



# Erie County Agricultural Society

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## 2026 Lawn Mower Derby Rules

**Prize Money: 1st: \$1,000      2nd: \$500      3rd: \$250**

### **DERBY IS OPEN COUNTY REGISTRATION**

1. Entries will be accepted at the Secretary's office and by mailing it to the above address.
2. Entry fee is \$50.00 which covers driver plus one.
3. Pits open at 12:00pm on the day of the event.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The garden or lawn mower must have a factory frame, no homemade frames.
2. Must be a front engine mower, no rear engines allowed.
3. All mowers must have factory stock engines.
4. Transaxles must be factory: reinforcing or spider gears is allowed.
5. Reinforcing the frame is permitted.
6. Reinforcing around the engine is allowed, but cannot be outside of the hood.
7. Hoods must remain factory. Hoods can be screwed down or welded. If a hood is fiberglass, you can make a hood from sheet metal, but it is not allowed to be any bigger than the fiberglass hood was.
8. Brakes must be in operation when pulling in for heat race, must also have forward and reverse gear.
9. Gas tanks must be fastened with cap on, if it comes loose or gas leaks you will be disqualified.
10. Some sort of leg guard is mandatory before entering the arena, must go from rear fender to front footrest or frame, and must be of 1 – 2-inch diameter.
11. The front of the frame under the grill may be strengthened for hitting but must be a smooth finish, no front bumpers allowed.
12. A rear bumper is recommended, but not mandatory. It cannot extend 4 inches out from the rear of the mower. Some sort of back protection is recommended, but not mandatory.



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13. Pulleys can be changed to increase speed.
14. Drivetrain modifications are allowed to change gearing but must stay original. (Belt drive stays belt drive, chain drive stays chain drive)
15. Wheels must have factory rims with no modifications, tires of choice. No dual wheels or cut tires.
16. Mower decks must be taken off before entering pits, plus all headlights and any other plastics must be removed before entering the pit area.
17. **NUMBER MUST BE SOMEWHERE ON EACH SIDE OF MOWER. NUMBER MAY BE ON HELMET ALSO.**
18. If the mower does not pass inspection, or the participant refuses to fix something there will be no refunds.
19. Officials have final say, we reserve the right to check mowers after the derby.

## **RULES OF THE LAWNMOWER DEMOLITION DERBY**

1. No children under the age of 16 allowed in the pit area without an adult always present.
2. Drivers **MUST** wear helmets, pants, long sleeve shirt, and eye protection when entering the track and during the derby.
3. No direct hits to the driver's area.
4. If you are rolled over, the heat will be stopped and your lawnmower will be placed back on its wheels.
5. During the competition you must initiate contact within two (2) minutes. If at any time you cannot make contact within the time limit you will be disqualified.
6. All motion to be halted upon signal from referees in case fire, injury, and other emergencies.
7. No hits when the opponent is out of bounds.
8. No pit racing.
9. The order of the derby will be combined heats, followed by the lawnmower derby, followed by the combined consolation, intermission, and finally the combined feature. There will be a lawnmower buy back for Sunday during the car demolition derby. The buy back will be \$10 with 100% payout.
10. **ALL LAWNMOWERS MUST BE REMOVED BY 10:00 AM SUNDAY.**
11. **ALL DRIVERS MUST ATTEND THE DRIVER'S MEETING 1 HOUR BEFORE THE START OF THE DERBY.**
12. Drivers will inspect each other's mowers before the driver's meeting and will bring up any concerns after the meeting with the officials.
13. **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS OR PIT AREA.**

**Any questions or concerns please contact: Doug Burmeister at 419.239.1972 or send an email to [secretary@eriefair.com](mailto:secretary@eriefair.com)**