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**You've got pull with the
*IWPA!***

**Welcome to the 2010-2011 Pulling Season!
Have you renewed your membership?**

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Message from the President:

What an exciting time of year; the beginning of the new season! Let me be the first to welcome you all to the 2010-2011 season of the IWPA, our 27th season on record.

During the board meeting there were only a few rules that were changed. Renewing Judges; you should have already received your renewal forms. Be sure to review it and return to George Ferrari as he is the current Judges Chair once again. There seems to be some confusion in regard to the age limit allowed for dogs to compete. That rule was not changed we merely attempted to clarify the rule however, the meaning is still the same. Basically if a dog turns 12 during the season it is allowed to finish that season. If it is already 12 (meaning its birthday was before September 1st of that calendar year) it can NOT pull.

Another change we should be sure to bring to everyone's attention is the date in which you may take advantage of the \$5.00 discount for EARLY membership renewal. That date is changed from October 1st to SEPTEMBER 1ST, one month earlier. I know Rodney Martin your current Membership Chairperson has already sent out current membership forms for your renewals; you should have already received it in the mail. If you want to take advantage of the early discount make sure your membership is postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before September 1st. I also want to encourage everyone, if possible, to accept the Pulling Power Newsletter in PDF which will also allow for a \$5.00 discount. Using both discounts you can save \$10.00 off the cost of your membership. That is a savings of 25% off an individual membership. Last year nearly 2/3rds of our membership accepted their Newsletter in PDF. Thank you so much!!! Not only do you get your Newsletter faster than through snail mail, you also get it in color!

Speaking of our "Pulling Power" Newsletter, this will be the only newsletter you will receive without a renewed membership. We send it out as a courtesy because we want to insure everyone has the opportunity to review the minutes of our board meeting and any new changes that have been made. (Subliminal message.....Be sure to have your membership renewal post-marked on or before September 1st to take advantage of the \$5.00 additional discount!)

I want to also encourage you all to send in photographs to the Newsletter Committee that are taken during dog pulls this season. At times we need filler items which are where we can use your photographs. Please keep in mind we may or may not use one or more of them depending on space. The photograph/s may be used at any time during the season not necessarily immediately preceding your submission.

I wish everyone a successful and exciting season!!! As always, remember you are all ambassadors of our sport. Are you a good or *great* ambassador? Be involved and help where you can!

Best Regards,
Robbie Reed

IWPA Pull Calendar

Region 2

September 18 - 19, 2010

Region 2 Kickoff

Region 2 Nine Mile Falls, Washington (6497 Stonelodge Rd)

Wheels : Sat 9/18/2010 Weigh- 11:00 AM -- 1:00 PM PullStart: 1:00 PM

Wheels : Sun 9/19/2010 Weigh- 9:00 AM -- PullStart: 10:00 AM

Fees \$15 first dog, \$10 each additional

Contacts: Donna Daymude, 509-276-2964 [tundrabou@aol.com]

Chief Bob Daymude, 509-276-2964 [tundrabou@aol.com]

Prizes: Ribbons

Sponsors Tundrabou Alaskan Malamutes

Region 3

September 11, 2010

September Strong Dog Pull

Region 3 Balzac, Alberta Canada (RR 14)

Wheels : Sat 9/11/2010 Weigh- 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM PullStart: 10:00 AM

Fees \$20 for members, \$30 non-members

Contacts: Jade Ryan, 403-619-0483 [seanhammell@hotmail.com]

Chief Sean Hammell, 403-619-0483 [seanhammell@hotmail.com]

Prizes: TBA

November 13, 2010

November Knock-Out Pull

Region 3 Balzac, Alberta Canada (RR 14)

Wheels : Sat 11/13/2010 Weigh- 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM PullStart: 10:00 AM

Fees \$20 members, \$30 non-members

Contacts: Jade Ryan, 403-619-0483 [seanhammell@hotmail.com]

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Prizes: TBA

January 8 - 9, 2011

Calgary Canine Weight Pull

Region 3 Balzac, Alberta Canada (RR14)

Wheels : Sat 1/8/2011 Weigh- 6:00 PM -- 7:00 PM PullStart: 7:00 PM

Wheels : Sun 1/9/2011 Weigh- 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM PullStart: 10:00 AM

Fees \$20 members, \$30 non-members

Contacts: Jade Ryan, 403-619-0483 [seanhammell@hotmail.com]

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Prizes: TBA

March 12 - 13, 2011

March Madness

Region 3 Balzac, Alberta Canada (RR 14)

Wheels : Sat 3/12/2011 Weigh- 6:00 PM -- 7:00 PM PullStart: 7:00 PM

Wheels : Sun 3/13/2011 Weigh- 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM PullStart: 10:00 AM

