

## **NYTPA PROTOCOL AND OPERATING PROCEDURES**

1. To be eligible to receive an end of season points check a competitor must be both a NYTPA and PPL competing member and participate in 2/3 of the scheduled events. The vehicle must be registered with PPL. At an event, the competitor must pay their entry fee and pass Tech inspection. It is the responsibility of the competitor to contact a NYTPA Tech official to inspect their vehicle.
2. Registration is open 4 hours before the start of the event. Please give the entry clerk the courtesy of entering as soon as entry opens. **Bring the correct change.** For split class events like Greenwich, Schaghticoke, and Hebron, if the competitor is on site, register in the morning event even if you don't pull until the evening.
3. Registration closes 1 ½ hours before the start time of the event. Any driver/vehicle not registered at that time will NOT pull in that session. It is driver's responsibility to call entry, a Tech Official or other puller to get them registered. If you ask someone to register for you, they MUST pay the entry fee for you. A number will be selected and a receipt issued to them for you. The vehicle must be on the grounds before its class starts to compete and collect points.
4. Points are calculated 50 for 1<sup>st</sup>, down by 2 until 26 for 13<sup>th</sup> place. All remaining competitors will receive 25 points respectively, if a measured distance has been made under green flag conditions.
5. The registered competitor must attend the drivers meeting and answer roll call. If the competitor cannot attend the meeting he/she must send a representative who must identify him/herself as being the representative for said competitor. If neither the competitor nor a representative is not in attendance 5 points will be deducted from vehicle points. The competitor must make every effort to attend the drivers meeting. A pattern of continuous use of a representative will be addressed by the Director of Operations and the President.
6. If a competitor is eligible after a measured distance, to drop and re-hook (test hook or didn't go 100 feet): then breaks and cannot return he receives last place points and money BEFORE a DQ.
7. If a competitor breaks on the line, wherein he has made every effort to get the vehicle started; however, he does not get a measurable distance he will receive last place points and last place money AFTER a competitor who has hooked and broke before his re-hook (6 above) and AFTER a DQ.
8. If a competitor breaks while in staging the vehicle will receive 15 points and last place money AFTER a competitor who has hooked and broke before his re-hook (6 above) and AFTER a DQ will be issued.
9. Disqualifications will receive last place points and money if their class except for #7 & #8 above. If there is more than one DQ in a class, they will split last place points and money.
10. If a competitor scratches without hooking to the sled the vehicle receives 15 points and no purse money is paid.
11. Once a vehicle has scratched from a session, it cannot re-enter into that class.
12. NYTPA adopted the PPL policy of no splits or ties for pull-offs. At least one of the competitors will hook to the sled and make a measurable distance. In case of a tie in other than 1<sup>st</sup> place, points and money will be distributed equally for that place finish.
13. When a class has been officially presented, but must be called for any reason, the purse and points will be split equally to all competitors based on the number of entries in the class. 2/3 of the class presented shall make the class official.

14. All points are awarded to a NYTPA and PPL registered vehicle, not the driver. If the driver or the vehicle is not registered with PPL, a PPL one-day fee must be paid.
15. If a vehicle is sold during a competitor's season the points stay with the vehicle.
16. No rain out points apply or money paid if entries do not open. If entry opens, the vehicle must stay at the event until the rain out is officially called. If the vehicle leaves the grounds prior to the official call no rain out points will be given and no money will be paid to the competitor. Rain points are 15 points and rain out money, is applicable, is \$100.00.
17. In the event of rain during a pull-off, points & money will be divided equally to those in the pull-off.
18. PPL requires that all sponsorship decals and patches be properly displayed to pass Tech. This applies to ALL vehicles including non-PPL members competing on a day-hook fee. No points will be issued and no money distributed if decals are not displayed prominently on the vehicle.
19. A competitor must receive points from 5 events to qualify for any championship awards and recognition. This applies to ALL classes.
20. Points will not be awarded at any level for any reason for no shows.
21. Following PPL Rules Crew shirts and long pants are highly recommended.
22. For driver introductions, which must be attended by the driver or a team representative, they must wear a driver's suit, team shirt, or NYTPA shirt (tucked in with long pants recommended). We want to look professional. Wear your NYTPA hat.
23. During the completion only the driver and one (1) crew member are allowed in the line-up area and on the track. Anyone within the restricted areas requires associate membership and must sign the waiver at all events.
24. Any team member or support vehicle on the track while a vehicle is under the green flag (running down the track with or behind the vehicle) will result in a disqualification for the vehicle and driver.
25. Any driver or crew member found under the influence of drugs or using intoxicating agents in the track area will disqualify the vehicle and driver. The track area is defined as 30 ft. within the track.
26. Fire extinguishers must always be in reach of the driver while seated in competition vehicle – 2.5 lb. minimum.
27. Drawbars – The primary drawbar MUST be painted white and safety hitch (secondary drawbar) MUST be painted orange.
28. All turbo charged engines must have cross bolts in the exhaust stack.
29. All drivers must have fireproof suits, gloves, head-sock, shoes, and Snell minimum helmets. Helmet face shields & neck collars are highly recommended. Tech Officials are required to wear fire retardant uniforms (no polyester) and safety shoes while the event is in session.
30. No alcohol or alcohol-based substances are to be placed in the water injection system except for the water/alcohol allowed for turbines.
31. The No Drone policy is official. If any drones are spotted anywhere within the pulling event area the pull will be shut down until the drone is removed.
32. All vehicles must have rear safety light, white in color, wired to come on while in neutral, an additional light (amber or green) may come on when vehicle is in reverse.
33. Modified – All cross boxes and drop boxes must have a total material minimum of 1.5" billet aluminum or 3/4 steel surrounding sides and top of either configuration.