

GENERAL RULES

UNITED PULLERS OF AMERICA



UPA reserves the right to refuse any and all pullers.

1. A certified weight and points system will be in effect. No vehicle will be certified or be awarded points unless membership dues are paid.
2. Membership dues are \$80 for the vehicle and \$40 per driver. At the first event, before hooking, you will be required to pay membership dues. There will be a \$25 late fee per member if paid after first pull. Non-member pullers with a legal inspected vehicle will be allowed to purchase a 1-day membership for a fee of \$25, per event, per vehicle with a limit of 2 events. 1-day members will not be eligible for points. Points will not be started until full membership is paid.
3. Vehicle must hook to sled and tighten chain under its own power to get last place points. If this occurs with multiple vehicles, points will be evenly distributed.
4. Pullers are prohibited to talk to sled operator before or during the pull.
5. NO entry will be allowed after the class starts.
6. All contestants must be at least 15 years old.
7. A sticker will be issued for each class stating driver, number and size of weights, inches of fuel, RPM allowed, tire size and make. Stickers will be affixed to the vehicle.
8. Any changes made to the vehicle will require a new certification. Two vehicles will be used to set the scales to recertify.
9. All pulls to start with a tight hitch, no jerking allowed. Pullers must maintain 1 hand on the steering wheel at all times.
10. No one allowed on the track except the judge, track officials and contestant. No coaching from the sidelines will be allowed.

11. Number one puller will be the test puller with the option of rejecting the first attempt and coming right back for a re-hook, or dropping to the third hook or last hook. In the event of a sled reset, the test puller may re-hook in the first position, or drop to the third measured position, now giving the re-hook option to the original #2 puller.
12. All contestants will have two chances to start the sled within a 100-foot pit area. In the event of a pull off, there will be only one attempt to complete a pull. Pull will be terminated when forward motion of sled stops.
13. May not switch drivers once vehicle is on track.
14. If a vehicle or sled goes out of bounds the pull will be terminated and measured at that point. If contestant continues pulling, a disqualification will result. No boundary after 300' mark. (Mud flaps are not considered part of the sled.)
15. Any trial runs will be made after the completion of the entire class with UPA board permission.
16. Any protest must be made before the vehicle leaves the track.
17. All pulling vehicles will be subject to inspection by UPA board or tech personnel before and after each pull. Vehicles that do not meet UPA rules will be subject to disqualification. The UPA board has the right to internally inspect any vehicle, or new entries, at any time.
18. Tech committee members will have the power to enforce all rules and settle disputes. Any repeat infractions will result in disqualification for one year to date by the UPA board.
19. Contestants must remain seated in an upright position and keep one hand on the steering wheel at all times. Vehicle must be operated in a safe manner both on and off the track. Foul or abusive language or excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated.
20. Driver shall place pulling vehicle in neutral and have foot off the clutch while hooking to and from the sled.
21. All weights shall be secured to the pulling vehicle. Any weight lost while under the green flag will result in disqualification. No weights allowed on platform, seat, or in cab and weights shall not interfere with hitch.
22. Excessive loss of liquid from vehicle will be cause for termination of pull and the distance will be measured.
23. A vehicle may not be entered in the same class twice and is limited to 2 classes per event.
24. All vehicles must have working brakes.
25. All forms of nitro methane (including nitrous oxide and propylene) are illegal as fuel. No LP, ice, water, alcohol or pressurized tanks of any kind allowed. LP will be allowed as a primary fuel.
26. Kill switches for gas powered vehicles and air shut offs for diesel powered vehicles are required. All vehicles are to have a reverse light and a clutch down or neutral safety start switch.

27. Anyone protesting the legality of a pulling vehicle's engine will be required to put up a \$250 tear down fee. If vehicle is found to be in violation, protester will retain the \$250 and the violation vehicle and member will be disqualified for one year to date of disqualification. If vehicle is found to be legal the person protested will receive the \$250.

28. The UPA will have the capability to check cubic-inches of assembled engines for all classes. There will also be an RPM box available for use at all pulls.

29. Judge's decision is final.

30. No intercoolers, aftercoolers or cooling devices for the air or fuel of any kind on tractors All tractors will run an ag type exhaust and intake manifolds.

31. All tractors will have an approved, functional, RPM monitoring device. (See diagram below.)

32. The UPA board may decide to float the finish line at certain events. Competitors will be notified of a change in full pull distance.

33. A grace hook will be allowed in some instances. Check with the board before you hook if you believe you need this. Excessive RPM's is one case where a grace would not be allowed.

34. The specific class rules will supersede General rules.

35. All engines will be checked for proper cubic inch before the pulling season starts. A wire through 2 bolts, either pan or intake, will seal the vehicle's engine. If wire is taken off or broken for any reason the engine will need to be rechecked. No points or money will be distributed until the engine is checked and sealed.

36. Prize money checks will be valid for 90 days.

37. In case of a points tie we will go back to who had the most 1st place finishes. If still tied, then the most 2nd, 3rd, etc. If still tied the total distances pulled for the year will be added up.

Diagram for Rule #30.

