

# 2026 Youth Mini Rules

**Only FWD cars are permitted with no more than a 110" wheelbase.**

**The age limit is 10 to 17 years old. They are required to have a passenger 18 years old or older.**

## 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 allowed 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 allowed 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 allowed 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 allowed 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!

### **FRAME/BUMPERS**

1. 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 1/2" 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.**

### **SUSPENSION**

1. The front struts must be the factory struts. Absolutely no aftermarket struts are permitted. The front struts may be welded for height (3" x 3" x 1/4").
2. The rear suspension must be stock (No exceptions).

### **ENGINES**

3. Aftermarket motor mounts are permitted but they can be no larger than 7" x 2" x 2" x 1/4".
4. No chains to the engine, cradles, or pulley protectors are permitted.
5. Headers are permitted.
6. You are permitted an aftermarket aluminum radiator, but it must be bolted in like factory or held in with ratchet straps or #9 wire. No radiator protectors or holders are permitted.

## **WINDOW AREA**

7. You may have either a 3" x 1/4" piece of door strapping in the windshield area and it must be no further than 6" on the roof and 6" to the cowl or 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. In the back window area you are allowed a 3" x 1/4" piece of door strapping welded no further than 6" on the roof and it can not be any further than the speaker deck/deck lid seam.

## **CAGE**

8. You are allowed a 4-point cage with a gas tank holder that is no bigger than 6" x 6" for the cage components. The front dash bar must be 5" away from sheet metal. The door and rear bars may not go past the kick panel of the back seat. The gas tank holder must be 5" away from all sheet metal (No exceptions). **It can be no bigger than 24" deep x 36" wide off the back bar.** Roll over bars are highly recommended, but they must run straight across the roof. Adding metal for bracing is not permitted. The roll over bar may be tack welded across the roof in 6 spots on the front and back side.

## **BODY**

9. The driver's and passenger's front doors must be welded all the way around using 3" x 1/4" door strapping. These two doors must have door skins for safety that are no thicker than 1/8" (front doors only). The back doors and deck lid may be welded 5" on 5" off with 3" x 5" x 1/4" door strapping. You can not remove the speaker tray.
10. You may crease the rear quarter panels but nothing past the rear door. The top of the rain channel and quarter panels must stay the factory height. You can dip the deck lid 12". It will be measured from the rear center of the deck lid and in additional 2 spots. This will be enforced.
11. The hoods may be bolted in 4 spots. The mounting points may be no larger than 4" x 4". Nothing can run through the core support for securing the hood down. The core support or anything else can not be welded to the K-member. No seam welding of the body/K-member is permitted.
12. You may change out the factory core support body mount bolt with a bolt no larger than 5/8" with a standard nut. Washers can not be any larger than 3" x 3". No other bolts may be changed. This will be strictly enforced.
13. If you are not using the factory fuel tank, it must be removed completely unless it is in the factory carriage in the rear axle area (No exceptions).
14. Aftermarket shifters, gas pedals, braking combos, and steering columns are permitted.
15. The officials have the final decision. If it doesn't say you can do it, don't do it. Call before you do it.

## **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.