Fees \$20 members, \$30 non-members

Contacts: Jade Ryan, 403-619-0483 [seanhammell@hotmail.com]

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Prizes: TBA

Region 4

September 18 - 19, 2010

PrairieLand Pullers Club Fall Kick off

Region 4 Abington, Illinois (546 Illinois Rt 41)

Wheels : Sat 9/18/2010 Weigh- 8:00 AM -- 9:30 AM PullStart: 9:30 AM
Wheels : Sun 9/19/2010 Weigh- 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM PullStart: 9:00 AM
Fees If member \$15 for 1st day, \$10 additional. Non-members \$20 for 1st dog, \$15 additional dogs
Contacts: Connie Powell, 309-335-2951 [1pcp99@frontiernet.net]
Chief Mary Johnson, 309-768-2862 [mary61447@yahoo.com]
Prizes: Trophies, ribbons & prizes
Sponsors Kirkwood Bet Service, TSC of Galesburg, Wells Pet Food Co

Region 6

September 3 - 5, 2010

Season Opener

Region 6 Kalkaska, Michigan (2489 Co Rd 571 NE)

Wheels : Fri 9/3/2010 Weigh- 5:00 PM -- 7:00 PM PullStart: 7:00 PM
Wheels : Sat 9/4/2010 Weigh- 3:00 PM -- 4:00 PM PullStart: 5:00 PM
Wheels : Sun 9/5/2010 Weigh- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM PullStart: 11:00 AM
Fees \$12 for the first dog, \$8 each additional
Contacts: Shirley Webber, 231-258-2358 [sandtrapmutts@hughes.net]
Chief James Webber, 231-258-2358 [sandtrapmutts@hughes.net]
Prizes: TBA
Comments: There will be a potluck on Saturday at 4:00-5:00 pm. Between weigh in and the start. Please bring a dish to share.
Sponsors Northern Great Lakes Weight Pullers

From the Championship Chair

Well we can put the 2009-2010 Season in the books. It seems like we just finished with the IWPA Championships and here we are ready to start a new season. I know we haven't officially started the season yet but it is the time to start planning the 2011 IWPA Championships.

Members and organizers in the Central District (Regions 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9) you have first option to host the 2011 *IWPA* Championships. An application must be requested from the Championship Chair (me this year) and a proposal submitted. This proposal must be postmarked ***no later*** than SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2010. If no proposal is received postmarked by September 1st, 2010 the option is diverted to the Western District (Regions 1, 2, 10 and 12).

So let's hear from the Central Districts. You don't have to have everything finalized right now but I do need a venue and dates. Remember the target dates are April 29th – May 14th.

I can be contacted at home on 970-339-9264 or by cell phone 970-371-7111 or by e-mail at Reedtr9@q.com and an application can be e-mailed to you.

Terry Reed
IWPA Championship Chair



Region 6

Dog's Name: MJ
Owner/Handler: Jim Pitz
Breed: Saint Bernard/Mastiff
Age: 7 1/2

From a pup who just needed rescued to a multi regional/national IWPA medal winner. Born the daughter of Rosie and Crocus she has proven that weight pulling is in her genes!!! Weight pulling is her GAME!!! This year at the championships she took gold in 150 lb class and broke the IWPA artificial snow record by pulling 2105 lb.

Regional Medals

'03-'04 150# class gold snow
125# class bronze wheels
'04-'05 150# class silver snow
150# class gold wheels
'05-'06 150# class gold snow/wheels
'06-'07 150# class gold snow
Unlimited # class silver snow
'07-'08 150# class gold snow/wheels
'08-'09 150# class gold snow/wheels
'09-'10 150# class gold snow/wheels

National Medals:

'04-'05 150# class Bronze Snow
'05-'06 150# class Silver Snow
'06-'07 Unlimited# Class Gold Snow
'08-'09 150# class Gold Snow
'08-'09 150# class Silver Wheels
'09-'10 150 # class Gold Snow
'09-'10 150# class Bronze Wheels



If you would like to have your dog or if you know a dog that should be featured in the Newsletter; send a photo and all information to: Blkdogalv@aol.com Subject line: Newsletter. Photos will need to be sent as a .jpg. Information must be 200 words or less. The editor and publisher reserve the right to edit all copy.

From the Elections Chair:

Its that time of year again where the IWPA board will start taking letters of intent to run for next years board. We will have 4 empty seats that will need to be filled. If you feel you would like to represent our club and be a voice for the members please send me your letters. I will be accepting letters till Nov. 15. I will be mailing out the ballots to the membership by Jan. , 2011, and you will need to return them to me by Feb. 15, 2001. Please make sure all address changes get to the membership chair by Dec. 1, as this is where I get my addresses to mail out the ballots. If you have any questions or concerns Please feel free to contact me @ dogladyrescue@hotmail.com or my cell 231-920-2177.

