



OREGON LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN PLANE PULL

2021 Plane Pull for Special Olympics Oregon Rules and guidelines

TEAMS

Plane Pull teams are made up of no more than 6 'Pullers'. Individuals can only pull on one team's roster. At check-in on the day of event, team captains will be asked to provide their team roster. Each participant will need to sign a waiver. All Pullers must be 14 years of age or older. Pullers who are under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian's signature on the waiver. After receipt of signed waivers, all Pullers will be issued an event wristband for their team's division and must be worn to participate.

Team captains will select their chosen team division when they register for Plane Pull. The four divisions for 2021 Plane Pull are Unified Team, Competitive Team, LETR Team, and Recreational Team. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded in each division. There will also be two additional team trophies awarded: one for Top Fundraising Team and one for Best Team Costume.

THE EQUIPMENT

For the first time, 2021 Plane Pull will be using two aircraft. The aircraft a team pulls will depend on their team's division. The **NASA Gulfstream II Shuttle Simulator** (weighing approximately 35,000 pounds) will be pulled by Competitive Teams and LETR Teams. The **Beechcraft Starship** (weighing approximately 10,000 pounds) will be pulled by Unified Teams and Recreational Teams.

Teams line up adjacent to a rope attached to their aircraft. No rope attachments are allowed (i.e., Velcro), and the rope may not be knotted. Teams may station their Pullers on the rope in any order but may not tie the rope around the anchor Puller. If a Puller falls during the Pull and cannot get up quickly, they should roll away from the rope.

SCHEDULE

Teams must refer to the Schedule of Pulls and enter the on-deck area when called. All team members must be on-deck and ready to Pull when called to the plane.

TIMING

On the starter's signal, the Pull time will begin. After the team pulls the aircraft the required 50 feet, the stopwatch is stopped and the elapsed time is recorded as the team score. Timing begins when the flag drops and stops when the aircraft has traveled 50 feet (marked with chalk) measured by the front wheels.

Two primary timers and one back-up timer are used. The official time is the average of the primary timers. The back-up timer will be used if a malfunction occurs with a primary timer.

The signal to begin the Pull from the referee is a verbal "Ready; Set" and the dropping of the flag. Pullers may remove slack from the rope but may not begin pulling until signaled. Any team that is issued a false start by the referee will receive one re-Pull. The referee will signal the end of the Pull. Pull times will be listed on the scoreboard kept on the runway.

A re-Pull is awarded only due to a malfunction in timing and/or plane equipment or a false start. The decision to allow a team to re-Pull is made collaboratively by the event referee and event chair.

RULE ENFORCEMENT

Any issues that arise during a team's Pull will be addressed by the referee and event chair. Their decision is final.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Understand, appreciate, and abide by the rules of the event.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and staff.
3. Respect the other teams.
4. Be responsible for your actions and maintain self-control.
5. Do not taunt or bait opponents and refrain from using foul or abusive language.

*****Any Puller demonstrating severe unsportsmanlike behavior such as, but not limited to verbal or physical abuse of officials, participants, or spectators will be ejected from the event.***