



# FRIENDSGIVING in Knoxville

IWPA SANCTIONED WEIGHT PULL - WHEELS ON CARPET  
NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2024

Revision 1 - 10.15.24

## DATES & LOCATION

### November 16 & 17, 2024

9:30 am - Weigh In / 10:15 am - Handlers Meeting / 10:30 am Start

Ultimutt Knoxville

**11225 Threadstone Ln, Knoxville, TN 37922**

IWPA Sanctioned - Wheels, Outdoors

## ENTRY

**Entry Fees are to be \$15 per dog, per pull.**

A \$5/pull discount will be made for Junior Handlers.

A \$1 dollar convenience fee will be added to entries paid online.

Entries will be accepted DAY OF until the start of each Handlers Meeting. All participants must sign their entry form DAY OF. RSVPs will be accepted online.

RSVPs can be submitted at [scruffycitystrongdogs.com](https://forms.gle/Zg3BXbiyEGf4ed8o7) or the link below:

<https://forms.gle/Zg3BXbiyEGf4ed8o7>

Entry Fees can be paid via cash, check, Paypal, or Zelle anytime before the start of the competition. Checks must be made out to Scruffy City Strong Dogs. Checks will be deposited following the conclusion of the event. A \$30 fee will be assessed for any returned checks. No refunds will be given past the closing date for any reason.

## OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

### Scruffy City Strong Dogs

scruffycitystrongdogs.com  
scruffycitystrongdogs@gmail.com

### SCSD Officers (2024-2025)

President: Ami Insley  
Vice President: Allison Weaver  
Treasurer: Rebecca Pierce  
Secretary: Reagan Hart

### Trial Officials

Chief Judge: Reagan Hart  
(865) 414 - 5461  
ihartdoggos@gmail.com

### Back Up Judge(s):

Missy Kehler  
Sheryl Franklin

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## ELIGIBILITY

- All contestants must be either a regular IWPA member, or a provisional member. (Novice handlers do not need to be a member).
- All breeds and mixes are eligible.
- Dogs must be between 1 year old and 12 years old.
- No pregnant, nursing, or bitches in season.
- Dogs must be free of disease and injury.
- Dogs cannot be on any performance enhancing drugs.

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## CLASSES OFFERED

Novice - Any dog 1 year or older the day of the event. Recommended for new teams.

Pro - Any dog 1 year or older on the day of the event. Recommended for experienced teams.

Novice and Pro Dogs will compete together, results will be reported separately.

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## WEIGH IN

All dogs must be weighed in by a judge in order to compete! A dog competing in all four events only needs to be weighed once. Dogs must be weighed in their natural form, wearing a standard collar. Leashes can be attached.

Weigh In will be offered at the following times using a veterinary scale:

Saturday, November 16, 2024 - 9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Sunday, November 17, 2024 - 9:30 am

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## HANDLER'S MEETING

All handlers must attend the Handler's Meeting prior to their dog competing. Handler's Meetings will start promptly 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of each competition. Handlers will be asked to sign in at each meeting.

Handler's Meetings will last approximately 15 minutes. There will be time for questions.

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## WEATHER

We will compete rain or shine at the Chief Judges discretion. Delays will be implemented as needed for storms or severe weather. We will not compete if temperatures in the chute exceed 90 degrees. Any updates will be communicated via the SCSD Facebook Facebook group.

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## ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME

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Scruffy City Strong Dogs encourages all interested in learning about this awesome sport to come out and try it! We love our Novice Teams and want everyone to be successful.

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## IWPA WEIGHT PULL BASICS

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- Simply put, in weight pull a dog must pull a cart 16 feet in under 60 seconds.
- Dogs must participate in a properly fitted weight pull harness. Judges may inspect harnesses at any time.
- Weight Pull competitions are structured in Rounds.
  - Rounds are defined by an increasing weight increment. The weight increment is called the "Drop".
  - Round 1 will be the empty cart.
- Each dog will have the opportunity to PULL or PASS in each round.
  - Dogs that successfully pull the entire distance in the allotted time will move on to the next round.
  - Handlers may PASS up to two rounds in a row after their dog has begun pulling. (Example: Dog completes Round 1 easily and quickly, handler may PASS Rounds 2 & 3. Dog would pull again in Round 4.)
- Rounds continue until the handler chooses to withdraw their dog or the dog earns a foul.
- Fouls are called by the Judge at the time they are observed. Only Judges can call a Foul. Fouls are assessed for:
  - Not pulling the cart the entire distance in allotted time.
  - Handler touching the dog OR equipment after the timer has started.
  - Excessive foul language in the chute.
  - Dropping or pushing the dog.
  - A sling-shot or walking start.
  - Elimination by the dog in the chute.
  - Baiting (in any form).
  - Double handling.
  - Communicating with the dog from an incorrect position.
- Tangles are called at the time they are observed. Time will stop, the equipment/harness be positioned correctly. The team will have the remaining time to complete the round from where the tangle occurred. Two tangles on the same rounds is a foul.
- The highest weight a dog pulls in the event is used to determine awards. Awards are awarded based on the highest weight OR the percentage weight (highest weight divided by body weight).

