

2026 Bumper swap compacts & 2026 powder puff compacts

General Rules/ Car preparations/ Safety

1. Any year car permitted front wheel drive cars only within 110 inch wheelbase
2. Drivers must be 16 years of age or older. Drivers under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian signature and be notarized. Proof of age and ID may be requested and must have documentation on hand if requested. No passengers allowed.
3. Cars must be completely stripped clean and done so prior to the show. No interior or any other flammable materials present. All wagons must remove roof racks and interior decking. All glass must be removed and swept clean. Original full tanks must be removed.
4. **Absolutely no spray foam anywhere.**
5. Cars must have a working seat belt and brakes at all times.
6. Two batteries maximum, these and fuel cell must be moved to the drivers compartment.
7. Drivers must have a DOT helmet, long pants, eye protection, closed toed shoes and we highly recommend a fire suit/jacket or long sleeves
8. The driver is the only one allowed in tech, no one else is allowed. We will give you a piece of paper with everything written down for you to take back with you to show your crew. You must have your paper with you for re-tech. Will have two times through tech.
9. All rules are to the interpretation of the officials. If unsure of a rule call or text to get clarification so you understand what we want. We reserve the right to drill, scope, unbolt anything we feel could potentially be hiding something.
10. **All cars fresh or pre-run must follow these rules and be changed to our rule format. We will not change the rules to fit your car, you must change your car to fit our rules. Each car will be inspected regardless if it has run a prior show of ours.**
11. All added welds must be max ½" width and ¼" height. Repair plates, tilting, bumper plates, shocks brackets, etc. Must also have at least 1" gap between all plates.
12. **Any factory part can be interchanged as long as the car is permitted to run this class. This must be a factory stock bolt on part and that could be purchased from a parts store. May remove metal but cannot add back or weld to make it work, must only bolt in a factory manner. Don't abuse this, or try to read into it somehow.**
13. All rust repair must be pre-approved. This is to restore car back to OEM not to strengthen. No replacing frame sections pre run or fresh.
14. **Drivers please understand that this event is a dangerous high impact motorsport and if you are having any kind of medical problem before the show you need to inform any Chaos In The Valley Promotions employee.**
15. **You will have two times through tech, if on your second attempt you do not meet inspectors standards you will be loaded and no refund will be issued. Our job as inspectors is to make sure it is clear and understandable of what we want done so there shouldn't be any questions or misunderstanding. All Inspection decisions are final and we reserve the right to refuse any car or driver.**
16. **For Tech and approval questions you must text Matthew Kingree 540-335-6439. Include your name and show your inquiry about. Mon-Thur 5-9pm Fri-Sat 10am-9pm**



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Frames

1. Frames must be 100 percent stock absolutely no welding anywhere will be permitted unless otherwise stated
2. No seam welding even where factory missed
 - If found you will cut the center of weld out with a grinder or torch
3. You may notch or dimple cars in one location
4. UNIBODY CARS STILL HAVE FRAME RAILS, FOLLOW THE FRAME BUILDING RULES.
5. **No painting or undercoating of frames**
 - **If found you will be required to remove**
 - **Over spray is considered paint and will be removed also**
 - **No fresh undercoating**
 - **Failure to remove could result in an automatic load**
6. If frame is rusted we must have proof of rust and must be approved by matthew kingree approved times and ways of contact located at end of rules

Shorting of frames

1. May shorten frame to front edge of Core support
2. No shorting of rear of vehicles

Repair/fresh plates/9 wire

1. If car is fresh/pre ran you are allowed **4- 4x4" 1/4"** square plates (2 per rail)
 - THESE FIX IT PLATES MAY BE SQUARE OR PARALLELOGRAM FORM. IF IN PARALLELOGRAM FROM THE PLATE MUST BE 4"TOP TO BOTTOM AND SIDE TO SIDE EXACTLY, AND THE TWO FURTHERMOST POINTS MUST BE EXACTLY 7" APART.
 - Must have a 1 inch gap between welds
 - May not fill gaps between welds or plates
 - 1/2 weld max around plates
 - Welds/plate Must remain 1inches away from bumper shock
 - May have 8 spots of double strand 9 wire
 - 9 wire that is braided or twisted is considered 2 strands it is not one
 - Plates must be external
 - Plates are not allowed to tie subframe to uni body or k frames to uni body
2. **You will not get any extra plates so use wisely**

