



## **U-CAR Rules** **2026**

- 1. COMPETING MODELS:** 1980 or newer 4 cylinder front wheel drive 4 passenger 2 or 4 door sedans are allowed. No rear wheel drive vehicles allowed.
- 2. GENERAL BODY:** Wheelbase must remain within +/-1/2 inch of stock factory wheelbase. The body, frame and suspension must remain completely stock! No Bracing allowed anywhere. All cars must have a hook or other means, front and rear, for a wrecker to hook to.
- 3. BODY REQUIREMENTS:**  
Body must remain stock unless stated below.
  - Plastic front inner fenders may be removed. All metal inner structure must remain stock.
  - All door inner shells must remain intact except driver's door to allow for cage.
  - All doors must be welded shut.
  - All door jambs and lock pillars must remain stock.
  - Hood and deck lid must remain stock even the hinges must be stock and in working order. A minimum of 2 steel hood pins must be used to secure the open side of the Hood and deck lid.
  - Firewalls must be stock front and rear. Do not remove anything. Rear firewalls must remain stock and covered.
  - All interiors must be removed along with flammable material (seats, headliner, carpet, door panels, etc.)
  - The dash must remain complete and stock. The radio and heater/ac controls may be removed.

-- Stock steering column required.  
-- no front spoiler, but rear factory spoiler allowed. --  
No air ducts, scoops, etc  
-- Side windows permitted must be made of lexan

**4. GLASS:** All glass & lexan removed, 4 bars and screen in front of driver

**5. WEIGHT:** Must weigh 2450lbs

**6. ENGINE REQUIREMENTS:**

-- 4 cylinder engines only, no quad 4, twelve valve, turbo or super charged engines. No dual overhead cams allowed  
-- **MUST APPEAR** completely stock for year model with stock engine mounts.  
-- **MAX RPM of 6500. Recall tach must be installed in the cockpit from the drivers reach and operational. Winner will be checked before advancing to victory lane.**  
-- NO aftermarket high performance parts allowed. All parts must be OEM.

**7. CYLINDER HEAD:** No high performance or high compression heads allowed.

**8. INTAKE MANIFOLD:** Stock production for make and motor.

**9. CARBURETOR/FUEL INJECTIONS:** Must remain stock. No turbo or super chargers.

**10. CARBURETOR SPACERS:** No aftermarket spacers allowed.

**11. AIR CLEANER:** Air cleaners must be stock. Paper only.. no K & N

**12. ENGINE - CAR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:** Only standard electrical system allowed. No aftermarket or high performance components allowed. Stock ignition chip must be used.

**13. BATTERY:** Only one (1) 12V battery allowed. Battery must be located under hood or in truck in secured battery box.

**14. COOLING SYSTEM:** Stock cooling system only. **No antifreeze.** No racing radiators. Stock fans only. Fans may be wired to run continuously. A/C system must be discharged. Condenser and pump may be removed. NO after-market pulleys

**15. ENGINE LUBRICATION:** No oil coolers or remote oil filters. Stock production only.

**16. EXHAUST SYSTEM:** Exhaust must be factory stock for year, make, and model. Exhaust pipe must extend past driver to side of car and maintain a minimum of 6" ground clearance. Only one (1) exhaust pipe permitted. **MUFFLERS – No headers allowed** except for Ford GT Escort can use OEM header only

**17. TRANSMISSION:** Transmission must remain completely stock for make model. Manual or automatic allowed but must not be altered. All forward and reverse gear Must be operable from driver's compartment. Flywheels must be stock and unmodified. No after-market flywheel

**18. TRANSAXLE:** Must remain completely stock for make and model. No locked differential.

**19. WHEELS/TIRES:**

--All tires must be DOT approved tires. No Hoosier tires allowed

--Passenger Car tires only. No Performance or Low Profile Tires allowed --

All tires must be same size

--No altering of thread patterns by any means

-- No grooving, siping, altering of tire compounds by any means or soaking of tires

-- All tires must punch 60 or harder on tire durometer

-- Tires may be any Brand name, all (4) tires must be the same size and rating present

-- 14x7 or 15 x 7 racing wheels. Any offset, but ALL 4 WHEELS on the car must have the same offset. NO BEADLOCKS, NO MUD PLUGS

**20. FRAMES:**

-- All frames and sub-frames must be stock. The stock steel floor pan must be unaltered.

