

## Massachusetts Truck Pullers Association General Rules

(Apply to all MA.T.P.A. members)

1. By signing the truck entry form the truck owner/driver and crew members agree to release and wave the MA.T.P.A. and members from any liability relating to the rules contained in MA.T.P.A. Rulebook and any incident at event.
2. By signing the truck entry form you and all crew members agree to abide by all of the MA.T.P.A. Rules.
3. The MA.T.P.A. Rule book is effective from the date of the publication regardless of when competitor receives actual rules.
4. The MA.T.P.A. Rules are applicable to all MA.T.P.A. Events.
5. Your membership card is property of the MA.T.P.A. And may be revoked at any time deemed necessary for misconduct.
6. Each truck may only be entered by one driver per class.
7. All competitors must have registered their truck at least 1 hour before show start time. If you are going to be late because of an emergency call one of the 5 board members or send a crew member to notify person at sign-up booth. The person working the booth will pull your lineup number. Anybody that has not signed up 1 hour prior to start time will not be able to pull at the event and will not receive any points or prize money.
8. 4 Wheel Modified and 2 Wheel Modified classes will follow rules for their class set in the NTPA rule book other than some MA.T.P.A. Rule changes (see class specific rules) if applicable.
9. **Flags.....** When you hook up to the transfer sled you must wait to see the start flagger wave the green flag to start your pull. After you start, if you see a red flag **AT ANY TIME** during your pull **YOU MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY!** It is for your safety and the safety of others around the track.
10. **Transfer Sled.....** It is at the discretion of the sled operator to apply the brakes on the sled at any time deemed unsafe while under the green flag. If the sled brakes are applied under the green flag the head track official is to be notified to make a decision on what to do.
11. **Test Puller.....** If you are the test puller: After your first pull, you must inform the end flagman IMMEDIATELY (**BEFORE driving off track**) of which of the following options you will choose:  
*If the sled is set:*
  - A. Keep the pull (not pull again at all)
  - B. Re-pull immediately
  - C. Drop back and pull in the 6th position
  - D. Drop back and pull in the last position

***If the sled is re-set:***

- A. Re-pull immediately
- B. Drop back and pull in the 6th position
- C. Drop back and pull in the last position

(Per NTPA rules)

**12. Official Pull.....**The 100 foot mark is an official pull. The footage will be measured accordingly. If a clear attempt is made to stop before the 100 foot mark, you may re-pull immediately.

**13. Full Pulls.....** If there is more than one truck with a full pull the winner will be determined by a pull-off with a floating finish line, unless bad weather, time restriction, or sled malfunction prevents it. All full pulls will receive 30 points. Payout will be decided as special class meeting immediately following the class.

**14. Out of Bounds Line.....** If any wheel of the pulling truck goes over the white line you will be disqualified (some discretion may be used for lines that are not straight and/or hard to see). Physically hitting a boundary marker or sign (mudflaps on the sled are an exception), will be grounds for disqualification.

**15. Protesting a Truck.....** Any MA.T.P.A. Member may protest any truck in his/her class if they believe the truck is not within the MA.T.P.A. Rules. When this happens the protester must discuss the truck in question and the problem with either the Executive Board or Head Tech Official. At this time the protestor must give the MA.T.P.A. a \$500.00 protest fee. At this point the MA.T.P.A. Official will discuss with the owner of the truck in question if he/she will teardown the truck for inspection or if he/she will refuse. If teardown is refused or truck is found not be to specifications of MA.T.P.A. Rules, the truck will lose all points and prize money for that event and protestor will get the \$500.00 fee returned. If they agree to teardown, the owner and official will discuss time and place of teardown and inspection. Upon inspection- if truck is found to be legal truck owner will receive \$500.00 fee.

**16.** If your truck will not run or you have to leave pull due to an emergency you may get your entry fee back. You will not get any points or prize money for the event.

**17. NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED IN PIT AREA!**

**18. Causes for Disqualification:**

**(Vehicle will still receive hook points)**

- A. Truck loses ballast weight.
- B. Truck loses safety equipment or safety equipment malfunctions.
- C. Going over the out of bounds line while pulling.

**(Vehicle will lose all points and prize money for event)**

**\*\*Violator may be asked to leave event. MA.T.P.A. membership card may be revoked.\*\***

A. Any competitor or any of his/her crew who exhibits unprofessional and/or unsportsmanlike conduct including abusive language and/or physical action toward event official or fellow competitor.

B. Unsafe conduct will be cause for disqualification.

**19. MA.T.P.A. Executive Board and Tech Officials:**

A. Have the right to search an entire truck at any time at any event.

B. Have the right to do an on the spot inspection of any truck at any time at any event.

C. Have the right to disqualify truck and/or person for cheating or having improper equipment.

**D. The decision of the Executive Board and/or Track Official shall be final.**

**Thank You For Pulling With The MA.T.P.A!**