

# Drumheller Stampede and Agricultural Society Dinosaur Downs Speedway

## **CLAIMER CARS OFFICIAL RULES 2024**

Claimer car racing is designed as an entry level, economical introduction to auto racing, specifically designed to keep the costs down to make it accessible to everybody. These are class specific rules, drivers must also adhere to the track's general rules.

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator or official. The race director shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

### **CLAIM RULES**

1. Only the Top Five cars may be claimed by any spectator, pit pass holder, or volunteer within 30 minutes of the end of the feature race by approaching the announcer's booth and indicating which car you'd like to claim, as long as the car is passed by the tech officials. Post Cars for \$1100.00. **No driver registered in the claimer class for the current season may claim a car(s)** Cars whose drivers are under the age of 18 may not be claimed. Cars can only be claimed once per night. The aforementioned individual may only claim one car once per night. In the event of multiple claims for the same car, it will be settled by random draw. Claims may be made with cash only. Claimer's must have cash present at the time of claim. The person who claims the car must be the driver of the claimed car on the following race day. Person making a claim must leave the car at the track compound until they drive it in the next race weekend, after that time it may be taken off the property but must be raced for the remainder of the season at Dinosaur Downs (No team or second party claims). Car numbers stay with the driver. The new

- driver will be required to change the car number to an available number.
2. Drivers must agree to the \$1100.00 claim for the entire post car, **\*as is**, at the end of the feature race. The only attached item that may be removed is the aluminum racing driver's seat, if installed (Driver must provide a stock seat if taking their racing seat). Entry into any event for this class shall indicate acceptance of all rules including the claim rule. (Claim rule will not be in effect during special events).
  3. If the claim to the car is denied – the car and driver will lose all points and trophy for the day and you will also receive a 1 race suspension.

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Nothing may be painted or lettered on the car which may be considered offensive. All cars will be screened before entry to the track surface and cars not conforming shall not compete.
2. Numbers will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Priority on the first race weekend will be given to drivers from the previous year. Drivers may reserve a primary number on their first race or when registering a driver. Numbers must be painted or decaled on the roof and both sides. Minimum 20" in height and 3" in brush width. Numbers must contrast with the car. All numbers must be similar in appearance. The base of the roof number must face the passenger side. Any number not deemed legible may not be scored until fixed. All racers must claim a number before race weekend to ensure there are no doubles, to register a number please contact Wendy Fitzpatrick. **NO TEAM PAINT SCHEMES FOR SCORING PURPOSES.**
3. Minimum race age is 13 years old. Drivers under 18 will need a signed minor's waiver, parental consent, and be able to demonstrate ability to race.
4. You cannot make any modification unless these rules state you can. Decisions of the track officials are final in all cases.
5. Any Competitor (mechanic, crew, friends, etc.) using alcohol or drugs in the pits before or during races shall be asked to leave, and no further entries will be accepted.
6. All cars must be available at the track for tech 45 minutes prior to the driver's meeting also; at the conclusion of the claimer main event (top 3). Tech has the right to ask any car to proceed to tech after the main event either by choice or draw (ex. If tech decides they want a fourth car after the main event they can pick a car or draw a position number before the end of the main event). Failure to proceed immediately to tech will lead to automatic disqualification. Only the registered driver and car will be permitted in the tech area.
7. Any car or safety equipment that does not pass tech must be corrected before it enters the track.
8. Any arguments with tech officials will result in being asked to leave the facility immediately.
9. Once a car enters the track the Flag Man has full control. At any point he can remove or disqualify a car at his discretion. Any rough house driving will result in removal of car and driver, if deemed so by the Flag man.
10. All vehicles will be parked in a fashionable manner in the approved and marked

location of the Ag board. No vehicle shall be left during the off Season, and all batteries must be removed when parked.

11. Abandoned vehicles – If a car is left onsite, unused for more than 3 months, it will become property of the Ag Society.
12. For the integrity of the Claimer class any car found to be or suspected of not meeting the rules can / or will be claimed by the D.O.R.C committee – the car will be claimed by the club for \$1100. The club will then inspect the car – If the car has been found to be meeting all the rules the original driver of the car will have a chance to buy back their car for the same price. If the driver does not want the car back, said car can then be auctioned to the claimer group. Aluminum racing seats allowed and recommended. however, will NOT be included with the claim. Car numbers stay with the driver. The new driver will be required to change the car number to an available number. Entry into any event for this class shall indicate acceptance of all rules including the claim rule. (Claim rule will not be in effect during special events).

