

# SEMO District Fair 4-H & FFA Tractor Rodeo

**Sponsored By  
The Optimist Club  
of Jackson**

**12 Noon, Friday, September 18, 2009**

**Superintendents/Micah Bristow & David Wells**

**Premiums-**

1st.....Trophy & \$35    2nd .....Trophy & \$25  
3rd.....Trophy & \$15    4th.....\$10

**General Rules-**

1. Contest is open to any 4-H or FFA member enrolled in enrolled in 4-H Club in district, or FFA member enrolled in high school within their district. Entries must be made between 11:00 a.m. day of the contest.
  2. **Written consent of parent or guardian must be presented before contestant will be permitted to participate. Consent form page 37 this catalog.**
  3. One (1) tractor will be furnished. All contestants will use this same tractor.
  4. A two (2) wheel implement will be used for the contest course. This will be provided by SEMO District Fair.
  5. A penalty scoring system will be used. Violators of rules will draw penalty points for the contestant. The contestant with the lowest total score will be the winner of the event. Judges will be assigned to specific events in the contest. Any misinterpretation of Rules arising before or during contest may be revised depending on contest conditions; the decisions of Superintendents and Judges will be final.
  6. Each FFA chapter or 4-H Club is limited to three (3) entrants.
  7. Safe Tractor Driving Rules will apply to the event.
- Safe Tractor Driving Rules-**
8. When mounting tractor, set brakes, place the gear shift lever in neutral position and disengage clutch before starting engine.
  9. Place PTO lever in neutral position before starting engine and keep in disengaged at all times except when it is in use.
  10. Engage clutch gently and avoid careless or sudden starts and stops which tend to 'bounce' front wheels off the ground or cause rear wheels to 'dig in.'
  11. Avoid unnecessary slipping of clutch maneuvering in the driving contest. The operator's foot (or hand) may remain on the clutch, but 'riding' the clutch is to be avoided.
  12. Release brakes before starting to drive the tractor.
  13. Keep tractor in gear when driving. Never shift into neutral or disengage clutch to coast part of the way.
  14. Ride on tractor seat or stand on platform. Never ride on drawbar or hitch of implement being drawn.
  15. Reduce speed to a safe level before making a turn or applying one (1) brake.
  16. Do not permit extra riders on the tractor at any time.
  17. Bring tractor to a complete stop before dismounting.
  18. Set brakes before dismounting.
  19. Road gear should not be used during the practice or driving period. Any gear which will permit a ground speed of ten miles per hour (10mph) or faster will be considered a road gear.
  20. Drive tractor at speeds slow enough to insure safety, both for yourself and the contest Officials.
  21. Wear clothing with snug fitting cuffs. Loose fitting, baggy clothing is to be avoided.
  22. Smoking during the practice period or while the contestant is participating will not be permitted.
  23. Disqualification will result in turning the tractor to come in contact with equipment.
  24. Mount and dismount tractor properly. Use steps, if provided by the manufacturer.
  25. When leaving tractor, shift into neutral, set brakes, engage clutch and shut off engine.
  26. The sequence of this operation does not necessarily need to be followed as all operations are accomplished in a safe manner.

**Procedure for Contest**

**Starting Tractor Engine-**Upon mounting the tractor, contestant will be responsible for seeing that brakes are set, PTO disengaged and engine idling. Official will then give the signal and timing begins. The contestant then proceeds to drive the course.

**Stopping Procedure-**After backing implement into the shed as near the stopping stakes as possible, without touching, the contestant will shift into neutral, set 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-**

Each contestant will have a three (3) minute time limit. A penalty of two hundred eighty (280) points will be added to the contestant's score for failure to complete the course within the allotted time, with this exception: If time is called immediately prior to the completion of an event, the contestant will be stopped and measurements will be taken. If penalties due to measurement are less than two hundred eighty (280) points for exceeding the time limit, he receives the lower score. In the event that time is called, the penalty points received for time plus two hundred eighty 280 will not exceed four hundred sixty (460) penalty points (three (3) minutes x sixty (60) plus two hundred eighty 280)

Two (2) stakes will serve as the back of the shed each located two feet (2') in from the corner. Contestants will be penalized ten (10) points for each inch over two inches (2") from the farthest stake to the implement.

**Tractor Rodeo Score Sheet**

**Starting Safety-**

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| 1. Failure to check neutral position .....                 | 50 |
| 2. Failure to disengage clutch while starting engine ..... | 25 |
| 3. Failure to check PTO for disengagement .....            | 50 |

**Mounting and Dismounting Safety-**

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|---|--------------|
| 1. Failure to check neutral position of gearshift .....               | 50           |
| 2. Failure to set brake before dismounting.....                       | 50           |
| 3. Jumping on or off tractor.....                                     | 100          |
| 4. Failure to bring tractor to complete stop before dismounting ..... | Disqualified |

**Other Safety**

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| 1. Smoking .....                     | 100   |
| 2. Extra rider.....                  | 100   |
| 3. Loose fitting clothing .....      | 100   |
| 4. Others (listed and explain) ..... | ..... |

**Driving Safety-**

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| 1. Failure to engage clutch gently.....   | 10   |
| 2. Riding Clutch (foot on pedal over 5 seconds).....  | 10   |
| 3. Clutch disengaged while moving .....   | 40   |
| 4. Failure to ride on seat safely or stand on platform .....  | 100  |
| 5. Skidding or spinning heels (with or without hard braking).....   | 100  |
| 6. Operating or moving in unsafe manner .....   | 100  |
| 7. Moving tractor with brake set .....  | 10   |
| 8. Inadequate precautions when others are around (judges, contestants, spectators, or intentionally running over panels)..... | Disqualified                                     |
| 9. Change of travel direction.....  | 20   |
| 10. Panels touched or moved .....   | 40   |
| 11. Parking implement - back of shed .....  | ..... inches over 2 inches at 10 points per inch |