



Rock River Threshere, Inc.

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A non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting interest, cooperation & education in agricultural, industrial & construction machinery

SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

*The Safety Rules and Operating Regulations pertain to all owners and operators of all equipment displayed at the RRT. The rules and regulations are for your safety as well as for the safety of the many visitors who attend our shows. If you do not follow safe operating procedures, your equipment may be impounded until the close of the event. **Be alert and be careful.** Safety always comes first. If in doubt, ask! Remember, this club is for you. Everyone's contribution and safety awareness is what enables us to get better and stronger each year.*

1. Everyone operating equipment must attend one safety meeting per event and fill out the attendance certificate. Safety meetings are held round-the-clock during the shows a designated area. You will be issued a button at the end of the meeting that must be worn in plain view while operating equipment. Anyone seen operating equipment without a button will be asked to stop the equipment immediately.
2. Age restrictions:
 - a. Under 18 years of age – must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian to operate any equipment
 - b. Aged 12-16 *with a tractor safety certificate* – may operate tractors while engaged in an RRT service or during tractor rodeos
 - c. Aged 10-16 *without a tractor safety certificate* – may only operate *lawn tractors* at a walking pace while engaged in an RRT service
 - d. The Safety Committee assigns no age restrictions for “I rode my first tractor at...” or for tractor rodeos (although age restrictions may be assigned by the people in charge of those events)
3. Pedestrians always have the right of way; yield to them.
4. All moving equipment must have a qualified operator and no more than one passenger (and only if said passenger is able to ride safely). Obviously, some larger equipment requires multiple operators; no piece of equipment needs – or is allowed – multiple riders. Riding on fenders or riding while equipment is being towed is not allowed.
5. No person shall operate any equipment without first being checked out by a qualified operator of that machine or the committee chairperson in charge of the equipment. If the operator or committee chairperson has any doubts as to a person's ability to operate the machine, they may stop the demonstration and replace the operator.
6. Do not leave running equipment unattended at any time. All running equipment is to be closely monitored. If necessary, rope or fence it off when in operation.
7. When operating with a belt attached, ensure everyone stays a safe distance from the belt area (a suggested 20' distance) before the belt is engaged. The engineer/operator is responsible to see that people are a safe distance away before starting. Politely ask them to move back – don't yell at them. Most people are not aware of the dangers of belts. Walking under a belt is dangerous and is strictly prohibited.
8. No tractor driving without lights after dark while entering, driving within or leaving the grounds or while participating in a club-approved (nighttime) function. When operating on public roads, amber flashing lights are highly recommended.
9. If your tractor has faulty brakes, do not drive it at any time.
10. If you are towing, use proper hitch pins with safety clips.
11. Carry a block or wheel chock to block a tractor on a hill.
12. Stop all engines before fueling. Fuel must be transported only in approved containers. No glass containers.
13. There is a fire extinguisher in each building at Threshermen's Park. If you use one, please turn it in to the Threshere Booth so it may be recharged. We recommend that each operator have a small fire extinguisher (2.5/5 lbs. ABC) on his/her engine and learn how to use it.
14. Any vehicle for transporting people must be designed for safe carrying of personnel, including shuttle wagons, trailers and multiple-passenger vehicles.

