

McHenry County Fair
Combine Demolition Derby Rules
August 1, 2018 – 7:00 PM

1. An entry fee of \$25 is required for participation in demolition derby. Participants must enter by Monday, July 30, 2018, and can register in the Fair Office in Building D. The office is open Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and will be open Saturday, July 14th, 8 am – 3 pm or Sunday, July 15th, 12 pm to 3 pm. Entries after that date may be charged a late fee. Entries can be mailed to McHenry County Fair Association, P.O. Box 375, Woodstock, IL 60098. They must be post marked no later than July 24, 2018.
2. Combines must be removed from the Pits to designated area by 11:59PM on August 1, 2018 and removed from the Fairgrounds by Sunday, August 5th by noon or prize money will not be awarded.
3. Competition may be limited to the first 20 entries.
4. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and able to show proof of age to compete. Exception: A 16 or 17 year old may drive with a parent or guardian's signature on the permission sheet.
5. All drivers and pit crew members must sign the liability waiver agreement and report to the driver's meeting to be held in the pits at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 1, 2018.
6. All combine entries are subject to a safety and rules inspection by the Judges prior to the event at the designated inspection area. Any changes requested by the Judges must be completed prior to the start of the event and approved by the Judges. All combine entries will also be subject to a rules inspection by the Judges after the event and prior to removal from the Fairgrounds.
7. All Owners and Drivers will sign a copy of the rules and send it in with their entry form and \$25 entry fee payable to the McHenry County Fair Association.
8. The driver and two helpers will be free of admission charge; everyone else in your "crew" is responsible for their own entry.
9. All decisions of the Judges are final. Judges reserve the right to "Juggle" the classes as necessary to be as fair as possible. Judges will utilize stock weights of combines as much as possible to establish the classes.
10. No beer or other alcoholic beverage is to be consumed by drivers or pitmen until the entire event is over.
11. Pit parking will be limited to 1 tow vehicle and 2 support vehicles per machine. Each entry will be provided 3 parking passes with pre-registration. Parking passes must be presented at the gate or vehicle admittance will not be granted. No exceptions.
12. All entries must include the names of the driver and owner. All drivers and crew members must enter through the pit entrance.

Inspection Rules

1. Judges will have the authority and approval of the owner and operator to cut inspection holes by torch or other means to inspect any/all parts of the combine during any inspection of the competing combines.
2. All combines must have cabs or a roll cage and only two-wheel drive units will be allowed.
3. All combines must use either a grain table (platform) or a corn head with the heads fixed at 18" from the ground. Loss of any platform will result in disqualification from the competition.

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4. Combine grain tables must have the reel, guards, sickles, and any loose sheet metal removed. All combine corn heads must have the row units and strengthening tubes removed. Combine ladders, unloading augers, and glass must also be removed. Separator must be inoperative. The driver's door must be chained or welded shut. Safety bars or a shield must be added to the front of the cab area for driver protection.
5. All exterior fans must be shielded.
6. Fuel tank must be mounted to inside the grain tank with the original fuel tank removed.
7. Batteries must be mounted on top of the combine at least 6 feet away from the operator and covered.
8. Tires must be filled with air only. No fluid or foam. No duels allowed. Two-wheel drive machines only. No solid tires.
9. All combines are to be as originally manufactured. No modifications to add weight to combine are acceptable. No reinforced parts or shields will be allowed, except as outline in Inspection Rule # 4. No concrete or well casings allowed.
10. A colored stick must be mounted in the vicinity of the driver. The stick must be broken off when driver is disqualified or the machine is immobilized or unable to continue. This will be provided after the machine has cleared inspection.
11. Combines may be decorated, painted, or offer advertising. No profanity or obscene materials will be allowed. MCFA official has the right to ask driver to cover any painted surface.
12. All combines will be subject to a post event inspection by the Judges before the combines are removed from the Fairgrounds. Removal of a combine prior to post event inspection or failure to pass the post event inspection will be grounds for loss of all prize money. In addition, the owner and operator of any combine failing post event inspection may be disqualified from participation in any future Combine Derby events at the McHenry Country Fair based on the Judge's recommendation.
13. Any combine deemed to be spraying oil into spectator areas, may be disqualified by ruling of the Judges.
14. Any alterations to stock exhaust must have the exhaust directed upward. Any turbo-charged combine must have exhaust directed upward.
15. Flamethrowers or other open flames for any purpose are strictly prohibited.
16. Feeder houses, stops and lift cylinders can be reinforced within reason to the operator's discretion but cannot extend outside the area of the feeder house. This is intended to keep the feeder house from collapsing and to provide driver safety.

