

Autumnfest Tug O' War Returns

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 8, 2016. Pulling starts at 1:00pm, with team certifications (weight-ins) at 11:30am. Each pulling team is limited to 2,500lbs.

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. All pullers positions will be verified before the signal is giving to the starting official. 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 categories, Open (18 & above) and High School. The high school category is limited to active enrolled students only. The High School category is not limited to any amount of registered teams, per school. Each category shall be awarded a cash purse of \$1,000 1st place, \$500 2nd place, and \$250 3rd place finishers, respectively. The High School purse must be accepted by an adult. This year's competition is limited to the first (10) ten registered teams, in each category. Also, (5) five registered teams are required for the competition to take place, in each category. A 2,500-lbs. limit will be set for each team. Past year's registered teams have until September 8th to re-register. After that date, open spots will be fill 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 entrée fee for the Open category ONLY; there is NO FEE for the High School category.

Registration forms and additional information are available upon request by either e-mailing Cheryl Savaria, Sporting Events Coordinator at rtsavaria@cox.net. or by calling Richard Savaria at (401) 527-8959.

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