

Bishop Volunteer Fire Department
2023 Destruction Derby
Entry and Participant Information
Rules and Guidelines Acknowledgement

Entry Information

- 1. New this year, early registration of \$75.00 you will also get a commemorative gift. Early registration is due no later than July 4th, 2023 to be eligible for the commemorative gift.** Entry fee may be paid in cash or check, and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to Bishop Fire Department.
- 2. Any registration received after July 4th, 2023 and before August 4th, 2023 will be \$75.00 with no commemorative gift.**
3. Mail or hand delivered entries made out to Destruction Derby, P.O Box 1236 Bishop Ca. 93515. No faxed entries accepted.
- 4. Registration entries must be postmarked no later than August 4th, 2023. Hand delivered entries must be received by August 4th, 2023. For all entries received after these dates the fee goes up to \$150.00. Please register on time to save yourself \$75.00.**
5. The derby is limited to 24 cars max. The first 24 accepted car entries received will fill the field, and all others will be put on the alternate list as they are received.
6. Powder Puff entries are limited to the first 18 cars.
- 7. ENTRY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT,** including name(s) of driver, owner, sponsor(s), two pit crew members, and one service truck. Everyone **MUST** read and understand all the rules and guidelines for the derby, and sign the entry form. All incomplete entries will be returned to sender to be completed before the entry will be accepted.
DRIVERS MUST BE 18 AND PIT CREW MEMBERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE. MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MAY PARTICIPATE AS PIT CREW MEMBERS ONLY. IF A MINOR PARTICIPATION WAIVER, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK FORM IS COMPLETED AND ACCEPTED BY THE BISHOP FIRE DEPARTMENT.
8. All participants in the pit area **MUST** sign a waiver and release form the morning of tech. This must be done before a wristband can be issued to you. The signing of this form must be done at the time of inspection.

9. **ANY CHANGES** of driver(s), pit crew, powder puff, or sponsor(s) must be done before 11:00 am at inspection the day of the derby. No changes to any entry will be accepted after this time without the approval of the Derby Chairman.
10. **All entries are subject to approval by the Bishop Fire Department.**
11. A sponsor and or owner can enter a maximum of 4 cars, and each car must have a different driver.
12. All cars are to be removed from the pit area after the derby ends, and all cars must be removed from the fairgrounds within 7 days of the derby. Failure to remove your car(s) within this deadline results in your car becoming the property of the Bishop Fire Department, and will also result in all members of that team being disqualified from the following year's derby. Do not leave cars at the fairgrounds with anything valuable inside them. Any property left in a car after the derby is done at your own risk.
13. Car numbers will be issued to each accepted entry; you will be notified of your number by mail or by phone.

Basic Information

1. Derby starts at 7:00 pm, Sunday September 3rd, 2023
2. **MANDATORY** tech inspections for all vehicles entered in the derby will be on Sunday September 3rd, 2023 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Any cars arriving after 11:00 am will not be inspected and will not be allowed into the derby. Only special exceptions are allowed per the Derby Chairman. All repairs must be done before the car can pass inspection. After your car has been inspected and passes the safety inspection it will then be impounded until right before the grand entry. No one will be permitted into the impound or inspection area unless otherwise granted by a member of the derby committee. Any violators will be **DISQUALIFIED**. If your car does not pass inspection the first time you will be allowed to fix the problems the morning of tech and be inspected again.
3. If you need to work on your car before the first race you must check with the Pit Supervisor or the Derby Chairman and get approval. A derby official must be present while work is being done to your car.
4. Pit gates open at 5:00 pm and close at 6:00 pm. You must bring a picture I.D. with you in order to receive your wristband. A pit pass will be issued to all pit trucks at inspection, with your car number on it. This is the only vehicle allowed through the pit gates.
5. **MANDATORY** drivers meeting and crew members meeting will be held in the announcers stand at approximately 6:00 pm.
6. Derby cars will be limited to the following (A) Each entry will be in one heat and advance to either the main event of the LCMQ (last chance main qualifier) depending

on how you place in your heat race. (B) Powder Puff; any car may enter the powder puff race. This is a special race for FEMALES only, and will run after the main event. (C) A free for all race (Hooligan) will run after the Powder Puff race. Any car still running may enter this race. The car that makes the last hit wins.

