

Orono Heritage Tractor Club Antique Tractor Pulling Demonstration Rules 2018

The following pulling demonstration rules have been developed in the interest of preserving and displaying antique tractors. It is anticipated that all persons participating in pulling demonstration events will accept these rules for this purpose and in the spirit which they were intended.

General

1. Must be of a model/series that was manufactured in 1959 or prior.
2. History of tractor is to be provided for announcer.
3. Tractor to pull in one class only. Class winner may be allowed to move up to the next class and will pull last for demonstration purposes and will not be able to place.
4. First puller of a class (except in a pull off) has the option to repull. The decision must be made prior to unhooking from the sled and the puller will repull in 2nd or 3rd position.
5. During hookup, tractor must be in neutral and driver's hands and feet must be off controls.
6. Hooker / unhooker must stand behind the 'apron' to hook / unhook tractor.
7. Track width is 16 feet.
8. Puller must be available prior to pull.
9. Absolutely no jerking of sled at start of pull.
10. Puller has 25 feet to restart.
11. Torque amplifiers may not be shifted while pulling.
12. Tractors may not exceed a designated maximum speed limit. (currently 4.5 mph but this may be changed if conditions justify it.) The first time the horn blows is a warning and the second time is the end of the pull (distance determined at this point).

Driver

1. No association with drugs or alcohol.
2. No passengers on tractor.
3. Driver must remain seated during pull.
4. Driver must be at least 16 years of age. If under 18 years of age, written authorization of a parent or legal guardian is required.
5. Operator must be in attendance at tractor when it is running.
6. Driver must wear closed toed footwear.
7. Driver must wear a DOT approved helmet (or a higher rated helmet) and must use the chin strap.

Tractor

1. Tractor must be stock (**not modified**). This includes having the proper and complete front end assemblies and fenders (if originally equipped with fenders).
2. Tires may be "loaded" and wheel weights are allowed but not suitcase weights.
3. No strings attached to governor or carburetor.
4. Maximum tire size allowed is 38" diameter. Only rubber tires are allowed. The use of radial tires as well as any cut tires is discouraged as they are not consistent with antique tractors.
5. Drawbar
 - a) All tractors must have a drawbar. If none, the tractor must enter one weight class higher.
 - b) Maximum height is 20 inches and must be rigid in all directions. Maximum height is 18 inches for tractors in the 2700 lb class.
 - c) Minimum 30 inches measured horizontally from point of pull to center of rear axle. (allowance may be made for **factory** drawbars less than 30")

Tractors will pull in the following weight classes:

- 1) 2700 lb. with rims 28" and smaller
- 2) 3500 lb. with rims 28" and smaller
- 3) 4000 lb.
- 4) 4500 lb.
- 5) 6500 lb.
- 6) 7600 lb.
- 7) 9000 lb.

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Tractors from the model years 1960 - 1969 are allowed to pull for demonstration purposes (no awards will be provided).

These tractors will be subject to the same pulling rules.