

Border War Weld Compact Class

## 2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### General Rules

\*\*\*If the 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-Front wheel driver compact 115" or less car but rear wheel driver compact cars must have a 105" or less wheelbase. 4- & 6-Cylinders motors only. When using a stock tank under car, you must relocate Fill tube threw floor into backseat area. Secure the fill tube to sheet metal.
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, **Door Handles**, and interior must be removed from car before arriving to the derby.
3. All decking in station wagons **MUST** be removed!!!
4. Tires- No split rims, No studded tires. Foam filled or Doubled tires OK!!! Valve stem protectors OK. Tires may be screwed to rims.
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 faced 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!! Fuel line must be secured and fastened properly. Keep away from exhaust. Place the fuel cell behind the 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: WELDING:**

1. Only the Outside of Doors, trunks & Tailgates may be welded solid with 3-inch-wide straps x 3/16 inch thick or smaller fill materials. Top of doors may be rolled over and welded with no added materials. If you decide not to weld, then you are allowed to chain/bolt/wire them shut with UNLIMITED use of chain/bolts/wires.

2. DO NOT weld on the frame or the frame seams. You can weld top frame seam from the

center of strut tower forward. No Frame/ K-member welding. The frame seam weld can't be

larger than 1/2" wide or it will be cut! No additional weld allowed on frame or under hood.

3. K- member can be bolted solid to uni-body frame and you are allowed to weld K-member to itself. **NO other points of attachment, NO STRAPS OR Redit bolt from frame to uni body frame.**

4. No Engine cradle or pulley protectors allowed. This has gotten too carried away with! **Solid motor mounts and transmission mounts must bolt in factor mount holes**

Bumpers:

5. \*\*\*\*Front bumper may have 1 - 3-inch-wide X 3/8 thick- 6-inch-long strap welded from bumper to frame. 3 inches on bumper and 3 inches on Frame only- 1 side of frame. Must be

welded on top or bottom of frame only. You may use a stuffed bumper but must be a factory bumper with factory shape. Max height for bumper is 24 inches top side of bumper

6. Bumper brackets can only be 12 inches long and welded to 1 side of frame and you must

have a 1/2 inspection hole in bracket over the side frame inspection hole. Or you may use 1-

3/8-inch x 4 inch wide 12 inch long flat strap as bumper bracket. The strap must be welded

to outside of frame and only 1 side of frame and this must have a 1/2 inch hole in bracket over the frame side inspection hole that factory there. Must be welded to bumper!!! You will be required to have a 1/2 inch hole drilled in frame thru brackets into frame for inspection!

7. You can shorten front frames to front of radiator support.

## HOOD/TRUNKS:

7. \*\*Hood must have at least a 12-inch square hole cut out in case of fire. You are allowed 12 extra- 3/8" bolts to bolt your hood skins

(NOT TRUNK SKIN) back together. You will be allowed 8 hood bolts; you MUST have at least 4 hood bolts. You may have up to 1" all thread, **the 2 closet to the front** may be used from the hood down to the frame. The top 5" of all thread may be welded to radiator support. Bolt can be welded to side of uni-body frame **and must attach to radiator support** Hood bolts must be sheet metal to sheet metal. **Plates under the hood must be horizontal and NO bigger than 3x3 3/8"** 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. All hood bolts except for the front all thread, can only be 5 inches long under hood. Bolts must be straight and not act like a gusset. **Trunks are allowed 2 all thread from frame to trunk lid**