Thank You
Stephanie Pitz
Election Chairperson

IWPA Board of Director's
Annual Meeting
Greeley, CO
June 5, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Robbie Reed at 8:01 am June 5, 2010

Board Members in attendance: Robbie Reed, Stephanie Pitz, Diane Krupski, George Ferrari, Bob Sencenbaugh, Sue Ferrari

Guest: Rodney Martin, Ken Blackburn, David Gallagher

Absent: Shirley Webber; Heather Jamison
Reports:

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Kitty Alvarado, report attached

Email votes: to send and publish minutes from the special board meeting regarding an investigation.

Motion: "To accept the report as given" **MSC**

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin, report attached

Conference call for the special board meeting regarding an investigation cost almost \$700.00. The club received \$374.85 in discounts this year off the price to print the newsletters. \$40.00 in returned check fees.

Motion: "To accept the report as given" **MSC**

Committee Reports:

Championship Chair: Terry Reed, report attached

2010 Championships were held on April 24, 25 in Enfield, CT. 43 entries on snow, 50 entries on wheels, records were broken in 4 weight classes on artificial snow. Next season is scheduled to be in the central districts, regions 3,4,6,8, or 9.

Drug Testing: Robbie Reed, report attached

Testing was done at the championships by a local technician; testing was completed in 1st through 5th places. A total of 48 samples were submitted for testing; all tests were negative. Cost was \$55.00 per sample.

Membership: Rodney Martin, report attached

Report attached, down 11 from last year, 28 single, 17 new family members, 44 renewing singles, 51 renewing families, and 4 lifetime members for a total of 144 members.

Sanctioning: Sue Ferrari, report attached.

103 pulls sanctioned, 5 of the 103 were fun pulls. Organizers for the Hawaii fun event have not paid, they are now members not in good standing. No major issues.

Judges Chair: George Ferrari, report attached

41 judges certified for the 2009-2010 season; 5 of which were new. One judge has been placed on probation for the coming season. One renewal was received at the end of the season that was returned since the individual was not a judge the previous year; to be completed via proper channels for new judges. DQ's were called for the following reasons: un-sportsman like conduct; baiting, on or over the line, one slingshot, 3

tangles, 16 called dog before crossing the line, or touching their dogs too soon.

Elections: Stephanie Pitz, report attached.

Ballots were in attendance for auditing. There were 2 issues this year; one, a judge was left off the ballot for chief judges, and 2 members did not receive their ballots. Ballots from members missing would not have changed the outcome.

Animal/Welfare/Education: Stephanie Pitz

No issues

Awards Chair/Working Dog Chair: Donna Libby, report attached.

Received request for 18 certificates. Paper that was purchased 4 years ago for certificates has been depleted; new paper will need to be purchased. Good on the medals for next season; we have been keeping 2 years worth of medals on hand.

Promotions/Public Relations: Diane Krupski,

Put the IWPA information pamphlet on the internet; send electronic to Donna and Kitty. Robbie has pictures from the championship; she will be creating a calendar with IWPA events and deadlines.

Grievance: Bob Sencenbaugh, report attached.

The only grievance the grievance committee handled this year was to investigate the pulls hosted by Rob Via and the Power Mtn Puller Club. A report was submitted to the board and the board addressed the issues.

Standing Rules: Kitty Alvarado

Updates completed from last year; all members received new standing rules with their memberships.

Personnel Chair: Bob Sencenbaugh

No issues

Regional Coordinator: Report given by Diane Krupski on behalf of Shirley Webber.

Report attached, Region 11 and 12 are the only regions that do not have a Regional Coordinator.

Statistician: Report attached. Overall there were no major issues. As usual handlers listed their dogs with various names which make it hard to match dogs and handlers. There have been a few inquiries regarding history on the website. They will be visited with Donna the website master.

Web Master: Donna Daymude, report attached

Issues this year with the web server; we have since changed servers and the quality, looks, ease in working with the server has improved. Because of the short time limit, archived records still need to be uploaded. Donna will be working on this during the summer.

Newsletter: Kitty Alvarado, Robbie Reed

No issues; roughly 2/3 of the club accepted PDF newsletters, 1/3 are hard copy. Robbie has received notes from the membership that they like the newsletter.

Web Page Responder: Heather Jamison. Report submitted by Diane Krupski

Several inquires have been received about the club statistics and upcoming pulls.

Historian: Kitty Alvarado

No issues

Unfinished Business:

No outstanding unfinished business.

