

ADAMS COUNTY SPEEDWAY 2026 COMPACT RULES & SPECIFICATIONS

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(New or altered rules will be red and underlined)

The rules are written to create competitive and fair racing. In the interest of competitive and fair racing, they may have to be adjusted from time to time. If the Adams County Speedway race director(s) feel the rules need to be adjusted the affected competitors will be notified with a bulletin before any adjustments or changes are made.

All drivers are required to have a NASCAR license for sanctioned events.

Raceceiver & Transponder are mandatory. Drivers without a transponder or Raceceiver are subject to fine and disqualification.

Transponders are to be mounted 20 inches in front of the rear bumper (right side of car) in a transponder pouch and securely attached with the transponder facing the race track surface.

Section 1: Safety Equipment

- A. Rules apply at all times car is on track. Any safety rule will always take precedence.
- B. Snell-rated SA2015, SA2020, or **SA2025** helmet required.
- C. Roll bar padding required in driver compartment (Fire retardant recommended).
- D. SFI-approved full one or two piece fire suit required. No visible rips or tears in fabric allowed.
- E. Fire retardant gloves, shoes and neck brace (or head and neck restraint) required. No visible rips or tears in fabric allowed.
- F. Driver-side window net required, minimum 16 inch by 20 inch ribbon or mesh style, and must be mounted to roll cage so latch is at top front of window. Maximum four inch tall visor attached to window net.
- G. Each car must be equipped with a minimum of an SFI 16.1 or 16.5 approved safety belt restraint system. 5-point design and minimum 2-inch-wide belts. The restraint system will be eligible for use in competition for 4 years (Recommended 2 years) from the date of manufacture. Safety belt restraint systems should be installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- H. A protective screen is required on the driver's side of the windshield opening. At least 3 vertical braces for support of this screen are required. Minimum screen size is ½ by ½ inch openings and maximum of 2 by 2 inch.
- I. **ALL** drivers and cars are required to pass a safety inspection and receive a sticker for passed inspection before allowed to compete.
- J. It is recommended that all safety equipment must stay on and in place until the car has exited the racing surface.
- K. Car and safety equipment are subject to random inspections throughout the season. Safety inspector(s) or official(s) hold the right to give a 2-week period to fix something or rule it is unsafe to race and must be fixed before any lap is turned. (i.e. partially cut seat belt or improper seat mounting/fitting)**
- L. Approval of a race car by inspector shall mean only that it is approved for participation in a competitive event and shall not be construed in any way to mean that it is guaranteed mechanically sound, safe, or completely legal. ACS and/or the inspector shall not be liable for any mechanical failure nor for any losses, injuries or death resulting from same.**
- M. ACS recommends all competitors to follow manufacturers' recommendations for installation, usage, and replacement of all safety equipment.**

Section 2: Body/Chassis

- A. Any front wheel drive, compact car with three- or four-cylinder engine.
- B. All cars must remain strictly OEM. Must be unaltered OEM-appearing body. No station wagons, convertibles or two-seat sport cars allowed, no Honda CRX.
- C. Maximum wheelbase 107 inches, maximum one inch difference from side to side.
- D. OEM steel unaltered floor pan only. Inner fenders may not be removed. Hood and trunk lid/hatch must be securely fastened. All doors must be securely welded or bolted. All glass, exterior lights, chrome/plastic trim and hood insulation must be removed. Dash may be removed, but can remain.

- E. Maximum seven inch front and rear sun visors allowed, opera window may be closed on two-door car. Skirting allowed, between the tires only, must maintain OEM appearance.
- F. **The only aftermarket nose that will be allowed is the MD3 molded noses. #MD3952040**
- G. Car number must be minimum 4 inches thick and 20 inches tall and clearly visible on both sides and top. Recommended 6 inch tall number on front and back, if possible.

Section 3: Vehicle Identification Number (V.I.N.)

- A. The V.I.N. must remain clearly visible and unaltered in at least two of the OEM locations.
- B. Any car missing the V.I.N. will not be allowed to compete.
- C. It is highly recommended each racer maintain a copy of their vehicle repair manual.

