

## Youth Tractor Pulling Rules

The following rules are in addendum to all standard club pulling rules including all safety rules. If a tractor or driver, regardless of age, does not meet standard club rules, then the tractor and/or driver may not pull. The intent of the following youth tractor pulling rules are to allow youth 14 and younger to participate if they can properly and safely operate a tractor that meets club requirements.

### Youth 14 and under must meet the following requirements:

1. Meet all of the safety and class requirements of standard club rules.
2. Have all necessary forms completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian.
3. Complete a driver evaluation conducted by a pre-designated Club member during which the youth operator must:
  - a. Demonstrate that they can reach all controls of the tractor from the fully seated position. This can be demonstrated by having hands on the furthest most controls while lifting both feet from the floor pan or pedals while remaining in the seat and also by having feet on depressed pedals while maintaining contact between the seat and the buttocks while keeping at least one hand on the steering wheel. Modification of the seat and controls are permitted to meet this requirement. Decisions of the evaluating club member are final.
  - b. Demonstrate that they have the strength to operate all controls. The operator must be able to, without assistance, engage/disengage clutches, brakes, etc and steer the tractor while maintaining a safely seated position (see rule a. above).
  - c. Demonstrate that they know how to and can stop the engine without assistance.
  - d. Answer the following questions correctly:
    - i. What gear must you pull in? (A: Lowest or first gear)
    - ii. What does the red flag mean? (A: Immediately stop)
    - iii. What must you see before beginning a pull (A: Green flag)
    - iv. Where must at least one hand be placed at all times during a pull? (A: On the steering wheel)
    - v. Are you allowed to stand or move from the tractor seat during a pull? (A: No)
    - vi. What is the safest thing to do if something goes wrong during a pull? (A: Stop the tractor and/or turn off the engine)
  - e. Without assistance and in a safe manner, complete a driving course intended to simulate backing up to a pulling sled and beginning a pull during which the youth operator must remain in the seated position. The course will consist of:
    - i. From a stopped position, drive forward through cones and come to a complete stop without hitting the cones.
    - ii. Place the tractor in reverse, back up to an offset cone, and come to a complete stop so that the tractor draw bar is within 6" of the cone without hitting the cone.
    - iii. Place the tractor in first gear and wait for the evaluator to display a green flag before moving.
    - iv. Drive forward in first gear until the evaluator displays a red flag and then immediately stop forward motion.
    - v. When requested by the evaluator, stop the tractor engine
4. Have a parent or legal guardian who can operate the tractor, walk next to the tractor during the pull.
5. Have an operator over 14 years old drive the tractor to the line up area, onto the scales, and away from track or be under the direct and immediate supervision of a guardian.