

## 2026 Christensen Promotions

# Mighty Mini (van/suv) Stock Weld

### All Classes General Rules

***NO GREY AREA BUILDING!!!***

***DUE TO DRIVERS ABUSING TIME TO ARRIVE TO THE SHOW. WE WILL BE CLOSING TECH AN HOUR BEFORE EACH SHOW. WHITE – 2PM, TYLER – 2 PM, AND MARSHALL – 6 PM. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE FULLY TECHED BY THAT TIME, IF NOT DRIVER WILL BE CHARGED \$200.00 OR PUT IT BACK ON THE TRAILER. DOESN'T MATTER IF THIS IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> TIME GETTING TECHED.***

- All drivers must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license. Those under 18 must have a legal guardian's signature.
- No drugs or alcohol allowed in the pits
- All drivers must wear seat belts, full face helmet and eye protection
- No riders on cars or hot rodding in the pits at anytime
- Driver is responsible for all members of pit crew. Any rules found violated will result in disqualification of driver, crew and car. Forfeiture of any winnings, entry fees and/or trophies will be forced. - Any mechanical work must be done in pit area only
- No displaying foul/profane language or decoration on vehicle

-

Must remove all glass, plastic, mirrors, trailer hitches, chrome, wheel weights, door handles, stock gas tanks and speakers in the rear speaker deck etc.

- Must have a minimum of 2 working brakes
- Must have at least a 15"x15" hole in hood in case of fire
- This will be open hood inspection so have your chains/ wire/ bolts ready to take off when you get to inspection.
- All gas tanks/batteries must be secured and covered inside the vehicle. Despite other derby's letting you run stock gas tank if it is located in front of the axle. That WILL NOT be allowed at this derby.
- *IF ITS NOT IN RULES DO NOT ASSUME YOU CAN DO IT!*

### **CLASS GENERAL RULES**

- Any mini van, compact truck (¼ ton or less), or SUV (¼ ton or less)
  - NO 04 and newer Durango's
  - NO handicap accessible vans
  - NO all wheel drive vehicles. If you have a 4 wheel drive/all wheel drive vehicle you must remove 1 driveshaft
- 4, 6, or 8 cylinder. MAY V8 SWAP ANY VEHICLE.

### **BUILD GUIDLINES**

***NO GREY AREA BUILDING!!!***

## **Body:**

- May weld window net on driver's door (don't get carried away)
- Driver's door may be welded solid using 3"x1/8" steel strap. If you decide to run an outer driver's door safety bar it must be welded no more than 6" forward/rear of the door seams. All other doors may be welded 5 on 5 off, or if you choose wire or chain, can be no more than 2 spots per vertical seam.
- Must have 2 windshield strap/chain/#9 wires. 3"x3/8" strap maximum if using steel. 6" max welded to roof and 6" firewall
- May cut fenders for tire clearance. May have 3- 3/8 bolts/washers holding them together.
- Batteries must be in the passenger floor area secured in a METAL box with metal straps to hold down. Limited to 2 batteries max. No milk crates or ratchet straps will be tolerated. No excuses. Must have a rubber cover over the batteries.
- No self tapping screws!!
- Gas tanks to be no bigger than 15 gallon max, Must be STEEL, STAINLESS STEEL, or ALUMINUM and well built. NO plastic boat tanks, NO ratchet straps to hold to cage, NO EXCUSES. Tank must be mounted in back seat floor area centered in the car, either mounted to the floor securely or mounted to cage. If mounted to cage, read the cage section in these rules for more specifications.
- May run aftermarket pedals, shifter, pinion brake, steering columns, trans cooler and slider drive shafts. No pinion brake protectors.

-

-You may fasten hood down in 6 spots using 3/8 chain or 4 loops of #9 wire. If you choose to leave the stock hood mounts in, they will count as 2 of your 6 mounts.

You may switch out the core support mounts and replace them with 3/4 inch all thread but it cannot be welded in any way. These will count as 2 of your 6 hood tie downs as well. All other body mounts must remain factory.

-Radiator guards are allowed, no thicker than 1/8", 31" tall by 19" wide max. welded to core support sheet metal only 8" of weld max, or a total of 8 bolts, 3/8" max (choose one or the other, not both. Nothing can be attached to the frame.

