

HORSE PULL

RULES & REGULATIONS *Participation Fee: \$10.00 per Team*

In addition to the General Rules & Regulations

1. All horses will be subject to drug testing. **NO DRUGS ARE TO BE ALLOWED.** Refusal to drug test horses will constitute a positive test and will be asked to leave.
2. If any team becomes unmanageable or difficult to handle, and in the opinion of the Judge and the Horse Pull Committee becomes dangerous to the public, it will be disqualified and ordered to be taken from the pull area, and removed from the grounds.
3. **Light Draft Teams are to weigh less than 3000 lbs.**
Medium Draft Teams 3001 lbs. to 3400 lbs
Heavy Draft Teams 3401 lbs. and above
4. Teams pull from lightest to heaviest in each class.
5. **PULLING DISTANCE: 12 feet.** Three starts are allowed to move the load twelve feet. Teams must stay hooked to the drag between starts. In case of breakage of harness or equipment the team will drop to the end of the round.
6. No bunting of the load - any forward motion of the load will be classed as one start.
7. Helper(s) must stay behind the drag while the team is pulling.
8. There will be no contact with the horse while in motion.
9. **Teams will pull round robin style. Any teamster judged to be under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to compete. No whips will be allowed. No slashing allowed. No cruelty will be tolerated on the Exhibition Grounds to any animal. No profane language will be used during the contest. Any teamster committing any of these offences will forfeit their right to any contest.**
10. Concerning all teams, if any one horse of any team appears so blemished or in poor condition, the **Judge and OR the Horse Pull Committee** shall have the right to eliminate the team from the competition.
11. White lines are to be used, either of wood or lime, twelve feet apart. Any horse of any team stepping over the white line during the start will lose that start. Any team having three errors will be disqualified.
12. A time limit of three minutes will be allowed from when you are called to the drag to complete your pull - 2 minutes to hook up, 1 minute to pull.
13. A maximum of 1,000 pounds will be loaded for the first two rounds and all subsequent rounds a maximum of 600 pounds.
14. All teams to pull in the same direction and pull to the finish.
15. No open bridles in the ring.
16. The judge shall have complete control over all matters after contestants enter the ring. The Judges' decision is final.
17. The horse pull will be held on Thursday evening of Exhibition week.
18. **Weigh-in time for competing horses will begin at 4:00 pm and continue until 6:00 pm on the day of the scheduled pull, at the Exhibition grounds. Horses will be offered water before weigh in. If the Teamster refuses, there will be no weigh in and the team will not be allowed to pull. Horses shall have halters and proper lead ropes during watering. No bits or ropes will be allowed in the horses' mouth while horse is drinking.**
19. Light Draft teams start with 3,000 pounds. Medium Draft Teams start with 4,000 pounds. Heavy Draft teams start with 5,000 pounds. If it is found that any one class does not have enough to compete, the classes may be combined. This will be determined the day of the pull. If the classes are combined the prize money will be as well and distributed accordingly.
20. No stabling arrangements will be made for or available to pulling horses.

The Halifax County Exhibition and the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society, its employees, agents or servants, shall not be liable for any loss to an exhibitor, his or her employees, agents or servants which may be occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure or the negligence of other exhibitors, officials or otherwise howsoever.

LIVESTOCK LIABILITY INSURANCE: We require that every large animal on our grounds is covered for liability should that animal be involved in an incident on the Exhibition Grounds causing injury or harm to buildings or people. Your policy must show us that the animal or animals you are bringing onto the Exhibition Grounds have the proper coverage to be at our Exhibition. If your coverage is part of a group plan, we require proof of the insurance as well as proof of your membership under this plan. Proof must clearly show the appropriate coverage. This proof of insurance must accompany the Exhibitors Entry Form and is a part of said entry form.

Prize Money:	1 st \$500.00	2 nd \$150.00	3 rd \$125.00	4 th 100.00	5 th \$75.00
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