



2026-2027 RULES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY TRACTOR PULLERS INC.
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CLASSES:

Tractor and driver shall not weigh over:

<i>Lawn Stock</i>	<i>950 lbs.</i>
<i>Max Stock Jr.</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>Limited Stock</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>Economy Stock</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>Max Stock:</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>Economy B Stock</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>B Stock:</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>Sport Stock:</i>	<i>1050lbs</i>
<i>Open Super Stock (NGTPS)</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>Super Stock (NGTPS)</i>	<i>1050 lbs.</i>
<i>Outlaw:</i>	<i>1300 lbs.</i>

Technical rules and specifications will be in effect for two (2) years. The intent of these rules is to provide a safe and fair contest. Decisions made by the Technical Committee may temporarily or permanently supersede any mechanical rule. It is ultimately the obligation of each participant to ensure that his/her conduct and equipment comply with all applicable MCTP rules, as they may be amended from time to time. These rules are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of the motor sport of garden tractor pulling and to reduce the risk of injury to both participants and spectators during such events.

All Rule Changes are in red

SAFETY RULES:
(Applies to all classes)

1. Each tractor will be inspected by the Technical Committee. The committee will make the final decision as to which Class the vehicle conforms to and/or whether or not it meets the safety standards. Tractors are eligible for one (1) division only.
2. Helmets (half or whole) must be worn by ***all*** drivers during the pull (*full face helmets are recommended*). Helmets must be D.O.T. rated, strapped, and fit properly. Pullers must wear appropriate shoes e.g., no flip-flops.
3. Drivers shall wear SFI approved single layer fire suits for any alcohol-burning tractor regardless of class. Full body coverage is required (Top & Pants) all fire suits shall be securely fastened (zipped up).
4. No driver shall bounce on the seat or stand for any reason while pulling. The driver will keep at least one hand on the steering wheel at all times during the pull.
5. Nothing shall extend more than 3" beyond the outside of the rear tires.
6. Modification of tractor controls is required to fit the driver.
7. Open to two-wheel drive, rubber tired tractors. No dual wheels, chains, or spikes.
8. **ALL** tractors must have sufficient shielding of belts, chains, etc. to deflect flying parts to the ground. All vehicles must have functional brakes and steering.. All exhaust pipes (if other than stock) must point up plus or minus 10 degrees.
9. **All Tractors must be pushed back to the sled and over the scale.**
10. All tractors are required to have a kill switch (with a 1" ring) that will kill the engine and fuel pump located on the back of the tractor within 6" of center. Lawn Stock tractors are exempt from this requirement. See individual class rules for specific requirements regarding electric fuel pumps.
11. All children in the pulling area shall be supervised at all times. There shall not be any climbing on or playing around the tractors and equipment used for track maintenance.
12. There will not be any "pullbacks" by the sled. This is because the sled operators have a difficult time steering the sled when pulling a tractor back and it is deemed unsafe.
13. **There are to be no additional riders permitted on the sled unless they are trained operator training a new operator. If they are training a new operator they must ride for the duration of that class.**

GENERAL RULES:

1. Pullers must join the Middlesex County Tractor Pullers Inc. A Family Membership is available for a \$40 annual fee. This membership is limited to immediate family members living under the same roof. A One Day Membership is available for the amount of \$20/tractor/day plus \$5 to cover insurance costs for non-members. One Day Members will NOT receive points towards the season totals! There is no minimum age requirement for stock classes, but the puller **MUST** be able to safely operate the tractor. For all other classes, the minimum age requirement is 12 years old and/or have at least 1 year prior experience in stock classes. The tech committee will conduct driving tests as they feel necessary to ensure that each puller is capable of safely operating their tractor. When a new puller is learning to pull in Lawn Stock only, one crew member will be allowed to walk along the side of the tractor for SAFETY reasons only.
2. All tractors must weigh in for each class. Starting numbers will be drawn randomly at the time of registration. You must register for the class you wish to pull in before it begins. Tractors may only pull in one class per event. A fee of \$20/tractor/pull with a cap of \$70 per event must be paid at this time. Again, One Day Members will pay \$20/tractor/pull plus \$5 for insurance. Note: If only entering 950 lb. A Stock Jr. Class, the entry fee will be \$10 for members and \$10 for non-members plus \$5 for insurance.
3. All placing tractors must re-weigh after each class, if not, you will forfeit your winning position if it is contested (this will be at the discretion of the Club Officers and Tech Committee at each event).
4. **No one will pull unless a field judge (flagger) is in place at the time of the hook.**
5. Each puller in each class will have one pull only per heat, unless he/she does not reach the 25 foot mark (shutdown rule: the puller must make it known to the flagger and or sled operator of his/her intent to shut down within the 25 foot shutdown distance by raising one hand or equivalent). He or she may take the first hitch or have a second hitch immediately thereafter. If a second hitch is taken, the puller must keep the second pull distance.
6. The competitor pulling in the 1st position of each class, determined randomly at time of registration, is considered the test puller. Once the weight transfer on the sled is considered correct for that class the test puller may: A) accept their pulled distance; B) refuse their distance

and immediately hook up for one more attempt; C) refuse their distance and pull in the third position, or D) refuse their distance and pull in the last position. Third position is considered to be after the next two (2) competitors have pulled. It is the test puller's responsibility to inform track officials of their decision as soon as possible.

7. The drawbar will be 13" from the ground to the top of the hitch and solid to the tractor with no up, down, or horizontal movement. No clevis. Hitch must consist of a horizontal plate or equivalent with the hitch hole perpendicular (looking through the hole you will see the ground) to the ground plane. Drawbar must be no more than 15" from the center of the axle to the rear of the tractor to hitch point. Rear engine tractors are the one exception, with the hitch being as close as possible to the engine. The hitch must be easily accessible for the hook. There shall be ample clearance without any obstruction from weights etc.
8. The hitch must have a minimum of a 1.5" hole (a 1.500 dia. steel ball shall pass freely through the hitch hole) No hydraulic or electric hitch systems are allowed. Hitch point must be to the rear of the rear axle centerline.
9. Tractors must have wheelie bars, which will be no more than 5" from the ground, must extend 4" minimum behind the exterior of the rear tires, must have a minimum of 1" square pad or wheel at ground contact point, and must be able to support the weight of the tractor and driver.
10. Tear down or other testing may be done to verify that the tractor is registered for the correct class. Driver/owner and two (2) members of the Technical Committee shall be present.
11. All tractors except those pulling in the Open Super stock class shall be normally aspirated. Superchargers, turbochargers, nitrous oxide injection or any other type of fuel or additive injection or forced induction is prohibited.
12. The Tech Committee has the right to tear down a tractor at any time. In the event of a protest by a puller in any given class, the protestor will be required to file a protest form with the Technical Committee. The protestor requesting the teardown will also be required to escrow \$100.00 per tractor with the Club Treasurer at the time of filing. At the completion of the teardown, if the tractor in question is found to be illegal, the money in escrow will be returned to the protestor. The illegal tractor will forfeit all points accrued for the current pulling season.

- a. In the event the tractor in question is found to be in compliance with all applicable rules for the class, the money will become the property of the puller whose tractor had been torn down.
 - b. If a puller refuses to have his/her tractor torn down, he/she will forfeit all points accrued for the year and will not be allowed to pull the tractor in question until it has been approved by the Tech Committee.
13. In the event that the puller's kill switch is accidentally pulled, the puller will be allowed to come back immediately or last for a new hook or take the distance they have. This applies to all classes.
14. In the event there is no reading from the sled monitor, the puller will come back immediately or last for a new hook. This applies to all classes. If the puller is disqualified on their subsequent hook due to going out of bounds or traveling over the speed limit after making a clean first hook with no distance reading, they may make one additional hook.
15. All pullers will be required to exhibit his/her competency at operating their tractor safely. The tech committee will conduct driving tests as they feel necessary to ensure that each puller is capable of safely clutching, de-throttling, braking, reversing, etc. their tractor.
16. At the discretion of the Club Officers, when track conditions warrant, the pull distance may be altered and / or pulling for total distance may be allowed. (In all cases, in the interest of putting on a good show, the pull distance for stock classes shall be less than that for all other higher classes.) All pulls will be a floating finish.

