

RULES FOR PLOUGHING

Competitors – please read the rules carefully

Ploughs

- a) Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers (except High Cut, Vintage and Classic).
- b) Tailpieces are allowed.
- c) Plough bodies must always be in a “ploughing” position.
- d) All plough bodies must be used when finishing.
- e) **Furrow width of vari-width ploughs must be set and hydraulic connections disconnected before start of ploughing.**

Time Allowed for all Classes except Classes Reversible and High Cut

- a) All competitors must be in the field by 9.30 am.
- b) Ploughing to start from 9.30 am but no later than 10.00 am. All splits to be finished by 10.20 am for judging.
- c) **Ploughing to be finished by 2.00 pm.**

Time Allowed for Reversible Classes

- a) Ploughing to start at 10.00 am and opening to be finished by 10.30 am.
- b) **Ploughing to be finished by 2.00 pm.**

Time Allowed for High Cut Class

- a) Ploughing to start from 9.30 am but no later than 10.00 am.
- b) **Ploughing to be finished by 2.30 pm.**

Opening

- a) Conventional ploughing - no land shall be left unturned.
- b) Reversible ploughing - single furrow opening with right-hand bodies.
- c) High cut - there is no opening.

Start

- a) Conventional ploughing - start to consist of 3 rounds, i.e., 11 or 12 furrows for 2 furrow ploughs, 17 or 18 furrows for 3 furrow ploughs, etc.
- b) Reversible ploughing - start to consist of 3 complete runs.
- c) Competitors to cast towards the next highest numbered plot.

Finish

- a) Conventional ploughing - finish to consist of last 8, 9 or 10 furrows.
- b) Last furrow to be ploughed towards competitor's own start.
- c) Reversible ploughing - finish to consist of last 18 furrows for 3 furrow ploughs, 20 furrows for 4 or 5 furrow ploughs, 24 furrows for 6 furrow ploughs.

Depth

All Classes to reach a depth of between 5" to 7" on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish.

Ploughmen Aged 13—16 Years of Age

- a) Ploughmen should be over 13 years of age on the day of the match.
- b) An adult must drive tractor to and from plot.
- c) Ploughmen to be supervised by an adult whilst ploughing but supervisor should not enter the plot after removal of siting poles.

Reversible Ploughing

- a) The ploughman should make a scratch for his last 18, 20 or 24 furrows whilst openings are being judged.
- b) After opening has been judged, the ploughman proceeds to:
 - plough 3 complete runs towards the lower numbered plot
 - start at the next highest number and complete his “butts”
 - complete the last 18, 20 or 24 furrows (see Finish paragraph on previous page)
- c) Alternate bodies to be used at all times. Each run to be completed before the plough is turned over.
- d) Use of siting poles not allowed after opening and scratch.

Classic Reversible Ploughing

- a) Opening - Single furrow made with the rear right-hand body, cast towards the next lower numbered plot.
- b) Start - The start comprises 8 or 9 furrows ploughed towards the neighbouring lower numbered plot.
- c) Finish - The finish consists of the last 11 or 12 furrows.

High Cut Ploughing

- a) Boats, presses and other attachments may be used.
- b) Scratches may be handled but not removed.

Vintage and Classic Ploughing

- a) Plough bodies must be made for the plough at the time of manufacture.
- b) Skimmers and tailpieces optional.
- c) Collapsible top links allowed.
- d) Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are not allowed.

General

- a) The first and second runs next to the neighbour's plot will be allowed as straightening furrows and will not be judged.
- b) Rolling not allowed.
- c) Twin tractor wheels not allowed.
- d) Three siting poles only - assistance to set and remove is allowed.
- e) **Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed (except for High Cut).**
- f) Only one wheel mark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- g) No chains except for High Cut Class.
- h) The use of global positioning technology or other electronic measuring devices is not allowed.