### **VEHICLE RULES**

1. Open to any front wheel drive, 4-cylinder, automatic transmission, or standard car.
2. No convertibles. Vehicles with a sunroof must have the glass removed and the hole covered with tin.
3. Car must remain stock, as is from the factory, with normal wear and tear. Only factory alignment adjustments allowed. Absolutely no gutting of car metal permitted. This includes hood, trunk, door skins, fenders, quarter panels, roof, and inner front fenders.
4. Catalytic converter may be removed and extra supports can be added to the exhaust.
5. Absolutely no performance modifications whatsoever. The car MUST be stock for the year, make and model of car used
6. Max engine size will be 2.5L – Must be N.A. (naturally aspirated)
7. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Bart reinforced center race wheel for right front. If it becomes an issue, safety officials will bring this into effect immediately into the rule package. As an option OEM aluminum wheel may be used on the right front and approved by tech. If found using wheels not approved, race wheels may become mandatory. NO AFTERMARKET ALUMINUM WHEELS.
8. Tires must be air filled and DOT approved for street use (no studded tires, no winter tires on right front) and mounted on factory steel wheels. Only normal replacement parts may be replaced and only with functionally similar parts. No performance enhancing parts, factory or aftermarket will be allowed. The car is to be raced as it came off the road.
9. All glass must be removed, except the windshield. The windshield may also be replaced with full length and width wire mesh if removed. Any windshield with cracks will be at the discretion of tech. All trim, side mirrors, headlights etc., must be removed. Grill may be removed. Absolutely no rear-view mirrors.
10. Cooling systems must be flushed of glycol antifreeze and refilled with water only. Water wetter compounds are allowed.

11. Normal unleaded pump gasoline only as fuel.
12. No object may be welded on the car, such as trailer hitches or any reinforcing except required door bars.
13. Back seat and passenger seats must be removed. Carpeting and roof lining must be removed. All dash boards must stay stock, and removal or disabling of airbags is mandatory.
14. No loose objects may be carried in or on the car. Items, such as GoPro, must be securely bolted to the car and are still under the tech discretion.

### **PROTECTION RULES**

1. Rollover protection is required. Rollover protection may be accomplished by a two-post design. Bolt four 6" x 6" steel plates inside through the roof and floor behind the driver and passenger front seats. A minimum of 2x 5/8" bolts must secure each plate (heads outside and nuts inside, using 2" diameter minimum washers under the heads). Two steel pipes or square tubing, 3" to 6" diameter, must be placed vertically from the floor to the roof with the plates welded to them. Strongly recommended is also to have a down bar welded from the top 12 inches on the back of the rollover posts, back to the trunk area with a plate welded to the end and welded or bolted to the car floor. Plate and tube minimum thickness is 0.120".
2. All doors must be welded or held with the door bar shut. Exterior driver's door bars are mandatory, and passenger side door bars are strongly recommended. One bar minimum size 4" x 3/16" channel steel, or 2" x 3" box steel 0.125" wall, must be bolted with minimum of 4 5/8" bolts. Bolts must extend through chassis metal with large washers on each side. Do not place bolts where they may cause injury in an incident. Bars should extend to within 6 inches of both the front and rear wheel wells and should be installed at bumper height. All sharp edges must be beveled.
3. Hood and trunk lid must be chained, bolted, or secured with quick release hood pins. (if chained or bolted, the hood must have 2x 6" holes cut in them for fire suppression if needed).
4. SFI approved 5-point racing harness mandatory, so as not to submarine in a front impact. Harnesses must have a quick release. All harnesses must be installed according to manufacturer's specifications and maintained in good condition, subject to tech approval during inspection. Aluminum racing seat allowed and recommended.
5. A well maintained and in good condition window net is mandatory. Must be attached to the door frame, driver's side window, and detachable from the top. Window net is included in the claim.
6. All drivers shall be required to wear Snell full face with visor rated SA2015, or newer, helmets. Snell rating must be legible on the helmet.
7. Neck restraint system is mandatory; minimum will be approved SFI neck brace. Hans device is recommended for those under 18 years of age. Coveralls, leather boots and leather gloves are mandatory. Fire resistant Nomex-style coveralls, gloves and boots are

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

8. All teams must have fire extinguishers in the pit area.
9. It is MANDATORY that all cars must have an inertia switch in the fuel system.
10. Rollover Rule – if a car rolls once that only has rollover posts, that car will not be allowed to run at this track unless a cage has been installed or the posts may be salvaged and used in a separate car. Dinosaur Downs Speedway reserves the rights to alter, amend, add, delete, or modify these rules at any time. These rules are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants or spectators. These rules express no implied warranty or safety in any way.



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