



McLeod County Fair
Throttle Therapy Rules
Saturday, August 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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McLeod County Fairgrounds, Hutchinson MN

****Drivers are responsible for checking www.mcleodcountyfair.com for any updates to these rules made between the date of this printing and August 21st.***

Get ready for the adrenaline-pumping excitement of Throttle Therapy. Our brand-new event is designed to deliver thrills and high-speed action while ensuring safety and spectator enjoyment. Here's what you can expect:

****Flat Terrain: **** The track features a primarily flat terrain. This design decision prioritizes safety while maintaining the integrity and challenge of race.

****Cornering Focus: **** With an increased number of corners, the track emphasizes driver skill and precision. Tight turns and strategic curves will keep racers on their toes and provide continuous action for spectators.

****Safety First: **** The absence of jumps and the inclusion of additional corners are intentional design choices to ensure a safer racing environment as we are not requiring roll cages in cars for this event.

**** This tamed-down version of our traditional auto cross track will encourage more participants to build a vehicle and race this event. If your vehicle is legal in our auto cross race, you could even enter both nights!**

Whether you're a racing enthusiast or just looking for an exciting time at the fair, this event promises non-stop action and unforgettable moments. Don't miss out on the new racing spectacle of the year at the McLeod County Fair!

Pit Gate will open at 2:00 p.m. Use the new entrance on the south side of the grandstands. All drivers must check in at the tower even if you are pre-registered. Pre-registration is recommended for all classes, but we will take cars on the day of the race.

Classes are based on vehicle size and weight, not motor size or wheelbase.

- **Full Size Truck:** ½ Ton 4x4 or Greater Examples: Ford F Series Trucks, Chevrolet Silverado, Bronco, Full Size Blazer, Econoline or any full-size van. **Must have 6-point cage with rolled corner (see rule 28 in rules for vehicles)**
- **Full Size Cars:** 6- and 8-cylinder cars. Examples: Ford Taurus, Chevrolet Caprice, Pontiac Grand Prix, Any Family Sedan or Wagon. No Roll Cage Needed
- **Compact Trucks and SUV 4x4:** Examples: S10 Truck or Blazer, Jeeps, Bronco II, Explorer, Mini Vans **Must have 6-point cage with rolled corners (see rule 28 in rules for vehicles)**

- **Compact Cars: 4-cylinder cars** Examples: Ford Escort (hatchback & wagons), Ford Probe, Pontiac Lemans, and Chevrolet Cavalier. No Roll Cage Needed
- **2-wheel drive trucks:** Follow rules as full-size car. Roll Cage is required. **Jeeps will not be allowed to race this class.**
- **Beater Cross:** A class where more bumping and hitting is allowed and encouraged. If you are deemed to be too aggressive in other races, you will be placed in this class. Cars, mini vans, factory 2wd mini trucks (S-10, ford ranger) are allowed.

General Rules:

1. **If you or a member of your crew is suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you will be disqualified and be required to leave the grounds.**
2. All drivers must attend the driver's meeting.
3. Drivers must be 16 years of age. Anyone under 18 must have a parent present and sign a waiver.
4. Drivers are required to sign a waiver on the day of the autocross.
5. The driver must have a full-faced helmet, eye protection and a long-sleeved shirt and always pants on during the race.
6. More than one driver per car is allowed if both are pre-registered.
7. No passengers are allowed in vehicles, except in the two-person cruiser class.
8. **All vehicles must have number fins that are legible. If the number is not legible it could be grounds for disqualification due to lap count.**
Number fins must be a minimum of 18" X 18" painted black with white lettering (No Letters; ex 11A). Minimum 1" wide numbers on roof. Numbers fins that are hard to read could result in not all your laps being counted and a shortage of laps. Lap counters are not responsible for errors due to this infraction. There also should be a number on the front by the grill or where head lights are. To help the tech men in positioning you after a red flag
9. All vehicles must pass inspections before they are allowed to race. Drivers are responsible for making sure they get inspected and approved to race. Officials may do an inspection of any vehicle before, during or after the race, if found illegal cars and driver will forfeit all money for the night.
10. Drivers must remain in a dead car unless instructed to do so by an official.
11. Second fire will disqualify.
12. Any flagrant violations disqualify driver and car for the night.
13. The autocross judges will disqualify any car determined to be unsafe to the driver before or during the event.
14. No arguing with an official or staff member is allowed. Arguing with an official or member of the staff is grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of prize money and entry fee. Judges' decisions are final and will not be overturned.
15. If you or a member of your crew is suspected of being under the influence of drug or alcohol, you will be disqualified and be required to leave the grounds.

General Rules for Vehicles:

1. No vehicles will be grandfathered in just because the vehicle passed inspection the prior year. Some rules have changed and if you have any questions, please call **Pat Kohn 320.212.7065**.
2. Any mass-produced car, pickup, suburban, and or blazer are allowed. (Two- or four-wheel drive vehicles are allowed). Nothing greater than a one-ton vehicle is allowed. No all-fiberglass bodies allowed (dune buggies and fiberglass tubed jeep).
3. Cars and trucks must be stock appearing (must match class that you are registered for.) Must have a seat belt, stock or after market. Must be a lap and shoulder belt, no lap only belts.

