Rules and Regulations

for:

Garden Tractors

Contender Series

All Changes for 2026 is Blue

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2026

Appalachian Outlaws
Garden Tractor Pulling Series
General Rule 2026

1. All decisions made by track officials

2. Must have a working kill switch to ground out the ignition

3. Non-working kill switch will result in no pulling until fixed

4. Must have roll over protection (wheelie bars) that must extend to 5 inches behind the rear tire and must not be higher than 5 inches off the ground

5. Hitch height of 12 inches with a 1.5 inch hole Unless otherwise stated in class rules

6. Hitches with all thread must have nuts securing the top and bottom plate

7. Must be stationary in all directions

8. Must have a wheelbase of 54 inches. Unless otherwise stated in class rules

9. Safety shielding covering all moving parts. Such as belts, pulleys, crankshaft, and any clutch parts

10. All shielding must be made of 1/16 steel or 3/16 aluminum

11. No tractor will be allowed to pull without the proper shielding

12.Must have a seat with a back on it

13. Front weight booms cannot extend over 6 feet from the center of the rear axle. Unless otherwise stated in class rules

14. All classes can run a steel flywheel for safety

15. NO oxygenated fuel in any class

16. NO alcoholic beverages

17. Anyone walking on the track with a driver in the kids' class must remain at a safe distance

18**. Must wear pants no shorts**

19. **Must wear shoes or boots (NO flip flops)**

20. **Must wear DOT approve helmet and must be strapped**

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General Rule 2026

21. **WEIGHT CAN NOT INTERFERE WITH SLED HOOK UP.**

22. Weight must be separate in rear of tractors

23. Pulling order to be determined the day of pull.

24. When the class starts, registration is close.

25. **No mower deck. No clipper classes**

26. RPM may be checked at any time.

Protest

Protest can be made only by a contestant in the same weight class before the next weight class starts. A $200.00 cash bond with written statement of item protested and a copy of specifications must be presented to a committee member to initiate protest. Protested tractor may be impounded to a specified place for committee to do checking. Appalachian Outlaws Motorsport reserves the right to impound the tractor up to 24 hour after protest is made. If protested tractor is legal, bond money goes to tractor owner or driver. If protested tractor is illegal tractor will then be disqualified from pulling and penalized all accumulated points incurred. If contestant refuses to have their tractor checked, they will be disqualified and not permitted to compete. Protested tractor can return to the competition only after item or items are proved to be in compliance with rules. At time of teardown, owner, driver, or designate is responsible for the teardown and reassembly of protested item.

Appalachian Outlaws
Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
12 HP Kids

1. **3800 RPM**
2. **950 LBS (Both Rounds)**
3. 12 inch Hitch
4. 23/10.50/12 (tire size) (Cutting Permitted)
5. Stock stroke (NO STEEL CRANK) 30 over bore
6. Port and polished is allowed.
7. Stock lift cam (324 lift)
8. Stock head (NO WELDED HEAD) Copper head gasket IS ALLOWED.
9. Billet rod
10. Steel flywheel
11. NO HIGH TORQUE STARTER
12. Factory front pulleys allowed if it is starting it. (NO STEEL PULLEYS)
13. No carb spacers
14. 54-inch wheelbase
15. Stock/ chevy points allowed.
16. NO CRANK TRGGERS!
17. Electric fuel pump, 1-4 lbs. pumps NO HOLLEY PUMPS
18. #26 carb must have choke plate (NO BOTTOM ADJUSTER)
19. Velocity stack is allowed.
20. Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical

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Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
12 HP Stock

1. STOCK STROKE (NO STEEL CRANKS)
2. 30 OVER BORE (NO BILLET PISTON)
3. STOCK KOHLER CAM (NO Reground CAMS)
4. STOCK SIZE VAVLES
5. STOCK POINTS (NO CHEVY OR CRANK TRIGGERS)
6. STOCK HEAD (SHAVING IS ALLOWED)
7. 26 CARB *MUST HAVE CHOKE PLATES*, *NO BOTTOM ADJUSTERS* (VELOCITY STACK ALLOWED)
8. PORT AND POLISHED IS ALLOWED
9. OPEN RPMS
10. Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical
11 no alcohol fuel
12 Electric fuel pumps allowed.
13. 54” WHEELBASE
14. 975LBS BOTH ROUNDS
15. 6FT WEIGHT BOOMS
16.23X10.50X12 TIRES (CUT IS ALLOWED)
17. BILLET RODS AMD STEEL FLYWHEELS ARE ALLOWED
18. NO HIGH TORQUE STARTERS/NO STEEL FRONT PULLEYS/NO CARB SPACERS

