2026 EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS

18th Annual Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing

(Updated January 14, 2026 – v1)

All participants must agree to and comply with these rules for the full duration of the event. Failure to comply may result in immediate disqualification from this year's event and/or future events, with **no refunds**. Entry fees are **non-refundable and non-transferable** for any reason, including cancellation, illness, weather, or COVID-related issues.

Event Contact Information

For questions or event-related information, please use **one of the contact methods below**:

Email: tractorcrossing@owossotractor.com
Phone: Call or text **Rebecca** at **248-222-9123 (new number as of Jan 2026)**

Please **do not contact Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts directly** for event questions, as this may delay responses. Using the contact methods listed above helps ensure timely and accurate information.

Allow up to **48 hours** for a response. You may also contact your **club representative** for assistance.

For the most **up-to-date information**, including **FAQs and event announcements**, please visit our **website** or our Facebook page:"**Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing,**

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Speed:
All tractors must be able to ***maintain*** a steady **minimum speed of 10 MPH** throughout the parade. We understand some makes and models are capable of traveling faster; however, all participants are required to **maintain a consistent 10 MPH**. Do not slow down and then speed up, as this creates gaps and safety issues. Maintain proper spacing at all times. Failure to maintain a steady pace may result in disqualification from current or future events.

Alcohol:
Zero tolerance. No alcohol before, during, or after operating a tractor during the event (Sept. 9–12, 2026). Celebration may begin only after tractors are parked in St. Ignace.

Model Year:
Eligibility is limited to tractors **model year 1985 or earlier** (40+ years old). Any exceptions for special series require prior **written approval** from Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts.

Age:
All drivers must be **18 years of age or older as of September 12, 2026**. Under no circumstances may anyone under 18 operate a tractor on the Mackinac Bridge. Violations may result in disqualification from current and future events.

Tires:
Only tractors with **pneumatic tires** may drive in the parade. Steel wheels, crawlers, spikes, grousers, or similar are **not permitted to drive**, but may cross **on a trailer**.

Trucks & Trailers:
Loaded trucks hauling tractors or equipment may participate. **Empty trucks are not permitted**. No people may ride on wagons or trailers.

Weather:
The event will proceed **rain or shine**. The crossing may be canceled if winds exceed 35 MPH. Event organizers will coordinate with the **Mackinac Bridge Authority** should wind-related decisions be necessary. If canceled, **no alternate crossing** will be scheduled.

Flags & Signs:
Flags and signs are permitted if mounted in line with the tractor and do not obstruct the driver's view or the view of others. This is a f**amily-friendly event;** any flags or signs containing **vulgar, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate language or imagery** may be required to be removed.

Club **trailer signs** displaying a club name may be towed behind a tractor; **no people** are permitted on any trailer or wagon. **Tractor-mounted club signs** are allowed if securely attached and **do not obstruct visibility**. All sign placement will be **strictly enforced for safety. Floats are not permitted.**

People Movers & Floats:
Not permitted. Wagons or trailers may **not** carry people. Floats are prohibited.

Buddy Riders:
Buddy Riders are approved for the **2026 event** in accordance with the approved **Buddy Rider Rules**.

Implements:
Permitted if properly secured to a hitch.

Participant Registration

A **completed registration form** is required for every participant, including all drivers and Buddy Riders. Registration is available **online a**t www.mackinacbridgecrossing.com, where forms must be completed and payment submitted by credit card. Participants local to Owosso, Michigan may also register and **pay in person at our store**, located at 1003 S. Washington St., Owosso, MI. Hours are 9 - 5 Mon-Fri.

The registration form includes a copy of these Rules and Regulations. **Each participant must sign the form to acknowledge and agree** to comply with all event rules. If the participant is under 18, a parent or guardian must sign on their behalf.

Participation for the 2026 event is **limited to 1,250 tractors** and will be accepted on a first-come, first-paid basis.

Golf Cart Use

Golf carts are permitted on the grounds at the **staging area** and **Little Bear Arena** for individuals **18 years of age and older** only.

All golf cart operators must:

- Provide **proof of insurance**
- **Sign a waiver/form** prior to use
- **Display an event-issued golf cart pass** at all times

Operators must exercise **extreme caution** while operating golf carts. Please be aware that there will be heavy foot traffic, including **small children**, throughout the grounds.

