and it must be in stock location. All cars must have working brakes.
9. A-arms, ball joints remain stock.
10. All trailer hitches and braces must be removed.
11. Original gas tanks must be removed. You must use a boat tank or well-made fuel cell and it must be properly secured and covered.
No gas cans. Plastic gas tanks must be placed in a metal box!! The fuel line must be secured and fastened properly. Keep away from exhaust. Place fuel cell behind driver's seat or in the center of the car where the back seat use to be.
12. Transmission coolers will be allowed but must be safe and properly secured.
13. Batteries must be moved to passenger floorboard close to transmission. It must be properly secured and covered.
14. You must have a number In Bright colors on each front door and must have 15"x 15" roof sign with car number on it for judging and recognition of car.

Car building:

1. **NO welding will be allowed on any part of the body or frame. The only welding allowed is in the below rules. If your car is found with any weld, other than what's allowed, you will not run!!**
2. ***** NEW***** Doors may be chained, wired or bolted in 8 spots or you may weld the vertical door seams solid on exterior only and must be sheet metal to sheet metal. When welding vertical seams use no wider than 3-inch materials. Drivers' door may be welded shut inside and outside solidly with no bigger then 3" strap material.
3. For driver's protection Cage:
 1. Side bars for your cage must be at a minimum of 6 inches off the highest point of your floor below the side cage bars. Side cage bars may extend to the top of door opening but no higher than the bottom of each door window opening! This area can be stacking side bars or one solid bar. Drivers Door Side bars may also have a plate weld to side cage bars from floor pan to top of door only. This may be welded on the inside of cage bars or on the outside of cage bars between the door and cage. No welding this plate to the Sheetmetal anywhere. Side cage bars cannot pass through any dash or firewall sheet metal. Side bars must stop in front of the body

mount in the side rails in the back seat area. If you don't know which body mount this is, call me personally to get that information.

2. Dash Bar- must be welded or bolted to the side bars only. Dash bar must be a straight non-cut/ non bent bar across the dash area. The Dash bar cannot encounter any part of the drivetrain at any point of the event. If dash bar hits, bounces off or locks into the drivetrain, car and driver is Disqualified from event. You will be held liable for your own spacing to keep this from happening.

3. Backseat bar- must be 6 inches above your drive shaft tunnel. Back seat bar can only be welded to the inside of your side cage bars. You will be allowed to build off this bar for your gas tank protector.

4. Halo/Roll Loop Bar- this bar must be completely in front of body mount bolt in back seat area that in the side rails of your car. Must go straight up with the Halo/roll loop. You may weld this bar to the side bar of your cage then directly below that location/ straight down, you maybe continue to the top of the side frame rails only. Otherwise you may run a straight up and down cage bar off the top of side frame rails to roof to make your halo/roll loop. Do Not extend past the top of the side frame rails. This bar can also be welded to roof only using 3 X 3-6-inch-long angle iron on the front side of the Halo/ roll loop only! Max of 4 locations. Angle iron may be welded and bolted to Sheetmetal of roof only.

5. Sedan Gas Tank Protector- Tank protector must be 2 inches from all sheet metal behind protector and 4 inches off the floor. Back of protector can only be 24 inches wide MAX. You may angle off the protector straight angle to cage side bars. May also come off back seat bar straight back as well to back cross bar of protector. Tank protector can have a halo 24 inches wide going off the back cross bar up above tank. This Halo may be angled but it must still stay 2 inches away from back sheet metal and must stay under and behind back roof line.

6. Wagon Gas Tank Protector- Tank protector must stay in front of the False body mount in the arch of the wagon frame. If you are unsure about this location, call me personally so that I can tell you about this location! Tank protector must be 2 inches from all sheet metal behind protector and 4 inches off the floor. Back of protector can only be 24 inches wide by MAX. You may angle off the protector straight angle to cage side bars. Tank protector can have a halo 24 inches wide going off the back cross bar up above tank. Tank protector halo must not go past the front pinion of the rear tunnel. Again, if you are unsure of this location, call me personally.

7. Down Bars- You will be allowed 2 bars at the front door opening. The front down bar must be completely behind the INSIDE door seam! Down bars must only be welded to the top on the side frame rails and stop at the top of the side frame rails.

Down Bar size 6 x 6 Max. Down bars must be straight up and down only! Down bar cannot attach to any of your body mount plates or bolts.

8. At any point in the event, if your cage touches, gussets or re-enforces the car by hit, touching or bouncing any part of the drivetrain against the cage, you will be DQ'ed!

Bumpers:

4. Bumpers are interchangeable. **Any Automotive bumper may be used on any car. No homemade bumpers.** You may trim bumper ends or fold them around. Must use factory front and back bumper bracket that comes with the car. No swapping back bracket to front or front brackets to back. Bumpers and brackets may be welded solid. Brackets must stay factory length or can be shortened but you CAN'T stretch out brackets to make longer. Bumper brackets must stay in factory location, NO relocating brackets. Bumpers may be stuffed inside of original bumper only. Bracket can be welded solid but can only be welded to 1 side of the frame, don't wrap bracket unless it came out factory that way.

