

# 2017 Rule Book

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# **Preface**

The Indiana Pulling League, Inc. Rules & Regulations are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of the motorsport of tractor events and to reduce the risk of injury to both participants & spectators during such events.

It is ultimately the obligation of each participant to ensure that his/her conduct and equipment comply with all applicable Indiana Pulling League, Inc. Rules & Regulations, as they may be amended from time to time. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication or, compliance with, these Rules & Regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of sport & and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to competitors, spectators, or others.

# **Warranty Disclaimer**

The rules promulgated in the Rules & Regulations are intended as guidelines for the sport of tractor pulling, and the rules relating to the safety of equipment are the responsibility of each competitor who participates in the sport of tractor pulling under these rules. No expressed or implied warranty of safety is intended nor may be inferred from the publication of neither these rules, nor the compliance therewith. Nothing herein should be construed as a guarantee against injury or death to participants, bystanders, or spectators.

Specifications and rules set forth in the Indiana Pulling League Inc. Rules & Regulations are based upon the recommendations of competing members, crew persons, and other participants in the sport of tractor pulling. All participants in an Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned event must assume all liability for any damage or loss caused by or from their equipment and the use thereof.

Indiana Pulling League, Inc. specifically states that it has not tested any equipment or use of equipment that it refers to in the Rules and Regulations and makes no warranties either specific or implied with regard to or any use thereof. The uses must look to the manufacturer with regard to said warranties.

# **General Rules**

# A. Safety

# 1. Protective Clothing

a. All competitors are required to wear while under competition fire protective clothing with SFI rating consisting of a driving suit (which includes jacket & pants), fire resistant gloves, fire resistant shoes, neck collar and a full face helmet (no modifications or alterations of the helmet are allowed). NOTE - Flame retardant underwear is highly recommended with the use of any protective clothing as well as the use of a head sock/neck shirt.

# 2. Roll Cages

a. Home-made roll cages must meet rating of a 10,000 lb. Or the SFI rating for the weight of the vehicle.

# 3. Competitor Restraints

a. Tractor utilizing a roll cage must have and use a five-point harness.

# 4. Fire Extinguisher

a. Tractor must be equipped with a minimum 2.5 lb. fire extinguisher, fully charged, with a gauge in working condition and convenient to the competitor.

### 5. Engine Powered Fans

a. No engine powered fans allowed (electric only). Farm Stock exempt.

### Tie Bars

- a. Safety tie bars mounted to rear axle housing with at least four axle housing bolts and extending forward of flywheel area and fastened to side of block or main frame with at least two 5/8" bolts: OR
- A one-piece-frame extending from front of tractor to rear axle housing mounting bolts.
   NOTE Tie bars or frame must be of sufficient strength to support weight of tractor with bolts used to split the tractor removed.

c. Safety blankets must be on the inside of the tie bar and the tie bar must be fastened forward of the rear of the engine block.

# 7. Age Requirement

a. Competitor must be 16 years of age and have a parent's consent & signature until 18 years of age.

Any tractor failing to meet Indiana Pulling League, Inc.'s tech inspection and all Indiana Pulling League, Inc.'s safety requirements and rules will not be permitted to pull at any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned event until such a time as the infraction(s) has/have been corrected.

All competitors are required to sign and date a form indicating his/her tractor adheres to the safety equipment requirements set forth by the Indiana Pulling League, Inc.'s Rules & Regulations including the clutch and flywheel requirements as well as the Roll Cage requirements.

B. Brakes - Rear brakes are mandatory.

# C. Chassis, Frame, & Sheet Metal

- 1. Tractors must have wide front axles. Front wheels shall track within rear wheels.
- 2. Engines must be secure and held rigid in chassis.

### 3. Seats & Fenders

- a. Tractors must have a strong, rigid seat.
- b. Tip seats must be securely fastened while pulling.
- c. Seats must have side rails that are a minimum of 4" above the edge of the seat and must extend a minimum of one half the distance from the back of the seat to the front edge.
- d. The side rails must be a minimum strength equivalent to ½" pipe.
- e. If the fenders extend 6" or higher above the seat and are 6" or less from the seat, no seat side rails are required.
- f. All tractors must have a side shield between the competitor and the tire that consists of a solid barrier between the competitor and any part of the rear tires, which must be able to sufficiently support weight of the competitor.
- 4. A deflection shield is required on both sides of all engines.
- 5. Engines shields must extend the length of the block.
- 6. Engine shield thickness to be a minimum of 0.060" of aluminum, steel or lined fiberglass.
- 7. Tractor must have hood and grill in place as intended by the manufacturer.
- 8. Maximum 114" wheelbase unless originally produced with a longer wheelbase, in which case stock length must remain. (The wheelbase is the distance between the center of rear wheel to center of front wheel. Center of wheel must be aligned with the center of axle with wheels facing straight forward. Axles must be fixed with no means to adjust wheelbase.)
- 9. Maximum 13 feet from center of rear wheel to forward most point including weights and excluding tow hitch.
- 10. Crankshaft balancer must be shielded.
- 11. All tractors that utilize tube ladder-type frames must be covered on outside with steel or aluminum 0.060 thick.
- 12. Sheet metal can be upgraded to present manufacturer by tech approval.
- 13. Sheet metal upgrade can cross original manufacturer's lines. The chassis can not mix manufacturer's. (ie. Engine transmission and rearend must all be from same manufacture)
- 14. Tractor must remain stock appearance.
- 15. Wheelbase rule will apply according to the original chassis, not to the model of the upgraded sheet metal.
- 16. Must have stock transmission housing or manufacturer's replacement and stock final drive or manufacturer's replacement.
- 17. OEM engine block cannot be modified externally, except for normal repair or mounting of fuel injection pump.
- 18. Stock engine block or OEM block that will operate with the stock crankshaft for that model, without any alterations for chassis mounting.

