

SVTA Definitions of Stock vs. Non-Stock Tractors

SVTA expects that all competitors in our tractor pulls understand that this is a "vintage" tractor pull for tractors 1960 and older. Tractors competing for weight class prizes are expected to be essentially "stock" and should meet OEM (original equipment manufacturer) specifications. Your tractor should have a horsepower rating "reasonably close to or below" what that particular tractor model left the factory with when it was manufactured.

You will be expected to declare this on your registration sheet. Otherwise you will be required to register your tractor as being "non-stock". In this case, your tractor may be granted permission to pull in demonstration pulls. Results from demo pulls are not eligible for weight class prizes.

We must remember that the rationale behind any set of rules in any competition is to create a fair and level playing field for all competitors and to eliminate unfair advantages. Further clarification is provided below:

1. Engines and Powertrains - While we encourage participants to fine-tune and adjust their tractors to the best of their ability, we cannot allow tractors to officially compete in any weight class if the engines or power trains have been changed with performance or power-enhancing parts or design modifications that were not available from factory dealers. This would include non-stock changes to tractor engines, engine parts, or changes such as significantly increased compression ratios. It would also apply to fuel system changes including larger or non-stock carburetors and governor bypasses or settings resulting in engine RPM levels exceeding factory limits.

All components of the tractor's ignition system must be of OEM design or equivalent. Exhaust system modifications will not be allowed if the pull organizers feel that such modifications enhance a tractor's pulling power. Restrictions would also extend to the use of fuel additives of any type or description. Such additives are prohibited. Fuel used is expected to be the same as the fuel that is purchased from the pump at a local service station. Transplanting of tractor engines from similar but newer or greater horsepower models into the chassis of your older vintage tractor will not be allowed.

2. Tires/Wheels - Once again, competitors are expected to use "stock size" rims and tires. Rim diameter on some tractor models did vary, and whatever variations in rim diameter the manufacturer sent out the factory door are allowed. Tractors using rims of different diameters or width than what came from the factory are not allowed. In terms of the tire width, we encourage factory stock tractor tire "width" however we will allow one "1960 or older tire size" (not rim size) wider than what the factory supplied. Competitors must only use bias-ply tractor tires. Radial tires will not be allowed.

3. Draw Bars and Hitches - Draw bars and hitches are expected to be of OEM design and construction with no modifications of any type allowed. Height and length measurements for the drawbar will be followed in accordance with our published rules.

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