Bumpers

1. Any factory loaded seam welded automobile bumper
2. **Use bumper rules for front and rear of car**
 - we will be allowing a smith metal works or similar bumpers
 - Home made bumpers not to exceed 8x8 tube may have a point must not be no more than 4in away from front face of bumper and must expand 32 inches across the front
 - Rear bumpers must be a minimum of 5 inches on back surface
 - Replicated bumpers will be allowed
 - **No pointy or slanted bumpers on rear of any car**



Bumper mounting

1. You will be allowed a 4 inch wide by 6 inch long plate to act as your bumper bracket/shock (4"x6"x 3/8") or you may use (2"x2") tube
 - Plate/tube can only be on one side of the frame not all 4
 - Must only be on one sub frame or k frame not both
 - Must be on out side of frame
 - Any thing on inside of frame will be automatic load**
 - May contour or remain straight
 - Must touch front bumper and anything past 6 inches will be removed factory or not
 - If you choose to run a factory shock or bracket anything pass the 6 inches will be removed
 - If using the plate options you must remove factory shock/ bracket
2. Bumper brackets and shocks must be factory to car you are running and bumper shocks must be in the factory location
3. May use a 6"x6" 1/4 plate welded to end of frame to make a flat mounting surface must be welded in between the fame and bumper and remain the 6"x6" no folding over plate on to frame
4. Bumpers may be welded on to the end of the frame no sliding bumper over or inside of end of the frame or subframe rails
5. If unable to weld your bumper on you may wire, chain, and bolt your bumper on and may leave the shock this is for the cars that bumper was not welded on
6. You are allowed two spots of double strand 9 wire from bumper to sheet metal only must follow the following
 - On the front bumper 9 wire may only go around core support may not be wrapped through hood or around front all thread mounts
 - Rear bumper 9 wire may only go from bumper to trunk lid must only be to sheet metal

Body

1. No body modifications must be stock unless otherwise stated
2. No changing of body mounts must remain factory zero modifications
3. Creasing is allowed but limited to front fenders and rear quarters
4. **Sun roofs must be covered**

Doors

1. Drivers door may be welded solid and all other doors may be welded 5 on 5 off method 3x5x1/8
 - **We highly recommend you use an inner or outer door plate on drivers side only this is for drivers protection**
 - No thicker than 1/4 inch and can only go 3 inches of each door seam
2. If not welded may be chained or wired 8 spots per door
 - you may weld a standard 5/8 washer around holes to prevent ripping



trunks/tailgates

1. Rear quarters must remain factory height
2. Trunks must remain factory and above rain channels you may do a simple tuck but can not attach to the floor in any way
3. Trunks can be may be chained or wired,welded must pick one of the three options
 - If wired may have 10 spots you may not exceed over two strands of 9 wire thru each spot a $\frac{5}{8}$ standard store bought washer may be welded around whole to prevent ripping
 - If chained you may do 8 spots $\frac{3}{8}$ links and must remain free floating a $\frac{5}{8}$ standard store bought washer may be welded around whole to prevent ripping
 - If welded you may do 8 spots 3x5x1/4 plate may be used

Hoods

1. Hoods must have a minimum 12x12 hole in it for fires can be bolted back together with 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ bolts with a standard nut and washer
2. hoods must remain open for tech
3. hoods may be chained, wired or bolted one of the three may be used
 - If chained or wired you may do 8 spots of wire or chain you may weld a standard $\frac{5}{8}$ washer around holes to prevent ripping
 - If bolted you may use 6 spots and you may use 2x2 angle 2 inches long in 6 spots with a standard $\frac{1}{2}$ bolt and washer
 - Nothing can be welded, bolted or attached to sub frame,k frame, or unibody and be run through the hood.

