



Tractor Pull Guidelines and Rules

The pulls conducted by Mid-States are designed mainly for family fun. It is our desire and plan to keep them that way and ensure that all participants have fun. Your honesty and integrity are appreciated.

2017 Rule Updates are in **RED**

General Rules for ALL Classes

- Tractors must be field ready with a stock appearance with standard size tires, front and back (extra small or large tires, cutting or grooving of tires, duals or track units will **not** be permitted).
- **ALL** pulls are in first gear.
- If “wheelie bars” are attached to a tractor they must be no higher than 10” off the ground, and the pull will be terminated when they touch the ground.
- **No hot rods—stock engines only.**
- Steel wheels may use extensions.
- Wheel weights, frame weights, and/or liquid in the tires permitted.
- During the Mid-States Annual Show no suitcase weights will be allowed and there will be no “King of the Hill” pull.
- Suitcase type weights may be placed between the centerline of the front spindle and rear axle. Weights must be completely contained between these points, attached, and secured to frame mounted brackets.
- Suitcase type weights of various manufacturer, material, size, weight and style are permitted but shall have a typical suitcase shape appearance.
- No Concrete weights of any type allowed.
- No weights may extend beyond the main frame length of the tractor.
- If a weight falls off any tractor while pulling, that tractor will be disqualified.

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- Nothing can extend past the wheel weight or the nut.
- Tractor **MUST** remain in bounds at all times during pull. Any part of the tractor touching the out of bounds line will result in a disqualification. Sled going out of bounds will not result in disqualification.
- Fuels limited to “standard” pumped fuel (gasoline, diesel, propane, kerosene). **NO HOT FUELS.**
- Pulling point will be no less than 18” behind the center of the rear axle and shall not be more than 20” above the ground.
- All pullers must be completed sign in at least 15 minutes before the pull. This includes weigh-ins or verification of weigh-in.
- Tractor drivers must be 18 years of age or older. Drivers 16 to 18 of age must have a written consent of parent or guardian. Written consent must be presented to the Pull Committee prior to the pull.
- Pullers age 13-15 are allowed to pull antique tractors. Their tractor will be required to have wheelie bars and a kill switch. A parent/legal guardian will be in charge of the kill switch while pulling is occurring. A tractor driving competency test would be mandatory for each tractor pulled by anyone ages 13-15. The test would be proctored by three of our members prior to being allowed to pull. Testing must be completed once per calendar year. Certificate will be issued for tracking purposes.
- Driver must be the registered puller and remain seated with one hand on the steering wheel at all times during the pull. No riders allowed.
- Only two pulls per tractor per weight class with only the best pull qualifying for awards.
- The flagman is absolutely in charge.
- A full pull is as indicated on the sled. A pull will be terminated when a full pull is achieved, a spinout, when the front end lift exceeds the lift chain (12” lift chain is standard), or if the flagman deems the pull to be unsafe at any time.
- Flagman and Pull Committee decisions are final.
- Traditionally, the first puller in each class can re-pull if they want. Re-pull must be requested at the conclusion of the first pull and if asked for, re-pull will be in the third slot.
- The Pull committee may allow re-pulls in cases where breakdowns occur.
- Alcohol and drugs are **PROHIBITED!** The consumption of or the indication of the use of these substances will not be tolerated. The indication of, the use, or the consumption of will result in disqualification and possible removal from the area.
- Only the puller and track officials will be allowed on the track at any time that competition is in progress. Pullers and spectators will refrain from bothering pull officials during the pulls.

- There will be a short meeting for pullers and officials before each pull.
- Decisions of pull officials of Mid-States will be final. Situations not covered by these rules and guidelines will be handled by the Pull Committee.
- Heavier weights and/or newer tractors may be allowed to pull as exhibition pulls ONLY. This will be at the discretion of the Pull Committee. No awards will be given for these pulls.
- Smaller tractors that weigh less than 2500 lbs may pull the small sled (garden tractor sled).
- Weight includes Tractor AND Driver (1% over maximum weight is acceptable).
- “King of the Hill” classes ONLY are all years up to and including 1959 grouped together in each weight class.
- **HAVE FUN!!!**

Classes and Weights

Antique Rubber and Steel (1938 and older)

2501lbs—3500lbs (3500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

3501lbs—4500lbs (4500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

4501lbs—5500lbs (5500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

5501lbs—6500lbs (6500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

Classic Rubber (1939—1952)

2501lbs—3500lbs. (3500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

3501lbs—4500lbs. (4500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

4501lbs—5500lbs. (5500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

5501lbs—6500lbs. (6500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

Late Model (1953—1959)

2501lbs—3500lbs. (3500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

3501lbs—4500lbs. (4500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

4501lbs—5500lbs. (5500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

5501lbs—6500lbs. (6500lbs Class)—uses the big sled

“King of the Hill” (all years 1959 and older)

4000lbs and under (4000lbs Class)—uses the big sled

4001lbs-5000lbs (5000lbs Class)—uses the big sled

5001lbs-6000lbs (6000lbs Class)—uses the big sled