

## VTPA Protest Rules

1. All protests must be made in writing and submitted and signed within five (5) minutes of completion of the class being protested. The protest form must be handed to the Head Tech Official or any VTPA Officer/Director in attendance. The protest must clearly define three items: Who is protested, what they are protested for (limited to one item per protest), and who is making the protest. The person making the protest **MUST** be an owner/operator/driver within the class being protested.
2. All protest fees will be in cash.
  - A) If protested vehicle is found legal, then fee will be forfeited to person found legal.
  - B) If vehicle is illegal, then vehicle is disqualified with a loss of purse & points and fee is returned to protester.
3. Fees for protest are as follows:
  - A) \$200 for any Garden Division class
  - B) \$500 for any Antique Tractor Division class
  - C) \$1,000 for any Farm/Hot Farm/Altered Tractor Division class, any Truck Division class, or any V8 Mini Division class
4. Any protest at VTPA events involving a tear down **WILL OCCUR**:
  - A) if a Garden Division protest, at the end of the event.
  - B) if any of the other divisions, at a designated location within 24 hours of the protest. If vehicle is **NOT** teched at the event for Garden Division or within 24 hours of the protest at the designated location for all other divisions, **THEN** the protest vehicle will be defined as illegal and suspension will follow.
5. The owner/operator of the protested vehicle will be the one to perform the tear down. Head Tech Official or VTPA Officer/Director will watch the tear down and perform appropriate readings to verify protested rule item.
6. Any competitor competing with a performance enhancing equipment verified by a Head Tech Official **OR** refuses to tear down at the event for Garden Division or at a designated location for all other divisions will be:
  - A) Disqualified for a period of 375 days and including actions discovered by protests, at all VTPA events.

- B) Disqualified from the points race.
- C) Loss of any purse payout for the event in which the protest occurred.
- D) Suspensions will include driver and vehicle.
- E) Following suspension, all illegal items of the protest must be verified by Head Tech Official or VTPA Officer/Director to be legal and conforming to VTPA rules.

7. The VTPA officials and the operator being protested are the only people allowed near the vehicle during protest. Anyone causing disruption during a protest will be disqualified for that event (VTPA Points Program Rule 24).
8. The Vermont Tractor Pullers Association reserves the right to suspend a competitor for any rules violation and competitor will receive written notice in five (5) working days.
9. The VTPA Judges' decisions during the event are final.