

# RULES FOR CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHING

## For Classes 1 and 2

Competitors shall commence at 10.00 o'clock and ploughs must be on the ground by 9.30, restart ploughing at 11.00 o'clock after the opening have been judged.

### 1) **Ploughs**

- a) Ploughs to be fitted with skimmers.
- b) Tail pieces are allowed – the maximum size to be 26cm long and 22 cm wide. The end of the tail piece to be no more 32cm from the end of the mouldboard.
- c) Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be raised out of the ploughing position.
- e) All plough bodies must be used when ploughing the finish.
- f) Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are **not** allowed.

### 2) **TIME ALLOWED**

- a) 20 minutes for opening. Penalty for failure to finish on time – 2 points per minute or part of minute.
- b) 40 minutes for opening to be judged.
- c) 2 Hours to complete the plot. Penalty for failure to finish plot at finishing signal – 10 points per minute or part minute.
- d) 15 minutes extra time for any cast off done after the ploughing has commenced.

### 3) **OPENING** - Double opening – no land to be left unturned.

### 4) **START**

- a) Start to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- b) Competitors to cast towards the next highest number plot.

### 5) **FINISH**

- a) Finish consisting of last 8 furrows.
- b) Last furrow to be ploughed towards competitor's own start.
- c) **Maximum finishing depth 12" unless the Host stipulates otherwise**

### 6) **DEPTH** - Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish; minimum depth 15cm / 6", maximum depth 22cm / 9".

### 7) **GENERAL**

- a) The first run to the neighbouring competitor will not be judged, but ploughmen must not mark their neighbours ploughing with their tractor wheel. If there is a problem, the competitor must contact the class steward for a ruling before ploughing the first run next to their neighbour.
- b) Rolling of the furrows and scratches is **not** allowed.
- c) Twin tractor wheels are **not** allowed.
- d) Assistance to set and remove poles is allowed. No other assistance allowed including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.
- e) Handling, treading or shaping of scratches of furrows is **not** allowed.
- f) Only one tractor and plough wheel mark allowed at the finish.
- g) Only the competitor allowed cleaning the plot of straw, stones, etc.
- h) The use of global positioning technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are **not** allowed.

### 8) **SAFETY**

- a) Passenger not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
- b) Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.

9) **FINAL DECISION** - Any questions arising and not provided for in the rules shall be decided by the committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

### JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING- CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHS

<b>OPENING</b>	20
Well cut, uniform and straight	
<b>START 11 OR 12 FURROWS</b>	20
Uniform, level and straightness	
<b>SEED BED</b>	20
Weed control and soil made available	
<b>FIRMNESS</b>	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes	
<b>UNIFORMITY</b>	20
Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows	
<b>FINISH</b>	20
Uniform, shallow and straightness	
<b>INS AND OUTS</b>	20
Neat, accurate and regular	
<b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b>	20
Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot	

### **FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

Two tractor wheel marks	20 points penalty
Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
Depth infringement	20 points per cm less than specified depth
Rolling	20 points penalty
Failure to finish opening on time	20 points per min or part min time
Failure to finish plot by finishing time	10 points per min or part min over time
Abuse of officials or fellow competitors	20 points penalty
Failure to adhere to the Safety Policy	<b>Disqualification</b>

**Anyone whose finish exceeds the depth specified  
For every ½" over this the penalty is -5 points**

# RULES FOR CLASSIC MOUNTED PLOUGHING –

## CLASS 3

Competitors shall commence at 10.00 o'clock and ploughs must be on the ground by 9.30, Ploughing to restart at 11.00 o'clock after the openings have been judged.

1 **TRACTOR** - In the Classic class all models of tractor must have been in production prior to the introduction of the Q Cab 31/12/1976.

### 2 PLOUGHS

- Mounted Ploughs in production **before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1976** but excluding Fiskars, Kverneland, Super Hydrien and Ransome/Bonning, YCN, UCN and SCN bodies not are allowed.
- Plough bodies to be designed for plough at time of manufacture.
- Skimmers must be used, and tail pieces are optional – no other attachments allowed.
- Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be raised out of the 'ploughing' position.
- All Plough bodies to be used when ploughing the finish.
- Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are **not** allowed.

### 3 TIME ALLOWED

- 20 minutes for opening. Penalty for failure to finish on time – 2 points per minute or part minute.
- 40 minutes for openings to be judged.
- 3 hours to complete the plot. Penalty for failure to finish the plot at finishing time 10 points per minute or part minute.
- 15 minutes extra time for any cast off made after the commencement of ploughing.

### 4 OPENING

- Double opening split – no land left unturned.
- On grassland there is no opening.

### 5 START

- Start to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- Competitors must cast towards the next highest numbered plot.

