

Spring X Compacts 2026

If it doesn't say you can do it, don't assume that you can. There are no grey areas in these rules. These rules listed below are how you can build your car. NO EXCEPTIONS. All cars should be built to these rules. IF YOU HAVE ANY RULE QUESTIONS CALL BRANDIN AND ONLY BRANDIN 608-434-4317!! PLEASE NO CALLS AFTER 8PM.

All Drivers must sign in at check-in trailer before going to inspection line. Drivers will be held responsible for all crew members' actions during the event. This can result in disqualification of the entire team. If found intoxicated, you will be disqualified from the event. All Drivers must attend the drivers meeting During the event drivers will have 60 seconds to make an aggressive hit or they will be disqualified.

GENERAL CAR PREP

FRESH CARS ONLY (4 cars per team) Front wheel drive 110" max wheelbase. No V8s. No full frame cars.

1. NO black cars other than last year's returning champions!!

2. Driver and car qualify together. No swapping of drivers or cars after running.

3. Sedagons are NOT allowed until after the heat race.

6. No swapping of frames or body panels after the run.

4. All cars must be stripped and cleaned of factory components and trash.

5. Cars must have a seatbelt and working brakes. MANDATORY!

7. Battery may be moved but must be securely fastened and covered in the car. Two batteries are allowed.

8. Battery boxes, coolers and pedals must be bolted in. No extra added metal or plates to the floor. Cannot be used to strengthen car!

9. All cars must have a roof sign with a visible car number.

10. No spray foam prior to inspection.

11. No painting or undercoating the frame or inside of car!!! No buffing or grinding of frames and body other than where its specifically allowed in the rules. If this is found your car will not be inspected!

12. Rust repair- MUST call before repairing.

GAS TANK AND FUEL PUMP

1. Stock gas tank **MUST** be removed. No stock gas tanks allowed.

2. All fuels cells **MUST** be steel or aluminum or marine tank and have a secure cap. All lines and fittings must be run inside the vehicle, leak proof, and meet approval of the track officials.

3. Electric fuel pumps are allowed Must be covered with nonflammable material.

4. Gas tank protectors 24" x 24" max. Must be centered between wheel wells. No higher than 4" above the tank. 4" off the floor if mounted to the cage. Must have a 4" gap between gas tank protector and all sheet metal/package tray.

PROTECTORS / HALOS CAN NOT BE MOVED / ADDED ONTO OR BE RELOCATED AFTER THE HEAT!!!

5. Halo must be vertically straight (up and down). Meaning a 90-degree angle.

6. If you are not using a protector and choose to bolt the fuel tank down to the floor, the tank cannot be used as a kicker and must stay 4" away from the package tray and 2" away from the rear seat bar.

RADIATOR AND CORE SUPPORT

1. Radiator must be in stock position.

2. Any passenger car style radiator can be used. Aluminum Radiators are allowed.

3. DO NOT MOVE CORE SUPPORT OR FACTORY MOUNT location.

4. Factory condenser or 1/8" expanded metal / rad guard only. May be bolted in with (4) - 3/8 bolts and cannot be used for reinforcement at all.

5. May run 1" max threaded rod through front sub mount / frame hole with a max of 4 nuts per threaded rod. NO welding.

BODY

1. Any metal can be removed but no metal can be added.

2. **No** body seams may be welded.

3. **No** doubling of body panels allowed.

4. Doors may be wired shut sheet metal to sheet metal only in (8) locations per door with a max of 2 loops wire per location OR you may weld doors shut 3" on 3" off. Door strapping can be no bigger than 3" wide and 1/8 inch thick.

OUTSIDE OF CAR ONLY

5. Driver's door ONLY may be welded solid and be skinned for drivers' safety. Skin cannot go any further than 3" past the door seam.

6. **Rear fenders only** may be body creased up to the rear door seam but cannot be folded to create a seem. Panels must be vertical, not laid over or folded in. Must remain in stock position.

