

2023 10K Drift Challenge Competition Rulebook



ND Drift is proud to present the 2023 10K Drift Challenge rulebook.

We are excited to bring you the 5th annual 10K Drift Challenge. Listed below are competition guidelines and vehicle safety requirements. We encourage all drivers and teams to thoroughly read the competition rulebook. If you have any questions, please email our technical director.

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Competition Information:

- Open to drivers from all levels of drifting; grassroots, ProAm, FD ProSpec and FD Pro.
- The 10K Drift Challenge is not a Formula Drift feeder event for 2023. No Formula Drift licenses will be awarded at this event.
- Driver cap – 40 drivers
- Format: Double elimination shootout.
 - All drivers guaranteed 2 competition battles.
- Weekend schedule:
 - Thursday – Tech inspection + practice session
 - Friday – Practice + chip draw
 - Saturday – Competition + awards ceremony
 - Sunday – Sunday Funday
- Bracket positions determined by chip draw. No qualifying.
- Battles judged by a panel of three judges
 - Judging is based on line, angle, fluidity, and proximity.
- Judges decisions are final. No protests.
- OMT (One more time) decisions will result in a second battle... one lead and one follow run from each driver. The driver that led first during the first battle, will lead first in the second battle. Drivers will be allowed to change tires before the second pair of battles.
- Follow drivers are allowed to jump the starting light. If the lead driver jumps, it will result in a restart. Lead drivers are expected to make forward progress within 1 second of the starting lights extinguishing.
- Drivers are allowed a single 5 minute competition timeout.
- If damage results from contact, judges will assign fault to a driver. If repair is necessary, the driver not at fault may request 10 minutes to repair the vehicle without needing to use their competition timeout.
- Drivers and crew will be able to set up a hot pit, at the end of the drag strip near the drift track entrance.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct is grounds for removal from competition.

1. Vehicle Eligibility

- Any year, make, model production vehicle is eligible for competition. Kit cars are not allowed.
- **Roll cages are NOT required for this event.** Cars without factory crash structure in doors must have a roll cage with door bars.
 - The roll cage MUST be welded in. It should consist of a main hoop, halo hoop with A-pillar bars (or side hoops with a windshield bar), door bars (ladder bars, X bars or nascar bars), and two rear brace bars off of the main hoop.
 - Roll cages should be made with seamless 1020 or 1025 mild steel, DOM or chromoly tubing. ERW is not permitted. Minimum of 1.5" x .095" for all materials.
- Convertibles MUST have a roll bar consisting of a main hoop and two rear down bars. The roll bar may be weld in or bolt in but should be mounted to secure points on the chassis. Roll bars should be made of tubing with a minimum tubing size of 1.5" x .095". The top of the roll bar MUST be above the drivers/passengers helmets while seated in the vehicle.
- Vehicles should be in good mechanical working order; no major fluid leaks, loose wheel bearings/bushings etc.
- Fluid reservoirs must have properly sealed caps/covers. No cracks that may cause fluid leaks.
- If the fuel tank has been moved from its original location, a firewall must separate the driver from the fuel cell.

2. Driver Safety Equipment

- Drivers must have a full face helmet rated Snell SA2010 or newer.
- Drivers must wear sleeved shirt (t-shirt acceptable/tank top unacceptable), pants, gloves, and closed toe shoes.

3. Interior

- If using OEM seats, you must use OEM belts. If using aftermarket bucket seats, you must have a 4/5/6 point harness.
 - Using OEM seats with harnesses or bucket seats with OEM seat belts is not allowed.
 - Reclining seats are allowed.
- Seats, steering wheels and harnesses must be securely mounted.
- Everyone must have, at MINIMUM, a 2LB fire extinguisher securely mounted within reach of the driver in the vehicle. Although it is highly recommended to use a fire suppression system.

4. Exterior

- Hood, doors and trunk must remain closed and bumpers attached to the vehicle during a competition run. If a body panel becomes detached, due to contact, and impedes the other vehicle, a penalty may be assessed to the driver of the vehicle the body panel came from.
- Any crash/bash bars must not stick out past the body of the vehicle.
- All vehicles must have a properly functioning hood latch **OR** hood pins with the factory hood latch disabled or removed
- Front windshield must not have any cracks or chips.

5. Electrical

- If the vehicle does not use factory keyed ignition, it must have a master cut off switch.
 - Master cut off switch must be located on the wiper cowl and the location marked by a decal on the windshield.
- Battery must be securely mounted and the positive terminal must be covered.
- Vehicles must have working brake lights.

6. Tires

- Maximum rear tire width is 285mm – no treadwear restriction
 - The size of a tire will be determined by the oem marking on the sidewall. The oem marking may not be tampered with. (Example 285/35R18)
- Front tires – no size or treadwear restriction