

North Central Indiana Antique Tractor Pullers Association, INC.

General Rules 2009 Pulling Season

- SAFETY** - Safety is to be of the utmost concern of all persons involved. Be careful when cranking engines, loading, unloading, scaling, and pulling. Watch out for spectators and children at all times. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Anyone found with alcoholic beverages will be disqualified and asked to leave. **The North Central Indiana Antique Tractor Pullers Association, Inc., will not be held responsible for accidents or harmful situations.** All drivers are responsible for reading and following the rules as they are published by the association. If you do not have a set of rules request one before you pull. If you do not understand any part of these rules please ask a board member. Board members have the right to inspect any tractor at any time with or without a protest.
- MEMBERSHIP/HOOK FEES/SIGN UP** – Annual club membership is \$20 per person per year. Any additional family members **living in the same household** may pay \$10 per person. Registration for members will be \$10 per hook per class. Non members will pay \$12 per hook per class. **As a club we pay back 50% of the money.** We pay half of a class up to 12 tractors. The board reserves the right to drop hooks if we are limited on operating time. If this should happen your entry fee will be returned. **Class closes when the first tractor in the class prior is hooked to the boat. Be sure to sign up on time.**
- TRACTORS** - All pulling tractors must be 1957 and older or first date of manufacture for that series. Any tractor that does not meet our pulling rules will be allowed to hook with paid hook fee. These tractors will pull for demonstration only and points and purse do not apply. (Board discretion.)
- DIVISION CLASSES** – **Fifteen** classes will be run. There must be at least three hooks to make a class. All Farm Stock classes will be judged on a percentage basis. The formula for figuring percentage is $83 \times \text{inches of travel of weight box} + 3260$ divided by the weight of the tractor and driver = percentage pulled. The #0-#4500 and #4500-#5000 modified classes will be judged on a percentage basis using the above formula. The #5000, #5500, #6000, #6500 and #7000 modified classes will pull distance. The classes will be as follows:

Class 1 Farm Stock	0-4500 LBS %	Class 8 Farm stock	5501-6000 LBS %
Class 2 Modified	0-4500 LBS %	Class 9 Modified	5500 LBS Distance
Class 3 Farm stock	4501-5000 LBS %	Class 10 Farm Stock	6001-6500 LBS %
Class 4 Modified	4501-5000 LBS %	Class 11 Modified	6000 LBS Distance
Class 5 Local Class	0-10000 LBS %	Class 12 Farm Stock	6501-7000 LBS %
Class 6 Farm Stock	5001-5500 LBS %	Class 13 Modified	6500 LBS Distance
Class 7 Modified	5000 LBS Distance	Class 14 Farm Stock	7001-7500 LBS %
	Class 15 Modified		7000 LBS Distance

The only exception will be the Elkhart County Fair which will be a distance pull for both farm stock and modified tractors. No points will be awarded for this pull this year. This pull will be limited to 1 hook per class, 4 hooks maximum per tractor. We will also be pulling in 500 LB increments ranging from 3500-7500 lbs throughout the day. Classes will pull light to heavy! Local class will pull percentage.

All Farm stock classes must pull in low gear only. If you are caught in any other gear, you will be disqualified with no re-pull allowed. No alterations are allowed on farm stock tractors.

The Pull will not start until the worker sign-in sheet is full. If the sheet is not full workers will be assigned.

The 0-10000 LB Local Class will be done at the request of the communities that we pull in. There is a special set of rules for this class as follows:

1. This class will run fifth at each pull.
 2. Club reserves the right to split the class.
 3. Only one hook to be allowed, including full pulls.
 4. Local eligibility to be determined by the board.
 5. You may pull the same tractor in a local class at ***three*** pulls per year.
 6. You may also pull in any other class that you qualify for up to 6 hooks per tractor.
 7. Must follow all rules of the farm stock class.
 8. Regular numbered club tractors will not be allowed in the local class.
 9. If there are not at least three hooks to make a class, you can pull two hooks in any other two classes you qualify for.
 10. A “C” type clevis will be allowed in this class only. You will not be allowed to pull in any regular farm stock classes with the “C” type clevis.
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5. **WEIGHTS** - Any part or weight that falls off of the tractor and touches the ground while hooked to the sled will be cause for a disqualification for that hook. All weights must be safely secured.
 6. **CLUB TRACTOR NUMBERS**-Numbers are issued by the club to members who wish that their tractor compete for points. These numbers must be located on the front of the tractor on both sides. It is the tractor owner’s responsibility to purchase and attach these numbers.
 7. **TORQUE AMPLIFYERS** - If your tractor is equipped with a TA it may be shifted only once during the act of pulling.
 8. **HITCHES** - Any tractor pulling from a two point or three-point hitch must be locked solid including the draft control.
 9. **FRONT SAFETY CHAIN** – A 1/8” diameter hook must be provided to attach the front end raise chain to the frame at the center of the front axle on the right side. Tractors raising the front end more than the 20” and causing the rod to lose contact with the ground will be disqualified.