### 6 FINISH

- Finish to consist of the last 8 furrows.
- Last furrow to be cast towards competitor's own start.
- Maximum finishing depth is 10" unless host stipulates otherwise**

7 **DEPTH** - Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish  
Minimum depth 17cm / 7".

### 8 GENERAL

- The first run next to neighbouring competitor will not be judged, but ploughmen must not mark their neighbours ploughing with their tractor wheel. If there is a problem the competitor must contact the class steward for a ruling before ploughing the first run next to their neighbour.
- Rolling of the furrows and scratches is **not** allowed.
- Twin tractor wheels are **not** allowed.
- Assistance to set and remove poles is allowed. No other assistance allowed including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.
- Handling, treading or shaping of furrows is **not** allowed.

- Only one tractor and plough wheel mark allowed at the finish.
- Only the competitor is allowed to clean the plot of straw and stones, etc
- Competitors must produce evidence of the age of the tractor if requested.
- Use of global positioning technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are **not** allowed.

### 9) SAFETY

- Passenger not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
- Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.

10) **FINAL DECISION** - Any questions arising and not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the committee, whose decision shall be final and binding

### JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING- CLASSIC PLOUGHS

<b>OPENING</b>	20
Well cut, uniform and straight	
<b>START</b> (11 or 12 furrows)	20
Uniform, level and straightness	
<b>SEED BED</b>	20
Weed control and soil made available	
<b>FIRMNESS</b>	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes	
<b>UNIFORMITY</b>	20
Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows	
<b>FINISH</b>	20
Uniform, shallow and straightness	
<b>INS AND OUTS</b>	20
Neat, accurate and regular	
<b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b>	20
Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot	

### **FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

Two tractor wheel marks	20 points penalties
Finish wrong way	20 points penalties
Depth infringement	20 points per cm less than specified depth
Rolling	20 points penalties
Failure to finish opening on time	2 points per min or part min over time
Failure to finish plot by finishing time...	10 points per min or part min over time
Abuse of officials or fellow competitors.	20 points penalties
Failure to adhere to the Safety Policy	Disqualification

**Anyone whose finish exceeds the depth specified for every ½" over this the penalty is -5 points**

# RULES FOR VINTAGE PLOUGHING

## For Classes 4,5 and 6

Competitors shall commence ploughing at 10.00 o'clock and ploughs must be on the ground by 9.30, ploughing to restart at 11.00 after the openings have been judged.

1) **Tractor** – In both trailing and mounted ploughing classes, all models of tractor must have been in production **before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1959**.

### 2) **Ploughs**

- Trailing plough class – any trailing plough is eligible.
- Mounted plough – any mounted plough in production before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1959.
- Plough bodies must be designed for the plough at the time of manufacture.
- Skimmers must be used, and one-piece tail pieces are optional no other attachments allowed.
- Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be raised out of “ploughing” position.
- All plough bodies are to be used when ploughing the finish.
- Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrow or scratches are **not** allowed.

### 3) **TIME ALLOWED**

- 20 minutes for opening. Penalty for failure to finish on time – 2 points per minute or part of minute.
- 40 minutes for opening to be judged.
- 3 Hours to complete the plot. Penalty for failure to finish plot at finishing signal – 10 points per minute or part minute.
- 15 minutes extra time for any cast off done after the ploughing has commenced.

### 4) **OPENING**

- Double opening – no land to be left unturned.
- On grassland there is no opening.

### 5) **START**

- Start to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- Competitors to cast towards the next highest number plot.

### 6) **FINISH**

- Finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- Last furrow to be ploughed towards competitor's own start.
- Maximum finishing depth is 10” unless the host stipulates otherwise.**

7) **DEPTH** - Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish minimum depth 15cm / 6”.

### 8) **GENERAL**

- The first run to the neighbouring competitor will not be judged, but ploughmen must not mark their neighbours ploughing with their tractor wheel. If there is a problem, the competitor must contact the class steward for a ruling before ploughing the first run next to their neighbour.
- Rolling of the furrows and scratches is **not** allowed. Twin tractor wheels are **not** allowed.
- Assistance to set and remove poles is allowed. No other assistance allowed including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.

- Handling, treading or shaping of scratches of furrows is **not** allowed
- Only one tractor and plough wheel mark allowed at the finish
- Only the competitor allowed to clean the plot of straw, stones, etc.
- A competitor must produce evidence of the age of a tractor if requested.
- The use of global positioning technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are **not** allowed.

### 9 **SAFETY**

- Passengers not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
- Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.

