

New Yard and Garden Class

TRACTOR SHOW – DIVISIONS 14 AND 15

25 (Special Rule) Tractor Restoration and Reconditioning Classes (Revised from 2021)

Apply to all tractors including new (2023 JAM) Yard and Garden Tractor Class 1503

- a. Tractor Serial Numbers must be included with the Description on Entry Form and Exhibitor Card
- b. Tractor Exhibitor Cards must be on tractors when they are offloaded Friday morning at show grounds.
- c. Unloading and loading will be under direction of show officials
- d. Tractor may be started and driven only at the request of show officials.
- e. All steel lugged wheel tractors must be fitted with road bands.
- f. All steel crawler tractors must be fitted with rubber lugs or exhibitor must provide rubber mats or belts. (Used rubber conveyor belts can be used.) Plywood sheets may be provided to get tractor into barn without damaging asphalt or concrete surfaces.
- g. Tractor Documentation and Research package must be turned in when off-loading Friday. No changes to package after they are submitted.
- h. Original Work Sheets completed by judges when inspecting tractors will be given to the exhibitor. It is exhibitors' responsibility to place these worksheets unaltered in the front of their Documentation (3 ring notebooks) when documentation is returned to them.
Note: Worksheets are Generic to all tractor classes with slight modifications.
- i. Exhibitors must provide for each tractor, tools including flash light necessary to check fluid levels. Also, cloth or paper wipes and step ladder for large tractor to allow judges to check fuel and fluid levels. Tires pressure will be checked.
- j. Fuel tanks must not have more than 3 inches of fuel in tank.
- k. Fuel shut off valves under tanks must be functional and valves closed when exhibiting tractor.
- l. A full approved ABC fire extinguisher with minimum of 5 lb. capacity must be provided next to tractor.
- m. Display area: Table or bench size should not exceed 3 ft by 6 ft. (Should not be so large to block access to tractors.) If tool box is used it must be sized to fit under table. Tool box may serve as table.
- n. Electrical outlets are not guaranteed.
- o. Caution tape is not necessary and should not be used. Sign may be used to request public to keep off tractor.
- p. Drip pans under tractor **should not** be used when exhibiting tractor. Any fluid drips to floor must be wiped up.
- q. Specific instructions and safety issues are addressed below.

27 DIVISION 15 – Repair and Reconditioning Classes- 1502 & 1503 – Judging Criteria

(Same as in Premium List)

Note Criteria are described in Premium List

| CRITERIA | POINTS |
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| a. Mechanical – Repair & Maintenance | 30 |
| b. Knowledge & Presentation | 20 |
| c. Documentation & Research | 15 |
| d. Safety | 10 |
| e. Aesthetics | 10 |
| f. Diagnostics | 15 |
| Total | 100 |
| Complexity Factor (CF) Bonus Points | 15 |

(Updated) New Special Rule - Special Descriptions and Information for NEW Class- 1503

1503 Yard and Garden Tractors (including riding lawnmowers)

- a) Year models – 1961 - present
- b) Maximum Size – 30 engine horsepower.
- c) Wheels - Steel rims must not be larger than 16 inches diameter.
- d) Zero turn radius models are allowed in this class.
- e) No ATV's UTV's, pulling or racing mowers or other home-built tractors are allowed.
- f) Class is a repair and reconditioning class. Restoration to original condition is not required but the garden tractor should be near original function and include its mower deck.
 - Only components that require repair or reconditioning are addressed.
 - Worn or old components should be repaired or replaced – including belts, hoses, tires, wiring harnesses and electrical terminals including starting motors if equipped, switches and lights.
 - All safety devices – sensors and switches incl ROPS that were included on new tractor are required, including safety labels. All guards including mower blades must be functional and in place. This includes seat and mower deck safety switches.
 - New or repaired seats including seat belts (if originally equipped), are required.
 - Any Optional equipment/components attached to tractor must be in good repair. For example, tractor may be equipped with operators' canopy, extra lighting and accessories.
 - All maintenance should be performed and noted. Replacing fluids, adjusting belt tensions and tire pressures. Engine components such as oil and air filters, lubrication, spark plugs and points, air gaps on magnetos are examples of maintenance items.

- Authenticity is not required. Parts may be replaced including engine with aftermarket components – Keeping them approximately the same size and power as original. If a replacement engine is used, criteria for the engine selection should be included in documentation.
 - OEM Components may be replaced with improved more up to date aftermarket parts.
 - Aesthetics is considered but may not require complete repainting. Painting schemes and color should be near original. Improved Resale Value should dictate the degree of Aesthetics. Sheet metal should be repaired including rust removal, welding and painting to prevent rust. Fiberglass parts should be repaired and these repairs should be painted. Tractor should be washed and clean. Waxing of original finish is recommended to prepare tractor for exhibiting.
- g) Diagnosis is an important judging criterion – see Division 15 - Judging Criteria
 - h) The more sophisticated diagnostics and repair should be documented or videoed and made available to judges along with pictures as required in documentation.
 - i) Systems found on larger tractors may not be included on Yard and Garden Tractors for example –3 point hitch - PTO – Hydraulics, if they were not installed on original model.
 - j) ASABE standards are not required. Other appropriated standards such as SAE, API and others should be included.