

# WISCONSIN TRACTOR PULLERS ASSOCIATION

## Membership Guidelines

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The Wisconsin Tractor Pullers Association (WTPA) follows the National Tractor Pullers Association (NTPA) rules for safety, vehicle specifications, awarding of points, and pull procedures. The following items have been voted and approved by the WTPA membership and WTPA board of directors.

### **Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet**

The annual membership meeting is held the second Saturday of December with an awards banquet that evening. The purpose of this meeting is to make rule changes for the coming season. A morning meeting finishes old business including election of board members. The afternoon meeting is held to discuss and vote on rule changes. New WTPA memberships must be purchased prior to the afternoon meeting in order to vote. Competing members only vote on competition rules (8/20/83, pg. 2).

### **Requirements for Membership**

A WTPA competing member must have an NTPA competing membership in order to compete at any WTPA event. Both WTPA and NTPA memberships are required to pull at a WTPA event. Membership forms are available from the executive. A one-time hook fee is available at a cost of \$20 per day. (3-12-00 Board) This fee does not apply towards the cost of a full WTPA membership. A WTPA one-time hook membership qualifies for WTPA points only when the primary driver has a full WTPA membership. The secondary driver would not be required to have a full WTPA membership for the vehicle to earn WTPA points. The secondary driver would be required to purchase a WTPA one-time hook fee along with the

NTPA required membership (full or one-time). (12/8/01, pg. 3)

### **Dues**

Dues are set by the Board of Directors (8/23/86, pg. 4). Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. Dues increase after January 1.

Competing Membership: \$50 up to December 31; \$70 on January 1.

Associate Membership: \$25 up to December 31; \$35 on January 1.

### **Board of Directors**

An 11-member board of directors governs the WTPA. Board members are elected by the membership and serve a three-year term (12/11/93). When a term expires, an election will be held with nominations to include those board members whose terms are expiring (less any member who wishes to not serve again) and nominations from the floor at the annual general membership meeting (8/29/81, pg. 2). Only residents of Wisconsin are eligible to serve on the WTPA board. Election of board officers, national delegates, and national delegate alternates is held at the Saturday noon board meeting.

Board members may be reimbursed for travel to meetings at 27.5 cents per mile, excluding the first 50 miles (3/18/84, pg. 2; 11/6/88, pg. 2; 3/1/92, pg. 3).

National delegates are to be reimbursed for air fare and motel expenses when attending national meetings (12/12/82, pg. 3). The WTPA president will be the spokesman for WPI shareholders meeting held in the spring of the year.

### **Inspections**

Every vehicle is inspected at each WTPA event according to NTPA rules. All new vehicles are to be inspected

prior to the start of the pulling season. The SFI Certification Program was started by NTPA in 1989. Each puller is responsible for getting the prior certification for his/her vehicle. Any vehicle not properly certified will not be allowed to run in a WTPA sanctioned event. All clutch/can verifications must be done on a yearly basis, as stated in the NTPA rulebook. For questions about inspections, contact the Competition Director.

**Weighing at Pulls**

Vehicles are weighed on a scale prior to the start of the class. Please weigh in as early as you can to keep the show running smoothly.

**Classes**

The following is a list of the official weight classes offered at a WTPA event:

Tractors:

- Modified: 7,500#
- Pro-Stock: 10,000#
- Light Pro-Stock: 8,500#
- Super Farm: 9,300#
- \*Super Stock: 6,200# and 8,000#
- Mini Rod: 2,050#

Trucks:

- Four-Wheel Drive: 6,200#
- Super Stock Four-Wheel Drive: 6,200#
- Two-Wheel Drive: 6,200#

\*refer to current newsletter for any trial period weight changes

**Class Limits by Membership Vote**

- 1) Any super stock tractor that exceeds the state limits is allowed to participate in a maximum of two state hooks and compete for prize money but no points (12/11/99) (12/8/01).

