

**\$3,650  
PRIZE MONEY**

**SUFFOLK PEANUT FEST**



**DEMOLITION  
DERBY**

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## 2023 Suffolk Peanut Fest Demolition Derby Entry Form

**SHOW DATE & TIME:** Saturday, October 7, 2023 | 11:30am  
**LOCATION:** Suffolk Peanut Festival Arena at the Suffolk Executive Airport  
**PARTICIPATION FEE:** \$30 (early bird discount) by 9/30; \$50 after 9/30  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY:** \$3,650 {Full Size: 1st/\$1000, 2nd/\$500, 3rd/\$250; Compact: 1st/\$800, 2nd/\$400, 3rd/\$200; Mad Dog Full Size Award: \$250; Mad Dog Compact Award: \$250}

**MAIL TO:** Suffolk Peanut Fest, c/o Demolition Derby, P.O. Box 1852, Suffolk, VA 23439

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**CHECK WHICH CLASS APPLIES:**  Compact Class  Full Size Class

- I have read the rules and accept the decision of the Judges as final and elect to use the ground/track in its present condition. I agree to have my car at the race area and sign in at the registration desk as least one hour prior to the showtime or a \$10 late arrival fine will be imposed.

### MINOR RELEASE & CONSENT FORM - MUST BE NOTARIZED

Commonwealth of Virginia, City of Suffolk, I, \_\_\_\_\_ being the parent and/or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby consent to permit \_\_\_\_\_ to enter and/or participate in the 2023 Suffolk Peanut Fest being held at the Suffolk Executive Airport and that said minor is under the legal age of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Namely, age \_\_\_\_\_ and that I hereby expressly release both the producer, sponsors and all their associates for any issues of any kind or nature which may occur or be received as a result of said minor's participation in said Derby. And I hereby expressly waive all claim for injuries that may occur should said minor be injured while being a contestant in said contest.

Parents or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Subscribed and sworn to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D., 2023, Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

## EACH DRIVER AND MECHANICS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO READ THE RULES FOR THEIR BEST INTEREST

# 2023 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Peanut Fest Demolition Derby is promoted as an unusual spectator attraction. In the interest of safety, Drivers and Mechanics are subject to, and must obey, the following rules and regulations which are set up by the promoter and the track where this event is being held:

- A. Each driver must fill out an entry blank. All drivers must supply their own cars, only one entry per person, per class. Proof of ownership may be required on each car entered.
- B. All drivers and/or pit persons 16 to 17 years or age must have a notarized release signed by his or her parent or guardian. No one under 16 years of age can drive or be in the pit area.
- C. The track or promoter reserves the right to approve or reject any and all entries.
- D. All persons must sign the release sheet and receive a pit pass to be permitted in the pit area or on the track. Drivers only to receive free pit pass upon registration of a car on day of the show. All other pit passes must be purchased.
- E. No consumption of alcoholic beverages on track, emergency vehicle area or in the pit area. Any driver or pit person under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be immediately disqualified and removed from the grounds.
- F. Any driver or crew member disobeying the rules will cause his or her car to be disqualified. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification and barring from future derbies. Drivers are responsible for the actions of their crew members.
- G. The event promoter; Suffolk Festivals, Inc.; City of Suffolk; and/or festival volunteers will not be held responsible for any cars, parts or personal property before, during and after the show or overnight.
- H. Car and driver must sign in at registration desk at least one hour prior to show time or a \$10.00 fine will be imposed for late arrivals.

## TOWING AND TRANSPORTING CARS

- I. Towing and transporting Demolition Derby cars to and from race locations must meet highway safety codes (including proper light controls, safety chains, low bars, towing trailers, etc.)
- J. All cars are to be removed from the fairground or racetrack following the show or they will become the property Suffolk Peanut Festival Demolition Derby and the officials will have them removed (unless otherwise specified at the driver's meeting). A removal deposit may be required in some areas.

## RUNNING

- 1. Safety belt, D.O.T. approved helmet, goggles, safety glasses or face shields are required. Long pants and shirtsleeves or jackets are required.
- 2. No deliberate head-on collisions and no deliberate hitting on the driver's door.
- 3. Vehicles must have dependable brakes at all times and boundaries must be observed.
- 4. No cars are permitted in the competition area before the heat in which they are to participate.
- 5. A vehicle will be automatically disqualified if ANY door comes open during the demolition derby event.
- 6. One-minute limit is enforced by the track officials for re-starts and making competitive contact with another running car. Hits must be aggressive. Simple contact within the time limit does not constitute combat and could be considered sandbagging. There will be no "buddy system" allowed.
- 7. A driver's \$100.00 protest fee is required to contest another car. Fee will be refunded if car is found to be ineligible.
- 8. Automatic disqualification if anyone is seen riding on the outside of cars anytime due to insurance regulations.
- 9. Cars must have working brakes on a minimal of two wheels at all times.
- 10. Any car that has caused the event to stop because of a fire will not be allowed to continue in the current heat.

**(Additional safety regulating maybe imposed, depending on track.)**

Boundaries must be observed at all times. Any car shoved or driven out of bounds or is on or over a pole may be immediately disqualified if Derby officials feel it's a SAFETY HAZARD. The Derby will be composed of individual heats and one Feature, with cash prizes going to the winners of each heat and grand prize going to winner of the Feature.

Decision of the official is final.

## FULL SIZE CLASS

Any stock passenger car or station wagon. The wheelbase must be GREATER than 107.5 inches. No Imperials, Hearses, Convertibles or Limousines. Cars that participated in previous derbies are acceptable as long as cars are not re-enforced.

