



Summer Canine Olympics  
Hobbies Arts and Crafts/Modern Living Building, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds  
Oklahoma City, OK 73107  
Thursday– Saturday July1-July 3, 2021

**Judge:** Tammy Mattson

**Weigh in:** 10am-11:30am; Thursday

**Weigh in:** 8:30 am – 10am; Friday - Saturday

**Pull time:** 10:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> pull 1 hour after 1<sup>st</sup> pull no earlier than 2pm

**APA Sanctioned Trial Pull:** **Thursday**, July 1, 12 noon **Friday** July 2, 10:30am; **Saturday** July 3, 10:30am and 2<sup>nd</sup> trial 1 hour after first; **Sunday** July 4, Fun pulls

**Fun Pull:** Thursday July 1 after 4pm; Friday July 2 1 hour after trial; Saturday July 3- 1 hour after trial

Entry fee per trial pull: APA Trial Pull \$15 per dog entry - Irondog - \$20 per dog entry  
Fun pull: \$5 per dog

Entry information: [www.oksummercaninolympics.com](http://www.oksummercaninolympics.com)

Inquiries and email entries at: [weightpull@oksummercanineolympics.com](mailto:weightpull@oksummercanineolympics.com)

Entry payment: Credit card online or PayPal - Make check payable to: Summer Canine Olympics

Mail entries: Summer Canine Olympics, P.O. Box 12788, Oklahoma City, OK 73157

**\*Dog is not considered entered until payment is made.**

- A. All dogs competing for points must be 9 months of age.
- B. Novice dogs must be nine months of age and can pull for fun only, novice dogs do not earn or contribute points. You may use your leash after your dog has been hooked to the cart until your dog is finished with the pull.
- C. All pulls that novice dogs compete in will count towards the five pulls they need to qualify for Championships.
- D. All dogs must be current on immunizations
- E. Handlers with more than two dogs in a class must have harnesses for all the dogs and will not delay the pull
- F. The use of performance altering drugs are prohibited
- G. No females in heat are allowed on the pull grounds
- H. No pregnant or lactating females can compete
- I. An APA entry form must be completed, and entry fees submitted before the dog can pull
- J. Control of dogs/handler conduct
  - 1. You must always keep your dog under control
  - 2. You will promptly clean up after your dog

### 3. Vicious dogs

a. Any dog showing unprovoked aggression towards another dog or person will receive one warning. If the aggression continues, the handler will be asked to remove the dog from the area, and it will not be allowed to compete. b. If a dog attacks another dog the handler will be asked to remove the dog from the area immediately. If it has not yet pulled, entry fees will not be refunded. If it has pulled it will neither earn nor contribute points that day.

c. Any dog that bites or attempts to bite a person will be immediately DQ'd by the judge and asked to leave the pull site.

4. Animal abuse or aggressive behavior, including verbal abuse will not be tolerated. The judge will use his discretion and you will be DQ'd.

5. A handler can and will be asked to leave for any misconduct in or outside the pulling area/grounds. Misconduct includes failure to comply to APA Code of Conduct & Ethics, Harassment Policy, APA Rules and Regulations, rude, disruptive, unsportsmanlike conduct, or interfering with another dog pulling or the judge. Slander and or Liable of the APA is not permitted and will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

K. We must actively strive to promote a positive image of the sport and the dogs involved at all times. All dogs competing in the APA must be in good health. No dog will be allowed to participate at an APA show that is determined to be too thin. A dog will be defined as being too thin when there is one or more of the following: hip bones clearly protruding, over pronounced spine, or a sunken in head. A slight outline of the hip is acceptable. If your dog is determined to be too thin you will not be allowed to compete in the weight pull for that specific weekend. Photo documentation will be taken whenever possible of any dog denied entry into a pulling event. No grievance can be filed by any owner that refuses to allow a picture taken of their dog when they have been denied entry.

L. Weight Classes are as follows:

20# Class: 0-20 lbs

30# Class: 21-30 lbs

40# Class: 31-40 lbs

50# Class: 41-50 lbs

60# Class: 51-60 lbs

70# Class: 61-70 lbs

80# Class: 71-80 lbs

90# Class: 81-90 lbs

100# Class: 91-100 lbs

110# Class: 101-110 lbs

120# Class: 111-120 lbs

Unlimited Class: 121 lbs & up

### M. Weigh-Ins

1. Must be within 24 hrs prior to the pull.

2. All dogs must be weighed in on the same scale

3. Dogs may only wear a regular flat buckle collar or no collar at all during weigh-in.

4. Each dog can only be weighed two times per day. The handler can choose which of the two weights he wants to keep.

5. All dogs must be weighed in by an APA judge. Judges cannot weigh in their own dogs unless it's witnessed by two separate people.

6. A dog that weighs 81 lbs, but less than 91 is a 90 lb dog and will be pulling in the 90 lbs class. A dog weighing 91 lbs will pull in the 100 lb class.

## VIII - PULL PROCEDURES

A. A handler can choose what weight to bring the dog in at. It must be within the established weight increments. If the dog does not pull the start weight the dog is done pulling for the day

and the entry fee will not be refunded. The handler can call a pass up until the dog is hooked to the cart

1. Dogs will be allowed up to 5 minutes rest between pulls when it comes down to the last few dogs pulling.

B. Any dog showing illness or injury, at the chief judge's discretion, will be dismissed and will not be allowed to compete that day.

C. Cart Placement

1. The cart will be placed at the start line. The point on the cart that is at the starting line will be the same point that must cross the finish line for the pull to be completed

2. A handler can only have the cart moved one time per round once it has been placed by the cart assistant

3. No test rolling of the cart will be permitted

4. Dogs will be notified when they are on deck

5. Dogs will be ready to pull when called up or they will be passed by the judge. Any dog that relieves itself on the track will be DQ'd.

6. The dog will be hooked by the cart assistant or by the handler of the dog

7. When the dog is hooked the handler must ensure that enough slack has been taken out of the line that the dog will not sling shot. No slingshot starts are permitted, if the dog backs up on its own after being released it shall not be penalized. A walking start is permitted.

8. At no time is the handler allowed to be behind the dog inside the width of the cart, including crossing over the tracer behind the dog. If you are behind the dog when it is released, you must immediately step outside the width of the cart. If you step behind the dog after releasing this will be a DQ.

9. The time will start when the dog attempts to pull the cart or the handler calls/signals the dog.

10. The judge can time the pull himself or elect a "timer" before the pull starts.

11. Dogs must pull 16' in 60 sec. If the dog cannot complete the pull in 60 sec. it will be a No Pull and the dog will be done competing for the day. However, if the cart is moving forward at 60 sec. the pull will count and the dog will move onto the next round. If at any point after 60 sec., and before the pull is completed, the cart stops forward motion a No Pull will then be called. The time will show the seconds the pull was completed in to 1/100th of a second.

12. Dogs must complete the entire pull within the chute barriers.

13. After a dog comes in on a weight increment, there is no limit to the number of times the handler can pass. Be ready to pull when it is your turn, the judge can pass you if you're not there to pull when it's your turn. The handler cannot pass once the dog is hooked to the cart.

14. If your dog touches you before the pull is completed, you will be DQ'd by the judge.

15. A tangle will be called ONLY if the dog could be injured in the harness or equipment. If the judge calls a tangle the cart will be repositioned back at the start line. The dog will then have 60 seconds to pull the weight.

16. You are allowed one tangle per round. If your dog tangles twice in a round it will be DQ'd by the judge.

17. If your dog gets completely out of its harness at any time during the pull it will be DQ'd.

18. In the event of an equipment failure, the repair will be made, and the cart will be repositioned at the start line. The dog will then have 60 seconds to re pull the current weight.

19. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated, and you will be DQ'd at the chief judge's discretion.

20. Any attempt to cheat and you will be DQ'd. This will be determined by the chief judge of the pull event.

21. Double handling will not be permitted. However, anyone can clap, cheer, call the dog's name, or otherwise encourage the dog from outside a 10-foot radius around the track. No one but the handler, judge, or cart handlers are allowed to walk behind the dog within the 10-foot radius. Double Handling will result in a disqualification at the judge's discretion.

22. Winners of a weight class are determined by either the dog with the most weight pulled per pound (best percentage), or by most weight pulled. Ties will be broken by time. If two dogs have the same body pound percent, or pull the same weight, based on the format used, the winner will be determined by the time from the previous round(s).

23. The organizer of an event will decide which format percent, or most weight pulled will be used when the sanctioning request is made.

24. When pulling on carpet, water will be the only substance allowed on the dogs' feet.

25. You may not use your leash after your dog has been hooked to the cart until your dog is finished with the pull. ONLY exception is a NOVICE dog.

26. The judge will allow 30 seconds for the handler to call the dog, or the dog to begin pulling on it's own once it's been hooked up. Time for the pull will start when the 30 seconds has expired.

27. Reasonable concessions will be made for anyone with a disability.

28. It is the organizer's responsibility to send in the Entry Forms, Score Sheets, Results Forms and \$5.00 per dog within 7 days. If the organizer does not send in their paperwork on time, the first time, they will be charged a \$50.00 fee. The second time they will be charged a \$75.00 fee and the pull doesn't count for points or towards Championships for their dogs. The third time they will be charged a \$100.00 fee, the pull doesn't count for points or towards Championships for their dogs, and they are suspended as an organizer for one year. Late fees must be paid before the results will be posted on the web site. If the organizer does not fill out the results forms correctly, the first time, they will be shown the correct way to fill them out and get a warning. The second time they will be charged a \$50.00 fee and the pull doesn't count for points or towards Championships for their dogs. The third time they will be charged a \$100.00 fee, the pull doesn't count for points or towards Championships for their dogs, and they are suspended as an organizer for one year. Fees must be paid before another pull will be sanctioned for that organizer. If they already have a pull sanctioned they must send the fee in with the results from that pull or the pull won't count for points or towards the Championships for the organizer.

## **IX - COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES**

A. The chief judge has the right to reject someone from competition. The reason must be known to the individual and a letter of why they were refused must be sent in with the pull reports.

