

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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
  - b. asphalt
  - c. sand
  - 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. \_\_\_\_\_
21. Who determines a tangle? \_\_\_\_\_
22. 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? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Is a sling shot start allowed? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What would constitute a sling shot start? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Where must the dog be positioned at the start of the pull? \_\_\_\_\_  
a. \_\_\_\_\_
26. May handlers reward their dogs with a treat after each successful pull if the dog is outside the pulling chute? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Who determines the load increments to be pulled? \_\_\_\_\_

28. 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.

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| 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 from the pulling chute.   |
| 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 weight.                 |
| 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.  |