



DRIFTCON TEAM TANDEM HANDBOOK

Team Tandem returns to Evergreen Speedway on May 30. This part of the event will be held immediately after the High Line Shootout.

Teams of 3-4 will battle for a cash prize on this fresh layout. Prize money will be determined by the number of teams competing.

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The Team Tandem Competition Presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts will be held at DRIFTCON on May 30, 2026.

TEAM COST:

\$400 + Sales Tax – Maximum of 16 Teams

*Includes Open Drift opportunities and any hotlapping after 8:00pm.

VARIABLE PRIZE PAYOUT*

1st: \$2000

2nd: \$1000

3rd: \$600

*Payout shown above is based on 16 teams competing and will be reduced with less teams.

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS GUARANTEED BONUS PAYOUT*

1st: \$600

2nd: \$300

3rd: \$150

*This guaranteed cash payout will be added to the variable payout shown above.

DRIFTCON EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday – May 30, 2026 – MAIN GATES OPEN 1PM

- 8:30 – Back Gate Opens
- 10:00 – MANDATORY Drivers Meeting
- 10:30 – MANDATORY MEDIA Meeting
- 10:30 to 11:15 – High Line Shootout Practice
- 11:00 – Early Access Gates Open
- 11:30 to 1:00 – High Line Shootout Qualifying
- 12:00 – Team Tandem Drivers Meeting (One Driver Present Minimum)
- 1:00 – Main Gates Open
- 1:00 to 1:45 – Team Tandem Group 1 Practice
- 1:45 to 2:30 – Team Tandem Group 2 Practice
- 2:30 to 3:30 – High Line Shootout Top 32 to Top 16
- 3:30 to 5:00 – High Line Shootout Top 16 Introduction to Finish
- 5:00 to 5:15 – Hoon-Off Burnout Competition
- 5:15 to 6:15 – Team Tandem Qualifying
- 6:00 to 6:15 – Car Show Awards Ceremony at DJ Stage
- 6:15 to 7:45 – Team Tandem Top 16 to Finish
- 7:45 to 8:00 – Drifting Awards Ceremony

***It is the driver's responsibility to follow the schedule and stay on time. We will make constant announcements in the pits, so please stay alert to keep the show rolling.**

HIGH LINE + TEAM TANDEM PRACTICE DAY EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday – May 29, 2026

- 2:00 – Back Gate Opens
- 4:00 – Track Goes Hot
- 8:00 – Practice Day Ends

TEAM TANDEM COMPETITION FORMAT

Team Tandem will take place immediately AFTER the High Line Shootout main competition. The schedule will remain flexible – please be attentive and follow instructions by track officials. It is up to you to know where we are in the show. We will not wait for you.

QUALIFYING / BRACKET

Qualifying and bracket placement will be determined but overall performance and impressions during the final practice. It is essentially a judged practice session that will be used to determine qualifying ranking.

Qualifying results and brackets will then be posted for easy viewing to create the structure for the rest of the competition. We will then create a Top 16 competition bracket.

Within each “battle” each team will get 2 runs to put on their best show. The better of the two teams will advance in the bracket. In the event this is taking too long we reserve the right to adjust to one run for each team per battle. This adjustment would only be made after each main group of the bracket changes. Top 16, Great 8, Final 4, etc.

If a “battle” is too close to call the judges reserve the right to ask for a One More Time.

TEAM TANDEM LAYOUT (REVERSE FIGURE 8)

To prevent teams from knowing the layout and practicing in advance the layout will be kept private until the week of the event. The only practice sessions teams will get will be on the official Friday practice day.



 TEAM TANDEM START

 TEAM TANDEM END

 CLIPPING POINT

MAP SHOULD ONLY BE USED AS A GENERAL IDEA OF THE LAYOUT.

JUDGING / SCORING

Team Tandem is NOT judged like normal drifting competition. Judges will be focusing on proximity and overall team skill. Teams should be trying to drive within arm's reach of one another. Drivers should be on the same line, with matching style and form. While line, style, angle, and excitement will all continue to be judged factors, what we really want to see is synchronized style and performance. The lead driver is responsible for laying down the best line and the follow cars are to follow the lead driver and keep in as close proximity and uniformly as possible.

1. * Passing is discouraged – Teams should stay in order from start to finish.
2. Drivers should not straighten up or make severe corrections.
3. If a team member loses control or spins out/stops drifting and starts over this is considered a severe correction.
4. Other points can be taken away / or added depending on a judge's discretion.
5. There will be no "restart" or "do-overs" for teams.
6. **No disputes. All judges' decisions are final.**

*Specifics regarding passing, and other judging criteria will be clarified during the mandatory team tandem drivers meeting.

JUDGES

- TBD

COMPETITION

The Team Tandem competition judges will be judging the teams based on how well each team drifts together. A minimum of 3 cars will be required on each team. The goal is for all team members to be synchronized with one another so that the team looks uniform – as opposed to one driver trying to outrun the other. Judges will be focusing on proximity and overall style.

To do well in team drift competition, it is best if all the cars within the team have similar drifting characteristics (hp level, grip level, etc.). Each driver must know how others drift so he can better anticipate what they are going to do and drift comfortably with each other.

OPTIONAL PRACTICE DAY

Each driver can sign up for optional Friday practice and pay \$50 at the back gate to enter and practice the Team Tandem layout between High Line Shootout practice sessions. A minimum of 2 drivers will want to be at the track together to drive as a team. We will not be allowing single drivers to run the layout as it will take up too much time for practice.

RESERVE CARS

Mechanical incidents happen, a team will be at a large disadvantage if they are short 1 driver (more to be explained by judges at the drivers meeting). 3 drivers are required to enter the competition and a minimum of 2 drivers must be on track during bracket eliminations. Each team is allowed to elect 1 reserve car / driver in exchange for losing a teammate. The reserve car must be a paid, registered, tech inspected and approved prior to the start of the competition (Open Drift and High Line Shootout drivers eligible).

We will immediately go into podium after the Team Tandem Competition. Final competitors are encouraged to make their way to the track in front of the grandstands.

RIDE-ALONGS

These will be permitted in tandem legal cars with proper safety equipment. You must have any passengers sign the waiver before letting them in your car. They are only allowed during practice and once qualifying starts they will not be permitted during the main event (it slows down the competition too much).

RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER

These rules and regulations are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern all events, and by participating in these events. All participants are deemed to be in compliance with these rules and regulations. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the track officials. Any equipment the officials consider exotic or not in the interest or intent of the rules will be considered not legal for competition.

NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.

These rules are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, official or others. The Technical Director shall be empowered to permit minor deviations from any of the specifications or impose further restrictions that, in his opinion, do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements.

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Interpretation of, or deviation from these rules is left to the discretion of the Officials. Their decision is final. It's the responsibility of the driver to ensure their car conforms to all rules and regulations at all times.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to make sure they know how to properly install, maintain, and use their personal and vehicle safety gear.

SPECIAL NOTE

All participants are expected to take pride in being part of our entertainment. Racing entertainment is what we sell to the public and we will not tolerate anyone or anything that detracts from the show. Cars in the opinion of the Officials that lack in appearance or are deemed unsafe will not be allowed to compete until acceptable. All car construction rules will be decided by Evergreen Drift tech inspectors. Their decisions are final.