10 **FINAL DECISION** – Any questions arising and not provided for in the rules shall be decided by the committee, whose decision shall be final and binding

### JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING- VINTAGE PLOUGHS

<b>OPENING</b>	20
Well cut, uniform and straight	
<b>START 11 OR 12 FURROWS</b>	20
Uniform, level and straightness	
<b>SEED BED</b>	20
Weed control and soil made available	
<b>FIRMNESS</b>	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes	
<b>UNIFORMITY</b>	20
Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows	
<b>FINISH</b>	20
Uniform, shallow and straightness	
<b>INS AND OUTS</b>	20
Neat, accurate and regular	
<b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b>	20
Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot	

### **FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

Two tractor wheel marks	20 points penalties
Finish wrong way	20 points penalties
Depth infringement	20 points per cm less than specified depth
Rolling	20 points penalties
Failure to finish opening on time	2 points per min or part min over time
Failure to finish plot by finishing time	10 points per min or part min over time
Abuse of officials or fellow competitors	20 points penalties
Failure to adhere to the Safety Policy	Disqualification

**For anyone whose finish exceeds the depth**

**Specified for every ½ over this is a penalty of..... - 5 points**

# RULES FOR COMMERCIAL REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING

## For Classes 7

Competitors shall commence at 10.00 o'clock and ploughs to be on the ground by 9.30, ploughing to restart at 11.00 o'clock after the openings have been judged.

### 1) PLOUGHS

- All ploughs to be fitted with skimmers.
- Tail pieces are allowed – maximum size to be 28cm long and 22cm wide. The end of the tail piece to be no more than 32cm, from the end of the mould board.
- All plough bodies must be used when ploughing finish.
- Extraneous attachments that manipulate furrows or scratches are **not** allowed.

### 2) TIME ALLOWED

- 20 minutes for opening. Penalty for failure to finish opening on time - 2 points per minute or part minute.
- 40 minutes for opening to be judged.
- 3 hours to complete the plot. Penalty for failure to finish plot at finishing time - 10 points per minute or part minute.
- 15 minutes extra time for any cast off done after the ploughing has commenced.

3) **OPENING – Double opening** with right-hand bodies as per diagram.

4) **START** - Start consists of minimum of 8 furrows.

5) **FINISH** - Finish to consist of last 12 furrows.

a) **Maximum finishing depth is 12" unless host stipulates otherwise**

6) **DEPTH** - Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish; minimum depth 20cm / 8", maximum depth 25cm / 10".

### 7) PLOUGHING

- Plough minimum of 8 furrows towards the lower numbered plot.
- Start at the next highest number.
- Alternate bodies to be used at all times. Each run to be completed before the plough is turned over.

### 8) GENERAL

- The first run next to the neighbouring competitor will not be judged, but ploughmen must not mark their neighbours ploughing with their tractor wheel. If there is a problem, the competitor must contact the class steward for a ruling before ploughing the first run next to their neighbour.
- Rolling of furrows or scratches is **not** allowed. **Penalty – 20 points deduction.**
- Assistance to set and remove poles is allowed, no other assistance allowed including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.
- Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is **not** allowed.
- Only one tractor and plough wheel mark allowed at finish.
- Only the competitor allowed to clean the straw, stones

### 9) SAFETY

- Passengers not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
- Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.

### 10) FINAL DECISION

Any questions arising and not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

### JUDGED METHOD OF SCORING – COMMERCIAL REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS

<b>OPENING</b>	.....	20
Well cut, uniform and straight		
<b>START</b> (minimum of 8 furrows)	.....	20
Uniform, level and straightness		
<b>SEED BED</b>	.....	20
Weed control and soil made available		
<b>FIRMNESS</b>	.....	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes		
<b>UNIFORMITY</b>	.....	20
Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows		
<b>FINISH</b> (last 12 furrows)	.....	20
Uniform, Shallow and Straightness		
<b>ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW</b>	.....	20
Close to first furrow with no unploughed or re-ploughed land		
<b>INS AND OUT</b>	.....	20
Neat, accurate and regular		
<b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b>	.....	20
Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot		

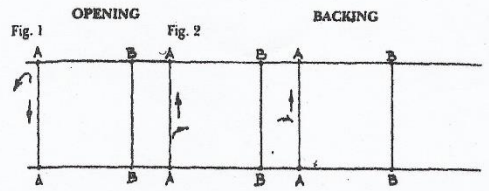
Note: Seedbed, firmness and uniformity cover the whole plot, i.e., start furrows and final 12 furrows

### **FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

Two tractor wheel marks.....	20 points penalties
Depth infringement.....	20 points penalties
Rolling .....	20 points penalties
Failure to finish opening on time .....	2 points per min or part min over time
Failure to finish plot by finishing time ....	10 points per min or part min over time
Abuse of officials or fellow competitors .....	20 points penalties
Over ploughing of the finish .....	5 points penalty per furrow
Failure to adhere to the Safety Policy .....	Disqualification

**Anyone whose finish exceeds the depth specified  
For every 1/2" over this the penalty is -5 points**

**RULE 3** Commercial Reversible



Opening Split. Fig. 1.  
Furrows thrown towards preceding letter.



