

2010 Lawn Mower Rules

Please read carefully. If mower does not pass inspection or driver is unwilling to change mower to pass inspection, absolutely no refunds!!! All rules will be followed or you will not run! If it does not say it in the rules –don't just assume you can do it. CALL FIRST!!!!

1. THUNDER VALLEY HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY AND SPECTATOR ADMITTANCE.
2. All mowers should be signed in one hour before race time and inspected 1/2 hour before race time.
3. No reinforcements allowed other than specified below. Any metal added to reinforce the mower is illegal.
4. NO HITTING IN LEG GUARD AREA, but no using leg guard area as a shield. If the hit is deemed by the official to be careless or intentional, you will be disqualified. If you use your leg guard area as a defense, we will not enforce the rules. If you use the leg guard defense repeatedly you will be disqualified. This will be at the judges' discretion.
5. NO hot-roding in the pits! Keep it at an idle.
6. Sandbagging is not tolerated and will be strictly enforced. Locking up the brakes prior to a hit for anything other than a leg guard area will be cause for disqualification. The fans pay to see a show, put one on for them!
7. You must make AGGRESSIVE contact every 60 seconds.
8. YOU WILL BE GIVEN AMPLE TIME FOR RESTARTS. WE DO NOT USE THE CLOCK EXCLUSIVELY. WE TRY TO WORK WITH YOU IF YOU ARE HUNG UP. HITTERS GET MORE TIME THAN SANDBAGGERS.
9. Mowers are subject to re-inspection before any prize money is handed out. Mowers found illegal will be striped of all prize money for that event.
10. Any questions or controversies will be discussed at the drivers meeting.
11. An entry fee of \$35 will be charged for each mower entered (includes mower and driver). Fees must be paid prior to inspection. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE DUE TO FAILURE TO MEET REGULATIONS!
12. All drivers must pick up trophies and earnings at the completion of the event, or forfeit. They will not be available after that date.
13. All persons MUST sign entry form, insurance waiver, release form, pay entry fees, and purchase pit pass before entering pit area.
14. THERE IS NO ALCOHOL IN THE PITS. This includes pit crews. If you or ANY of your crew is caught with alcohol, you will be disqualified.
15. No harassing of the judges will be allowed at any time by drivers, passengers, crewmembers or spectators. Failure to abide by this rule, the driver will forfeit all money and all involved will be escorted from premises.
16. All drivers MUST be 18 years or older. MUST be able to provide proof of age at the request of officials. Persons under 18 years old MUST have parents or guardian sign minor waiver and release form. NO EXCEPTIONS.

BODY REGULATIONS ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

1. Any riding lawn mower with a front mounted engine allowed. No rear mounted engines permitted. No zero turn mowers. Electric start is preferred but if you have a pull start, you must be able to start it FROM YOUR SEAT. That means no lying across the hood or standing up to start your mower.
2. No home-made mowers permitted.
3. Decks must be removed.
4. Hoods must be bolted or wired down tightly.
5. If battery or fuel tank is in front of engine it must be moved to a safe location.
6. Battery and gas tank must be securely fastened and covered with a piece of inner tube.
7. Fiberglass hoods may be replaced with fabricated hoods as long as the new hood is made of sheet metal only. Other mower hoods are allowed as replacements as well.

FRAME, LEG BARS & BUMPERS ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

1. You MUST weld bars on side of mower for leg and arm protection only. They are allowed to tie into your front bumper as well.
2. Front bumpers are to be no higher than 12in from the frame and no longer than 2in. past the front tires. Mowers with noses that stick out past the front of the tires will be allowed to extend the bumper further, or place the bumper on the inside. They may not exceed the width of the frame. NO POINTED OR JAGGED BUMPERS!!
3. You must have a back bar/bumper. It can be no wider than the frame and must at least clear the top of the seat. Padding is optional but recommended.

4. No excessively thick bumpers ¼" thickness Maximum.
5. Nothing may protect the tires in any way. No frame reinforcement permitted except what may be needed to attach bumpers and cages to. Self tapping screws are permitted
6. Bent or buckled frames may be patched with plates no thicker than 1/8th inch and extending no farther than 3in past area to be patched.

ENGINE ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

1. Engine shall not exceed 25 horsepower.
2. Only Single or Twin Cylinder engines may be used. No diesels engines.
3. You may use spark plug and carb protectors.
4. Pulleys may be changed to your desired gearing.
5. You may make a home-made exhaust but must point straight up.
6. You may rig a hand throttle for your use.

TIRES ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

1. Only thirteen (13) inch or smaller tires and wheels will be allowed. NO SPLIT RIMS ALLOWED.
2. Valve stem protectors, liquid in tires permitted, or screws in rims to hold tires in place permitted.
3. No duals. No chains. No wheel weights. No wheel covers. No foam filled tires.

RACING REGULATIONS ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

1. All drivers must wear approved helmets, eye protection, long pants, and shirt.
2. Hits are to be made to the front ends and tires of the other mowers. Hit with the front of your mower. No hitting in the leg areas of the other mowers. Rear hits may be made using safe, smart judgment.
3. Drivers are to remain on their mowers at all times unless mower is tipped over. No getting off to work on your mower. Doing so will result in disqualification. You will be disqualified if you turn over two (2) times.
4. All drivers must attend drivers'92 meeting prior to derby.
5. There will be no leaning on your hood to work on engine you must be able to make repairs or start engine from seated position.

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