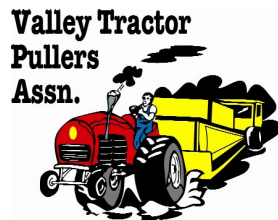


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Changes for the 2009 season are highlighted.

COMPETITOR CONDUCT

1. All vehicles must be operated in a safe manner at all times within the confines of the pits, staging areas and track. The tech officials have the right to stop and disqualify (DQ) any vehicle not being operated in a safe manner. The track judge has the right to stop and (DQ) any vehicle not being operated in a safe manner on the track and staging areas.
2. Drivers must remain seated during the pull and must have complete control of the vehicle at all times.
3. Only the driver will be allowed on a vehicle at any time: NO riders allowed. Anyone other than a driver on a vehicle will mean an automatic DQ.
4. Any Driver found to be intoxicated will not compete for the duration of the pull and must find another driver for their vehicle. The second infraction of this rule will be sufficient grounds to ban driver from pulling with VTPA for 12 months.
5. Any person displaying unprofessional and/or unsportsmanlike behavior, including but not limited to abusive or obscene language, and/or physical action towards event officials, fellow competitors or spectators, or causes deliberate delay of the event, will be disqualified from the event. The second infraction of this rule will be sufficient grounds to ban driver from pulling with VTPA for 12 months.
6. All pullers must wear shirts, pants or shorts, and closed toed shoes (no open toed shoes allowed) before being allowed to compete.

ENTRY PROCEDURE POLICY

1. Entry fees per class for VTPA members will be \$20.00: Entry fees for non-members will be \$40.00. Each vehicle entered will receive 2 free pit passes.
2. Each vehicle can be entered in one (1) class only, and only once (1) in each class.
3. All contestants must have a valid driver's license.
4. All contestants competing in any vehicle pulling contest sanctioned by VTPA must be 16 years old to pull in the Stock 4x4 Pickup Class. Drivers pulling in the Street Modified, Open, and Extreme Diesel classes must be 18 years of age or older.
5. Contestants 17 years of age or younger, must have parents or legal guardian's signed consent and supervision at all times throughout the pull.

VTPA TRUCK RULES - 2009

Section I - Stock 4x4 Class - Base Rules

1. Weight classes for **Stock 4x4 Trucks** are:

4500 lbs

5500 lbs

6500 lbs

2. Class Rules:

- S1. Must have stock front bumper or after market replacement.
- S2. Must be street legal (headlights, blinkers on and working)
- S3. Hoods must be in place over engine compartment (hood scoops are allowed)
- S4. Must have working brakes on all wheels.
- S5. No engine modifications, except dress-up kits and air cleaners. Batteries must have tie downs.
- S6. Exhaust modifications allowed. Headers or intake manifold but not both.
- S7. No methane or alcohol fuels. No compressed fuels-such as: nitrous or propane.
- S8. Rim and tire modifications from stock allowed. Must be DOT tires, no Terra tires or sharpening of tires.
- S9. No weights
- S10. Sled end of hitch must be no higher the 26", stationary (no chains) and no closer than 36% of the wheel base to the center point of the rear end. If ring type, **MUST BE HORIZONTAL**.
- S11. Suspension must have at least 2" of free travel (may be tested at scales
- S12. No traction bars, unless stock. No axles larger than Dana 60 series, unless stock.
- S13. Steering and seating must be close to stock. Seat belts must be in use and will be checked without fail in open door vehicles.
- S14. Fuel tanks must be bolted down.
- S15. Beds must have factory floor intact and if equipped with a flatbed, it must be a working flatbed. Nothing allowed in the bed without being bolted down.
- S16. Stick or automatic transmissions only (no racing tranny-Lenco, etc.)
- S17. No quick change transfer cases. (Pro Fab, chain drive, homemade etc.
- S18. No reinforcing of frame.
- S19. No Air Bags on stock trucks

Section II – Street Modified 4x4 Class - Base Rules

1. Weight classes for **Street Modified 4x4 Trucks** are:
4500 Lbs **5500 Lbs** **6500 Lbs**
2. Class Rules: All of the Class Rules for the Stock 4x4 Class apply with the following allowances:
 - SM1. Engine modifications okay. Single carburetor, naturally aspirated, no tunnel rams or superchargers.
 - SM2. Open headers allowed. Must exit under the vehicle.
 - SM3. TIRES: The midline of the outer-most tire must not exceed the outside of the inner-most tire (opposing axle).
 - SM4. Scatter shields or Blanket recommended.
 - SM5. No axles larger than Dana 70 series. (No military, Rockwell etc.)
 - SM6. Weights allowed if securely fastened in bed.

