

Straw Loading Contest

Sunday, August 22, 2010

Sponsored by Ayersville FFA

CONTESTANTS MUST load 40 bales of straw on a conventional ton pickup truck, drive through a designated obstacle course, unload the straw and then stack it.

Rules

1. This contest will be held on Sunday, August 22 in the grandstand infield.
2. A team will consist of the three (3) members from the same FFA Chapter, 4-H club or Junior Fair Board. **THE DRIVER MUST BE LICENSED DRIVER AND HAVE AN INSURED TRUCK.**
There will be 4 classes:
 - Female Youth
 - Male Youth
 - Adult Male
 - Adult Female
3. The entry fee will be \$12.00 with proceeds going to Children's Hospital.
4. The contest will be limited to the first 15 teams to enter the day of the contest. Questions can be sent to Don Hammersmith, Ayersville High School, 28046 Watson Rd., Defiance 43512, or call him at 419-395-1112.
5. The trophies will be awarded to the top team in all divisions.
6. The pickup must be a standard or ton and must be conventional. No sideboards, roll bars or other devices may be used.
7. The straw must be loaded on the truck and transported through a given obstacle course and unloaded to a stack in a designated place.
8. A 15 second penalty will be awarded of each broken bale.
9. All members must ride in the cab of the truck through the entire course with the doors closed.
10. Contest will be a timed event with a maximum of 10 minutes.
11. Missing or knocking over a traffic cone will result in a 15 second penalty.
12. All straw falling from the truck must be reloaded on the truck unless it is a broken bale. Broken bales will be left lay but must be picked up and removed from the contest area by the team after their time has stopped.
13. Time will start at the second judge's whistle and will stop after the straw has been unloaded and stacked at a designated location and all team members are in the cab of the truck with both doors closed. Penalty can be assessed for improper stacking.
14. If under 18, parents must sign a **"FAIR RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM."** These forms are available in the Secretary's office at the fairgrounds or from Don Hammersmith.

SPECIFICS:

- A. Truck is parked at the finish line, with engine off, doors closed, team members setting on dropped tailgate.
- B. Judges start contest with whistle. Load bales on truck. All team members must be in truck and all doors closed before truck moves.
- C. Any broken bales while loading are replaced on pile by judges.
- D. After obstacle course, straw is restacked in the same manner.