10. **RPM LIMITS** - RPM's must be stock within the 10% margin of error for farm stock, 20% margin of error for modified. The official club RPM standards chart is included with the rules. All tractors are subject to random RPM checks immediately after they pull. If you are over, you will be disqualified. All tractors must use a working governor. No direct throttles are allowed.

11. **DRIVER REQUIREMENTS** - The minimum driver's age is fourteen years old. Those between 14 & 18 years of age must have written parental/guardian permission. Contact Josh Moore for a form. No more than two drivers per tractor per class. All drivers must be experienced drivers on the tractor that they are entered on. One hand must remain on the steering wheel at all times and the driver may not leave the seat at any time during the pull. The driver will look to the flagman for the signals to start and stop while on the track. The driver must not jerk the sled at the start of the pull. Only the driver may be on the tractor while it is hooked to the sled. No bouncing in seat.

12. **TRACK RULES** - A pulling order will be posted prior to each class. Pullers are required to pull in the order unless the flagman motions you in. Drivers that jump ahead are subject to disqualification. Left and right out-of-bounds will be established by an official at the drivers meeting. Any part of the tractor or sled that touches the out-of-bounds mark will be disqualified. Any puller not going past the 50-foot mark may shut down and restart. The driver has one minute to move the sled after the restart. Two attempts will count as one hook. If the driver gets disqualified for any reason at any point on the track no re-pull will be allowed. Speed limits have been set for each class. You are allowed unlimited warning horns within a specified length of the rack. This length will be 55 foot for the farm stock division tractors and 80 foot for the modified tractors. This measurement will be taken from the front of the sled. There will be a rope with knots placed at 55 foot and 80 foot to help mark distance for the driver. Pylons will then be set in their respective places for each pull. The flagman will stand at the pylon until the tractor passes. Once the front tire reaches the pylon the horn rule will be in effect. If you sound the horn after the front tire reaches the pylon you are disqualified. The flagman is the only track official, and can consult with the hook person and a board member to make the call on a disqualification.

13. **PROTEST PROCEDURE** - You must be a paid member of N.C.I.A.T.P.A. to protest any tractor. Any driver wishing to protest a tractor must have a tractor in the same class as the one being protested. The protester will ask a board member to look at the subject tractor for a ruling. The protester and the person being protested will both be subject to the same claim or claims. No claim will be allowed unless factory documentation of the claim is offered. If you do not have it in a parts book or factory specification book then do not protest it. You can and will be disqualified at any time during the pull if you are over your 10% (farm stock) or 20% (modified) allowable RPM or for drawbar height. This disqualification must be overseen by a board member.

Incompatible people will be asked to leave. In the event that a participant or spectator has a disagreement, the board members present shall settle the point. If under further argument or harassment the board members shall have the authority to tell the person(s) involved to leave without any compensation. With a simple majority of the board members present, the board will also have the authority to reject any further participation of the person(s) involved if the board deems fit.

14. RULE CHANGES and DISCLAIMER – No rule changes will occur during the current pulling year unless they are safety related. All rules will be interpreted by the association’s board of directors. 2008 rules will be effective throughout the 2011 pulling season and will only be reviewed for change upon completion of that season by the board of directors.

15. PULLING POINTS – You must be a paid member to accumulate points for end-of-the-year awards. If you do not pay your membership dues at the beginning of the pulling season you may not count any points that could have been acquired until such time that the dues are paid. They only count when you are a paid member and your tractor has an assigned number. Pulling points only go to the tractor regardless of the driver. Each tractor has its own accumulation of points. Points will be awarded as follows:

First place =	12 points + 1 hook point =	13 points
Second place =	11 points + 1 hook point =	12 points
Third place =	10 points + 1 hook point =	11 points
Fourth place =	9 points + 1 hook point =	10 points
Fifth place =	8 points + 1 hook point =	9 points
Sixth place =	7 points + 1 hook point =	8 points
Seventh place =	6 points + 1 hook point =	7 points
Eighth place =	5 points + 1 hook point =	6 points
Ninth place =	4 points + 1 hook point =	5 points
Tenth place =	3 points + 1 hook point =	4 points
Eleventh place =	2 points + 1 hook point =	3 points
Twelfth place =	1 point + 1 hook point =	2 points
Disqualified=	0 points	

All tractors in the class will receive 1 hook point for making a hook to the sled, unless disqualified, not one point for each hook. If a tractor is disqualified for any reason, 0 points are awarded for that hook. Points are awarded to the tractors in the order that they finish. If you pull two tractors in the same class the points do not carry over to the other tractor. Each tractor has its own points. If you are disqualified for cut tires, or a limited slip rear-end, the points from that date back will be revoked.

Every pull this season will count for points. This includes rescheduled pulls, rain dates, and added pulls throughout the year. If you have concerns regarding track conditions contact Ron Zieder at 574-595-7649.

Special note : Please keep an accurate record of your points to compare with the master file throughout the season. If any errors should occur please notify Josh or Julie Moore immediately. Also, please check to see that your tractor number assignments are recorded properly..