Completed Split. Fig. 2.

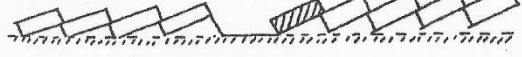


NOTE: Shaded furrow taken from bottom of open furrow in Fig. 1. contains no stubble.

Backing



Finish. This is ideal.



Finish. This is acceptable.



# RULES FOR HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING

## For Class 8

**Competitors shall commence at 10am and ploughs must be on the ground by 9.30am**

### 1) **Tractor**

All models of tractor must have been in production **before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1959.**

### 2) **Ploughs**

- Mounted or trailing ploughs may be used that were in production **before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1959.**
- Plough bodies to be in production **before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1959.**
- Skimmers and one-piece tailpieces optional – no other attachments allowed.
- Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are **not** allowed.

### 3) **TIME ALLOWED**

- 20 minutes for opening. **Penalty for failure to finish on time – 2 points per minute or part of minute.**
- 40 minutes for opening to be judged.
- 4** Hours to complete the plot.
- 15 minutes for any cast-off made after commencement of ploughing.
- Penalty for failure to finish plot at finish signal – 10 points per minute or part minute.**

4) **OPENING** - Double opening – no land to be left unturned.

### 5) **START**

- The start shall consist of the first 6 furrows.
- Competitors must cast towards the next highest numbered plot.

### 6) **FINISH**

- The finish shall consist of the last 6 furrows.
- The last furrow to be ploughed towards competitors' own start.

7) **DEPTH** - Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish. Minimum depth 12cm / 4 3/4".

### 8) **GENERAL**

- The first run to the neighbouring competitor will not be judged, but ploughmen must not mark their neighbours' ploughing with their tractor wheel. If there is a problem, the competitor must contact the head steward for a ruling before ploughing the first run next to their neighbour.
- Rolling of the furrows and scratches is **not** allowed. **Penalty – 20 points deduction.**
- Twin tractor wheels are **not** allowed.
- Three sighting poles only (one can be placed on the headland) – assistance to set and remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.
- Handling, treading or shaping of scratches of furrows is **not** allowed.
- Maximum of two-wheel marks allowed at the finish (note: if two-wheel marks, they must be on the side of the finish).
- Only the competitor allowed cleaning the plot of straw, stones, etc.
- Competitors must produce evidence of ge of tractor if requested.
- The use of global positioning technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are **not** allowed.
- Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official or fellow competitor is **not** acceptable. **Penalty – 20 points.**

### 9) **SAFETY**

- Passenger not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
- Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.

9) **FINAL DECISION** - Any questions arising and not provided for in the rules shall be decided by the committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

### **JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING- CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHS**

<b>OPENING</b>	20
Well cut, uniform and straight	
<b>START 6 FURROWS</b>	20
Uniform, level and straightness	
<b>SEED BED</b>	20
Weed control and soil made available	
<b>FIRMNESS</b>	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes	
<b>UNIFORMITY</b>	20
Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows	
<b>FINISH</b>	20
Uniform, shallow and straightness	
<b>INS AND OUTS</b>	20
Neat, accurate and regular	
<b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b>	20
Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot	

### **FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
Depth infringement	20 points per cm less than specified depth
Rolling	20 points penalty
Failure to finish opening on time	2 points per min or part min over time
Failure to finish plot by finishing signal	10 points per min or part min over time
Abuse of officials or fellow competitors	20 points penalty
Failure to adhere to the Safety Policy	Disqualification

**Any other penalty deduction will be decided by the Executive Committee.**

### **HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITORS**

1. Discs / skimmers / tailpieces can be of different make.
2. Weights can be used on tractors or ploughs.
3. Adjustable stays on plough mouldboards are allowed.
4. Quick entry or slotted top links are allowed.
5. Extended wheel axles are allowed.
6. Screw adjustments on cross shafts are allowed.
7. Modified Plough shares are allowed.
8. Chains and lats are not allowed.
9. Two-piece adjustable tailpieces are not allowed.
10. Only approved manufacturers' diesel engines allowed.
11. Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are not allowed.
12. Drawbars with hydraulic movement are not allowed.
13. Four-wheel drive conversions are not allowed.

### **HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING GUIDELINES FOR SOCIETIES**

1. Tramlines – plough at 90 degrees across tramlines if possible.
2. Avoid plots on side headlands.
3. Recommended size if plots:
  - Length – maximum 50 metres; minimum 35 metres.
  - Width – maximum 10 metres; minimum 6 metres.
4. Recommended width of headland – 5 metres.
5. Score sheets and rule books are available to affiliated societies and personal members of the society.
6. All Society of Ploughmen rules must be adhered to and the Society of Ploughmen conventional points scoring system used.
7. Competitors can reside in or out of the area of the competitions.