POINTS SYSTEM

To be eligible for the year end awards, you need to attend at least half of the pulls.

Points will be issued according to the following schedule:

First Place:	50 points.	Second Place:	45 points.
Third Place:	42 points.	Fourth Place:	39 points.
Fifth Place:	36 points.	Sixth Place:	33 Points.
Seventh Place:	30 Points.	Eighth Place:	27 points.
Ninth Place:	24 points.	Tenth place:	21 points.

Eleventh through last places will receive 1 point less for each consecutive place, e.g.: Eleventh Place 20 points, Twelfth place 19 points, etc.

In the event of a cancellation for any reason prior to the start of a pull, there will not be any points awarded. If a pull is canceled for any reason after any heats have been completed, the points for those heats will be awarded on a regular basis. Any tractor in any heat in any class

that did not finish or that did not begin prior to the cancellation will be awarded 25 “show-up” points each.

If a puller signs up for the day and his/her tractor breaks after attempting a legitimate pull in the first heat (under its own engine power-no starter motor assists etc.), the tractor will receive last place points for the subsequent heats of the day. Tractors will not be required to hook to the sled to receive these subsequent points. Technical DQs will not receive any points for the heat (e.g. overweight, hitch height, over RPM etc.) In the case of a pull-off, any out of bounds tractor will get last place pull off placing (if more than 1 tractor goes OOB, the distance at their respective OOB mark will govern position). Moving violation DQs will receive last place points for the heat (e.g. out of bounds, 2 hands off steering wheel, standing up while pulling etc).

MAKE-UP PULLS

Pulls that are canceled for any reason will not be made up unless voted upon and approved by the club members. The only exception will be if a Fair is re-scheduled by the applicable Fair Committee.

LAWN STOCK

Lawn stock tractors are intended to be an entry level class. All safety and general rules apply. Any contestant pulling in the Lawn Stock class will not be allowed to pull in any class above sport stock. Lawn Stock tractors will be limited to:

1. 20 horsepower maximum. Two cylinders and OHV allowed.
2. Maximum tire size 23” x 10.50” x 12”. Non-professional, non-cut, garden tractor tires only tire sharpening is not allowed. Steel wheels required front and rear.
3. Engine must be controlled by a properly functioning governor to no more than 3600 no-load rpm when contacting a positive stop on the block.
4. Stock frame & wheelbase, stock sheet metal (hood, grille, fenders, foot rests) Required. No switching of sheet metal other than tractors in the lawn stock class may run seat boxes
5. No lockers or spools allowed. Limited slip is allowed if it was a factory feature for the model registered.
6. Stock front axle, no drop axles or spindles.
7. 2.5 MPH maximum speed as determined by the data recorder on the sled. Tractors exceeding 2.5 MPH will be disqualified.
8. Lawn Stock tractors will pull at 950#.
9. Front tires no smaller than 3.50 x 6
10. **Open exhaust or stock exhaust allowed. All exhaust pipes (if other than stock) must point up plus or minus 10 degrees**

1050 lb Limited Stock Class

1. Must run stock Wheelbase and overall length for frame being used. Only alteration allowed is to accept the engine.
2. Speed limit 5 mph max. Speeding will result in a DQ.
3. Must have factory type sheet metal (mix and match allowed) **seat boxes allowed.**
4. Must have a stock style front end and it must pivot. No flipping of spindles.
5. 13" hitch height rigid in all directions
6. Foot or hand throttle is allowed
7. 4,000 RPM max
8. No locked rear end or cut tires
9. Front tires no smaller than 3.50 x 6
10. OEM governor with positive stop in stock location
11. Max tire size 23 x 10.50 x 12 **no cutting or sharpening allowed**
12. No Steel flywheels
13. Can run stock or open exhaust
14. OEM size and type of carburetor for make and model of engine. No velocity stacks or aftermarket air cleaners.

