

# **“MEGA War” New England’s Largest Tug O’ War Competition**

## **2,500 lbs. per Team**

### **Rules and Regulations**

- Each team is limited to 2,500 lbs. of pullers, with no coed restrictions.
- All team members must be weighted-in on the official scale, at 11:30am in the basketball area with all their pulling attire by a member of any opposing team. A team captain is preferred.
- Substitutes are not be allowed, teams rosters are locked once certified.
- A puller / participant may only compete for one team in the competition.
- Cash awards per category: 1<sup>st</sup> = \$1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> =\$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$250, respectively.
- All High School category purses must be accepted by a high school represented adult.
- Both first place finishers, has the option of being in the Autumnfest Parade.
- No spikes or cleated footwear may be worn – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Double-Elimination, consisting of two brackets (winners / losers).
- High School category pullers must be active enrolled students and schools are not limited to one team but the category is limited to the first ten registered teams.
- As a safety preventive measure, all pulls will have a 1 minute and 15 second time limit. Then, a mandatory 5-minute rest period will take place, followed by a restart from the center position of the neutral area.
- Each team is allowed to have two coaches within the pulling area but at **NO TIME** can they physically touch the rope or a puller.
- If any assistance or personal contact is rendered to any pull or puller, (other than from another puller actively on that pull) that team will forfeit that pull and/or may be subject to competition disqualification at the discretion of the event coordinators.
- At **NO TIME** shall any puller / participant **wrap their arm around the rope**.
- The officials, at their discretion, may terminate the pull at any time personal safety is compromised. Once corrected, the pull will immediately restart from the center of the neutral position.

**Cheryl Savaria, Autumnfest Sporting Event Chairwoman**