

GK Machine Inc Machine Mania

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Farmer's 500 Trash Car Race General Rules

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Disclaimer: Participation in Motorsports events of any kind involves inherent risk of property loss, injury or death. GK Machine Incorporated, The Oregon State Fair, Salem Indoor Speedway and any other persons or entities, specifically including but not necessarily limited to sponsors, drivers, crew members or officials, which are in any way involved in this event can assume no liability for any loss or harm that may result from participation in or attendance at this event. While the rules have been written with the safety of drivers, crews, officials and anyone else present in mind, NO guarantee or warranty, express or implied, can be made that following such rules may prevent any loss, injury or death to oneself or others. Drivers and crew members participate at their own risk and shall be required to sign a legally binding waiver prior to being granted participation in this event.

Farmer's 500 - Trash Car Class Rules

1. Trash Car Class is open to any compact of intermediate size steel bodied 3 to 6 cylinder front wheel drive production passenger car, station wagon or minivan only. NO pickups, SUVs, four wheel drive vehicles, jeeps, "utes", etc.
2. All glass (except windshield which may remain unless severely broken), lights and lenses, side trim (excluding on roofs), outside mirrors, upholstery (except driver's seat, full front bench seats allowed but not recommended), insulation and other flammable, breakable or loose materials that could reasonably be deemed to pose a risk to drivers safety must be removed. (Broken glass, etc. MUST be removed from car BEFORE arrival at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.)
3. "All doors MUST be secured shut at the beginning of each event. May be bolted, welded or chained but must pass tech approval. If the DRIVER'S door comes open, the vehicle WILL be disqualified from that event. If any other door comes open, the vehicle MAY be disqualified if deemed to be a safety hazard."
4. ALL cars shall have a minimum of one (1) upright pipe or square iron roof support, minimum 2" diameter, directly behind the drivers head. If uprights are used in lieu of hoop or halo type roll bar, uprights MUST extent all the way from the floor to the roof and attach to 4" x 4" plates at both ends which in turn must be secured with a minimum of 4 (four) minimum 3/8" diameter bolts with minimum 2" diameter washers per end. Hoop or halo type roll bars or full cage recommended. Must not strengthen any area beyond the driver's compartment. Driver's side door bar, pipe, channel or grader blade STRONGLY recommended and allowed on passenger side. Must be securely mounted with bolts or welds, subject to tech approval.
5. Foam padding must be used for inside of driver's door, center of steering wheel and any part of roll or safety cage that the driver may come into contact with.
6. No reinforcement of any part of car except as otherwise specifically authorized in these rules for driver safety. Factory bumpers only. Car bodies must remain completely stock, except for trimming of fenders or bumpers for tire clearance.
7. Cars must be completely stock, including engines, radiator, transmissions and drive train. MINOR modifications, such as removing air conditioning compressors, moving column mounted shift levers to floors, etc. will be allowed. IF IT DOES NOT SAY YOU CAN DO IT IN THE RULES IT IS NOT ALLOWED!
8. Radiator MUST remain in stock location and may not be reinforced or protected in ANY way. Factory plastic overflow / expansion tanks OR 1 gallon maximum plastic jug for overflow ONLY.
9. Any DOT passenger car tire which is size appropriate to car. NO off road, heavy equipment, race tires, etc. Max. tread width 8". Passenger car snow tires OK. Studs MUST be removed. Steel, single piece wheels only, NO split rims. Reinforced lugs OK. Double centers OK. NO stem protectors, bead protectors, screws in rims, etc. Air only, no solid rubber or any other substance in tires. Inner tubes OK.

