

Arkansas Valley Flywheelers EDGE&TA Branch 188

Safety Rules

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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 long time puller once said, "If you can't smile, you can't pull".

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:

ANTIQUE	- 1938 and older with maximum hitch height of 20"
CLASSIC	- 1939 to 1952 with maximum hitch height of 20"
FARM	- 1960 and older with maximum hitch height of 16"
CLASSIC B	- 1953 to 1960 with maximum hitch height of 20"
STEEL	- 1960 and older with maximum hitch height 20" all weights, pull in Class 8 or respective weight class if multiple steel wheel or track type tractors are competing.
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. Any items that fall from a tractor during a pull may result in disqualification of that pull pending Judge's decision.

5. All tractors shall have a functional means of stopping the engine from the operator's station

6. 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. **Steel wheel tractor max hitch height of 16"** 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. An additional clevis or similar device may be used to effectively lower hitch height to a level acceptable for the respective pulling class.

7. 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, Code of Conduct and Conduct of the Pull/Show

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.

2. Drivers will conduct themselves in a gentlemanly/ladylike manner. Physical threats, foul language, etc., will result in punitive action and potential expulsion from AVF events.

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 judges.

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 more than 18", the sled operator or any appointed judge 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 any tractors or motorized/moving equipment unless the tractor/equipment is equipped with a dedicated passenger seat or a fully enclosed operator platform (eg: "styled" John Deere "D" tractor with all sheet metal and fenders attached) during display or parade. Only the driver is permitted on the tractor/equipment during a tractor pull. This includes loading and unloading of the tractor.

11. Current insurance rules(**EDGE&TA**) must be followed in addition to AVF rules for insurance purposes.

12. Track side border(s) must be clearly defined with barrier and spectators shall not be permitted on track during tractor pull.

13. Any operating engine must have a competent operator present and not be allowed to run unattended.

124. 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.

Display of Equipment

1. All operational displays and/or static displays that pose any hazard of injury shall be fenced off in a manner to prevent spectators/observers from contacting any part of the equipment/item being displayed. All operational displays shall be attended by an active, insured member during operation.