7. Front fenders must stay factory shape. No creasing/shaping.

8. May have 2 spots of #9 wire from floor to roof in rear seat area. (1) location per side of car. 3 loops total meaning it will be 6 wires when twisted. May weld 2 1/2" OD washers to the roof. (4) washers total and washers can't be used to reinforce the car. Unlimited #9 wire AFTER the heat.

HOOD

MUST BE OPEN AT INSPECTION!

1. Hoods must have two (2) holes, at least four (4) inches in diameter on each side of the carburetor. (12) $\frac{3}{8}$ " bolts TOTAL may be used to hold sheet metal together around cut outs in hood.
2. Hoods may be secured in (6) locations. (2) pieces of threaded rod in the core support, using 5"x5" washer to hold the hood down and (4) locations of #9 wire to hold down your hood **OR** (4) locations of 2"x2" angle 3" long welded along top of the hood and fender with (1) - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch bolt per location.

TRUNK

1. Trunks may be secured in (8) locations. Only (2) can be vertical 1" threaded rod, 1 per side, going through frame, with (3) nuts and 5"x5" plate for trunk hold down, AND (6) locations of #9 wire OR (6) 3"x6" welded plates. If not using threaded rod, may use (8) locations of #9 wire OR (8) 3"x6" welded plates.
2. You may weld washers 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ O.D. max to the sheet metal only for your #9 wire, but cannot cross the seem.
3. May tuck or push down truck lid. Trunk lid must remain 6" off the highest points inside the trunk. Even if the speaker deck is removed the trunk lid must be 6" off the highest points.
4. Speaker deck and trunk can be pushed down but remain 6" off highest area.
5. Rear frame can be notched and slightly bent. Don't go overboard or you will push this down.

SAFETY CAGE

1. All cars must have a 4-point safety cage and rollover bar.
2. Cage must have a dash bar that must be a minimum 4" from the firewall /cowl. Must remain 4" off the floor and 4" away from the wheel tub. No kickers off dash bar to firewall/cowl.
3. No kickers off of dash bar to firewall / cowl.
4. Your cage must have a bar behind the driver's seat.
5. You **must have** (2) side bars (1) per side. **Cannot** be longer than 60". **YOU MAY STACK DOOR BARS ON DRIVERSIDE FOR SAFETY BUT STILL HAVE TO BE 4" OFF THE FLOOR.**
6. Roll over bar cannot be more than 8" behind the top of the head rest. Must be vertical. No kickers off halo other than to your gas tank protector through the door windows. This is for safety only and not for structural reinforcement. Cage cannot be attached to any body mounts.
7. Rollover bar **MUST** be bolted with (2) 3"x3" angle 3" long to the roof. Roof sign/mount cannot be welded to the halo if it's touching the roof or be used as a kicker. If mounted to roof, must be 1" gap between halo and rear window bar.
8. The cage can be welded to sheet metal only.
9. (4) down legs 2"x4" tube max. are allowed (2) per side. All down legs must be vertical and not kicked. Down legs can be welded from the side bar down to the floor, **NOT SEAT AREA** with a single pass weld only OR bolted down with a 6"x6" plate to the floor with (4) $\frac{1}{2}$ inch bolts. One plate per down leg and cannot attach to anything else. **DOWN LEG CAN NOT PROTRUDE THOUGH THE FLOOR!!!** No added metal. Front of down legs must be 6" away from firewall and wheel wells. Roll over bar counts as 2 down legs if ran to the floor.
10. Cage can be made from nothing bigger than 4" pipe, 4" square tubing, or 4"x 6" box tube MAX.
11. All down legs must be at, or behind the dash bar straight up and down

12. Gas tank protectors 24" x 24" max. Must be centered between wheel wells. No higher than 4" above the tank. 4" off the floor if mounted to the cage. Must have a 4" gap between gas tank protector and all sheet metal/package tray.

13. All down bars / dash bars / rear bars and halo must be within the 60" door bars. Not in front or behind door bars.

14. Must have (2) 3"x 1/4" max windshield straps, **OR** 2"x2" tube/angle iron. May be bolted or welded. Max. 4" on roof and 2" cowl at base of windshield location. Cannot re-enforce the car. Sheet metal to sheet metal only.