Safety

- 1.** Seat belts are mandatory and will be fastened to the floor pan. They must be in good working condition and **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES IN THE RACING ARENA.** Shoulder harnesses are optional.
- 2.** All drivers must wear approved helmets, eye protection, shoes, long sleeve shirts, long pants or coveralls, and full-face helmets are required for your safety and are mandatory.
- 3. DO NOT REMOVE YOUR HELMET UNTIL THE GUN SOUNDS ENDING THE RACE!!**
- 4.** If your car stalls or becomes disabled stay in your car and leave your seat belt and helmet on. **DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR.** You will have a wooden stick (flag) taped to your driver's side A post and this will be provided at tech. Do not put your own flag on your car. The flag is to be used as follows. If you become disabled or do not wish to be hit anymore in your heat. If this happens you must break off your flag and you will be done for that heat. When this occurs, you will be provided with a new flag when you get back to the pits for your next race. Any **INTENTIONAL** hit on a car with its flag broken off will be treated the same as a driver's door hit and you will be **DISQUALIFIED.**
- 5.** No pit crew members will be allowed in the arena after a race ends unless authorized by the Derby Chairman. Fire Department personnel tow trucks, and crews are permitted in the arena.
- 6.** No alcohol, nitrous, or starting fluid is allowed.
- 7.** No hearses, ambulances, or limousine vehicles are allowed.
- 8.** No passengers are permitted in the car except during the grand entry.
- 9.** All decorations must be removed prior to the start of the race.
- 10.** The Bishop Fire Department reserves the right to remove anything obscene or objectionable from any derby car.
- 11.** No teaming up or playing possum. You must keep moving and hitting at all times unless your car becomes disabled. **If Fire Department personnel feel you are playing possum or are disabled, they will tell you to break off your flag.** Heats are being judged by the number of times you intentionally make contact with other cars and the amount of damage you are doing. The car with the most hits wins. The number of cars from each heat that will move on to the main event will be determined after tech closes, this number is calculated by the number of entries. The LCMQ will be judged like the heats with the top two cars advancing to the main event. The main event will

go until there is a last car running, and the car that makes the last hit under its own power wins.

- 12.** No hitting of the driver's side door allowed. No driver door facing. Anyone intentionally hitting the driver's door will be **DISQUALIFIED**. This is for your safety and the safety of others.
- 13.** Absolutely no one without a pit wristband is allowed in the pit areas. Anyone in the pits without a wristband will be removed from the pit area.
- 14.** After the race no one will be allowed in the arena or pits until all the cars are removed from the arena.
- 15.** Hot rodding in the pits of when leaving the arena is not allowed. Keep it at an idle.
- 16.** If while during the course of a race you are knocked outside of the arena over the logs you are to drive at a slow manner back to the arena entrance. If you hotrod back into the arena you will be disqualified. **Remember there are firefighters on the outside of the logs for your protection in case of a fire.** So do your part to keep them safe
- 17.** No "Hot Rodding" in or out of the pit area.
- 18.** No verbal or physical altercations with fellow drivers and the pit crew.
- 19.** Any verbal or physical altercations with other drivers and their crew or, especially the Fire Department pit crew will result in an automatic DQ.
- 20.** You are required to have your car completely in your pit spot. It must be out of the way of other cars and tow trucks.
- 21.** No hitting any other cars inside the pit area. If they are in your way ask the driver to move them.
- 22.** If you can't get your car completely in your pit spot ask a Fire Department member for help. We will get the tow trucks to help you get your car in its spot.
- 23.** If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask any of the Fire Department crew members.
- 24.** After 6:00 p.m. you are not allowed to leave the pit area to access your personal vehicles. If you want food you may go to the food stand inside the grand stand area.
- 25.** If we catch any unauthorized family members in the pit area visiting you or looking around you will be DQ.
- 26.** Your pit crew members are there to help you. They will not be allowed to leave the pit area to sit with family in the stands. If they are caught in the stands it will result in a DQ for you and your pit crew.
- 27.** All Fire Department personnel in the pit area have the authority to DQ you and your crew.
- 28.** If the driver or any pit crew member is injured in any way, please notify Fire Department personnel immediately. We will have EMS personnel attend to you.
- 29.** Fire Department Personnel have the final decision on all conflicts.