You may have 4 spots wire or 3/8 chain from front bumper to radiator support- 4 spots from rear bumper to trunk lid. Front or Back Bumper can NOT be any higher than 26 inches from top center. Rear frame rail at its lowest back point can NOT be lower than 15 Inches to the bottom of the rear frame rails. This rule is to help cut down on the issue of roll over and safety of this issue.

HOOD/TRUNKS:

7. ****Hood must have at least a 12-inch square hole cut out in cast of fire.** You will be allowed 8 spots to hold the hood down (bolts, chain or wire); you **MUST** have at least 4 spots holding hood down- hood hinges don't count! Hood holds down spots must be sheet metal to sheet metal. Hood must be open for inspection. Plates for hood bolts cannot exceed 5x5x1/2 inch. Hood bolts can be up to 1 inch in diameter. You will be allowed to bolt 12- 3/8 bolts to bolt hood skins back together around your header cut out holes only. You are only allowed 1-3/8 washer on top and 1-3/8 washer underneath hood with 1-3/8 nut on each 3/8 bolt.

8. Trunk lid and Tailgates may be welded shut up to 10 inches total on trunk lid. May not use bigger than 3-inch strap materials.

Trunk lid must have a 12 inch X 12-inch hole cut in center of trunk lid for inspection.

9. You can fold hoods or trunk decks over but 60% of the hood or trunk lid must be in factory location. No tucking of wagon roof!

10. You may use wire in 2 spots with 4 loops from trunk lid or tailgate and may go around the frame with the wire or you are allowed 2- 1-inch althread from trunk lid or

tailgate threw factory body mount holes in frame. Nut and washers must be up inside the frame like factory, must have a 1-inch spacer between body and frame. 1 – 5-inch X 5-inch washer on floor with 1- 5-inch X 5-inch washer on trunk lid with 1 nut. CAN'T DO BOTH.

BODY MOUNTS:

12. Body mounts must remain stock, no added body mounts allowed! Do not remove any part of the factory body mount including steel shim that inside rubber mount! Don't touch them. If mount is rusted out, you may use wire to wrap from floor around frame in that location.

13. The front 2 Radiator Support mounts may be replaced with 1 inch all thread. All thread may go from mount up to the hood. This must be stock all thread, no sleeved all thread, no pipe, tubing, etc. Body mount spacer can be up to 3 X3 – 6 inches Long. NO welding spacer.

SUSPENSION:

14. Suspension must be at stock height. Leaf springs must be stock, NO adding springs. Stock springs only! You can put spacers in sagging coil springs to get your height. You can loop chain or wire from rear end or springs to frame in 2 spots on each side. No bigger then #9 wire or 3/8" chain or cable may be used. You may double your coil springs. Leaf spring cars will be allowed 4 clamps total on each spring pack. NO adding spring clamps. **All suspension must be the same type and style that came on the car from factory. No suspension swaps!**

Front A-arms are allowed 1 of the following options to get height- Only one of the 3 options below.

A. You will be allowed 1, ½ inch bolt that can be butt welded to frame or bolted threw frame in center of A-arm with 1- ¾ washer and nut.

B. You may weld 1- chain link to frame and weld 1 chain link to A-arm. Only one spot!

C. You are allowed 1 – 2x4- ¼ inch strap welded to A-arm and to frame, but only 1 strap.

15. Rear end control arm must be stock and can't be reinforced. You may shorten the bottom rear control arms to get your pinion angle. You may only lap over factory stock control arm 2 inches and weld back together with no added metal! This must be done in the center of the lower control arm only.

16. Must use factory 5 lug rear ends with factory parts- axles- brakes-etc. You can use a spool inside the rearend to make posi-track. You can swap rear ends from a different car but it must be a factory rear end only. You may change rears from one car to another. Gm to ford, Ford to Gm, Mopar to Gm, etc. Stock rear ends only No

homemade No bracing No aftermarket axles, etc. Axles will be pulled for inspection. All axles must be a factory stock axle, no aftermarket axles, no factory replacement axles. Brass bushing on axles is allowed.

17. Rear-end housing may not be re-enforced!

18. You are allowed to have 2 chains around rear end up over and around the frame rails and then bolt the chain back to itself only. That's 2 chains for each side of rearend. No attaching the chains to the frame. No welding, bolting, etc. to frame. No althread shocks or althread of any kind from rear end to frame and or body.

ENGINE MOUNTING:

18. Engine mounts may be welded to engine cradle. The engine must be mounted in stock location. Front Lower cradle and pulley protector will be allowed!!! Engine Mounts must have a rubber bushing! Nothing else to hold motor!!

