

2023 Fire Ant Nationals Drag Race
Fire Ant Festival
Saturday, March 25th
Turner County Elementary School Rear Parking Lot

Entry Deadline: March 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Driver Entry Fee: \$25

Class: Stock or Modified (Circle one)

Prize money will be determined by the number of entries in each class.

Saturday, March 25th

11:00 am: Check-in and Pit assignments.

(Enter the front of TCES and go through the gate
between the school and the TC Health Dept.)

12:00 pm: Drivers Meeting at the starting line

12:30-1:30 pm: Mower Inspections begin in individual pits
Practice.

(Practice will be single mower runs. After individual cars
pass inspection, they can practice. NO racing!)

3:00 pm: Double Elimination Bracket Race.

(Each Class will race by round before progressing
to the next round.)

Awards Presentation

Rules

- Open to tractor style front engine lawnmowers. No rear engines.
- The lawnmower must originally have been designed and sold to mow lawns.
- All lawnmowers must be equipped with an engine safety cut-off switch or key.
- Lawnmower brakes must be in working condition.
- No testing or driving fast in the pit/parking lot at any time. Engine testing allowed in the pit area.
- The pit area is for the lawnmower driver and crew ONLY. Everyone in these areas will be required to sign an insurance release form.
- Race length: 150 feet
- Lanes: 12 feet wide
- In the Stock class, the same mower may be used by multiple drivers. In the event that they meet in the bracket to race, an individual timed race will determine the winner.
- In the Modified class, a team may change drivers for their mower, but a driver can only drive one mower.

2 Classes: Stock and Modified

Stock

- No modifications other than removing the mower deck allowed
- Must be 23 HP or lower

Modified

- Remove the mower deck.
- Must have a stock lawnmower style engine. Modifications allowed.
- Must have a stock lawnmower frame. Frame and suspension modifications allowed.
- Must have lawnmower transaxle or transmission. Pulleys can be changed.
- Working brakes must be operational. Brakes will be checked prior to race.
- Tires can be replaced.
- All modified throttles must have springs that return the throttle to closed. One on the throttle body; one on the throttle lever or pedal.
- Wheelie bars are allowed and are required if the lawnmower frontend raises more than 12" of the ground at the race start.
- Handle bar and handle bar throttle levers may be used. All throttles must have springs that return the throttle to closed.

Technical Inspection

- The lawnmower will stay loaded on your trailer or vehicle until you register and the pit area is assigned, unless directed by the officers or track manager.
- Every mower entered in the event must pass inspection and be approved for competition by the officers. Inspection will be done in the pits.
- Any lawnmower may be re-inspected at any time by a race officer or race manager.
- If a team or driver violates the rules, the race officers and race manager will make all final participation decisions.
- Steering must be tight.
- Any lawnmower involved in any accident must be re-inspected and approved by the race officers before the mower can continue to race. Their ruling is final.
- Lawnmowers not meeting inspection by class may be assigned to race in a higher class.
- Lawnmowers not meeting all safety requirements may be disqualified.

Driver Safety Equipment

- Every driver must wear a DOT automobile racing or motorcycle-type safety helmet.
- Every driver shall wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and protective shoes on the track.
- It is MANDATORY that all drivers wear an "approved for racing" neck support.
- Drivers must demonstrate safe operation of the lawnmower during practice.

Race Rules

- Lawnmowers must be in the line up area and ready to race within 2 minutes of final call for the round.
- Only one crew member may enter the line up area with the lawnmower. There must be an adult over 18 present if the driver is under 16.
- If a driver crosses outside of his/her lane, it will be considered a loss of that run.
- If a driver jumps the light, it will be considered a loss of that run. Starting light will be used.
- No pit crew member may enter the racetrack or staging area after the starter has signaled the drivers to stage.
- All drivers must drive slowly and carefully leaving and returning to the pit area to prevent accidents. Idle speed is required. Only one verbal warning will be given. If flagrant, the driver will be disqualified.
- All mowers must have a person sitting on them before starting the engines, warming up, tuning, etc. The person on the mower should be able to drive the lawnmower.
- Maximum amount of fuel in the tank is ½ gallon.

For more information call Craig Matthews at 229-567-3338.

2023 Fire Ant Nationals Drag Race Entry Form
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Driver's name: _____
 Age: _____ Cell Phone _____ Email: _____
 If under 18, parents name: _____
 Parent's cell number: _____
 Team name: _____
 Lawnmower name: _____
 Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Please circle class: Stock Modified

I do not hold the Fire Ant Festival Committee, volunteers, other drivers, their crew members, or the Turner County Schools System liable for any injury or damage. I assume all risks. I will follow all stated rules and directions by race officials.

Signature: _____
 Parent's Signature: _____
 Date: _____

 To be completed by Race Officials:

Paid: Stock \$25 Modified \$35
 Lawnmower assigned number and Pit Number: _____

Inspection: Helmet and neck support

Stock	Modified	Pro
Deck removed	Deck removed	Deck removed
½ gallon of gas	½ gallon of gas	½ gallon of gas
Lower than 23HP	Lawn Mower engine	Frame/motor/drivetrain/suspension
Tires	Lawn Mower frame	under 7' wheelbase
Brakes	Lawn Mower transaxle/trans	under 48"
Steering	Steering	Steering
	Tires	Tires
	Throttle	Throttle
	Brakes	Brakes
		Flywheel Cover
		Kill switch

Inspection passed: Yes No