



Fairview FFA

Garden Tractor Pulling Rules



Section 1 – Eligibility

1. All Drivers must be able to control their tractor from the driver's seat.
2. All drivers must sign a liability waiver, if a driver is under 18 a parent or guardian must sign for them.
3. Drivers must wear long pants, shoes, no sandals or open toe shoes.
4. Number one tractor will be test puller and may take pull if sled is OK or he/she may come back and pull in third position. If sled needs further adjustment, first puller after each adjustment will be treated as first puller. All tractors must be running when they enter the track.
5. (Optional): A kill switch will be used on all tractors that have it available.
6. All pullers under 15 years of age must wear a helmet (if puller does not have one they will not be allowed to pull).
7. All drivers must be familiar with the rules of operation and the classes, and abide by them.
8. All vehicles are subject to safety and class eligibility checks by officials for compliance with rules. Passing of safety and eligibility inspection shall be required at each sanctioned event prior to allowing the tractor to compete. Any competitor refusing to have his/her tractor inspected for safety and eligibility shall not be allowed to enter and/or pull in the class or classes in question until legality is established.
9. Scratching from class before it starts shall constitute a refund of the entry fee. Scratching from a class after it has started shall not constitute a refund.
10. Weigh-in will occur directly before the pull is attempted for each puller. Tractor must have all safety equipment in place; have sufficient fuel, oil and water if applicable and driver in the seat. No adding of fuel, oil or weights after crossing the scales and entering the track unless re-weighing. If this happens, the driver and tractor must cross the scales again and re-weigh. Existing weights may, however, be relocated without repercussion. No tractor exceeding class weight will be allowed past scales and onto the track. Weight includes driver and tractor and a 1% tolerance that will be allowed for all classes. This allowance will be given due to possible scale fluctuations; however, there will be no leniency on the accepted weight.
11. A driver meeting will be held 15 minutes before the pull begins. It is mandatory that all drivers attend this meeting. At the discretion of the official, a driver who does not attend a driver meeting may be disallowed to compete during the accompanying session of pulling.

Section 2 – Divisions

1. Stock-turf tires, Modified-bar tires or other non-turf tire.
2. Straight off the lawn class-Any mower not exceeding 1500 LBS in weight that has a stock engine and stock tires (deck may remain on the mower as long as it is secure and won't drag on the track).

Section 3 – Stock Tractors

1. Stock Contest open to tractors with rubber tires of turf type tread. No duals, chains, or studs. No major change in the tractor.
2. Stock tractors are defined as having original size bore and stroke for the motor used, .030 oversize on the bore diameter is allowed on the cylinder. The frame is unchanged, the only changes allowed, are for engine mounting. Weight and wheelie bars are allowed to be installed as long as they are not changing the frame of the tractor in a way that makes the tractor take on a different form. Seat changes are allowed in the instance that the seat was lower and you want a higher back, or the seat was needing replacing.
3. Each tractor may be entered in more than one class, but only once in each class, except another driver may pull the same tractor.
4. No propane or nitrous.
5. All moving parts must be covered.
6. Up to 13" drawbar from ground to point of hook.
7. No pressurized fuel tanks.

8. Nothing shall interfere with pulling sled at any time during the pull.
9. All weights must be secure, Any falling off will lead to disqualification.
10. No part of the tractor shall exceed 8ft from the center of rear axle to the furthest most forward point, or 6ft wide.
11. Wheelie Bars are required for all tractors except straight off the farm.

Section 4 – Modified Tractors

1. All above rules apply.
2. All tractors must have wheelie bars. Wheel or skid plate must be no more than 5” behind rear wheel and no more than 6” off the ground.
3. No blowers or turbos.
4. Tires to be no bigger than 16.9 or 18.4 tire size.
5. Your choice of tires.

Section 5 – General operating rules for all Divisions and classes

1. Shifting on the go will be permitted, as long as forward motion of the sled does not stop.
2. Operators must be able to stop tractor when advised or there may be grounds for disqualification.
3. All pullers must be seated and have control of tractor at all times. A securely fastened normal sized seat must be used.
4. All power must be transmitted through rear wheels (no 4-wheel drive).
5. Any unsafe operation will be grounds for disqualification.
6. Loss of liquid in any excess of 8 inch circle by a tractor while on the track will be grounds for disqualification, with the exemption of water.
7. Tractor must remain within boundaries of contest course during the pull or will be disqualified. If tractor goes out of bounds past the finish line marker it will not be disqualified.
8. Only one pull allowed for each contestant for each class, unless a tie is declared.
9. The pull be considered over when forward motion of the load stops. The judge shall hold hole digging to a minimum.
10. Going out of bounds will be grounds for disqualification.
11. All tractors will undergo inspection by group members to be sure the tractor abides by the rules set forth by the group.
12. Transmission gear ratio changes are allowed.
13. Fuel lines on tractors must not come in contact with hot engine components.
14. No alcohol consumption will be allowed at the event.
15. Air filters and elements are optional.
16. No sitting on weights. All weights must be securely hung or fastened on some way.
17. Any parts falling off on the track will be grounds for disqualification.
18. All drivers must stay safety conscious at all times.
19. All drivers MUST obey the flagman while on the track during the pull.
20. Drivers will receive start and stop signals from the flagman only.
21. All drivers must be sure their tractor is in neutral, and signal the track persons that it is safe to hook the sled to the tractor.
22. All drivers must, at the end of their pull, when the flagman signals them to stop, ensure the tractor is in Neutral, and the throttle returned to idle, and signal to the track personnel that it is safe to unhook the tractor from the sled.
23. All drivers should be careful to ensure that they do not consciously, deliberately or excessively jerk the sled when starting the pull. This could cause damage to the sled.
24. The chain must be tight before starting sled. No jerking, or bouncing, when you receive the red flag, your pull is over.
25. Driver only – No riders while tractor is being driven or towed.
26. Each driver will be allowed to take a second pull if not satisfied with first pull in the class.
27. All tractors must have a hood over engine.