

TRACTOR PULL SPORTING COMPETITION GUIDELINES



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Preamble: Tractor Pulling is a fun, sporting competition meant to test the pulling capacity of your antique or vintage tractor. To qualify as vintage or antique for this event, tractors must be:

40 YEARS or OLDER 2WD ONLY

- 1. Horsepower classes will be set on the maximum engine horsepower for that make and model as listed on TractorData.com.**
Classes: 20-29hp, 30-39hp, 40-49hp, 50-59hp, 60-69hp, 70-79hp, 80-89hp, 90-109hp, 110-129hp, 130-149hp, 150-179hp, 180-210hp, crawler 20 – 29hp, crawler 30 – 39hp, crawler 40 – 49hp or as otherwise determined by the Club.
- 2. All tractors must be in standard form with no modification. Safety Panel to decide compliance.**
Type of variations will be allowed if:
 - a) They were available as an option when new
 - b) They are the only modern size tyre available to replace old tyres
 - c) Rim spacers will only be permitted to enable modern tyre sizes to fit old rims
- 3. Two wheel weights may be fitted per wheel, to any tractor, irrespective of make or model, cast or steel rims. The wheel weight must not protrude more than 2" (50mm) past the outside of the tyre. These weights must have been originally manufactured as a wheel weight, be of cast or steel material and fitted in a proper and safe manner. It is left to the discretion of the Safety Officer and/or Safety Panel regarding the number of 'Chamberlain weights' (sandwich weights) fitted to Chamberlain Tractors only.**
- 4. No other weights will be allowed on the tractor.** No tractors will be allowed with any other equipment fitted.
- 5. MAXIMUM height for drawbar will be:**
 - a) Under 30hp classes: 18" (457mm) Maximum
 - b) Over 30hp classes: 22" (559mm) MaximumNo modified drawbars are allowed. All drawbars must be supplied by the manufacturer.
- 6. When front wheels lift off the ground, the pull is determined to be FINISHED and you will be stopped immediately. The puller will be disqualified if any tractor wheel touches a track boundary line.**
- 7. All drivers must be insured and hold a provisional, probationary or open driver's license. Appropriate license plates must be displayed.**
- 8. All Tractor owners and drivers will sign a waiver releasing the club, and/or officers of any liability**
- 9. No consumption of Alcohol prior to or during an event**
- 10. The rally ground may be regarded as a public place. Tractors driven outside of the designated compound in a public place require a licensed driver & registration. Public liability insurance will not respond to any accidents / incidents outside of the designated compound if driver is unlicensed and / or tractor is unregistered. THEREFORE TRACTORS / GARDEN TRACTORS MUST ONLY BE DRIVEN WITHIN THE DESIGNATED COMPOUND**

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11. **No passengers allowed on tractors.**
12. **No riding on sled, only operator is allowed on sled, unless a properly fitted extra seat is present.**
13. **Pulling will start on the drop of the GREEN flag, and finish on the drop of the RED flag. The track flagman is in control of the pull. Failure to obey track flagman will result in immediate disqualification. The track flagman has the right to stop any pull if safety becomes a factor.**
14. **Tractors must be in NEUTRAL and clutch disengaged with brakes applied when being hooked or unhooked. Drivers MUST raise both hands to indicate 'NEUTRAL & BRAKED' before hooking up or unhooking takes place. The operator will take up slack in chain when instructed to do so by the track flagman.**
15. **When commencing the pull there is not to be any taking off at high speed so as not to damage the sled. The track flagman has the right to disqualify the pull should the takeoff be deemed reckless.**
16. **Tractors must be driven no faster than walking pace at ALL times.**
17. **All tractors will be assessed by an appointed Safety Panel and must be submitted for scrutineering prior to each pull session. Safety Panel Decisions are FINAL.**
18. **All drivers MUST attend the safety briefings scheduled prior to each pull session. Failure to do so will result in NO PULL for that session. A wrist band will be provided during each briefing to prove attendance.**
19. **Anyone operating a tractor while under the influence of intoxicants will be automatically disqualified. Any foul language, offensive behaviour, poor sportsman-like conduct, etc. towards any track official or competitor will be grounds for immediate disqualification. All decisions FINAL.**
20. **Three point hitch arms cannot interfere with hooking and unhooking. If left on, they must be raised to the highest position and adequately secured.**
21. **Two (2) tries will be allowed to start the sled, providing the initial pull does not exceed the fair start mark of 10 meters.**
22. **Any competitor failing to be ready to pull in assigned order for that session will result in NO PULL. At the discretion of the Track Marshall, competitor may be allowed to pull LAST in that session.**
23. **WINNER in each class will be LONGEST single pull in that class.**