SAFETY

Procedure - Rules for safe tractor operation listed under “safe driving rules” will apply in this event. Each contestant will be scored on safety any time he/she is involved with tractor operation. This applies to the practical examination and the practice period as well as the time before, during, and after the driving events. Safety judges will be on hand to record violations during these periods.

TWO-WHEEL DRIVING EVENT

Procedure - The judges will be available for each part of the event, including practice driving, checking safety violations, timing the two-wheel course, recording scores, and measuring and observing operation.

Procedure for Contestant

Contest personnel will have the equipment in the correct position and proper location for each contestant.

Starting Tractor Engine - Upon mounting, contestants will be responsible for seeing that (1) brakes are set (if the tractor is equipped with a power shift transmission, the gear shift is placed in park position in lieu of setting the brakes); (2) gear shift is in neutral or park position and; (3) PTO is disengaged. The tractor is then started and run at idling speed until ready to start driving.

Driving the Course - Notify the starting officials when ready to begin driving (tractor in neutral, clutch engaged, brakes set, PTO disengaged and engine idling). On a signal from the judge, drive the contest course. Timing will begin when the tractor breaks the plain.

Stopping Procedure - After backing the implement into the shed as near the stopping stakes as possible, without touching them, contestant will signal judge (timing ends), shift into neutral or park, set brakes (if the tractor is equipped with a power shift transmission, the gear shift is placed in park position in lieu of setting the brakes), engage clutch, and shut off engine. The sequence of this operation does not necessarily need to be followed, so long as all operations are accomplished in a safe manner.

Scoring

A 6-minute time limit will be used on the two-wheel driving event. Total score will be the summation of points assessed for course violations, time required to drive the course, and position of the tractor and implement at the completion of the drive. Time penalty score is 1 point for each second used. 300 points will be added to the score after 4 minutes.