

Puget Sound Antique Tractor & Machinery Association

Garden Tractor Pulling Rules

All Events

Weight Classes for Entry:

Youth (ages 6-15)

Stock – 500 lbs

600 lbs

750 lbs

1000 lbs

Modified – 500 lbs

600 lbs

750 lbs

1000 lbs

Adult

750 lbs

900 lbs

1250 lbs

Modified

Exhibition

1. Youth operators of all tractors must be approved by the pulling committee.
2. Drivers must register and attend a drivers meeting that will be held within a half hour of the start of the contest. Garden tractors start pulling at 10:30am except during the PSAT&MA show. Please see the PSAT&MA show schedule for the pulling times during the show.
3. No consumption of alcohol beverages by anyone in the track or pull area. If a pulling committee member believes any driver to be a potential safety hazard because of erratic behavior, or if they fail to heed a warning for his/her actions, the individual(s) will be barred from the event.
4. A parent or guardian may walk beside the tractor during the pull for a new driver with the permission of the pulling committee; otherwise only track officials, club officers, and contestants are allowed on the track after the pull begins. No helpers or children are allowed in the track area.
5. Garden tractors can be any age but must be in safe operating condition with working brake. They must be stock wheelbase for the make and model. The driver's seat, standing platform and drawbar assemblies must pass a safety inspection and have the original drive train as factory built with no modification. The engine must have a working governor and clutch. The mower deck must be inoperative, (ie remove the belt). If the engine of a garden tractor pulling in a youth class has been modified in anyway, it must be pulled in a modified rather than a stock class.
6. A donated garden tractor is available for use in the stock youth class for those who do not have a tractor. Each driver must weigh and register the tractor prior to each pull.
7. The contest is open to any type of lawnmower/tractor powered by gasoline or diesel engines; no LPG(propane) is permitted.
8. The adult modified class garden tractors must have stock length frame, kill switch, wheelie bars, helmet and approval by the pulling committee. No motorcycle or snowmobiles engines. Adult drivers only.
9. No dual tires or excessively oversized tires. Tractors must be rear wheel drive only, no four wheel drives. Rubber tires only, no chains or metal cleats are allowed and tires must be similar in size to original equipment on the model entered. Garden tractors are allowed to use a maximum 26x12x12 garden tires and aluminum wheels. ATV tires are only allowed on youth modified and adult garden tractors.
10. Suitcase weights are permitted if securely fastened; original wheel weights and fluid in the tires may be used during competition. No weights can extend beyond 12" in front of the tractor frame and no rear weight may extend beyond the rear tire. No weights can be set on the tractor hood.
11. The tractor's drawbar cannot exceed a MAXIMUM height of 13" from ground level and it must be horizontal to the ground. The drawbar cannot extend more than 5" behind the rear tires. The hitch must have a 1" hole or allow a 3/4" drawbar pin to fit and accept a twisted clevis. The hook must move freely in hitch. (Note: The height of the clevis type hitches will be measured from the point at which the clevis attaches to the tractor). Nothing may touch the sled hookup chain and all hitches must be rigid.
12. Rear wheelie bars are required for all garden tractors entered in the youth and adult classes. The wheelie bars must be able to support the weight of the tractor and driver in the heaviest class pulled. It is recommended that the wheelie bars be adjustable so the tractor can be easily driven onto and off the scale. See the pulling committee for design recommendations. No weight allowance will be given for wheelie bars.
13. All garden tractors are subject to safety and rule compliance inspections by members of the pulling committee; their decisions are final.
14. The driver that weighs in on a tractor **MUST** drive the tractor in the pull. After the tractor has been weighed and the drawbar height and length checked, no alterations of any kind are to be made to the tractor prior to the pull. No changes to tire pressure are allowed after the tractor has been weighed.

15. A tractor may be entered into 2 classes with the same driver; a hook fee must be paid for each weight class. A tractor may be used by more than one driver; each driver must weigh and register the tractor.
16. Each driver is allowed only 1 garden tractor per weight class.
17. Drivers are required to wear closed toed shoes and long pants.
18. If the weight of the driver and tractor exceeds the weight class, they must register in the next heavier weight class.
19. Tractors must be operated in a safe manner at all times and are not to exceed 5 miles per hour on the track, in the track area or on the show grounds. No riders, no fast starts, and no standing up while driving. The pulling committee has the right to disqualify and remove keys from any operator acting in an unsafe manner.
20. The first puller of each class is the test puller. The test puller has a choice of a repull immediately following his/her first pull but must accept the second distance. A repull may be necessary to adjust or reset the sled and is at the discretion of the pulling committee. Repulls may be done immediately or at the end of the class.
21. Two tractors must be ready to pull at all times, with one on the track and ready to hook to the sled. A pulling order will be announced so all drivers will have sufficient notice to be ready.
22. When hitching or unhitching to the sled, the driver's tractor must be in neutral and his/her hands raised off the tractor controls.
23. All pulls must start with a tight chain. No jerking.
24. Driver must remain seated during the entire pull. No bouncing.
25. Drivers are not allowed to shift gears or stop to change gears. Hydrostatic transmissions are allowed if it is stock from the manufacturer. The driver may choose to restart the pull within the first 20 feet.
26. Drivers must keep the tractor and sled within the marked boundaries; if any part touches the marked line the driver will be disqualified.
27. If anything falls off the garden tractor while hooked to the sled, the pull will be disqualified.
28. The flag person(s) is in charge of the track. At the start of the pull, a green flag will be displayed when the sled operator is ready and the driver may proceed down the track. A red flag will be displayed when the driver must immediately stop. The pull is over when the forward motion stops as determined by the track judge. No one under 12 years of age may act as a flag person.
29. Tractors may be checked, weighed or drawbars measured immediately after the pull by the pulling committee. Anything found out of compliance with the rules at that time, will disqualify that pull.
30. Persons caught cheating will be disqualified from the pull.
31. Youth drivers under age 16, will pay \$5 per hook for each day when they present their PSAT&MA membership card except during the PSAT&MA show. At the show, the fee will be \$10 per lawnmower and driver whether pulling 1 day or 4 days.
32. Adult drivers will pay \$10 per hook for each day when they present their PSAT&MA membership card at the time of registration except during the PSAT&MA show. At show, the fee is \$20 per lawnmower and driver for the entire show (1-4 pulls).
33. At the Youth Fair, there will not be a hook fee if the driver has been properly registered.

When the driver registers and pays his/her fees for the pull, they are certifying they have read, understand and agree with the rules.