

## Rules for the Tractor Ploughing

- 1 Competitors shall commence at **9.00am** and ploughs must be out on the ground by **8.30am**.
- 2 Each competitor having completed his opening split will not continue until told by the Steward.
- 3 Drawing on headlands forbidden. It is forbidden to draw any scratch or other mark on the headland with the plough and on NO account must any plough be put into the ground on the site, either before the starting signal or at any time during the course of the competition.
- 4 Any ploughman not having ploughed his ground within **four hours** from the time of starting will be excluded from receiving a prize.
- 5 No assistance allowed except setting and removing the sighting posts.
- 6 Important Notice. After completion of setting out no person other than the competitor, authorised officials and judges will be allowed on any plot.
- 7 Time Limit. The ploughing of the Crown and gathered work shall be completed not later than **10.30am**, any competitor not having completed his Crown and gathered work by **10.30am** will not be awarded any points for same.
- 8 No shaping of furrows or scratching by hand held instruments, by treading or other manipulation will be allowed.
- 9 Rolling and the use of boats, floats or presses not to be allowed.
- 10 Competitors must make a double opening split at the setting out. The strip must be well cut through and deep enough so that no land is left unturned in the middle of the ridge. The start must consist of a minimum of 8 furrows.
- 11 Competitors must cast towards the neighbouring plot with the next consecutive letter.
- 12 Vacant neighbouring plot. When a competitor has a vacant plot he shall be allowed 15 minutes extra time for setting out sighting poles in order to plough up to the place where otherwise he would be backing his neighbours work.
- 13 When a competitor is obliged to wait on his neighbour he may with the permission of the Steward proceed to draw a scratch cast-off.
- 14 The last furrow must be thrown towards own crown. Only one tractor wheelmark allowed for on the finish which shall be made on the normal course of ploughing.
- 15 Tractor ploughing depth not less than 6 inches.
- 16 Skims will be used by all competitors.
- 17 Breach of the Ploughing Rules. It must be clearly understood that if the minimum requirements for the Ploughing as stated in the rules is not complied with, then the offending competitor's work will be penalised.
- 18 Any question arising and not provided for in these Rules will be decided by the Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.