

Mixed Junior Tug of War (12-17 year olds)

Competition No. 59

Time: 13:00 Weigh In – Ready to pull by 15:00.

Entries: **Competition is open to one team which will consist of between 7 and 10 pulling members male or female who must be between the ages of 12 years of age and over & 17 years of age and under on 1st September 2016. This means competitors MUST have attained their 12th birthday on 1st September 2016 and may be 18 on the day of the competition.** (You cannot compete for more than one club and county in one membership year. There is no limit on the number of men or number or women in the team (may be all men, all women or any combination of men and women).

Procedure: Draw and Byes – The draw will be made on the day of the Competition. Teams will be advised of the time at which they should report. Teams not reporting on time will forfeit any heat missed.

- Rules:
- 1 The Show General Rules apply to this competition – Please Read them – Front of Rule Schedule
 - 2 Entry forms and Entry Fee must be received by County Office **by 20.00 hrs on Tuesday 2nd May 2017.**
 - 3 **Entry fee: £10 per team.**
 - 4 Competitors will be required to show their current valid (photo & signed) 16/17 membership card
 - 5 A coach and trainer who must be amateurs under TOWA Laws are allowed and need not comply with other Rules of eligibility.
 - 6 Joint teams are acceptable. Points awarded to joint teams will be doubled.
 - 7 No substitutes may be made between pulls in the eliminating rounds or between pulls in the Final.
 - 8 **Weighing In Procedure and Weight Limit: - Weighing in will commence one hour before the time of the first pull. The team will be weighed as one and will not exceed 560 kg. The weighing scales will close 15 minutes prior to the first pull. All heats will be won by two pulls out of three. Teams shall change ends after reasonable rest on completion of each pull. 'Lining up women in the team will give a bonus of 10 kg on the weight allowance, limited to a maximum team weight of 560 kg'.**
 - 9 **BOOTS AND SHOES - Competitors boots and shoes must not be 'faked' in any way, i.e. the sole, heel and side of the heel shall be perfectly flush. (Please Note the soles must be smooth) No metal toecaps or metal toe-plates are permitted. Metal heel tips that are flush on the side and the bottom of the heel are permitted – this means that tips on the bottom of the heel must be smooth. If teams do not adhere to this they will be disqualified. At weigh-in all team members must have the boots with them for inspection by the judges.**
ROPE - The rope shall not be less than 4" and not more than 5" in circumference (10 cm minimum, 12½ cm maximum) without knots or other holding for the hands and the minimum length not less than 35 yards (32 metres).
 - 10 Competitors wearing 'illegal' boots under the above definition will not be allowed to pull.
 - 11 The Competition will be organised and judged as laid down by the Tug of War Association Rules in form. The Competition will follow the National Tug of War Rules as laid out in the latest I Rule Book.
 - 12 Judge/s will be arranged by the County Federation.
 - 13 Should anyone be dissatisfied with the age of any member of any team competing, they should contact the Chief Steward and Activities Chairman immediately.
 - 14 A draw will be made at the Competition and teams will be notified of the pulling order.
 - 15 Valuable articles are the responsibility of the exhibitors.
 - 16 The decision of the judge will be final.
 - 17 During the period of the Competition, **Competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges or Stewards under penalty of disqualification, this includes the use of any telecommunication device.**
 - 18 **No alcohol is to be consumed by any competitor either before or during the competition; infringement of this rule will result in disqualification.**
 - 19 The highest placed team will be asked to represent Worcestershire at the West Midlands Area round of the competition taking place at Royal Three Counties Show **on Saturday, 14th June 2015. 09.45 am for a 10.00 am start for RTCS and the West Midlands Area pulls will follow on.**
 - 20 **SUBSTITUTION:** If more than half of the original team members are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent the County.

Marking: The following scale of marks will be observed

To the winners in a straight pull (two straight pulls)	100	Points
To the losers in a straight pull	80	Points
To the winners in the best of three pulls	100	Points
To the losers in the best of three pulls	80	Points

