



Bucket Brigade



2024 Limited Stock Garden Tractor Pulling Rules \$10.00 HOOK FEE PER PULL

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Our primary objectives are:

- A Safety First
- B Keep the playing field as fair as possible for all
- C Keep it fun

Parents/Guardians, Please Keep A Close Eye On Children Who Have Not Perfected Their Driving Skills

No riding on wheelie bars or hitches!

No high speed driving in parking area, around fair grounds or in the pits!

1. ALL DRIVERS must sign a liability waiver. Any driver under 18 years old must have a parent or legal guardian sign for them. (Minors must sign a release for each pull, address, phone and e-mail required first time only). Adults must sign one release form per pulling season.
2. Pullers must have tractors on track 1 hour before the pull begins to allow ample time for sign-in, safety inspection and weigh-in for pull.
3. Limit of 2 pulls per driver per class. Limit of 1 trophy per person per class.
4. Sign-ups will only be allowed after the start of the pull under special conditions and must be approved by track officials. No tractor can be signed up for a class once that class has started (except exhibition pull).
5. There will be a puller's meeting just prior to start of pull. It is mandatory that all drivers attend any puller's meeting that may be held by promoter and/or track officials.
6. In case of a rain out once the pull has begun, trophies will be given for all completed classes. Additionally, trophies will be given out for any class that has been over 1/2 way completed.
7. Long hair or ponytails must be kept tied short enough to keep from getting caught in tires and/or drives. Loose clothing must be tucked in and jackets zipped up. No flip-flops, must wear shoes and shirts during pull.
8. All children SHOULD be able to steer tractors by themselves in the 650 and 750 pound classes. Children pulling in the 850 and 950 pound Slow classes SHOULD be capable of handling the tractor with no parental help. Children pulling in the FAST classes MUST be capable of handling the tractor with no assistance.
Parents/Guardians may walk beside the tractor to assist in case of emergency.
9. 650 - pound class is reserved for pullers 13 years of age and under. All pullers in the 650 pound class must remain in the seat and keep both hands on the steering wheel after passing the pit cones.
10. 750 - pound class and up driver will remain in the seat and keep at least 1 hand on the steering wheel at all times. Momentary movement of hand away from steering wheel will be allowed at discretion of the flag person.
11. NO ROCKING, NO BOUNCING! Any driver that bounces up and down in the seat or deliberately rocks side to side in an attempt to gain additional traction will be disqualified.
12. All tractors must weigh after the pull. Tractors must stop on the scales until read out stabilizes and then allow time for the officials to verify the weight. Failure to cross scales after pull will be a disqualification. Tractor found to be over weight after their pull will be disqualified (zero tolerance on weight).
13. All pulls must start with a tight hitch; NO jerking of the sled is permitted. First offense puller will be restarted; Second offense puller will be disqualified.



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14. No fast pulls. Fast pulls are determined by the speed alarm on the sled. Pullers starting too fast will have to change gears or adjust throttle before the grill of the tractor passes the first set of orange cones. If the speed alarm goes off after the grill of the tractor has passed the first set of cones, the puller will be disqualified. (puller may complete pull after alarm sounds)
15. Movement of the hydro lever, variable speed and throttle will be allowed throughout the pull, however, if the alarm sounds after the grill of the tractor has passed the first set of cones it will be a disqualification.
16. No portion of the tractor or wheelie bars may interfere with the pull chain of the sled during the pull.
17. Tractors and sled must stay within the boundaries of the track (yellow ropes) during the pull. Any driver that allows tractor or sled to go out of bounds will be disqualified.
18. The pull will end when forward movement of the sled stops, the weight box on the sled tops out or the flag person stops the pull.
19. If two or more pullers tie for a trophy, a pull-off will be held after the last tractor in that class has pulled.
20. Mechanical problems:
 - * If tractor experiences mechanical problems before the grill of the tractor passes the first set of cones, The puller will have the option to re-pull when the sled operator can work them back into the line up.
 - * If tractor experiences mechanical problems after the grill of the tractor passes the first set of cones, the measurement will be taken where the sled stops.
21. Anything falling from tractor while it is on the track is a disqualification.
22. Lawn mowers must have deck removed or belt removed from the deck to pull.
23. Wheelie bars or skid plates are mandatory in all classes. Devices must be mounted at a safe height to limit tractor rearing. The combination of both wheelie bars (or skid plates) must be strong enough to limit the rear of the tractor.
24. Point of hook to be no higher than 13 inches to top of hitch with driver seated on tractor.
25. Tractor must have a working differential, no welded spider gears allowed.
26. Use of steering brakes is not allowed.
27. No 4-wheel drive tractors allowed.
28. Maximum rear tire size is 23 X 12 X 12 which will be acknowledged by the size engraved or molded in the sidewall of the tire. Tire circumference or tread width measurements will not be recognized as legal.
29. Rear tires must be lawn turf or tractor lug type tires:
 - * Rubber tires only
 - * No tire chains or tracks
 - * No duals
 - * No paddle tires or other types of 4-wheeler tires
 - * Tire lugs may be reshaped to compensate for worn lugs – However, no portion of lug may be removed. Factory profile must be maintained on the leading edge of lug.
30. No more than one single weight will be allowed to be put in tractor seat.
31. Maximum tractor wheelbase will be 56 inches measured from the center of steering axle to the center of rear axle. Tractors which exceed the 56 inch wheelbase limit will be allowed to pull exhibition.