Election of officers for the 2010-2011 season:

Treasurer:

Nominations: Cheryl Martin

Position filled by Cheryl Martin

Secretary:

Nominations: Kitty Alvarado

Position filled by Kitty Alvarado

President:

Nominations: no nominations

Vice President:

Nominations: Sue Ferrari

Position filled by Sue Ferrari

Motion: “select the slate as a total for written votes”, **MSC**

Due to the vacancy of the President seat; the Vice President will fill the position for the vacant President position.

New Business:

There is one vacant board position to be filled

Motion: “to fill the vacant board position with Robbie Reed” **MSC**

Motion: “to nominate Robbie to vacant Vice President seat for the 2010-2011 season.” **MSC**

Sue Ferrari resigned her position as President; due to the increased workload.

With the resignation of Sue’s position of the President seat, the Vice President will be appointed as President; which will leave the Vice President seat vacant.

Vice President

Nominations: Sue Ferrari, Ken Blackburn

Position filled by Ken Blackburn

New Officers for the Board of Directors of the IWPA for the 2010-2011 season:

President: Robbie Reed

Vice President: Ken Blackburn

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin

Secretary: Kitty Alvarado

Board members present: Sue Ferrari, George Ferrari, Robbie Reed, David Gallagher, Ken Blackburn, Diane Krupski, Cheryl Martin, Robbie Reed, Bob Sencenbaugh

Absent: Heather Jamison

Guest: Stephanie Pitz, Rodney Martin

All board members have updated and paid their memberships

Committee Appointments:

Championship Chair: Terry Reed
Drug Testing Chair: Robbie Reed
Membership: Rodney Martin
Sanctioning: Sue Ferrari
Judges Chair: George Ferrari
Elections Chair: Stephanie Pitz
Animal Welfare/Education: Ken Blackburn
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Personnel Chair: Bob Sencenbaugh
Regional Coordinator: Shirley Webber
Statistician: Sue Ferrari
Web Master: Donna Daymude
Newsletter: Kitty Alvarado, Robbie Reed
Web Page Responder: Heather Jamison
Historian: Kitty Alvarado

New Business:

Budget:

Purchase a recording device for future board meeting
Purchase an external CD burner
Budget for one conference call per year
Robbie will check on creating a message board for board members on the website
Approval pending for the updated budget

Membership fees

Motion: “offer the membership a \$5 early registration discount, discount forms must be postmarked by September 1st; and current PDF discount would remain the same.”**MSC**

Sanding Rules article XIV, Section 5

Reviewed the standing rule in connection with the constitution, Article VI, section 1. Rule booklet Contestants Section 4, A, 2

Q: If a dog is 12 years old during the season, will the dog be able to complete the season.

Motion: to insert “at the beginning of the season” **ms**

Motion revised: Section 2, a 2, “All dogs must be at least one year of age. Dogs may not be more than 12 years of age at the beginning of the season to compete in any IWPA event.” **MSC**

Rule Booklet Whips Sections 5, c,14

Q: pinch collars used, is the event the day, while you are pulling, weekend etc.

An IWPA event is the whole IWPA event; the entire time of each day not just when a person is pulling in their class. The event is considered to be from the time the first person arrives to the time the last person leave. The

event is also the area that the IWPA insurance covers which covers the other areas on the property, parking lot, stands, etc.

Motion: "Rule Booklet, Section 5, C, 14 add "The use of" MSC

Standing Rules, Article 5, section 1 discussed this article.

Standing Rules, Article 3, section 8, a, discussed this article. Should region 6 be moved for the championship rotation, or rotation changed? A committee will be assigned to obtain information and facts. George will head the committee along with Stephanie Pitz, Rodney Martin and David Gallagher.

Discussed emails from the membership:

- Discussion on the Chief Judge at the Championship.
- Discussed equipment, the board appointing/paying a vendor/ s to supply equipment for use in championships. Board's option is that all dogs competing are competing with the same advantage and disadvantage.
- Feature a dog in each newsletter, currently we have a hard time getting photo's much less information on the dogs. If membership would send the information in to us we could do that. The board will not change the cover but could do an article inside the newsletter
- Volunteer list to Identify talents that would be beneficial to the club; this would be more of the region reps job. Or could this be used to get the IWPA membership more involved? The board could send out the question to the membership in the newsletter. This would be an excellent job for a member to complete for the rest of the memberships.
- Discussed keeping a listing of addresses of person who have inquired about the club. This would be best kept by the organizers or the regions.
- Discussed holding a conference call instead of the board meeting yearly. The Constitution and By-Laws prohibited. A conference call is very expensive. The board conference call that was held this season was over \$700.00 for 2 hours.
- Discussed maintaining information on dogs and history of their pulls.
- Facebook, who would maintain, would this just be another message board? Each region may want to do this for their area.
- Discussed information that was obtained about a dog's weight not being recorded correctly; if this information is correct it may have changed the point standings. This will be monitored during the organizer's probation status over the next season since the board cannot change last season.
- Reward the dogs and owners that have been with the club several years and that are Champions; create a regional and national hall of fame. Have a regional hall of fame and a national hall of fame. Step one, you would have to be voted into your regional hall of fame; 5 separate years of winning regional medals, 2 years of winning a national medal to qualify for the National hall of fame. This could build interest in the club. The board would like to see a committee complete a proposal for this and bring the information to the next board meeting for the board to vote on. David will complete this and get a committee together and work on this.
- Discussed the IWPA should accept electronic forms and payments. Forms currently can be sent electronically. Robbie will contact Shawn to obtain the information on electronic payments.
- Alcohol consumption at a pull; this is covered under handler conduct in the rule booklet.
- Pulling surface, leveling. This has been addressed for years; all handlers are at the same advantage or disadvantage as all the other competing on that surface.
- Protest process and the duties of the chief judge; this is handled by the chief judge at a pull or a grievance can be filed, then the grievance committee will handle.
- Discussed the point system.

Discussed covers for the track

Forms

Motion: “to correct all forms affected by rule changes voted on by the board at this board meeting”. **MSC**

Round Table:

Motion “Schedule the 2010/2011 board meeting June 4, 5, 2011 **MSC**

Motion “that the June 4, 5, 2011 board meeting be scheduled in Cincinnati, OH” **MSC**

Motion: “ adjourn the board meeting” **M**

Motion: add to Article7, section 1, “must be at least 18 years of age.” **MSC**

Motion: “adjourn the board meeting”. **MSC**

***MSC** denotes Motion, Second, Carried

I.D. Your Pet

It's crucial for your pet to have identification so he can be returned if he gets lost.

Here are three popular methods:

- Collar tags. The most common and visible form of I.D., a tag simply attaches to your dog's collar to display the dog's name and your phone number. But your pet must wear his collar at all times, and it's always possible that it or the tag could detach.
- Tattoos. More permanently than a tag, a tattooed pet I.D. number links your dog to a national organization, like the AKC's Companion Animal Recovery Program.
- Microchips. Another permanent form of I.D. is a microchip. The size of a grain of rice, it's implanted under the dog's skin (no anesthesia or surgery is required). It contains an alpha numeric code that can be read by animal shelters equipped with a hand scanner. The shelter then notifies the chip manufacturer that the pet has been found, and the manufacturer contacts the owner.

**Because a tattoo or microchip could go undetected,
supplement them with a collar and tag.**

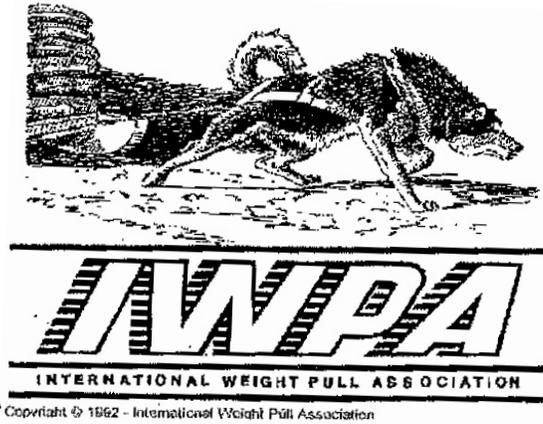
New Member

Renewing Member

Hard Copy of Newsletter

Electronic PDF Newsletter

\$5.00 Discount for Memberships paid prior to September 1.



\$5.00 Discount for PDF Newsletter.

Application for Membership (Please print clearly in black ink)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (An individual membership consist of one adult 18 years and older a the start of the pull season)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
\$40.00 Paid by Check Number _____ Paid by Cash _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (A family membership consists of two head of household adults or one to two parents and children under 18 years of age at the start of the pull season.)

Name of Primary _____ Date of Birth _____
Name of Second Adult _____ Date of Birth _____
Family _____ Date of Birth _____
_____ Date of Birth _____
\$45.00 Paid by Check Number _____ Paid by Cash _____

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (A member under the age of 18 at the start of the pull season, and has a sponsor who is a member of the IWWPA in good standings.)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Sponsor's Name _____ Sponsor's Signature _____
\$40.00 Paid by check number _____ Paid by Cash _____

DUES MUST BE PAID IN U.S. CURRENCY. Both Discounts may apply.

Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____
Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

For returned checks the *IWWPA* will charge the check writer for cost incurred or a MINIMUM of \$25.00

Please submit Application with fees (make checks payable to the *IWWPA*, do not mail cash) to:

Rodney Martin
Membership Chair
3407 17th Ave
Evans, CO 80620 USA
E-mail: MSMKenne1@aol.com

Signature _____ Date _____

**INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION
WEIGHT PULL SANCTIONING APPLICATION**

(ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN)

Sanctioned Pull ____ Other (Novice, Fun, Etc.) ____ Wheels ____ or Snow ____

Pull will be run – Class by Class ____ or Concurrent ____ or Combined Classes ____

Title of Event _____

Street Address of Event _____

City and State/Prov. Of Event _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Region _____

Organizer (person responsible for event) _____

Organizer Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City and State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Date of Event _____ Weigh in Time _____ Start Time _____ Entry Fee _____

Purse/Prizes _____

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Sponsor _____

Name of required I.W.P.A. member _____ Phone (____) _____

Name of Chief Judge _____ Phone (____) _____

If you would like to receive the Sanctioning Packet electronically put an 'X' in this box.
Please included your email address: _____

Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

Sue Ferrari
807 Ghormley Rd
Yakima, WA 98908

Phone 509-966-1133
Fax 509-972-2070
E-mail ferrari1133@msn.com

\$35.00 Per Sanctioned Pull (U.S. Funds Only)

\$25.00 Per Other Pull (U.S. Funds Only) (NSF Check fee will be cost incurred or a minimum of \$25.00)

This application can not be processed without the signature of the organizer regarding the reading and understanding of the Sanctioning Rules printed on the reverse.

Signature of Pull Organizer _____ Date _____

For the use of the Sanctioning Director

Date this application received _____ Date and amount of Sanctioning Fees received _____

Date Sanctioning approved/rejected _____ Date information sent to Newsletter _____

Date notice of approval and sanctioning packet or rejection (must include explanation of rejection) sent to

Organizer _____ Date Sanctioning fees sent to treasurer _____ Date postmarked _____

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION WEIGHT PULL STANDING RULES ON SANCTIONING

In order for your pull to be sanctioned and to count for points.

Any organization who wishes to put on a pull approved by the I.W.P.A. shall require the organizer or any of the officials to have an I.W.P.A. membership and use I.W.P.A. weight pull rules which include having an I.W.P.A. certified and approved judge.

A sanctioning application must be filled out by the organizer and delivered into the hands of the I.W.P.A. sanctioning director no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the event is to take place, provided the event is scheduled between the 15th through the end of any given month. Pulls scheduled from the 1st through the 14th of any month must be received no later than the 15th of the month two months prior to the weight pull event. For example, an event scheduled for December 7th must be received no later than October 15th, an event scheduled for December 28th must be received no later than November 15th. **No exceptions to this rule will be made!!** It is the organizer's responsibility to ascertain if this application has been received by the Sanctioning Director.

Newsletter pull calendar information is taken from the sanctioning application; therefore, ALL questions must be answered. It may be considered false advertising for any organizer to falsify or fail to follow the information provided on the sanctioning request. False advertising will be grounds for placing the organizer on probationary sanctioning status.

The following list of information from your weight pull must be sent to the **Sanctioning Director** with a postmark no later than 5 days after the last day of your pull:

1. Weight Pull finish report
2. Organizer's report
3. Financial report with ALL monies due the IWPA for the \$5.00 per dog fee. For pulls held in Canada \$5.00 are payable in U.S. funds only. (Motion6/07)
4. All regular and provisional membership monies received at your pull with completed membership forms must be sent to the **Membership Director** with a postmark no later than **5 days** after the last day of your pull. New members are to be given the membership receipt included in your packet as proof of membership until their card is sent to them.
5. Send **Judge's Reports** to the **Judge Chairperson**

(The penalty for failure to meet the 5 day postmark requirement will result in a fine of not less than \$20.00 and \$5.00 per day for each day after 6 days that the pull results are not postmarked. Failure to pay a fine may result in loss of sanctioning and/or points). **Exception—Organizers of pulls held the last two weeks of the season are required to submit finish reports to the sanctioning director and FAX or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (motion 5/98)**

Any grievances by an organizer or judge should be in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the end of the weight pull event, and sent to the Sanctioning Director who will present the written grievance(s) to the I.W.P.A. Board of Directors **within two weeks of the receipt of the grievance**, for deliberation.

Sanctioning applications that do not include the sanctioning fees will not be accepted. Exception-When faxing application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be faxed with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the fax. The original application and payment for sanctioning fees must be received by the sanctioning director no less than one week prior to the event or the sanctioning may be canceled.

Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure to reimburse funds when sanctioning has been suspended may mean loss of future sanctioning of event by the organizer)

The Board of Directors may not make a decision on sanctioning a pull but will make a decision regarding any grievance filed in regard to sanctioning.

