

GENERAL RULES

1. Driver's membership dues will be sixty dollars (\$60) year-round. Vehicle membership prior to January 1st of the new year will be one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150) from January 2nd until April 15th. Vehicle membership will be one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175). After April 15th of the current year, the fee will increase to two-hundred dollars (\$200). Each additional vehicle or driver will be charged sixty dollars (\$60) each. All non-members can pay a sixty dollar (\$60) per day hook fee and will receive no points. An associate membership is available for twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year which allows a non-participating member to receive all advertisements and mailings.
2. There will be one (1) vote per pulling vehicle, per class with a paid membership that pulled 40% of that said class during the current pulling season. All paid members can vote on General Rules. The majority of eligible voters per class must be present at rules meeting to vote in rule changes. Absentee votes do NOT count. If rule change submitted is to change payout, once payout increase is voted in, no pay increase will be approved for 3 years.
3. All class rule changes must be submitted in writing to the Vice-President thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting to be eligible to be voted on.
4. Pullers under 18 years of age must have written consent of both parents or legal guardian. Contestants must be at least 15 years of age to participate in any class with legal proof of age and signed insurance consent form notarized with parents' signature. This will also include all exhibition hooks.
5. A sanctioned pull requires a dirt track not less than 250 feet in length and not less than 30 feet in width. This track will be maintained and packed with a box blade and roller during the pull.
6. A sanctioned pull will be governed by judges. All judges' decisions will be final. Judges or board members have the right to stop and/or disqualify any contestant's vehicle that is being operated in an unsafe manner. Any violation of these rules will disqualify the driver and forfeit his/her entry fee.
7. Each puller shall be given two (2) free pit passer per pulling vehicle.
8. Each puller shall have on file with the Secretary, a signed, notarized statement that his/her vehicle meets safety requirements for the classes in which that vehicle will pull. This statement must be in the Secretary's possession **PRIOR TO THE PULLER'S FIRST HOOK. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**
9. Each vehicle may enter two (2) classes but only once in each class. The Open Class is not included. Vehicles must weigh within 500 pounds of the class weight in which they are entered.
10. All pullers are required to wear full SFI rated fire suits, full faced Snell rated helmets, SFI rated neck braces, SFI rated gloves, and SFI rated fire shoes or leather boots. All drivers running alcohol fuel are required to wear SFI rated head socks and full-face helmets with shield.
11. When co-sanctioning with other associations and hooking in a MSTPA class, all safety and fire suit protection must be worn. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
12. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed before hooking to the sled. Judges or Board Members governing the contest have the right to disqualify.
13. Vehicle speed is limited to six (6) miles per hour in the pit area.
14. No coaching from the sidelines is allowed while the driver is on the track.

15. Unsportsmanlike conduct will **NOT** be tolerated. Any verbal abuse by a puller or member of his/her party toward a MSTPA official, MSTPA employee, or MSTPA Board Member (to include sled personnel, persons maintaining the track and/or sponsor/promoter of a pull) shall be cause for suspension of said puller and vehicle for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of next scheduled contracted event.
16. Classes with cubic inch limits are subject to be checked at the Board's discretion. If a puller refuses to be checked, he/she will be disqualified for one (1) year and one (1) day.
17. If a puller is found to be illegal for weight, fuel, or rules for their class, they will forfeit points and money for that pull. If a second offense occurs, he/she will be barred from competition for one (1) year and one (1) day and forfeit points and money for that pull. **PER BOARD DISCRETION.**
18. Pullers must **REGISTER ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PULL** and pay \$30 member hook fee in all classes except for 10500 Hot Stock Tractors who will pay a \$20 member hook fee. If puller is not a member, he/she may pay sixty dollars (60) for a one-day membership. If a puller calls the Secretary, Treasurer, or President to sign them up outside of extenuating circumstances this will result in a \$10 charge added to his/her hook fee. Failure to sign up or call on time will result in a twenty-dollar (\$20) fine per class, this will also result in pulling in the 50% position of your said class or classes. Exceptions will be made when notifying a member of the Board to advise of late arrival in the case of breakdowns or problems in transit to/from the pit.
19. At the time of registration, each puller will draw a number to determine their lineup position. Numbers must be drawn one at a time and the vehicle must be specified prior to drawing a chip. If a puller is going to be late in arriving at a pull, he/she must notify the Secretary or Treasurer thirty (30) minutes prior to start time, otherwise the late fee will be assessed. If a contestant needs to scratch from second class, a refund will be issued. If you are late in arriving, you will be fined the late fee per class pulled and pull in the 50% position of that said class. Exceptions listed above.
20. Each puller has the option to pre-commit in advance for hook fees. Your pulling position will be drawn for you by the person doing signups. If you are late and miss your class or pulling position, you have forfeited your money for said pull. Refunds will only be issued by request in writing and after review by the Board.
21. The lineup will be posted on the starting end of the track. It is each puller's responsibility to be ready when it is his/her turn. The next two (2) vehicles in the lineup following the one pulling must be ready to hook. Failure to be ready to hook in two (2) minutes after the sled is set will be cause for disqualification. It is the puller's responsibility to notify the track judge of trouble or be disqualified. The judge's decision as to mechanical trouble must be approved by a Board Member not pulling in the class being pulled and this decision will be final. Puller must return as soon as the mechanical problem is fixed. If a puller abuses this rule, he/she will be disqualified, and prize money will NOT be awarded. Puller may receive three (3) hook points.
22. A chalk line will be used to mark the "out of bounds" area with the inside of the line to be boundary up to the 300 foot mark.
23. Each puller has the privilege of and the responsibility for spotting the sled for any of his/her attempts. An orange cone will be used to mark the location where the sled is to be placed following departure of the previous puller from the starting line.
24. Vehicles must be driven on and off the track under its own power only by the puller that is signed up to drive said vehicle, if mechanically able, as determined by the driver.
25. Pulls will start with a tight hitch – no jerking permitted. Puller will be allowed two (2) attempts and one hundred (100) feet to start the sled.

