



Irish Truck & Tractor Pulling Association

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ITTPA Farm Class Tractor Pulling Rules 2005

ITTPA = Irish Truck and Tractor Pulling Association

Pit or Pits = Tractor parking area. **Event** = Tractor Pulling Competition/Show

1. The Competitor

- 1.1. Competitor has good knowledge of rules stated.
- 1.2. Competitor must be at least 18 years old, or 16 years old and in possession of valid tractor driver's license.
- 1.3. Competitor takes part in event entirely at own risk.
- 1.4. Engine of a competing vehicle may only be started if driver is seated. Driver may only leave vehicle if engine has stopped completely.
- 1.5. Only the driver is allowed on vehicle when it is towed or driving. NO riders in or on any vehicle on the entire grounds.
- 1.6. It is strictly forbidden for drivers and/or assistants to be under the influence of alcohol or any other type of drugs on the track or entire grounds. Breaking this rule will be cause for disqualification for the complete event.
- 1.7. Only the driver and assistant are allowed on track. If another member of the team enters the track area without permission disqualification may follow. The track is the area within the gates, including staging area after the weigh bridge.
- 1.8. Un-sportsman like conduct including abusive language and/or physical action towards event officials, fellow competitors or spectators will be just cause for total disqualification from event.
- 1.9. Every competitor has right to file a protest in writing against another competitor in his class, if it is his opinion that; the vehicle is not according the rules, or against the event jury. A protest form can be obtained from the competition leader, accompanied by a €50,00 deposit.
- 1.10. Competitor has to come in front of the sled on his own power and has to leave the track after the pull on his own power, with the exception of breakage.
- 1.11. Driving on entire grounds may not exceed walking speed. Breaking this rule will be just cause for exclusion from the event.
- 1.12. Competitors in a class have to line up in starting order, following the directions of the competition leader or an appointed official.
- 1.13. Competitor must be properly insured at all times, and must sign to confirm this before the start of the event.

2. The Tractor

2.1. Drawbar

- 2.1.1. Drawbar can not have any mechanical and/or constructive link with a point above centre line of rear axle.
- 2.1.2. Drawbar must be rigid in all directions.
- 2.1.3. Drawbar must be parallel to ground.
- 2.1.4. Hook point must not be higher than 500mm, measured from ground.
- 2.1.5. A drawbar shorter than 450 mm, measured from center of rear axle, is not allowed.

2.2. Loaders

- 2.2.1. Front loader frames may be allowed, following inspection and approval by ITTPA official.
- 2.2.2. No buckets, forks or weights are allowed fitted to loaders.
- 2.2.3. Tractor may not have both weights and loader frame fitted.

2.3. Tractor Fittings

- 2.3.1. Competitors may be asked to remove homemade weights if they are considered to be unsafe. Weights shall be determined allowable or not allowable solely at decision of ITTPA officials.
- 2.3.2. Tractor must have a proper secured seat fitted.
- 2.3.3. ITTPA reserve right to disqualify a tractor from taking part in competition/event, if they deem the tractor unsafe, unacceptable or non compliant with the rules.



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2.4. Weights

- 2.4.1. Drivers must submit tractors for weighing and weight classification.
- 2.4.2. Total Tractor weigh must include driver.
- 2.4.3. Weights may not extend rearward beyond the rear tires.
- 2.4.4. Weights must not pose any danger to driver, or interfere with his mobility in any way.
- 2.4.5. Weights must be mounted/fixed rigidly to tractor.
- 2.4.6. Front weights and/or front weight carriers may not extend forward more than 1100mm, measured from front of grill to front of weight, excluding hook point.
- 2.4.7. Tractors must have 120kgs of weights which can be removed or added easily when tractor is presented for weighing.
- 2.4.8. A space of 300mm wide and 400mm high above the drawbar must be clear of any obstacle (including weights and stabilizer bars) for easy access during hooking and unhooking of sled chain.
- 2.4.9. Competitor has to be able to drive tractor over Weigh Bridge without weights touching Weigh Bridge.

2.5. Rear Lift Arms

- 2.5.1. Rear lift arms must be in place and in working order, same as when the tractor left manufacturer's factory.
- 2.5.2. No Weights allowed on rear lifting arms.
- 2.5.3. Rear lift arms must be kept in down position during pull.

2.6. Tires

- 2.6.1. Only rubber tires are allowed. Steel cams, chains or anything similar are not allowed.
- 2.6.2. Total width of tractor may not be over 3000mm.
- 2.6.3. Maximum width of tire is not more that 30.5" inch or 800mm in combination with rim diameter of max. 32 inch.
- 2.6.4. It tire diameter is equal to or smaller than 710mm, then the max. Diameter of the rim is 42 inch.
- 2.6.5. In the 7.5, 9 and the 11.5 tonne classes a rim diameter of 42 inch is allowed with a max. tire width of 800mm.
- 2.6.6. Width of tire is defined by the figures put on tire by manufacturer.
- 2.6.7. Double tires/wheels are allowed with a max. rim diameter of 38 inch. The total max. width is 800mm, measured between the heel of the cam from inner and outer cams of respective inner and outer tires.