If the Sanctioning on a pull is refused or the sanctioning is withdrawn from a pull, the sanctioning director will notify the organizer in writing within 2 days. A phone call or fax is a courtesy but the "in writing" is a requirement.

Cancellations of a pull will be accepted with no penalty as long as there is ample time to report the cancellation in the newsletter with the same deadlines as for sanctioning a pull. If these deadlines are not met, the organizer shall (at their own expense) send out postcards to all members to notify them of the cancellation. If this is not one, an organizer may be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer _____ Date _____



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Judge Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City, State (Province) _____

Zip (Postal Code) _____ Region _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Judge renewal before September 1, 2010 \$10.00
After September 1, 2010 \$15.00 *Make checks payable to the IWPA*

Mail to:

IWPA Judges Chair

George Ferrari

807 Ghormley Road

Yakima, WA 98908

(509)966-1133

E-Mail: Ferrari1133@msn.com

Note: Renewing Judges **must sign and return this form** (with the proper fee) stating that you have read and understand the following changes in the IWPA Standing rules and Rule booklet that have been placed in effect at the board meeting on June 5, 2010. This also includes the **Judges Code of Conduct** that was adopted by the board in 2002.

International Weight Pull Association Judge Code of Conduct (Ethics and Authority)

1. You must both possess and project an unwavering air of integrity and ethical behavior that protects the reputation of IWPA pull events as fair and well-judged. With common sense, judges can easily avoid situations, which might raise ethical questions. A judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities.

2. Judges are presumed to be honest, competent and dedicated. Nevertheless, it is all too easy to find yourself in uncomfortable or even inappropriate situations. Guidelines cannot cover every situation, but they can help you avoid improprieties or perceived improprieties. A judge should perform the duties impartially and diligently. ("A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including but not limited to instances in which the judge has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party...")
3. You Are in Charge: As the Chief Judge, you have full authority over all persons in the event. With this authority comes the responsibility to be thoughtful and considerate. Be as systematic in your procedure from dog to dog and weight class to weight class as conditions permit.
4. You should avoid theatrical movements or making inappropriate comments to competitors. Be polite, but generally limit your conversation with competitors to instructions that are in accordance with the IWPA rules.
5. The Judge may use whatever reasonable procedures he/she deems necessary to evaluate each dog's performance in an effective and efficient manner. The same procedures will be used to Judge each dog in a class. By entering any weight pull, the owner and handler of any dog agree to accept the decision of the Judge as final. The decision of a Judge is the responsibility of the Judge and not that of the IWPA.
6. IWPA events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog lovers and their dogs. Accordingly, IWPA expects the highest standard of conduct at all events.

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IWPA WEIGHT PULL JUDGE APPLICATION/TEST

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

1. Have you attended an IWPA weight pull? _____ How many? _____

2. Have you attended weight pulls sponsored by other organizations? _____

How many? _____ Sponsored by _____

3. Have you ever helped organize a weight pull? _____ Where? _____

4. Have you served as a weight pull official? _____ Where? _____

5. Have you entered and handled a dog in weight pull competitions?

How many times? _____

6. How long have you been involved in weight pulls as a participant?

7. Are you a member, officer, etc of any service club, group or organization that might show practical experience relating to those qualifications that this office requires?

8. List three personal references that know of your qualifications for this position:

A. Name _____ Phone _____

B. Name _____ Phone _____

C. Name _____ Phone _____

9. List other qualifications not already covered, using the back of this form if necessary

I promise to uphold the IWPA Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules, be fair and impartial in my decisions.

Signed _____ Date _____

IWPA WEIGHT PULL JUDGE TEST

To the Judge Applicant:

The following test has been designed for a more consistent and better understanding of the IWPA rules and how they should be interpreted by you the applicant. All answers are contained in the official IWPA rule booklet.

There are 50 correct answers on the test. The applicant will be required to get at least 43 (85%) of these correct. In the event that you, the applicant fail to get 43 correct answers, you will be allowed to take the test over one week after you have been notified of your failing score. Once you have passed the test, completed the Apprentice Form and paid the appropriate fee you will be added to a list of IWPA qualified judges. If you have any questions at all please contact the Committee Judge's Chairperson.

Thank you for your interest in the IWPA

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

REGION _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Total Correct Answers _____ Checked and Approved by _____ Date _____

Directions: Circle the correct answer or fill in the blank; there may be more than one correct answer on the questions.