-May have extra #9 wire in 6 spots total in vehicles, must be in window openings from roof to the frame, or sheet metal to sheet metal, 3 strands max per spot. Or if you prefer cable it may be only 3/8" max, 1 strand with one standard 3/8 turnbuckle per location.

-Trucks must have a full box. Box sides may be folded over with no welding. Tailgates must be in upright position or removed. No exposed frame rails whatsoever. Official's decision is final if your vehicle becomes a safety hazard on the track. No sedagoning. If running preran compact suv or van and the roof comes down to the point of being a sedagon you must pull the roof back up.

**Cage:**

-May have a 4 point cage with halo. 6x6 max material. Must be welded to body sheet metal, Not frame or unibody! 1 down bar per side in the center of the front doors from the cage to the floor. Halo may also be welded to the back seat bar and run down to the floor sheet metal.

*NONE OF THE CAGE CAN ATTATCH TO FRAME IN ANY WAY*

-Gas tank protectors allowed in the middle of the back seat area with a max measurement of 24x24 (outside/outside). If your tank protector attaches to the rear seat bar it must be at least 4" away from all sheet metal.

### ***Engine/Transmission:***

- Basic lower engine cradles may be used. Cradle must end right behind factory engine mount location on the motor, nothing running back past that toward the transmission.
- May use aftermarket motor mounts but must have rubber bushing so it can move. No solid mounting cradles/motors/ transmissions to the frame/cage/body in any way

-If you have to build a bracket to mount the motor mount to, nothing can go from frame rail to frame rail, and must be 2 separate mounts. Mounts must be on the inside of the frame rail (facing engine), no bigger than a 4"x 6" mount may be added (4" flat plate, 6" long, or 4"x 4" angle iron 6" inches long), with 2 gussets (1 in front and 1 in back) to support it within that 6 inch location, and must be open on bottom.

-Transmission crossmember must remain stock, OR you may use 2"x2" square tubing max for a transmission crossmember. Choose one or the other

-If using a 2x2 tubing crossmember, you may attach it to the frame with 2"x2"x1/4" angle iron max on the side of the frame rails, no longer than 6" long max.

### ***Suspension:***

-Factory rearends only specific to vehicle, may weld gears to make them posi, and may run pinion brake, NO BRACING.

-

-May run v tread, skid tires. Double stuffed, foam filled is fine. Any rim of choice. Full and small centers are allowed.

-Front suspension can be welded with 1- 2"x4"x1/4" flat steel on the upper a- arm only OR a piece of 2"x2" square tubing from the bottom of the frame to the top side of the lower a arm or axle to make your front suspension solid, choose one or the other NOT BOTH.

If running a leaf spring vehicle, you will be allowed 2 factory/aftermarket leaf spring clamps per side or 2 chains around rearend to the frame, not body. Choose one not both.

-Non leaf spring vehicles will be allowed 1 loop of 3/8" chain around rear end and around frame, not the body. No swapping suspension.

***Frame:***

-May shorten frame to front of original core support mount but cannot reweld any factory supports that go frame rail to frame rail. (ex) trailblazers/envoys have a tube that runs frame rail to frame rail, that tube must remain in factory position if you shorten the frame and shorten it past that tube you cannot reweld that tube back in.

-Any factory bumper may be used. May stuff and seam weld them. Chrysler v bumpers are fine! If you don't have a stock bumper and choose to build a bumper it may be 4"x4" max with a 4" point.

-Bumper brackets may be 4"x6"x1/4" piece of flat steel. Welded on the outside of the frame. One side of the frame only, you choose. No metal inside of the frame whatsoever.

-Front bumper height no higher than 25" to the top of the bumper and rear bumper no lower than 20" to the top.

***Pre-Ran Plate Rules:***

-You are allowed 8 total plates on pre ran vehicles. Vehicle MUST BE BENT and bend MUST BE PROVEN. Plate size is 4"x 6"x 1/4" max. 4 per frame rail total. Must have 1" gap between them/ no stacking.

**Stick to the rules and put on a show!**

**Any questions call:**

**Aaron Christensen 507-476-2285**

**Jason Good 507-401-7346**

**Good luck to everyone!**

**2026 Derby Dates**

**White, SD- Sunday, July 19th @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Tyler, MN- Sunday, August 2nd @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Marshall, MN- Saturday, August 15th @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Pits/Inspection will open 5hrs prior to each show PLEASE be early so we can tech & start the show on time!!**