26. If the puller makes an attempt to stop before one hundred (100) feet but travels past the mark, a re-pull will be allowed at the track official's discretion.
- First puller is the only puller, must pull at least 200' to have the option to re-pull in the sixth (6th) measurable position or the middle of the pulling order; if the sled is reweighted, puller can drop to sixth (6th), middle or last position. On option hook, puller gets one attempt only.
 - If puller is the option (first) hook and is disqualified, they have the option to come back in the sixth (6th) measurable position or the middle of the pulling order.
27. If the puller's kill switch falls out on the first attempt, he/she will be allowed a second hook. However, if it falls out on the second attempt, the pull will be measured at that spot.
28. Vehicles will stop immediately upon signal by flag person. Excessive digging will not be allowed.
29. A pull is ended by the following:
- Forward motion stops and the sled chain is unhooked from a vehicle.
 - Disqualification – a puller is disqualified for any of the following reasons (I through xi). Puller shall receive only 3 hook points:
 - Driver does not remain seated.
 - Vehicle goes outside the pulling strip which includes the 100-foot starting strip.
 - When a "floating" gate is used – This does not include the area beyond the gate measurement.
 - Driver is not ready to pull when his/her number is called (exceeding the two-minute limit).
 - Improper safety wear – Driver must wear the fire suit when pulling onto the track. Helmet must be on and strapped prior to start of pull.
 - Pulling vehicle is left running on the track or staging area with no driver in the seat.
 - Weights fall off pulling vehicle while hooked to the sled. This is only within the first measurable 300 feet.
 - Riders are on or in the pulling vehicle.
 - A puller is disqualified for consuming alcohol before pulling. The puller shall not receive any hook points.
 - If the driver that signs up is not the driver that pulls down the track, this will result in automatic disqualification and no points or prize money will be awarded to said vehicle or driver.
 - All drivers must sign insurance waiver prior to hooking or disqualification is possible.
30. All pulls made during a contest will be measured. The point of measure will be the front of the mechanical sled or the reflector for a laser. Measurements may also be taken by satellite gps.
31. If a "floating" gate is used, there will be no "out of bounds" past the 300-foot gate.
32. Puller must participate in at least 2/3 of the shows where the vehicle's class is available to receive end of the year awards, points fund money, and sponsorship money. Prize money will be based on the percentage of total hooks in said class for the season being awarded.
33. There will be no "ties" in points awarded. If, at the end of the year, a points tie exists in a class, it will be broken by the puller who has the highest number of wins, 2nd, 3rd, etc.
34. There will be one jacket and one trophy or plaque awarded per pulling vehicle per class.
35. Any potentially new promoter or member that wishes to speak at the annual meeting may do so but is limited to two (2) minutes.

36. The use of recreational vehicles will be limited to the use of towing trucks or tractors in the pit area or for pulling purposes.
37. The use of headphones will be allowed.
38. All tractors (modified tractors are the exception but need to have adequate board approved skid surface) must have front axle skid plates.
- The skid plates must be mounted in line with each frame rail and extend from the center of the front axle forward (on both sides) equal in strength of frame rail material. Skid plate surface to be a minimum of 2" wide and 12" long with minimum 6" curve when measured from the front most part of rolled edge. The skid plate must be able to support the weight of the front end when checked with a jack. Maximum ground clearance is bottom of front wheel rim, not to exceed 4 inches with front tires in normal operating position.
39. There will be a rotation of three (3) MSTPA Board Members responsible at each pull who will stay until the end of the pull to make decisions as needed. These persons will also act as tech crew for event.
40. All Board Members on duty MUST ALWAYS have a radio on them when a pull is in progress to be contacted if a problem arises or they are needed for a decision from track officials, etc.
41. The three (3) MSTPA Board Members responsible at each pull will determine whether a class will be cancelled during a pulling event with the consideration of class members at pull. If Board Members decide class will pull, any individual puller that declines to hook will only receive show up points for that pull.