



Drag Sled Pull Rules

Section A: Eligibility for Entry

1. All breeds are eligible to enter. 3 Winners in each category
 - a) Each Category * Breed Only & * All Breed
2. Dogs must be at least 12 months of age to compete at sanctioned pulls or must follow the rules of another place to pull.
3. No Pregnant, Nursing, Lactating or in Season Bitches will be allowed to enter. If such bitch is allowed to enter deceitfully, she will disqualify the female dog and NO entry will be refunded.
4. No dog that is lame has open sores or an obvious medical condition shall be allowed to enter. The judge may disqualify dogs that are not fit to pull. NO entry will be refunded.
5. All vaccinations will be up to date time of pull.
6. No dogs that are aggressive to humans will be allowed to enter. (muzzled or not muzzled) NO aggressive action will be allowed by dogs toward handler or any official during pull competition. If a dog of this temperament is allowed to enter in error the Judge will disqualify that dog and NO entry fee will be refunded. Excitement is NOT to be interpreted as aggression.
7. Any aggression action or abuse from handler to dog will warrant an immediate expulsion from the weight pull. After such incident occurs, this is how it applies for future participation:
 - Judge may give warning to handler while at a sanction pull.
 - Judge may disqualify handler & dog, must write up a complaint to send to WPCA WP Directors.
 - 3 Warning disqualification complaints, will have handler & dog band from pulling for a season.
 - When allowed back to a pull season, problem repeats, handler & dog will permanently be banned from pulling with WPCA WP.

Section B: Weight Classes & Awards

1. The dog will be weighed and placed into one of the following weight divisions & groups
 - a) Division A "Feather Weight"
 - #10= 0 - 10 lbs
 - #20= 11 - 20 lbs

- #30 = 21 - 30 lbs
- #40 = 31 - 40 lbs
- b) Division B “Light Weight”
 - #50 = 41 - 50 lbs
 - #60 = 51 - 60 lbs
 - #70 = 61 - 70 lbs
- c) Division C “Middle Weight”
 - #80 = 71 - 80 lbs
 - #90 = 81 - 90 lbs
 - #100 = 91 - 100 lbs
- d) Division D “Heavy Weight”
 - #110 = 101 - 110 lbs
 - #120 = 111 - 120 lbs
 - Maximum 121 & up
- e) Awards will be awarded for Most Weight Pulled per Pound (40 lb dog = 3000 lbs),
- f) Awards will be awarded for Most Percentage of Body Weight (10 lb dog = 59%)

Section C: Equipment & Pulling Area

1. Harness - It is up to contestants to acquire their own harness. Harnesses must fit properly in order to pull. Any harness used must be a “standard weight pull harness” with spreader bar.
 - a) No shocks, springs, or any other type of correctional advice will be used on a harness.
 - b) No leashes will be attached to the dog collar, harness while dog is pulling.
 - c) No choker whether chain or fabric, prongs/pinch, fur saver allowed on dog while pulling.
 - d) Flat collar with leash, flat collar handle, slip leads are allowed to lead dog into chute but handler must remove lead prior to dog starting pull.
 - e) All equipment used by contestants must be checked by the judge prior to use.
2. Weight Pull Sled & Weight. Total weight of the sled & traces will be considered as part of the total weight pulled.
 - a) Drag Sled
 - Shall be capable of safely holding 500#
 - Sled can only be on level ground from the start line to the finish line.
 - Empty sled shall not exceed 25#
 - c) Pulling Surface
 - Width of the pulling surface shall be 22” to 50” only
 - Length of the pulling surface shall be 30” from the start line to track ending.
 - Sled can be done on carpet, dirt or grass only no asphalt or concrete

- Pulling area will be roped off 3ft on each side of the chute to prevent spectators from crowding pull area & distract the dog pulling. All dogs will be only allowed behind the start line.

