

**Northeast Sled Services LLC**  
**2023 General Safety Rules – 4 x 4 Pulling**

- 1) Drivers must be at least 16 years of age or older and hold a valid drivers license. Drivers between 16 and 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian at all times. **PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN** must sign a consent waiver as soon as minor driver is allowed in the pits. Minor drivers can **only** drive vehicle on the “track”. A legal adult must drive vehicle around in the pits, to starting line, and from the finish line. Officials at pull reserve the right to revoke this privilege at any time.
- 2) Minor drivers with a valid license wishing to drive in the enhanced, super-stock, or doodlebug classes may do so if they meet the above criteria, as well as the vehicle pulling in the three aforementioned classes needs to be outfitted with an operable tether type kill switch.
- 3) Sled operator reserves the right to disallow any minor competitor that acts in an unsafe manor, or of questionable ability.
- 4) **In the spirit of safety**, all classes except street local and workstock diesel **Must** have an **SFI approved** steel bell housing, and steel flywheel for manual trans, Auto transmissions must have a minimum 1/8 inch steel trans shield or a blanket completely covering top and sides of torque converter and trans. These classes must also have an SFI approved harmonic balancer.
- 5) All competing vehicles must be weighed with operator that will be competing in that weight class.
- 6) A vehicle may enter a given class only once unless you are test puller.
- 7) Test pullers get two measurable attempts to move sled. (Measurable is defined as one inch or more) If sled moves one inch or more, that counts as an attempt.
- 8) All drivers must wear shirts.
- 9) All trucks must be clean in appearance.
- 10) The driver **MUST** have complete control at all times – **NO HOT RODDING**
- 11) All vehicles must be in neutral or park while being hooked and hands out the window.
- 12) The driver must remain in seat during pull
- 13) The number one puller is the test puller – They may or may not take the first pull – the driver must decide while hooked to the sled – If the 1<sup>st</sup> pull is not taken, they **MUST** decide immediately if they will pull again. They may re-pull in first, third, or last position.
- 14) Each vehicle **MUST** come to the start line with a draw bar with minimum **OPERABLE OPENING OF AT LEAST 3 INCHES** at hook point (CLEVIS PERMITTED).
- 15) Only a mechanical failure will allow someone to pull last (out of fuel is not mechanical).
- 16) All vehicles must have brakes in working order.
- 17) No overhung weight in front of the front bumper – Stock and enhanced classes only – Any must be secured – No weight allowed in cabs.
- 18) If original vehicle has doors, they must be on and closed.
- 19) Vehicle must have full cab and outer skins as intended by manufacture – the chassis must be covered by a rear body, if floor is removed must have tonou cover or equivalent. – must have hood and grill in place. Doodlebugs do not require full cab or hood.
- 20) No gas tanks or radiators in the cab unless factory installed.

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- 21) Any object that hits the pulling track while hooked to the sled is cause for disqualification – including any safety item, weights, shields, drive shaft, etc.. **Not to include** u-joints, fluids, belts, or pulling number.
- 22) Any UNSPORTSMANLIKE conduct will be an IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION of truck and driver for one (1) year and ten (10) days from date of the event, as well as loss of points. This also means no admittance to the pit or track area.
- 23) **Unsportsmanlike conduct to include social media.** If you have an issue that needs addressing either see or call myself, or bring it up at the drivers meeting. Nothing gets solved without presenting the problem in a reasonable manner.
- 24) Any use of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR DRUGS before or during the event will be an IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION of truck and driver for one (1) year and ten (10) days from date of the event. This also means no admittance to the pit or track area.
- 25) Driver and vehicle may be disqualified or moved to the rear if they hold up the event.
- 26) Any vehicle that leaves the course of boundary lines will be disqualified – The vehicle in this rule being tire tread of the competing vehicle, (not the sled) also the boundary to be determined by the judge.
- 27) If not floating finish, Full pull distance will be determined on the day of the pull.
- 28) Any portion of trucks tire that crosses the parallel boundary lines as deemed by judges will be considered out of bounds and disqualified for that class.
- 29) Any vehicle unable to hook before their class is over for any reason, will not be allowed to hook at a later point in time for that class.
- 30) Kill switches required in all but Street local and work stock Diesel classes.
- 31) All drivers for all classes must wear helmet.

**POINTS**

**2023 Tech dates and Tech/Test and Tune pull**

North-June 24<sup>th</sup>

South-June 25<sup>th</sup>

Tech/test & tune pull- July 1 tentatively

**2023 Pulling Season. If you wish to pull for points!** You must attend one of the tech days or the tech/test & tune pull in the spring to be eligible for points. If you need to be teched at or after the first points pull, you will be charged \$75.00, and only be assessed points from that pull forward. Also, you must arrive early enough to be teched **COMPLETELY** (including cams and cubic inch) before the start of the pull, or no points for that date.

**Non points pullers are welcome at all NESS pulls.**

You will, however, need to be teched in order to compete for prizes and or money. You should also attempt to arrive early enough for teching before the start of the pull.

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- **If you do not wish to pull for points, simply state this at signup.**
- **Points pullers will receive pulling numbers-non points pullers will receive letters and pull after the numbered trucks.**

**Points disqualifications and penalties:**

- Operating in an unsafe manner (hot rodding, speeding in the pits, etc.) will cause loss of points for that class.
- Any **vehicle** disqualified for a rule infraction in any given class will receive last place points as well as a 5 (five) point deduction for that class for the first disqualification, 10 (ten) points deducted for the second like or same offence and so on (as per the vote at the annual meeting).
- Those deemed to be willfully breaking or bending rules will receive NO points for that class at that venue. They must also prove corrective action (the problem has been remedied) before receiving points at the next pull.
- Loss of weights while hooked to the sled will cause puller to receive last place points as well as a 5 point deduction per occurrence.
- If you are unable to pull due to mechanical failure at the event you will receive last place points.
- For out of bounds you will receive last place points.

**OTHER**

**Cubic inches** As voted on in annual meeting, there will be a 2% overage allowed on all classes. **Absolutely** no going over this limit.

**All GREIVENCES** will be voiced by the end of given class. No replays allowed due to time constraints. Decisions made at end of class are final.

If you have a concern about another competitor's truck, bring it up before start of that pull.

Competitors are expected to comply with the techs at the time of a request to inspect any given vehicle on pull day to promote fairness and goodwill.

**NESS reserves the right to edit these rules as needed.**

*If the pull is being run by NESS, registration will start approximately 2 hours prior to the event start time. Please be registered before the driver meeting!*

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