

Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair
Emmet County Fairgrounds
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026
4:00p.m. Start

Auto Cross Rules

Contact: Brian Howard 231-347-9546 with car set up questions; Fair office:
231-347-1010; any other questions or email: fair@emmetcounty.org.

Pit rules:

- Anyone in pit area must sign liability release.
- No alcohol, fighting or vulgar language allowed at event. Cause for disqualification if used.
- Only 1 driver and 2 mechanic or pit members per car allowed in pit area.
- **Only very slow speed by cars in pit area. Driving only allowed when going to & from track area.**

General Rules:

- ***All drivers must attend drivers meeting at 3:45pm***
- Helmet & eye protection & seat belts mandatory while racing.
- **No one under 16 allowed in pit area. This includes driver & mechanic.**
- Each driver must use same car throughout entire event, including heat races.
- Drivers must stay in car during the race, unless instructed to do otherwise by track personnel.
- This is a **RACE**, not a demolition derby. It is understood that some contact will be made between vehicles, but intentional ramming especially driver's door or team tagging will result in disqualification.
- All cars and parts must be removed from the fairgrounds by midnight, the night of the race.
- Responsibility for cars, parts or personal property before, during and after the event rest with the driver.
- Failure to follow rules will result in disqualification.
- Flags: **GREEN – Start race.**
YELLOW –caution, slow down-a car is stopped in the track
BLACK – Disqualified-stop your car, but stay in it until the race is finished or otherwise instructed.
RED – Stop at once everyone.
WHITE – one lap to go.
CHECKERED – FINISHED-go off the track as directed.

Trophies & Cash prizes awarded to first 3 places in each class.

CAR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

- Only 2-wheel drive cars or 4-wheel drive cars where the 4-wheel drive has been disabled will be allowed.
- All cars must be equipped with minimum 2-1/2# ABC fire extinguisher securely fastened within reach of driver.
- Number both doors and top of car with 24" numbers.
- If your gas tank is in front of the wheels, it can remain in the stock location. If it is not, you must remove and relocate securely to the rear floor and have it completely covered.
- Radiators must remain in stock location; NO reinforcing.
- All glass must be removed; except shatterproof windshields allowed.
- All doors must be securely welded or chained shut.
- Roll bars & bars across driver's door are allowed for safety.
- All cars must have working brakes.
- All cars must have a 12" hole cut in hood above the battery in case of fire.
- Driver's doors must have original interior or padding on the inside.
- Front & rear bumpers must be similar make and model of vehicle, need not be original; no trailer hitches allowed. Rear wheel drive cars only need a mud flap across the back of car. (ie: carpeting, old snowmobile track etc.) **NOTE: if the mud flap falls off, you are disqualified.**
- All suspension components must be stock. Absolutely no altering, welding or reinforcement of springs, frame or other suspension components.
- One shock per wheel in stock location.
- No chaining or welding any parts to frame. One 18"x 18" x 1/8" plate may be bolted to frame to protect engine.
- Throttle must have positive return springs.
- All cars must pass tech inspection; inspections run from 2:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. day of race.
- Turf tires are allowed. For more info call Brian Howard.

CAR# _____ Class: 4CYL _____ 6CYL _____ V8 _____ TRUCK/VAN/SUV _____

**Emmet Charlevoix County Fair
Auto Cross Entry Form**

THE UNDERSIGNED ARE APPLYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTO CROSS TO BE HELD AT THE EMMET – CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE ***WAIVER AND RELEASE ON THE REVERSE AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION. BY SIGNING THIS ENTRY FORM, THE PARTICIPANTS EACH ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE READ THIS FORM IN IT’S ENTIRETY AND THE ATTACHED RULES, AND THAT THEY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES AS FINAL.

- **VEHICLE INSPECTION 1:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**
- **MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING: 3:45 P.M.**
- **1ST HEAT TO START AT 4:00 P.M. SHARP**
- ONLY ONE SUPPORT VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA
- ONLY THE TWO PIT CREW MEMBERS SIGNED IN ALLOWED IN PIT AREA
- (ADDITIONAL PIT CREW/PERSONS WILL BE CHARGED \$30 INDIVIDUALLY)
- DRIVER AND PIT CREW MEMBERS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE (I.D. REQUIRED).

\$30.00 PER CAR ENTRY PER CLASS. ADMITS DRIVER AND 2 PIT CREW (EXTRA PIT CREW \$30.00 EACH) MAIL COMPLETED ENTRY FORM AND ENTRY FEE TO: EMMET-CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR P.O. Box 496. PETOSKEY, MI 49770 (YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER AT FAIR OFFICE DEBIT/CREDIT CARD AVAILABLE AT FAIR OFFICE, PROCESSING FEE APPLIES)

DRIVER: PRINT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

AGE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ PHONE _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PIT CREW MEMBER #1

PRINT NAME: _____ AGE: _____ PHONE # _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PIT CREW MEMBER #2

PRINT NAME: _____ AGE: _____ PHONE # _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SPONSORS: _____

*****SIGN WAIVER ON REVERSE.....**

AUTO CROSS COMPETITION - WAIVER AND RELEASE

In consideration of permission to participate as a driver, mechanic, owner, attendant, pit crew member, or in any other capacity, in the AUTO CROSS RACE EVENT to be held at the 2026 Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair at the Emmet County Fairgrounds, the undersigned hereby releases the counties of Emmet & Charlevoix, their elected and appointed officers and officials, employees and agents and any and all sponsors and fair volunteers from any and all liability and waives any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the undersigned or his or her property while on the premises of the Fairgrounds or en route to or from the Fairgrounds for the event.

The undersigned is aware of the risks and hazards inherent in participation in the Auto Cross race event at the Fairgrounds and elects voluntarily to enter upon the premises knowing that the conditions may become hazardous or dangerous at any time and assumes all risks of loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the undersigned or his property, while on the premises.

This waiver and release shall be binding upon the heirs, next of kin, personal representatives, attorneys, successors and assigns of the undersigned.

In signing this waiver and release, the undersigned acknowledges that:

He/she has had sufficient opportunity to review and consider this waiver and release and at his /her option, to consult with an attorney of his/her choice concerning its terms and signs it freely and voluntarily; and

1. He/she is sixteen(16)years of age or older; and
2. He/she is not participating in the event as an employee, agent or servant of Emmet County.
3. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this waiver and release this
_____ day of _____ 2026.

PRINT NAME: _____

PARTICIPANT signature: _____ WITNESS: _____

PIT CREW #1: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PIT CREW #2: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBER: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

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