



2020 GENERAL RULES

Behavior:

1. Memberships with MTPA (Middle Tennessee Pullers Association) will be revoked indefinitely at any time, if any members are ever found to be conducting themselves in an unprofessional or disorderly way before an event, during an event or after an event.
 - a. This includes but not limited too profanity of any kind and threats against any fellow member, board member or tech official.
 - b. The executive board will have the final decision on the membership revocation for the above behaviors.
2. Internet Bashing: Members or anyone associated with a MTPA member will be given the following, if you are found to be internet bashing
 - a. **First Offense:** Member and anyone associated with member will be given a written warning of such occurrence, along with proof of internet bashing. This document will be signed by MTPA member and anyone associated with MTPA member and executive board member.
 - b. **Second Offense:** Member of MTPA will be suspended from 1 (one) pull. Documentation will be provided and signed by MTPA member and executive board member for the suspension.
 - c. **Third Offense:** MTPA member will be suspended for 3 (three) pulls and also ask to sign documentation of offense and suspension, along with signature from executive board member. MTPA member and anyone associated with MTPA member will be banned from an social media sites affiliated with MTPA for the current year.
 - d. Any occurrence after 3rd offense, will result in suspension for the remainder of the year and MTPA member will lose all points accumulated for that current year. This will last 1 (one) calendar year from date of occurrence.
3. If any members of MTPA, partial member, participant board member and individual associated with MTPA member and/or vehicle participating in MTPA event yells, uses foul language, threatens and/or gets out of hand with any MTPA member, partial member, participant, board member and/or individual associated with a vehicle participating at any MTPA event the aggressor, member and vehicle will be disqualified from current event and not allowed to participate in the next 3 (three) events for their class. There will be no exceptions to this rule, as well as NO WARNINGS.

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SAFETY:

1. Fire Suit (Coat and Pants) must be SFI approved.
 - a. Fire Suit must always be worn properly
 - b. Helmet must be fastened, and neck brace worn and fastened.
 - c. Rule 1, 1a and 1b is mandatory in ALL classes, no exceptions.
2. All pulling vehicles must have properly working seat belts and worn during all qualifying pulls.
3. All pulling vehicles must have a working fire extinguisher, within reach of the driver.
4. Driver must be at least 18 years of age or have guardian signature of approval.
5. All pulls are to start with a tight chain.
 - a. No jerking allowed.
6. No portion of the vehicle may interfere with sled, chain, or hook.
7. When being hooked and unhooked from sled, driver must keep his/her hands in the air to signify vehicle is in neutral. Watch starting flagman until given signal to proceed.
8. Vehicle must be operated in a safe manner on and off the track.
 - a. The vehicle must be attended at all time, if engine is running.
9. Anything lost while the vehicle is in motion, will result in a disqualification, at the track officials discretion.
10. No one is allowed on the pulling track, except judges, track officials and contestant.
 - a. Each MTPA member will be given a member badge.
 - b. Each MTPA member will also be given 2 participate wrist bands.
 - i. Each participate must sign in with book keeper at the time of the pull.
 - ii. Each participate must associate themselves with a specific MTPA member, at the time of the pull.
11. A vehicle may only be entered into the same class 1x (one-time).
12. Any part of pulling vehicle touching the out of bounds line (white on tire) will result in disqualification.
 - a. Sled going out of bounds will not result in disqualification.
13. Excessive loss of liquid (decided by track official) from pulling vehicle will be cause for termination of pull and vehicle disqualification for pull.

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Drive Shafts:

1. Driveshaft must have 2 360-degree cups on each shaft; 3 inches minimum and at least 1/8 inch thick.
2. Two-piece shafts must have 4 loops. Loops must be a minimum of 3/4 inch wide and 1/8-inch-thick not less than 6 inches from or no more than 12 inches away from U-joints.
3. Maximum horizontal clearance is 2 inches and a maximum vertical clearance is 8 inches both ways.
4. No cable, chains or PVC to be used in driveline shielding.
5. Intermediate drive shafts require 2 loops of 12 inches or longer and 1 loop if under 12 inches.
6. Drive shaft loop and U-joint shields required in all classes
7. Hot Rod Class could vary because of open frame design. (Look at class rule for this variation)

Kill Switches/Hitches:

1. All vehicles are required to have a kill switch.
2. Kill switch must kill ignition and fuel pump on spark ignition engines.
3. Kill switch must shut off air on all diesel engines.
4. Diesel engines are also required to have a three-way dump valve installed ahead of the injection pump and be operated from the driver compartment.
5. All hitches must be horizontal or parallel to ground.
6. Hitch must be steel.
7. Hitch point must be at least 1 inch thick.
8. Hitch point must be 3 inch & 3/4 long by 3" inch wide. (3" 3/4 long x 3" wide)
9. Hitch must be stationary in all directions and minimum of 7/8 inch diameter pull pin.
10. NO Clevis allowed.

Transmissions/Clutches:

1. Automatics are to have S.F.I. approved cover (blanket or bolt-on).
2. Clutch types are to have S.F.I. blow proof bell-housings (diesel trucks must have blanket or bolt-on).
3. Must have saver-plate (mid-plate) on S.F.I. bell-housing with all bolts.