CAR PREP RULES

1. All pot metal, glass, and plastic must be removed from the car. The inside of the car and truck must be swept clean from all loose parts. Please do your part and get all the glass, dirt, and debris vacuumed or swept out before your car gets inspected.
2. All exterior chrome strips, clips, and ornaments must be removed.
3. Doors, hoods, and trunks are to be chained **AFTER** inspection in the following manner:
 - A: Chained with a 3/8" welded chain.
 - B: The chains are to be no longer than necessary to hold the hood, doors, and trunks.
 - C: Only one loop per wrap will be allowed.
 - D: Only two chains may be used on the hood and the trunk; unless there are no hinges.
 - E: You may secure the rear corners of the hood only with 2 pieces of all thread not more than one inch in diameter, and no longer than 8". If you choose this option the bolt must be within 6 inches of the rear corner of the hood on both sides.
 - F: Hood must be stock and mounted in the stock position. You may not move it forward or bend the front down. Front fender may **NOT** be bent in or out. This strengthens the fenders and will be considered reinforcement.
 - G: All doors may be welded closed. You may weld outside door seams only or use tabs on the driver's side. You may use filler of 1 1/2" x 1/8" max for tabs only.
 - H: All cars must be stock frame to body.
 - I: Fender bolts will be allowed. They must point in and be no larger than 3/8". Washers may be no larger than 1"
4. The dashboard and instruments panel must be removed including the glove box.
5. **NO** welding of the hood or trunk.
6. A 12" x 12" hole cut in the hood above the carburetor for fire protection is allowed.
7. A minimum of a 2" x 1/4" metal bar is to be welded from the center of the windshield opening, down to the dashboard. Rear window straps are ok. No more than 2 and no bigger than 2" x 1/4". Rear window bars my not be welded to the trunk.
8. A 24" x 24" escape hole must be located above the driver with all edges covered with padding or rubber hose and secured.
9. A minimum 2 1/2 pound fire extinguisher securely mounted on the floor must be within reach of the driver. Mounting must be of standard fire extinguisher type that holds extinguishers securely while allowing quick and easy access in the event of a fire.
10. Floorboard plugs must be knocked out or a minimum of 6 3/8" size holes drilled in the floor. These holes must be located on the passenger side floorboard.
11. Original gas tanks must be removed for safety purposes. Fuel cells must be mounted and properly secured in the rear seat area with a proper fitting gas cap. You must use a metal boat tank or well-made fuel cell. No plastic or metal gas cans allowed. A 6-gallon maximum tank is allowed.
12. The original gas tank may not be mounted inside the car. **NO PLUMBERS TAPE TO MOUNT THE FUEL TANK, AND NO SELF TAPING SCREWS. BOLTS WITH WASHERS**

ONLY. Fuel injection cars are allowed to mount the stock tank inside but must mount the tank in a frame work to make it safely mounted.

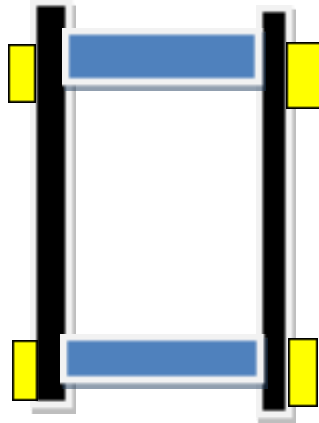
13. A maximum of three batteries allowed. The batteries must be mounted and covered in a non-conductive material located on the passenger side floorboard.
14. Electric fuel pump must be mounted properly, all fuel hose that is after the fuel pump and is under pressure must be covered in a secondary hose. This can be done with either heater hose or garden hose, with the ends of the secondary covering to be clamped for containment. Electric fuel pumps must be hooked up to the ignition switch and clearly marked as master.
15. Wheels no bigger than 16 inches. No split rims. Steel wheels only. Tires must be of a regular type that holds air. Maximum of 5 lug axles. All wheel weights must be removed and no valve stem protectors or bead lockers.
16. Wheel wells may be trimmed, rolled, or folded for clearance. 4 bolts per wheel well, maximum 3" washers & ½" bolts.
17. **A 4 POINT CAGE IS MANDATORY.** See figure A.

Figure A

A and B post Blue

Drivers and Passenger side bars are Black

6" pad allowed for mounting door bars are yellow.



Installation instructions:

1. Install 6" x 6" mounting plates first
2. Install driver's and passenger's side bars. Bars can extend 6" past door.
3. Install A and B post bars between side bars.

