



DEMOLITION DERBY COMPETITOR TOOLBOX TALK

Revised Competitor Briefing (effective 1 January 2026)

AgShows NSW – Mandatory Safety Briefing for Drivers & Pit Crew

INTRODUCTION

Good afternoon. I am Brett Rogers, the Chief Steward/Scrutineer for today's Derby. This briefing is **mandatory**. It summarises the rules, safety requirements, and ring procedures. Failure to comply means you **cannot compete**.

1. Event Risks

Demolition Derbies are **high-risk**. Serious injury can occur.

If you have concerns about your vehicle, gear, arena conditions, or another driver, tell an official **before** the event starts. If it cannot be made safe, you must withdraw.

2. Mandatory Rules & Requirements

This event is run under:

- AgShows NSW Competitor Rules (2026)
- Ring Control Guidelines
- Code of Conduct
- Waiver & Conditions of Entry
- Drug & Alcohol Policy: **0.00 BAC** and negative drug test if required

If you cannot meet these standards, you cannot compete.

3. Driver Safety Gear

You **must** wear:

- Full-face helmet + visor/goggles
- Neck brace / SFI foam collar
- Cotton drill long-sleeve overalls (no nylon)
- Leather gloves & enclosed footwear (no thongs, sneakers)
Minimum age: **17 years**, P-plate licence, guardian waiver if under 18.

4. Vehicle Compliance

Your vehicle must pass full scrutineering, including:

- Required driver safety bars and driver-door bracing
- Interior stripped of glass, plastics, linings and loose objects
- Approved fuel tank + secure mounting
- Kill switch clearly marked
- Battery secured + covered
- Padding on all barwork

Tyres: **standard road tyres only**.

Vehicle eligibility: **no 4WDs, no full-chassis vehicles, no EV/hybrid**, V8 only with insurer approval.

Non-compliant vehicles will be excluded.

5. Surrender Flag & In-Ring Conduct

- All cars must start with the **white surrender flag raised**.
- If out or immobile: **snap the flag off** and stay in the vehicle.

- Do *not* exit unless instructed or in immediate danger.
- **No striking** surrendered, inactive, or boundary-out vehicles.
- **No driver-door hits** — automatic disqualification.

6. Control Car, Lights & Signals

Obey all officials immediately:

- **Green light** – continue
- **Red flashing lights** – stop immediately
- **Spotlight** – warning or disqualification

7. Movement, Boundaries & Elimination

- Use **reverse gear only**, except to dislodge your vehicle (max 2 car lengths).
- If you leave the boundary, re-enter **slowly** and near your exit point.
- Vehicles inactive for **45 seconds** (or local rule) are out.
The **Judge's decision is final**.

8. Emergencies

For fire, rollover or medical incidents:

- Control Car will enter with red lights
- All vehicles must **stop immediately**
- Do not leave your vehicle unless directed
Rolled vehicles are not to be hit under any circumstances.

9. Final Check

If you are unsure about:

- your vehicle
- your gear
- safety concerns
- ring conditions

...raise it **now**.

Closing

Follow instructions, stay alert, and respect the rules so we can run a **safe, compliant and enjoyable** event.

Any questions?

Thank you, and stay safe.