Any **reckless, unsafe, or dangerous behavior** will result in immediate loss of golf cart privileges for the remainder of the event.

SAFETY & EQUIPMENT

- Tractors must be driven **single file** unless otherwise directed by event officials or in the event of an emergency.
- **Racing, unsafe behavior, or deviation from the designated route is prohibited.**
- Each club must carry **Type ABC fire extinguishers** (minimum **one per club**; **two** for clubs with more than 20 tractors).

- Each tractor must be equipped with a **tow strap, not a chain. (corrected 5/21/26)**.
- **Disabled tractors may not be towed across the Mackinac Bridge.** If your tractor breaks down, but is able to run before the last tractor boards onto the Bridge, you can still participate.

ENTRY & ENFORCEMENT

Official Entry Magnet:
The "Official Entry 2026" **Entry Magnet** must be clearly visible on the right front of the tractor (or held in the right hand). This is required to access the Mackinac Bridge and is verified by the Mackinac Bridge Authority. Participants without proper identification may be removed from the event and not allowed to cross the Bridge.

Rules Enforcement & Safety
Participants who are **unregistered, unauthorized, or in violation** of the Event Rules will be removed by law enforcement and may be subject to fines, impoundment of equipment, and/or arrest.

Authority & Enforcement
Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts and its employees reserve the right to **disqualify any participant or club** that fails to comply with any portion of these Rules and Regulations, or whose actions **jeopardize the safety of others**. All clubs and participants agree to respect all property belonging to Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts, the City/Village of Mackinaw City, the City of St. Ignace, the Mackinac Bridge Authority, Darrow's staging area, Little Bear Arena, Mackinac County Airport in St. Ignace, and any other locations used for this event.

Staging & Parking instructions
Only tractors **registered (and paid) through an approved club** are permitted to park or participate in any event-controlled area. This includes, but is not limited to, the **Mackinac Staging Area (Darrow Pit), St. Ignace Little Bear lot, Mackinac City Parade, St. Ignace parades (Saturday or Sunday), and the Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing Parade.** Unregistered tractors are not permitted to enter, park, or participate and **will be towed** at the owner's expense and subject to local enforcement.

In the **South Staging Area (gravel pit)**, parking is permitted **only in designated areas**. **Do not park on the drive for any reason**, as this area must remain clear for the safe flow of trucks and trailers arriving to unload.

At **Little Bear Arena**, vehicles may park **in the lot across from Little Bear Arena or downtown**. **Do not park** on **Ojibwa Trail**, in the **Little Bear Arena parking lot**, in the **gravel lot north of the Little Bear building**, or in any area marked with **barriers or no-parking signage**. All restricted areas will be clearly marked. Vehicles parked in violation of these rules **will be towed at the owner's expense with no additional warning**.

Club Insurance & Documentation Requirements

All participating clubs must submit **all required documentation by August 1, 2026** for the **Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing**, held **September 12, 2026**.

Each club must provide the following to **Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts**:

- **ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance**
  - *This is the **only accepted form** of insurance documentation per our insurance company*
  - *Copies of insurance policies will **NOT** be accepted*
  - Minimum **$1,000,000 liability coverage**
  - Policy must be **current and active for September 12, 2026**
  - Must list **Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts** and the **Mackinac Bridge Authority** as **certificate holders**
  - Must include the insurance company name, address, phone number, policy number, and the club's legal name and address
- **Signed Club Disclaimer / Hold Harmless Form**
  - Must be signed by the **club president or an authorized board member**

Submission Methods:
Forms may be **turned in at the Club Representative Meeting on May 16, 2026**, **emailed**, or **mailed**. Insurance information will be kept **confidential** and used solely for verification purposes with Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts, the Mackinac Bridge Authority, and applicable municipalities.

AUTHORITY & AGREEMENT

Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts and the Mackinac Bridge Authority reserve the right to inspect, refuse, or remove any vehicle or participant for safety or rule violations at any time.

By registering, club representatives agree to these rules on behalf of their club and authorize use of the club name unless otherwise requested in writing.

Owosso Tractor Repair & Parts
Presenters of the Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing