

NATIONAL HISTORICAL MACHINERY ASSOCIATION Inc.

TRACTOR PULL GUIDELINES AUSTRALIA WIDE

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Preamble: Tractor pulling is not a competition; it is only a fun sport to test the pulling capacity of your old tractor. Tractors are to be classified into three classes:

- a) Tractors manufactured 1955 or earlier; referred to as 'Vintage Tractors'.
- b) Tractors manufactured 1956 or later; referred to as 'Classic Tractors'. All participating tractors need to be at least 30 years old.
- c) All participating tractors be limited to 1973 year of manufacture or earlier, and a limit of 100 maximum drawbar horsepower be placed on all tractors.

1. Horsepower ranges will be set on the maximum drawbar horsepower.

Under 15hp, 16-20hp, 21-25hp, 26-30hp, 31-35hp, 36-40hp, 41-45hp, 46-50hp, 51-55hp, 56-60hp.
Open: Horsepower classes are optional to all clubs.

2. All tractors must be in standard form with no modification whatsoever.

Type variations will be allowed only if:

- a) They were available as an option when new.
- b) They are the only modern size tyre available to replace old tyres.
- c) Rim spacers will only be permitted to enable modern tyre sizes to fit old rims.

3. Two wheel weights can be fitted per wheel, to any tractor irrespective of make or model, cast or steel rims. The wheel weight must not protrude more than two inches or 50mm past the outside of the tyre. These weights must have been originally manufactured as a wheel weight, be of cast or steel material and fitted in a proper and safe manner. It is left to the discretion of the Safety Officer or Club Committee regarding the number of 'Chamberlain weights' (sandwich weights) fitted to Chamberlain Tractors only.

4. No other weights will be allowed on the tractor. No tractors will be allowed with any other equipment fitted

5. Maximum height for drawbar will be: a) Under 25hp classes : **18" Maximum**

b) Above 25hp classes : **22" maximum**

No modified drawbars are allowed. All drawbars must be supplied by the manufacturers.

6. When front wheels lift off the ground you will be stopped.

7. All drivers must be licensed and insured, however, underage drivers fifteen to seventeen may participate under strict supervision of an adult club member in a fenced compound. Outside fenced compounds all drivers must be licensed.

8. No passengers allowed on tractors in compound or pulling track.

9. No riding on the sled, only drivers allowed on shed, unless an extra seat is fitted.

10. Pulling will start and stop at the sound of a horn on the sled, or a signal by the flagman.

11. Tractors must be in Neutral and drivers must have both hands raised to indicate 'Neutral' before hooking up and unhooking.

12. Tractors must be driven no faster than walking pace at all times.

13. All tractors will be observed by a Safety Committee appointed by the club.

14. If there is a seat fitted on the tractor, the driver must remain correctly seated at all times.

15. Tandem hitched tractors will be accepted at NHMA events, only if the hitch is approved by the manufacturer and built to a structural engineer's requirements [certificate required]. Tandem tractor pulls using chains etc will not be accepted under any circumstances.

It is intended that these "Tractor Pull Guidelines" should be followed by all NHMA clubs conducting such an event. These Guidelines are produced with the aim of providing a safe operating procedure for the exhibitor, the officials and the viewing public. Please remember, modifications only as above, this event is for Vintage and Classic Tractors only. Your club input is always welcome.

Please contact the NHMA Secretary or State Representative with information.