B. All written grievances must be sent in with the pull report to the APA.

C. Any grievance that is filed must be addressed to the judge of the class. If a verbal complaint is given to the judge and the judge corrects the problem immediately, no further action need be taken. A formal written grievance can be given to the chief judge immediately following the pull. If the issue cannot be resolved by the Chief Judge, or if the Chief Judge is directly involved, the written complaint may be emailed to any current APA Board Member.

D. If a grievance is filed for activity outside the chute, it must be given to the chief judge. You can and will be asked to leave for any misconduct in or outside the pulling area. No refund of entry fees will be given in this instance.

E. No drugs or alcoholic beverages are allowed during competition.

F. If you are banned from pulling with the APA, you may file a motion to reverse the decision after a year has passed. The letter must be sent to the APA President and will be discussed by the Board of Directors. The Board will vote, and a final decision will be reached. You will be notified, in writing, of the decision.

## **X - APA POINT SYSTEM**

A. 1st place = 10 pts

2nd place = 7 pts

3rd place = 3 pts

Light Weight Division (20, 30, 40) MWPP = 15 pts

Middle Weight Division (50, 60, 70) MWPP = 15pts

Light Heavy Weight Division (80, 90, 100) MWPP = 15pts

Heavy Weight Division (110, 120, UNL) MWPP = 15pts

Most Weight Pulled 70 Pounds & Under = 15 pts \* If two or more dogs pull the same weight, MWP will go to the dog with the faster time.

Most Weight Pulled 71 Pounds & Over = 15 pts \* If two or more dogs pull the same weight, MWP will go to the dog with the faster time.

Championship Divisional MWPP and MWP Over & Under = 30pts

\*\* If a dog wins MWPP in their Division and MWP 70 & Under or 71 & Over there must be 12 or more dogs in their Division to receive points for both trophies.

B. For every dog you beat that pulls

23 x it's weight = 2 pts

18 x it's weight = 1 pt

12 x it's weight = .5 pt

### XI - APA World Records

A. All records will be set at the Championships.

### XII - Drug Testing

A. The APA reserves the right to do random drug testing at any APA Sanctioned event.

***Performance enhancing substances are Anabolic steroids, any/all stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, local anesthetics, drugs or their metabolites, which could affect the health or performance of the dog. The testing will also look for any drug and/or substance that may interfere with the detection of the above.***

1. Any Puller competing with a dog at Championships can contest any dog pulling at Championships to a drug test no matter the placement, Class or the division the dog is pulling in. The individual contesting the dog will pay the NON-refundable \$125 fee to the APA on site and said person can/will remain anonymous if they choose. Collection of the dog will be done immediately after the completion of the class/division pull. Collection will be done by no less than 2 members of the APA Board and or Representatives in the presence of the dog's owner. Owner will watch collection, sealing and initial the sample once sealed.

2. Any positive test results will result with the owner and their dog/dogs being DQ'd for championships and banned for a period of 5yrs with results being modified to reflect new placements.

3. Any person who doesn't allow for collection of their dog/dogs will be DQ'd for Championships and placements will be modified as such and handler will be treated with the same punishment of a positive drug test with a 5 yr ban. Once a dog is weighed in the dog can be contested even if it doesn't make a pull.

A. If you are banned from pulling with the APA, you may file a written motion to reverse the decision after a year has passed. The letter must be sent to the APA President and will be discussed by the Board of Directors. The Board will vote, and a final decision will be reached. You will be notified, in writing, of the decision and/or any restrictions therein.



Trophies for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday pulls.

20# Class: 0-20 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
30# Class: 21-30 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
40# Class: 31-40 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
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80# Class: 71-80 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
90# Class: 81-90 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
100# Class: 91-100 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
110# Class: 101-110 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
120# Class: 111-120 lbs 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
Unlimited Class: 121 lbs & up 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon

Light Weight Division (20, 30, 40) 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
Middle Weight Division (50, 60, 70) 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
Light Heavy Weight Division (80, 90, 100) 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon  
Heavy Weight Division (110, 120, UNL) 1<sup>st</sup> - Medallion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon

Most Weight Pulled 70 Pounds & Under – Trophy

Most Weight Pulled 71 Pounds & Over - Trophy

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Saturday Morning Summer Canine Olympics Challenge

Most Weight Pulled 70 Pounds & Under – Trophy

Most Weight Pulled 71 Pounds & Over - Trophy

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# APA Entry Form

Date \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Event Summer Canine Olympics 2021

Entry Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree the following is true. My dog is at least 9 months of age, in good health and is properly cared for. My dog is not in heat, nursing, or on any kind of medications.**

**I agree that the American Pulling Alliance or the organizer of this event is not responsible for any injury or damage to myself, my dog ('s), or equipment. I agree to conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner and agree to be responsible for myself and my dog ('s) before, during, and after this event.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please list your dogs from smallest to largest  
as best as possible.**

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If the dog has pulled under a different owner in a prior season or event please note the old owner's name.**

\*\*\*Please mail in this form with pull results\*\*\*