

HORSE PULLS - SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2023

OUR PULL FORMAT FOR 2023 HAS CHANGED

Friday September 15th – Heavy Load Pull – Teams will pull together; divided and placed by weight class (same as 2022).

Saturday September 16th – **NEW - Three Abreast Percentage Pull – Round Robin.**

1. The first 13 teams entered will be accepted and assigned stabling. If there are more than 13 teams entered there will be a draw for entries. Weight MUST be on Entry Form. *This is a Western Nova Scotia Draft Horse Association sanctioned pull.* The nominations will be reviewed and the names of the teams announced. Any quota draws will be made at that time. Those not accepted will be notified.
2. Teams are permitted to arrive on the grounds not earlier than 12 noon on Thursday September 14th and may leave the grounds not earlier than Saturday September 16th at 8:00 pm. (The Exhibition would like to have some draft horses in the stalls on Sunday if possible.)
3. Entry Fee - \$40.00 per team (non-refundable) Third-Party Liability Insurance is required and must be included with your entry. Bedding is provided. Entry fee entitles EXHIBITOR to two (2) free 3 day passes. Additional 3 day Exhibitor passes can be purchased for \$28.00. Horses must be in stalls before passes are issued. Car passes can be purchased for \$10.00 for a three day pass.
4. Entries must be sent to the Hants County Exhibition and be in the hands of the committee by 12 noon September 6th, 2023. Faxed or emailed entries will be accepted with a Visa/Mastercard number or an e-transfer to hantscountyex@eastlink.ca.
5. Prize Money: minimum \$1250.00 per day.
6. All out of Province participants must comply with any health or traffic regulations pertaining to the Canadian or Provincial Government.

HEAVY LOAD PULLING RULES

1. The team pulling the heaviest load will be the winner. Should more than one team pull the same load then the distance pulled on the next weight will be the determining factor for placing.
2. Light Teams – 2900lbs and Under. Medium Teams – 2901-3300lbs. Heavy Teams – 3301lbs and over.
3. Only one teamster per team and only two helpers per team. All helpers must stay behind drag after the team has been hooked.

4. Once team is hooked to drag the teamster has two (2) tries to pull the drag a distance of 12' in one attempt. The team must stay within the rails at all times except for breakage. (The judge will determine breakage). The team must stay between the rails at all times while hooked to the drag. If horse steps over the line (visible hoof mark outside rail) when hooked to the drag the team will lose that try. Horses may unhook from the drag between starts but pull must be completed in three (3) minutes. Distance the drag was moved will be determined as last successful pull. If less than 12' the distance will be recorded. The rails will be 15' apart.

5. Jumping or bunting in any type of pull is not permitted. On the first offence, teamster will lose start, second offence disqualification. All gear must be relatively tight at commencement of pull.

6. Starting load weight – 4000lbs.

7. Each swing will constitute a pull at the judge's discretion.

8. The pull will be held in an arena, seating capacity 2,200 people. The pulling area will be approximately 160 ft. in length. Once the drag crosses the end line the drag will be pulled back to start line and set at the discretion of the Judge.

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9. Five minutes will be provided for repair in case of breakage at discretion of the judge. The team may unhook. The team must re-hook and the drag will stay in the same position as before the breakage occurred.

10. Teamsters or helpers judged to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to participate in the contest at the discretion of the Judge. No profane language to be used while in the arena. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN THE ARENA OR BARN.**

11. Any or all horses may be tested for drugs. Any evidence of drugs will result of forfeiture of any prize. Teams will not be permitted to pull if the Judge and Committee determines a team to be blemished or in poor condition. The nomination fee will not be returned in this case. No whips allowed. No cruelty will be tolerated on grounds. SPCA official may be on grounds and will monitor pull. Teams disqualified under Rule #11 will not receive any prize money.

12. Teamster and helpers must be neatly dressed.

13. Teams will pull lightest to heaviest; the lightest team will be called to the drag first. The pulls will be Round Robin.

14. All teams will be introduced prior to the pull.

15. Judge's Decision will be final.

THREE ABREAST PERCENTAGE PULL RULES

1. The team with the highest percentage will be the winner.
2. Only one teamster per team. All helpers must stay behind drag after the team has been hooked.
3. Once team is hooked to drag the teamster has one (1) try to pull the drag a distance of 20'. The team must stay within the rails at all times except for breakage. (The judge will determine breakage). The team must stay between the rails at all times while hooked to the drag. If horse steps over the line (visible hoof mark outside rail) when hooked to the drag the team will lose that try. Distance the drag was moved will be determined as last successful pull. If less than 20' the distance will be recorded. The rails will be 16' apart.
4. Jumping or bunting in any type of pull is not permitted. On the first offence teamster will lose start.
5. Starting load weight: TBD
6. The pull will be held in an arena, seating capacity 2,200 people. The pulling area will be approximately 160 ft. in length. Once the drag crosses the end line the drag will be pulled back to start line and set at the discretion of the Judge.
7. SHOULD HOLES DEVELOP IN THE PULLING AREA, THE JUDGE, AT HIS DISCRETION, WILL MOVE THE PULLING AREA TO AN AREA PARALLEL WITH THE EXISTING PULLING AREA. THE MOVE WOULD TAKE PLACE WHEN THE FIRST TEAM LEFT IN THE PULLING ORDER IS CALLED TO PULL.
8. Five minutes will be provided for repair in case of breakage at discretion of the judge. The team may unhook. The team must re-hook and the drag will stay in the same position as before the breakage occurred.
9. Teamsters or helpers judged to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to participate in the contest at the discretion of the Judge. No profane language to be used while in the arena. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN THE ARENA OR BARN.**
10. Any or all horses may be tested for drugs. Any evidence of drugs will result of forfeiture of any prize. Teams will not be permitted to pull if the Judge and Committee determines a team to be blemished or in poor condition. The nomination fee will not be returned in this case. No whips allowed. No cruelty will be tolerated on grounds. SPCA official may be on grounds and will monitor pull. Teams disqualified under Rule #11 will not receive any prize money.
11. Teamster and helpers must be neatly dressed.
12. Teams will pull lightest to heaviest; the lightest team will be called to the drag first. The pulls will be Round Robin.
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