- 19. All tractors must have firewall to protect competitor in event of flash fire.
- 20. All tractors must have a neutral start switch.

### D. Kill Switches

- 1. Tractor must be equipped with a deadman throttle.
- 2. Tractor must have an operator controlled fuel shut-off valve (not the injection pump shut-off).
- 3. On diesel engines, the kill cable must activate the air shut-off. No electoral operated air shut-off.
- 4. Must be easily accessed from rear of tractor with minimum 2" diameter solid ring which is 6" either side of center of drawbar.

# E. Clutches and Flywheels

- 1. Clutches must be covered with a safety blanket from the back face of the bell housing to the rear of the engine.
- 2. Safety blankets must have a minimum of six straps, securely fastened.
- 3. Flywheels are to meet SFI Spec. 1.1 or SFI 1.2, steel plate or steel billet flywheel or aluminum.

### F. Exhaust

- 1. All exhaust pipes must discharge vertically and be securely attached.
- 2. Turbocharged engines must have two 3/8" bolts in the horizontal portion of the exhaust pipe as close to the turbo as possible. Bolts are to be installed 90 degrees to each other and within 1" of each other.

# G. Fuel

1. Diesel fuel only with a Minimum die electric reading of 20 (2.0) and a Maximum of 80 (8.0) No nitrous oxide, no alcohol, no nitro methane, no propane, no oxygen carriers and no combustion accelerators. Cetane and lube allowed. Random checks of fuel with styrofoam cups or dielectric tester first offense is disqualification for that event with no points or pay. Second offense results in suspension for 366 days. Voluntary fuel checks will cost \$20 per check after the first two.

# H. Computers

1. No electronic fuel injectors or metering devices will be allowed.

# I. Drawbar

- 1. Drawbar lengths are measured from the center of the rear wheels to the point of hook.
- 2. Drawbar height 20" maximum. Drawbar length 18" from center of rear axle.
- 3. Drawbar must be rigid with no movement allowed.
- 4. Drawbars must have the pivot pin on the same plane as the hitch point and parallel to the ground within  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ", plus or minus, per foot of length or 15 degrees of angle.
- 5. Drawbars shall be constructed so that in the event of drawbar breakage, the drawbar supports do not pull from a top link or brace above the centerline of the rear axle of the tractor.

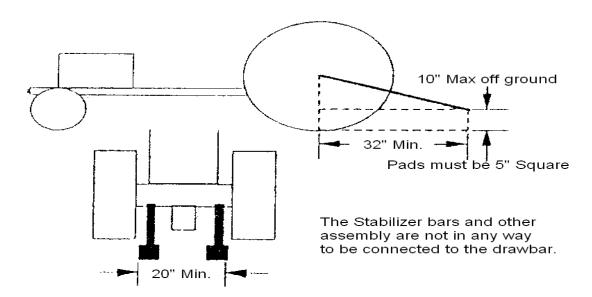
# J. Weights

- 1. Weights must not interfere with the drawbar, chain or kill switch.
- 2. If weights fall off of tractor after the competitor has been flagged to a stop, measurement will be taken.
- 3. Any ballast lost while hooked to the sled and under the green flag will be cause for disqualification. If weights touch the ground, although they may still be attached to the pulling tractor, the pull will be disqualified (internal breakage excepted).

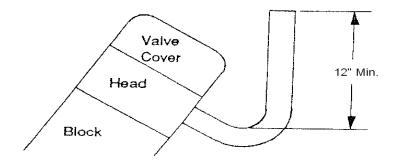
# K. Stabilizer Bars

- 1. Stabilizer to be a minimum of 32" from the center of the rear axle to the rearmost point.
- 2. Minimum of 20" from the outside, one pad to the other.
- 3. Pads not to exceed 10" off the ground.
- 4. Pads to be a minimum of 5" square.
- 5. Stabilizer assembly must be able to support the weight of the tractor in the heaviest class pulled.

