

CANNON VALLEY FAIR
2010 Combine Derby Rules and Regulations
Event Date: Thursday, July 1, 2010

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Registration: All combines and drivers must be registered by June 23, 2010. The entry fee of \$100.00 is for the combine, driver and 3 pit crew members. This is refunded when you arrive for the derby. **There will be a mandatory pit meeting for all participants at 6 pm followed by a combine parade at 6:30 pm. The derby will begin at 7 pm.**

Derby: The derby will consist of heats based on the number of entrants and a final championship heat.

Competition: Each heat will be 15-20 minutes long. In some cases, the judges may announce a tie between two or more combines. Judges will have sole determination on which combine is eligible for the championship.

Drivers: A drivers' meeting 1 hour prior to the event will be held at the facility before the activities begin. At this time, machines are inspected by the judges and heat numbers are drawn.

Pit Area/Pit Crew: Arm/wrist bands will be required by anyone in the pit area. No one under the age of 16 will be admitted to the pit area. Additional pit passes are available for \$20 each and will be sold the day of the event at the pit entry gate. Everyone entering the pit area must have a pit pass and sign a waiver.

Combine Reinforcement: Reinforcing iron is limited to 15 pieces, any length, located anywhere on the combine except in restricted areas. Iron replacement can be any iron – angle, channel or flat – and is limited to a maximum gauge of 3”x 2”x ¼ “. Iron spears or external iron used for aggressive action is prohibited. NO extra welding on the cutter bar edge. NO welding rock guards and header bottoms. NO concrete in the platform auger. NO well casing can be used as a stiffener. RUB BARS may be placed around the radiator or variable speed drives, but not the rear axel parts. If a combine has suffered a broken piece (i.e. a tie-rod or axle) it can be repaired with iron to support the break. This added iron does not fall into the 15 piece limit as long as the reinforcement is the same width as the broken piece. Only two braces are allowed - one on each side of the header inside the front wheel. This does not include bracing to keep headers at the required 16-18 inch height. Any number of iron pieces can be used for hydraulic stops for safety or any driver protection supports. STRAW WALKER HOUSING will be allowed some reinforcement for strength only. Maximum header width is 18”. The unload auger must be removed. Skid plate pieces don't count. No cutting edges.

These items must be removed: All glass and lights, grain platform or corn heads, all reels, cutting edge parts and snouts. A protective cage must be built to protect the driver – several bars may be placed in front and to the side of the driver. All batteries must be secured in a box for protection from debris. Seat belts are required. Fuel tanks must be secured in grain tank with caps that do not allow spillage of fuel should the combine tip over. Vent can be used for “breather”. Water only in radiators.

All combines must be a 1982 or earlier model. All combines must be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours of the event.

Inspection/Judging: Judges will inspect the combines before the derby begins and they are the final decision makers for any infractions during the derby. Pushing or pulling another combine outside of the barrier limits and high speed ramming are examples that may warrant disqualification. Two or more combines locked together must attempt to separate within a three minute time limit or risk disqualification. A warning will precede disqualification. IF YOU LOSE YOUR HEADER, you are disqualified from the heat. The feeder spout is not a part of the header.

Calcium Chloride: Calcium chloride must be removed from the machine's tires as it is considered an environmental hazard.

Repairs: Repairs to machines may commence at any time after the machine has been removed from the arena between heats. If a machine suffers engine failure not caused by competition, it may return, once repaired, to compete in a later heat.

Conduct: Anyone who is acting in a way deemed inappropriate by an event official or fair board member will be asked to leave. Drivers are responsible for their pit crews.

Alcohol: There will be NO alcoholic beverages consumed in the pit area.

**Prizes: Money awarded to championship winners will be - 1st place \$1,500; 2nd place \$1000; 3rd place \$700; 4th place \$400
Heat prize money will be: 1st place \$125; 2nd place \$100; 3rd place \$75; Best Hit of the Night \$100
Consolation Prize Money To Be Determined**