

# AARA Car Eligibility Rules

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The following general guidelines apply to the administration of these rules:

- It is the responsibility of the car owner and driver to comply with these rules.
- Questions should be directed to the Technical Committee or Pit Steward.
- Every car must be inspected annually, prior to going out on the track at the first event in which it participates.
- No one under the age of 18 is permitted on the track or in the pits during the exhibition.
- Eligible cars include: Speedsters, Big Cars, Midgets, and ***TQ's*** typical of the 1920s-1960s. ***Accurate reproductions are permitted.***
- AARA may, at its discretion, restrict a driver's participation in any event.
- AARA may, at its discretion, permit non-conforming cars to participate. Restrictions will apply and decisions of the AARA Safety Committee are final.
- Each driver is required to sign a one time Driver Protocol form.

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1. Roll cages are forbidden. Roll bars are okay if of safe & adequate construction.
  2. ***It is recommended*** spindles, pitman arm, and any welded front end or steering parts ***be*** magnafluxed ***or dye checked*** within the past ***12 months prior*** to the event.
  3. All cars must have an easily accessible "kill" switch or button, and fuel shut-off valve.
  4. Midgets and Big Cars must have rear safety hubs to prevent wheel loss in the event of a broken axle.
  5. Safety chains or cable from front of rear radius rods to frame required on all cars with open rear axles.
  6. All cars must have at least 2 return springs on throttle linkage.
  7. Brakes will be checked for proper operation. Only steel tubing may be used for hydraulic brake lines.
  8. All cars must be equipped with an ***SFI certified*** lap belt attached to a chassis component. Shoulder belts are optional. ***It is recommended they be changed every five (5) years.***
  9. Steering wheel and gear will be checked for proper operation. Quick release steering wheel recommended.
  10. Tires shall be in good condition with adequate "live" rubber. Maximum tread width for Big Cars is nine (9) inches. Maximum tread width for midgets is eight (8) inches. Maximum wheel diameter for midgets is 12 inches.
  11. Body and chassis style for all cars shall be ***1960*** or older.
  12. Engines shall be of American origin and shall be of a type traditionally used in the car. Any engine possible at discretion of AARA officials. ***TQs are to be period correct.***
  13. Drive shafts, other than torque tube types, must have satisfactory safety loops and be shielded from driver.
  14. Push bumpers are required on ***all*** cars without starters. Tow starts are prohibited.
  15. Each car is required to have a fully charged fire extinguisher in the pits.
  16. ***All cars shall have near headrest a decal designating "A" (alcohol) or "G" (gasoline) for safety purposes.***