



# Demolition Derby Is A Smash Hit



The demolition derby made a smashing return to the Clay County Fair in 2017 after a three-year absence. This crowd favorite grandstand event is set to roar in Saturday, July 14. Come and watch drivers smash metal against metal, hear the engines roar, and watch the mud fly during the contest.

The first demolition derby was held at the fair in 1968. Llyal Braton made a terrific impact on other drivers to become the champion.

The metal-crunching begins at 6:30 p.m. at the grandstand. This the one-day event will feature two classes: compact cars and SUVs/Pickups.

Year after year, the champion derby drivers prove themselves by taking out the right cars, hitting competitors in the right spots and having a pit crew that

can keep the car going into the final rounds.

There are numerous rules the derby contestants must follow, such as tire sizes, bumper heights and roll cages that keep drivers in the car. Each contestant must follow these important rules.

Check the premium book for a complete listing of rules and regulations. Otherwise, contact Chris Bang, 218-790-0053, or Bruce Nelson, 218-329-3030, for more information on the derby.

The total payout is up from \$3,500 in 2017 to \$5,050 in 2018. It will be split among division winners and runners-up. Trophies, suitable for the den but probably not your car window, will be awarded.

Four classes are featured this year: Big Cars, Stock Compact, Hard Compact, Built and Mid-



size SUVs.

New this year is a Power Wheels Derby for kids aged four to eight can bring their own car and compete.

Come and watch drivers manipulate and crush these predatory machines.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth 11 and under.



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