

**Arkansas Valley Flywheelers Tractor Pull Regulations
And Code of Conduct
"Preserving the past to show the future"**

I. Purpose

These rules shall be used for tractor pulls sponsored by the Arkansas Valley Flywheelers, hereafter known as AVF. AVF's purpose in putting on tractor pulls and hosting engine shows is for education, fun, entertainment and FRIENDLY competition. A sled builder put it all in a nutshell, "If you can't smile, you can't pull", Slim Loop, Woodland, Colorado 1992.

II. Tractor Eligibility

1. Tractors manufactured from 1961 to the present may pull for exhibition purposes only. No 4-wheel drive tractors or anything over 80 horse-power allowed.
2. Tractors will be classified by age, weight and hitch height for competition in the tractor pulls as follows:

ANTIQUÉ	- 1938 and older
CLASSIC	- 1939 to 1952
FARM	- 1960 and older with maximum hitch height of 16"
CLASSIC B	- 1953 to 1960
STEEL	- 1960 and older with maximum hitch height 20" all weights, pull in Class 8
EXHIBITION	- 1961 and newer, or non stock

NOTE: Steel Wheel & Steel Track Tractors will be allowed on the scale, provided the owner supplies protection for the scale.

3. Tractors will be stock in appearance which will include the air cleaner, all wheels, seats etc. Final decision will be at the pull judge's discretion.
4. Weights will be permitted as long as they are attached in a safe manner. Any unsafe use or attachment will result in disqualification.
5. Drawbars will be no closer than 18 inches from the center of the rear axle and no higher than 20 inches to the point of attachment. Each tractor will be equipped with a 3 inch clevis or 3 inch ring or hole for ease and speed of hookup. (Trailer ball hitch not allowed). Swinging drawbars will be stabilized on each side to the judge's satisfaction.
6. Steam powered tractors must provide a current State Inspection Boiler Certificate. While any steam powered engines are in motion there will be 2 spotters on foot to assist in maintaining safe operation and spectator safety.

III. Driver Eligibility and Conduct of the Pull

1. Drivers must be 16 years of age and older to pull alone. Driver's ages 12 to 15 years of age must complete a training course. Handicapped persons will be allowed to pull with an adult walking alongside the tractor which must have an operational kill switch installed and driver completing the EDGE&TA Training Course. The pull judges will have the final say on allowing any driver to participate if there are safety concerns.

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2. Drivers will conduct themselves in a gentlemanly/ladylike manner. Physical threats, foul language, etc., will result in permanent expulsion from tractor pulls sponsored by AVF.
3. No Alcohol/Illegal drugs. Consumption of alcohol/illegal drugs by exhibitors and tractor pullers during an event is prohibited.
4. Weigh-in shall cease 60 minutes prior to the beginning of the pull. The exception will be if the driver has had a mechanical problem on the way to the pull. The final decision will be up to the pull judge.
5. Depending on the number of pullers, tractors may have more than one pull with different drivers. However, each driver must weigh in individually with tractor.
6. Hooking and unhooking will be accomplished with the tractor in neutral, hand/feet off the clutch, and hands in the air. All pulls will start with a tight chain. There will be someone to hook and unhook pulling tractor.
7. If originally equipped with seats, drivers will remain seated. No bouncing, no leaning back over the seat, no sitting on the back edge of the seat.
8. If the front end of the tractor raises up off the ground, the flagman will have the final decision for terminating that pull.
9. A speed limit of 3.5 mph maximum will be enforced during the pull and at all times on the grounds. Start in one gear and stay in that gear during the pull.
10. **NO RIDERS!** Driver only on the tractor when anywhere in sight of the pull area. This includes loading and unloading of the tractor.
11. Current insurance rules must be followed in addition to A VF rules for insurance purposes.
12. Any item that is not clearly defined in the above rules will be addressed as they arise and at the sole and final discretion of the pull judges. The pull judges will be announced at the driver's meeting before each pull. Any questions regarding any of the rules or any point of contention during the pull will be addressed to the judges.

2010 AVF SAFETY RULES
THESE RULES ARE MANDATORY AT ALL FUNCTIONS

SAFETY MEETINGS: A SAFETY MEETING SHALL BE HELD PRIOR TO EACH EVENT AND SAFETY JUDGES WILL BE APPOINTED TO SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW.

NO ALCOHOL: CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY EXHIBITORS AND TRACTOR PULLERS DURING AN EVENT IS PROHIBITED.

COMPETITION & DISPLAY AREAS: RUNNING ENGINE DISPLAY AREAS AND TRACTOR PULL COMPETITION AREAS MUST BE ROPED OFF FOR SAFETY IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY FENCED. SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE ROPED OFF AREAS.

RUNNING TRACTORS AND ENGINES: OPERATING EQUIPMENT, RUNNING ENGINES AND RUNNING TRACTORS, MUST BE ATTENDED BY A RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT ALL TIMES.

REFUELING: DO NOT REFUEL YOUR TRACTOR OR ENGINE WHILE IT IS RUNNING. KEEP GAS CONTAINERS AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM OPERATING EQUIPMENT. USE ONLY APPROVED CONTAINERS FOR FUEL. KEEP A FIRE EXTINGUISHER HANDY.

NO RIDERS: ONLY THE DRIVER OR THE OPERATORS ARE PERMITTED ON A MOVING TRACTOR OR SLED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARADES.

SPEED LIMIT: A SPEED LIMIT OF 3.5 MPH limit\MUST BE" OBSERVED ON THE GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES WHEN OPERATING TRACTORS OR OTHER VEHICLES.
PULLING SPEEDS: TRACTORS WILL NOT EXCEED 3.5 MPH WHILE PULLING.

RPM REOUIREMENTS: ALL PULLING TRACTORS WILL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 10% OVER THE NEBRASKA TEST FAST IDLE RPM SPECIFICATIONS.

HITCH HEIGHTS: HITCH HEIGHTS FOR PULLING TRACTORS MAY NOT EXCEED 20 INCHES FROM THE HITCH POINT TO THE GROUND AND MUST BE NO CLOSER THAN 18 INCHES FROM THE CENTER OF THE REAR AXLE TO THE HITCH POINT. DRAWBARS WILL BE STATIONARY IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

SPEEDOMETERS: ALL PULL SLEDS OPERATING UNDER THE CURRENT INSURANCE MUST HAVE A GROUND SPEED MEASURING DEVICE.

NEW RULE: STEAM ENGINES OWNERS OF OPERATING STEAM ENGINES, WHO ARE EXHIBITING THEIR ENGINES AT AN EVENT, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING A CERTIFIED OPERATOR AND A BOILER INSPECTION FROM THE STATE THAT THE EVENT IS BEING HELD IN.

CARELESSNESS KILLS! TREAT YOUR TRACTORS AND ENGINES WITH THE RESPECT THAT THEY
DESERVE AND INSIST THAT OTHERS DO THE SAME