WEST LIBERTY LIONS LABOR DAY <u>FUN</u> PULL IS FOR ORIGINAL OR RESTORED, NONMODIFIED ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC TRACTORS.

THE PULL IS FOR FUN AND IS TO BE CONDUCTED WITH SAFETY IN MIND. DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.

- 1. Registration will be from 9 AM to 10 AM Sunday morning at the track. All tractors must be on the grounds by 7:00PM Saturday. The pulling order plates are to be taped to the tractor's left side. There will be a driver's meeting at the track 15 minutes before the pull. Attendance is mandatory, this being the time and place to ask questions. All drivers must be at least age 16.
- 2. Antique tractors may pull as classics however with the exception of pull offs, each tractor will only pull once unless your first pull is less than 10' in which case you have one second chance.
- 3. Up to two sets of wheel weights **OR** fluid is allowed as rear ballast. Weights must be attached to standard hubs/wheels in a manner suitable for agricultural field use. Tires must not be more than 1 size from original. No front weights, weighting brackets or suitcase attachment bars. Loaders and non-standard wheel hubs/rims will be considered front weights. Tractors with loaders, non-standard weights and weight brackets may be allowed to pull exhibition if time permits.
- 4. Hitch settings: In all cases, hitch to and pull only with a factory hitch/drawbar designed by the manufacturer or an aftermarket supplier. The hitch is to be set in the manufacturer's normal height range and at its normally designed distance behind the rear axle. In no case will a factory drawbar assembly be modified to reach a specific height or distance from the axle. Spacers or stacks of washers will not be used to either raise or lower hitches. Some tractors have naturally high factory drawbars (Minnies being an example) and such high "framed" tractors must have their factory drawbars set low to prevent dangerous wheelies since we do not require wheelie bars. All hitches are subject to inspection. You must furnish a clevis and have the clevis on the drawbar when you back to the sled. A homemade bolt on clevis or pulling eye must be at least 3/4" thick and safely/solidly attached. During lineup, backfield judges and/or hitching crew members will rule on hitches, safety and modifications.
- 5. Engine RPM to be within 10% of factory specifications. Overriding the governor is prohibited. No on track adjustments.
- **6.** Pull only in a low gear and remain in the tractor seat. No type of "power shifting" is allowed.
- 7. Wheelie bars and kill switches are not required at this **fun** pull so in fairness to all, the flagger is the boss! Obey the flagger or lose your place without dispute or challenge! Even if you DO have wheelie bars, you are still expected to stop when flagged! Claiming you didn't see the flagger is no excuse. **It is the driver's job to watch, pay attention to and obey the flagger!** When the flagger waves the red flag, stop or forfeit your pull!
- **8.** Only pull officials are allowed on the track. If you are an official and your tractor is pulling, or a tractor you are "with" is pulling, you must stay with the crowd behind the guard rails. Driver coaching is a prohibited driver distraction, see rule #7.
- 9. Tractors will be classed as Antique ('39 and older) or Classics ('40 through '55) and then divided into plow classes, one, two, three or four plow and up. Each of the classic classes will be further divided into heavy and light classes. For example: In most of the country a Minnie Z and an Oliver 70 can be rated as 2 plow tractors but the Minnie would be a heavy 2 plow & the Oliver a light.
- 10. If a puller's place is challenged, both pullers may be asked to hook to a dynamometer. Maximum PTO speed and HP will be checked. If in the opinion of the judges either or both tractors are believed to be operating beyond the manufacturer's originally intended speed (110% of rated) and HP, the place will be forfeited. If hooking to the dynamometer is refused, the place will be forfeited. Any puller protesting either another's pull or tractor must be lodged with the officials promptly following the tractor's pull. Remember this pull is only for fun not for profit.

