



## 2018 ECIPA Banquet Recap

As the 2018 season has finally come to an end, we had our annual ECIPA rules meeting and awards banquet once again at the Longbranch Hotel & Convention Center in Cedar Rapids, IA. There were 142 meals served for the awards banquet, our largest banquet ever! The food was great again like always. The 2019 awards banquet will be held again at the Longbranch, date to on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The rules meeting started at 3pm and was well attended. For 2018, we had to use the main banquet hall, which allowed for more seating and use of the microphone.

Below is a summary of all rule discussions and changes for 2019:

- **360 Hot Stocks:**
  - Turbo Rule – Proper turbo specs and serial numbers will be added to the rules, and competitors can buy turbo from any supplier they choose.
- **9,500lb Hot Farm:**
  - Raise weight in 9,500lb Hot Farm to 10,000lbs – Vote was 6 to stay at 9,500lbs and 5 to raise to 10,000lbs. Weight will stay at 9,500lbs for 2019.
  - Turbo rule for 9,500lb Hot Farm – Vote to allow 3x4 smooth bore turbo as an acceptable turbo along with the current 3x3” slotted turbo, 5 voted for and 6 voted against allowing the 3x4” turbo. Turbo rules will stay the same for 2019
- **466 Open:**
  - 466 Open will change the class name to 466 Limited Pro.
- **Diesel Trucks:**
  - 3.0 Diesel Trucks rules will remain the same for 2019
  - 2.6 Diesel Trucks will follow 2019 PPL rules
- **Farm Stock:**
  - Adjustable hitches are allowed in the farm stock class but must accept factory drawbar. No Haslag style hitches.
- **General Rules:**
  - Fuel & water will remain the same for 2019
  - Proposal to throw away worst hook – Motion was made and seconded to leave things the way they are for 2019. Vote was passed unanimously.
  - Speed board malfunction for speed limit classes – In the event that the Agtronix speed board fails to work due to radio interference, the “Old Reliable” speedboard will be used, and must be plugged in to a power source. If that board malfunctions during the class, there will be a class discussion at the end of the class and points will be evenly distributed amongst the competitors for that class.
  - Air Ride front suspensions will be allowed in all classes except classes listed below:
    - 11,500lb Too Hot To Farm
    - 13,000lb Farm Stock
    - 7,700lb 360 Hot Stocks
  - All judgments will be made at least 1 hour after the pull has ended.
  - All drivers are required to wear a neck brace if their pulling vehicle have a rollcage.
    - It is recommended for drivers in the truck classes to also wear a neck brace.

**Membership Info:**

- **Points** – For 2019 any competitor that places less than 13<sup>th</sup> place will receive 26 points. If you are DQ'd, you will receive 25 points. This does not apply to DQ's by speeding in the speed limit classes.
- Failure to sign up prior to 30 minutes before the scheduled start time on the ECIPA schedule will result in a 5-point penalty.
  - If you are going to be late, you may have somebody else sign you up, or let an official know and we will get you signed up.
- All backup drivers must be an ECIPA member and be on file with ECIPA to be covered by ECIPA insurance.
  - If your backup driver is not listed as an additional driver, or not an ECIPA member, they will be required to pay \$30 for a hook fee
  - Non-members will have to pay \$30 hook fee to be covered by insurance.
- Non-Member hook fees will be \$30 for 2019 for all classes
- **Membership for 2019 will remain the same at \$250 by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**
  - **Memberships after February 1<sup>st</sup> will increase to \$300.**
  - **All memberships receive 3 pit passes**
  - **An additional driver is \$50 and receive 1 pit pass**
  - **Maximum number of passes per vehicle is 4 passes!**

We are currently exploring options of not providing a membership punch card, but instead providing the promoter a check list for members and crew scheduled for each pull. Few reasons for this are below:

- Running out of room on punch card for new pulls (25+ dates)
- Wear & tear of card over the summer
- Forgetting or misplacing punchcard
- Promoters complaints of punchcard abuse (members just spectating, not pulling because class isn't scheduled)
- Part of sponsorship package is giving away single event passes with no good way to provide just a "single" pass.

This is not set in stone yet, but just an option we are exploring. We discussed this with some fairboard's while in Des Moines this past weekend at the Iowa Fair Association Conference. Some would prefer a list, others are indifferent. A decision will be made in early spring and conveyed to all members.

**Membership forms are available on our website and need to be in by February 1<sup>st</sup> before they increase to \$300!**

Any questions about any changes, or need something explained, feel free to call a board member for further clarification.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

- **Thank you from the ECIPA Board Members, Tech Officials and Officers**