

CORUNNA BELT SANDER DRAG RACING RULES

Corunna's track consists of seven, eight-foot portable table sections that hook together to form two side-by-side racing lanes, 30 feet long from the start line to the finish flag and 56 feet total length. (Picture a mini drag race, but with power tools.) The extra track length is for slowing and stopping. Padding is added to the end of the track for the sanders to stop safely.

The inside width of the track is 7 3/4 " with the side rails at a height of 1 7/8" above the racing surface. All entries must fit within the track and use standard household current. All sanders must run on a store bought abrasive belt that has not been altered (i.e. no steel cleats or stickum on the belt).

The belt sanders are placed on the track, locked in the "on" position, and then each sander is plugged into a long extension cord. These two extension cords are then plugged into a common power source, Corunna's official start podium, which has the power turned off. With both sanders ready, the power is turned on and the first one to the finish line, 30' down the track, is the winner.

There are three competitions available on race day provided there are entries to hold all events. Races are held in the stock and modified division, and, at the beginning of the races, there is the best decorated competition. There will be prizes awarded in each of the three competitions.

Stock sanders are straight out of the box, with no mechanical alteration being done to them whatsoever. They are allowed to have wheels and other devices mounted to them to help guide them straight down the track. Any sander that will not stay on the track will be eliminated as a safety hazard.

Modified sanders are a totally different story. Modified sanders have had the gears changed, motors altered, and goodness knows what else. Apart from fitting the track, the power source, and belt rules you can do just about anything you wish.

The vast majority of entrants decorate their sanders in one way or the other. Decorating is allowed in either category, and does not affect whether a sander is stock or modified. Make sure that any decorations you put on your sander are at least 2" up from the track surface, or it may rub against the side rails and slow you down.

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