

HOT ROD POWER FEST 2026 – Autocross Rules

1. Participant Eligibility & Registration

- All participants are required to complete and sign the Release and Waiver of Liability.
- All entrants/drivers must possess a current, valid, government-issued driver's license and be at least 16 years of age.
- Drivers under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign a waiver during registration.
- Participants may register only one (1) vehicle per event.
- Only credentialed drivers with the correct wristband may drive the vehicle.

2. Vehicle Requirements

- All vehicles must be street legal and operate on pump gasoline.
- Nitrous oxide, alcohol fuels, and nitromethane are strictly prohibited.
- Valid vehicle registration and proof of insurance are required.
- Participating vehicles must pass basic safety inspection which will include but may not be limited to the following:
 - Functional seatbelts.
 - Secured battery.
 - All lug nuts in place and tight.
 - Hubcaps/clip-on center caps removed.
 - All loose items must be removed from vehicle.
 - Floor mats removed.
 - Vehicle must be free of any fluid leaks.

3. Tire Regulations

- All participant classes must use commercially available, DOT-approved, non-competition, treaded street tires.
- Minimum treadwear rating is 200 or higher, with a minimum tread depth of 2/32" at the start of the event.
- Competition radials, R-compound tires, drag radials, shaved, grooved, or chemically treated tires are prohibited.
- Officials reserve the right to disqualify any tire deemed unsafe or non-compliant.

4. Cone Penalties

- A two (2) second penalty will be assessed for knocking over or displacing a cone.
- No penalty will be assessed if a cone remains upright and touching its outline.
- Pointer or laid-down cones are considered part of the course and incur penalties if struck.

5. DNF Penalties

- A DNF penalty will be issued for off-course excursions or failure to complete the course under the vehicle's own power.

- Contact with stop pylons or cones beyond the finish line will result in a DNF recorded as 99.999 seconds.

6. Unsafe Driving

- Any unsafe driving, spins, or leaving the course with two (2) or more wheels off will result in a black flag.
- The affected run will receive a DNF penalty.
- Multiple black flags may result in immediate dismissal from the event.
- Unsafe behavior at any time may result in immediate disqualification.

7. Scoring & Tiebreakers

- A participant's official score will be their fastest completed lap of the day.
- The lowest lap time in each class determines the class winner of the day.
- Ties will be broken by the next fastest lap times until resolved.
- The event will be timed to 0.00.000

8. Safety Equipment

- Seatbelts or safety harnesses must be properly installed and always worn while on course.
- While not required, Power Fest recommends wearing full safety gear anytime you're driving a vehicle in a high-performance environment. In addition to the required helmet this would include a head and neck restraint, fire suit and fire-resistant shoes and gloves.

9. Driver Attire

- Closed toed shoes required. Open-toe shoes, sandals, or flip-flops are prohibited while driving.
- Long sleeve and long pants made of cotton are not required but highly recommended.

10. Helmet Requirements

- Helmets are mandatory for all drivers.
- Helmets must meet Snell SA2020 or SA2025 standards.
- DOT-only or Snell M-rated helmets are not acceptable.

11. Vehicle Classification

- All participating vehicles will be placed in one of the three classes:
 - **Modern** – 1990 and newer.
 - **Vintage** – 1989 and older.
 - **Truck/SUV** – All Trucks and SUVs. No dual rear wheels. Stock ride height or lower. Rigid bed covers must be secured or removed.

12. Event Conduct & Enforcement

- PowerFest staff may deny access or remove any individual for unsafe, illegal, or detrimental behavior.
- All rulings related to eligibility, safety, or competition are final.

- Burnouts, excessive speed, or reckless behavior anywhere on facility property are prohibited.
- All interpretations and penalties are at the sole discretion of the Competition Director and are final.