**GREAT PLAINS TRACTOR PULLERS, INC.
 2023 GENERAL RULES
STOCK FARM, PURE STOCK FARM, OPEN FARM, 3200 RPM SUPER FIELD, PRO FARM, PICKUPS**

 **1. Drawbar must be rigid and equipped with 3 x 3 1/2 inch hoop, 1 inch thick (unless otherwise stated in individual class rules). No pin or clevis.

2. Minimum drawbar length is 18 inches from center of rear. Maximum height is 20
 inches.

3. All tractors will weigh on the portable scale at the staging area just prior to hookup to the skid. If the tractor leaves the staging area, it will be required to reweigh before hookup. Weigh and measure drawbar. Get on and off the scale in a timely manner.
Then clear the area so others can weigh and get to their classes. NO repairs are to be made while on the scale.

4. Length of tractor cannot exceed 12 feet from center of rear axle to front of tractor.

5. No weights over the drawbar for a width of 6 inches, ALL the way up center of tractor. No interference with the chain and hook.**

1. **No quick hitch. No weights behind the tire circumference in a vertical plain.**
2. **All PTO’s must be disengaged.**

**6. All weights and equipment must be secure. Any loss of weights, equipment, or parts, from the time the tractor/pickup is hooked to the sled and the chain is tight, will result in a disqualification for that particular hook.

7. Driver is to be seated at all times.

8. Driver must be 18 years of age or have written parental consent. Pickup drivers must be 16 years of age with written parental consent.

9. Tractor must be operated in a safe manner at all times.**

**10. All pulls start with a tight hitch and no jerking permitted.

11. Two attempts will be allowed and 100 feet is considered a pull. An obvious attempt must be made to let off the throttle and be stopped by 100 feet.**

 **12. If there is a call for a repull in a class, due to track conditions or skid malfunctions, the entire class will repull. Any other discrepancies will be determined by the rules committee.**

**13. DEADLINE for registration(for members) is 8pm on the day PRIOR to the pulling event. If there is a need to cancel, CANCELLATION SHOULD BE DONE by 8pm on the day prior to the pulling event.**

**Deadline for registration (for non members) is ½ hour prior to the pulling event.**

**14. Per contract between Great Plains Tractor Pullers and event organizer: Track length minimum of 350’ to 400’ maximum or as property allows and approved by officers prior to pulling event start. Track width minimum 45’ to 60’ maximum.

15. First puller of each class has the option to accept or reject his/her measurement of that particular pull. This must be indicated by the driver to the FLAGMAN and BEFORE leaving the track.(before unhooking from the sled) If rejecting the pull, puller will be given the 6th position number where he/she will pull depending on number of pullers in the class.

16. Tie would be indicated by a pull off for 1st at the end of the class, if required.**

 **17. No one is allowed on the track except officials and contestants.

18. No alcohol on the track or in pit area. Any competitor or any of his/her crew
 incapacitated due to intoxicating agent, and/or drugs, his or her pulling vehicle
 will not compete for the duration of the pull. Obvious or excessive consumption
 of alcoholic beverages before or during pull will not be tolerated. Anything
 detrimental to the association or board members to be grounds for
 disqualifications.

19. Not responsible for accidents or breakdowns.

20. IF a tractor/pickup has a breakdown during their hook to the sled and BEFORE reaching the 100 ft mark or it’s second attempt, repairs may be made as long as done so prior to the end of that particular class, and MUST be done so in the STAGING AREA and a rules committee member present. Unless authorization to leave staging area is obtained from an officer or committee member.

21. ALL Classes:
 a) The class that is pulling should be on deck and in line up.
 b) The tractor/pickup/driver that is to be pulling will have 3 (three) minutes after
 the sled is pulled back and in position, to enter the track, and be hooked up to
 sled.
 c) Pullers must pull in the position drawn.
 d) There is to be no repairing of vehicles on the track, this is to be done in the
 staging area, and if repairs are completed, the puller may pull as long as this
 is done so prior to the end of that particular class.**

