

Rules

Tractor Skills contest

European tractor driving skills contest

This year there will be a European tractor driving skills contest. The contest is aiming for a save and efficient use of tractors in combination with equipment or trailers. The contest is based on 4 tests with tractor and/or agriculture equipment with judging the skills of the driver.

Rules

1. **The competitor**
 - 1.1. **Demands for the competitor**
A valid driver license is required.
 - 1.2. **The subscribing**
The subscribing to the contest takes place by filling in an entry form field office during the contest day.
2. **The contest**
The contest will be held under the rules of the Ploegvereniging Nederland.
3. **The equipment**
The required equipment to run the contest will be provided by the organisation.
4. **The safety**
During the contest the competitor has to comply with the obligations for the legal demands and safety rules in the Netherlands.
5. **Overall rule**
If these rules do not foresee the organisation will decide.

Counting faults during the test

Overall

The duration of each test is max. 5 minutes. All parts of the test have to be fulfilled. Not fulfilled parts of a test will be penalized. The tests have to be fulfilled by the competitor himself. Assistance from others may lead to disqualification of the competitor. A test starts after a signal of the judge. The test ends after 5 minutes or on the moment that all parts of the test are fulfilled correctly. The brakes of the tractor or machine have to be coupled during the test. The doors have to be closed during the run of the test. The handbrake has to be used after leaving the tractor or telehandler. The competitor may not touch any obstacles during the test with tractor or equipment.

Counting faults

Every second used during the test	1 fault
Touching obstacles or fence each time	25 faults
Door(s) not closed during test	25 faults
Brakes not coupled during test	25 faults
Handbrake in use during the test	25 faults
Handbrake not used after leaving the tractor	25 faults
Skidding during the test	25 faults
Not using safety bolts at couplings	25 faults

The further specific fault counting will be given before the start of the contest.

Rules

1. The competitor has to subscribe at the field office on the contest day and has to pay the subscribe fee which is applicable.
2. The competitor gets a starting number and the time of starting from the organisation.
3. The four tests have to be fulfilled in a fixed sequence. The tests have to be done by the competitor without help from others. The competitor has to obey the instructions given by the judges during the test.
4. In the case of misconduct the organisation can disqualify the competitor.
5. The champion is the competitor with the lowest number of faults during the contest.
6. Complaints can be filed at the organisation at the field office within 5 minutes after the contest of a competitor.
7. Judgments of the organisation about a complaint are taking effect. There is no higher court.
8. In all cases these rules do not foresee the organisation will decide.

Day schedule tractor skills 2015

10.00	Subscribing open. Per hour a maximum of 8 competitors.
10.30 – 12.30	Contest (max 12 persons)
12.30 – 13.00	Pause
13.00 – 16.30	Contest (max 28 persons)
16.30	End of subscribing
17.00	End contest
18.00	Prize giving

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Test A : Tractor with 4-wheel trailer.

1. Driver forward with a tight inner corner.
2. Backwards driving a corner.
3. Front stop.

Test B : Tractor.

1. Balancing on a drawbridge.
2. Driving a test forward and backwards.
3. Virtual machine pickup.

Test C : Telehandler.

1. Pile up tires.
2. Placing a wheel for changing.
3. Parking in a garage.

Test D : Tractor with a trailed mower.

1. Mowing.
2. Mowing under a fence.
3. Driving through a small entree.
4. Parking in a garage.

Personalia Contest

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Track building Tjalling Bergsma Pierre Hendrix Bram Kanning Arend Schoonvelde Gerrit Vijfschagt	Judges Louis Steeghs Gerrit Vijfschagt Schoonvelde Roy Hogemans Bram Kanning Leon Kessels Arend

The organisation wishes to thank all the people and companies who made it possible to hold this contest.