Material requirements for cage

1. A and B post bars 3" minimum and 4" maximum; square or round stock.
 2. Passenger side bar 3" minimum and 4" maximum; square, round stock, or C channel.
 3. Driver side bar 4" minimum with no maximum; square, round stock, or C channel.
 4. 6" x 6" mounting plates maximum and no thicker than ½".
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18. All drivers' doors are to be painted white. **NO numbers or writing allowed on the driver's door.** This is to identify the driver side of the car, and to help prevent an accidental hit to the door. If your car is painted white; the driver's door must be painted black. Driver side numbers are to be located behind the driver's door.
 19. **BUMPER RULE:** Any passenger car bumper may be used on any car front or rear. You may seem weld your bumper NO FILLER METAL ALLOWED! You may weld your bumper to bumper brackets, a maximum of 6"x6"x1/4" plate may be welded to your bumper for bracket attachment. No alternating, shortening or lengthening the frame. Bumper brackets can only be attached to the frame NO ATTACHING BUMPER BRACKETS TO CROSSMEMBERS, CORE SUPPORTS OR BODY! Bumper brackets may be welded to the frame. NO BOXING OF THE FRAME AND NO EXTRA METAL FOR FRAME OR BUMPER BRACKETS ALLOWED. THIS INCLUDES EXTRA GUSSETS OR ATTACHMENTS! No hard nosing the bumper to the frame, there must be a ½" gap between the bumper and the frame. YOU MAY USE FACTORY BUMPER BRACKETS OR 4 FABRICATED BRACKETS ONLY. Fabricated brackets can be no larger than 4" wide x ¼" thick flat strap material. You may use a total length of 36" of the 4" wide x ¼" thick flat strap to create your 4 brackets, this total length includes the bend to attach to the bumper. Example (If you create 4 equal brackets with a 4" bend then the total length of each bracket will be 5" = 36" of material, or you can make 4 brackets at different lengths or just 2 brackets as long as you only have 36" of length.) Fabricated brackets may only be welded to the inside or outside of the frame, no welding them to the top or bottom to box your frame or close the frame. You may also use factory brackets, if you use factory brackets you may only use factory brackets that match your original car. If you use other factory brackets that do not match your cars original brackets then you can only use 2 brackets. **Any questions on this please ask, anything outside of this rule you will be told to cut off before passing tech.**

CUT OFF MEANS COMPLETELY REMOVED!

- 20. SUSPENSION RULE:** Front and rear suspension cannot be altered. Rear axle may have two chains, to hold coil springs in place, one on the right and one on the left. These chains must have play in them. No welding of leaf springs or adding extra leaf springs. Leaf springs may have leaf clamps, 2 ½" x ¼" no more than 5 per spring. Tie rods, A-arms, and ball joints must remain stock, no welding of them is allowed.
- 21.** Radiator must remain in stock position. Altering or reinforcing the radiator is not allowed. No secondary cooling system to radiator may be use. The removal of the fan blade is optional.
- 22.** Transmission line must be disconnected from the radiator and looped together. No secondary transmission cooler will be allowed.
- 23.** All cars must have working brakes.
- 24.** No car is allowed to be more than 20" high at the bottom of the bumpers front and back. Pre-ran car bumpers will be looked at per safety to determine entry or not. This will be decided on by at least 3 members of the tech team.
- 25.** A minimum of 12" x 12" and max of 20" x 20" triangle must be securely mounted to the roof of the car with entry number on all three sides.
- 26.** All fluids must be filled prior to inspection.
- 27.** Firewall will be completely covered so as to prevent any engine fluids from entering into driver or passenger area. Any suitable material may be used that will prevent splashing of fluids. Heavy plastic, rubber, or sheet metal. All material must be mounted securely.
- 28.** Trunks may be creased after the beauty contest with a sledge hammer only.
- 29.** Engine head straps will be allowed, you may have a maximum of 2 head straps going from your engine to the frame. Not to cross from one frame rail to the other.

Compact Car Rules

- 1.** Compact cars will follow the big car rules other than compact specific rules listed below.

2. Open to any compact car with a 4- or 6-cylinder engine and wheel base 105" or less. NO 4-wheel drives or all wheel drives will be allowed.
3. Hood and trunk chains will not be allowed to go around or through the frame of the car.
4. Bars are MANDATORY. 1 bar behind the seat 3" max diameter with 6" x 6" x ¼" plate at each end welded. Bar must run from post to post, no angled bars. A bar may be run to replace dash of the same size as behind the seat. A bar of reinforcement of the driver's door will be required. 1 bar minimum and 2 bar maximum of 1" to 1 ½" to cover the windshield opening and also the rear window opening.
5. Tires 14" maximum
6. Hood: 8" hole must be cut in the hood over the carb for fire safety. An air filter must be used.
7. Bumpers must remain stock with stock mounts, and may be flipped over. The top of the bumper must NOT be higher than 18". 2 pieces of chain can be wrapped around bumpers then bolted to frame.
8. Roof escape hole not required.