19. Use motor and tranny of choice, motor must be in stock location. You may chain or weld motor and tranny to keep in place (don't strengthen the frame).

20. You may have a 2-3/8" chains from the motor head to frame and must go around frame next to A-arm on front side of motor.

STEERING:

21. *Tie-rods, A-arms, ball joints and all other steering/suspensions must remain factory stock parts.* The steering column may be changed to aftermarket shafts. Steering knuckles, homemade steering shafts, etc are **ALLOWED**.

FENDERS:

22. You may cut wheel wells for tire clearance. Fenders may also be bolted together with 12-3/8" bolts or less. The fender bolts must remain in the fender well lip above/around tire opening only!

MISC:

23. For safety, ** Hardtop cars may have a 4-inch-wide strap welded at the door post to the roof. You must have 2 bars, wires or chains in the windshield from roof to dash for safety reasons.

24. You can run shifter through floor, and you can have a switch panel. You may also have a hand throttle. If you are running an electric fuel pump – must be hooked up to your ignition switch – so when your car shuts off – it shuts off.

25. You are allowed 2 spots with 4 loops of wire in each window opening and may go to the frame. No welding washers around holes on car body. You may run wire from frame rail to frame rail underneath back of car, behind rear-end with 4 loops of wire or 1 loop of 3/8 chain/cable in 1 spot only. This must go around the frame, this cannot be bolted to the frame.

*****26. NO Distributor cap protectors! May shorten or length drive shaft. May use longer front yoke on drive shaft. Slider Driveshafts are allowed.**

*****27.** Aftermarket gas pedals and brake pedals are allowed if not used to re-enforce car!!!! Must be mounted to cage or body. Not to frame or used as a gusset to re-enforce the car in any way.

*****28.** No frame shaping except to beating in the sides only of rear arches over tires. Nothing else. No shaping of edges/corners.

*****29.** NO body shaping! No fender bolts to shape body.

****30.** Slider Drive shafts are allowed along with Pinion Brakes. Pinion brakes must be welded to axle tubes next to center section with nothing coming off the braces. No pinion brake protectors.

31. You are allowed to cold bend front frame only either up or down in 1 spot each side. This is to be done under the doors in the side rails. No Cutting Tabs. No stretching out frames to lengthen or shorten frames. If it is found that it has been done, you will be loaded.

32. Front or rear frames may be shortened to the body mount holes/brackets. If a car comes with a body mount bracket complete bracket must remain. Otherwise, the complete body mount hole must remain!

RUST REPAIR & FRAME REPAIR: this is to be done after event to run another event. Not during the event!!

33. You may repair rusted out sheet metal with sheet metal only. Leave the rust in place and repair over it. Rusted out frames may be repaired with 3/16 inch or less. You are allowed to weld the patch 2 inches past the rusted-out area, leave the rust in place.

34. Bent frames may be repaired with 1/8-inch metal. Repair plates can only be 6 inches x 6 inches – 1/8-inch-thick square repair plates.

The Repair plates may be welded solid, but you must have a 1/2-inch hole in the plates. You can only repair the frame once in each place. No re-plating or layering of plates. You are only allowed a total of 6 plates on the car. If we can't tell if the frame was bent, plates will be cut off!!! Must have 1 inch gap between welds.

35. Re-stubbing of frames must be same make/model., 80's to 80's, etc. Gm to Gm, Mopar to Mopar, etc. No caddy frames or stubs under NON-Caddy cars!!!!!! You will be allowed to weld the frame together then wrap the frame where welded together with a 1 inch wide 1/8th inch strap completely around the weld. No cutting of frame seams and re-weld frame in place!!! Must be behind tranny cross member.

***NEW REPAIR PLATE RULES FOR 2026. ***

All repair plates are now 6-inch X 6-inch square plates- 1/8 inch thick.

Repair plates can be shaped. Shaping allowed- You can rib, creased and or taco type plates. No folding plate over itself. No cutting plate

Plates must remain Flat on frame, but you can follow the original shape of the frame with the plate. Repair plates must remain on the exterior of frame. No cutting frame to slide inside frame. This means that you can fold the plate over the top, under the bottom or even fold the plate from the front of box to the engine front rail but the plate must be flat against the frame. All plate must have ½ hole for inspection. You may plug weld plates to frame. All plates can only be connected to the frame rails, nothing to suspension, A-arm straps, nothing to frame brackets, car body or driver train, and or cage.

Border War Stock 2-man team cars: 1- 80's & Newer & 1- Old or Both new.

You will be allowed 1 fresh repair plate on each side of the car. 1- Passenger's and 1- Driver's.

Women's class is SEDAN ONLY. Old iron and new iron mixed class.

Youth Class: 80's & newer only! Kids ages: 9-13yrs.

Must have rider 21yrs and Older.

Both driver and rider must have a full fire suit during event.