Appalachian Outlaws
Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
12 HP Mod

1. Unlimited RPMS

2. **975 LBS Both Rounds**

3. **12inch hitch**

4. Tire size 23/10.50/12 (Cutting Permitted)

5. 54 inch wheelbase

6. 30 over bore

7. Port and polished is ALLOWED.

8. Steel flywheel

9. NO HIGH TORQUE STARTER!

10. NO STEEL FRONT PULLEYS

11. NO CARB SPACERS

12. Stock size valves

13. Stock/chevy points

14. NO CRANK TRIGGERS!

15. Electric fuel pumps, 1-4 lbs. pumps, NO HOLLEY PUMPS!

16. # 26 carb MUST HAVE CHOKE PLATE!

17. VELOCITY STACK ALLOWED (NO BOTTOM ADJUSTER)

18. Stock heads (shaving is ALLOWED), NO WELDING

19. 330 lift cams, NO BILLET CAMS (CAST ONLY!)

20. Stock stroke. NO STEEL CRANKS!

21.Electric fans allowed

22. Weight booms allowed to be seven Feet.

23. Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical

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Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
16 HP Stock

1. 30 over bore
2. **1100 LBS (Both Round)**
3. 26/12/12 tires
4. **12inch hitch**
5. Stock size valves
6. 330 lift cam (cast only)
7. NO BILLETS HEAD
8. Billets rods allowed
9. Steel flywheel
10. Port and polished allowed
11. No high torque starter
12. Electric fuel pump
13. 1-4 lb. pump (NO HOLLEY PUMPS)
14. #30 Carb MUST HAVE CHOKE PLATE (NO BOTTOM ADJUSTER)
15. No steel front pulleys
16. Stock/ chevy points (NO CRANK TRIGGERS)
17. 54 inch wheel base
18. Stock stroke
19. No carb spacer allowed
20. Stock heads (shaving allowed) NO WELDING

21, Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical

Appalachian Outlaws
Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
16 HP 4000.RPM

1. Stock Stroke
2. .030 over bore max.
3. Stock size valves
4. Point style ignition
5. 1 inch carb
6. Any Cam (RECAST ONLY)
7. **1050 LBS both rounds**
8. NO ALCOHOL FUEL (GAS ONLY)
9. **13 inch hitch**
10. 23/10.50/12 tires (CUTTING PERMITTED)
11. Steel flywheel ALLOWED
12. 54 inch wheelbase

13.7 ft weight boom length

14. Front pulley ALLOWED
15. Stock head (NO BILLET)
16. Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical
17. Port and Polish allowed

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Garden Tractor Pull Series 2026

16 HP MOD STOCK SINGLE CLASS RULES:

1. Stock garden tractor engines only. NO AFTERMARKET BLOCKS.

2. Must be stock size crank and cubic inch for that engine. (aftermarket cranks with the same specs as OEM are permitted)

1. 030 over bore MAX

4. Stock size valves for the motor.

5. Head may be milled. No billet heads Head must visually look like factory head.

6. 330 Max lift cam

7. No piston pop out

8. Port and polish allowed

9. Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical

10. Steel front pulley or balancers are limited to (1)1.25" wide X 7.5" diameter and no more than14LBS.

11. Steel flywheel MANDATORY.

12. Any ignition Permitted

13. OHV motors must have factory rocker arms and lifters for that motor.

14. Velocity stacks allowed. 1" Carb spacers/adapters allowed. Carb must maintain stock venture for that engine. May have external fuel adjuster. No air filter required.

15. Electric fuel pumps allowed.

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Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
20 HP Stock Twin

1. **12 inch hitch**

2. **1100 LBS Both Rounds**

3. STOCK STROKE

4. 30 OVER BORE

5. STOCK OEM CAM (NO REGROUND CAMS*MUST BE STOCK*) •

6. STEEL FLYWHEEL ALLOWED

7. BILLET RODS ALLOWED(MUST BE STOCK LENGTH) • COPPER HEAD GASKETS ALLOWED

8. PORT AND POLISHED ALLOWED

9. STOCK VALVES TRAIN (SOLID LIFTERS ALLOWED, ADJUSTERS ROCKER KIT IS ALLOWED)

10. MUST BE OEM INTAKE *ADAPTER ALLOWED FOR VERTICAL INTAKES* (NO EFI INTAKES)

11. 20 HP CARB ADJUSTER IS ALLOWED IN CARB

12. NO ACCELERATOR PUMPS ON CARBS

13. DISH PISTONS FROM KOHLER (NO DISH BILLET PISTONS AND NO FLAT TOP PISTONS)

14.54in wheelbase *6ft weight boom*

15. IF YOU DOMINATE THE CLASS WITHIN 3 PULLS YOU HAVE TO MOVE UP INTO THE 20HP Mod twin

Appalachian Outlaws
Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
20 HP Mod Twins