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Engines:

1. Harmonic Balancer must be shielded if not SFI approved, Shield will be minimum of 1/4" thick and 2" wide, 360 degrees around the engine balancer; Water pump can be considered part of the shield.

Trucks and Hot Rods Only

1. Harmonic balancer must be shielded 360 degrees and strapped to keep balancer from moving forward S.F.I. balancer (one piece).
2. Must also have strap or shield in front to keep from coming out, if breakage occurs.

Sale of Pulling Vehicle:

1. Points that are accumulated with a MTPA pulling vehicle, that has a current membership paid, will remain with the vehicle, as long as the following is followed
 - a. New owner of pulling vehicle pays their membership for MTPA
 - b. New owner keeps current name of vehicle (for current year)
 - c. Previous owner and New owner must notify MTPA of sale, to ensure all points stays with current vehicle. This ensures no mix up on owners/vehicles etc.

Class Orders:

1. The first puller, of each class, should be ready to pull when the class starts.
2. If the first puller can not pull and/or hook to the sled at the beginning of their class for mechanical reasons, the first puller can drop 5 places. This must be approved by tech official.
3. Each puller has 3 (three) minutes to get to sled and be ready to hook to sled.
4. All pullers will have 2 (two) chances to move the sled past 100 (one-hundred) feet.
 - a. In the event of a pull off, there will only be 1 (one) attempt to complete a pull.
5. The first puller, of each class, has the option to drop their hook and come back and pull last.
6. Rotation Class order for 2020
 - 1). 5800 2wd 2). 6200 LLSS 3). 6200 Pro stock 4). Hot Rod 5). 2.5 Diesel
 - 6). 5500 super stock trucks 7). Mini trucks(There may be changes due to circumstantial reasons. Promoter, Weather, Sled driver, etc)

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Memberships Cost and Hook Fees:

1. MTPA memberships is \$175, per year.
 - a. Memberships paid prior to April 15th will be discounted to \$150.00.
 - b. Postage must be marked April 15th or prior, to get discount.
2. Associate Members are required to pay a \$50, per year
3. There will be a \$25 hook fee, per event for each member.
4. NON-Members will pay a \$50 hook fee, per class/event. (3 Hooks becomes a member, Balance of \$75 will be due at the time of the 3rd hook in order to cover the late fee).
5. Half of the membership money (\$100) can be paid at first pull and final payment of \$100 be paid at 2nd pull of the season, if puller desires to do so.

Miscellaneous:

1. All rules will be strictly enforced.
2. Anyone with a question about the legality of a vehicle should consult a tech official and/or class spokesman.
3. To be a class spokesman the person must be a club member for the previous year.
4. To be eligible to vote on any class rules, you must have been a club member for the most recent past pulling season and must have participated in more than 51% of the hooks in that class during that pulling season.
5. To be eligible to vote on any general rules you must have been a club member for the most recent past pulling season.
6. Tech official's decision can be overruled by the Executive Committee only.
7. Executive Committee decision is final and overrules all other decisions.
 - a. Executive Committee consists of the following
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. Secretary/Treasurer
 - iv. Class Spokesman
 - v. Head Tech Official

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Points:

1. Points are awarded to MTPA members only.
 - a. Points will only be given to members once memberships are paid. (ex: puller pays membership money after 4th pull, then member will only get points for the 4th pull and pulls remaining in current season.)
2. Points will be awarded as follows: 40 points= 1st place finish, 38 points= 2nd place finish, 36 points= 3rd place finish and will decrease by 2 points for each puller thereafter.
3. If a puller hooks at every points pull during the year, they will be awarded 10 bonus points at the end of the year.
4. A qualifying hook consist of the puller moving the sled.
5. If a puller, who is not a MTPA member pulls in a class, the points will be awarded as if the non-member was never there. (ex. Non-member places 3rd place and 4th place winner is a member, the 4th place member will receive 3rd place points)
6. If a class is unable to finish due to weather or any other reason, everyone who has registered with their pulling vehicle present will receive 5 show up points.
7. Last place points will be awarded to first hook, if they drop their pull and are unable to return to pull again.
8. If vehicle is unable to pull but can move the sled under its own power with the motor running it will receive last place points and money for the night.
 - a. If vehicle is unable to move the sled but the driver leaves his/her registration money they will receive 5 hook points for the night.
9. No points drop in any class.
10. In the event of a tie, in the final points when a pull off is not possible, places will be determined by the puller who has the most 1st place finishes (if same amount), the most 2nd place finishes (if the same) and so on until the pullers do not have the same amount of place finishes.
11. The 4 (four) members, in each class, with the most points that have participated in more than 50% of the pulls during the pulling season will be awarded a check and trophy at the end of the pulling season.
12. Being disqualified results in last place points and money.
 - a. Track officials and/or Tech Official may impose a total disqualification at their discretion, which will result in no points and/or money for the night.
 - i. Reasons for total disqualification include but not limited too unsportsmanlike conduct, any violation of behavior general rules and/or use of alcohol.

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