

# OPS Rookie Division Rules 2023

## 2023 Amendments

Weight: Cars need to weigh 3000 before the race with a Max left side of 54%. All ballast weight must be painted white be outside the cockpit and be mounted securely with 2 bolts 1\2" in size and use a 1/8" plate on inside of the car and lead outside the car sandwiching the floorboard between.

Sway Bar: Maximum size is a stock 32mm bar.

1: Cars allowed are Gen 3 Camaro (1982 – 1992), Gen 3 Firebird (1982 – 1992), Gen 4 Camaro (1993 – 2002), & Gen 4 Firebird (1993 – 2002) with V-6 Engines. No convertibles or t-tops allowed. No Performance cars. Any other makes must be approved by OPS

For the 2022 race season possible driving schools throughout the year.

Sunroof must be removed and covered with minimum 22 gauge steel on top and bottom of opening. Car numbers must measure a minimum of 3 feet tall. Please inquire with OPS Tech prior to building car.

2: Cars must be completely stock. Removal of upholstery mandatory. All body panels must remain as manufactured. Aftermarket replacement front and rear bumper covers may be used. No dirt style noses. If doors are fiberglass from the factory they can be replaced with a minimum of 22 gauge steel and must resemble factory shape.

3: Front and rear bumpers must be chained to prevent dragging. If mount breaks, cable may be used. **A short rugged chain is required to be bolted around the center of the bumpers front & rear to allow for quick wrecker truck towing.**

4: No anti-freeze allowed. Water is the only allowed engine coolant. It will be checked.

5: Suspension – No modifications allowed. All parts must be stock for make and model. No spacers. No cutting, heating or bending of any suspension allowed. Camber limited to stock adjustments not to exceed 1 inch. Cars cannot exceed 1/2" in wheel base from side to side. No adjustments to rear end allowed. Only front end adjustments allowed. No progressive rate suspension springs allowed even if stock. They need to be replaced with non-progressive stock rate springs. Racing springs are allowed and must be same height, diameter and wire size from side to side. Maximum of a 25lb split from side to side and will be rated.

5a: 6" Frame height measured from lowest part on car.

6: Tires – Tires must be OPS Hoosier 790 competition series tire only. NO Treating of tires.

7: Wheels – Stock type steel 15" wheels or a maximum of 3" back space aftermarket wheel with a 21lbs weight. **Backspacing** is defined as the distance from the hub mounting surface to the inside lip of the **wheel** (measured in inches). One-inch lug nuts suggested on right front.

8: V-6 Engine – Must be stock for Gen 3 or Gen 4 cars must use engine that came generation of car. No 24 valve engines. Stock carb throttle body or fuel injection only. Stock fuel pump only. No after-market fuel systems allowed. Battery must remain in stock location and be secured and covered. Stock wiring harness must be in place and used so electric fuel pump and factory safety devices are operational and will shut off with ignition. Must have a complete Fire Wall between driver's compartment and engine.

9: Transmission and Driveline – Automatic Transmissions only. Must be stock for make and model. No lock or posi-trac differentials. **Rear end Gears must be 3.08 ratio**

10: Gas tank must be either a Fuel cell enclosed in a 30 gauge metal canister magnetic steel or boat tank that is safely secured in center of trunk area. A complete Fire Wall between gas tank and driver's compartment. Fill spout located on the top of the gas tank in the trunk area. Fuel line running thru the driver's compartment must be secured and covered. **No stock gas tanks.**

11: Exhaust must extend to rear-seat area and secured to ground. Must be stock diameter for make. No exhaust may exit outside of the car. Mufflers are mandatory and must be a minimum of a 15" glasspack.

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12: A four-point roll cage made of round steel DOM or seamless 1 3/4 inch by .095 inch wall thickness roll bars are mandatory. The roll cage shall consist of 4 (four) vertical upright bars connected at the top on all sides. A "X" member must support the rear vertical uprights. **4 (four) horizontal bars are required on the left side door area and 3 (three) or an "X" on the right side.** (These are minimum numbers). Top hoop and uprights must closely conform to the roof line and windshield posts, maximum of 1.5 inch space between body and cage components. Uprights are to be attached to the floor boards using the sandwich construction. (Plate under floorboard bolting up thru plate welded to bottom of uprights. Roll cage must be professionally welded but not bisect or dissect any firewall front or rear. A foot protection pipe is allowed but welded and installed in a safe manner.

13: The Driver's seat must be constructed of aluminum and have a containment kit or a full containment seat only. Driver's seat and 5-point Safety Belts must be safely mounted and attached to the roll cage.

14: All doors must be welded, bolted, or chained shut. Hood and trunk latches must be removed. Pull-pin hood pins must be used.

15: All glass lights in trim chrome and plastic must be removed. Full-front windshield mandatory. (Lexan is allowed) No badly cracked windshield allowed.

16: All carpet and upholstery must be removed. Padding on driver's door Mandatory. No sharp edges around driver or in driver's compartment.

17: Safety Equipment – Helmet with a minimum Snell 95 rating. 1 or 2 piece Fire suit and fireproof gloves Mandatory. Must have window net mounted at bottom with quick release on top. Head and Neck Restraint System Mandatory. A Fire Extinguisher mounted within driver's reach is required. Cars are suggested to be light in color. **Must have a fire extinguisher with a metal bracket NO PLASTIC brackets (cars that don't have a metal bracket will not be allowed to compete)** Safety is the upmost concern for this division.

**17a: A Receiver communication device to monitor OPS Race Director is MANDATORY.**

18: Any vehicle deemed to be too advanced for this class by OPS Tech/Race Director will not be allowed to compete. Cars may be required to have a speed controlling system during the racing event. No tampering of said system allowed.

19: Driver Eligibility- **This is a Rookie Driver Division for participants 10 – 17 years of age only.** A Rookie Driver must have no more than 2 years race car experience and/or a top 5 in the season's championship in OPS Bandits or Cruiser division (or higher division) or having won a feature event in OPS Bandits or Cruisers division (or higher division) (or equivalent division at another race track). A Rookie Division competitor must move to a higher division if Champion for 2 years. A weight penalty to equalize the competition may be imposed by OPS Tech/Race Director. All Rookie Driver Status's must be approved prior to entry of a race by OPS Tech/Race Director. No other weight may be added without approval of OPS Tech/Race Director.

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