1. Stock stroke
2. .030 over bore
3. 326 lift at the valve
4. Steel flywheel
5. Billet rods allowed. (STOCK LENGTH RODS)
6. Copper head gaskets ALLOWED
7. Port and polished ALLOWED
8. Stock valve train
9. Front pulleys ALLOWED
10. 20hp CARB ONLY (can add adjuster)
11. No accelerator pumps
12. No EFI intakes **OEM Ignition only**
13. Shaved heads allowed (NO WELDING)
14. 54inch wheelbase
15. Adapter plate allowed for carb
16. Dish pistons (NO FLATTOP)
17. **1150 LBS (Both Round)**
19. **12 inch hitch**
20. Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical

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Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026

20 HP Flatheads

1. 30 over bore
2. 26/12/12 tires
3. **12 inch hitch**
4. Stock size valve
5. Port and polished allowed
6. Steel flywheel allowed
7. Shave heads allowed
8. #30 Carb allowed
9. 54 inch wheelbase
10. Electric fuel pumps
11. 1-4 lb. pumps **(NO HOLLEY PUMPS)**

13. 1100 LB BOTH ROUND

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Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
25 HP Mod Stock Twins

1. Stock garden tractor engines. NO AFTERMARKET BLOCKS OR HEADS

2. Must have the following stock unaltered parts for that engine: Crank, Pistons, starter must be factory replacement part for that engine.

3. Stock size valves for that engine.

4. .326 max lift at the valve

5. Velocity stacks or ½ carb spacers/adapters allowed. Carb must maintain stock venture for that engine, may have external fuel adjuster.

6. Exhaust pipes must be 90 degrees vertical

7. Steel flywheels MANDATORY

8. Steel front pulley or balancers are limited to (1) 1.25” wide X 7.5”diameter and no more than 14LBS.

9. Anyignition allowed. One spark plug per cylinder.

10. .030 max overbore

11. Heads may be milled

12. Port and polish allowed

13.. Must use factory intake for that motor

14. Must have factory length rods.

15. No piston pop out

6. Electric fuel pumps allowed

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Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
25 HP Sport Stock

1. 45 Cubic in.
2. **1050 LBS both rounds**
3. **13 inch hitch**
4. 26/12/12 tires
5. Stock Crank
6. Allowed billet rods and flat top pistons
7. Stock coils or Midwest new command coils
9. No crank trigger
10. Mandatory steel flywheel
11. Flat tappet cam
12. Stock rockers
13. Stock length valves
14. Downdraft carbs
15. Port and polish to heads
16. OEM intakes
17. No welding to heads
18. Front pulley is allowed

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Garden Tractor Pulling Series 2026
Twin Cylinder Stock Altered

1. Engines: Must be a commercially available lawn and/or garden tractor engine.

2. **25 HP Engine Allowed 45 Cubic Inch Max**

3. Cylinder Head: Must be stock head with no external welding. Epoxy is Okay. No valve restrictions. No inverting the heads STOCK APPEARING.

4. No Limit on Cam Shaft OEM Crank Shaft

5. Clean up on top of block is Okay

6. Down draft stock appearing carb.

7. Stock plastic alum intake only.

8. Steel fly wheel mandatory

9. Spark Plug to remain in stock location

10. Air cleaner or velocity stack is allowed

11. KILL SWITCH REQUIRED

12. Electric fuel pump is allowed. Gas only

13. Wheelbase: 56 inches max, front weight boom is 8 ft from centerline of rear axle forward.

14. 26/12/12 Tires

15. No Welding of the Block

16. Any ignition allowed.

17. **13in hitch**

18. **1050 LBS BOTH ROUNDS**

19. 26/12/12 tires

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Run What You Brung

1. **Tire size 23 x 10.50 x 12**
2. **13-inch hitch**
3. Any carb
4. Any valve size
5. Any cam
6. Any stroke
7. Must be a garden tractor engine
8. 56-inch wheelbase
9. STOCK BLOCK
10. NO MORE THAN 2 CYLINDERS
11. **950 LBS ROUND 1**
12. **1000 LBS ROUND 2**