

Western Michigan Old Engine Club
Antique Tractor Pull Rules

General Rules

1. Anyone who participates must be a member of the Western Michigan Old Engine Club. Participation includes anyone who operates a tractor for the purposes of pulling, operates any mechanical equipment used to maintain the track or works on the track while an event is underway. If the tractor operator is under the age of 18 then a parent or guardian must be a club member. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to work on the track during an event.
2. No one under the age of 16 is allowed to participate. A driver under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who takes all responsibilities for any damages, injuries, etc.
3. The driver is included in the weight of the tractor. Weights will be given a 1% leeway.
4. Weight classes are as follows:
 - a. Antique Division - 2750, 3500, 4500, 5500, 6500 and 7500 pounds.
 - b. Fun Division – 6000 and 7000 pounds.
5. One driver per tractor per weight class. The tractor can be pulled in two different weight classes however it must be operated by a different driver in the second class and the second class must immediately follow the first; such as 2750 to 3500, 3500 to 4500, etc. Tractors cannot jump over a weight class; i.e. they cannot go from 3500 to 5500. The exception to this rule is that a driver may participate in both the 6500 and 7500 weight class with the same tractor.
6. An Antique Division tractor can pull in the Fun Division however a Fun Division tractor may not participate in the Antique Division. If an Antique Division tractor participates in the Fun Division, it must meet the specific requirements for that division. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
7. The tractor draw bar will be no less than 20 inches from the center of the rear axle.
8. The hitch height will not exceed 20 inches. All tractors must have a clevis.
9. There must not be any fuel leaks on the tractor.
10. Tractors must have rear fenders on both sides.
11. Add-on weights must be anchored securely. Added weight is not allowed behind the hitch. The judges may ask for a re-weigh at any time during the event.
12. Weights cannot block the point of the hitch.
13. Unsportsman like conduct will not be tolerated and will result in the driver being disqualified. Any complaints must be made **PRIOR** to the tractor in question pulling. Any complaint that is made after the class has started will not be recognized.
14. There will be **NO** drinking of alcoholic beverages by drivers before or during the event.
15. The entry fee will be \$10.00 per tractor per weight class.
16. All tractors need to have a unique number to help identify the tractor during the event. Numbers need to be large enough to be visible from the scoring stand. Numbers must be placed on both the left and right side of the tractor and must be permanently attached.

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Event Procedures

1. While pulling the front tires can raise no more than 18 inches from ground level with the judge's decision being final.
2. There will be no jerking of the chain.
3. Drivers must stay in the sitting position in the seat at all times while the tractor is in motion.
4. A driver will have two tries per pull, unless driver is disqualified.
5. Once the tractor is hooked to the sled that will qualify as an official attempt.
6. Any object falling from the tractor while the tractor is in motion will result in an immediate disqualification.
7. Driver must watch the flagman while pulling or be disqualified.
8. If at any time during the course of the pull, a tractor's front or rear tire touches the side boundary line or breaks the vertical plane of the side boundary line, the pull shall be terminated at that point. The distance will be measured at the point of termination.
9. A driver's first pull attempt will be in the same direction as the previous puller's final attempt. EXCEPTION: If it is determined that there will not be enough room to complete a full pull without running out of bounds at the end of the track, then the driver must go in the opposite direction.
10. Running into a guard rail, track personnel or spectators will result in immediate disqualification.
11. When hooking and unhooking, the tractor must be in neutral with the clutch engaged. The driver must have a foot on the brake and his or her hands in the air.
12. A driver may choose to enter a tractor in a class as "Exhibition Only." Any tractor that is entered as exhibition will not be scored and will be placed last in the pulling rotation. If a tractor does not meet the requirements of the pulling rules, such as improper tire size, the driver may, at the discretion of the pulling committee, enter the tractor as exhibition.
13. Awards will be given for first, second and third places in each class. If there is a tie for first, second or third during the pulling event there will be a one attempt (not two) pull off between tying participants. The puller with the furthest distance in the pull off will win that position. If the distance in the pull off exceeds that of a higher non-tying placing position, that driver will not earn that higher position; you cannot advance your position during a tie-breaker.
14. No pull official or property owners where the pull is held will be held responsible for any accidents or injuries of any type the day of the pull.

Antique Division

1. All tractors must be farm stock and no newer than the 1955 model year.
2. Engine R.P.M. cannot exceed factory specifications as defined by M&W factory test book specifications.
3. The tractor must have all forward and reverse gears. No pulling in higher than second gear.

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4. Tire size can be no more than two sizes over the original size with a maximum tire size of 15.5 x 38. Rim width can be no more than 14 inches. No radial tires. No mechanically altered tires.

Fun Division

1. Tractors cannot be newer than the 1955 model year.
2. Engine RPM's cannot exceed 20% over stock, as defined by M&W factory test book specifications.
3. Tractors can pull in either first or second gear.
4. Tractors can have cut tires. The maximum tire size is 18.4 – 38. No radial tires allowed.
5. All clevises must be flat, twisted, and ridged and have a minimum 3.5 inch opening. Clevises cannot be more than 1.5 inches thick. The hole cannot be more than 1.5 inches from the rear of the plate.
6. Front weights cannot be extended out more than 11.0 feet from the center of the rear axle.

*All rules are subject to change at the will of the Western Michigan Old Engine Club Antique Tractor Pull Committee.