

General Competitor Rules

1. All Exhibitors must agree to abide by the rules and regulations herein. Failure to comply may result in suspension or expulsion from the Nechako Valley Exhibition at the discretion of the Nechako Valley Exhibition Society Fall Fair Committee.
2. Any Exhibitor under the influence of liquor and/or illicit drugs will be excused from or denied access to the Exhibition Grounds.
3. Each Exhibitor must complete a separate entry form for each Division they enter (see individual Divisions for appropriate entry form).
4. All dogs must be on-leash at all times. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
5. Any Exhibitor displaying aggressive behavior, harassment or intimidation of staff, volunteers, other Exhibitors, or public will be removed from the Exhibition Grounds.

ADMISSION

1. All racers must register by August 4th, 2026. Late entries will not be accepted. The desired racing number requested will be approved at time of registration on a "first come first serve" basis. If no number is requested one will be assigned.
2. Upon registration, each racer will be issued one (1) complementary Exhibitor Pass and Parking Pass for admission to the Grounds. Friends or family members accompanying the racer must purchase public admission tickets.
3. Racers must show these passes at the entry gate on arrival for admittance
4. Racers may drive their vehicle into the field near the track to unload their lawn mower. Parking pass *must* be on display to gain admittance to this area.
5. A designated parking area for racers only will be offset near the track location.
6. Friends or family in separate vehicles must park in the public parking lot.

ARRIVAL AND SET UP

1. Racers must arrive with their lawn mowers by 5PM on Friday, August 8th.
2. Racers will be assigned a spot to unload and display/tinker on their lawn mower.
3. General public will be permitted to walk in designated areas near the mowers/racer areas.

TAKE-DOWN AND DEPARTURE

1. Take-down or departure on each day may not occur until 8 PM or after the last 'race' of the day, whichever is later, in the interests of public/pedestrian safety. Racers may choose to bring their mower home with them at the close of the day's races or may choose to leave their lawn mower on the premises throughout the weekend.
2. Liability for damage or theft of lawn mowers left on the Exhibition Grounds property is solely that of the owner.

CAMPING

1. Weekend camping passes are available for purchase at the gate for \$30. Volunteer parking attendants will direct racers to camping areas.

LIABILITY

1. Racers/Exhibitors will be required to complete and submit Release from Liability waivers prior to participating in any event. By signing Release from Liability waivers, the Exhibitor agrees to waive all claims they have or may have in the future against the Nechako Valley Exhibition Society, to release the Society from liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from participation in Exhibition activities, and to hold harmless and indemnify the Society from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, cost demands of any nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with the Exhibitor's participation or attendance at the Exhibition.
2. All Exhibitors acknowledge the risks associated with participating in the Exhibition, including the propensity of animals to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons, or the potential for participants

to behave in a manner that may contribute to injury to participants or others; or the potential of buildings, materials, equipment or supplies to malfunction, fail, collapse, or cause electric shock.

3. The Nechako Valley Exhibition Society has taken steps to reduce the risks and increase the safety of all Exhibition activities.

Race Rules & Regulations

ENTRY FEES/PRIZES/PAYOUTS

1. Entry Fees: \$25 per racer
2. Payout: Percentage of Entry Fees per Class + added sponsor purse TBA Trophies Sponsored by JF Offroad

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Riders must be at least 12 years of age at the time of race. A signed parental permission document will be required for all racers under 18 years old. All racers regardless of age will also be required to sign a release from liability waiver for the Nechako Valley Exhibition.

PROTECTIVE/SAFETY GEAR

The following gear is the minimum required for participation. Any racer who is not equipped with the following items will not be permitted to race.

1. DOT-certified helmet with visor or goggles
2. Motocross or CSA certified work boots
3. Long sleeved shirt
4. Long pants
5. Gloves
6. Each driver must have in their equipment a full 10BC-rated fire extinguisher. Strongly recommended: chest protector, neck support and elbow/knee pads

MOWER ELIGIBILITY

The following requirements apply to ALL machines without exception. All mowers will be inspected prior to race times. Any machine not meeting these standards will not be permitted to race.

1. All mowers must have been originally designed and sold commercially to mow lawns and must resemble its original form, apart from permitted modifications.
2. Events will be open to all self-propelled rotary or reel style riding lawn mowers.
3. Mower decks may be removed blades must be removed completely.
4. All non-stock class mowers will be required to have a tether kill switch attached to rider.
5. Lawnmower tires ONLY may be used.
6. Fuel must be pump gas for all lawnmowers.
7. Glass headlights must be taped or removed.
8. Mowers must be safe and complete, with all parts and panels in place, with no missing nuts, bolts, cotter keys, etc.
9. Mowers must be clean and in good condition. No fuel or oil leaks accepted. No excess grease oil or rust. Sponsor graphics must not interfere with mower's racing numbers. Mowers must display a clearly visible racing number; numbers will be approved on a "first come first serve basis" at time of registration.

NO SHARP EDGES ON ANY LAWNMOWER. SHARP EDGES ARE A HAZARD IN THE EVENT OF ROLLOVER.

Parents/legal guardians MUST be present on race day and at race times for racers 16 and under.

We reserve the right to have any racer perform a skills test to ensure rider safety.

CLASSES

Age Group: Min 12 years old

Frame:

- Front and rear axles must use the original frame as primary mounting point.

- Discrete frame strengthening is allowed.
- Minimum 4" ground clearance.
- No offset/stagger.

Engine:

- Max 24hp OEM rated horizontal or vertical shaft engines. Engines must be lawn tractor origin.
- All mowers that do not have the top of the engine completely covered by the hood must have the flywheel covered by either the recoil housing, the stock wire housing or other approved cover.
- All positive battery terminals must be insulated with cover of heavy tape.
- Batteries must be well secured.
- The engine must be able to be started with either battery or pull cord.
- Must maintain stock internals.

Drive Train:

- Must utilize a lawn tractor origin belt driven transmission (i.e. hydrostatic, transaxle, live axel, chain, or belt drive. Centrifugal clutches allowed. No torque converter/ progressive type snowmobile clutches. Where the drivetrain is exposed to driver it MUST be covered.

Steering:

- Direct steering mandatory. No rack and pinions

Brakes:

- Intact and working.
- Must operate on a minimum of 2 wheels.

Tires:

- Must be lawnmower tires; commercial-type turf approved tires.
- NO quad tires or aggressive threads.
- Wheels must not be mounted off center or offset.
- Driver must be protected from rear tires with fenders.

Bumpers/ Side bars:

- Rear closed-loop bumpers optional.
- Width cannot be greater than rear tires.
- Front bumpers optional but cannot cover front tires.

Throttle:

- MUST be equipped with an automatic spring throttle closing device.
- Throttle and brake controls may be relocated

Track Rules

GENERAL

1. Any driver who has consumed alcohol or drugs on the day of an event may NOT participate in a practice or race. Doing so will result in immediate disqualification.
2. No alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs/substances may be consumed by any driver, race staff or volunteers prior to the end of the last race or on-track activity of the day. NO illegal drugs or controlled substances shall be tolerated on the track premises at any time. Violation will result in immediate disqualification and loss of points.
3. Smoking is prohibited on the track or track infield during the racing event.
4. Profanity, insulting or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated at this event.
5. Each racer is responsible for the actions of him/herself and his/her guests and crew while at the race event, including while he/she is on the track.
6. Pets are prohibited on the racecourse and infield.
7. To refuel a driver MUST dismount the mower and the engine must be turned off when fuel is added. A fire extinguisher (liquid fire rated) must be in the hands of a crew member any time fuel is added to a hot machine.