Window bars

1. You may have one front and rear window bar
2. Front window bar may run from halo bar to first 6 inches or cowl panel or right to top of dash bar
 - If its square tube nothing bigger than 2x2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pipe
 - 3in wide $\frac{3}{8}$ stock bar
 - Chain
 - Or 9 wire
 - One of the following not all of them
3. Rear window bar can only attach to first 6 inches of roof and first 6 inches trunk lid closest to window
 - If its square tube nothing bigger than 2x2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pipe
 - 3in wide $\frac{3}{8}$ stock bar
 - Chain
 - Or 9 wire
 - One of the following not all of them
 - Rear window bar must be 6 inches away from gas tank protector (fresh or pre ran)
 - No bars may attach rear window bar to gas tank protector
 - No rear window bars on wagons



Cage

1. A 4 point cage and halo bar is highly recommend but is optional
 - Cage size may not exceed 2 x 6 ¼ or 4 inches in diameter
2. Cage can not be in the doors
3. All cage material must be 5 inches off floor no exceptions
4. your dash bar must be 5 in off the firewall and 5 in off the trans tunnel your rear seat bar may not be any farther back then where the rear kick panel meets the floor (where the front of the back seat would be located)
 - Side bars must be 62 inches long and must also remain 5 inches away from fire wall and 5 inches from floor
5. May have a center bar must be 5in off all parts of the floor sheet metal
6. Halo bars are allowed must be straight up and down and connect to rear seat or side bars it may be connected to the roof in two spots
 - Attachment points may be 2x2 ¼ 6 inch long angle with a ½ bolt with a standard washer and nut only

Gas tank protector

1. You will be allowed a 32in wide tank protector
 - Can be no farther back than the speaker deck on sedans and no farther back than the rear interior door seam on wagons
 - It can not attach to any sheet metal
 - You are allowed to build an upper halo around your gas tank protector but can be no higher than rear speaker deck and must be 15 inches away from roof on wagons
 - You may have bars running from tank protector to vertical up rights on roof halo bar
 - **If your tank is under your car you may not have a tank protector**
 - **No bars may attach gas tank protector to rear window bar**

suspension

1. Must remain stock absolutely no aftermarket or modified parts 100% stock
2. Only aftermarket parts your allowed is spring spacers or the strut risers
 - Must be bolt on part and remain on top side of strut this goes for front and rear
3. Cars must have suspension bounce
4. All control arms must be stock and no modifications allowed and must be in factory location of the car you are running
5. **Any aftermarket trailing arms will be removed and replaced with factory ones failure to do so may result in an automatic load**

Steering

1. aftermarket or modified tie rods are allowed
 - Must be stock style ends
 - No heims or bolts allowed
2. Steering column may be changed to an aftermarket
3. Factory car rack and pinions only must be for that make and model running (no hydro)

Tires

1. Any tire and wheel combo permitted



2. Must have started as a factory rim
3. May run bead locks, lip proctors, full centers, valve stem protectors

motor/trans

1. Motor and trans must be factory to make and model no switching makes (ford to ford chevy to chevy Toyota to Toyota)
2. You may run an aftermarket motor mounts on front of engine only 2x2 max size
 - Toyota products may change the front motor mount running to the k frame must bolt back as factory intended no welding allowed
 - Gm products may change the upper two mounts must bolt in to the factory brackets on both motor and core support
 - Honda products may change the front mount also must be done as factory attend
3. No engine cradles distributor protectors trans braces coil pack protectors no protectors in general must all be oem
4. Trans must be factory to car and mounted in factory location
5. Trans coolers are permitted but must be mounted in drivers compartment and must use appropriate lines (hydraulic hoses are highly recommended)
6. You may run aftermarket shifter
7. Headers will be allowed
8. Carb conversions are allowed
9. You will be allowed a carb/header protector may only be attached to engine by bolting absolutely **can not tie in to or brace core support or firewall or any frame unibody engine only**

Full tanks

1. Any metal fuel cells permitted or boat tanks if its a plastic tank it must be in some type of metal structure
2. Must be secured and safe if we deem any part of fuel system is unsafe you will fix issues until it's deemed safe
3. **(we all have families that need us this rule is the most important and will be enforced no matter the outcome)**
4. If tank is in front of rear axle it may be left there but must have a skid plate

Aftermarket parts permitted

1. Headers
2. Shifters
3. Pedal combos
4. Steering columns
5. Fuel cells