

2017 Eliot Antique Tractor & Engine Show Informational Tractor Rule Guidelines

Because of numerous complaints & safety issues we have revamped the rules. Board members are forced to enforce these going forward. We know that these may upset some people but we hope that you will understand and continue to come to the show. We love having everyone at the show and look forward to the biggest show yet!

General Tractor Operation Rules:

1. No tractor operators under the age of 12 regardless of tractor size.
2. Full size tractors must be operated by 16 years and older and you must hold a valid drivers license that must be shown at registration. You will have to have a special sticker attached to your numbered registration plate affixed to the tractor at all times while on the RHFMM property if you are 16-18 years old.
3. Ages 12-16 years old or those without a valid drivers license must pass a safety test to operate your tractor. You will also have a special sticker attached to your numbered registration plate affixed to the tractor at all times while on the RHFMM property. You must also have a parent sign a liability waiver assuming all risks.
4. In order to operate a tractor on the grounds of the RHFMM you must be a member in good standing with the RHFMM OR another organization. You must show your current liability waiver and current year membership card when you register if it is with another organization. (*East Coast Tractor Club, Maine Antique Tractor Club, Southern Maine Tractor Club*)
5. Only one operator per seat. ex: no riders on fenders, hoods, standing on the hitch.
6. Tractor operators must be seated and looking in the direction of travel at all times. No exceptions. You will be parked for the remainder of the event if unsafe operation is viewed or reported.
7. If you witness any unsafe operation of any piece of machinery, please stop the activity immediately or bring it to our attention as soon as possible. Safety first at all times. If you see something, please say something. Thank you for helping to make the Antique Tractor & Engine Show Great Again....:)
8. If you have any questions please call before coming to the show. You can reach Steve @ 207-748-1749, Tom at 207-475-2152 or Phil @ 401-225-3695.

Lawn & Garden Tractor Specific Rules

1. Antique Lawn & Garden Tractors 1976 and older are allowed. (*persons displaying must be able to verify year of manufacture*)
2. No operators under the age of 12. *see rule #1 under General Tractor Operation Rules*
3. Lawn & Garden Tractors may only be operated during the parade. All Lawn & Garden Tractors must line up in a separate line and follow behind the full size tractors in the parade.

4. No lawn and garden tractors allowed to operate in the first two rows in front of the stage. If you are camping there, you are allowed to exit the area, in consideration of people trying to listen to stage activity. (exception is for the parade participation as the route runs by the stage)
5. No straight pipes allowed. Must be OEM type muffler.
6. Lawn & Garden Tractor operators under the age of 16 cannot tow a trailer with any passengers at any time.
7. Only one operator per seat. ex: no riders on fenders, hoods, standing on hitch etc.

Handicap Persons operating a lawn and garden tractor for transportation purposes will need to register and show their handicap placard and proof of liability insurance covering said vehicle to receive the special sticker that allows you to operate the vehicle on the grounds.

Parade Rules

1. All tractor operators must following all safety rules in the General Rule and Lawn and Garden Tractor Rules.
2. All full sized tractors go first in the parade due to safety reasons. Followed by Lawn and Garden Tractors.
3. Operators must be seated at all times, facing the direction of travel.
4. Numbered plate must be on the right side so the announcer can share your information.
5. Lawn and Garden Tractors must be parked and engines turned off immediately after the parade.

Why we had to do this

When we started this show it was for Antique Farm Tractors & Engines. We have now reached a point where there is no more room, numerous complaints about the noise, speed, and inattention of drivers. We have to get back to our original theme of the show, with antique full size farm tractors and engines. Post 1976 Lawn and garden tractors will no longer be considered an exhibit.

Please come to the show and bring something that fits with the theme of the show. If you don't have anything please come and volunteer as we need you to run working exhibits that we have but don't have the manpower to run during the show.

There is no reason for you to be upset and not come to the show. We want everyone to attend and enjoy themselves, we just can't be overrun with displays that don't stick within our guidelines for the show.

There are plenty of pre 1976 older tractors that are available if you want one to display and still be an exhibitor. If this doesn't work, we will no longer have any riding lawn mowers allowed at all. Thank you for helping to make the 22nd Eliot Antique Tractor & Engine Show a success.