Section 4: Bumpers/Rub Rails

- A. Bumpers must be approved OEM in OEM location, welded, chained or cabled to frame.
- B. Front and rear tow hooks mandatory.
- C. OEM bumper covers should remain.
- D. May have one horizontal bar-maximum 1.75 inch OD -tying front frame horns together ahead of radiator. One additional maximum one inch OD bar may be added for radiator protection; must be behind bumper, within confines of body, no wider than OEM frame horns.
- E. Maximum one inch wide by two inch tall steel or lexan rub rails allowed - bolted flush to body.
- F. No sharp edges allowed on bumpers, rub rails or bolts. No bars past outside edge of body other than rub rails.
- G. **Fabricated tubular front bumpers allowed. Must be covered by plastic nose and bent to fit with rounded ends. Main bumper bar must be 1.25 – 1.5in O.D. round tubing with maximum 0.083 inch wall thickness.**

Section 5: Roll Cage

- A. Six-point, full perimeter roll cage required. Must use minimum 1.5 inch O.D. with 0.095 inch wall thickness tubing. Rear hoop must have "X" bracing configuration.
- B. Rear kickers required. Recommended: front brace bar from main halo to front cowl. Forward brace bar allowed from main cage to front strut tower. Must have 1.25 inch minimum O.D. cross bar in top halo.
- C. Cage must be electric welded and attached using adequate plating (Recommended: minimum 0.250 inch).
- D. No iron, galvanized pipe or fittings, square tubing, brazing or soldering allowed.

Section 6: Door Bars

- A. Minimum three horizontal door bars on driver side and two horizontal door bars on passenger side. Both sides must have vertical bracing from top to bottom door bars.
- B. All tubing must be minimum 1.5 inch O.D. with 0.095 inch wall thickness.
- C. Steel door plates, 18 gauge or 0.049 inch minimum thickness, must be securely welded to outside of door bars on driver side. Plate must cover area from top door bar to frame and from rear down post to five inches in front of seat. Must be visible for inspection.

Section 7: Driver Compartment

- A. Minimum three windshield bars and protective screen mounted in front of driver.
- B. Aluminum high-back racing seat required. Must be securely mounted to roll cage using 0.375 inch bolts.
- C. Driver must be sealed off from track, engine, transmission and fuel cell/tank.
- D. No mirrors.
- E. No gutting allowed except for roll/door bar clearance.
- F. All flammable material, radio and air bags must be removed.
- G. Front and rear firewalls must remain and have no holes.
- H. Interior must remain open.

Section 8: Suspension And Steering

- A. All components and mounts must be unaltered, OEM and match year, make/model of car used. OEM or approved aftermarket right rear safety hub allowed.
- B. Brace bar allowed between strut towers in front and rear. No other bracing allowed on front end.
- C. No weight jacks, modifications, racing components, aftermarket or homemade traction devices allowed.
- D. Rear wheels must track straight ahead and be in alignment with front wheels. No more than 2 degrees camber on any wheel.
- E. No center steering. Quick release steering wheel is allowed, must maintain OEM column.
- F. No aftermarket remote reservoir power steering.

Section 9: Springs/Shocks/Struts

- A. All shocks and struts must remain OEM, in OEM location. No strut boots or covers.
- B. OEM springs may be modified. No bump stops allowed.
- C. **OEM springs may be cut.**
- D. Maximum one 360 degree by 2" tall spring rubber per wheel.

Section 10: Tires And Wheels

- A. OEM DOT 13, 14, 15 or 16 inch diameter unaltered passenger tires only. Minimum 60 series, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T,

and H speed rated tires only.

- B. **No asymmetrical or directional tires.**
- C. No racing, mud or snow tires.
- D. No re-caps, softening, conditioning, grinding, sanding, siping or grooving allowed.
- E. Must be unaltered OEM steel or aluminum or Aero 44 or Aero 45 series wheels only, with standard bead bump and maximum seven inch width. If running a factory steel wheel it is highly recommended to reinforce the wheel. 5" or 5.5" offset wheels only.
- F. Front tires and wheels must be the same series, size and offset (0.50 inch tolerance); rear tires and wheels must be the same series, size and offset; do not have to match front to rear.
- G. Tires must be inside of body.
- H. No wheel spacers or bleeder valves.
- I. Must use one inch O.D. steel lug nuts on Aero 44 series wheels.

Section 11: Brakes

- A. Must be steel, unaltered, OEM operative, four wheel disc or drum brakes, and match year, make and model of car used.
- B. OEM master cylinder only, in OEM location.
- C. No brake shut off or bias adjuster.
- D. Steel brake lines only.

