

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SAFE TRACTOR OPERATION

(Inclusive of and compliant with AHA and NHMA Guidelines)



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Introduction

During tractor pulls, displays & parades, **SAFETY** is a serious matter. Participants must take reasonable care and remain vigilant at all times in order to look after their own safety as well as that of others. The limited intent of the guidelines below is to provide a safe and fun event for operators, officials and the general public. As such, they do not purport to list all matters for safe operation of a tractor. Common sense practical safety considerations should be all participants conscious endeavour.

Loading and Unloading

Loading and unloading of tractors is to be carried out in a safe manner on the loading ramps provided, or by the transport's own ramps which must be of adequate construction for the tractor being on/off loaded. Where possible, loading and unloading should not be carried out alone.

General

- Parked tractors are to be secured in such a way as to prevent accidental starting, or accidental rolling
- Before starting a tractor engine, check that the handbrake is on and the vehicle is not in gear.
- No tractor may be started or running without the owner/driver in attendance
- Only start a tractor with a qualified person in the driver's seat
- The tractor has ONE seat to carry ONE person only – the driver – NO passengers. The driver must remain correctly seated at all times
- Always mount and dismount from the left-hand side [looking from the rear] unless the tractor design prevents this, in which case extra care is to be taken
- No mounting or dismounting from a moving tractor
- Never fuel a tractor with the engine running
- The storage of combustible fuels shall be in an approved container and stored away from running engines
- No loose objects are to be on the tractor, especially fuel containers
- Tractors shall be driven at no greater than walking speed at all times

Tractor Pull

- ALL drivers MUST attend briefing prior to each pull session
- Pulling will start and stop as signalled by the track flagmen
- Tractors must be in neutral and driver must have both hands raised to indicate neutral before hooking or unhooking occurs
- Track marshals are in control of the pull at all times
- Only tractor driver, sled crew and track officials to be on the pulling track at any time