

Douglas Volunteer Fire Department 2026 Power Wheel Derby Rules & Regulations

Eligibility

- Children ages 4–9 years old.
- All participants must have a signed consent form from a parent or legal guardian. Only **one** parent or legal guardian is permitted in the arena with their child during the event.
- Power Wheels vehicles must be designed for the child to sit inside, not on top of. Four-wheelers, tractors, motorcycles, or **any** ride-on toys where the child sits on, rather than in the vehicle, will **not** be permitted.

Vehicle Check-In

- Registration begins at 11:00am on the day of the Derby and closes promptly at 4:00pm.
- All Power Wheels vehicles must be checked in at the pit gate no later than 4:15pm, and will be immediately impounded for inspection.
- Once car is in impound it cannot be touched again until after it goes through a complete inspection. (See Inspection)
- Upon passing inspection each vehicle will be provided with three balloons attached to the front, rear, and passenger side of the vehicle by DVFD.

Inspection

- Vehicles may use **one** battery up to 24-volts. This can be a mower or drill style battery. Multiple batteries may not be connected together. Batteries may not be mounted in the passenger seat and must be securely fastened and fully enclosed, out of reach of the child.
- Helmets are required, bicycle helmets with a safety strap are acceptable. Helmets must be appropriately secured before drivers will be allowed into the arena.
- Seatbelts are strongly recommended but not required.
- All doors and tailgates must be securely fastened to shut.
- No sharp edges are allowed. Zip ties, duct tape, or other **flexible** materials may be used to secure/cover openings.
- Stock tires **only**. No chains or metal attachments permitted.
- Tires may be wrapped in duct tape for traction.
- Rubber may be added to tire tread for traction and screws may be used **only** to secure rubber to the tire and must be flush with the rubber surface. Any protruding metal will result in a failed inspection.
- Vehicles may not be raised or lowered. They must remain at the original factory height.
- Decorative modifications are allowed to make the vehicle resemble a derby car. All changes must be cosmetic, i.e., paint, decals, or decorative pipes. No functional or structural reinforcements are permitted.

- All vehicles are required to undergo a complete inspection in accordance with the attached inspection rules. Any vehicle that does not pass inspection will be given the opportunity to make necessary corrections.
- All tools, parts, and equipment needed to complete repairs must be brought into and used within the impound area. No work may be performed outside of the designated impound lot.
- Participants are responsible for allowing sufficient time to address any required repairs or adjustments identified during vehicle inspection. All vehicles must be fully corrected and **successfully re-inspected no later than 5:00 PM.**
- Inspectors shall have final authority regarding vehicle approval and participation eligibility. All decisions are final.

Driver Rules & Safety

- All Power Wheels will be lined up for arena entry by DVFD. Vehicles need to remain parked until told to line up for event.
- Drivers need to be at their vehicle at the designated time given upon registration.
- Drivers only, no passengers are permitted.
- Drivers and their guardian will be directed by DVFD into the arena.
- Once inside the arena, remain parked and seated in the location assigned by DVFD until horn is activated.
- When all balloons on a child's vehicle are popped, that participant is immediately eliminated, and MUST remain seated until event is over. Do not attempt to approach your child even though they are stopped. This is for the safety of yourself and your child.
- The winner is the last child with at least one balloon still inflated and attached.
- In the event of a tie, a drag race will be used to determine the winner.
- Once event is completed, guardian and child will be escorted out of the arena and back to impound for awards.

Please remember, this event is intended to be fun and safe for all children participating.