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## **Autumnfest Tug O' War Needs Teams**

### **For Immediate Release**

Woonsocket, RI: "MEGA War", New England's Largest Tug O' War Competition is gearing-up and will be held once again, during the Autumnfest Weekend at the World War II Veterans Memorial Park in Woonsocket, behind the basketball courts on Sunday, October 7, 2018. Pulling starts at 1:00pm, with team certifications (weight-ins) at 11:30am. Each pulling team is limited to 2,500lbs.

The event is sponsored by Anchor Subaru/Nissan, Ciro's Tavern and The Valley Breeze Newspaper.

MEGA War is a very unique style of tug o' war event as the participants are starting from either the prone or supine position. That unique style alone determines the type of participants it will take to become the Autumnfest MEGA War Champions. The rope utilized for this event is a former tugboat rope used to tow ships. The starting position required that the pullers either lay on their backs with their heads on the rope and hands on their chest or lay outward on the chest with the feet making contact with the rope. To win the double elimination event, pullers must spring-up, and pull the rope 1.5 feet. The Competition requires speed, agility, power, stamina and teamwork.

There will be two divisions, Open (ages 18 & above) and High School. The high school division is limited to active enrolled students only. The High School division is not limited to any amount of registered teams, per school. Each division shall be awarded a cash purse of \$1,000 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$500 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$250 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers, respectively. The competition is limited to the first (10) ten registered teams, in each division. Also, (5) five registered teams are required for the competition to take place, in each division. A 2,500-lbs. limit will be set for each team. Past year's registered teams have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to re-register. After that date, open spots will be filled upon receiving team registration forms to accommodate the ten team limit.

The number of pullers shall be determined by the team's 2,500-lbs.-weight limit. There are no co-ed restrictions. No substitutes are allowed. This is a double elimination competition. There is a \$100.00 entry fee for the Open division ONLY; there is NO FEE for the High School division.

Registration forms and additional information are available on the Autumnfest website [autumnfest.org](http://autumnfest.org) or by e-mailing Cheryl Savaria, Sporting Events Coordinator at [rtsavaria@cox.net](mailto:rtsavaria@cox.net). or by calling Richard Savaria at (401) 527-8959.

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