



General Rules

OPERATORS

1. Due to insurance requirements, youth under the age of 16 need to have a certified or notarized copy of their birth certificate on file with 613MGTPA before signing up at an event.
2. Must have written permission of owner or parent/guardian if under eighteen years of age.
3. NO ALCOHOLIC beverages/drugs before or during events for operators and/or crew members.
4. Must remain seated, be in full control, and operate safely at all times.
5. The operator must be able to drive a pulling vehicle onto the track. The operator must be able to back the vehicle up to the sled or can be pushed back to the sled. While the pulling vehicle is on the defined track area, there will be no changing/swapping of drivers.
6. Long pants, a shirt, and closed-toe shoes are required. No sandals. No Shorts.

PULLING

1. Pulling position will be at sign-up discretion.
2. The first vehicle will be a test puller only. The test puller may take a pull if the sled is properly adjusted, may re-pull immediately, or may re-pull in the third position or last position. If the sled is reset, then no other vehicle will be a test puller.
3. All decisions on re-pull must be made before pulling away from the sled.
4. All pulls start with a tight hitch, no jerk pulls are permitted.
5. The competitor is allowed 2 attempts for the pull.
6. For Garden Youth and Adult Stock classes and ATVs, if a vehicle is shut down within 25 feet of the start line, then the puller may make a second attempt.
7. For Garden Sport Stock, Super Stock, and Pro Stock Diesel classes, if a vehicle is shut down within 50 feet of the start line, then the puller may make a second attempt.
8. For Stock Tractors classes, if a vehicle is shut down within 50 feet of the start line, then the puller may make a second attempt.
9. Operators have the option of spotting the sled on the starting line.



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10. Judges have the option of moving the starting line between classes.
11. Any portion of the vehicle touching the boundary line during pull will result in disqualification. The sled can touch out-of-bounds lines without disqualification to vehicle/driver. There is no out-of-bounds past the full pull mark within safe limits, and/or the flagger's discretion.
12. Vehicles that are being repaired or readied for pull and that miss their turn, will pull last.
13. Vehicles must be stopped immediately on a signal from track official.
14. Vehicles must be in neutral or park when hitching or unhitching.
15. NO PASSENGERS. This applies to track and pit area, pulling vehicles, and pit vehicles unless the pit vehicle is manufactured for more.
16. No pulling vehicle shall be left unattended while it is running.

GENERAL

1. Driver age must be:
 - a. In the Garden Youth classes, drivers must be youth ages 8-15 years of age.
 - b. In the Garden Adult Stock classes, drivers must be at least 16 years or older with written parental consent.
 - c. In the Garden Sport Stock class, drivers must be at least 16 years or older with written parental consent. See Garden Sport Stock for age EXCEPTION.
 - d. In the Garden Super Stock and Pro Diesel classes, drivers must be 16 years old or older with written parental consent and capable of operating the tractor safely.
 - e. In the Garden ATV classes, when offered, drivers must be at least 16 years old.
 - f. In the Garden Tractor Modified class, drivers must 16 years or older with written parental consent.
2. Violation of any rule will constitute disqualification. The punishment for the violation will be up to a panel of judges (See Rule #4). A grievance will be discussed at that point, with the judge's decision being final.
3. All operators or representatives are required to attend meetings at the scales before event time.



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4. Contest will be governed by three or more judges with all decisions final. Judges (consisting of flag person, tech personnel, sled operator, pull supervisor, and/or 613 MGTPA officers/directors in attendance) may stop and/or disqualify any operators not operating safely. Refunds of entry fees will be at the judge's discretion.
5. No pit crew or operator coaching on track.
 - a. For Garden Youth classes, only one adult may accompany a youth driver onto the track. This coach may assist the driver in getting in position, hooked to the sled, tightening the chain, and selecting the proper gear. The coach must then step behind the white boundary line before the flaggers will display the green flags. Once the pull is underway, a coach may not touch the tractor or interfere with the operation unless the driver needs assistance in stopping the tractor.
6. Any operator, owner, or pit crew disrupting the pull, whether in the pit or on the track, will be cause for disqualification of that pulling vehicle from the class in question, all previous, and all subsequent classes for the remainder of the event. All trophies, ribbons, and/or purses will be returned to the steward immediately.
7. Spectators and other operators not entered in class are not permitted on the track area. Track area is defined as the area within the white boundary lines and 3 feet outside of each white boundary line.
8. Since reasonable rules cannot cover all eventualities, the discretion of the judges will prevail, including safety, operations, equipment, good sportsmanship, and common sense. Safety will be paramount.
9. All pulling vehicles must have functional breakaway kill switches. This will apply to all classes except Garden Youth and Adult Stock Tractors.
10. Any loss of weights or safety equipment, while hitched to the sled, will result in disqualification except for the test puller.
11. No moving of weights between tractors within the same class.
12. Once the sled is staged at the start line, the pulling vehicle will have 2 minutes to attempt to pull the sled.
13. The pulling vehicle may be disqualified for delay if the pulling vehicle takes more than 2 minutes to hook.
14. All vehicles will be teched and subject to random teching at any event.



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- a. Tech officials may require cubic inch testing and sealing of the engine of any class or division before the start of a pulling season. If the seal has to be broken, cubic-inch testing must be done again before pulling vehicle can pull again.
 - b. Tech inspectors have the authority to inspect for enforcement of any rule at any time. These inspections may be on all vehicles at an event or all vehicles in a certain class, but may not single out certain competitors unless there has been an official protest made against them.
 - c. Competition specific inspections such as weight, hitch height, etc., must be performed before the vehicle returns to the pit area. Announcement of these inspections must be made at the drivers' meeting. Drivers intentionally returning to the pit area without allowing these inspections may be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
15. NOS (nitrous oxide) or propane injection fuel is illegal in all divisions.
 16. All competing vehicles must have adequate brakes according to their class rules.
 17. No tire chains, studded tires or duals.
 18. Hitch Height 14 Inches, 1/8 inch plus or minus allowable.

Hitch Hole Diameter:

- Garden Tractors: 1 ½" Diameter Minimum
- Modifieds: 2" Diameter Minimum