

STRATHCONA VINTAGE TRACTOR ASSOCIATION

TRACTOR PULLING RULES

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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 rules or a pull decision will be ruled on quickly by the designated track officials. All tractors are subject to being re-weighed or re-inspected at any time at the discretion of pull officials.
3. Participants must be an SVTA member or an associate member to be eligible to pull. All competitors must sign a legal waiver and insurance declaration to participate. Liability insurance coverage is included with SVTA memberships.
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. Tractor "weight" includes the tractor and the registered driver. No driver substitutions are allowed. SVTA does not provide any provision for percentage tolerance from our class weight ranges. Overweight participants will be allowed to decrease weight and reweigh.
6. A driver can only pull in a single weight class with a given tractor. A tractor may have a maximum of two different pullers registered to pull with it (without any changes made to the tractor). These tractors must register and weigh twice (once for each operator) and will display two different magnetic numbers.
7. If the driver/tractor misses a pull on a two-day total distance pull, a double-pull on one day can be allowed but combined results will be considered a DEMONSTRATION pull.
8. 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).
9. 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.

10. All tractors must have means of "immediate" engine shut off (ignition or kill switch, etc.) by the driver from a sitting position.
11. Drawbar assembly must be of OEM design. "Hitch height" cannot be more than 18" 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.
12. Hoods must be on the tractor during the pull. Wheel or chassis weights must be of OEM design and be safely secured in the manufacturer's intended location.
13. 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.
14. Tires must be bias-ply and are limited to tire sizes available up to 1960. Radial tires will not be permitted.
15. 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.
16. Drivers are to remain on the seat of the tractor during the pull unless the tractor cannot be operated from a sitting position. Drivers must have at least one hand on the tractor steering wheel at all times during the pull.
17. 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".
18. 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.
19. All pulls must start with a tight hitch with no chain jerking allowed. The operator must slowly take up any chain slack before starting if instructed to do so by the flag person. No "shift-on-the-go" systems (TA shift, etc.) are allowed.
20. 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. The red flag can be used for any other reason if the flagman considers a situation dangerous.
21. 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.