



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO TRACTOR PULLERS ASSOCIATION

May 2010

Dear SWOTPA Members:

The 2010 Pulling Season is fast approaching and I hope that you are all looking forward to it.

Just a few reminders.

- 1) **Tech Inspections:** Please allow yourself extra time when planning on arriving at the first event where your class(es) are scheduled to allow for the tech officials to have time to complete an inspection of your vehicle.. If you had your clutch inspected by NTPA, please ensure you have your copy with you to allow for a copy to be taken by club officials for the records. For all other competitors, please complete a **Self Declaration Clutch Form**. These can be filled out at your first event or contact Kathi to send you a copy. You will not be allowed to hook to the sled until your vehicle has been inspected.
- 2) **Registration:** You are expected to be registered prior to the scheduled show start time. Registration will start a minimum of one hour prior to the scheduled start time. If you register after the scheduled start time, you will be charged the late registration fee and registration for ALL classes will end one hour after the scheduled start time. If you are going to be late arriving to an event, please call Kathi at (519) 312-4480 to let us know. You will be entered in the lineup but will still need to see Kathi either at the registration table or at the announcer's stand to sign the waiver forms, get your draw positions and receive your wristband for access to the track area.
- 3) **Announcer Profile Information:** If you have not yet completed a puller profile or provided updates to your previous profile, please see Kathi or Margaret Ann at registration or contact Kathi by phone. The announcers find this information very helpful to keep the show interesting for the spectator.
- 4) **Driver Safety Apparel:**
All drivers are required to have:
 - SFI Approved Firesuit applicable to the fuel being used
 - Snell 90 rated helmet
 - Neck collar for all classes where a rollcage/5-point harness is used
 - Balaclava
 - Fire gloves
 - Fire boots

A reminder that all required driver safety gear must be worn even if you are only hooking to the sled for hook points.
- 5) **Safety Equipment:** All vehicles are required to have the safety equipment as outlined in the General Rules. ***In addition to the equipment outlined in the 2008 Rule Book, a dead-man throttle will be required to cause the vehicle to return to idle speed. Super Stock 4X4 Trucks will be required to have a full truck box, solid box liner or tonneau cover. This is a requirement from Nearpass Pulling for use of their sleds.***
- 6) **Track Area Entry:** Just a reminder that only paid members are to be in the track area - this includes any pit crew. Without a membership pit-crew members are not covered under the insurance.

7) **2010 Executive:**

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- 8) **2010 Schedule of Events:** Enclosed you will find a copy of the **CONFIRMED 2010 PULLING SCHEDULE** with the classes selected by the promoter. There have been some updates since the tentative schedule was distributed. Please ensure you are working with the **finalized** schedule. To date we are still awaiting class selections for Cayuga. These will be available at the registration desk as soon as we receive this information.

9) **2010 Membership & Insurance Fees:**

Membership and Insurance fees will remain the same as 2007.

Membership Rates

Competing	\$75
General	\$35

Insurance (one-time) in SW classes or demo

\$25 per event to a maximum of three events

Insurance (field /stock classes)

\$10 per event

10) **2010 Awards Banquet**

The 2010 Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 20th. Further details will be available later in the season.

If you have any questions prior to the start of the season, please contact a member of the Executive. I hope that everyone has a safe and successful season ahead. Looking forward to seeing you at the track!

Bill Wright
President