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- 32. Forward edge of front end weights must be at 72 inches or less from the center line of the rear axle. Extended front weights **must not interfere** with the scale or scale ramps when driving on or off of scales.
 - * Extended front weights w/ a minimum of 7 inches of ground clearance will clear scale platform
 - * Adjustable extended front weights may be slid in prior to driving on scales
 - * Stationary extended front weights must be removed prior to driving on scales and placed on scales by hand
- 33. No weight bars can extend more than 10 inches beyond the outside of the rear tires.
- 34. Tractors must have working governor.
- 35. No tractor engine can exceed 4,000 RPM's (high idle). All pullers must allow their engine to be tacked at the request of track officials. Tractors which exceed 4,250 RPM's will be prohibited from pulling due to safety concerns until the RPM's have been corrected. Tractor which tack between the (legal) 4,000 RPM's and 4,250 RPM's will be allowed to pull Exhibition but **MUST** have RPM's corrected prior to the next pull.
- 36. Tractors may run any type of liquid gas or diesel – No alcohol allowed.
- 37. Tractors must have factory type engine only,
- 38. Tractors must be powered by a single engine - no dual engine tractors will be allowed.
- 39. Gas tractors must have 1 or 2 cylinder engines; Diesel tractors may run 1, 2, or 3 cylinder engines.
- 40. All tractor protective shields and covers **MUST** be in place.

The flag person is the final authority on the track while tractor is pulling, hook to hook. The flag person may consult with other pullers or spectators at his discretion. All complaints/concerns shall be directed to the flag person.

The decision of the officials is final and calls of judgment are not subject to appeal. With a showing of good cause, they may reverse/revise their decision.

Only track officials (scale managers, pull back drivers, sled operators or flag person) can disqualify drivers or tractors.



Classes	
650 – Up to 650 pounds	3.0 MPH
750 – Up to 750 pounds	3.0 MPH
850 – Up to 850 pounds	3.0 MPH
950-S - Up to 950 pounds	3.0 MPH
950-F – Up to 950 pounds	5.0 MPH
1050 – Up to 1050 pounds	5.0 MPH



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7.5 MPH Trial Class

In addition to the Bucket Brigade rules, the following requirements must be met:

- 1. All drivers **MUST** be able to steer tractors by themselves. All drivers **MUST** be capable of handling the tractor with no
- 2. Each tractor will be equipped with a switch that will kill the engine and turn off electric fuel pump if so equipped.
- 3. Any tractors running alcohol, it is mandatory for the driver to wear a fire suit & helmet.
- 4. Max tire size 26x12x12.
- 5. No ATV or Professional Pulling tires will be allowed.
- 6. The maximum weight limit for this class will be 1050, subject to be reduced, providing enough weight can be added t
- 7. The Max speed limit is set at 7.5 MPH. If the alarm sounds after the grill of the tractor has passed the first set of con
- 8. Open RPM's, tractor **MUST** meet all the safety requirements.
- 9. Standard hook fee applies.



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Exhibition Pulls

Tractors which are not in compliance with the Bucket Brigade Rules may be allowed to pull as an exhibition pull if the following requirements are met:

1. All exhibition pulls will be at the end of their class, no need to pull chip.
2. With the consent of all track officials.
3. Standard hook fee applies.
4. Tractor meets all the safety requirements.
5. Puller complies with the rules set by the track official for the exhibition pull.