

# 2026 Stock Mini Van/Mini Truck/SUV Rules

**Any American-made 1980's & newer mini vans, mini trucks, and SUVs ONLY. No hearses or limos are permitted. No V8 engines.**

## **General Rules**

1. Read all rules carefully and follow them! Any questions call Stan Johnson at 937-508-1516. 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.
22. If you flip someone on their side or completely over **intentionally**, you are out. No exceptions!
23. You must strap your helmet. If your helmet falls off during the derby because you did not strap it, you are out. No exceptions!

## **BUILD**

1. Must be 100% stock! No cross breeding of the entire drive. It must be the same make as the car (Ex: Chevy to Chevy, Ford to Ford, etc.) and must appear to be the factory engine to the car. Headers are permitted. The engine must be mounted with stock mounts in the stock position. You can put a solid mount at the factory location. They must be bolted only.
2. No homemade cross members are permitted. Cross members must be stock and bolted in, not welded.
3. The doors must be chained or wired **or welded** in 8 places mandatory per door and no more than 2 double stains of wire per spot or **three 5" straps per door seam**. The wire from the bottom of the doors may go around the frame. You may use 5/6" chain or two strands of #9 wire per hole.
4. The trunks must be chained or wired in no more than 8 places. Two of these may go around the bumper and/or the frame. You are not required to have a deck lid and/or tailgate. No welding or adding metal is permitted. The trunk lid must be in the stock location. No tucking, wedging, pre bending, smashing, folding, or anything else you can think of is permitted. No welding washers for holes is permitted.
5. Hoods may be wired or chained in 8 spots. **You may use ½" all thread at the core support all the way through the hood with a 3 inch 2" x 2" x ¼" spacer at the core support. You are permitted a 4" x 2" x ¼" piece of angle iron welded to the fender and hood to secure the hood on each side of the fender.** You may use 5/16" chain or two strands of #9 wire per hole. It must be sheet metal to sheet metal only. No welding washers for holes is permitted. There must be a 12" hole in the hood in case of fire. You must remove the hood latch. Hoods must be open for inspection.
6. Any tires are permitted. Doubled tires are permitted. No foam filled tires are permitted. Valve stem protectors are permitted.
7. You may leave the stock gas tank in the stock location, or you may relocate the fuel tank to the rear floor of the car. If the frame is rusted out, you must relocate the boat tank or aftermarket gas tank. If this is done you must use a fuel cell or boat tank. If you relocate the fuel tank you have 2 options:
  - a. If permitted a back bar, you can have a gas tank holder no bigger than 24" x 24" and it must be 6" away from sheet metal.

- b. If no back bar is present, you are permitted to have a 24" x 24" x 12" gas tank structure no thicker than 1/4" and it must be bolted to sheet metal only.
- 8. No stock fuel tanks inside of the car is permitted.
- 1. You can have a 4 point cage that must be no bigger than 6" x 6" x 1/4". The door bars can't be any bigger than 60" long. You may have a rollover bar but it must run straight across and can only be welded to the top side of the rear seat bar. You are permitted a gas tank holder off the back bar that can be no wider than 24" and must be 6" away from all sheet metal. You are permitted a 6" gusset from the back bar to the gas tank holder no bigger than 2" x 2" x 1/4". No exceptions or you are not permitted to run! These may be no bigger than 2" x 2" and the mounting plate can be no bigger than 6" x 6" and must be mounted no farther than 6" behind the driver's seat. You may also reinforce the driver's door as you see fit for driver safety. This may be done from door seam to door seam only. For safety, all vehicles may have 1 windshield bar extending from the roof/halo bar of the car to the top side of the dash bar using 2"x2". Nothing can go past the front edge of the dashbar. No firewall components can be welded to the dash bar.
- 9. The windshield may be left in the car or you can remove the windshield.
- 10. Creasing on the body from the back doors back is permitted.
- 11. Stock type springs and shocks are permitted. No solid suspension. Screw in spring risers are permitted. No wire, chains, or any welding on the rear ends or rear spring pockets. Cars must bounce and cars must be stock. You are permitted an aftermarket lower control arm but it must be from an auto parts store. No welded control arms are permitted. You must have a factory sway bar and it must be bolted on (No exceptions).
- 12. You must use the factory rear end for the car you are running.
- 13. You may weld the spider gears in the rear end to make it posi. No gears are permitted, and you must use stock axles. You are not permitted to change the gear ratio or use aftermarket axles. This will be the driver's responsibility to prove they are not changed.
- 14. Any car bumper is permitted except for Chrysler pointy bumpers. Seam welding on bumpers is permitted. They must be bolted and welded on in the factory location. You may collapse the shocks and weld all the way around the shock and to the mounting plate to the bumper and there must be a 1½" gap between the frame and the factory bumper shock plate. The shock must be bolted in the factory location. If the car did not come with bumper shocks, you cannot add them. You can use 4" x 4" box tubing that is 1/4" thick as a bumper that is no more than 5 feet long with no point. The ends of the bumper must remain open. No metal added to the bumper is permitted. If the car has no shocks, the bumper may be welded directly to the frame with no metal added. On the back side of the bumper where the shock mounts you may use a 1/4" x 6"x 6" piece of flat metal to create a flat mounting surface. Adept Products bumpers are permitted. Homemade bumpers must be bolted together and can be seam welded but can not be any thicker than 3/16" metal. Hard nosing is permitted but there must be a 1" gap between the front of the core support mounting bracket and the bumper plate. This will be measured from the front of the core support mounting bracket to the bumper plate. You are permitted to have a 4" point welded on your aftermarket bumper. If it is square tubing it can not have a point.

15. If the car has a wiring harness in front of the core support, you may move it behind the core support. An aftermarket shifter or park lock out brake is permitted.
16. All body bolts must be factory stock. No altering is permitted.
17. You are permitted **an aftermarket** steering column.

### **FIX IT PLATES**

1. All fresh cars are permitted four 4"x4"x1/4" square fix it plates. All pre-ran cars are permitted six 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.