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## PROCEDURE

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- Teams will be called into the chute by the Judge.
- The dog's harness will be hooked to the cart (by handler or cart help). Dogs must have four feet on the ground before they are hooked to the cart.
- While holding onto the dog, the handler will position the dog between the cart's wheels and walk the dog out to extend the Trace line. There can be no slack in the trace line before releasing the dog. THE JUDGE WILL TELL YOU WHEN YOU ARE GOOD!
- When ready, the handler will release the dog and PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY to a calling or driving position. The handler cannot cue the dog in this time.
- Time begins when the handler gives the first cue (verbal or signal) or the dog initiates forward movement.
- When the cart is pulled past the finish line, the Judge will call "PULL" and state the dog's time. After the Judge calls "PULL" the handler can touch their dog.
- The dog will be unhooked from the cart and exit the chute. The dog will rest (in the holding area) while the rest of the round is completed.

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## ADDITIONAL NOTES

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- IWPA does not allow dogs to be rewarded while their class is competing.
- Judges may require a dog to take a 5 minute break AT ANY TIME if needed.
- All dogs must remain crated in the holding area while their class is competing.
- Handlers can only handle up to 3 dogs in the same weight class.
- IWPA requires all dogs start by the following weights. Weight class (Starting Weight):
  - 10# (100#); 20# (200#); 40# (400#); 60# (500#); 80# (600#); 100# (700#); 125#/150#/ Unlimited (800#)
- All class of pro teams and novice teams will pull together.

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## SCSD HOUSE RULES

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- Handlers of dogs that eliminate on any equipment will be assessed a \$5 fee and expected to clean up after their dog.
- Judges, Volunteers, and Vendors who wish to compete with their dogs are encouraged to do so, and accommodations may be made as needed. When handling their dogs, they should be respected as a competitor and not disturbed until they are back in their judge/volunteer/vendor role.
- All competitors are expected to follow all IWPA, SCSD, and Venue rules. Depending on the situation, failure to follow the rules will result in a dismissal from the event.
- REACTIVE DOG POLICY:
  - SCSD strives to be accommodating to all teams who want to try this sport, which includes our ~spicy~ friends. If your dog is reactive, please discuss accommodations with the Chief Judge during weigh in.

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## EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

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- The SCSD Wheels cart is constructed with quarter inch steel with a wood deck.
  - The competition wheels cart weighs 250# empty. A smaller wheels cart is available and weighs 100#.
  - The cart has pneumatic tires rated for an appropriate weight and will be maintained at the described tire pressure.
  - The cart is rated for 5,200 lbs and shall not exceed this without Equipment Manager's approval.
- Carpet used as an artificial surface is a woven berber.
- All cinder block used have an average weight of 25#. Six randomly selected block will be weighed and averaged to confirm before each pull.
- Traces and break lines will always be constructed of an approved material with a tensile strength exceeding 5,600 lbs. Identical spare traces will be available if needed. Traces will be of acceptable material according to organizational rules.
- All carabiners subject to high force will be rated for at least 5,600 lbs. Spares will be available as needed
- Fencing for the chute will be appropriate to the venue according to organizational rules.

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## SCSD HARNESES

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- SCSD has a variety of harnesses available to competitors to borrow. SCSD members can assist in fitting a dog for a harness.
- If an SCSD harness is damaged by a competitor during loan period, the competitor must pay for a replacement harness (\$100). This includes a dog chewing through a harness when not being properly supervised.
- SCSD harnesses are to be returned following each pull.
- Competitors may be assigned a harness buddy if multiple dogs need the same size harness.