ECONOMY STOCK TRACTORS

1. Stock wheel base. Stock frame. Hood, grille, fenders, foot rests required. No Half-Pint frames or drop boxes.
2. Tractors may have driveline parts strengthened for durability, but maintain O.E.M. style.
3. **Seat boxes allowed .**
4. No high torque starters.
5. No electric fuel pumps.
6. Stock air cleaner assembly.(No alterations)
7. No velocity stacks.
8. Stock flywheels only. No cutting, welding, or added weight.
9. No electronic ignition. Chevy points are allowed.
10. No added spinning weight to the crank.
11. Max tire size 23x10.50x12". **No cutting or sharpening allowed.**
12. Stock appearing carb up to 1 inch (no aftermarket carbs)

13. 4000 RPM max (zero tolerance)
14. Stock front end in stock location and must pivot.
15. OEM valve size in the stock location.
16. OEM head gasket only (no copper gaskets).
17. Engines may be replaced up to 14 HP max, 1 cylinder flat head air cooled only.
18. Choke must be installed and working.
19. **Aluminum wheels or steel wheels no wider than 10 inches.**
20. Stock head, no LP head, no billet heads, no aftermarket recast heads, and no welding of the stock head.
21. Approved head restraints required.
22. All engines must have proper OEM type shrouding.
23. Stock OEM governor set up.
24. Weight is 1050 lbs.
25. Must have a kill switch.
26. Front tires no smaller than 3.50x6, tri ribs permitted.
27. Max cam lift .330"
28. Muffler or open exhaust must be vertical plus or minus 10 degrees
29. FUEL - VP C12 green in color only.
30. 72 inches overall length from the center of the rear axle to the farthest point forward including weights.
31. Stock stroke max 3.25"
32. No piston pop up
33. Port and polish allowed
34. No lockers or spools allowed. Limited slip is allowed if it was a factory feature for the model registered.
35. Max bore 3.530"

1050 lb. Economy B Stock

1. Max 25HP stock block – twin and single cylinder
2. Max 8 MPH speed limit
3. 1050 lb. max weight including driver and helmet
4. 4000 R.P.M.
5. 23-10.50-12 Stock tires only – **no cutting or sharpening allowed**
6. No locked rears
7. No Aftermarket ignitions

8. VP C-12 fuel only

9. Maximum length shall be 72" from centerline of rear axle to farthest point forward including weights. Maximum wheelbase is 52

HOT STOCK SINGLE" you may run in this class with the following requirements:

1. No aftermarket blocks

2. Cylinder head restraint required

3. Flathead or overhead valve allowed

4. Max 48 cu.in. limit

5. 4500 R.P.M.

6. Maximum length shall be 72" from centerline of rear axle to farthest point forward including weights. Maximum wheelbase is 52

"NATURALLY ASPIRATED DIESEL" you may run in this class with the following requirements:

1. Max 1000cc (25HP) stock multi-cylinder engines

2. 1150 lbs. Max weight include driver and helmet

3. 3600 rpm 4. 23-10.50-12 stock type tires - no cutting

5. Air or liquid cooled

6. No turbo, natural aspirated, no injectables into motor

7. All factory serial numbers must be on engine block

8. Guillotine Air Gate shut off kill switch on intake of motor. Will be checked and tagged by Tech Committee

9. All MCTP General rules apply

10. Maximum length shall be 72" from centerline of rear axle to farthest point forward including weights. Maximum wheelbase is 52

