

## **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. 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.
7. Drivers are to remain on the seat of the tractor during the pull unless the tractor cannot be operated from a sitting position.
8. Drivers must have at least one hand on the tractor steering wheel at all times during the pull.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. All tractors must have means of immediate engine shut off from sitting position (ignition or kill switch, etc.).
12. Hoods must be on the tractor during the pull.
13. Any weights must be secured in the manufacturer's designed location.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. All pulls must start with a tight hitch with no chain jerking allowed. No "shift on the go" systems are allowed (TA shift, etc.).
18. 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.
19. Tires must be biased-ply, and are limited to tire sizes available up to 1960. Radial tires will not be permitted.
20. All competitors must sign a legal waiver and insurance declaration in order to participate.

21. Tractor weight includes the tractor and the driver (who must be a club member). The driver weighing with the tractor must be the puller. A tractor may be weighed in a second time with another driver but only if the second driver is the spouse/partner of the member and is listed as an "Associate Member" of SVTA as per our bylaws. The second driver is allowed to pull the tractor in the same class or another class depending on weight. Organizers will attempt to change the pulling order of the tractor if necessary to allow enough time to change drivers.
22. 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 re-weigh.
23. All tractors are subject to being reweighed or re-inspected at any time at the discretion of pull officials.

### **Strathcona Vintage Tractor Association Weight Classes**

ULTRA FLY-WEIGHT 2500 lbs. and under 0 to 1134 kg

FLY-WEIGHT 2501 to 3250 lbs. 1135 to 1474 kg

ANTIQUÉ FEATHER WEIGHT

(1930 to 1947)

3251 to 4000 lbs. 1475 to 1814 kg

CLASSIC FEATHER WEIGHT

(1948 to 1960)

3251 to 4000 lbs. 1475 to 1814 kg

CLASS 1 4001 to 5000 lbs. 1815 to 2268 kg

CLASS 2 5001 to 6000 lbs. 2269 to 2721 kg

CLASS 3 6001 to 7000 lbs. 2722 to 3175 kg

CLASS 4 7001 to 8500 lbs. 3176 to 3855 kg

CLASS 5 8501 to 10000 lbs. 3856 to 4536 kg

CLASS 6 10001 to 12000 lbs. 4537 to 5444 kg