**Isle of Wight Ploughing Association**

**Ploughing classes and rules**

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| CLASS | DESCRIPTION | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| 1 | **Young competitors**Open to competitors between 13 and 21 years of age on the day of the match. Any type of plough permitted. Minimum depth 6 inches. | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 2 | **General purpose**Mounted or trailed ploughs, which must have general purpose bodies (Max 54” from point of share to end of mouldboard) may be used, operated by any type of tractor. Minimum depth 6 inches.(max 50’ wide plot) | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 3 | **Vintage mounted**Vintage Tractors with pre 1965 general purpose mounted ploughMinimum depth 6 inches (max 50’ wide plot) | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 4 | **Match Ploughs**With any number of furrows operated by any type of tractorMinimum depth 8 inches | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 5 | **Semi-Digger ploughs**With any number of furrows operated by any type of tractorMinimum depth 8 inches(if there are more than 3 entries of 4 or more furrow ploughs a separate class 5a may be used. | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 6 | **Reversible ploughs**With any number of furrow operated by any type of tractorMinimum depth 8 inches | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 7 | **Veteran and Vintage Trailing**Minimum depth 6 inches (max 50’ wide plot) | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 8 | **Single furrow plough**Tractor not to exceeding 20hp Minimum depth 5 inches | £25 | £15 | £10 |
| 9 | **Pedestrian controlled machines** | £25 | £15 | £10 |
|  | **OPTIONAL TRACTOR MAINTENANCE CLASS’S** |  |  |  |
| 10 | **Modern best kept tractor** (Manufactured from 5 Years old to 1st January 1960) | £25 |  |  |
| 11 | **Vintage best kept tractor**(manufactured between 31st December 1959 & 1st January 1946) | £25 |  |  |
| 12 | **Veteran best kept tractor**(manufactured before 31st December 1945)  | £25 |  |  |

**General Rules and Conditions for all Ploughing.**

All competitors should read and fully understand the following

1. **PLOUGHS**

a. Ploughs to be fitted with skimmers wherever possible

b. Tailpieces are allowed- maximum size not to exceed 26cm long & 22cm wide.

 The end of the tail piece to be no more than 32cm from end of mouldboard.

c. Plough bodies can be raised and lowered but cannot be raised out of the

 ploughing position.

d. All plough bodies must be used when ploughing the finish.

e. Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.

2. **TIME ALLOWED**

a. Openings, once the competitor has obtained their plot number from the secretary they

 can commence with the opening but must be completed by 9.30. Penalty for failure to

 finish opening on time 2 points per minute or part minute.

b. when all openings have been judged a rocket flare or audible horn will be let off to

 inform competitors that they can commence ploughing.

c. 3 hrs to complete the plot, which will be signalled by a rocket flair

(Which means the finish completed and the tractor out the the end)

Penalty for failure to finish plot at finish signal – 10 points per minute or part minute.

d. 15 minutes extra time allowed for any cast off done after ploughing has commenced.

e. Maximum of 30MINS only allowed for a breakdown but must be notified to a steward.

3. **OPENING**

Double opening – no land left unturned

4. **START**

a. Start to consist of 3 turns to complete the crown

b. Competitors to cast towards the next highest plot number.

5. **FINISH**

a. Finish to consist of last 8 furrows

b. last furrow to be ploughed towards competitors own start

6. **DEPTH**

Depth for each class to be reached on completion of the start and adhered to until

Commencing the finish.

7. **GENERAL**

a. The first and second runs next to the neighbours plot will be allowed as straightening

furrows and will not be judged.

b. rolling of furrows and scratches is not allowed.

c. twin tractor wheels are not allowed.

d.3 sighting poles only (one can be placed on the headland) assistance to set and

Remove is allowed. No other assistance is allowed including by signal, radio, mobile phone

or any other method.

e. Handling, treading or shaping of furrows is not allowed.

f. Only 1 tractor wheel mark allowed at the finish.

g. Only the competitor allowed to clear the plot of straw, stones etc

h. Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official or fellow

Competitor is not acceptable and will incur a penalty

i. The competition is open to any entrant in any class but eligibility for the

Championship shall be restricted to Isle of Wight Residents only,

the committee reserve the right to refuse entries.

j. All competitors are responsible for providing their own third party insurance.

8. **SAFETY**

a. Passengers are not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.

9. **FINAL DECISION**

The decision of the judges will be final. Any protest must be made and handed to the secretary, together with a deposit of £20 within 40 minutes of the final finish horn of the match, on the day of the match. The deposit will be retained if the appointed committee deems the protest frivolous. Where an infringement occurs during the Match it is up to the person aggrieved to draw the attention of the stewards to it at once and to confirm his protest in writing as set out above.

9.a **RESULTS DECISION’S**

The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected at the Judge’s discretion, from amongst those scoring the highest number of points from each class, and will not necessarily be the ploughman with the highest number of points overall. In addition, all other trophies and prizes, which are not class specific, will also be awarded at the judge’s discretion and not by points scored within the competition.

10. **Fixed Penalty Deductions.**

Two tractor wheel marks 20 points penalty

Finish wrong way 20 points penalty

Depth infringement 20 points penalty

Rolling 20 points penalty

Failure to finish opening on time 2 points per minute or part minute over time

Failure to finish plot by finishing signal 10 points per minute or part minute over time

Abuse of official or fellow ploughman 20 points penalty

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Dear Ploughmen

So please have a read through and fill in and return the form by no later than the closing date as late entries will not be accepted.

Probably the biggest change you will see is that the entry fee has increased from £5 to £10.

This is because the entry fee now includes a carvery for the ploughman at the Trophy presentation evening.

If family and friends want to join us for dinner then please indicate on the form how many extra tickets will be needed and include this with your entry fee.

With the introduction of the Carvery it’s hoped that all ploughmen will attend the Presentation Evening for a good social evening.

For the competitors that don’t have the carvery, their carvery fee will be donated to charity.

As before all boxes in red must be completed for your entry to be accepted.

If you require a receipt please include a stamped and addressed envelope.

Lastly I would like to ask that all ploughmen can encourage the youngsters amongst us to come and help with setting up, marking out and clearing up, because as with most clubs it’s the same faces that always put themselves forward to help, so if you enjoy the day please come help us.

Here’s hoping for a great day followed by a good presentation evening.

Many thanks

Stephen Peachey

Chairman.