Example: Stabilizer Bar



Example: Exhaust Header



# L. Engines and Turbochargers

- 1. All turbos mounted outside the hood must be shielded.
- 2. All tractors are limited to one pressure stage and allowed one air compressing device.
- 3. All tractors are limited to two valves per cylinder.
- 4. No four wheel drive model tractors are eligible as an entry.
- 5. All ether bottles (starting aids) must be placed outside of engine compartment and only active when in neutral.
- 6. All tractors that require tools for the removal of side shields must be equipped with an onboard fire control system. Onboard systems nozzles must be in engine compartment.
- 7. All tractors utilizing onboard fire extinguishing system must place one nozzle on each side of engine, inside the engine compartment. Not to be attached to the sheet metal.

All straight side inlet turbo pipes must have 2 3/8" rods or a screen to prevent turbo wheel to go out in case of turbo failure.

# **Hot Farm Tractors**

- A. Weight Class 9,500 lb.
- B. Weight to be certified at first pull and weights counted and recorded.

# C. Tires

- 1. 20.8x38 any cut or uncut tires.
- 2. No rim size larger than 38" diameter.
- 3. Radial tires or Bias tires allowed

# D. Water Injection

- 1. High pressure water injection is allowed in the crossover pipe, in front of the turbo, or ported water is okay in the intake manifold only, not in the head.
- 2. No Intercoolers, Pre Coolers or cooling operation of any kind allowed. No Ice Allowed onboard.
- 3. Water only except for pump lubrication.

# E. Engines

- 1. 510 cubic inch limit (+ or 1 percent). Two valve farm tractor cylinder heads only. (OEM or stock replacement head for make and model. No Aftermarket heads.)
- 2. OEM intake manifolds. 1" Spacer Allowed. Innercooler intake allowed if gutted and holes closed. No Water. Intake must have been available through manufacturer's dealership.
- 3. Engine Transmission and Rearend must all be from the same manufacture.
- 4. Crossover pipe not to exceed 4" od from turbo to intake. Flex joints ok.

### F. Turbos

- 1. 3" inlet, 3 ½" exhaust outlet, no waste gates. Wheel must rotate in the bore.
- 2. No additional openings in compressor housing outside the 3" opening. MWE groove is allowed to be open to a maximum of .200.

# G. Pump

1. P-Pump or smaller

### H. Exhaust Header

1. Exhaust headers are allowed.

# **Altered Farm Stock Tractors**

- A. Weight Class 9,500 lb.
- B. Weight will be certified at first event and weights counted and recorded.

# C. Tires

- 1. 18.4 x 38 any cut or uncut tires (bias or radial) Must start as an Ag Tire no purpose built tires.
- 2. No rim size larger than 38" diamter.
- D. 1. All Engine, Water, and Turbo rules will follow Hot Farm Rules with the exception of no exhaust headers allowed

# E. Pump

- 1. A-Pump (3,500 RPM Limit)
- 2. P-Pump (3,500 RPM Limit) (P-Pump can be no larger than a P3000 series pump)
- 3. Tractor must have an ISSPRO single magnetic pickup attached to the front of the engine to measure engine RPM's. The lead from the pickup to the rear of the tractor is to be made of 14-16 gauge wire attached to a 110V, 3-prong female electrical outlet. The 2 wires from the pickup need to be attached to the 2 main spades, not the ground spade, of the electrical outlet. This outlet receptacle needs to be mounted next to the rear mounted air shutoff cable. Wire must be one continuous wire that is visible with no splices. If you compete at sanctioned events with Indiana Pulling League, Inc., this system must be attached and in working order. Any tractor found to be over the allowed RPM limit will be disqualified.