1. What surface/surfaces are unacceptable to conduct a pull on?

- | | |
|------------|---------------------|
| a. carpet | c. sand |
| b. asphalt | d. all of the above |

2. What conditions would be acceptable in the layout of the pull chute:

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| a. downhill | b. uphill |
| c. level | d. none of the above |

3. The chute barriers shall be a minimum height of:

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| a. 30" | b. 48" |
| c. 36" | d. 24" |

4. How old must a dog be to compete in an IWPA sanctioned event? _____

5. Can a bitch in season be allowed to pull or be on the premises during an IWPA event?

Yes _____ No _____

6. List the acceptable dimensions of a sled to be used for snow pulling:

Runner width _____ Runners contact surface _____

Width of the sled _____

7. What is the measurement of the bridle on a wheeled cart? _____

8. What kind of tires must be used for a wheeled cart? _____

What is the minimum height _____ Maximum height _____?

What weight must it be able to carry safely? _____

9. What are the dimensions of a snow and wheeled pulling chute?

Width _____ Length _____

10. Who is responsible for the overall supervision of the pull event? _____

11. Who is responsible for the completion of all forms and information required by the IWPA?

12. When may a chief judge disqualify any dog or handler for violation of the rules, or unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive treatment of a dog? _____

13. List the weight classes of the IWPA _____

14. When a dog weighs 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs; what would be recorded weight be? _____

15. What weight class would a dog compete in if they weighed 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs? _____

16. What are the positions that a handler may take when pulling his/her dog?

17. What is the maximum allowable weight of the vehicle used for the 20# class? _____

18. What constitutes double handling? _____

19. How many tangles during the same turn constitute disqualification of the dog competing?

20. What 3 situations constitute a tangle?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

20. Who determines a tangle? _____
21. If any part of the harness or other equipment breaks and the handler chooses to attempt the pull again after repairs, where does the pull start from?

22. Is a sling shot start allowed? _____
23. What would constitute a sling shot start? _____
24. Where must the dog be positioned at the start of the pull? _____

25. May handlers reward their dogs with a treat after each successful pull if the dog is outside the pulling chute? _____
26. Who determines the load increments to be pulled? _____
27. A handler steps over the bridle of the pull cart/sled without touching the equipment, the dog or the pull surface between the start and finish line. When this happens the dog follows the handler and tangles itself in the bridle. Would this be a rule violation if so what rule?

TRUE OR FALSE SECTION: Indicate the correct answer by circling either TRUE or FALSE.

TRUE	FALSE	Dogs shall achieve traction on the same surface as that which the sled/cart rides.
TRUE	FALSE	The bridle for the sled or cart shall consist of light chains or steel cables.
TRUE	FALSE	The sled runners shall consist of a P-tex material or steel runners
TRUE	FALSE	If using a wheeled cart, all tires must have the same air pressure prior to the event.
TRUE	FALSE	A crowd barrier is required to separate the spectators a minimum of 2 feet
TRUE	FALSE	The dog that wins its weight class will be allowed to compete in the next higher weight class.
TRUE	FALSE	If the sled/cart is in motion at the expiration of 60 seconds, the dog shall be allowed to complete the pull and the actual time required to make the pulls shall be recorded.
TRUE	FALSE	The handler has the option to have the cart/sled placed anywhere on the start line perpendicular to the line prior to his/her dogs attempt to pull the

TRUE	FALSE	No dogs, including those not entered in competition shall be allowed in the area ahead of the starting line, except for the dog that is pulling.
TRUE	FALSE	If two or more dogs pull the same weight all go out of completion on the same round; the lightest dog will be declared the winner.
TRUE	FALSE	If a dog is competing for best percentage, he must pull at the designated load increments.
TRUE	FALSE	A handler starts calling his/her dog prior to stepping over the designated 16 foot line and is in contact with the pulling surface is disqualified.
TRUE	FALSE	Throwing a leash is considered baiting?
TRUE	FALSE	Any entrant protesting a violation of the rules has 24 hours after the event to do so in writing to the Judges Chair.

Vaccinations

To keep your dog healthy, you need to ensure that he/she is vaccinated against common dog diseases. Your veterinarian will determine which vaccinations are necessary depending on variables such as her breed and your geographical area.

Common Dog Vaccinations

Rabies: The law in your state will determine the frequency of rabies vaccinations which should start when your dog is a puppy and will require a booster every one to three years thereafter.

Mixed vaccination: Distemper, Canine Infectious Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, and Coronavirus are commonly administered as a combined vaccine.

The chart below shows common vaccinations with the ages for first shots and frequency of boosters.

Vaccination	Age for First Dose	Revaccination	Booster
Temporary Distem-	6 weeks	no	no
DHLPPC*	8 weeks	12 weeks	16 weeks
DHLPPC*		6 months	12 months
Rabies	16 months	12 months	36 months

* Combined vaccine





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