Competition Rules

1. No direct hits to the driver area will be allowed.
2. Drivers must wear seatbelt, helmet, sleeved shirt, pants, and close-toed shoes through each entire heat or until an official approves their exit of the combine. Drivers removing their seatbelt or helmet prior to the end of the heat will forfeit prize money for the competition.
3. Any driver leaving their seat during any heat is disqualified.
4. Drivers are required to make contact with another non-disqualified combine within 3 minutes, once the Judges deem the combine to be on time.

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5. Drivers **must** stop their machine if contact causes another combine to lift the tires off the ground. This rule is designed to eliminate any rollovers.
6. Drivers **must** stop their machines when they see they are pushing another competitor into or onto the cement barriers.
7. All drivers will bring their combines to an immediate stop upon signal from the Judges in case of fire, injury, any type of emergency, or the end of the heat. Any driver not complying with this rule will be disqualified.
8. Any driver leaving any event/heat prior to their combine being knocked out through competition will forfeit all prize money. (Drivers leaving to save an engine based on punctured radiator or other critical issue will be acceptable) Judges decisions will be final.

Complaint Rules

1. Any Driver or Owner that suspects another competitor of cheating will be allowed to file a Complaint with the Judges within 1 hour of the finish of the event along with a \$100 Complaint Fee per each complaint filed. NO complaints will be heard by the Judges without receipt of the \$100 fee. If the Complaint is found to be accurate based on the Judge's ruling and the competitor is found to be cheating, the \$100 will be returned to the Driver/Owner filing the complaint. If the Complaint is found to be unfounded based on the Judge's ruling, the McHenry County Fair Association will retain the \$100 Complaint Fee. All competitors found cheating are subject to the penalties outlined in Inspection Rules #12

Prize Money will be awarded as follows:

In each heat- (1st - \$100, 2nd-\$50, 3rd-\$25)

Championship- (Champion- \$1,000, Runner-up- \$500)

Showmanship Award- (Prettiest-\$100)

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THE MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR COMBINE DEMOLITION DERBY RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE EVENT AND TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULATION OF THE COMBINE DEMOLITION DERBY.

NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM ANY MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR PUBLICATION NOR SHALL RESULT FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS AND SHALL NOT GUARANTEE AGAINST EXPOSURE TO HARM, INJURY, OR DEATH TO ANY COMPETITOR, PIT PARTICIPANT OR SPECTATOR.

THE RACE DIRECTORS SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO PERMIT REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE DEVIATION FROM ANY OF THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN OR IMPOSE ANY FURTHER RESTRICTION THAT IN THEIR OPINION DO NOT ALTER THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE REQUIREMENTS. NO EXPRESS OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. ANY INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES IS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICIALS. THE OFFICIALS DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

OFFICIALS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

For more information contact Frank Kearns, 847-833-2609

By signing below, the owner and driver acknowledge they have read the aforementioned rules and agree to abide with the rules and regulations listed in this document.

Owner Name: _____ Driver Name: _____

Owner Address: _____ Driver Address: _____

Owner City, State, Zip: _____ Driver City, State, Zip: _____

Owner Phone #: _____ Driver Phone #: _____

Owner Signature: _____ Driver Signature: _____

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