## Cage:

1. All cage materials are no bigger than 6-inch X 6-inch!

For driver's protection, you may weld a bar behind the seat from doorpost to doorpost, it can be an X, you may also have a bar across your dash, you may connect the dash bar to bars behind seat across the inside of front door only, you may also weld your steering column in, you can also weld a plate across the driver's door not to exceed 6 inches past each seam. Side Bars may be stacked 2 bars on each side but can only be 72 inches in length total. Side bars must be even on each side. **No** shifting one side bar forward or back from the other side bar. Dash Bar must be 6 inches away from all dash / firewall sheet metal. You may have a roll loop behind the seat, which must be welded to the top of the frame or floor and welded or bolted to the roof – no kickers going to the back or front of the car. **Stay within your 6" max diameter.** Back of cage including roll bar, front side of roll bar can only be mounted even with outside seam of front door on a 2-door car. On a 4-door car, the roll bar and side bar must not go past the center of back door, in back seat area. Side cage bars must stop at outside door seam on a 2 door car and on a 4 door car, side bars must stop at center of rear door. You will be allowed to do 2 down bars on the inside on driver's and passenger door going down from the inside cross bar. Down bars must be behind inside of front door interior seam or will be cut out. Down bars must stop at top side of floor and can be welded to inside of rocker and top of floor only, no added metal! 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!!!!

Gas tank protectors are allowed, no wider than 24 inches, must be completely (top & bottom) 2" away from rear sheet metal. **Nothing past the package tray, station wagons**

must stop tank protector 2" in front of the rear hump. It must run straight back from rear seat bar in center of car and must be 4" off the floor. Gas tank can't be connected to protector unless gas tank is mounted to top of protector and not to floor. The protector must be free floating- not connected to anything but roll bar and back seat bar! You are allowed to connect the Roll loop behind gas tank to uprights of Halo bar behind seat. Only 2 connector bar on each side. Halo behind gas tank maybe angled but must remain 2 inches away from all sheet metal. Do Not beat sheet metal away from Gas tank protector!

\*\*\*\*\*YOU MUST HAVE A BAR/PIPE FROM DOOR POST TO DOOR POST WELDED MINIMUM,

IN ORDER TO RUN.

#### STEERING:

1. Tie-rods ends must be stock, but the center can be re-enforced, A-arms, ball joints and all other steering/suspensions must remain stock. You may alter your steering column to prevent loss of steering. Steering knuckles, homemade steering shafts, etc can be used.

Struts may be re-enforced with a sleeve but must remain stock on both ends. Stock appearing struts will be allowed.

#### FENDERS:

2. Fenders may be trimmed and re-bolted together with 12-3/8" bolts or less. The rear quarter panel is considered part of the rear fender.

#### MISC:

3. For safety, you are allowed 1 strap in each door window opening straps can be 2" wide – 1/4" thick and can be welded 5" on the door & 5" on the roof – you may not use wire if you use straps \*\* Hardtop cars may have another strap at the door post. You must have 2 bars in the windshield from roof to dash for safety reasons. They may be connected but 3 inches above dash.

4. You can run shifters through the 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.

5. You are allowed 2 spots with 4 loops of wire or cable in each window opening and may go to the frame. No welding washers around holes on car body. Do not attach to the cage

6. 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 can't be bolted to the frame.

\*\*\*7. No frame shaping allowed. Frames may not be shortened past the factory radiator support.

8. You are allowed to replace the rear control arms with ¼ inch thick- 1 ½ X 1 ½ square tubing. Must remain factory length and must bolt into the stock factory mounts and location. Both ends of the Tubing must be open for inspections. If you don't replace control arms with tubing, you can weld 1 inch rebar inside the stock factory control arms. **You cannot attach the rear lateral bars together**

#### RUST REPAIR & FRAME REPAIR:

1. You may repair rusted out sheet metal with sheet metal only **18ga or thinner**. Leave the rust in place and repair over rusted out area. You must be able to prove to us that the sheet metal is rusted out.

**Pictures will not be used as proof of rust as we can't be sure that it's even the same car in the pictures.** Rusted out frames may be repaired with 1/8-inch or less. You are allowed to weld the patch 2 inches past the rusted-out area, leave the rust in place.

2. You must repair it after the event and then run another event.

3. Team show event cars with be allowed 2 fresh plates. 1 on each side of car. **Must have 1**

**inch gap between repair plate and bumper bracket/brackets. Team Cars will be allowed 2**

**more repair plates after each heat.**

4. 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, crease plates, taco plates. **No folding plate over itself**. No cutting plate or splitting of plate.

Plates must remain Flat on frame, but you can follow the original shape of the frame with the plate. This means that you can fold the plate over the top, under the bottom, etc.

All plate must have  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.