

# 2024 Grassroots Shootout Competition Rulebook



ND Drift is proud to present the 2024 SRD Grassroots Shootout rulebook.

We are excited to bring you the 4<sup>th</sup> annual SRD Grassroots Shootout. This competition will give grassroots drivers the opportunity to win a \$5000 grand prize. 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 grassroots drivers ONLY. If you have EVER competed in FD Pro, FD ProSpec (Pro2), FD Japan, DMCC, or DMEC you are ineligible for competition.
  - Drivers who have earned a license but have not competed in the listed series, are still eligible to compete in the \$5K Grassroots Shootout.
- Driver cap – 48 drivers
- Format: Single elimination shootout with qualifying.
- Weekend schedule:
  - Thursday – Tech inspection + Practice session
  - Friday – Final tech inspection + Practice + Qualifying
  - Saturday – Competition + Awards ceremony
  - Sunday – Sunday Funday
- Bracket positions determined by qualifying.
- Battles judged by a panel of three judges
  - Judging is based on line, angle, fluidity, and proximity.
- Judges decisions are final. No protests.
- OMT (One more time) decisions will result in a second battle... one lead and one chase run from each driver. The driver that led first during the first battle, will lead first in the second battle. Drivers will be allowed to change tires before the second pair of 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.

## 1. Vehicle Eligibility

- Any year, make, model production vehicle is eligible for competition. Tube chassis and kit cars are not allowed.
- **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.
- Stock-style, clutch assisted, H-pattern manual transmissions with an H-pattern shifter are required. Dog engagement/sequentially shifted transmissions are prohibited.
- Quick change rear ends are prohibited.
- 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 rated Snell SA2010 or newer.
- Drivers must wear a sleeved shirt (T-shirt acceptable/tank top unacceptable), pants, gloves, and closed toe shoes.

## 3. Interior

- If using OEM seats, you must use OEM belts. If using aftermarket bucket seats, you must have a 4/5/6 point harness attached to a harness bar (bolt in or attached to the roll cage).
  - Using OEM seats with harnesses or bucket seats with OEM seat belts is not allowed.
  - 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.
  - Master cut off switch must be located on the wiper cowl and the location marked by 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 tire width is 245mm
  - The size of a tire will be determined by the oem marking on the sidewall. The oem marking may not be tampered with. (Example 245/40R18)
- Tires must have a treadwear of 300 or higher
- Front tires – no size or treadwear restriction