

#### 12. COMPETITORS & EQUIPMENT

- a. Only one skimmer and one disc per plough body. Discs/skimers/tailpieces may be of a different make.
- b. No disc stem lifting, lowering or swivelling devices are permitted
- c. Adjustable stays on plough mouldboards are permitted.
- d. Extended wheel axles are permitted.
- e. Screw adjustments on cross shafts are permitted.
- f. Modified plough shares are permitted.
- g. Adjustable Landsides are not permitted
- h. Chains are not permitted.
- i. Two-piece adjustable tailpieces are not permitted.
- j. Tailpieces should not be adapted to manipulate the furrows or scratches.
- k. Draw-bars with hydraulic movement not permitted.
- l. Quick entry or slotted top links are allowed
- m. Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are not permitted.
- n. Four wheel drive conversions not permitted.
- o. Only approved manufacturers diesel engine conversions are permitted.
- p. Weights can be used on tractors or ploughs.
- q. A list of eligible tractors and ploughs is available from the European Ploughing Association on request.

#### 13. GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISERS

- a. Tramlines – plough at 90° across tramlines if possible.
- b. Avoid plots on side headlands.
- c. Recommended size of plots: Length 60m x Width 14m
- d. Recommended width of headland:  
Trailing ploughs - 15 metres; Mounted ploughs - 10 metres

#### 14. FINAL DECISION

Any question arising and not provided for in the European Vintage Ploughing Rules shall be decided by the Head Stewards whose decision shall be final and binding.

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# EUROPEAN PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

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## Official Rules For The 2015 European Vintage Conventional Ploughing Championships

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### 1x<sup>th</sup> European Vintage Ploughing Championships

To be held at Veendam, the Netherlands

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**EUROPEAN PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION**  
**RULES FOR VINTAGE CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHING**

1. **TRACTOR**

In both trailing and mounted plough classes, all models of tractor must have been in production **before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1959.**

2. **PLOUGHS**

- Trailing plough class – any trailing plough is eligible.
- Mounted plough class – any mounted plough in production **before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1959**
- Plough bodies and mouldboards to be designed for plough at time of manufacture.
- Skimmers and one-piece tailpieces are optional – no other attachments allowed.
- Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be tipped up out of the 'ploughing' position.
- All plough bodies to be used when ploughing the last run.
- Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.

3. **TIME ALLOWED**

- 20 minutes for opening. **Penalty for failure to finish opening on time – 2 points per minute or part minute.**
- 40 minutes for openings to be judged.
- 4 hours to complete the plot. **Penalty for failure to finish the plot at finishing signal – 10 points per minute or part minute**
- 15 minutes for any cast-off made after commencement of ploughing.

4. **OPENING**

- Double opening – no land left unturned.
- On grassland there is no opening.

5. **START**

- The start shall consist of 15 or 16 furrows.
- Competitors must cast towards the next highest numbered plot.

6. **FINISH**

- The finish shall consist of the last 8 furrows.
- Last furrow to be cast towards competitors' own start.

7. **DEPTH OF PLOUGHING**

- Minimum depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish.
- Depth of ploughing – 14 cm minimum; 20 cm maximum.

8. **GENERAL**

- The first and second runs next to the neighbours plot will be allowed as straightening furrows and will not be judged.
- Rolling of furrows or scratches is **not** allowed (including neighbours' furrows).
- Twin tractor wheels **not** allowed.
- Three sighting poles only (one may be placed on the headland) – assistance to set and remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.
- Handling, shaping or treading of scratches or furrows is **not** allowed.
- Only one tractor wheel mark allowed at the finish.
- Only three idle rounds are permitted between making the opening Split and the finishing furrow.**
- Only the competitor allowed to clean the plot of straw, stones, etc. Clearing of stubble not allowed and will be penalised.
- Competitors must produce evidence of age of tractor if required
- The use of Global Positioning Technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are not allowed

- Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official or fellow competitor is not acceptable. **Penalty – 20 points**

9. **SAFETY**

- Passengers not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
- The Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.

10. **FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

Rolling of furrows or scratches (including neighbours furrows) 20 points penalty  
More than one wheel mark at the finish ..... 20 points penalty  
Casting the finish the wrong way ..... 20 points penalty  
Failure to plough the specified depth (per cm or part thereof below specified depth)..... 20 points penalty  
Failure to finish the opening on time..... 2 points per minute or part minute over time.  
Failure to complete the plot by the finishing signal ..... 10 points per minute or part minute over time.  
Failure to adhere to the Safety Policy ..... Disqualification  
**Any other infringements will be decided by the Head Stewards.**

11. **JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING**

**OPENING SPLIT**, Completeness of cutting through the sod throughout the whole length & width of opening the split. Uniformity & Neatness. .... **10 Points**

**CROWN ( START ) ( 15 or 16 furrows, Uniform & level ) .....40 Points**

**GENERAL ( Middle ) WORK** No stubble, grass or weeds.  
Skimmers must be used; furrow slices closed, firm & no holes.  
No tractor wheel marks. Uniformity & conformity of furrow slices,  
Soil made available for seed bed.....**80 Points**

**INS AND OUTS ( Neat, accurate and regular, No tractor wheel marks ..... 10 Points**

**FINISH ( Last 8 Furrows ) Neatness, No weed or trash, Finishing furrow slices closed & uniform. Shallow & only. one tractor wheel mark. ....40 Points**

**GENERAL APPEARANCE**

( All Aspects of Workmanship. Excellence over the entire plot. )..... **20 Points**

**STRAIGHTNESS:** Measured four times i.e. Opening Split, Crown, General Work & Finish **20 Points**

**Note:** All points awarded for straightness will be added together and divided by 2

**Ties :-** In the event of two or more competitors scoring equal points then the Scrutineers shall use the "Count Back" system to resolve the tie. Referring to aspects in the following sequence. :-  
a) General Work, b) Crown, c) Finish d) Straightness e) General Appearance  
f) Opening Split g) Ins & Outs