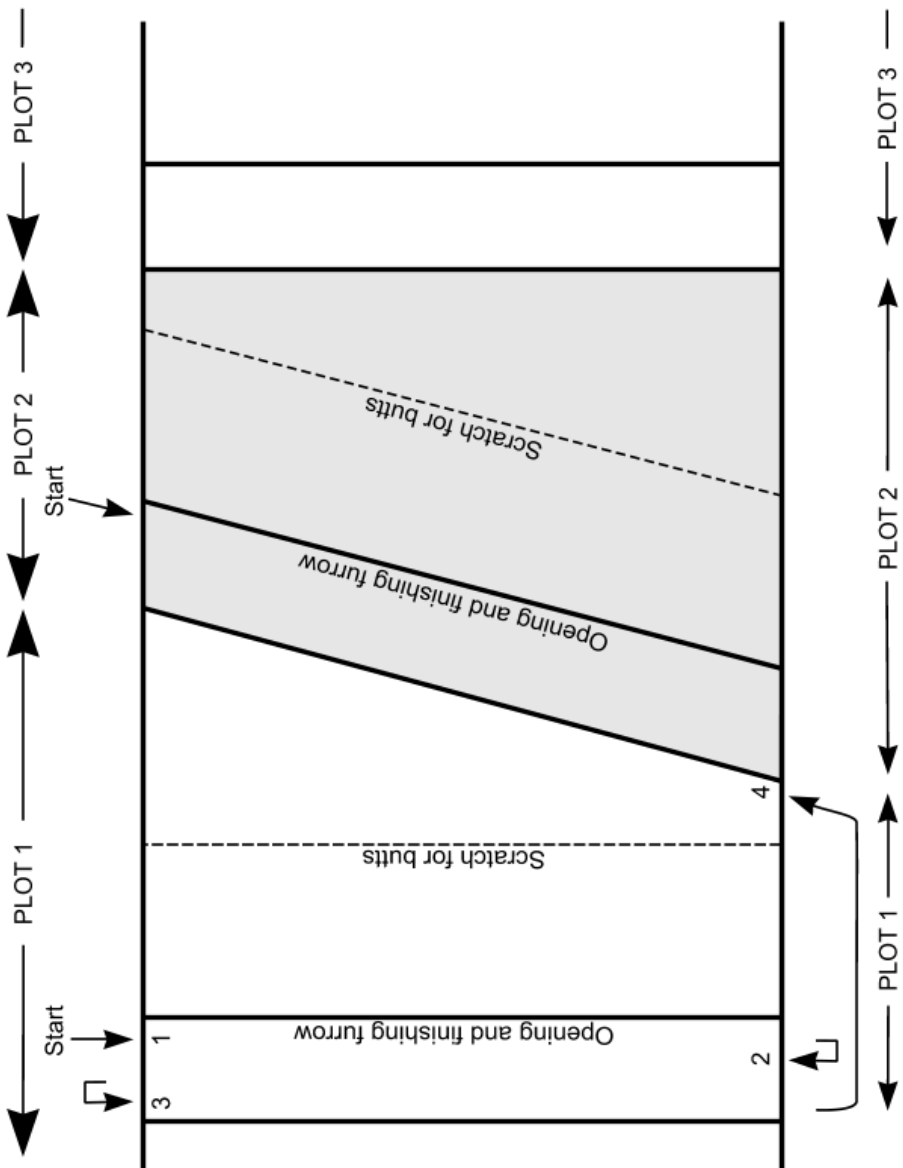
Final Decision

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

Prizes

In the event of 3 or less entries, prizes will be awarded at judges' discretion.

SYSTEM FOR REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING (CLASS 4)



JUDGES' METHOD OF SCORING

CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHS	Maximum points
Opening	
Well cut, uniform and straight (not applicable to High Cut)	20
Start (11 or 12 Furrows)	
Uniform and level	20
Seed Bed	
Weed control and soil made available	20
Firmness	
Firm, well packed furrows; no holes	20
Uniformity	
Clearly defined uniform furrows; no pairing	20
Finish	
Uniform and shallow	20
Ins and Outs	
Neat, accurate and regular	20
Straightness	
Straightness of the whole plot	20
General Appearance	
Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot	20
REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS	
Opening	
Well cut, uniform and straight	20
Start	
Uniform and level	20
Seed Bed	
Weed control and soil made available	20
Firmness	
Firm, well packed furrows; no holes	20
Uniformity	
Clearly defined uniform furrows; no pairing	20
Joining Furrow and Butts	
Neat, accurate with no dips or mounds	20
Finish	
Uniform and shallow	20
Accuracy of Final Furrow	
Close to 1 st furrow with no unploughed or reploughed land	20
Ins and Outs	
Neat, accurate and regular	20
Straightness	
Straightness of the whole plot	20
General Appearance	
Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot	20