**Entries and Scratches**

Enter as soon as you arrive on the grounds. Entry trailer closes one hour prior to the scheduled start of the show. Late arrivals may only enter with the permission of the presiding official. Entry fee is \$15/hook (12/14/03). A late entry fee of \$20 will be charged for anyone entering within half hour before start of the pull unless they have called ahead of time. This fee is kept by the entry clerk. (12-03-05)

Out-of-state pullers who belong to an NTPA member state association but are not WTPA members, and that association charges a hook fee to WTPA members, will be charged an additional \$20 per hook (12/13/97).

Any competitor who breaks on the grounds will receive hook points for all classes entered prior to breakage. Scratches must be reported to the entry official PRIOR to your hook or the fee will not be refunded.

You are responsible for collecting your check or refund. Checks are available at the end of each class from the treasurer. Please cash your checks within 30 days of the date on the check.

**Pit Passes**

Armbands were voted to be used in place of pit passes (6-21-97). Pit passes are issued based on 4 per vehicle (two hot and two cold passes—no exceptions!). Each TWD or FWD truck will receive 4 pit passes (12/11/88, p. 2). You must run the classes you enter to receive passes. Passes are not sold by WTPA unless arrangements are made with the promoter.

**Prior to entering, everyone receiving a pit pass must sign the insurance waiver at the entry trailer. This must be done at each event or you will not be entered!**

The pit pass is to be visible on the person for insurance purposes. Passes are to be used only by the competing member and his/her family and/or pit crew.

A “hot” pit pass area has been established for insurance purposes. This area includes track plus the 35-foot zone on each side of the track, the line-up and staging areas, the shut down area, and (in some cases) the scale.

Special hot pit passes are required at all times in these areas. Only the NTPA competing member (driver) and one crew member (two per vehicle—no exceptions) will be issued hot pit passes. Please keep pit passes in your possession and use them as they are meant to be used. ALL PEOPLE IN RESTRICTED AREAS MUST SIGN THE INSURANCE WAIVER FORM AT EVERY EVENT.

### **Points**

Points will be awarded according to NTPA rules as outlined in the NTPA rule book (12/12/87, p. 4). The membership voted to honor surrounding states’ membership at WTPA pulls but no points will be awarded. A puller must be a WTPA member to receive WTPA points (2/24/91). No state points are given for any Grand National class in Wisconsin. (12-03-05)

### **Year-end Prize**

Each competitor gets one chance at a year-end prize for every official hook. Vehicles in a pull-off will receive one additional chance for each official pull-off hook (12/12/87, p. 2). The member must hook a minimum of 3 times to be eligible for end of the year awards. The class must have 3 hooks to be eligible. The prize is paid out of the general fund (12/12/87, p. 3). A full WTPA membership is required to be eligible for year-end points fund. A hook using the one-time hook fee is not eligible for the year-end points fund. All necessary decals must be in place to qualify for points fund. (Clarified: 3-12-00 Board).

### **Unused Purse Fund**

Unused purse is to be paid back to the promotor (12/11/93, p. 2).

## WTPA PURSE BREAKDOWN

### \$2,300 Class – LSS, HSS, TWD, FWD

1. 425
2. 375
3. 325
4. 275
5. 225
6. 200
7. 165
8. 135

### \$2,800 Class – Super Farm

1. 400
2. 350
3. 300
4. 250
5. 200
6. 175
7. 140
8. 110
9. 100
- 10.100
- 11.100
- 12.100
- 13.100
- 14.100
- 15.100

### \$1,700 Class – SSFWD, MINI, Limited Pro, Light Pro Stock

1. 350
2. 300
3. 245
4. 190
5. 165
6. 135
7. 85
8. 55

### \$2,600 Class – MOD

1. 550
2. 500
3. 440
4. 385
5. 330
6. 220

**Each purse has an additional \$175 that goes towards the Year-end Prize.**