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## EQUIPMENT RULES

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- SCSD strives to maintain competition equipment of the highest standard of safety and integrity. Equipment will be monitored by all SCSD judges and the SCSD Equipment Manager during use. Anyone with equipment concerns can bring them to the head judge at any time.
- All competition equipment will be inspected as according to the SOP prior and following to each competition.
- If, at any point in a competition, the integrity of the equipment comes into question, the following procedure will be followed:
  - The competition will halt while the equipment is investigated.
    - If the equipment is deemed unsafe and unfair to continue pulling, repairs will be made AT THAT TIME. Dogs that earned a foul on that drop will be allowed to re-pull after repairs. Dogs that pulled on that drop successfully will be allowed, but not required, to re-pull at the handler's discretion.
    - If the equipment is deemed safe and fair to continue pulling, the remaining dogs pulling in that round will pull prior to repairs being made.
    - If the equipment is not repairable, placements/MWP/MWPP will be awarded based on the last completed round with ties broken by time.
- Competitors are not to compromise the integrity of SCSD equipment at any time. Doing so will result in removal from the event and may result in a ban from future SCSD events.
- The SCSD Equipment Manager and/or Head Judge may set a maximum capacity on the equipment AT ANY TIME. An effort will be made to communicate this ahead of time. This is to PREVENT equipment malfunction and safety concerns.

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## SCSD EQUIPMENT MANAGER

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- Reagan Hart (SCSD Secretary, W3PO Judge, IWPA Judge) is the acting equipment manager for all SCSD competition equipment. Reagan is the private owner of the SCSD Rails System and therefore has final say regarding use. SCSD outright owns the Wheels cart and Snow sled, and as such, the final say regarding use of this equipment will be decided by club officers.
- Reagan will name an acting Equipment Manager if she is absent from a competition.

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## WORKING DOG CERTIFICATE

To earn a WDC, a dog must earn 3-4 qualifying legs. One leg can be earned per competition at this event. A qualifying leg is determined by the final weight pulled by the dog and the dog's body weight. WDCs do not have to be earned sequentially. Only Pro teams can earn WDCs. Pulls towards a WDC must be earned in no more than two consecutive program years.

Wheels Working Dog Certificate Levels	Qualifying Leg	A 50lbs dog would need a qualifying pull of:
IWPA Working Dog	12x body weight 4 legs	600 lbs
IWPA Working Dog Excellent	18x body weight 4 legs	900 lbs
IWPA Working Dog Superior	23x body weight 3 legs	1150 lbs

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## AWARDS

Awards listed below will be award each day. All awards are while supplies last. In the event there are not enough awards, SCSD will make every effort to ship awards following the event in a timely manner (competitor pays shipping).

Most Weight Pulled (MWP)	Award to the dog that pulls the most weight at that event.	Event Specific Prize
Most Weight Pulled per Body Pound (MWPP)	Awarded to the dog that pulls the highest body pound percentage at that event.	Event Specific Prize
Class Placements First - Second - Third	Awarded to the top three highest pulling dogs in each weight class.	Event Specific Ticket
Qualifying Pull - Title Leg	Awarded to a dog that completes a qualifying title leg.	Event Specific Ticket
New Title	Awarded to a dog that completes a title.	Rosette



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## VENUE INFORMATION



- We will be pulling at Ultimutt Knoxville.
- Our chutes will be set up in Ultimutt's pool fencing.
- Bathrooms are available inside the facility.
- Failure to respect the facility will result in excusal from the event.

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## EQUIPMENT SPONSOR



- Fully Loaded Canines has been a significant help in the creation, fabrication, and maintenance of the SCSD equipment. We are grateful for the Otterloop's continued support of our SCSD community!

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Animal Emergency & Specialty Center  
10213 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922  
(865)693-4440

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## FROM SCRUFFY CITY STRONG DOGS

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We hope you will come try this awesome sport with us! Our members and officers will be there to support you and your dog throughout this event. What matters most to us is you and your dog having fun in a safe way.

Weight Pull is a low-impact sport. Weight Pull harnesses are designed to safely distribute the weight being pulled safely across the dog's body while avoiding pinching and pressure points. A proper weight pull harness is essential to safe pulling. SCSD has harnesses available for competitors to borrow and judges and/or members who will check to ensure a harness is properly fitted prior to a dog pulling.

SCSD does not condone forcing a dog down the chute that does not want to pull. Dogs cannot be dragged or bullied down the chute in any capacity at a competition (and SCSD does not permit it during training, either).

One of the reasons this sport is great for the handler-dog bond is because the human acts as a hype-man for their dogs. Handlers cannot touch or bait their dogs in competition, but they can cheer/call/encourage as much as they want! New dogs to the sport often think they can't pull much, but their human's job is to convince them they can! Dogs tend to make it abundantly clear when they are done pulling for the day. And because weight pull is a sport primarily focused on building confidence, it is common practice to always end on a 'successful' pull and praise - even if the dog is getting help by someone pushing the cart!