4. Must remove all glass. Windshield is optional (driver's window net recommended - if used must be quick release.)
Windshields that are removed must have 3 bars spread evenly over 3 feet to prevent hoods and bumpers from flying into the driver.
5. Doors must be chained or welded shut. (Scuff bar is allowed, as long as corners are tapered)
6. Bumpers can be off any passenger car or pickup, no greater than one ton. Bumper: front and back are to be no wider than the vehicle. If the bumpers are to be cut, the edges should not be sharp to prevent cutting tires. Bumpers are to be chained or welded to a frame.
7. The radiator must be in stock location. Electric fans are allowed.
Radiator protection is allowed but is to function as protection for the radiator only. Must be behind bumpers and no greater than 1 ¾ tubing same as roll bar. These are not to be designed as butting rams or you will be asked to remove it before the race. Judge's discretion is final.
8. Battery may be moved but must be secured. (No rubber straps)
9. Gas tanks and fuel lines may remain in stock location for the following.
 - a. Cars: vertically above or ahead or rear end and between frame rails in a safe location. Can't be behind rear end.
 - b. Trucks: between frame rails in a safe location. Skid plates recommend.
10. Tanks that are moved must be secured in box or trunk. Filler spouts should not extend out past vehicle. After market tank must have check ball in the line of breathers to keep fuel from splashing out. If the vehicle has an electric fuel pump and the tank is removed, it must have an electric shut off switch or a manual valve easily accessible.
11. Holes in the firewall must be tined or sealed to prevent fire from spreading to the driver. No spray foam allowed anywhere on vehicle.
12. Trunks and tailgates must be chained or welded shut.
13. Pickup truck cabs may be bolted or welded shut.
14. Exhaust through the hood is allowed if they are less than three feet high.
15. Transmission coolers are allowed, must be mounted in such a way that if punctured it will not burn you or other drivers.
16. Welded rear ends are allowed.
17. No ag, implement, tractor, bobcat or v tread tires. No split rims.
18. Shift linkage may be moved.
19. One interior mirror only, no outside rear-view mirrors.
20. Hood must have hood pins or chains. Factory latches must be removed in case of fire. Hood hinges can remain stock. If hood does not have pins, you a 16"x16" hole must be cut in hood.
21. No nitrous oxide is allowed.
22. Roll cage must be made of minimum 1 ¾" pipe or tubing with 1/8" wall thickness, steel only. Corners may be bent or mitered, if bent must be made with tubing bender, if miter cut you must have an additional gusset plate no less than 5" long on each bar (see diagram with gusset). Must have diagonal bracing to form a triangulated support (x-brace in center hoop). All bars must be fully welded and should be properly fit for strong welding. Uni-body cars must have steel plates on roll cages to attach cage to body, all full frame vehicles must have roll cage attached to frame. Main hoop should be within 12" of driver. Hoop can't extend past cab by more than 6" in height and no wider than widest point of body. Main hoop must also have two kickers from top of hoop to area closest to rear axle as possible, same requirements for tubing as main hoop. No I-beam, fence post, black iron, must be round or square tubing.
23. **ALL TRUCK CLASSES TO HAVE A 6 POINT ROLL CAGE (2 wheel drive trucks will follow the rules of the full size car) MADE OF 1 ¾" ROUND TUBING WITH BENT CORNERS (FROM TUBING BENDER) 6 POINT CAGE MUST CONSIST OF MAIN HOOP BEHIND DRIVER, HOOP OVER DRIVER TO FRONT OF CAR WITH POSTS NEAR DRIVERS FLOOR BOARD, KICK BARS FROM MAIN HOOP GOING BACK TO MOUNT AS CLOSE TO REAR AXLE AS POSSIBLE. SEE ILLUSTRATION. MUST HAVE X BRACE IN MAIN**

HOOP BEHIND THE DRIVER. MOUNT CAGE TO FRAME IF FULL FRAME VEHILCE, IF UNIBODY MUST USE 6"X6" PLATES TO MOUNT CAGE TO BODY. Driver side door bars are highly recommended.

24. **Shock rules will be as follows –For all vehicles if changed from factory installed shock. Must be a full body steel shock with a full steel dust-shield in stock position. No modification of shock or mounting system or location. No painting or removing stock logos on the shock.**

Please see class description has changed for compact and full-size cars based on wheelbase of vehicle.

Compact cars – 104.25" and under

Full size cars – 104.26" and over

A wheelbase measured from center of rear hub to center of front hub. No modifications to meet wheelbase requirement for either class.

These rules are for your safety and should not be taken lightly, please always build your cage with your safety in mind (no short cuts). If your cage is not to the inspector's satisfaction, you will not be racing!

Two Person Cruiser Car Class:

- The above rules will apply to the class along with passenger protection in place, window net and seatbelt.
- One person with the steering wheel and another front seat will have control of the gas and brakes.
- Must be full-size or compact cars only.
- No access to parking brakes for a person with steering wheel.

This event is run by the McLeod County Fair Grandstand Committee.

Throttle Therapy Pay Out:

Class	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
Full Size Truck 4x4	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Full Size Car	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Compact Truck 4x4	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Compact Car	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Trucks 2-wheel Dr	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
2 Person Cruiser Car	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Beater Cross	\$1000.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$100.00

2026
THROTTLE THERAPY REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY RACE IS DUE BY AUGUST 17, 2026

PRE-REGISTER FEE IS \$25.00 PER CAR. THIS IS FOR CAR ONLY EVERY PERSON WILL PAY THE PIT PASS FEE OF \$25.00 THE DAY OF THE RACE. YOU CAN REGISTER THE DAY OF BUT THE COST WILL BE \$35.00 FOR THE CAR. ALL PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 17, 2026.

Circle the class that you are racing in.

Full Size Truck 4x4	Full Size Car	Compact Truck 4x4	Compact Car
2Wheel Drive Truck	2 Person Cruise Car	Beater Cross	

Veh Year _____ Make/Model _____

Veh # _____ \$ _____

Pre \$25 per class pre registered

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Second Driver: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Driver #2 Cell: _____

Address: _____

Second Driver Address: _____

Sponsors: _____

Mail the forms to:
Tina Huebner
16456 Major Ave, Hutchinson MN 55350

Checks payable to: McLeod County Fair