 **22. NO JUMPING of classes (e.g. stock to open farm, open farm to 3200 rpm and vice**

**Versa), this pertains to all tractor and pickup classes.**

 **22. Protests must be made to judge/flagger before tractor is unhooked and before leaving the track. Protester will put up a cash amount of $200. Protester must be a
puller in the same class. The judge, protester, and the protestee will stop at the check point. An agreement form will be signed for the protest. At the time of protest, the pan will be sealed by rules committee member/members. A neutral party will be selected to check the tractor. Location will be determined by the rules committee. IF the tractor is found to be illegal according to the rules, the protestee pays the mechanic and shop bill. IF the tractor is found legal, the protester will pay the mechanic and shop bill. THIS protest rule will be followed UNLESS otherwise stated in the individual rules of the classes of the Great Plains Tractor Pullers, Inc. The protested tractor will be allowed to compete. If the tractor is found illegal after being checked, all points and prize money will be forfeited from the date of protest.**

**23. All ATV’s and transport vehicles should be operated safely and at a slow rate of speed. No more than one to two passengers at a time allowed on these vehicles. If this rule is abused, future use of these vehicles may be banned for use at tractor pulls.

24. NO TRACK TRACTORS OR FRONT WHEEL ASSIST ALLOWED.

25. RPM Datalog System will be used on all classes that have a RPM limit. Any tractor pulling in such a class will be required to have the RPM Plug Kit mounted on the tractor. Cable must be visible to the rules committee and easily accessible. Tractors will be allowed one (1) pulling event per year before being required to have the RPM Plug Kit on their tractor.**

 **A. If data logger kit on tractor, malfunctions and needs to be fixed or replaced, an**

 **Attempt should be made to do so by next scheduled event, but tractor will be**

 **Allowed 4 hooks before required to replace kit. If kit is not replaced or fixed by**

 **Those 4 hooks, then tractor forfeits points and payback until replacement has**

 **Been completed.

26. Kill switch will be the first thing connected to tractor/pickup and the last thing to
 be disconnected from tractor/pickup when hooking and unhooking.

27. During hooking and unhooking tractor/pickup to and from the sled. Driver is to
 put tractor/pickup in neutral and place hands in air to indicate it is safe to hook/
 unhook.

28. Rules Committee decisions will be regarded as FINAL.

29. In reference to rain delays during an event. After 1 hour, a vote will be taken to
 determine if event will continue or be cancelled.**

**30. Good sportsmanship is encouraged at all times.**

**31. Payout will be done once a month. And payout checks need to be cashed within 90 days of issued date.**

**32. Nonmember fee for all classes will be $25.00 plus the hook fee.**

**33. Nonmembers will be allowed to register for a pulling event the day of the event, with a one half hour prior to start time for deadline. Nonmembers are strongly encouraged to register the day before or earlier.**

**34. Any exhibitions will be LIMITED to one pass per event AND will hook AFTER the final GPTP tractor/pickup pulling event. EXHIBITION fee is $50.00.**

**35. Any discrepancies or problems pertaining to classes, should be taken to that particular class rules committee.**

**36. Any discrepancies or problems with the promotor or sled, should be taken to and addressed by officers or board members.**

**37. PERSONAL CONDUCT:**

**Any inappropriate BEHAVIOR or MISCONDUCT, Verbal or Physical, by any individual(s), put forth towards an officer, director, sled operator, worker, another puller, spectator, and/or to a puller’s pulling tractor/pickup, will be penalized for their actions, after reviewed by Great Plains Tractor Pullers, INC. officers and board of directors.**

**Penalty(ies): Person(s) that has /have done the inappropriate behavior or misconduct, will be banned “X” amount of pulling events or “LIFETIME”, and their pulling vehicle, no matter how many drivers there are for the pulling vehicle, will be banned from pulling “X” amount of pulling events, as determined per officers and board of directors.**

 **OTHER DISQUALIFICATIONS:

1. Any portion of the tractor touching ground on or going beyond the sidelines of
 the track, from the time tractor/pickup is hooked to sled and the chain is tight, will
 will be disqualified for the particular hook.**

**2. Disqualification for 1 (one) year and 10 (ten) days for illegal use of fuels, turbos,
 injection pumps, cubic inch, or other equipment; or as specified in individual
 class rules.**

**Membership Dues: $100.00

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