

Weight Pulling

Conditions

- A. In order to compete in a NADSR event, the dog must register with NADSR. The owner must show proof of registration in the form of a registration certificate or photo ID. Registration forms will be available at each event for non-registered dogs. Registration forms and fees must be submitted to the affiliate club in order to receive points for the days events.
- B. Bitches that are in any part of the heat cycle or pregnant will not be allowed to enter any NADSR event. She will be disqualified with no refund on entry if she was entered deceptively.
- C. Dogs under 9 months of age do not qualify to participate.
- D. Dogs that are aggressive or become aggressive will be disqualified.
- E. No adhesives will be allowed on the competing dogs pads. They will be disqualified.
- F. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Officials and their Duties

A. Judge:

1. Conducts a handlers meeting prior to competition to discuss rules and answers questions and determines weight increases.
2. Determines any fouls or alibis.
3. Determines when each pull is complete.
4. Inspects the track and equipment used in the pull.
5. Checks tire inflation before the pull.
6. Times each pull.
7. Signs the final results of that days pull at the conclusion of the event.

B. Score Keeper

1. Enters all dogs into the event.
2. Weighs all dogs and puts them in the proper class.
3. Records fouls and alibis as the Judge calls.
4. Documents each dogs weight and time as the Judge calls.
5. Alerts cart handlers when and how much weight to add per round.
6. Sign results forms at the end of the event.

C. Entry Director

1. Calls dogs to the holding area.
2. Assures all dogs are harnessed a

D. Cart Handler

1. Loads and unloads the cart with the amount of weight instructed.
2. Sets cart at starting line for each pull.
3. Hooks and un-hooks pulling harness from the dog.

E. Club Officer

1. Certify the final results by signing the results after the Judge and Score Keeper have signed. Seal the results in an envelope in the presence of the Judge and Score Keeper. This envelope should be mailed to NADSR within one week.

Weight Classes

Male and Female

Pee Wee Class 5 lbs. To 24 lbs.

25 lbs. to 45 lbs.

46 lbs. to 65 lbs.

66 lbs. to 85 lbs.

86 lbs. to 105 lbs.

106 lbs. to 125 lbs.

126 lbs. To 150 lbs.

151 lbs. And UP

If less than 4 dogs are entered in a class they must move to the next higher class to assure a minimum of 4 dogs per class.

NADSR Weight Pull Champions

A. NADSR Weight Champions may compete only against other NADSR Champions.

B. May pull in a regular pull, but must notify the Judge of Champion status before pull and may not gain points in that days pull.

C. May only have one handler. Dog may not start pulling until handler is behind the 15 ft. line. Handler must stay behind the 15 ft. line.

Competition Area

A. Pulling Area

1. Track must be a smooth, hard, level surface covered with 1/2" nap carpet.
2. The pulling area should be no less than 10 feet wide.
3. The track/carpet should be no less than 35 feet long and 6 feet wide.
4. The starting line should be marked 7 feet from the beginning of carpet so the complete length of the cart will be on the carpet.
5. From starting line to finish line should be 15 feet. (both lines should be clearly marked)
6. Second handler line is 21 feet from starting line.
7. Ten feet on either side of the pulling track should be blocked off to reduce distractions.
8. Only the dog who is pulling and the handlers are allowed in the pulling area.

B. Waiting Area

1. An area chosen by the club and approved by the Judge.
2. In the waiting area all dogs should be kenneled waiting to be called to the Holding area.

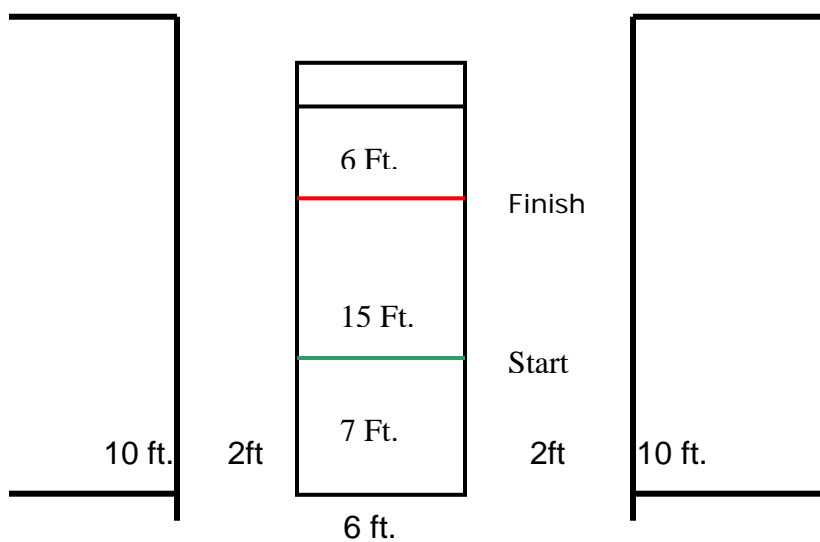
C. Holding Area

1. An area chosen by the club and approved by the Judge.
2. This area other wise known as "on deck" or "in the hole" is for the next dog and handler to wait their turn.

