MOWER MAYHEM

Bourbon Beatdown 2027

Derby Rules

All drivers must be 18 years old, age 14, with a signed permission statement submitted to the superintendent by a parent or guardian. Age verification required, drivers license accepted.

BASIC MOWER BUILDING RULES

1. Only front mounted motors are allowed on mowers. No rear mounted motors ALLOWED.
2. Engine modifications are allowed with no cap on horsepower but must originate and stay true to a standard V-twin engine.
3. No zero turn mowers allowed.
4. Belt driven mowers only.
5. Electric start mower preferred, you must be able to start your mower from your seat. NO LYING ACROSS THE HOOD TO START YOUR MOWER OR WORK ON IT. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
6. If you run a mower seat, it must be SECURED DOWN.
7. No mower decks ALLOWED. Decks must be removed.
8. Only ¼ material thickness no larger than 2X2” box or round, to build your mowers, is allowed.
9. No solid, square, or round material allowed on mowers for front or back bumpers. It must be hollow material. Remember these are mowers, not TANKS.
10. You must have leg protection, and back protectors installed on the mower. They can be attached to rear fenders, but not the bumpers. No rebar or t-post allowed. Must only be attached to the frame in 4 spots (2 per side). In front of rear wheels and behind front wheels. You are allowed 1 bar per side extra, must be angled to brush guard, from foot protector. Feet protection must be welded or bolted (NO SHEET METAL SCREWS ALLOWED to attach leg protection or back protection).
11. Brush guards must be under the hood and behind the grill. Must be attached to the top of bumper shocks. One vertical bar per shock, no taller than the engine. Also allowed 2 bars horizontal, no wider than bumper shocks and must be 4” above top of bumper shocks. No larger than 2x2 and ¼” thickness and cannot be attached to bumper.
12. Bumpers are optional. Bumpers must remain frame height and be no wider than from center of tire to center of the tire. (Front and Rear bumper) (center of tire to center of tire) The rear bumper must clear the driver's seat. The rear bumper cannot obstruct the rear fenders or tires of the mower. The bumper shocks and leg protectors are the

only things allowed to be attached to the frame. NO POINTED, POINTY or JAGGED bumpers are allowed.

13. Can only have 4” of bumper shocks on frame, all 4” can be welded. (Bumper shocks can only be 2”x2” ¼ max)
14. Can have bumper shocks and bumper. Hard-nosing allowed.
15. No frame reinforcement allowed of any kind. The only modifications allowed to frame are the attachments for the installation of bumpers, leg protection and to repair damage to frame.
16. Patches to the frame are to be made with no larger than 3” plates ¼” in thickness. Material can only be welded on two sides and MUST BE PAINTED YELLOW. Can only plate one side of frame (INNER OR OUTER PER RAIL). Damage to the frame must be visible. NO ANGLE IRON PLATING. Must contact the head official through text with pictures to get ok for patch plates.
17. You are allowed a 1/4in thick motor plate which can start at the front of the frame and end ½ behind the factory dash location. No further! IF RUNNING A CRAFTSMAN. Motor plates ARE allowed for 240 base builds. May run from front of frame to front of steering box.
18. Engine bay reinforcement is permitted, however, must be contained under STOCK & UNCUT metal lawnmower hood. (Uncut means widening your hood to fit more material. If abused, you’ll lose it)
19. Spark plug and carburetor protectors are allowed.
20. You may rig a hand/foot throttle control (or both) for your use.
21. Must have flywheel screen or factory hood (HOOD MUST OPEN FOR INSPECTION).
22. Fiberglass hoods may be replaced with other factory mower hoods. Hood must be wired or bolted down before heats.
23. Battery and fuel tank cannot be in front of motor. Battery must be covered. They both must be SECURELY attached.
24. Homemade exhausts are allowed. They must be pointed up or down. They may protrude through the hood if desired.
25. Front and Rear wheels may not be any larger than 23" tall in total. Can alter suspension to change ride height.
26. No dual wheels, wheel covers, wheel weights, tire chains, foam filled or slim.

Beadlocks are permitted.

27. Modification or replacement of the drive pulleys for desired gearing is allowed.
28. Numbers are to be fully visible on each side and back of mowers (no hood signs period).
29. No homemade mowers or dumpsters are allowed, period.

30. Helmets are required. No open toed shoes or shorts are allowed. Gloves optional. If your helmet comes off you're out.
31. No profanity or obscene gestures are to be used on or off your mowers. It will not be tolerated. Remember we all represent the community.
32. No placing feet on the ground or pushing off other mowers. Roll over your done.
33. The only time you are allowed to get off your mower is in an emergency or an order from an official.
34. You will receive one warning for all infractions of the rules except for the 60 sec. rule. The second time, you will be immediately disqualified. You must make at least one hit every 60 seconds.
35. Under red flag conditions, all activity CEASES until the officials wave the green flag to restart the action on the track. If warned more than once, you will be black flagged.
36. ALL OFFICIALS DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
37. The head official has the right to turn away any mower for safety concerns.

For all Questions Contact the head inspector Matt Slade — 217-530-3435 between 4pm-8pm.