

General Rule Sheet for Tugs 2012

Team Size

- 1) IFC recognized houses can't exceed a combined pool of 120 men and no more than 2 houses as one tugs team
- 2) Limit of four alternates per team.
- 3) Total team size is equal to 22 members – 9 members on Team A – 9 Members on Team B – 4 members as alternates.
- 4) In addition to the 22 members 4 coaches will be allowed to be on site.
- 5) Extra Pit Passes will be granted conservatively based on a formal request to the VP of Community Events.

Conditions to Participate as a Tugger in a Tugs Match

- 1) Only active undergraduate students of Northern Illinois University are allowed to compete as tuggers in the event. Students that are graduates taking NIU classes, attending classes in any other college that is not NIU will not be permitted to participate as a tugger in the event.
- 2) Students must have the “new” form of an NIU OneCard to prove that they are a registered NIU student.

Conditions to Participate as a Caller in a Tugs Match

- 1) As of 2011 there will be no Alumni callers allowed to participate in calling a tugs team for the event. The competition for the year of 2010 is the last year in which this exception will be allowed.

Conditions for Match Win

- 1) Conditions to win are based upon two 20min rounds and one possible unlimited time third round
- 2) Conditions to win a match are based on the following sequences:
 - A) Team takes full rope before time is up
 - B) Team takes advantage when time limit is up

To win a match in two rounds a team must complete condition (A) in the first round and complete condition (B) in the second round or vice versa.

In order for any team to win without going to a third round, a team must complete condition (A) at least one time in the first two rounds.

- 3) If neither of these combinations are met – there will be a third round with no time limit. Whichever team wins the rope in this no time limit round wins the match in its entirety.

Other Rules during the Match

Starting A Match

- 1) Each team will be granted an official entrance with themed music of choice. Entrance order is decided by a representative of the higher seeded team. Entrance music must be edited for offensive content and previously approved by the IFC.
- 2) The match will be called by and only by an official IFC Executive Board member.
- 3) Time will be started immediately after the announcement “This is for real, tuggers ready, tuggers set, tug!”
- 4) If movement is spotted before or during the call phrase a “false start” will be alarmed and the match will be restarted correctly immediately.
- 5) Time notifications will be administered throughout the match in 5 minute intervals for the first 15 minutes and 1 minute intervals for the final 5 minutes. Time check can be requested by head coach of team at any time.
- 6) Higher seeded team can call or defer a call of the coin toss that is made to decide which side a team will tug the 1st round on. After the 1st round, teams will be required to switch sides. If there is a 3rd round the coin flip process will be repeated to determine sides.
- 7) There is no physical contact allowed between competing tuggers and any outside individual that is not actively competing. If a team member purposely touches a tugger – that tugger will be ejected from the match. (Tuggers can receive strips of tape put on the ground next to them by team members, water can be given by squirting it in their mouth, etc)
- 8) In order to forfeit a round the head caller/coach of a competing team must step on the rope in their own side of the neutral zone to accept the loss.
- 9) Neutral zone from both front pits will be 10 feet
- 10) Advantage zone is the point beyond the advantage stick on the advantage team’s side. The stick will be six inches out from the absolute center of the neutral point on each side.
- 11) A team will be automatically disqualified if their rope is overweight during a match.
- 12) In the rare instance that a trench fails or “blows”, the IFC Executive Board will continue the round until a team takes an advantage or rope. The only reason an IFC Executive Board member will stop a match would be to protect the safety and health of a tugger in competition. The match will most likely continue with the failed trench in its entirety and will be repaired with haste before any more matches would be followed. Steps to prevent this issue can be seen in the “Safety Measures and Grounds” section of this rule sheet.

Weight Limits

- 1) Rope A (1st Round Rope) – 195lb maximum average
- 2) Rope B (2nd Round Rope) – 190lb maximum average

3) Rope C (3rd Round Rope) – 195lb maximum average

Weigh In's

1) As noted in the identification section, tuggers need to bring a “new” form of NIU OneCard in order to successfully identify them as active undergraduate students at NIU.

2) “Weigh in’s” will be done at a neutral location agreed upon the Executive Board and Delegates of the IFC.

3) To avoid altercations in weight, an IFC Executive Board representative from a different affiliation will oversee the weigh in operation to ensure its authenticity.

Safety Measures and Grounds

1) 2x6 style boards will be put in each trench for the competition to ensure structural integrity of the competition grounds. This will happen regardless of weather conditions or any other environmental influence.

2) Trenches will be dug by members of IFC fraternities that the Executive Board views as experienced participants in the competition.

3) Trenches will be dug 2ft Wide x 2ft Long x 8in Deep.

IFC Tugs Team Approval Committee

1) A committee will be formed of head callers to decide on tugs rules such as cap limit and team approvals. VP of community events will be the chairman of this committee.

Break-up of Tugs Team

1) In the instance that a tugs team from the previous year breaks up to form different teams. Their seeding will go to the end of the bracket.

2) The team with the larger chapter size will receive the higher seed

Alumni IFC Exec Members

1) All past IFC Exec board members are allowed to be in the pit to help assist in any of the matches.

Recording and Photography

1) The IFC Executive board encourages any participant or spectator of a tugs match to take photographs for their own personal use. However, video recordings of the competition may only be executed by members or representatives of a tug team. The film may only be directed towards their own team. Filming of other teams during a match by anyone who is not on that specific team and/or a spectator not authorized by the IFC Executive Board or the team that is tugging is strictly prohibited.

2) The IFC Executive Board, EPS Employees, and any other staff hired or associated with the Tugs event have the right to check and confiscate any camera being used at the event that is in possession of individual suspected of breaking the above rule (rule 1) of “Recording and Photography” section of this rule sheet.

