



UNIFIED PULLING FEDERATION

(Weight Pull Rules)

Fees/Membership

1. No membership fees
2. All breeds and mixed breeds welcome
3. The show host will send \$10.00 (US) per dog that competes in a given event to the UPF

Eligibility

1. All dogs competing for qualifying legs and points must be 36 weeks of age
2. All dogs must have their own freight harness
3. All dogs must be kept in a safe/secure crate
4. All dogs must use a flat collar. No pinch collars or choke chains allowed
5. No females in heat will be allowed to compete or be present at show site
6. Novice dogs are allowed to use a leash if needed
 - a. 36-week-old dogs or older pulling novice on leash get one qualifying leg towards nationals per event. There is a maximum of 5 pulls allowed
 - b. under 36 weeks old it's up to the judge to allow. These pulls do not count towards qualifying for nationals. There is a maximum of 3 pulls allowed if using a leash.
7. No human/dog aggressive dogs will be allowed to pull or at the show site
8. Animal abuse will not be tolerated. This includes physical or verbal abuse. The chief judge reserves the right to disqualify (DQ) a handler for abuse
9. The chief judge will determine if a dog is too unhealthy to pull at time of weigh-in
10. All dogs must be weighed in no more than 24 hours before show and cannot be weighed more than twice per day

Weight Classes & Divisions

Light Weight Division

0-19 lbs
20-29 lbs
30-39 lbs

Middle Weight Division

40-49 lbs
50-59 lbs
60-69 lbs

Light Heavy Weight Division

70-79 lbs
80-89 lbs
90-99 lbs

Heavy Weight Division

100-109 lbs
110-119 lbs
120 and over (unlimited)

Pull Procedures

1. Chief judge's decisions are final
2. Handler can choose weight to come in on and have unlimited passes
3. All pulls will have variable weight increments. It is the chief judge's decision on weight increments between rounds. Body pound calls are also at the chief judge's discretion
4. One foul allowed.
 - a. If you touch your dog during the pull: the first time is a foul the second time is a DQ.
 - b. Touching the cart during pull is a DQ
5. If your dog eliminates on the track, it is an automatic DQ (a broken/bleeding nail is not considered a DQ)
6. No "slingshot" starts
7. You may not drive your dog from directly behind dog. You may drive the dog from the side of the dog
8. All pulls must be completed within 60 seconds. If the cart is rolling when the time hits 60 seconds the dog will be allowed to complete the pull and move on to the next round
9. Time starts when you call or motion your dog to pull or the dog shows forward progress
10. Once your dog is released you cannot step across the trace line
11. Dogs weighing the same in each class that go out on the same weight, the winner will be determined by the previous round; whichever dog pulled the round in the fastest time will be the winner
12. Dogs will be ready to pull when the chief judge calls the dog. The chief judge reserves the right to pass the dog if handler is not ready in a timely manner
13. Handlers will be allowed 5 minutes between rounds if asked for by handler
14. A tangle will be called by the chief judge only
 - a. A tangle will be called only if dog is in danger of injury
 - b. Only 1 tangle per round. If you dog tangles 2 times on one round you will be DQ'd
 - c. In the event of a tangle the cart will be repositioned on the start line and you will have 60 seconds to complete pull
15. No baiting during pull. You may give treats and water in handler's area
16. Dog's feet may have water put on them between rounds
17. Absolutely no performance enhancing drugs. The UPF will have a drug test conducted at nationals by a licensed vet

Handlers

1. No double handling
2. You may clap or cheer for a dog pulling if you are 10' from pulling surface
3. Only dogs where double handling is allowed are novice dogs

Point System

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| 1 st Place: | 10 points |
| 2 nd Place: | 7 points |
| 3 rd Place: | 5 points |

1 additional point for every dog that makes at least once successful pull in your class

10 points for divisional Most Weight Pulled (MWP)

10 points for divisional Most Weight Pulled per Pound (MWPP)

Classes determined by MWPP

(Both MWP and MWPP points can *ONLY* be earned by the same dog at UPF nationals)

Nationals

1. To be eligible to compete, a dog must compete in 5 events to qualify for nationals
 - a. If your dog cannot complete 5 events buy-ins at nationals will be available. Cost is \$10 x the number of events needed to meet eligibility requirements. Example if your dog competed in 3 events cost to buy-in would be \$20 plus cost of nationals entry fee
 - b. All titles earned during season will be handed out at nationals

Surface type

1. Rail system on carpet
2. Wheels on dirt or carpet

Rail Systems

1. All rail systems must be at least 32' in length and 30" in width between rails
2. All completed pulls will be 16' between start and finish line
3. Rail types can be round, flat, or v-groove
4. All pulls will be conducted on a flat or inclined surface. No downhill grades permitted
5. The cart will have a minimum 3' trace and a maximum of 5'. The trace will be securely attached to the front/middle of the cart
6. Weight cannot exceed the outside edges of the cart
7. Casters can be any size. They must be rated to hold the amount of weight being loaded on the cart

Wheel pulls

1. Metal or wood carts are acceptable
2. Cart must have 2 axles and 4 tires
3. Weight must be equal in all 4 tires and checked by chief judge prior to pull
4. Maximum height on tires may not exceed 18"
5. Lead rope must be minimum of 4 feet and maximum of 5 feet

6. Lead must attached to cart in “V” form with sliding clasp
7. Wheel tracks must be a minimum of 10' wide and 32' long
8. Must have safe fencing on both sides of track
9. Start/Finish line must be clearly marked and be 16' from start to finish

Sanctioning

1. Show season is 11/1 thru 9/30. Shows may be sanctioned outside of these dates but do not count towards qualifying for nationals
2. All pulls must be sanctioned 30 days before event
3. Dual sanctioned events are authorized; however, all UPF rules must be
4. applied for both regular and novice classes
5. Pulls can be scheduled any day of the week (Monday – Sunday). No limit on the number of events scheduled
5. NO alcohol or drug use permitted at any UPF event
6. Entry forms, result, score and summary sheets must be sent to the webmistress apbtme2@gmail.com; per dog fees must be sent to the treasurer through PayPal (using ‘send to a friend’ feature) within 10 days of conclusion of event. Email for PayPal is karenpearce.upf@gmail.com
7. Paperwork and per dog fees for events sanctioned in September **MUST** be received within 24 hours of event weekend
8. Paperwork and per dog fees received late incur a **\$50** late charge

Points Titles

Title Name	Points Earned
PRO 1	100
PRO 2	200
PRO 3	300
PRO 4	400
PRO 5	500
PRO 6	600
PRO 7	700
PRO 8	800
PRO 9	900
PRO 10	1,000*

*Titles will continue on indefinitely going 100 points at a time

UPF Titles

Title Name	% Pulled	# of Times
UPF 1	10%	5
UPF 2	20%	5
UPF 3	30%	5
UPF 4	40%	5
UPF 5	50%	5
UPF 6	60%	5
UPF 7	70%	5
UPF 8	80%	5
UPF 9	90%	5
UPF 10	100%	5