

# 2026 Bro-Am Competition Rulebook



ND Drift is proud to present the 2026 Bro-Am Competition rulebook.

We are excited to bring you the all new Bro-Am competition. This competition will run along-side the Formula Drift Pro-Am licensing series. These are four separate competitions that will be held on two double header weekends. Listed below are competition guidelines and vehicle safety requirements. We encourage all drivers and teams to thoroughly read the competition rulebook. If you have any questions, please email our technical director.

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### **Competition Information:**

- Open to both grassroots drivers **AND** professional drivers. (FD Pro/ProSpec, etc.)
- Drivers may only compete in either the Formula Drift Pro-Am or the Bro-Am competition, not both.
- Driver cap – 16 drivers
- Format: Single elimination top 16
- Competition dates: June 13th & 14th, August 29th & 30th
- Weekend schedule:
  - Friday evening – Tech inspection
  - Saturday – Final Tech Inspection + Practice + Day 1 Competition
  - Sunday – Practice + Day 2 Competition
- Bracket positions determined by chip draw
- Battles judged by a panel of three judges
  - Judging is based on line, angle, fluidity, and proximity.
- Judges' decisions are final. No protests.
- There are no One More Time (OMT) decisions. Judges will decide a winner in all tandem battles.
- Chase drivers are allowed to jump the starting light. If the lead driver jumps the light, they will receive a deduction on that run. Lead drivers are expected to make forward progress within 1 second of the starting lights extinguishing.
- Drivers are allowed a single 5 minute competition timeout.
- If damage results from contact, judges will assign fault to a driver. If repair is necessary, the driver not at fault may request 10 minutes to repair the vehicle without needing to use their competition timeout.
- Drivers and crew will be able to set up a hot pit, at the end of the drag strip near the drift track entrance.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct is grounds for removal from competition.
- Whatever vehicle a driver competes in at the beginning of their first competition battle is the **ONLY** vehicle that driver may compete in. A backup vehicle may not be substituted into competition for any reason. A driver may use multiple vehicles **PRIOR** to the beginning of their first competition battle, as long as all vehicles pass technical inspection.
- No passengers are allowed during competition or competition practice sessions.

## 1. Vehicle Eligibility

- Any year, make, model production vehicle is eligible for competition. Kit cars are not allowed.
- Competition cars **MUST** be RWD and equipped with a manual transmission.
- **Roll cages are NOT required for this event.** Cars without factory crash structure in doors must have a roll cage with door bars.
  - Roll cage guidelines if the crash structure is removed:
    - The roll cage **MUST** be welded in. It should consist of a main hoop, halo hoop with A-pillar bars (or side hoops with a windshield bar), door bars (ladder bars, X bars or nascar bars), and two rear brace bars off of the main hoop.
    - Roll cages must be made with seamless 1020 or 1025 mild steel, DOM or chromoly tubing. ERW is not permitted. Minimum of 1.5" x .095" for all materials.
- Convertibles **MUST** have a 4 point roll bar consisting of a main hoop and two rear down bars. The roll bar may be weld in or bolt in but should be mounted to secure points on the chassis. Roll bars should be made of tubing with a minimum tubing size of 1.5" x .095". The top of the roll bar **MUST** be above the drivers/passengers helmets while seated in the vehicle.
- Vehicles should be in good mechanical working order; no major fluid leaks, loose wheel bearings/bushings etc.
- Vehicles must use water in the cooling system, no coolant. Additives, such as Water Wetter, are acceptable. (Vehicles that leak coolant on the track will be subject to a \$200 cleaning fee that must be paid before going back on track.)
- Fluid reservoirs must have properly sealed caps/covers. No cracks that may cause fluid leaks.
- If the fuel tank has been moved from its original location, a firewall must separate the driver from the fuel cell.
- \*Recommendation Only\* - Engine diapers are recommended as a way to aid in preventing fluid leaking on the track surface

## 2. Driver Safety Equipment

- Drivers must have a full face helmet, can be either rated DOT or Snell SA2010 or newer.
- Drivers must wear a sleeved shirt (T-shirt acceptable/tank top unacceptable), pants, gloves, and closed toe shoes.

## 3. Interior

- Using OEM seats with harnesses or bucket seats with OEM seat belts is allowed.
  - 4/5/6 point harnesses must be attached to a harness bar (either bolt in or attached to the roll cage).
  - Reclining seats are allowed.
- Seats, steering wheels and harnesses must be securely mounted.
- Everyone must have, at **MINIMUM**, a 2LB fire extinguisher securely mounted within reach of the driver in the vehicle. Although it is highly recommended to use a fire suppression system.

## 4. Exterior

- Hood, doors and trunk must remain closed and bumpers attached to the vehicle during a competition run. If a body panel becomes detached, due to contact, and impedes the other vehicle, a penalty may be assessed to the driver of the vehicle the body panel came from.
- Any crash/bash bars must not stick out past the body of the vehicle.
- All vehicles must have a properly functioning hood latch **OR** hood pins with factory hood latch removed or disabled.
- Front windshield must not have any cracks or chips.

## **5. Electrical**

- If the vehicle does not use factory keyed ignition, it must have a master cut off switch.
  - We recommend mounting the master cut off switch on the wiper cowl and marking the location with a decal on the windshield.
- Battery must be securely mounted and the positive terminal must be covered.
- Vehicles must have working brake lights.

## **6. Tires**

- Maximum rear tire width is 235mm
  - The size of a tire will be determined by the oem marking on the sidewall. The oem marking may not be tampered with. (Example 235/40R18)
- Tires must have a treadwear of 300 or higher
- Front tires – no size or treadwear restriction