Full Size Truck Prep Rules

1. Full size trucks will follow the big car rules other than the truck specific rules listed below.
2. Open to all trucks and suburban's ½ ton or ¾ ton. No wood beds allowed. Bumpers must not be more than 24" from racing surface to bottom of bumper.
3. Four-wheel drives are required to pull one drive line.
4. Truck bed must be welded to cab in 4 places minimum.
5. Tailgate is required and must be welded shut. Maximum 4 locations. Sheet metal to sheet metal only. Maximum 3" x 3" x ¼" thick.
6. Approved fuel cells must be installed in the cab or in the front center of the bed directly behind the cab.
7. Bed must be securely attached to the frame; chained, U-bolts, or welded. If your bed comes free you will be disqualified immediately.
8. A window net must be installed in the driver's window, and also behind the driver's head in the rear window on standard cabs.
9. Roof escape hole is not required.
10. 1 drive line loop is mandatory. Made out of ¼" maximum chain going under the driveline and back through the bed. I-bolts, or welded to bracket to mount is ok.
11. A safety mesh must be placed under the transmission, you may use 1" x 1" square tubing, 1" x ¼" thick flat bar, or 1" x 1" x ¼" angle iron for the mounting bars to be

bolted to the frame. Place a piece of ¾"-9 expanded metal in between your 2 pieces of metal and the frame and bolt to the frame. This will create a shield under your transmission. This shield will cover from the flywheel to mid-way of the transmission pan. There are options to use loader chain that can be welded to the frame.

12. Trailer hitches must be removed.

13. No flat or dump beds.

Mini Truck Rules

1. Mini truck rules will follow the big cars and truck rules other than the mini truck rules listed below.
2. 4-cylinder or V6 engines only. No 8 lug rear ends. **GAS ONLY, NO DIESEL TRUCKS.**
3. Mini truck/SUVs may be rear or front wheel drive. Four-wheel drives must remove a driveline.
4. Rules #10 and #11 from the big truck rules are not mandatory in the mini trucks.
5. Bumper must not be more than 24" from ground to bottom of bumper.

Additional Information

1. **THE RULING OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL!! ANYONE HAVING CONTACT WITH A JUDGE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND FORFEIT ALL PRIZE MONEY.**
2. An ambulance will be near the race arena. However, it is there for your convenience only and provided by the Bishop Fire Department. You are liable for your own medical attention and medical expenses.
3. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Derby Committee by calling the Derby Chairman Adam Marcellin at 760-920-7461.
4. The Bishop Fire Department will furnish tow trucks only. No others accepted.

BISHOP FIRE DEPARTMENT

DESTRUCTION DERBY

ENTRY FORM

Please fill this out completely and print clearly. If you do not know all of the information, (Powder Puff driver, pit crew, etc.) then leave those areas blank and inform the Fire Dept. later or at tech inspection.

Sponsor's Name: _____.

CAR INFORMATION

Car Owners Name _____.

Phone Number _____.

Make _____ . Model _____.

Year _____ . VIN # _____.

Driver's Name _____.

Phone Number _____.

Powder Puff Driver _____.

Phone Number _____.

Pit Crew #1 Name _____ . Phone # _____.

Pit Crew #2 Name _____ . Phone # _____.

BISHOP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 DESTRUCTION DERBY

ENTRY AND PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

RULES AND GUIDELINES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, have received, read, and understand the Bishop Volunteer Fire Departments 2023 Destruction Derby Entry and Participant Information Rules and Guidelines. I am aware that violation of these rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary actions, up to and including disqualification in the 2023 Destruction Derby or in the following

year's Destruction Derby. I understand this signed acknowledgement will be kept by the Bishop Fire Department.

I recognize and understand that the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department 2023 Destruction Derby Entry and Participant Information Rules and Guidelines are to be observed for the safety of all participants and attendees at the 2023 Destruction Derby.

I agree to comply with all provision of the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department 2023 Destruction Derby Entry and Participant Information Rules and Guidelines.

SIGNATURE (IF OVER AGE 18)

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE OF MINOR PARTICIPANT
(IF UNDER AGE 18)

PRINT NAME

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

PRINT NAME

DATE