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d) Judges, Assistants & Stewarts supplies

- Stop watch
- Score sheet will keep weight pulled and time pulled in
- Entry forms
- Result paperwork with weight pulled, timed pulled, percentage, & points to receive.
- Sled/Weight Handler, this is the person who will be helping move the cart if handler asks by taking weight off to help for a positive pull.
- Hooker, this is the person who will assist in handler to hook the dog to the sled or to unhook the dog from the sled as well as this person will hold the leash while dog pulls.

Section D: Procedure

1. Starting weight shall be offered on an empty sled
2. The weight increments will be 5 - 25# depending on size of dog
3. Handler can take 3 minutes before they have to pull again but only allowed 2x only while pulling.
4. Handlers can start their dogs on an empty sled up to 50#
5. Handler & dog will only be allowed 2 fouls, then the dog will be disqualified. What is ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED
 - a. Baiting toy, tug, wedge & sleeve only NO FOOD OR BITE SUIT (2nd person)
 - b. NO touching of dog or dog touching handler
 - c. NO sling shot, line must be relaxed on ground
 - d. NO being behind dog, this goes to a count of 3 seconds then will be called a foul
6. Harnessing while pulling shall be on dog will be ready to pull when name is called.
7. 5 Pulls turns only, you will only be allowed 5 turns to pull to hit the maximum you want to pull
8. Chute Rules
 - a) Pull will be 16 feet from start to finish
 - b) Pull will be done in 60 seconds, if gone past time of pull extra time will be added to pull time
 - c) Handler may call dog any way possible to get the dog to pull for them. As long as no foul language is being used.
 - d) Handler may clap, hit side of body or whatever movement to get the dog to want to pull for them.
 - e) Nothing is allowed to touch the dog from the point the handler lets go of the dog & walks away from the dog to start pulling, until the judge calls "PULL"
 - f) If the dog gets tangled in harness or pull line, judge will call tangle & stop the clock, handler can untangle dog & pull will continue, this will only happen once in each pull increment, if happens twice in pull increment then this will be called a foul.
 - g) No more than 1 foot of slack in line to be allowed. Handler may be in any position & as close to the dog as desired as long as no touching of dog or equipment occurs.

h) No double handling of dog while in chute will be allowed, if happens this will be considered a foul.

Section E: Titles & Points

1. Titles

a) Presa Drag Pull

- PDP1 .25% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)
- PDP2 (.50% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)
- PDP3 (.75% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)
- PDP4 (.100% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)

b) Canine Drag Pull

- CDP1 .25% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)
- CDP2 (.50% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)
- CDP3 (.75% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)
- CDP4 (.100% body weight / 3 qualify pulls)

c) Ranking Point Title (can start working toward these titles once you have received either the All Level PDP1/CDP1 title. Points will be in standing until title then will start at -0- again for next medal points.

d) Medalist Titles (must obtain points to receive medal titles)

- PDM1/CDM1 - 100 points
- PDM2/CDM2 - 150 points
- PDM3/CDM2 - 200 points

2. Points

a) MWP for each division = 10 points

b) MWPP for each division = 10 points

c) Division sections (Ex: FeeFee wins #/#, %, 1st= 5+5+8= 18 points)

- 1 place = 8
- 2 place = 6
- 3 place = 4
- 4 place = 2
- Best # for # = 5 points
- Best # for % = 5 points

3. Nationals

a) Qualify for nationals will be the top 5 in each of the following

- Division Males (Feather, Light, Middle, Heavy)

- Division Females (Feather, Light, Middle, Heavy)
- Individual Breeds (Ex: ABD, APBT, Presa etc)
- Points will indicate you being able to come to nationals (ex: Division top points of male & female, Breed top points)

b) Awards

- Best Male & Female of each Division (Feather, Light, Middle, Heavy)
- Best of Breed Male & Female
- National Winning Male & Female
- Nationals Best dog of the year

Section F: Novice

1. Pulling for No Points

- Must keep leash on while pulling if dog has never been on a rails or cart
- Must only be allowed from empty cart to 6 pulls
- Must be positive for handler & dog
- Must follow all rules above

2. Age 9 months can pull (are the titles a novice dog can obtain if don't without leash)

- NRP
- NCP

Sections G: Paperwork

1. Rules Applying To Exhibitors & Spectators.

- ???? exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship on and off the course. Judges and host may excuse exhibitors or spectators from the chute, on deck area, holding area or the event grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and event participants.

