

# Continental District OUTLAW DERBY RULES – 2026

This year's Outlaw Derby will be held on Saturday, April 18th, 2026. The race runs from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm and is being held at the First Presbyterian Church in Pottstown. Inspections for the Outlaw Derby will be open from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Registration fees for the Outlaw Derby are \$10.00 due day of event with all proceeds benefiting scouting programs. Registration link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScffnNki6TS5VhKJf6RVLxn2k7OEwPnjoYJXCNRmnAyowh0nA/viewform>

This event has one division open to all registered scouters, parents, and siblings.

Food, snacks and drinks will be sold at a minimum cost.

## **What is an Outlaw Derby?**

An Outlaw Derby is a Pinewood Derby with rules that are either identical or more lenient than the standard scout rules. It is open to all registered scouters and has an updated set of rules allowing for more creativity.

## **General Rules & Regulations**

Each car must pass inspection by the official Derby Inspectors before it will be allowed to compete. The Derby Inspectors have the right to disqualify any car that does not meet the specifications stated in this document. If at inspection a car does not pass, the owner will be informed of the observed problems and will be given until the end of the official registration period in which to correct the problem. If the car fails inspection the owner must fix it and then wait in line for another inspection. After inspection all cars will be impounded until the start of the derby. Once it is impounded, it cannot be handled again by racers until the derby has ended (no exceptions).

All cars will have an equal amount of runs down the track and each car will run at least once on each track lane. If a car comes off the guide rail and interferes with another racer's car the heat will be run again. If a car leaves the track without interfering with an opponent, it shall be considered to have ended its heat at that point. If a car leaves its lane in three runs during the day then it shall be disqualified. If cars are leaving the track, the track chairman may decide to inspect the track at his discretion. If a track fault is found which probably caused the problem, the track chairman may order the track to be repaired and the race heat to be rerun. If the car becomes obviously damaged for any reason, repairs will be allowed within a time limit chosen by the track chairman. If the damage occurred during the running of a heat, the re-running of that heat will be up to the discretion of the track chairman. If, during a race heat, no car reaches the finish line on the track, the car which went the farthest in its lane shall be declared as the heat winner, with others placing respective to the distance they traveled. After each race heat the cars are to be returned to the pit area. The

order of finish, as determined by the track sensors, will be documented by the race computer. Any point ties will be settled by the race computer, which will base its decision on actual speed times and comparisons to mutually raced opponents. If any other condition seems to create a problem with the race and its outcome, it may be run again at the sole discretion of the track chairman. Good sportsmanship is expected from everyone involved.

## Vehicle Requirements

- All vehicles must fit in the length, width, & height box (7" L x 2 1/2" W x 4" H)
- The vehicle wheelbase can be changed.
- All vehicles must clear the center guide strip of the track (3/8" H x 1 3/4" W)
- Vehicles must weigh 8 OZ or less
- All decorations/attachments must be securely affixed
- Transferring dry weights ARE NOT permitted. NO liquid weights are allowed
- No pre-cut, and no Professional purchased vehicles.
- All pinewood car bases must be official BSA wood bases
- The axles can be machined/polished
- Bearings are allowed
- The wheels can be sanded, machined, or changed as long as vehicle has the correct clearances
- No Maximum number of wheels Minimum of 3 Wheels.
- No lubricating oil allowed. Only graphite powder or Dry lube.
- The vehicle must be freewheeling with No type of Motors, engines, rocket engines, or other propulsion may be used

## Questions

If you have any questions pertaining to registration, volunteering or the rules within this document, please email [scoutingwiththefromms@gmail.com](mailto:scoutingwiththefromms@gmail.com) for clarification.