

STRATHCONA VINTAGE TRACTOR ASSOCIATION

TRACTOR PULLING RULES

1. Safety is a priority. Participants must drive slowly on the pull site and must be alert at all times. All drivers must attend the morning safety meeting prior to the commencement of pulling on that day. Drivers must wear a tag or wristband when pulling which indicates they have attended the safety meeting.
2. Any questioning of the rules or a pull decision will be ruled on quickly by the designated track officials. Drivers are to watch the flagman as the tractor is hooked to the sled. The track flagman is in control. Failure to follow flagman directions will result in disqualification. Green Flag means "go or continue" while RED FLAG means "stop immediately".
3. If the driver/tractor misses a pull on a two-day total distance pull, a consecutive double-pull on one day can be allowed but combined results will be considered a DEMONSTRATION pull.
4. Tractor drivers must be in possession of a driver's license of any class. Learners permit holders must be registered by a legal guardian who must be in attendance when pulling occurs.
5. Tractors moved anywhere on the site must be driven no faster than walking speed. Tractors must not be left unattended while running and brakes must be applied when parked (running or not).
6. The driver weighing in with the tractor shall operate the tractor in only one weight class.
7. Tractor must be in neutral with brakes applied and the clutch disengaged when being hooked or unhooked on the pulling track. The operator must raise both arms in the air to indicate that this has been done. The operator will take up any chain slack before starting if instructed to do so by the flag person.
8. Drivers are to remain on the seat of the tractor during the pull unless the tractor cannot be operated from a sitting position.
9. Drivers must have at least one hand on the tractor steering wheel at all times during the pull.
10. Only the driver with tractor and track officials will be permitted on the track during the pull. Coaching from the sidelines is permitted but must not interfere with the pull in any way.

11. To compete for weight class prizes, tractors must be 1960 and older and be essentially OEM stock with no engine modifications to increase horsepower. "Continuation" model years past 1960 may be allowed at the discretion of pull officials. No governor overrides are allowed. Tractors that do not qualify may be considered for demonstration pulls.
12. All tractors must have means of immediate engine shut off from sitting position (i.e. ignition or kill switch, etc.)
13. Hoods must be on the tractor during the pull.
14. OEM weights must be secured in the intended location and must not interfere with the operator or the controls of the pulling tractor.
15. Drawbar hitch height must conform to OEM specifications and cannot be more than 20" from the ground to the top of the drawbar. Point of hook-up must be a minimum of 18" from the centre of the rear axle. Sled must be hooked to the tractor by use of a clevis complete with pin or shackle supplied by the operator.
16. The driver will be RED FLAGGED if the bottom of the front wheels rise above the centre of the rear axle, or if the flagman considers the front wheel height to be unsafe.
17. Three-point hitch arms cannot interfere with hooking and unhooking. If left on they must be raised to their highest position and secured in place.
18. All pulls must start with a tight hitch with no chain jerking allowed. No "shift on the go" systems are allowed (i.e. TA shift, etc.)
19. One restart is allowed in the event of a tractor stalling or experiencing some mechanical failure before the tractor reaches a fair start mark of 50 feet.
20. Tires must be biased-ply, and are limited to tire sizes available up to 1960. Radial tires will not be permitted.
21. All competitors must sign a legal waiver and insurance declaration in order to participate.
22. Tractor weight includes the tractor and the driver. The driver weighing with the tractor must be the puller. SVTA does not provide any provision for percentage tolerance allowance from our class weight ranges. Overweight participants will be allowed to decrease weight and then reweigh.
23. All tractors are subject to being reweighed or re-inspected at any time at the discretion of pull officials.