

MTPA 2018 General Rules

- 1. Fire suit (coat and pants) must be SFI approved & worn at all times, fastened helmets, and a neck brace are mandatory in all classes.**
- 2. All pulling vehicles must have seat belts that are worn at all times during a qualifying run.**
- 3. Nothing that contains liquid (exam: fuel tank, fuel lines, battery, radiator, etc.) is allowed to be mounted in the driver's compartment.**
- 4. Kill switches are mandatory. Must kill ignition. Also, switch in cab must be within easy reach of the driver.**
- 5. All pulling vehicles must have a working fire extinguisher within reach of the driver.**
- 6. Automatics are to have S.F.I. approved cover (blanket or bolt-on). Clutch types are to have S.F.I. blow proof bellhousings (diesel trucks must have blanket or bolt-on). Must have saver plate (mid-plate) on S.F.I. bellhousing with all bolts.**
- 7. Drive shafts must have 360 degree loops around U-joints and be completely shielded. U-joint shields can also act as loops. No cables, chains, or PVC pipe as loops. A minimum of 2 loops are required on all drive shafts.**
- 8. Trucks and Hot Rods only - Harmonic balancer must be shielded 360 degrees and strapped to keep balancer from moving forward S.F.I. balancer (one piece). Must also have strap or shield in front to keep from coming out if breakage occurs.**
- 9. When being hooked & unhooked drivers are required to have hands in air to signify vehicle is in neutral. Watch starting flagman until given signal to proceed.**
- 10. Any part of pulling vehicle touching the out of bounds line (white on tire) will result in disqualification. Sled going out of bounds will not result in disqualification.**
- 11. Excessive loss of liquid (decided by track official) from pulling vehicle will be cause for termination of pull and vehicle disqualification.**
- 12. Vehicle must be operated in a safe manner on and off the track, and if running, must be attended at all times.**
- 13. Membership with MTPA will be revoked indefinitely at any time, if any members are ever found to be conducting themselves in an unprofessional or disorderly way. This is including but not limited to profanity of any kind and threats against any fellow member, board member or tech official. The executive committee's decision on this matter will be final. If any MTPA member, partial member, participant, board member or individual associated with a vehicle participating in any MTPA event yells, uses foul language, threatens, or gets out of hand with any other MTPA member, partial member, participant, board member or individual associated with a vehicle participating at any MTPA event**

that individual, member, and vehicle will be disqualified from current event and not allowed to participant in the next three events for their class. There will be NO exceptions to this rule, as well as no warnings!

14. Anything lost while the vehicle is in motion will result in a disqualification at the track official's discretion.

15. Be ready to pull when class starts. If you cannot pull because of mechanical failure, you may drop 5 places is approved by the tech official.

16. All rules will be strictly enforced. Anyone with a question on the legality of a vehicle should consult a tech official or class spokesman.

17. All contestants will have two chances to move the sled past 100 feet. In the event of a pull off, there will only be one attempt to complete a pull.

18. All pulls to start with a tight chain. No jerking allowed.

19. The first puller has the option to drop their hook and come back last.

20. No one is allowed on the track except judges, track officials, and contestant.

21. All vehicles are subject to a safety inspection by a tech official or class spokesman at any time.

22. A vehicle may not be entered in the same class twice.

23. No portion of vehicle may interfere with sled, chain, or hook.

24. Driver must be 18 years of age or have guardian and director's approval.

25. To be a class spokesman the person must be a club member for the previous year.

26. 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 half of the hooks in that class during that pulling season. To be eligible to vote on any general rules you must have been a club member for the most recent past pulling season only.

27. Half of membership money may be paid at the first pull and the rest at the second pull if puller desires.

28. If pulling vehicle is sold, points accumulated to that point will stay with that vehicle as long as the new owner pays his membership fee.

29. Being disqualified results in last place points and money. Track officials may impose a total disqualification at their discretion which will result in no points or money for the night. Reasons for total disqualification include, but are not limited to, unsportsmanlike conduct and use of alcohol.

30. Points are awarded to members only. **40 points will be awarded to 1st place. From there points will decrease in two point increments (2nd = 38, 3rd = 36, 4th = 34, etc). If a puller hooks at every points pull during the year they will be awarded 10 bonus points at the end of the year.** To qualify as a hook the pulling vehicle must move the sled. If

someone who is not a member pulls in a class, the points will be awarded as if the non-member was never there. Example: non-member places 3rd in a class and a member places 4th. The 4th place puller who is a member will receive 3rd place points. 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. Last place points will be awarded to the first hook if they drop their pull and are unable to pull again.

31. The 4 members in each class with the most points that have participated in more than half of the pulls during the pulling season will be awarded a check and trophy at the end of the pulling season.

32. 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 the 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.

33. No points drop in any class.

34. 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. If vehicle is unable to move the sled but the driver leaves his registration money they will receive 5 hook points for the night.

35. There will be a \$25 hook fee per event for each member. A \$55 hook fee will be charged at each event for non-members and members who are pulling a vehicle other than the one that they have paid a membership for.

36. Tech official's decision can be overruled by the Executive Committee only.

37. The Executive Committee's decision is final and overrules all other decisions.

38. These rules apply to all classes and supersede all class rules.

