

12. COMPETITORS & EQUIPMENT

- a. Discs/skimmers/tailpieces may be of a different make.
- b. Weights can be used on tractors or ploughs.
- c. Adjustable stays on plough mouldboards are allowed.
- d. Quick entry or slotted top links are allowed.
- e. Extended wheel axles are allowed.
- f. Screw adjustments on cross shafts are allowed.
- g. Modified plough shares are allowed.
- h. Only approved manufacturers diesel engine conversions allowed.
- i. Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are not allowed.
- j. Chains are not allowed.
- k. Two-piece adjustable tailpieces are not allowed.
- l. Tailpieces should not be adapted to manipulate the furrows or scratches.
- m. Draw-bars with hydraulic movement not allowed.
- n. Four wheel drive conversions not allowed.
- o. 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 in the European Vintage Ploughing Rules shall be decided by the Head Stewards whose decision shall be final and binding.

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Official Rules For The 2015 European Vintage Reversible Ploughing Championships

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RULES FOR VINTAGE REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING

1. TRACTOR

In reversible class all models of tractor must have been in production before **31st December 1959**.

2. PLOUGHS

- Any reversible plough in production before **31st 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 out of the 'ploughing' position.
- 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 (in the meantime competitors can make a scratch mark for the butts)
- 4 Hours to complete the plot. Penalties for failure to finish the plot at finishing signal - 10 points per minute or part of minute.
- 15 Minutes for any cast-off made after commencement of ploughing.

4. OPENING

- The start consists of an opening furrow with the right (rear) body which is turned towards the neighbouring plot with the next highest number.

5. TROWBACK

- The throwback (comprising 8 or 9 furrows) is ploughed with the left (front) body which is turned towards the neighbouring plot with the next lower number.
- Depth of ploughing – 16 cm, minimum; 20 cm maximum. This should be reached after 4 runs from the beginning.

6. PLOUGHING THE BUTTS

- The tractor must be turned on the third headland after each run.
- Driving back more than one length of the tractor and plough is not permitted.

7. PLOUGHING THE THIRD HEADLAND

- The third headland must be 16 furrows wide (plus 1,50 meters unploughed),
- The joining furrow to the butts must be straight and visible over the whole plot, all land must be ploughed and no holes or mounds.
- The final furrow must be parallel with the first furrow of the neighbouring higher number at a distance of 1,50 meters

8. GENERAL

- Rolling, handling, shaping or treading of scratches or furrows is not allowed.
- No idle runs are allowed
- Three sighting poles only (one may be placed on the headland) – assistance to set and remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed including assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.
- The use of Global Positioning Technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are not allowed.
- Only the competitor allowed the clean the plot of straw, stones, etc.
- Competitors must produce evidence of age of tractor and/or plough if requested.
- Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an officer 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 all times

10. FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

a. Rolling of furrows or scratches	5 points
b. Failure to plough the specified depth	2 points
C. Idle run	10 points
d. Overtime (Per Minute)	10 Points
e. For each furrow more or less on third headland	5 points
f. Deviation of 1, 50 meter from neighbour	0 – 5cm 0 points
	5 – 10cm 10 points
	10 – 15cm 15 points
	More than 20cm 20 points

11. JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING

OPENING (<i>Well cut, uniform, straight and clean</i>)	20
THROWBACK (<i>Exact filling of the first furrow, uniform, straight, same height and width as all furrows. </i>)	20
FURROWS (<i>Straight, clean, horizontal bottom, correct depth</i>)	20
FIRMNESS (<i>Firm, well packed, no holes</i>)	20
UNIFORMITY (<i>All furrows the same height and width</i>)	20
VEGETATION (<i>All vegetation must be ploughed under</i>)	20
JOINING FURROW BUTTS (<i>Straight and visible over the whole plot, all land must be ploughed and no holes or mounds</i>)	20
FINAL FURROW (<i>Straight, clean, parallel and 150cm</i>)	20
INS and OUTS (<i>Neat, accurate and regular</i>)	20
STRAIGHTNESS: <i>Measured five times, opening, throwback, furrows, butts and final furrow.</i>	20
GENERAL APPEARANCE (<i>Workmanship of the whole plot</i>)	20

Note: All points awarded for straightness will be added together and divided by 5
The total points available for all aspects is 220

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 as follows:

a)General Appearance; b) Straightness, c) Uniformity; d) Seedbed; e) Firmness; f) Finish; g) Start; g) Ins & outs; h)Accuracy of Final Furrow, i) Joining Furrow & Butts, j) Ins & Outs, k) Opening.