Section III – Super Stock 4x4 Class - Base Rules

1. Weight classes for **Super Stock 4x4 Trucks** are:
 - 5500 Lb – Compete for trophy's only (Non-Sanctioned Class)**
 - 6000 Lb – Compete for points (VTPA Sanctioned Class)**
2. Class Rules: All of the Class Rules for the Street Modified 4x4 Class apply with the following allowances:
 - SS1. Engine size maximum 550 Cubic Inches for 6000 Lb Class; **unlimited for 5500 Lb Class.**
 - SS2. No Aluminum Blocks
 - SS3. Must be OEM configuration Heads for make of motor used
 - SS4. May hang weights (not to exceed 42") forward from the center point of the front axle.
 - SS5. 36" tires maximum. May have Terra tires with factory DOT marking.
 - SS6. May block rear suspension.
 - SS7. Can cut out floor of bed if desired
 - SS8. Lights, blinkers, etc. must be in factory location. Mirrors suggested.
 - SS9. Must have kill switch located immediately adjacent to the hitch. Must be in a ring form with an approximate thickness of ¼ inch and a circumference of at least 1 inch. Electric fuel pump must be wired to kill switch
 - SS10. Maximum wheel base length not to exceed 133 inches (max) No wheel base modifications.
 - SS11. Stock frame may be reinforced no boxing of sub frames.
 - SS12. No air bags or air shocks on front axle.
 - SS13. Drive-line loops required. Must cover front and rear of each drive line.
 - SS14. Weights must clear scale.
 - SS15. Must have a minimum of both front brakes and/or front or rear pinion brake.
 - SS16. Scatter shield or blanket required.
 - SS17. SFI approved harmonic balancer required.

Section IV – Street Modified Diesel 4x4 Class - Base Rules

1. Weight classes for **Street Modified Diesel 4x4 Trucks** are:
8000 lbs Only
2. Class Rules:
 - D1. Hitch height to be no more than 26” at point of hook before, during and after pull and no closer than 36% of the wheel base to the center point of the rear end. Hitch must be rigid in all directions and solidly mounted. Pulling point can be no more than 1 ½ inches from back edge of hitching device. No clevis, chains or cable allowed in hitching device. Hitch must be attached to frame. Reese type hitch recommended. If ring type, **MUST BE HORIZONTAL**
 - D2. Seatbelts are mandatory.
 - D3. Rear suspension must have minimum of 2 inches travel. Air bags will be allowed so long as movement is attainable by scale judge. Air bags must be disconnected.
 - D4. No hanging weights allowed off the front bumper. Secured weights will be accepted in the bed. *(Added weight will be at the discretion of the scale judge, e.g. pallet of salt blocks will not be accepted; portable welders may be allowed.)*
 - D5. Tires must be DOT approve
 - D6. Diesel fuel is the only allowed fuel. Alternative fuel tanks must be completely disconnected from the engine. Removal of alternative fuel tanks will be required.
 - D7. Limited to one single turbo charger with an outlet that is no more than 3 ½ inches in diameter.
 - D8. Engine performance modifications are allowed. Engine configuration must be available in production form.
 - D9. Vehicle/engine combination must be available from a manufacturer in production form.
 - D10. Vehicle must be street drivable with all DOT requirements; e.g. turn signals, mirrors, headlamps and bumpers must be intact and operational.
 - D11. Vehicle must be currently licensed and insured.
 - D12. **ANY PERSON CHEATING ON ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE BANNED FROM COMPETITION AND NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PITS FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.**

Section V – Extreme Diesel 4x4 Class - Base Rules

1. Weight classes for **Extreme Diesel 4x4 Trucks** are:
8000 lbs Only
2. Class Rules:
 - EX1. Hitch height to be no more than 26 inches at point of hook before, during and after pull and no closer than 36% of the wheel base to the center point of the rear end. Hitch must be rigid in all directions and solidly mounted. Pulling point can be no more than 1½ inch from back edge of hitching device. No clevis, chains or cables allowed in hitching device. Hitch must be attached to the frame. Hitch to be made of at least 1 inch square stock, or 1 1/8 inch round stock with a 3 inch diameter hole. Hitch must be mounted horizontal.
 - EX2. Rigid rear suspension is acceptable; air bags are permitted so long as 26-inch hitch height is not exceeded when inflated. Air bags must be disconnected.
 - EX3. Front weights may not extend more than 60 inches from the centerline of the front axle. WEIGHT LIMIT OF 8000 pounds not to be exceeded.
 - EX4. Minimum of 2-½ lb. Fire extinguisher must be within reach of driver.
 - EX5. Seatbelts, helmets and fire suits are required.
 - EX6. Bell housing blankets or shields and driveshaft loops are required. Automatic transmissions must have full-length safety blankets.
 - EX7. Exhaust shall exit the vehicle straight up or straight down. Cross bolts of minimum 3/8 inch must be in exhaust system. Turbo guillotine is strongly recommended.
 - EX8. Diesel fuel, propane, nitrous and water alcohol are allowed fuels. All tanks must be securely mounted in bed of truck.
 - EX9. Two turbo charges allowed – Any make and size.
 - EX10. Vehicle must be equipped with a kill switch. Kill switch to be located at the rear bumper within six inches of the hitch and have ring of at least a two-inch diameter.
 - EX11. Vehicle/engine combination must be available from a vehicle manufacturer. No tube chassis will be allowed.
 - EX12. Vehicle must be currently licensed and insured
 - EX13. ANY PERSON CHEATING ON ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE BANNED FROM COMPETITION AND NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PITS FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.