

**Grundy County Fair**  
**Combine Demolition Derby Rules**  
**July 22, 2011 – 7:00 PM**

1. Entries received prior to July 8, 2011 will be awarded show money of \$300 when their combine is removed from the Fairgrounds. Payment for prize money and show money will be issued on July 23, 2011 once the combine is on the trailer and ready to be removed prior to 1:00 PM. If any combine entered in the derby has not been removed from the Fairgrounds by 1:00 PM on July 23, 2011, the owner hereby grants the Grundy County Fairboard all rights and privileges to remove the combine to a disposal area. If the Fairboard removes the combine, the owner also hereby relinquishes ownership of the combine to the Fairboard.
2. Combines **must** be removed from the Fairgrounds by 1:00 PM on July 23, 2011 as per Rule # 1 above. The Fairboard will have equipment available for assisting in loading combines after the Demolition Derby and again on Saturday morning.
3. Competition may be limited to the first 20 entries.
4. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and able to show proof of age to compete. Exception: A 16 or 17 year old may drive in the small combine class with a parent or guardian's signature on the permission sheet.
5. All drivers and pit crew members must sign the liability waiver agreement and report to the driver's meeting to be held in the pits at 6:00 PM.
6. All combine entries will be subject to a safety and rules inspection by the Judges prior to the event at the **designated** inspection area. Any changes requested by the Judges must be completed prior to the start of the event and be approved by the Judges. All combine entries will also be subject to a rules inspection by the Judges after the event and prior to removal from the Fairgrounds.
7. All Owners and Drivers will sign a copy of the rules and send it in with their entry form and \$50 entry fee payable to the Grundy County Fair Association. The \$50 entry fee will be refunded to the driver with the payment of prize money and show money subject to the combine actually competing in the event.
8. The driver and one helper will be free of admission charge.
9. All decisions of the Judges are final. Judges reserve the right to "Juggle" the classes as necessary to be as fair as possible. Judges will utilize stock weights of combines as much as possible to establish the classes.
10. No beer or other alcoholic beverage is to be consumed by drivers or pitmen until the entire event is over.

**Inspection Rules**

1. Judges will have the authority and approval of the owner and operator to cut inspection holes by torch or other means to inspect any/all parts of the combine during any inspection of the competing combines.
2. All combines must have cabs and only two wheel drive units will be allowed.
3. All combines must use either a grain table (platform) or a corn head with the heads fixed at 18" from the ground. Loss of any platform will result in disqualification from the competition.
4. Combine grain tables must have the reel, guards, sickles, and any loose sheet metal removed. All Combine corn heads must have the row units and strengthening tubes removed. Combine ladders, unloading augers, and glass must also be removed. Separator must be inoperative. The driver's door must be chained or welded shut. Safety bars or a shield must be added to the front of the cab area for driver protection.

5. Combine heads from prior events may be reinforced to original strength or less. Excessive reinforcement will be grounds for disqualification. Competitors and owners are encouraged to contact the Head Judge prior to the event concerning questions on reinforcement and safety shielding.
6. All exterior fans must be shielded.
7. Fuel tank must be mounted inside the grain tank.
8. Batteries must be mounted on top of the combine at least 6 feet away from the operator and covered.
9. Tires must be filled with air only. No fluid or foam. No duals allowed. Two wheel drive machines only. No solid tires.
10. All combines are to be as originally manufactured. No modifications to add weight to the combine are acceptable. No reinforced parts or shields will be allowed, except as outlined in Inspection Rules # 4 & # 5.
11. A colored stick must be mounted in the vicinity of the driver. The stick must be broken off when driver is disqualified or the machine is immobilized or unable to continue.
12. Combines may be decorated, painted, or offer advertising. No profanity or obscene materials will be allowed.
13. All combines will be subject to a post event inspection by the Judges before the combines are removed from the Fairgrounds. Removal of a combine prior to post event inspection or failure to pass the post event inspection will be grounds for loss of all prize money and show money. In addition, the owner and operator of any combine failing post event inspection may be disqualified from participating in any future Combine Derby events at the Grundy County Fair based on the Judge's recommendation.

### **Competition Rules**

1. No direct hits to the driver area will be allowed.
2. Drivers must wear seat belt, helmet, sleeved shirt, pants, and close-toed shoes through each entire heat or until an official approves their exit of the combine. Drivers removing their seat belt or helmet prior to the end of the heat will forfeit the show money for the competition.
3. Any driver leaving their seat during any heat is disqualified.
4. Drivers are required to make contact with another non-disqualified combine within 3 minutes, once the Judges deem the combine to be on-time.
5. Drivers **must** stop their machine if contact causes another combine to lift the tires off the ground. This rule is designed to eliminate any roll-overs.
6. Drivers **must** stop their machines when they see they are pushing another competitor into or onto the cement barriers.
7. All drivers will bring their combines to an immediate stop upon signal from the Judges in case of fire, injury, any type of emergency, or the end of the heat. Any driver not complying with this rule will be disqualified.
8. Any driver leaving any event/heat prior to their combine being knocked out through competition will forfeit all prize money and show money. (Drivers leaving to save an engine based on punctured radiator or other critical issue will be acceptable) Judges decisions will be final.

## Complaint Rules

1. Any Driver or Owner that suspects another competitor of cheating will be allowed to file a Complaint with the Judges within 1 hour of the finish of the event along with a \$100 Complaint Fee per each complaint filed. NO complaints will be heard by the Judges without receipt of the \$100 fee. If the Complaint is found to be accurate based on the Judge's ruling and the competitor is found to be cheating, the \$100 will be returned to Driver/Owner filing the complaint. If the Complaint is found to be unfounded based on Judge's ruling, the \$100 Complaint Fee will be retained by the Grundy County Fair Association. All competitors found cheating are subject to the penalties outlined in Inspection Rules #13.

Prize Money will be awarded as follows:

- Qualifying Events - \$200 for each qualifier (Top 3 in each heat)
- Small Combine Championship (\$300 - 1<sup>st</sup>, \$200 - 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$150 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$100 - 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Large Combine Championship (\$300 - 1<sup>st</sup>, \$200 - 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$150 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$100 - 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Showmanship Awards (Prettiest, Tough Luck Award - \$100 each)

THE GRUNDY COUNTY FAIR COMBINE DEMOLITION DERBY RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE EVENT AND TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULATION OF THE COMBINE DEMOLITION DERBY.

NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM ANY GRUNDY COUNTY FAIR PUBLICATION NOR SHALL RESULT FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS AND SHALL NOT GUARANTEE AGAINST EXPOSURE TO HARM, INJURY, OR DEATH TO ANY COMPETITOR, PIT PARTICIPANT OR SPECTATOR.

THE RACE DIRECTORS SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO PERMIT REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE DEVIATION FROM ANY OF THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN OR IMPOSE ANY FURTHER RESTRICTION THAT IN THEIR OPINION DO NOT ALTER THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE REQUIREMENTS. NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. ANY INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES IS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICIALS. THE OFFICIALS DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

OFFICIALS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

For more information contact Darwin Cannegieter, 319-415-5062

By signing below, the owner and driver acknowledge they have read the aforementioned rules and agree to abide with the rules and regulations listed out in this document.

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_