



**European Tractor Pulling Committee**

## **Tech and Safety Board**

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Subject: Rule Update – Driveline tethers for Garden Pullers

To whom it may concern,

As a follow up from the rule change for large tractors on safety grounds regarding tethers to drivelines please see the proposed new text to update the text in ETPC Garden Pulling Rulebook:

### **Current Text**

Driveline

1. The driveline of Compact Diesel and all modified tractors must be shielded radially (360°). The shield must be made from steel with a wall thickness of at least 5mm or Aluminium 6mm, the shielding should be round and maximum 50mm greater than the biggest part of the driveline.

### **The following text will be added:**

2. If driveline shield is over 40 cm in length it must be tethered on both ends by two opposing restraints. Tethers must attach at 180 degrees to each other and a minimum of 75 mm and a maximum of 150 mm from each end of each driveline shield component. Tether to be constructed of a minimum of 35 mm wide by minimum 1.8 mm thick nylon or polyester strap. One end of tether must attach to one side of the chassis, then go around the driveline shield, then attach to the other side of the chassis. Tether must be attached to chassis by a minimum of one M8 grade 8.8 bolt with a grommet on each side or wrap around the chassis and use a buckle to fasten it to itself.

Rule update to be effective immediately.

If you have any questions on this rule update please contact us.

On behalf of the ETPC Tech & safety Board  
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