Max Stock and Max stock jr

1. Must be stock block Kohler, Briggs or Tecumseh single cylinder, flat head engines 15 hp and under, with nine bolt heads. Max. 4500 RPM. Foot or hand throttle permitted.
2. The engine block must look stock on the outside. Must have stock stroke for engine, all other internal modifications are acceptable. An access hole over the piston is recommended for checking purposes.
3. The head may be aftermarket or billet. The head bolt pattern must match a stock OEM head gasket. A scatter shield covering the entire width and height of the engine and securely fastened on the OPPOSITE side of the cam side of 1/8" steel or 3/16" aluminum is required. A head restraint of 1/2 steel or 1" aluminum securely fastened is required.
4. Steel flywheel required
5. Carburetors must be stock carb for engine or a Kohler, Walbro or aftermarket reproduction, carb spacers, velocity stacks and bottom adjusts are acceptable.
6. Exhaust pipes, with no muffler, must discharge vertically, 12" minimum from the center of bend.
7. 26 x 12.00 x 12" max. rear tire size, permitted. Pro pulling tires and cutting allowed. After market wheels permitted.
8. Maximum 13" hitch height.
9. Must use a garden tractor frame and transaxle, but may be modified for engine installation. Sheet metal may be changed.
10. No portion of any tractor may exceed 7 feet forward of the center of the rear wheel, including weights.
11. Front axle may be altered, 52" wheelbase maximum
12. no aftermarket high performance fuel pumps or regulators allowed. oem metal or plastic reproductions are permitted. low volume universal electric pumps are permitted but must be controlled by a kill switch.
13. Fuel for Stock classes shall be VP Racing # C-12, green in color.. No additives are allowed
14. deadman throttles required
15. Max Stock and Max Stock jr tractors will pull at 1050lbs

16. The 1050 lb. Max Stock Jr. Class is limited to drivers ages 5-12 years. If a puller starts the season as a junior and becomes 13 during the season, he/she will remain a junior for the remainder of the season (For this purpose, the season begins January 1st . Anyone whose 13th birthday is before January 1st will be considered a senior.).

SPORT STOCK

1. 14.1 to 20 horsepower, single or twin cylinder, four cycle, carbureted engine
2. Factory OEM block
3. Crankshaft must maintain the stock stroke. Max of 39 Cubic inch
4. .030" maximum over manufacturer specified cylinder bore.
5. Valve size limited to 1.320 for the intake and 1.175 exhaust. and remain in the original position and location.
6. Stock appearing cast heads for the engine used without any external modifications ie welding or epoxy
7. Engines must be controlled by a properly functioning mechanical governor to no more than 4500 no load RPM.
8. All engines must have Safety shrouding. (clutch and flywheel must be covered)
9. Steel flywheels are mandatory.
10. No cast front pulley.
11. Piston pop-up .030" maximum.
12. Porting and polishing allowed.
13. Reground cams allowed.
14. Butterfly type carburetor with 1.200" venturi maximum. No aftermarket/Billet Carburetors allowed,
15. No spacers between block and carburetor other than the stock intake manifold for the engine being used. No outside modifications to the intake manifold
16. Choke plate optional.
17. Velocity stacks and after-market air cleaners allowed.
18. Vacuum style fuel pumps only. No Electric pumps Tractors may have driveline parts strengthened for durability, but maintain O.E.M. style.
19. Maximum length shall be 96" from centerline of rear axle to farthest point forward including weights. Maximum wheelbase is 52".
20. Switching sheet metal from one make to another is allowed. All tractors must have hood, fenders, grille, seat and footrests, and must maintain OEM appearance.
21. No half-pint style frames allowed. No drop boxes allowed.
22. Fuel for Stock classes shall be VP Racing # C-12, green in color.. No additives are allowed.
23. Tractors must have on-board starters, no starter carts allowed.
24. Spools / locked rears and limited slip differentials allowed.
25. Maximum tire size 26" x 12" x 12". Pro tires allowed
26. Sport Stock tractors will pull at 1050 lbs.
27. Deadman throttle required

