Monroe County Fair

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2026 Combine Demolition Derby

August 2, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

- All combines to be inspected by derby officials between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm
    - early arrivals stage in taped off area outside pits
- Driver's meeting will be held at 5:00 pm at the track
- Machines must be removed from grounds by noon on August 3rd
    - Checks will be mailed to participants when machine is removed from the Fairground's property
- Entries can be submitted to the fair office or completed during the combine inspection
- Driver and four (4) individuals in pit crew will receive free admission

Prize Money:

For Each Heat:	1st - $300	2nd - $200	
Features:	1st -$400	2nd $200	3rd - $100
Best of Show:	$100 – Selected by audience		
Entry:	$500 paid to participant for each machine		

Machines will be divided into two classes, large & small machines. Top three (3) machines from each heat proceed to feature. In the event a machine can not make the feature, machines from the same heat are eligible in the order they finished.

Mechanical Rules & Regulations

1. Any sized self-propelled combine is allowed
    - In the event the combine is four-wheel drive, the four-wheel drive must be disabled or replaced with a two-wheel drive axle
2. Only grain tables and pickup heads are allowed
    - Reel, knives & guards, wobble box, and snouts must be removed
    - Recommended mounting height of 24" above the ground
    - No limit on head bracing/ support
3. No sharp points are permitted on new heads
4. Operator station ladders must be removed
5. Unloading auger must be removed
6. Separator must be inoperable, recommend cutting belts
7. All glass windows and exterior lighting must be removed
8. Bracing required to cover front and side windows/ doors
    - At least one brace mounted at 36" from floor of cab
    - Recommend multiple braces mounted on the front of the cab
    - Door must be secured closed
    - Open station machines to have cab built of a minimum of 2" pipe with paneling/ sheet metal to protect driver
9. Battery must be located on top of the machine, grain tank, or engine compartment
10. Fuel tanks must be relocated & securely mounted in the grain tank
    - Factory tanks must have hole in bottom
    - Recommend using boat fuel tank/ fuel cell
    - Maximum size 6 gallons
11. Drive tires only allowed to be filled with air
    - No duals or tracks allowed
    - No tire fluid allowed in any tires
12. No intentional additional weight may be added to the machine
13. Number must be visible on each side of the machine no less than 12" tall
14. Recommend covering rotating pulleys in the event they break using conveyor belting or similar material
15. Drivers must wear seat belts and helmets
    - Racing harnesses are recommended
    - Neck braces are recommended
16. Must have minimum 5 lb. charged fire extinguisher secured in cab area & accessible to driver
17. All other modifications are subject to official's discretion

Combine Derby Rules

1. All motion will be halted in the event of a red flag or emergency
2. Flag must be broken when signaled by officials
    - If head comes unaffixed from machine driver will be disqualified
3. Driver and crew must sign insurance waiver
4. Drivers are responsible for actions of the pit crew
5. Driver must be 16 years or older (must show proof of age)
6. Driver must stop upon lifting another machine off its wheels to prevent roll over
7. No direct hits to drivers' area of the combine
8. No hits when combine is out of bounds
9. Drivers must make contact another machine within three (3) minutes or be disqualified
10. No two-way radio contact with driver
11. No offensive langue or pictures permitted
12. All decisions of the officials are final
13. No pit racing or reckless driving in pit area
14. No alcohol or drugs allowed on the Fairgrounds, including the pit area
15. Repairs may begin immediately after the machine's heat

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