Section 12: Exhaust

- A. Exhaust manifold must be unaltered, OEM for year, make and model of car used.
- B. Smog pump, catalytic converter and air conditioning compressor may be removed.
- C. All engines must use single maximum two inch O.D. exhaust pipe. Exhaust must extend past firewall and turn toward ground.
- D. No exhaust in driver compartment.
- E. Mufflers not required, but recommended.

Section 13: Weight

- A. No ballast (extra weight) of any kind allowed.
- B. Any item deemed as ballast will be required to be removed.

Section 14: Battery/Starter

- A. One 12 volt battery only. Sealed batteries are recommended and NO lithium batteries.
- B. Must be securely mounted with positive terminal covered.
- C. Battery must be in Marine type case if mounted in driver compartment.
- D. OEM starter only, must be in OEM location.
- E. Car must leave initial staging area on demand, unaided, or go to rear of that race.

Section 15: Gauges/Electronics

- A. No unapproved cameras, transmitting, listening devices (exception is a one-way Raceiever) or cell phones.
- B. 12 volt ignition system only.
- C. No aftermarket ignition boxes.
- D. No performance chips.
- E. No aftermarket harnesses. Unused OEM wiring may be trimmed back.
- F. All ignition components must be unaltered, OEM and match year, make and model of car used.
- G. Aftermarket analog tach, oil pressure and water temp gauges only.
- H. Vehicle computer (ECU) may be tuned, should be mounted in accessible location for inspection.

Section 16: Fuel System

- A. Must have complete, unaltered, OEM fuel system for year, make and model of car used. Gasoline only, **maximum E15**. No E85.
- B. No performance additives.
- C. Gas tank ahead of rear axle allowed but must install shield under it. Gas tank behind rear axle must be replaced with maximum eight gallon racing fuel cell and relocated to trunk area. Must mount with minimum one inch square tubing or two solid steel straps around entire cell, two inches wide and 0.125 inch thick.
- D. Metal firewall or cell cover must be between driver and cell.
- E. Fuel cell vent, including cap vent, must have check valve. If racing fuel cell does not have aircraft style positive seal filler neck/cap system - a flapper, spring or ball type filler rollover valve is required.
- F. External electric fuel pump wired to the ignition switch allowed with aftermarket fuel cell.
- G. No cool cans.
- H. Fuel lines through driver compartment must be steel.
- I. Aftermarket fresh air pipe and air filter allowed, but no ram air.

- J. Master kill/fuel pump switch required on left side of dash within easy reach of the driver and must be clearly marked 'OFF' and 'ON'.

Section 17: Transmission

- A. Must use OEM, unaltered transmission that came in year, make and model of car used.
- B. All forward and reverse gears must be operational.
- C. Flywheel, flexplate, clutch assembly and torque converter must be unaltered, OEM for year, make and model of car used.
- D. No mini clutches or couplers.
- E. Must have one inch inspection hole in bell housing (accessible from top) to inspect clutch and flywheel.
- F. No transmission coolers in driver compartment.
- G. No torque dividing final drive.
- H. No locked differentials or CVT transmissions.

Section 18: Engine Compartment

- A. Engine and radiator must be OEM, in OEM location for year, make and model of car used.
- B. May use solid engine mounts or safety chains.
- C. No accumulators/accusumps.
- D. Belt driven accessories may be removed, crank balancer must remain.

Section 19: Engine

- A. 3 or 4 cylinder in-line engines only. Recommended: double overhead cam.
- B. All engine components must be unaltered OEM for year, make and model of car used, must match V.I.N.
- C. Must use OEM crank, rods, valve sizes, stroke, etc.
- D. No aftermarket racing heads.
- E. No high performance or sport car engines of any kind.
- F. No turbo charged, super charged, rotary engines, or engines utilizing variable cam-timing.
- G. No unapproved alterations allowed to any engine; disqualification and **\$250 fine** if illegal.

Section 20: Car Claim

- A. \$1,500 cash claim or \$500 and exchange on complete car, claimed driver has choice. Fuel cell and electric fuel pump (if equipped) are included.
- B. Claim does not include: Racing seat, safety belts, transponder or fire extinguisher (if equipped).
- C. Refusal of claim will result in a \$500 fine and loss of points and purse for that night's events.
- D. Fines must be paid to ACS officials prior to being allowed to compete in any class at ACS.