B Stock

1. V-TWIN 56 cu.in. (917cc.) limit – OPPOSED TWIN 60 cu.in.(983cc.) limit
2. 1050 lb. max weight including driver and helmet
3. **Twins 48 cubic inch and under will run 4500 rpm** and over 48 cubic inch to a maximum of 56 cubic inch will run 4000 rpms. Opposed twins up to a maximum of 60 cubic inch will run 4000 rpms. Class rpms can be changed at any time
4. 23-10.50-12 Stock tires only – no cutting or sharpening.
5. Locked rears allowed
6. Engines must have properly functioning mechanical governor
7. Maximum length shall be 72” from centerline of rear axle to farthest point forward including weights. Maximum wheelbase is 52
8. Fuel shall be VP Racing # C-12, green in color.. No additives are allowed
9. deadman throttle required

HOT STOCK SINGLE You may run in this class with the following requirements:

1. No aftermarket blocks
2. Cylinder head restraint required
3. Hitch height no higher than 13”.
4. Flathead or overhead valve allowed
5. Max. 48 cu.in. limit
6. 4500 RPM
7. Fuel shall be VP Racing # C-12, green in color.. No additives are allowed
8. Maximum length shall be 72” from centerline of rear axle to farthest point forward including weights. Maximum wheelbase is 52”.

All MCTP general rules apply.

OPEN SUPER STOCK

1. All Open Super Stock tractors shall comply with the National Quarter Scale Pullers rules in effect at the beginning of the MCTP pulling season (<http://www.nqspulling.org>) and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the MCTP season. The only exception is that gasoline engines are allowed.
2. Diesel tractors will run with the Open Super Stock Class. Diesel tractors shall comply with the National Quarter Scale Pullers rules for Limited Pro Stock Diesel Class in effect at the beginning of the MCTP pulling season (<http://www.nqspulling.org>) and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the MCTP season.

SUPER STOCK

Super Stock tractors shall comply with the National Quarter Scale Pullers rules in effect at the beginning of the MCTP pulling season (<http://www.nqspulling.org>) and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the MCTP season.

OUTLAW

1. Must run factory appearing hood and grill (nosepiece) and rear fenders.
2. No more than 72" long from center of the rear axle to the furthest part forward including weights.
3. No more than 54" wide including weights.
4. Maximum tire size 26" x 12" x 12". Cut tires and professional pulling tires allowed; i.e. Dick Cepek, LawnTec, etc.
5. Maximum of four (4) cylinders. No automotive engines.
6. Must be naturally aspirated.
7. **Engines are limited to 1450cc**
8. Outlaws will normally pull at 1300# unless otherwise determined at the pull.
9. deadman throttle required

GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION

1. A competitor will be disqualified from the heat in which the offense took place for the following reasons:
 - a. Disruptive behavior
 - b. Unsportsman-like conduct
 - c. Reckless operation
 - d. Inability to operate vehicle completely by him/herself
 - e. Not meeting or exceeding class specifications
2. **Disqualifications for speeding in speed limited classes or Tractors that contact the foul line at any point prior to the full pull mark for the class while hooked to the sled will be considered out of bounds and disqualified from that specific hook. The flagger and sled operator are the officials that will make the decisions. Out of bounds calls the flagger is encouraged to consult with the sled operator if needed but the flagger has the ultimate judgment call.**

3. All weights must be safely secured to the tractor. No weights will be allowed on tractor seats or on the driver. Any excessive or obvious loss of weights or components may be cause for disqualification. Comment: The intent of the rule is for safety and fairness. It is the flagger's decision, if any weights or components fall off the tractor and move to the side of the path of the sled it would not affect the outcome of the pull. However, if the weight or component falls off and goes beneath the sled pan, it may affect the outcome of the pull and therefore the pull shall be disqualified. (The point is that a steel weight or component would make the pan slide easier over it and may increase the distance of the pull.)
4. Pulling is defined as the tractor moving while the sled itself is in motion.
5. Obvious or excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs will be grounds for disqualification.
6. If disqualified for any reason, that offense must be re-inspected by the Technical Committee.

NOTE: TRACTORS ARE NOT DISQUALIFIED UNLESS A TRACK OFFICIAL SPECIFICALLY NOTIFIES THE STATISTICIAN AND/OR ANNOUNCER PERSONALLY BEFORE THE NEXT HITCH.

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