2.7. Roll over protection

- 2.7.1. Tractors must be equipped with an approved roll over protection or safety cab.
- 2.7.2. Self built roll over protection has to comply with the requirements stated in Irish law.

3. The Competition

- 3.1. Entry forms must be completed and entry fees paid to ITTPA before taking part competition/event. Class Entry Fee = €40 Euro.
- 3.2. Weights may not be changed or interfered with once a tractor is weighted and classified.
- 3.3. Tractors must be in pit area, registered and weighted at least 1 hour before start of competition/event.
- 3.4. All Tractors must remain within track or pit boundaries during the competition, failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- 3.5. There must be at least three entrants in a class for that class to take place.
- 3.6. Tractors may only be entered in the class which it is categorised or above.
- 3.7. Tractors may be entered in more than one class, provided the appropriate registration and additional entry fee is paid.
- 3.8. Tractors may not be reentered in a class, if class exceeds 15 tractors.
- 3.9. A tractor may be entered a maximum of 2 times with different drivers.
- 3.10. It's the drivers/pullers responsibility to know when they are pulling. No Delays will be tolerated and entry fees are non refundable.



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- 3.11. The starting order is determined randomly by the ITTPA
- 3.12. The starting order in the pull off is the order in which the full pulls have been made.
- 3.13. A Pull is considered over when the forward movement of the sled has stopped or has been flagged/signaled as over by a judge/flags men.

4. The Pull

- 4.1. ITTPA will nominate a competitor to do a test pull/s to set the sled.
- 4.2. If the first five competitors of a class achieve a full pull, the jury has the right to restart the class in the original starting order with a new sled setting.
- 4.3. Competitors must be available to hookup within one minute of being called to the sled.
- 4.4. Tractors have to start their attempt with a tight chain, jerking the chain is not allowed at any time.
- 4.5. An attempt is defined as moving the sled a measurable distance.
- 4.6. If a competitor stops their pull voluntarily within 20 meters, they can restart their pull once. There will be no maintenance to the track before making the second attempt.
- 4.7. It is forbidden for the driver to smoke or use a mobile phone during the pull.
- 4.8. A pull can be declared invalid for one of the following reasons:
 - 4.8.1. The loss of weights during the pull or presence on the track
 - 4.8.2. The loss or bad functioning of safety equipment
 - 4.8.3. Excessive loss of fluids
 - 4.8.4. Driving the vehicle unsafely
 - 4.8.5. Ignoring the officials or the red flag
 - 4.8.6. Not starting the pull within 1 minute of being called to the sled
 - 4.8.7. Driving on or over the track boundaries
 - 4.8.8. Breaking any rule

5. Safety & Responsibility

- 5.1. Drivers must operate their tractors in a responsible and safe manner both during a pull and in the pit area.
- 5.2. Any activities which may be classed as dangerous will lead to instant disqualification, in which case entry fees are non-refundable.
- 5.3. The ITTPA, organisers, Field owners, and festival organisers assumes no liability for any loss or injury caused to any competitor or any third party, injured by any tractor, or any other vehicle or equipment during an event.
- 5.4. Tractor drivers and owners are responsible for their own tractors and equipment and any loss or injury caused to any competitor or any third party, injured by their tractor, or any other vehicle or equipment owned by them.
- 5.5. The ITTPA, show committee, and the safety stewards reserve the right to postpone, disrupt or cancel an event in the interest of safety, and reserve the right to refuse entry, or disqualify a competitor if rules are not being adhered to. The ITTPA's decision is final.
- 5.6. All tractors must be out of gear and must have handbrake applied for hooking up and hooking off of sled.
- 5.7. It is the responsibility of the tractor driver/s and owner/s to insure that any tractor/s which he or she will use to take part in a tractor pulling event is fully covered by an appropriate valid insurance policy, and that the tractor/s are in perfect working order with workable brakes etc.

6. Disputes

- 6.1. All Disputes or complaints must be submitted in writing to the ITTPA on the day of the event.
- 6.2. Any Dispute over classification of a particular tractor will be settled solely at the discretion of the ITTPA committee. The ITTPA's decision is final.
- 6.3. In the event of any dispute, incident or other unforeseen happening, the ITTPA reserves the right of final judgment.

In any case, when the above rules are not complete, the rules in the ETPC rulebook 2003 are used.