

OFFICIAL 2008 HORNET RULES

1. Any 3 or 4 cylinder compact car. Maximum wheelbase of 103". Maximum roof height 62". Stock engine for that make and model from the induction system to the exhaust manifold; stock transmission, stock body and frame, and unmodified suspension. Dash, steering, and pedals must remain stock. No hood scoops or air cleaners through the hood. All insulation under the hood must be removed. Officials reserve the right to prohibit the use of any vehicle that they deems unsafe or unfit to race for any reason.
2. **Body:** Remove all glass and interior components, carpet; door panels etc. Dash must stay intact. All lights, plastic, door handles and trim must be removed from exterior.
3. **Windshield** must be replaced with expanded metal or steel wire mesh covering the full length of opening. Must have one center support minimum 1" by 1/8" stock. Must have three minimum 1/4" square tubing bars, centered with driver's seat, in windshield.
4. **Batteries** in stock location must be secured by minimum 1/8" x 1" steel strap with minimum 3/8" hardware with large head washers. Battery may be relocated in right front floorboard and must be secured in metal box only.
5. **Exhaust;** a complete leak free, tight exhaust with maximum size of 2" O.D must run from engine to 1ft. past driver seat.
6. **Steering and suspension** must remain stock. No modifications except for a quick release steering wheel. Column must remain stock. Ride attitude must be maintained.
7. **Cooling system;** Any stock radiator allowed which will fit in stock mounts. An overflow container must be mounted in engine compartment. Water only allowed in radiator.
8. **Gas tank.** If stock gas tank is ahead of rear axle it may remain in place. If stock tank is behind rear axle it must be replaced with a fuel cell or marine tank mounted in trunk (maximum 6.6 gallons). Must be secured by minimum 1/8" x 1" steel traps with minimum 3/8" hardware. Hatchback fuel cells must be covered in a metal case. Cars with electric fuel pumps in tank must have main power cut off mounted and marked on/off in clear site.
9. **Fire extinguisher** recommended. 2lb BC rated mounted in quick release bracket within reach of driver.
10. **Roll Cage;** Roll cage is optional **UNLESS** the car has been rolled and then a cage **MUST** be installed. Cage specifications are: mandatory minimum 5 point. A single hoop roll bar with two down bars and one drivers door bar from drivers door to front floor pan. Constructed of 1 1/3" x 0.095 diameter tubing, must be welded or bolted with minimum 4"x 4" x 1/8" sandwich plates to the car. Hoop must be full height and width of car. Full cage optional. Front hoop optional.
11. **Driver's door** must be chained or welded shut. Driver's door plating is recommended. Passenger door must be chained only. If car is equipped with roll cage, both doors may be welded shut. Rub rails are optional.

12. **Seats & Belts:** Folding seats must be fastened in position. Race seat recommended. No fiberglass seats. Stock seat belt optional, racing seat belt must be securely fastened to stock location or roll cage.
13. Window net is **mandatory** and must be functional. Must be nylon or net design.
14. **Safety:** Gloves are **required**. All helmets must meet DOT standards and be Snell and SFI approved. Eye protection is **mandatory** (face shield or goggles). Drivers must wear long pants and long sleeved shirts and closed toe shoes. Some type of fire retardant suit is recommended but is not mandatory.
15. Bumpers must be in stock location chained to frame. NO REINFORCING OF BUMPERS. Bumper may be changed but must remain inside fenders. Bumpers must be strapped to fenders.
16. Hood and trunk must be secured with hood pins only.
17. Tire size cannot exceed aspect ratio of 205-60 regardless of wheel diameter, i.e. 205-60-13, 205-60-14, 205-60-15, 205-60-16. ALL FOUR TIRES MUST BE THE SAME DIAMETER. All wheels must be OEM. All offsets must be the same on all four wheels.
18. Numbers must be a minimum of 20" high in a contrasting color on both doors and 24' high on roof. Number on front and back of car must be minimum 6" high. Vinyl numbers are recommended.
19. No ballast weight may be added.
20. Driver floor pan must be complete. Firewall hole must be sealed with minimum 14 gauge steel. NO HOLES.
21. All cars are subject to a minimum specification inspection at any time. It is the responsibility of the driver to prepare their car free of defects and in safe racing condition.
22. First time drivers at USA will tag the back of the pack of their first heat race. Rookies must tag their first (5) heat and main event races.

2008 Hornet Running Rules

1. **Hornets will not run for championship points in 2008.**
2. **The track champion will be determined by a shootout race between all main event winners during the season. The final Champ points standings will be determined by the race finish. If there are less than (5) cars in the shootout, the remaining champ points positions will be filled according to the highest average main event finish during the regular season.**
3. **Drivers must participate in a minimum of (10) races to be eligible for the shootout.**
4. **The top (6) positions will be paid on race nights.**
5. **Previous years Track Champion will tag all heats and main events for the next season.**

Track Claim

USA RACE PARK reserves the right to claim any Hornet car at any time. The claim amount is for \$300.00 without a roll cage, \$400.00 with roll cage. Competitor retains racing seat belts and fuel cell if these items are used. If you refuse a legal claim, you will forfeit any trophies, points, and prize money for entire event(s). Car & driver will be ineligible to complete for the remainder of the season.