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2025 Gila County Fair Tuff Truck / Side by Side Challenge

Registration fee is $25 per vehicle. This will admit the vehicle along with ONE driver. This does not include the cost of fair Entry. All others will be required to purchase pit passes. Pit passes may be purchased at pit gate and will be $15 per person. Please bring Cash.

There will be a 2wd class and a 4wd class for the Tuff Truck Competition. The class you are in will be determined by how the vehicle was built at the factory.

There will be two Side by Side classes, OEM and Modified.

There will be payouts in each class. Payouts are subject to change depending on the number of entries for each class and are as follows:

First place: $500

Second place: $300

Third place: $200

Winners will be determined by lowest total time for completion, or furthest distance if no competitors complete the course.

THE GILA COUNTY FAIR BOARD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED TO VEHICLES DURING COMPETITION OR REMOVAL FROM THE TRACK OR GROUNDS.

THE GILA COUNTY FAIR BOARD AND GILA COUNTY GOVERNMENT ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES THAT MIGHT OCCUR DURING THIS TUFF TRUCK EVENT.

Liability release signature: I understand the above terms and agree to still participate in the Tuff Truck Competition.

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Gila County Fair Tuff Truck / Side by Side Challenge Rules:

SEATBELT WITH LAP AND SHOULDER HARNESS AND A D.O.T. APPROVED HELMET ARE REQUIRED DURING COMPETITION. SFI RATED NECK BRACES/HELMET SUPPORTS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. LONG SLEEVES AND LONG PANTS REQUIRED. CLOSED TOE SHOES REQUIRED.

REGISTRATION IS FOR THE VEHICLE AND DRIVER ONLY. Additional pit passes may be purchased at the pit gate for $15.00. Anyone under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

INSPECTION: Vehicles will be inspected by race officials upon arrival. Any infractions of the rules must be fixed before the machine will be cleared for competition. Official’s decisions are final.

DRIVERS AND MANDATORY PIT MEETING: All drivers must be at least 16 years of age and be able to show proof. Drivers MUST attend the drivers meeting. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.

RACE FORMAT

1) Each vehicle will race 2 times (if able). The fastest COMBINED time for both heats wins.

Example:

1st heat- 40 seconds

2nd heat- 1 min 30 seconds

Total combined time- 2 minutes 10 seconds

2) Failing to finish race, 5 minute penalty

3) Failing to start the race, 10 minute penalty (On line but car stalls)

4) Failing to line up in time, disqualification (must be in line before the car ahead of you is done)

5) Drivers are responsible for lining up on time. (1 announcers call for heat)

6) Start by announcers count down, Flagman, and/or Light

7) Time stops when front bumper crosses finish line

8) Must follow course to get a time

9) Must stop at end of course before leaving track to ensure safety for all. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

10) All vehicles must drive forward through the track.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

1) 2 wheel drive or 4 wheel drive class will be determined by how the vehicle came from factory. This includes cars, trucks, and suvs. If they have the same drive configuration they will run in the same class.

Example: If the vehicle came from the factory with 4wd but it does not work, it will run in the 4wd class, NOT the 2wd class.

2) Seat belts must be worn at all times

3) Helmet must be worn at all times.

4) Vehicle must have windshield. It is recommended to have side windows or screens in place to deflect debris. If windshield is missing, screen may be installed.

5) All loose objects must be removed from vehicle Example: Tires, cans, wood, etc. (Instant Disqualification)

6) Short pants and open toed shoes are NOT permitted.

7) Air bags MUST be unhooked/ disabled

8) Only safety modifications are allowed.

Examples include: Roll bars

Five point harness

Redirecting coolant overflow to ground

9) Minor performance enhancements are allowed Examples include:

Performance exhaust

Performance intakes

Lift Kit

Wheels/Tires

10) SFI rated neck rolls/ helmet supports are highly recommended

CONDUCT: Anyone who is acting in a way considered to be inappropriate by an official will be asked to leave the fairgrounds. Drivers are responsible for their pit crews.

ALCOHOL: No driver may consume alcohol until after the final heat of disqualification. NO ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE EVENT. THERE WILL BE ALCOHOL ON GROUNDS TO PURCHASE. ANYONE ABUSING THIS PRIVILEGE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS.

The intent of this competition is to take older, inexpensive vehicles (or newer expensive vehicles if you choose) in their nearly stock configuration through a course of bumps, jumps, and mud racing against the clock to determine a winner.

Remember, all officials and organizers are volunteers. No drivers or crew members are to harass or disturb any officials or organizers. You will be disqualified and required to leave. Some will finish all of their runs, some may not. The object is to have fun.

THE GILA COUNTY FAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR MODIFY THE PAYOUTS AND OR NUMBER OF RUNS PER VEHICLE BASED ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES.