

# ALAPAHA BULLDOG REGISTRY'S TUG

- 1) Safety for animals, spectators and exhibitors will be our top priority.
  - All animals participating in TOW will be leashed with an ABR provided and inspected leash at all times.
  - Every pull will require two (2) handlers. One to maintain control of the animal and another to provide encouragement to the animal
  - Pulling areas will be in open space or in a secluded area away from other canines.
  - No animals will be allowed in the vicinity of the pull other than the pulling animals
  - Handlers and judges are solely responsible for maintaining the safety of themselves and everyone around them.
  
- 2) The Set Up
  - Ropes will be constructed with high strength rope and equipped with a quick release snap on each end with the ability of carrying 500 lbs or more.
  - Rope should be 20' in length with a center marker and a 6' marker on either side of the center marker.
  - Dogs will be separated by a wall (Such as plywood) that does not allow the animals to face and sturdy enough to keep accidents from occurring.
  - Separating wall shall be 8' wide or 4ft wide with 4ft construction fencing on both sides.
  - The slot that allows the rope to pass through the separation mechanism will be 2" wide by 30" tall. This allows free movement of the rope. Edges will be sanded to allow free movement and prevent rope damage.
  - Lanes should be created in order to keep animals pulling within the guideline of the separation wall.
  - Hides, soft rope, hydrant hoses and other means of tugs are allowed to be used and attached to the ropes. Judges must inspect tugs prior to competition.
  
- 3) The Pull
  - TOW is held tournament style.
  - Judge will position himself with rope in hand at the wall and ensuring both animals are brought in simultaneously.
  - Handler #2 will hand walk the animal in and maintain the leash for the entire pull while handler #1 "baits" the animal with the selected tug.
  - After the dog is on, handler #1 will acknowledge the judge and let it be known that they are hooked.
  - After both are on, the judge will signal that the TUG is underway.
  - Inside of 30 seconds, a judge may call a foul based off mis-bite, slip or fanged and ask both animals to re-hook. There will be only 3 fouls per animal that will lead to disqualification.
  - During the tug, the first animal to successfully pull the opposing animals 6', wins and moves on.
  
- 4) Misc.
  - Males and females will pull against each other. Dogs will compete in weight classes
  - If a dog is touched, this will be a foul
  - Dogs have 30 seconds to begin tugging, or this is a foul
  - Dog will have 30 seconds to grab on, or this is a foul
  - Dogs compete until the weight ratio is unfair, then the handlers are allowed to decide if they will move forward with competition.