2. Complaints about the Judge's decision.

- By entering in a UKC event, the exhibitor is inviting the opinion of the Judge and must accept the Judge's decision as final. Exhibitors are encouraged to discuss calls with Judges but may not argue about the Judge's final decision. Complaints about the Judge may only be lodged by the host if the exhibitor believes the Judge has violated a specific ??? rule. Complaints about a Judge's knowledge of and ability to apply ??? Weight Pull rules may be filed with ??? but must address specific deficiencies.

3. Control of the dog.

- Handlers are expected to keep their dogs under control at all times. The Judge may expel from the event grounds any person whose failure to control a dog interferes with judging or with the ability of other handlers to pull their dogs.

4. Double handling.

- Persons outside the chute are prohibited from any actions, intentional or otherwise, which affect the performance of a dog in the chute or in the holding area. Persons who are family or household members, have trained or handled the dog in any capacity, or have anything to do with the dog in the chute shall not place themselves beyond the finish line. This prohibition shall apply equally to persons attempting to improve or to impair a performance. The Judge may expel from the event grounds any person they reasonably believe is attempting to affect the performance of a dog. Judges may excuse any handler and his/her dog when the Judge reasonably believes the dog is benefiting from "double handling".

5. Grounds clean-up.

- Handlers are required to clean up behind their dog if it fouls the chute, on deck area, holding area, or the event grounds. A host of the event may bring cleaning supplies for handlers to use, but is not required to supply cleaning supplies. Handler is required to owner/handler is required to clean the chute, on-deck area or event grounds. Any handler who fails to clean up after his dog may be directed by the host or judge to leave the event grounds. And will be turned into the ???.

6. Interfering with the Judge.

- No person may interfere with the Judge in any way while he/she is judging a weight class.
- 7. Performance-altering drugs or supplements.
 - No dog under the influence of a performance altering drug may participate in a weight pull. The use of performance altering drugs or supplements is strictly prohibited. Owners and handlers are presumed to know the condition of their dogs and risk disciplinary action for exhibiting dogs under the influence of performance-altering drugs.
- 8. Misbehavior of handlers.
 - a) Excusing a handler.
 - The Judge must excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship. The Judge has the sole discretion whether or not to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the pull with a substitute handler.
 - The Judge's decision in these matters is final.
 - Poor sportsmanship that rises to the level of misconduct must be dealt with in accordance with Section XXXII.
 - The handler must not be permitted to exhibit until the hearing has been held. A different handler may exhibit any additional dogs the handler has entered. In this case the club is not required to refund entry fees(s) for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day regardless if the dogs were shown or not.
 - Completing a pull after fouling or timing out.

A dog who has been timed out or has been assessed a foul shall be allowed to complete the pull. No credit is given for completing a pull when a foul has been assessed. The pull through should be a positive experience for the dog, with the handler encouraging and assisting the dog to complete the pull. It should not be corrective in any manner. A handler who is harsh or corrective during a pull through may be excused from the pull at the Judge's discretion.

 - Corrections. Physical corrections to the dog shall not be allowed in the chute.
 - Language. Profanity or offensive language shall not be allowed in the chute or on-deck area. The first incident the Judge will issue a warning. The second incident the Judge shall excuse the handler. The Judge has sole discretion whether or not to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the pull with a substitute handler.

Disciplinary Actions

- If owner/handler has been turned into the Organization the following actions will apply
- 1st time action, will get a notice of poor sportsmanship and will be allowed to give their side of the story.
- 2nd time action, will get notified of poor sportsmanship will be not allowed to come to nationals for that season.
- 3rd time action, will be notified of poor sportsmanship and will be banned from organization for pulling for a year.
- 4th time actions, will be banned forever.