

2023 Frank the Tank Rules

Any 1970's American made sedan or station wagon is permitted. No Chrysler Imperials are permitted.

General Rules

1. Read all rules carefully and follow them! Any questions call Chuck Clark at 614-554-8892. There will be no stretching or bending of any rules or you will either run in the modified class or go home!
2. You must pass inspection within 3 times through or you will not be permitted to run.
3. A 12" x 12" roof sign is recommended. It cannot strengthen the car in anyway.
4. Cars must be stock unless modifications are stated in the rules. Cars must have functioning brakes at all times on at least one axle. No painting of the frames, inside of body of the car, or underneath of the car and inside of the trunk.
5. A helmet, seat belt, and eye protection must be worn at all times on the track.
6. If it doesn't say you can do it, don't do it.
7. Any controversies or protests must be brought up during the drivers meeting. We have the right to reinspect, cut, or drill any car at any time. If you are caught breaking the rules you will forfeit all winnings and/or prizes you are due. If you stretch a rule, you will lose that rule.
8. All airbags, glass, plastic, and interior must be removed before arriving to the event.
9. Any aftermarket parts must be approved by Smash It (Tim at 740-272-1188). You must call and submit pictures for approval. Parts that are not approved before the derby are not permitted to run.
10. No painting of the frames, inside of the body of the car, or underneath of the car and inside of the trunk. This includes overspray. If found with paint within those areas, the car will not even be inspected.
11. All trailer hitches and braces must be removed.
12. Batteries must be moved to the passenger front floorboard. They must be properly secured and covered.
13. Patching and rust repair will be permitted only if cleared by an official.
14. Officials' decisions are final! All cars are subjected to re-inspection at any time.
15. If the car is found to have plate on the frame or body that the rules do not allow the car will not be permitted to run. There will be no option to fix this problem.
16. If you hammer/shape/weld on the frame in any manner not covered in the rules you will not be able to run. There is no fixing this.
17. You have 1 minute to make an aggressive hit. After 1 minute that car is disqualified. That is 1-minute total. An aggressive hit is solely at the discretion of the officials

18. You are not permitted to hit anyone in the driver's door. If you do, you are disqualified. If you use your driver's door to take advantage of this rule, the car that hit you is not disqualified.
19. You may not get out of your car for any reason during the heat until you are out.
20. You are only permitted to have 1 fire in your car. This will result in a disqualification.
21. No sandbagging, teaming, or holding. Any of these will result in a disqualification. You can not pin to win.

BUILD

1. Any car motor of choice is permitted.
2. No distributor protectors, halo braces, transmission braces or kickers are permitted. Lower engine cradles, a front plate, and pulley protectors are permitted.
3. You must use stock type rubber bushing mounts. ZTR or equivalent mounts are permitted.
4. If the car does not have a lower engine cradle you may use 1 chain per side going down 2 lengths welded 3/8" chain to cradle under engine not the frame. If the engine has a lower cradle no chains are permitted.
5. All the doors must be wired shut. The drivers door can be welded all the way around with 3x1/4" strapping and with an 1/8" door skin. 8 double strands of #9 wire for the hood only is permitted. Two may go around the bumper and/or frame. Hoods must be open for inspection (12" x 12" hole over the carburetor). Deck lids may be wired the same way but no welding is permitted. A 14" x 14" inspection hole must be put in all deck lids. Deck lids must be in the original position. You may fold the deck lid down at a 90 degree. No wedging or body creasing is permitted.
6. No interior seam welding is permitted. Some rust repair is permitted but do not go overboard. Call first before you do the repairs.
7. The rear coil springs may be wired or chained. No solid suspensions are permitted. All suspension components must remain factory stock. No modifications are permitted. The car must bounce.
8. Front coil springs must remain stock. You can use screw in spacers. Leaf spring cars must remain factory springs. No exceptions! You can not change coil spring to leaf spring set ups.
9. The car must set level. The bumpers can not be higher than 18" off the bottom of the bumper.
10. Any stock 5 bolt rear end is permitted. No rear end protectors are permitted. You must use the stock trailing arms.
11. Tie rods may be reinforced. No gas tank protectors are permitted.
12. Factory body bolts may be changed to 1/2" bolts. You must use the factory rubber and bushing spacer or there must be a 1" gap between the body and frame.
13. You may have a bar in the dash area and a bar behind the seat with bars connecting the dash and rear bar on each side. Side bars must be inside of the car not inside of the doors.

A roll over bar is permitted. No down legs or gussets are permitted. The bars can be no bigger than 4" in diameter and you can use a 1/4" x 6" x 6" plate that may attach to the center of the door post. The dash bar and rear seat bars must be 5" away from all sheet metal. You are permitted a gas tank holder off the rear bar that must be 6" inches from all sheet metal or it will be cut and it can't be wider than 24".

14. Angles for the cross member can not be longer than 5" and must be within 12" from the factory location.
15. No frame welding is permitted. You may weld the bumper, bumper bracket, and the bumper shock but there must be at least a 1" gap between the bumper and frame. You must use the factory bumper shock for the car you are running. Hard nosing of the bumper is permitted but if you choose to do this you must lose the bumper shock and bracket. No exceptions! Any factory car bumper is permitted. No loading or plating of the bumper is permitted. No tilting or cold bending of the frames is permitted.
16. Trailer hitches and braces must be removed.
17. The original gas tank must be removed and replaced with a boat type tank or fuel cell. It must be moved inside of the car behind the driver's seat but no further back than the rear axle. Batteries must be moved to the passenger side floorboard and securely fastened.
18. The only aftermarket parts that are permitted are a shifter, gas and brake pedal, stacks, tie rods, slider driver shaft, steering column, and any 5-luge rear end of choice.
19. Doubled tires are permitted. Weld in centers are permitted. No rim guards or protectors of any kind.
20. Suicide Lincolns must use the factory bumper and brackets.

FIX IT PLATES

1. All cars are permitted four 4"x4"x1/4" square fix it plates. Once plates are put on, they may not be cut off and moved. There must be a 1" gap between the welds of these plates.