# F. Optional

1. Altered Farm Stock tractors can compete in Hot Farm Class with paid second membership.

# **Modified Tractors**

- A. Weight Class 5,800 lb.
- **B.** Specifications
- 1. Only one Naturally aspirated engine. It must be a cast iron block, automotive type V-8, 530 cu.in. Or less(+ or 1%). Aftermarket cast iron blocks are allowed with factory deck height, bore spacing, and cam location.
- 2. Carburetors or Any Mechanical Fuel injection Allowed. (No Sheetmetal intakes allowed) No nozzle placement restrictions.
- 3. Aluminum heads permitted.
- 4. No turbo chargers or super chargers permitted
- 5. Harmonic balancer must be surrounded with 1/4" steel and covered with 1/4" steel cross unless SFI approved.
- 6. Fans and all Belts must be completely shrouded with 1/16" or thicker metal.
- 7. Fuel: Gas or Alcohol. No oxidized or pressurized fuel tank, nitrous oxide, nitro methane, or propane as a fuel additive. Upper lube only allowed.
- 8. Dead man throttle required.
- 9. Side shield required on engine blocks and must be at least .060 thick and up to the spark plugs.
- 10. Exhaust headers must be straight up. (Example on page 6)
- 11. Flywheel pan cover is required on all automatics and manual transmissions.
- 12. Slipper Clutches are permitted.
- 13. Manual transmission bell housing must be surrounded with 1/4" steel unless SFI approved bell housing is used.
- 14. All automatic transmissions must be covered with a transmission blanket or 1/4" steel plate from rear of block to tail shaft housing or SFI approved transmission cover.
- 15. Pulling vehicles must be equipped with a operating starter interrupter switch on the gearshift that will allow starer engagement only in neutral position.
- 16. Fully enclosed drive shaft surround. Must be round on the inside.
- 17. Toe loop required on foot throttles.
- 18. All tractors must have a fire extinguisher within drivers reach.
- 19. Roll cage is required to keep the driver from coming in contact with the tires.
- 20. Agricultural tractor rear ends only. No planetary rear ends allowed.
- 21. Rubber tires only, with a minimum size of 18.4-38 and a max size of 30.5-32. (or equivalent metric size) Duels are not permitted.
- 22. All Tractors must have individual working brakes.
- 23. All tractors must have a working kill switch above the hitching point (a small red light may be wired into the kil switch for testing purpose) and a clear or white light by the kill switch and in the drivers compartment to be on when the tractor is in reverse only.
- 24. Technical inspection may be conducted at any time during the season.
- 25. Maximum length is 14 feet measured from the center of the rear end to the furthest point forward. A tow hook or loop is allowed beyond 14 feet with tech approval.
- 26. The hitching point must not be less than 18" back of the center of the rear end. It must not be more than 20" high at the hitching point.
- 27. Draw bar must be rigid in all directions with a 31/2" to 4" hole. If the hole is not this size you will not be allowed to pull. No clevis allowed.
- 28. Hitch will be separate and independent of the stabilizer bars.
- 29. Stabilizer bars that will support the weight of the tractor are required. (See page 6 for specifications)
- 30. Every tractor will be inspected at least once a season. No driver is permitted to inspect his/her own tractor.
- 31. All Modified rules are locked in until fall 2018 meeting. Any gray area rules may be modified with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote approval. Safety issues can be addressed at any time.

# **Light/Limited Pro Stock**

- A. Weight Class- 9,000 lb. (9,300lb for NTPA Super Farm)
- **B.** Specifications:
- 1. NTPA OEM chassis Pro Stock rules, including shielding, safety and SFI requirements apply to this class.
- 2. Light Pro Stock:
- 3. No engine larger than 540 cid. (+ or 1%)
- 4. No component chassis.
- 5. Engine head must be OEM agricultural-type for that brand engine. (No billet)
- 6. No overhead cams allowed.
- 7. Maximum 2 valves per cylinder.
- 8. No inner/after coolers.
- 9. Diesel fuel only.
- 10. Maximum allowed P pump 3000 or 7100 series only (No aftermarket housing). Only one plunger per cylinder allowed.
- 11. Any size turbo allowed.
- 12. Limited Pro Stock
- 13. No engine larger than 640 cid. (+ or 1%)
- 14. No component chassis.
- 15. Engine head must be OEM agricultural-type for that brand engine.
- 16. No overhead cams allowed.
- 17. Maximum 2 valves per cylinder.
- 18. No inner/after coolers
- 19. Diesel fuel only.
- 20. The maximum allowed size pump for diesel injection is a P-pump. (No aftermarket housing). Only one plunger per cylinder allowed.
- 21. Turbo limited to a 4.1 inlet smooth bore housing (No map ring) with no exhaust restrictions.

# Farm Stock

- 1. Weight: 12,000lb
- 2. 10 MPH
- 3. 3,000 RPM. Tractor must have an ISSPRO single magnetic pickup attached to the front of the engine to measure engine RPM's. The lead from the pickup to the rear of the tractor is to be made of 14-16 gauge wire attached to a 110V, 3-prong female electrical outlet. The 2 wires from the pickup need to be attached to the 2 main spades, not the ground spade, of the electrical outlet. This outlet receptacle needs to be mounted next to the rear mounted air shutoff cable. Wire must be one continuous wire that is visible with no splices. If you compete at sanctioned events with Indiana Pulling League, Inc., this system must be attached and in working order. Any tractor found to be over the allowed RPM limit will be disqualified.
- 4. No cubic inch limit
- 5. No duels. Any Tire Any Size Top Cut Only.
- 6. Wide Front end only
- 7. Air Shut Off required
- 8. Tractor must have an operator controlled fuel shut-off valve (not the injection pump shut-off).
- 9. Stabilizer Bars Requiered. (See general rules for specications)
- 10. Steel Flywheel Required.
- 11. Deadman Throttle.
- 12. Seat belt Required. (Five-point harness and helmet reqired with a roll cage)
- 13. Driver must wear long pants and leather work shoes.
- 14. Cross bolts in the exhaust. (See general rules for requirement)
- 15. Crankshaft Dampner must be covered in all directions.
- 16. Stock Wheelbase

- 17. Fire Extinguisher located in the driver compartment.
- 18. Motor driven fans must be shrouded.
- 19. No vertical hitches or clevis's allowed.
- 20. Newer Electronic tractors allowed as long as they meet all other rules.

