

Kankakee County Fair Barnyard Tractor Pull Rules-2024

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 be 18”. Drawbar pull point can be straight or “drop” configuration drawbar. **However, the drawbar cannot be angled upward causing safety hitch to be angled upwards. From hitch to 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 hitch 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 9000 & 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 4500lbs, 5250lbs, 6000lbs, 7500lbs (gas & diesel), 9000lbs, and 10,500lbs. Plow classes will also be assigned to each tractor, e.g. an IH “M” will not be allowed to compete in the 4500# or the 5250# class since it’s rated as a 3-plow tractor vs a 2 plow of an IH “H” tractor. The M-M “G” will be considered a 7500# 4 plow tractor. In the 7500# class only, gas & diesel tractor will compete separately for position, however, operate simultaneously within the 7500# class.
6. Weight class pull order- may be altered at the event at the discretion of the promoter. Track officials may request up to 2 non measured pulls at the start of a class to level the track.
7. Engine RPM’s- 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 and 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 their 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 be 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.
12. “Highly modified” pulling tractors will not be allowed at events. 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. Minimum Driver age will be 16 yrs. Driver must be able to operate the tractor by themselves.
16. **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 exhibitions will be at the end of the lineup.**
17. The above rules can be amended by the Kankakee County Board of Directors as needed. The Kankakee County Fair official has final authority during the pull.