### CAR PREPARATION

1. Car number may be on a sign mounted securely on top of the car. (12" tall x 12"-24" max long) Number must also be a minimum of 18" tall on both front doors and legible.
2. Remove all glass including sunroofs, sun visors, head/ taillights, clean inside of car / trunk before arrival at fairgrounds. This applies to metal parts, trash, screws, nails, bolts, spare tires/ wheels. Window / sunroofs must be removed, not just rolled down. Broken glass is not permitted inside of doors/ car. Chrome molding strips, side mirrors, protruding outside door handles and emblems must be removed. All carpet, rear seats, including third seat and decking plates on station wagons must be removed. All fiberglass or plastic panels, bumper covers, or skirting must be removed. Any sharp protruding fins or dangerous objects must mash down or cut off.
3. All airbags and activation charges must be disconnected and removed.
4. All A/C units must be PROPERLY discharged prior to entering Suffolk Peanut Fest grounds.
5. Seat belts are required equipment. Seat belt must be securely fastened and worn throughout the event. All vehicles must have a solid floorboard on the driver's side.
6. One automotive battery is allowed. It must be securely fastened down and covered.
7. It is mandatory that a bar, metal strap or chain be secured from the center of the roof to the dash for a center post to stop a hood from coming in the front window. A strong wire or nylon mesh screen is recommended on the windshield area. Plexiglas is permitted in the driver's windshield area.
8. Hood/trunk latches and springs must be removed from the car. Hood and mechanical fan may be removed. (Electrical fan allowed) Hood/trunk must be secured in a minimal of 6 places using #9 wire or light chain. **(NO ALL THREAD OR WELDING ALLOWED)**
9. A mandatory 20" diameter hole must be cut in center of the hood.
10. Sunroof openings must be covered securely for driver's safety.
11. Stock gas tanks must be removed from original position and must be secured in the rear seating area, not in the trunk area. All tanks must be securely fastened to the floor and covered. Only metal or rubber fuel lines are permitted. Maximum of five gallons of gas are permitted per heat. Electric fuel pumps are permitted but MUST have a shut-off switch within the driver's reach. **NO PLASTIC TANKS, PLASTIC FUEL LINES OR TANK PROTECTORS ALLOWED.**
12. Radiator must remain in original position or be taken off. Comparable replacement radiators are permitted. Radiators and cooling systems must be flushed of anti-freeze and water added. Transmission coolers are permitted but ONLY if they are secured inside the engine compartment or back seat area and must be covered in a concealed unit.
13. Floor shifters are permitted.
14. Drive tires ONLY may be foam filled or solid. Non-drive tires MUST be air filled. Valve stem protectors are allowed. No split rims. No fabricated rims or studded tires will be allowed. All wheel weights must be removed
15. All body mounts must be original and cannot be altered from stock in any way. If it looks like it has been tampered with, the body bolt will be removed and replaced with 2 of #9 wire.
16. No trailer Hitches will be allowed.
17. Suspension must be factory soft and move up and down freely by one man's effort. No frozen shocks. Bumper height min. 16" and max 22" from bottom of front and rear bumper.
18. You may fully weld bumpers/shock bumpers or run a short piece of chain from bolt on bumper to bolt on frame. Stock bumper may be replaced with a maximum of ¼" x 4" x 4" hollow square tubing. Bumper length must not exceed more than 3" past the frame. Tubing must be rounded on the edges. DO NOT reinforce or have loaded bumpers. Bumper mounts may not exceed 6" into the frame.
19. All side door seams may be fully welded. (Station wagon tailgate must be removed or secured using #9 wire or light chain only) Crossbar (max 3" diameter) from the floor to roof will be allowed to brace the back of the driver's seat. 4-point cage must be in the driver's compartment. Floating rollover/halo bar is permitted. Rollover/halo bar must be mounted a minimum of 8" off the floor and go straight up and over.
20. Fender wells may be cut for clearance however, they may not be welded, bolted, rolled or re-attached for strength.
21. Notching or dimpling of the frame permitted. Hump plates permitted. Only 2 allowed total for the entire car. Must be ¼" thickness (max) x 4"(W) x 20"(L) or less.
22. Only (2) 1/4" thickness max 3"x 3" patch will be allowed on the frame of a pre-run car only.
23. No pre-bending of frame or body. No rolling, tucking, canoeing, creasing, peening, mashing, wedging or sedagoning to a car will be allowed.
24. Exhaust may be exited through the hood.
25. No distributor protectors, pulley protectors, rear end braces and etc. will be allowed. If it is not on the car from the factory, it will not be allowed. (One exception ... lower engine cradle only will be allowed)

## COMPACT CLASS

Any stock passenger car or station wagon. The wheelbase must be LESS than 107.5 inches. No Imperials, Hearses, Convertibles or Limousines. Cars that participated in previous derbies are acceptable as long as cars are not re-enforced.

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11. Gas tanks may remain in the stock position under the car if tank is in front of or above the rear axle. If left in stock position, must be covered with flat plate no more than a max of 3/ 16" thickness. If removed from original position, tank must be secured in rear seating area, not in the trunk area. All tanks must be securely fastened to the floor and covered. Only metal or rubber fuel lines are permitted. Maximum of 5 gallons of gas are permitted per heat. Electric fuel pumps are permitted but must have a shut-off switch within the driver's reach. **NO PLASTIC TANKS, PLASTIC FUEL LINES OR TANK PROTECTORS ALLOWED.**
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