# **Pro Stock Semis**

- 1. Pro Stock Semis will be available through IPL on a limited basis.
- 2. All Semis will follow PPL Hot Rod Semi Rules.

# **Light Super Stock**

# A. Weight

1.6,300lbs Component 6,500lbs Ag Chassis

# **B.** Specifications:

1. NTPA Region Super Stock Rules, including shielding, safety and SFI requirements apply to this class.

# C. Engine

1. 505 cu in + 1% Only 2 valves per cylinder must be parallel with each other and parallel with in 15 degrees of cylinder wall. No overhead cam or hemi style heads allowed. Limited to 3 pressure stages and 4 turbos.

# **Event Procedures & Requirements**

# A. Entry Procedures

- 1. Upon arrival at an event, competitor is to register with the entry clerk by completing the entry form and paying the entry fee.
- 2. A competitor's pulling position will be determined by draw at time of entry.

# B. Withdrawal (Scratch)

- 1. To scratch a competing tractor and receive refund of entry fee, the competitor is required to notify the entry person(s) of his/her withdrawal prior to the start of the class.
- 2. If a competitor scratches from a class prior to the start of the class, that competitor will receive his/her entry fee back. However, if the competitor does not officially scratch prior to the start of the class, that competitor will forfeit his/her entry fee.
- 3. Once a competitor has scratched from a class, that competitor may not re-enter that class for that session.

### C. Tractor Operations

- 1. Competing tractors must be operated in a safe manner at all times within the confines of the track, pits and staging areas. Event officials/Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials have the right to stop and disqualify any tractor if it is not being operated in such a manner as would be considered safe.
- 2. Competitor must remain seated while competing tractor is under the green flag and must have complete control of the competing tractor at all times.
- 3. No rider shall be allowed on a competing tractor when it is being towed or driven.
- 4. Competitor or pit crew member must be seated on the tractor at all times when the engine is being started as well as running.
- 5. Competitor will receive 1 warning/season concerning violations of these operations. Upon 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction, competitor will be disqualified from event.

# D. Weighing Procedures

- 1. Official weight of competing tractor shall be defined as being: the weight of the competing tractor (which must include the competitor on the competing tractor, competing tractor with oil, water; and fuel) and be "ready to compete".
- 2. All competing tractors entered in a class must be officially weighed prior to the start of that class.
- 3. No competing tractor will be allowed past the scales that exceeds class weight.
- 4. No adding fuel or weights unless reweighed prior to the start of that class.
- 5. Weight out to be at discretion of track officials(s) and/or Indiana Pulling League, Inc. official(s).

# E. Drawbar Measurement

- 1. No air pressure to be altered in tires after drawbar is measured.
- 2. Drawbars are subject to re-measurement after the pull at the discretion of the track official(s) or Indiana Pulling League, Inc. official(s).

# F. Class Entries

All entries are to be done before the class starts. If arrival is after class has started, it will be up to the members in the class to either allow him/her to pull or not.

# G. Finish Lines & Pull Off

- 1. If the first competitor passes 310 feet the sled will automatically be reset.
- 2. Order of pull will be in the order in which the vehicles in the pull-off made full pulls, unless there has been a sled setting change by the track official.
- 3. In the pull-off, competitor has two attempts at 100 ft., but does not have the option of dropping six. (See rule 6 below for exception to this rule.)
- 4. Each competitor in his/her turn will be allowed two attempts to make a measurable pull.
- 5. In a pull-off situation each competitor will be allowed the same amount of time to get to the sled and make an attempt. This amount of time is three (3) minutes from time track is ready.
- 6. If a pull-off is not run on the same track, or with the same sled, or on the same day, the first puller will have the option of either taking his first distance or dropping six (6) positions.
- 7. In a pull-off, all competitors shall be required to make an honest attempt to pull, or he/she will receive the same money and points as the top vehicle that did not qualify for the pull-off unless he/she cannot come back due to breakage, which must be confirmed by an event official. At that point, competitor would receive last place points according to those entered in the pull-off.
- 8. On a second pull-off, if all competitors qualified for the second pull-off wish not to hook, then points and purse will be split between the competitors who are qualified for second pull-off.
- 9. IF a pull-off is not completed because of rain, curfew, etc., purse moneys and points for places involved will be divided evenly among all those qualified in the pull-off.
- 10. A floating finish line may be used at the discretion of the competition director and the sled operator. Extended boundaries must be clearly chalked. ALL competitors must be informed in advance at the driver's meeting. (This is an option and is not required at any event.)
- 11. Pull off distances will be all past 320 feet (Alt, Hot, and Mods). All vehicles will be red flagged after there classes full pull distance is reached. Unless a floating finish is used.

