

## TRACTOR PULLING CONTEST – DEPARTMENT 110

**Show Date: Saturday, September 2, 2023**

Pulling starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. If rain, call 508-885-5814

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### RULES

#### **Scales open at 6:30 AM**

1. Spencer Agricultural Association assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, and/or injury.
2. Attire, Language and Actions, appropriate for a family event, are expected by anyone in the pulling area.
3. Driver and assistants must be at least 16 years old.
4. Only one driver may drive the same tractor in the same class.
5. Agricultural four-wheel-drive tractors allowed with front end disengaged.
6. Tractors must leave tires in field rotation. Only agricultural tires allowed.
7. No tractors will be allowed to sweep, cover, or spray tires.
8. Wheelie bars are **mandatory**. They must be able to support weight of fully weighted tractor, not be attached to the pulling frame, and must not allow front tires to raise more than **three feet** from a level surface. **Using wheelie bars as a means of pulling sled in any way is prohibited. They also can not be used to aid forward motion during pull.**
9. Tractors weight brackets shall not exceed 6 ½ ft. across total; 3 ft. in any direction from farthest point of tractor.
10. Driver must stay in seat and in complete control of the tractor while in motion; No loose or fixed weights will be allowed in driver's compartment to interfere with proper operation of tractor.
11. Weight of tractor to include driver.
12. Once tractor has scaled for the class, and entered pulling area, it will not be allowed to leave the pulling area for any reason until they are eliminated.
13. Each tractor will be allowed 2 assistants; 3 assistants are allowed in the 14,000 lb. class and higher. **Note: Assistants are to help, not just bystanders.**
14. If an assistant steps off the pad, he may be replaced by another assistant and can only come back if the replacement exits the 10 ft. buffer zone.
15. Once tractor is in forward motion, no assistants will be allowed on slab.
16. The first 4 classes will hook to a 6 ½ ft. chain. **The 9,000lb class and higher will hook to an 8 ft. chain.**
17. Chain will be hooked to a safe pulling point, **ridged in all directions and unable to move more than 1 inch**. Pulling point position not to exceed 21 inches in height for first 6 weight classes, final three weight classes not to exceed 22 inches in height, with no other pressure point when chain is tight. Pulling point heights may be checked by **drivers** before the class has begun on the secondary pad ONLY.

18. No weights will be moved after the pulling point has been measured. The pulling point shall be measured every time prior to a hitch, beginning with the 9,000 lb. class and higher.
19. **When being hooked and unhooked from the chain, Tractors must be in neutral and the drivers' hands must be in the air visible to pit crew members.**
20. Each contestant will be limited to three hitches. A hitch is defined as the tractor is hooked, the chain is tight, and the tires have **made forward rotation.**
21. Each contestant will be allowed 4 minutes to complete his three hitches; time starts when rear wheels touch slab; 18,000 lb. class will be allowed 5 minutes.
22. A complete pull is a 6-foot **steady movement** of the load in a single hitch. The hitch will be measured when the driver, or a superintendent, terminate their attempt. **IF TIME EXPIRES, THE PULL WILL BE MEASURED ONCE STEADY FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE BOAT IS COMPLETE.**
23. Each attempted hitch will be made from a **TIGHT chain**. Any snapping of the chain will result in a warning, **recorded as** a non-measured hitch and the boat will be pulled back to starting position. Second offense will result in disqualification.
24. Driver can request the boat to be pulled back at any time; however, after a combined 24" pull or more, official or not, the boat will be pulled back to starting position.
25. Tractor must keep all wheels in perimeter of slab at all times, even during hitching. **Rear wheels must maintain full contact with the slab AT ALL TIMES.** If a wheel goes off the slab during a pull, **or comes off the pad**, it will be counted as a non-measured hitch, and the boat will be pulled back to starting position.
26. Any weights or parts dropped during pull will void pull, be counted as a hitch, and the boat will be pulled back to starting position.
27. Winning tractor of each class will be weighed at completion of that class. If overweight, it will be disqualified. **If there is a tie for first place, in the 12,000 lb. class and higher, there will be a one (1) hitch pull-off in the same order originally pulled.**
28. Drawing for pulling position for the next weight class will be drawn before the current class ends. Once drawing for pulling position has started for a class, there will be **no more entries allowed** into that class.
29. Tractors will only be able to enter a maximum of 2 weight classes for the day, excluding open event. If the weight classes are back-to-back, all tractors must be ready to pull in their drawn position by the second round or forfeit that class.
30. All decisions will be left to the discretion of the Superintendents. ANY PULL OFFICIAL has authority to halt contest at any time.

### CLASSES

PRIZES: First, \$100; Second, \$75; Third, \$60; Fourth, \$50.

- D-1. 3,500 lbs. & under
- D-2. 4,500 lbs. & under
- D-3. 5,500 lbs. & under
- D-4. 7,000 lbs. & under
- D-5. 9,000 lbs. & under
- D-6. 12,000 lbs. & under
- D-7. 14,000 lbs. & under
- D-8. 16,000 lbs & under

**-OPEN EVENT-**

**D-9. 18,000 lb. Class**

**PRIZES:** First, \$200; Second, \$100; Third, \$75; Fourth, \$50.