



Fire Ant Festival Committee
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2022 Fire Ant Nationals Drag Race
Saturday, March 26th
Turner County Elementary School Rear Parking Lot

Entry Deadline Thursday March 24th 7:00 PM

Driver Entry Fee	Stock	\$25
	Modified	\$35
	Pro	\$50

Prize money will be determined by the number of entries in each class.

Thursday March 24th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Lawnmower Preliminary Inspection and Practice
(all Practice will be single mower runs, NO racing!)

7:00pm: Mandatory Drivers meeting at starting line
Enter at the TCES bus entrance

Friday March 25th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Practice
(all Practice will be single mower runs, NO racing!)

Enter at the TCES bus entrance

Saturday March 26th

11:00 am: Check-in and Pit assignments.
(Enter the front of TCES and go through the gate
between the school and the TC Health Dept.)

12:00 pm: Drivers Meeting at the starting line

12:30 pm: Car Inspections begin in individual pits
Practice.
(Practice will be single mower runs. After individual cars
pass inspection, they can practice. NO racing!)

2:00 pm: Qualifying

3:00 pm: Double Elimination Bracket Race.
(Each Class will race by round before progressing
to the next round.)

Awards Presentation

Rules

- Open to tractor style front engine lawnmowers. No rear engines.
- The lawnmower must originally have been designed and sold to mow lawns.
- All lawnmowers must be equipped with an engine safety cut-off switch or key.
- Lawnmower brakes must be in good condition, operating on 2 wheels.
- No testing in the parking lot at any time. Engine testing allowed in the pit area.
- The pit area is for the lawnmower driver and crew. Everyone in these areas will be required to sign an insurance release form.
- Race length: 150 feet
- Lanes: 12 feet wide
- In the Stock class, the same mower may be used by multiple drivers. In the event that they meet in the bracket to race, an individual timed race will determine the winner.
- In the Modified and Pro classes. A team may change drivers for their mower, but a driver can only drive one mower.

3 Classes: Stock, Modified, Pro

Stock

- Remove the mower deck and race it
- No modifications
- Must be 23 HP or lower

Modified

- Remove the mower deck.
- Must have a stock lawnmower style engine. Minor modifications allowed.
- Must have a stock lawnmower frame.
- Suspension can be modified or replaced.
- Must have lawnmower transaxle or transmission.
- Must use stock brakes.
- Tires can be replaced.
- All modified throttles must have springs that return the throttle to closed. One on the throttle body; one on the throttle lever or pedal.

Pro

- Remove the mower deck.
- Frame and suspension modifications allowed.
- If using an engine or drivetrain not designed for a lawnmower, it must be sufficiently secured to the frame.

- Maximum of 7' wheelbase measure from center of front axle to center of rear axle.
- Maximum width at widest point 48".
- Working brakes must be operational. Brakes will be checked prior to each race.
- If the flywheel is modified, it must have a ¼" thick steel cover completely surrounding the flywheel.
- No aluminum axles.
- Lawnmower must be equipped with a tethered kill switch to kill the engine in the event of a malfunction or emergency.
- Seat kill switch or tethered kill switch.
- Wheelie bars are allowed and are required if the lawnmower frontend raises more than 12" of the ground at the race start.
- Handle bar and handle bar throttle levers may be used. All throttles must have springs that return the throttle to closed. One on the throttle body; one on the throttle lever or pedal.

Technical Inspection

- The lawnmower will stay loaded on your trailer or vehicle until you register and the pit area is assigned, unless directed by the officers or track manager.
- Every mower entered in the event must pass inspection and be approved for competition by the officers. Inspection will be done in the pits.
- Any lawnmower may be re-inspected at any time by a race officer or race manager.
- If a team or driver violates the rules, the race officers and race manager will make all final participation decisions.
- Steering must be tight.
- Any lawnmower involved in any accident must be re-inspected and approved by the race officers before the mower can continue to race. Their ruling is final.
- Lawnmowers not meeting inspection by class may be assigned to race in a higher class.
- Lawnmowers not meeting all safety requirements may be disqualified.

Driver Safety Equipment

- Every driver must wear a DOT automobile racing or motorcycle-type safety helmet.
- Every driver shall wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and protective shoes on the track.
- It is MANDATORY that all drivers wear an "approved for racing" neck support.
- Drivers must demonstrate safe operation of the lawnmower during practice.

Race Rules

- Lawnmowers must be in the line up area and ready to race within 2 minutes of final call for the round.
- Only one crew member may enter the line up area with the lawnmower. There must be an adult over 18 if the driver is under 16.
- If a driver crosses outside of his/her lane it will be considered a loss of that run.
- If a driver gets a red light, or jumps the light, it will be considered a loss of that run. Starting lights will be used.
- No pit crew member may enter the racetrack or staging area after the starter has signaled the drivers to stage.
- All drivers must drive slowly and carefully leaving and returning to the pit area to prevent accidents. Idle speed is required. Only one verbal warning will be given. If flagrant, the driver will be disqualified.
- All mowers must have a person sitting on them before starting the engines, warming up, tuning, etc. The person on the mower should be able to drive the lawnmower.
- Maximum amount of fuel in the tank is ½ gallon.

For more information call Craig Matthews at 229-567-3338.