# H. Teching

- 1. The following safety features MUST be teched BEFORE competing tractor can pull.
  - a. Altered Farm: RPM Sensor Cord (1 continuous cord that is VISABLE from start to finish).
  - b. Altered Farm, Hot Farm, LSS, Pro Stock Semi, & L/L Pro Stock: Fuel Dump Valve, Dead Man Throttle, Air Kill, Neutral Start, & Fire Extinguisher.
  - c. Modified: Kill switch, Dead Man Throttle, Neutral Start, & Fire Extinguisher.
  - d. All other concerns must be protested.

2. If the tractor is deemed illegal by the tech official at the 1<sup>st</sup> event and the tractor still hooks to the sled at that event, the tractor and competitor will be suspended from participating in any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned event for the remainder of that pulling season. In addition, once the suspension term has been met, the tractor and competitor must be voted back in by the members of the Indiana Pulling League, Inc. in order to participate in any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned event.

# **Contest Operations**

### A. General Rules

- 1. Any competitor attempting to sway the decision of any official, e.g., talking to the official, sled operator or the promoter, is subject to disqualification from that class.
- 2. When a competing tractor is under the green flag, no one is allowed on the track except for track official(s).
- In the event a class is started and gets rained out before completion of the class will
  result in prize money being split evenly among participants. Equal points will be
  distributed.

### **B.** Contest-Procedures

- 1. All pulls must start with a tight chain.
- 2. Each competitor will be allowed two attempts to make a measurable pull.
  - a. An attempt is defined as moving the sled a measurable distance (one inch or farther).
  - b. On his/her first attempt, if the competitor lets off on the throttle before going 100 feet, said competitor will get a second attempt, even if he/she went beyond the 100 -foot mark.
  - c. If no attempt is made to back off the throttle, no second attempt will be granted.
  - d. Intent is for competitor not to slam on brakes to stop before 100-foot mark (or at any time, but to come to a smooth, safe stop.
- 3. Jerking of sled to cause slack in the chain will be grounds for disqualification.
- 4. Each competitor has the privilege of and the responsibility for spotting the sled for both of his/her attempts.
  - a. Pull back tractor operator/sled operator must be notified of where competitor wishes sled placed.
  - b. Use of crew member is recommended to expedite the show.
- 5. No official pull may be started beyond the starting line or in back of the starting line. All sleds must be started in gear and with front of sled pan even with starting line.
- 6. All pulls made during the contest will be measured to the nearest inch in front of where the sled stops. *NOTE*: If a laser measuring device is used, the laser target must be mounted on the sled, not placed on the ground.
- 7. Competing tractor must remain within boundaries of contest course during a pull. Only exception: if you are the test puller on your first attempt.
- 8. Sled pan must be within boundary lines at start of pull with chalk line to constitute track boundary.
- 9. If a competing tractor is legal when hooked to the sled and breakage occurs while under the green flag, the pull will be measured with the exception of loss of weights or safety equipment.
- 10. When a competitor is disqualified in a class at an event, competitor will receive hook points as well as place points and prize money for last place; provided however, place and prize money are available due to the number of competing tractors in the class.
- 11. If more than one competitor is disqualified in a class at an event, all competitors disqualified will receive hook points as well as split place points and prize monies for last placing; provided however, place points and prize monies are available due to the number of competing tractors in the class.

- 12. Any competing tractor that hooks to the sled and makes a measurable pull shall be considered to have made an official hook. However, if the sled is reset and the competing tractor cannot hook again due to breakage, the competing tractor will receive hook points as well as place points and prize money for last place; provided however, place points and prize money are available due to the number of competing tractors in the class.
- 13. If more than one competitor hooks to the sled and makes a measurable pull and the sled is reset, the competing tractors that cannot hook again due to breakage will receive hook points as well as split place points and prize monies for last placing; provided however, place points and prize monies are available due to the number of competing tractors in the class. Only when the original mechanical method of starting fails to work, will tow starting be authorized
- 1. At any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. event, it is mandatory that all competitors attend any meetings that may be held by the promoter and/or Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials.
- 2. **Class Restart** If the class is restarted, all competitors having pulled previously have the same options as the number one or test puller.
  - a. May hook immediately.
  - b. May drop six positions.
  - c. May drop to last due to mechanical problems.