Equipment and Pulling Requirements

- A. The cart must be NADSR approved.
- B. All equipment must be checked and approved by the Judge during the handlers meeting.
- C. All collars must be flat leather or nylon. No slip, prongs studded collars or e-collars.
- D. A leash cannot be attached to the dog while pulling.
- E. Traces are limited to no less than 4 feet and no more than 6 feet.
- F. There can be no more than 1 foot of slack in the traces when the dog starts the pull.
- G. Harnesses are to be supplied by the handler and approved by the Judge.

- H. Upon entering the Holding Area, the dog should have the harness on.
 I. Harnesses may be removed between pulls. Dogs must be harnessed when waiting in Holding Area.



- J. The total weight of the cart and traces will be calculated into the total weight pulled and must be certified by the Judge.
 K. The weight must be certified by the Judge.
 L. The cart must be placed with the front wheels directly behind and touching the starting line for the pull to begin.
 M. The dog will have 60 seconds to pull the cart a distance of 15 ft. without any alibis or fouls.
 N. When the front wheels touch the finish line the pull is complete and time is recorded.
 O. Failure to complete a pull or commit 3 fouls will be cause for elimination.

Baiting

- A. No allowed

Pulling Procedures

- A. All dogs must be in good health and physically able to compete.
 B. Pulling order will be determined by the Judge.
 C. Dogs must be harnessed when they reach the Holding Area until called to pull.
 D. All dogs must be walked, not carried, to the pulling cart.
 E. Starting weight for each class is 500 pounds.
 F. After the completed pull, the dog must return to the Waiting Area for the next pull.
 G. The handler must stay in the Waiting Area with their dog once the pull has commenced, with the exception of the handler having more than one dog in a weight class. The second dog must be kenneled.
 H. Two handlers can work the dog. Handler one may stay inside the 15 ft. mark and handler two must remain outside the 21 ft. mark.
 I. The handler may not touch the dog when the pull has commenced until the dog reaches the 21 ft mark or the Judge gives the OK.
 J. A dog handler may choose to pass on three weight increases per event but not consecutively.

Fouls and Alibis

A Foul is committed when:

1. Anyone touches the cart or dog without the Judge's OK after the pull has commenced and the time has started.
2. If the handler or anyone else pushes, pulls or drops the dog at the start of the pull.
3. If the handler makes aggressive actions toward the dog while the dog is pulling.
4. After two Alibis have taken place.
5. If the handler hooks or unhooks the dog from the cart.

The dog will be eliminated from the competition after the Third Foul. The dog's final score will be taken from the previous pull.

An Alibi is an unintentional circumstance that causes the dog to be unable to complete the pull. When an Alibi has occurred, the Judge will stop the time and instruct the handler to fix the problem and the dog will restart the pull.

Points and Awards

A. Weight Pulling Titles will be issued by NADSR for dogs that pull at least:

20 times their body weight = Weight Pull 1 Title

30 times their body weight = Weight Pull 2 Title

40 times their body weight = Weight Pull 3 Title

50 times their body weight = Weight Pull 4 Title

B. Awards will also be given by the Club for:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each weight class.

Most Weight Pulled Overall (MWPO)

Most Weight Pulled pound per pound of Body Weight. This dog will receive 5 additional points. (WP/BW)

C. A dog must complete one pull to be counted as an entry and gain points.

D. Ties can be broken by the elapsed time it took for each dog to pull their final pull. If two or more dogs have the same time, then a pull-off will take place.

E. Placements and points to earn a Weight Pulling Championship:

1. 1st place - 35 pts.

2. 2nd place - 30 pts.

3. 3rd place - 25 pts.

F. To become a NADSR Weight Pulling Champion (issued by NADSR), the dog must have one 1st place win and a total of 125 points from a NADSR sanctioned events.

G. To become a NADSR Weight Pulling Grand Champion (issued by NADSR) the dog must have three 1st place wins from a NADSR Champion class and a total of 225 points. If anyone else pushes, pulls or drops the dog at the start of the pull.