

# NQ TRACTOR PULLING INC

## STOCK CLASS GARDEN TRACTOR RULES



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### General

1. GARDEN TRACTORS WILL BE RUN IN A SAFE AND ORDERLY MANNER **AT ALL TIMES**
2. Minimum Driver age is 8 years old
3. Drivers 8 to 17 years old must be assessed as competent by the Event Safety Officer and have assessment signed off by a legal guardian
4. Each contestant (and in the case of juniors 8 – 17 years, the legal guardian) will sign a waiver releasing the club, and/or officers of any liability
5. No consumption of Alcohol prior to or during the event
6. All garden tractors will be held in a staging area within the designated compound
7. The rally ground may be regarded as a public place. Garden 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 garden tractor is unregistered. **THEREFORE GARDEN TRACTORS MUST ONLY BE DRIVEN WITHIN THE DESIGNATED COMPOUND**
8. Garden tractors must be driven no faster than walking pace at ALL times
9. All pullers must wear shoes / boots, and protective clothing, and anyone 12 years or younger **MUST WEAR** a helmet (Australian Standards Approved)
10. No passengers allowed on garden tractors
11. The garden tractor must be in stock appearance of manufactures hood, grill, shell, and fenders
12. The garden tractor must have the stock vertical crankshaft engine for that year, make, and model
13. Cutting decks must be removed
14. No additional weights to be added in place of removed items (cutting decks etc.)
15. All garden tractors must have working reverse
16. All garden tractors must have OEM flywheels
17. All garden tractors must have foot plates
18. All tractors driven by those under the age of twelve years (12) must be equipped with a kill switch able to be operated by a person additional to the driver
19. Mufflers must be on all tractors and they must be vertical or horizontal
20. Batteries must be completely covered to avoid acid splash in case of breakage
21. Tow hitch must be of an approved type, height **MAXIMUM 13 INCHES**
22. Wheel base may **NOT** be altered from original equipment
23. Must use stock unaltered OEM carburettor, for that model
24. Must have factory air cleaner
25. Must use stock O.E.M Head, **NO** internal modifications
26. Must use stock type ignition system
27. No electrical fuel pumps unless factory equipped
28. No pressurized fuel tanks or injection systems
29. No alcohol or race fuel
30. Naturally aspirated only, no intake standoffs or velocity stacks
31. Stock size valves **NO PORTING OR POLISHING**
32. Transmission / transaxle must be original equipment for the garden tractor
33. All flywheels, clutches, and pulleys must be equipped with shielding if other than original equipment. It must be 1/8 steel or equivalent
34. The clutch may have a new OE spring or a teaser spring

35. Maximum tire size is 26 X 12 X 12, will be allowed
  - No professional pulling tires or paddle type tires
  - Tread design may be bar or turf type
  - No ATV tires All fabricated seats must have a minimum of a 3" back
36. RPMS must be controlled by the governor. NO external springs for any reason
37. MAX RPM LIMIT 4000 RPM UP TO 16HP (no load)
38. MAX RPM LIMIT 4500 RPM UP TO 20HP (no load)
39. Wheelie Stabiliser Bars are recommended to be fitted to tractors – no more than 6" off the ground and no less than 5 " behind the tyres

### **Garden Tractor Pull**

1. ALL drivers MUST attend briefing prior to each pull session
2. Pulling will start and stop as signalled by the track flagmen
3. Drivers must be ready to pull when it is their turn, otherwise you will be moved to the end of the class
4. Driver must have the garden tractor out of gear and both hands raised to indicate neutral before hooking or unhooking occurs
5. All starts must be with a tight rope or chain (no jerking starts)
6. One hand must be on the steering wheel at all times once hooked up
7. No bouncing on the seat
8. No one except the driver and the track official will be allowed on the track during the pull. EXCEPT children (under 13) needing adult supervision
9. Number 1 puller position will be the "test puller". They may keep that pull or come back 3rd or last. DECISION MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE GARDEN TRACTOR IS UNHOOKED
10. If any portion of the garden tractor crossing over or touching the boundary line during the pull will result in disqualification there is no "out of bounds" once the garden tractor has reached the full pull mark. (EXCEPT IN A PULL OFF, if the garden tractor goes out of bounds it will be placed last)
11. All tare downs and spot checks will be controlled at the discretion of the track officials
12. All decisions made on the track ARE FINAL. There will be no discussion or protest