**NOTE** - It is the competitor's responsibility to alert the track official of his/her decision.

- 3. If the first five competing tractors in a class make a full pull, the class will automatically be started over except that a class cannot be restarted due to sled setting, if one-half of the class has already hooked.
- 4. On any re-pull caused by a contest malfunction, the competitor may either re-hook immediately or may drop six positions.
- 5. All decisions on re-pulls must be made before the competing tractor leaves the track. If the track official is not notified of the competitor's intent to re-pull in competitor's original pull position, then the competitor will automatically be dropped six positions.
- 6. Any disqualification on the first attempt bars a second attempt except that should the class be restarted, the competitor disqualified will be allowed to pull in position draw.
- 7. Competitor must pull at position drawn within three minutes of time sled is ready. Delay will mean disqualification. If track official is notified prior to competitor's time slot, he/she will drop the competitor six positions. This will constitute one of his/her two attempts. A competitor may do this only once per class.
- 14. Competitor will be able to drop six positions if breakage occurs on his/her first attempt and he/she is not past the 100-foot mark. He/she will have one attempt remaining.
- 15. If the last competing tractor in a class has mechanical problems, it will be allowed six minutes to hook and make an attempt.

# C. Test Puller and Options

- 1. The competitor pulling in first position as determined by draw at time of entry is considered the test puller.
  - a. He/she may take his/her first pull, provided the weight transfer is deemed right,
     OR
  - b. He/she may immediately take his/her second pull, OR
  - He/she may drop and pull in the sixth position or last.
     NOTE The sixth position is defined as the position immediately following the next five scheduled competitors and their attempts.
- 2. If the test puller has mechanical problems during his/her test pull (before first official pull), the track official shall grant the competitor the option of dropping to the sixth position or the last position.

- 3. Only the test puller and only on his/her first attempt will he/she not be disqualified or measured for running out of bounds. All other reasons for disqualification apply. On all subsequent attempts the "running out of bounds" disqualification rule will apply.
- 4. If the weight transfer needs further adjustment, the competitor immediately following each adjustment will be considered "the test puller".
- 5. The sled must be re-adjusted if the competitor who hooks first fails to reach the 75-foot mark on an indoor track or the 125-foot mark on an outdoor track (unless the competitor who hooks first fails to reach the 75-foot mark on an indoor track or the 125-foot mark on an outdoor track due to breakage).
- 6. Test puller must hook to the sled and make an honest attempt to make a measurable distance. If test puller does not hook to the sled and make an honest attempt, then the competing tractor/competitor will be disqualified and will forfeit placing, hook points, place points, prize money, and event award for that event.
- 7. A pull exceeding 320 feet on the test hook will be an automatic reset of the sled.

# **Causes for Disqualification**

- A. Competitor/competing tractor will be disqualified and will receive place points and prize money for last place; provided however, place points and prize money are available due to the number of competing tractors in the class when:
  - 1. While under green flag:
    - a. Loss of ANYTHING from tractor or competitor occurs.
  - 2. Any part of the competing tractor goes out of bounds.
- B. Competitor/competing tractor will be disqualified and will forfeit placing, hook points, place points, prize money, and event award at that event when:
  - 1. Intoxication

Any competitor or any member of his/her crew under the influence of an intoxicating agent, drug or having a measurable blood alcohol content during contest activities shall be considered under the influence and will be barred from any further involvement or participation at that event. Competitor or any member of his/her crew found guilty of intoxication may face suspension from any and all Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned events for a period of time to be determined by Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials.

- 2. Unsportsmanlike conduct, improper language or conduct detrimental to pulling.
- Any condition considered unsafe, unfair or out of order.
   Note If a member is disqualified during competition for any reason prior to the start of a pull, he/she cannot be re-instated.
- 4. Teching

If competitor declines tech at any pull, he/she will be presumed guilty of anything that is being teched for and will be disqualified at that event.

- 5. Non-member Involvement
  - If a non-member of Indiana Pulling League, Inc. is involved in a dispute and is affiliated with an Indiana Pulling League, Inc. member/competing tractor, the Indiana Pulling League, Inc. member/competing tractor the non-member is affiliated with will be disqualified.
- 6. Post pull fuel and water teching first offense is a fine. Second offense results in suspension.
  - C. Ejection and Disqualification

Presiding Indiana Pulling League, Inc. official(s) shall have the right to eject from event site or disqualify from competition at that event any competitor(s) in violation of any or all rules. Such action is final, non-appealable and non-reviewable.

**Note** - Disqualification and/or ejection may result in any or all of the following penalties being assessed:

1. Competitor will forfeit the placing, hook points, place points, prize money, and event award for that event.

2. Competitor may have membership suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time in the interest of the sport and Indiana Pulling League, Inc.

# D. Interpretation and Application

- 1. If there is a disagreement or dispute regarding the meaning or application of any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. rule and regulation, the interpretation and application by Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials will prevail. Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials have as much reasonable time as necessary to determine the meaning or application.
- 2. The decision of Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials shall be final and not be appealable; provided however, that with a showing of reasonable and good cause, Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials may, without liability, reverse or revise their decision. Calls of judgment are not subject to appeal and shall be final.