15. May have a single straight rear window bar centered in the opening. 2"x2" tube max. Can only protrude 4" onto the roof and remain 8" away from rollover bar with 4"x4" max plates. Can be welded or bolted 50/50 to deck/trunk with 4"x4" max plates. Must have 3" gap between rear window bar and tank protector.

This is for safety only. If used for anything else it will be removed.

FRAMES/SUSPENSION

1. Patch Plates: **AFTER HEATS (4)** - 6"x6"x1/8" your choice of placement but can't touch or overlap. If weld is found excessive you will remove the weld and frame behind it. Cannot use as a kicker to a drive line component. Cannot be cut off and replaced. Cannot cut patches and spread them open. Plates/Welds cannot be touching. ** Unlimited #9 wire **AFTER** all heats**. NO WASHERS FOR SECURITY 9 WIRE ALLOWED. Cannot be attached or touch the bumper strap including the welds.

2. All steering / front and rear suspension components must remain OEM style stock unless otherwise noted. No drilling, no welding or fabrication is allowed other than where its noted. Direct bolt on only!!!

3. Front and rear aftermarket struts are okay.

4. Rear struts may be secured to body by (2) 3"x3"x1/4" plates **OR** (2) 3" long pieces of angle iron. Must have 2" min. gap between strut and body.

5. No aftermarket tie rod ends or heim joints. They must be OEM

6. No Aftermarket steering components. No Welding, modifying or fabrication at all on suspension and steering other than where its noted.

7. Aftermarket steering columns are ok. No Hydro

8. All factory frame/body holes must be left open unless covered by frame plate.

9. Subframe must remain stock. NO seam welding, plating etc. Subframe to frame cannot be welded. If using a body spacer, may weld top or bottom, NOT both.

10. Rear subframe mounts may be bolted direct, in stock location, with 3/4" bolts or threaded rod.

11. Any reinforcement, welding or loading of the frame found will result in disqualification. NO fixing allowed... **YOU WILL BE LOADED!**

BUMPERS

1. Front and Rear Bumpers may be loaded. May use an aftermarket or homemade bumper. **NO** spears! Pointies can be a max. of 8" from the front side of the bumper and need to have a min. of 32" wide taper. Bumpers cannot exceed 8" tall or thick. **Bumpers must not exceed the width of fenders.**

2. Front and Rear Bumpers May use up to 3"x4" max tube 8" long inside frame rail. These are to assist in mounting the bumper and must be attached to bumper. Can't be used for anything else.
3. Front and Rear Bumpers Bumpers can be no higher than **22"** from the ground to the bottom of the bumper **OR** lower than **14"** from the ground to the bottom of the bumper **OR** frame whichever is lowest.
4. Front Bumber-You are allowed to use (1) 4"x24"x1/4" flat bumper strap per frame rail on front bumper only. These must be attached to the bumper and be welded straight back down the side of the frame rail only (not on top). This cannot be used as a kicker or brace and cannot be attached to the lower sub. Don't abuse this or you will cut.
5. Front Bumper- You are allowed (2) locations of #9 wire from front bumper to core support.
6. Rear Bumper- Must be mounted in stock locations. May be #9 wired through floor and trunk in (2) locations. May **NOT** go to roof. No wedge bumpers allowed.

ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION

1. **NO** distributor protectors, cradles allowed.
2. May run aftermarket motor and trans mount but have to be stock appearing. Upper motor mounts may use 2"x2" tubing with 4"x4x1/4" plate max to mount to core support. This is to be bolted in only. **NO WELDING.**
3. Carb and header protectors are allowed but must be a minimum of 2" from firewall and can't be used to reinforce anything.
4. Aftermarket pedals and shifters are allowed but may **not** reinforce the car in any way or be attached to the cage.

TIRES

1. Any Tires and wheel combo but must have a tire- cannot run just a rim. **NO** split rims or studded tires.

EVERYBODY NEEDS TO READ AND RE-READ THESE RULES!!

If you are found to be over built for these rules, you will be given 2 options:

- 1. FIX TO COMPLY WITH RULES.**
- 2. LOAD AND GO HOME.**