



Junior Member Driving assessment

The Aim of this assessment is for member clubs to assess junior members in their tractor handling skills.

The NHMA has been successful in getting Insurance coverage for junior members to drive their tractors in restricted (off road) club events, and as such the participating clubs need to have taken the following steps.

1. A motion on their minutes that they have established a junior driver assessment committee and assess each junior as to their ability to operate their tractors.
2. The assessment committee should consist of at least two senior club members
3. Show the name of the junior member, and their NHMA insurance number
4. Show the tractor make and model they are assessed on
5. Be signed by the examiners
6. Be signed by Parent/ Guardian

This is to allow junior members 10 years and over to operate their tractors in a restricted area, not on a public road of any type, including street parades, as they would be required to hold an appropriate driving licence under applicable state law to do so. In addition the tractor does not have to be registered if its use is restricted to non-public roads. There is no reason, however, that a junior can not be assessed on a registered tractor.

All NHMA safety guidelines need to be complied with, including the requirement for a seat for every person on the tractor. With most makes, this will limit trainers and assessors to watching or assisting from the ground.

Assist and assess from well to the side, NEVER from immediately in front or behind the tractor or in front of the rear wheels unless the tractor is either turned off, or is **shown** to be in neutral and the brake applied.



Junior Member Driving Assessment Criteria

Club Name			
Assessor 1 Name		Ph.	NHMA Number
Assessor 2 Name		Ph.	NHMA Number
Junior Member's Name			NHMA Number

Junior tractor drivers are to be assessed regarding the following criteria:

1. Able to safely get on and off the tractor (assistance is allowed).
2. Able to reach all the required controls, brake, clutch, gear lever, throttle etc and if the tractor is equipped with them the ignition switch or stop button.
3. Able to correctly select the appropriate gear and throttle setting for whatever they are planning on doing with the tractor and describe why they have chosen that gear and setting.
4. Able to smoothly and safely move and steer the tractor forward and backwards.
5. Able to smoothly and safely back the tractor up to the tractor pull sled if they are going to participate in tractor pulls.
6. Able to describe the safety and safe operating requirements of a driver participating in a tractor pull if they are going to participate in tractor pulls.
7. Understand and demonstrate how to park the tractor, stop the engine and leave it parked safely with the handbrake applied if the tractor has one.

Note: It is not expected that the junior tractor driver is able to start the tractor. Adult assistance is permitted (and even recommended) particularly for those tractors that are crank handle, flywheel, hot bulb or rope pull start.



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Club Name			
Assessor 1 Name		Ph.	NHMA Number
Assessor 2 Name		Ph.	NHMA Number
Junior Member's Name			NHMA Number

The committee has assessed that they can operate the following tractors:

Tractor	Assessment Date	Assessor's Signature
1.		1. 2.
2.		1. 2.
3.		1. 2.
4.		1. 2.
5.		1. 2.
6.		1. 2.
Does the junior understand the safety rules and requirements for a driver participating in a tractor pull?	Yes/No	1. 2.

I authorise the junior driver named herein to participate in NHMA tractor displays and events up to their assessed skill level.		
Parent/guardian	Name:	Signature:
Date:	Phone:	