

OVTPA

General Rules:

1. No tractors or engines newer than **1979** (beginning year of production run) allowed
2. *reserved for future*
3. The first place vehicle receives a total of 20 points. Each subsequent placing vehicle will then be awarded one less point. These points are to be calculated by the Secretary of OVTPA. Points go to the pulling vehicle, not the driver. It is the responsibility of the puller to register the vehicle under the owners name
4. Any vehicle that hooks up to the sled and makes a measurable pull (one inch or greater) will receive points for that class
5. Tie breakers for year end points will be the highest number of wins, seconds, or thirds
6. Points are added to determine the year end points champion. Year end points champion awards are awarded at the annual banquet
7. A Track Official (or appointee) will be in attendance at every OVTPA sanctioned pull. They will have the authority to enforce all rules and to inspect any pulling vehicle at his discretion and convenience
8. The decision of the Track Official is final and shall not be appealable. This does not prevent the Track official from reconsidering any decision at no liability to the Track Official. Track Officials operate with the full support of the OVTPA Executive and Association membership
9. The Track Official's duties include instructing the flagmen, the people hooking and unhooking the vehicle to the sled, and anyone track side as to their duties. Safe procedures are of prime importance
10. No pulling vehicles are to be left running while unattended by the operator. Operators must be in the seat of the pulling vehicles at all times when the vehicle is running
11. Puller may have the sled spotted on the starting line wherever they desire. The puller must notify the pull back tractor or sled operator in sufficient time to have the sled spotted before the sled returns to the starting line from the previous pull. If the proceeding puller moves the sled a

measurable amount, the next puller may have the sled relocated prior to their first attempt

12. The first Puller of each class will be the test puller and at the completion of their pull may elect to pull again in third or last position. If a driver elects to do this, their first pull will not be counted. All decisions on re-pulls must be made before the pulling vehicle leaves the track once given the distance of pull. There will be no test pulls in pull offs
13. All vehicles must be in neutral or park (transmission selector) while being hooked and unhooked. The driver must raise both hands while hooking and unhooking
14. Pulling vehicles must stop immediately upon signal from the flagger. The signal will be the raising of the red flag by the flagger located alongside the edge of the track on the left hand side of the pulling vehicle. The pull will be considered over when the forward motion of the sled stops.
15. Each Puller will be allowed two attempts to make a measurable pull. An attempt is defined as moving the sled a measurable distance (one inch or farther). If the driver lets off on the throttle before the 100 foot on his first attempt, a second attempt will be granted, even if the vehicle rolls beyond the 100 foot mark. If no attempt is made to back off the throttle a second attempt will not be granted with the exception of pull offs
16. All pulling vehicles must have working brakes and steering systems without any defects
17. D" Hitching Device: The diameter of the square or oval hole is a minimum of **3 inches wide by 3 ¾" long**. From the rear point of the hole to the rear point of the hitching device is a maximum of 1 ½" and minimum thickness of ¾" and maximum thickness of 1 ¼". If a clevis is used it must be secured with bolt and nut to prevent spreading of clevis
18. **Tractors exceeding 10 mph require:**
 - a. **Kill switch for ignition and electric fuel pump**
 - b. **Air shut offs for diesel engines that can be activated from the driver's seat and/or by the sled connection**
 - c. **Specifications for the air shut off/kill switch sled connection must meet the rules for kill switches listed in the NTPA rule book including but not limited to:**
 - i. **2" solid ring 1/8" cross sectional material**

ii. Tractor mounting location within 6" of the rear centre of the vehicle and a minimum of 48" above the ground

19. All weights must be securely fastened on brackets and NOT in the cab (no chains). The weights must not obscure the forward or rear vision of the driver. Weights must not restrict access to the operator station.
20. No weights allowed behind rear axle without wheelie bars
21. Out of bounds - This is described as any part of the pulling vehicle touching the white boundary line and you will be disqualified
22. Event Organizers (promoter, event director and Head Track Official) shall determine if and when an event shall be stopped because of inclement weather or track conditions
23. If weights or any ballast are lost under green flag you will be disqualified
24. All vehicles are subject to an inspection. Refusal of an inspection bars the vehicle from pulling until inspected
25. Drivers must be at least 16 years of age
26. Entries cannot be added once a sanctioned class has started
27. A tractor can be entered in no more than two classes. Unless a jackpot class is offered
28. All pulling vehicles must be weighed prior to or immediately following competition with the driver seated on or in the pulling vehicle. The maximum weight per class includes both the pulling vehicle and the driver
29. Local pullers are allowed to pull at two pulls without membership and after that a membership must be purchased or they will not be allowed to pull
30. To accumulate points, drivers must be members of OVTPA. Memberships will be sold at the pull or by contacting the OVTPA Secretary. Local contestants who pull in two pulls or less without a membership will not be calculated in the points and only paid members will accumulate points in order of how they finish in their class.
31. A tractor may only be entered once in each class during a pull.
32. No operating of any equipment under the influence of alcohol or recreational drugs.
33. No riders on tractors
34. The driver has up to the 100ft mark to regulate their speed, if speed horn blows after 100ft mark the run is disqualified.

35. The minimum width of the track must be 30 feet (preferably 35 feet)
36. The pulling track length is 300 feet. A staging area for the sled (and pull back tractor) plus a safety run off area is required (approx 400 feet). Unless shorter track specified by promoter.
37. All spectators must be a minimum of 25 feet back from the edge of the track
38. The classes listed in the rules are the only classes sanctioned by OVTPA. Special permission must be obtained from the OVTPA for any additional classes or variations of classes.
39. The promoter is responsible for arranging for the grounds and all needed equipment for running the pull. Equipment needed for the pull include sled (pull back tractor of no less than 180hp if not self propelled sled) tractor with track grading blade, packer, water trucks, scales, tow vehicles, sound system, lights (if a night pull), fire extinguishers, seating and fencing for crowd control, lime and limer for marking track boundary and prepare track.
40. MFWD tractors cannot have front wheels engaged
41. If you are caught not following rules you will lose all points in all weight classes that day.
42. Tech officials will be checking rpm of each tractor before their first pull and when tractors come off the track at their discretion. RPM must be controlled by a solid stop (not electronic rev limiter). All tractors must go through tech inspection prior to their first pull and a "tech approved sticker" will be applied for the season.
43. Exhibition pullers must pay a full membership if pulling at more than two events and must conform to all safety rules for that class.
44. All Stock and Classic tractors that compete at more than two pulls must have mandatory wheelie bars, with the exception of 16000lbs out of field tractors.
45. Once schedule is set and season starts, pulls for points cannot be added to the schedule. Non-points pulls will be added with majority vote from the board of directors.
46. There will be head tech committee appointed by the board of directors to oversee the entire rule system. There will be class representatives for each category of classes. Stock antique will have three members chose from 5000-6700 antique. Classic will have three members chose from 7700 -11700

classic. Improved will have three members chose from 5000-10700 improved. The individual category reps will be responsible for verifying that each tractor in that division falls inside the rules for those specific classes. If there are any issues they will consult with head tech officials and board to resolve the issue.