-- Frame rails and sub frames must be stock for make model.

**21. SUSPENSION:**

-- Suspension parts must remain stock for make and model, no spacers etc.

--Springs be must be stock length and diameter. NO ALTERING

-- Bushings must be of OEM rubber

-- Shocks must be mounted in exactly as stock. NO RACING SHOCKS

--Steel body shocks only, The only exception is the right front wheel which can be modified to maximum of 5 degree's of camber

-- NO MODIFYING OF REAR SUSPENSION, AND REAR END MUST BE SQUARE IN CAR

**22. STEERING:** Stock steering components only, stock steering column only, removable steering wheel optional.

**23. BRAKES:** Standard production brake components only. No brake bias or balance bar allowed. Brakes must work on all 4 wheels at all times. no switching of brake lines at master cylinder, must be of factory stock

**24. FUEL SYSTEM:**

- No additives.
- Fuel cell recommended, 8 gallons maximum. No outside filler neck.
- Fuel cell, if used, must be mounted in trunk area and be strapped and bolted down To trunk floor. Fuel cell cannot be recessed into trunk floor. All gas lines must run under car.
- Minimum 4 straps on fuel cell, 2 in each direction.
- An external electric fuel pump may be used and must be mounted in the trunk in a Safe manner. No regulators of any type allowed.

No racing fuel allowed - Pump gas only with Octane of nothing higher than 93. Fuel will be checked

**25. SAFETY:**

- Fire extinguisher must be mounted within drivers reach.

**Seat Belts and Restraint Systems**

- Each car must be equipped with a minimum of an SFI 16.1 or SFI 16.5 approved restraint system. The restraint system will be eligible for use in competition until the expiration date or for two (2) years from the date of manufacture. Seat belt restraint systems should be installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- In any type of manufacturer's installation, the fasteners must be as supplied by the manufacturer.
- Seat belt material should not come in contact with any sharp or metal edge, including when the material passes through the seat.

**Helmets**

- A helmet certified to Snell SA2015/FIA-8859-2015, Snell SA2020/FIA-8860-2018, SFI 31.1/2015 or SFI 31.1/2020 is required to be always worn during competition or on the racing surface.

**Head & Neck Restraints**

- ARE RECOMMENDED drivers must connect their helmet to a head and neck restraint device/ system certified to SFI Spec 38.1. The head and neck restraint device/ system, when connected, must conform to the manufacturer's mounting instructions, and must be configured, maintained, and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

**Fire Suits** - A driver suit certified to SFI Spec 3.2A/5 is required to be always worn during competition or on the racing surface.

**Gloves** - Certified to SFI Spec 3.3 are required to be always worn during competition or on the racing surface.

**26. WINDOW NET:** A driver's side window net must be installed with quick release.  
No rope window nets allowed.

**27. SEAT:** Racing type seat must be mounted securely to the roll cage.

**28. MIRROR:** No mirrors allowed.

**29. ROLL CAGE:**

--4 or 6 point roll cage. Must be attached to (4) or (6),  $\frac{1}{4}$  by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  steel plates welded to frame rails.

--Driver's door must be reinforced with 3 door bars ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  by .095 wall seamless steel tubing)

--Only remove enough metal from the driver's door to insert roll bars. No sharp edges.

-- Driver's door bar(s) and all bars within drivers reach must be padded.

-- Door bar(s) on driver's side may be plated outside with  $\frac{1}{8}$  steel.

-- Roll cage may extend through the front firewall for safety and integrity of the frame.

-- No bars may go through the rear compartment into trunk.

-- X Bracing behind drivers seat mandatory

-- Window post bars mandatory

-- Brain bar mandatory

-- passenger side door bars 3 or 2 bars x

**32. IDENTIFICATION: All cars must comply with the following identification**

**And markings requirements:** Numbers must be at least 24 inches high and neatly painted on both sides of the car on the center of door. A number 24 inches high must be painted on the roof, reading from the driver's side. The use of number decals is acceptable if the number is legible. All numbers must be legible and bright, **do not put blue numbers on a black car**

**33. RaceCeiver Radios and Transponders will be mandatory**