# **Protests**

# A. Protest Procedures

- 1. All protests must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of the class ending and must be given to an Indiana Pulling League, Inc. official, along with the correct amount of money for what is protested.
- 2. For a fuel or oil protest, the Protestor must submit \$100.00 + processing fees.
  - 3. For a complete turbo check (both intake & exhaust) the Protestor must submit \$75.00.
  - 4. For a cubic inch protest, Protestor must submit \$500.00 for a check from top to bottom. Head must be pulled.
  - 5. All other rules protests are \$100.00.
  - 6. Protestor must be in the same class as the Protestee. The Protestor must be able to better himself/herself in prize money and place points by this protest.
  - 7. Protestor cannot be present and/or participate in inspection process of the Protestee's competing tractor.
  - 8. The competing tractor owner is responsible for the tear down of his/her competing tractor.
  - 9. Any person(s) causing excessive amount of trouble during protest procedures will disqualify themselves and their competing tractor from that event.
  - 10. Winning party of a protest will receive the protest fee money. (If the protestee loses, he/she will have three days to get their money to an officer of Indiana Pulling League, Inc.)
  - 11. Any protest inspection concluding a rule violation will result in a fine.
  - 12. The protest inspection will take place in a designated area on the same day/night as the protest is made.
- 13. If the protestee declines the protest being made, the Protestee is considered guilty and will be given three days to get their money to an officer of Indiana Pulling League, Inc.

# Fine is as follows:

Tractor and competitor will be Fined for first offense by disqualification from event with no points and pay. Second offense results in being suspended from participating in any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned event for one year and one day.

In addition, once the suspension term has been met, the tractor and competitor must be voted back in by the members of Indiana Pulling League, Inc. in order to participate in any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned event. Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials have the right to make any final decisions regarding all Rules and Regulations. Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officials must discuss any and all issues/interpretation of rules, etc. and come to a final decision within a reasonable amount of time.

# **Points Challenge**

- A. All Classes will keep points and first place points' winner will receive an award at the end of the season.
  - 1. Points will be awarded to the tractor with only one placing per tractor, per event.
  - 2. Points will only be awarded to tractors registered with their Class.
  - 3. Tractor must hook to the sled under its own power to be eligible for points.
  - 4. Due to an event not being canceled prior to the start time involving a rain-out situation, sled malfunction, etc., 15 points will be awarded to each tractor/competitor that is present at the event or is in the process of attempting to show at the event (competitor must contact an Indiana Pulling League, Inc. officer).
  - 5. Points will be totaled at the end of each pull. With regard to a tie at the end of the season, the winner will be determined by the greatest number of first place finishes in the season. If a tie still exists, second place finishes, third place finishes, etc. until the tie is broken.

### Points awarded as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	45 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	42 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	39 Points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	36 Points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	33 Points
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	30 Points
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	27 Points
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	24 Points
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	21 points
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	19 points
11 <sup>th</sup> Place and on	15 points

# Membership Fees, Vehicle Registration Fees, Purse Breakdowns and Miscellaneous

- A. Membership Fees and Vehicle Registration Fees
  - 1. Membership for one competing vehicle \$125.00 per year.
- B. Purse Breakdowns
  - 1. Modified \$1,600.00 Total Purse

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$290.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$250.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$210.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$180.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$160.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$140.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$120.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 80.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 70.00

a. \$20.00 entry fee per hook.

# E. 2. Altered Farm Stock - \$1000.00 Total Purse

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$200.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$160.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$140.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$120.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$110.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 90.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 80.00

a. \$20.00 entry fee per hook.

# 3. Light/Limited Pro Stock- \$2800.00 Total Purse

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$600.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$500.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$400.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$300.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$255.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$230.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$215.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$185.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$165.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$150.00

a. \$20.00 entry fee per hook.

# 4. Hot Farm - \$1800.00 Total Purse

1st Place	\$320.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$280.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$240.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$180.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$160.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$140.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$110.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 90.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 80.00

a. \$20.00 entry fee per hook.

# 5. Light Super Stock - \$2400 Total Purse

1st place	\$560.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$465.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$365.00
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$265.00
5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$215.00
6 <sup>th</sup> place	\$195.00
7 <sup>th</sup> place	\$175.00
8 <sup>th</sup> place	\$160.00

a. \$20.00 entry fee per hook.

# 6. Pro Stock Semis Call for Pricing.

# C. Miscellaneous

- 1. Money from membership fees and vehicle registration will be applied toward the purchase of paperwork, postage, insurance fees, etc.
- 2. Only members of Indiana Pulling League, Inc. will be allowed to participate at any Indiana Pulling League, Inc. sanctioned event. However, a per hook fee of \$40.00 is allowed only if the vehicle has been approved by the tech official/officer of Indiana Pulling League Inc. to be within the rules and regulations of the class and Indiana Pulling League Inc.