

Barnyard Class Rules – 2024
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1. Drawbars – All classes, except OPEN, will pull from a stock appearing drawbar in a stock mounting location. No loop welded drawbars. All drawbars will be measured & checked at weigh-in or certification. The top of the drawbar will not exceed 20” measured from the ground. The minimum distance from the center of the axle to the center of the hitch pin hole will be 18”. Drawbar pull point can be straight or “drop” configuration drawbar. ***However, drawbar can not be angled causing safety hitch to be angled upwards. From hitch pin to safety hitch point should be level.***
2. Fast Hitches (IHC) – Fast Hitches (IHC) must be fixed rigid so as not to be able to move when pulling. The top of the hitch will be 20”, measured at weigh-in or at certification.
3. Safety Hitches – All classes except OPEN will utilize the event-supplied “safety hitch”. **Classes 4500, 5250, 6000, & 7500 will utilize only the bottom hole of the hitch. Classes 9000 & 10500 is drivers discretion on safety pin hole position.**
4. Pressed Steel Wheels – will be allowed however, ***the correct tire width must be used for the model tractor entered on classes 7500# and below. Tire size must have been available as standard or optional equipment for the model of tractor entered.*** For classes 9,000 & 10,500, pressed steel rims may be used with a maximum of 18.4x38 tires on a 16” rim. No aluminum rims in any class.
5. Weight Classes - will be 4500 lbs, 5250, 6000, 7500 (gas and diesel), 9000 (subclass of 1959 & older), and 10,500# & OPEN (depending on event schedule). Plow class will also be assigned to each tractor, e.g., an IHC “M” will not be allowed to compete in the 4500# or 5250# class since it’s rated as 3 plow tractor vs a 2 plow of an IHC “H” 2 plow tractor. The M-M “G” will be considered a 7500#, 4 plow tractor. In the 7500# class only, gas & diesel tractors will compete separately for position, however operate simultaneously within the 7500# class. **A subclass will also exist in the 9000 lb class for tractors 1959 and older and will compete separately for position, however operate simultaneously within the 9000# class.**
6. Weight Class Pull Order - may be altered at the event at the discretion of the promoters or organizers of the event. Example; The event may start with the 7500# class, then proceed to the 6000#, then the 4500# class, etc. Track officials may request up to 2 non-measured pulls at the start of a class to level the track
7. Engine RPMS – Classes 4500, 5250 & 6000# will produce no more than stock advertised maximum no load rpms. Classes 7500, 9000, & 10,500# will be allowed stock plus a **maximum** of 10% over. At the discretion of event organizers, a “red dot” marking system of 3 random matchbooks in each class may be used to indicate a tractor to be checked. If one contestant protests & requests the rpms of another tractor to be checked, the protestor will also be checked.

8. Front Weight Brackets – brackets will be allowed on any tractor, however not “extended pulling brackets”. They may be homemade or factory, **however the furthest front edge of the weight or bracket cannot be more than 24” beyond the tractor frame unless they are tractor brand matching factory brackets and weights.** Weights do not have to match tractor make. Batteries or tanks will not be allowed on front brackets.
9. Drivers must remain in seat and on the tractor once it is on deck. During the pull the driver must remain seated as manufacturer intended and in a forward facing position, and able to safely reach all controls. Side saddle seating is not allowed.
10. Tractors will be stock appearing to include hoods, grills, and fuel tanks. Engines must be the proper type for the model of tractor. Crankshaft stroke must be stock and correct for the model of tractor. **No non-OEM stroker cranks allowed. M-M brand tractors may have larger engine style factory only crankshafts, but will pull in the 7500# or higher class.** Engine size should match plow class.
11. Turbo-charged tractors will NOT be allowed, even if the turbo is removed, except in Open Class or specific “turbo allowed” classes, if scheduled by event promoter.
12. “Highly modified” pulling tractors will not be allowed at event. If in doubt, ask before travelling.
13. Tires may NOT be mechanically “cut”, however worn tires are acceptable.
14. Tractor models must have been in production prior to 1970.
15. *MPH limits* may be utilized per discretion of the event promoters or organizers. Speed operating rules will be announced at the driver’s meeting prior to start of event. Suggested speeds per class: 9000 & 10,500, & 7500# class = 6 mph, 4500/5250/6000 class = 3 mph
16. Minimum Driver age will be 16 yrs, unless event insurance dictates higher. Driver must also be able to operate the tractor by themselves.
17. **Any tractor may compete twice in one class by 2 different drivers, however the first driver/pull determined at entry will be marked for competition, the 2nd driver/pull will be for exhibition only and those exhibition entries will be at the end of the lineup.**
18. The above rules can be amended by the promoters or organizers of the events. However promoters/organizers will not make completely new rules. The promoters, organizers, and officials have the final authority during pull events.

The above rules are current as of **February 2024.**