10. Battery must be secured to car so it cannot come loose. Should be moved to front passenger floor area and covered. Battery installation shall be subject to tech approval.
11. A competition style 3" minimum lap belt and 3" minimum double shoulder harness with a quick release buckle is strongly recommended in all cars. Stock seat belts in good condition will be allowed and must be securely attached to stock mounting points. A 2" minimum anti-submarine belt is also recommended. Competition belts shall be attached securely with minimum 1/2" diameter bolts. All installations shall be subject to tech approval. Visibly worn or damaged belts WILL be rejected.
12. Driver's seat and seat back must be securely mounted and not able to move. Seat installations shall be subject to tech approval.
13. All cars should be equipped with a minimum 2 1/2 lb. type ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher, securely mounted to a metal bracket and within easy reach of the driver.
14. Two (2) minimum 12" x 12" holes should be cut in hood for fire extinguisher access.
15. Factory fuel tanks allowed but not recommended. Fuel cell or metal marine type tank located in rear seat area and covered with sheet metal "firewall" STRONGLY recommended. Installations of tanks and lines shall be subject to tech approval. NO plastic tanks. NO beer kegs.
16. All drivers shall be required to wear a full face helmet with a minimum Snell '85 rating and approved eye protection. (Minimum Snell 2000 rating STRONGLY advised.) All helmets subject to tech approval. Visibly damaged helmets may be rejected.
17. All drivers and crew members in paddock area shall be required to wear shirts, long-sleeve recommended (nylon or polyester NOT recommended), long pants, closed toed shoes or boots. Drivers and crew members handling fuel recommended wearing a full fire suite made of Nomex or similar fire retardant material including shoes and head socks.
18. Trash Car Racing is a contact sport but is NOT a Destruction Derby. While pushing, dumping (spinning) and sideswiping are allowed, excessively aggressive hitting of other cars is not. Backing into other cars as might be done in a Destruction Derby Finale style event or cutting across the infield to hit other cars is also not allowed. ANY aggressive hitting of another cars driver's side door area, whether intentional or careless, shall result in disqualification at the discretion of officials. Also, drivers should refrain from intentionally running other cars into the outside barriers due to the proximity of the spectators to the track.
19. Classes may be arraigned by car or engine size, subject to car count and time available. The promoter reserves the right to alter the format of the program to lengthen it or shorten it as he may deem necessary.
20. Drivers must be 18 years of age and shall be required to show government issued photo identification to establish proof of age and identity. Crew members must be 16 years of age and minor crew members must provide a notarized release signed by a parent or legal guardian before being allowed in the paddock area.
21. Cars should be brightly painted. Car number shall be painted on both of the front doors, minimum 18" high and 3" thick in bright, contrasting colors. Car numbers should be requested at the time of registration. If the number you request is already taken, you will be permitted another choice.
22. Watch for flag officials AT ALL TIMES and PROMPTLY comply with ALL official instructions! Violators, intentional or careless, subject to immediate disqualification and forfeiture of ANY AND ALL prize monies that may have otherwise been awarded.
23. Except in the case of a fire or other legitimate emergency, drivers shall be required to remain in their cars with helmet strapped on and seat belts securely fastened until an event has officially concluded or are otherwise directed by an official. Exiting your vehicle during an event in the absence of a legitimate emergency may be grounds for disqualification and/or loss of position / prize monies at the sole discretion of the promoter.) During caution periods drivers who wish to exit their vehicles will be directed by officials when it is safe to do so.
24. PLEASE! Keep the area around your car and hauler safe and tidy. If you make a mess, please CLEAN IT UP! Remove ANY trash, including that left by others, before leaving the venue. We would like to be invited back next year.

25. Entries are encouraged to pre-register for the event, by completing the form and submitting the entry fee.
26. ANY willful or intentional violation of ANY rule or ANY disrespectful or unsportsmanlike conduct by either a driver OR crew member may result in disqualification and loss of pay and position at the discretion of promoter or officials. .
27. There shall be absolutely NO possession or consumption of alcohol, cannabis (marijuana) or ANY other controlled or other substance that may cause impairment by ANY driver or crew member either at the track or prior to the event. Drivers or crew members who appear to be impaired WILL be denied entry into / immediately removed from the paddock area, NO EXCEPTIONS! Prescription or "over the counter" medications MUST be in their original and properly marked containers. Persons currently using prescription or "over the counter" medications that are labeled "may cause drowsiness" and /or "you should not drive / operate heavy machinery while taking" will NOT be allowed in the paddock area or on the track at any time during the event. Any driver or crew member found in violation of this rule shall be immediately removed from the premises and may be banned from returning for up to 7 (seven) years at the sole discretion of the promoter. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
28. Any driver or crew member who causes ANY physical altercation or ANY other disturbance OF ANY KIND shall be immediately removed from the premises and may be banned from returning for up to 7 (seven) years at the sole discretion of the promoter. Furthermore, intentional or negligent acts that result in ANY harm to any person or damage to or loss of any property may be criminally prosecuted and may result in arrest and detention by law enforcement and being sentenced to a term in a detention or correctional facility as well as potential financial liability.
29. Maximum speed in the paddock area shall be 5 m.p.h. (8 km/h) Violators subject to immediate disqualification, loss of all prize monies and removal from the premises and being banned from returning for up to 7 (seven) years, at the sole discretion of the promoter.
30. All cars should be presented for inspection as soon as possible after arriving at the venue. All cars MUST pass inspection at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time of the show.
31. It is the responsibility of the driver or car owner to have the vehicle ready for inspection PRIOR to presenting it for inspection. Failure to have a car fully ready for inspection in a timely manner shall result in car being denied inspection and eligibility to compete.
32. In the event a car is found not to be in compliance with the rules an opportunity to bring the car into compliance will be offered when possible. If it is not possible to bring the car into compliance prior to its heat, it will NOT be allowed to run. At the sole discretion of the promoter, MINOR violations deemed NOT to compromise safety AND which are deemed NOT to give that car any unfair advantage MAY be allowed to compete.
33. All official decisions are final.