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HORSE PULLS - SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2026

Friday, September 18th – Heavy Load Pull – Teams will pull together; divided and placed by weight class.

Saturday, September 19th - Round Robin Percentage Pull – All teams pull together. One set of class placings.

1. The first 12 teams entered will be accepted and assigned stabling. If there are more than 12 teams entered there will be a draw for entries. Weight **MUST** be on Entry Form. 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 17th and may leave the grounds not earlier than Saturday September 19th at 8:00 pm. **Stalls must be cleaned before leaving.**
3. Entry Fee - \$40.00 per team (non-refundable). Third-Party Liability Insurance is required and must be included with your entry. Entry fee entitles EXHIBITOR to two (2) free 3 day passes. Additional 3-day passes can be purchased for \$30.00. 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 4th, 2026. Faxed or emailed entries will be accepted with a Visa/Mastercard number or an e-transfer to entries@hantscountyex.com and please indicate who you are paying for and what division so the money gets credited to the proper entry.
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 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. 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.
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 determine 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.

ROUND ROBIN 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. Jumping or bunting in any type of pull is not permitted. On the first offence teamster will lose start.
4. Starting load weight: TBD
5. 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.
6. 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.
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10. Teamster and helpers must be neatly dressed.
11. Teams will pull lightest to heaviest; the lightest team will be called to the drag first. The pulls will be Round Robin.

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

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CAMPING INFO:

All camping is first come, first serve. No reservations. Enter through Tregothic Gate and pay staff.
Camping fees: \$110.00 for the weekend with electricity or \$95.00 for the weekend with no services.

Everyone staying in the campground must have a Pass.

Please note designated camper drop off and parking supervision times are to be determined.

Tentative schedule:

Sunday, September 13th - 3 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday, September 16th - 8 am to 8 pm

NEW IN 2026: If you are dropping your trailer off on Sunday, Sept. 13th you will be required to pay \$40.00 (\$10.00 per day) for Sunday to Thursday.

Vehicle and Livestock Trailer parking will be in designated areas and all exhibitors must use Tregothic Gate Entrance

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2026 Horse Pull Entry Form

Entries must be in the Hants County Exhibition Office on or before September 4th, 2026

Name of Teamster and Horses: _____

Contact Person: _____

Civic and Mailing Address: _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Weight of Team(s) _____ lbs _____ lbs

Signature of Owner: _____

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per team (non refundable) x _____ \$ _____

Extra Passes: \$30.00 weekend pass x _____ \$ _____

\$10.00 Car Pass x _____ \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Credit Card: (plus \$3 user fee) _____ Expiry Date: ____/____ CVV: _____

E-Transfer: entries@hantscountyex.com Please include the exhibitors name and the division you are entering so the entry fees get applied to the correct entry.

Proof of Liability Insurance must be attached to your entry form. If you belong to an Association that has insurance coverage a copy of your membership card is acceptable or a letter from your insurance company stating that you have coverage. Minimum coverage is one million dollars. This is a Western Nova Scotia Draft Horse Sanctioned Pull.

Stall Release Form

The Windsor Agricultural Society and the Hants County Exhibition hereby agree to provide a stall(s) to:

Name of Exhibitor _____

Stalls will be used for the following period - September 17, 18, 19, 2026 (Please circle)

This form is to be signed by the owner or agent. The person voluntarily signing this form agrees to indemnify, exonerate and hold harmless the Society, the Hants County Exhibition, their Committee, Officials, Employees and Agents from and against all damage and expenses arising out of any accident or occurrence causing injury (including death) or damage to property arising from the use of the stall(s).

Stall(s) users are required to prominently post a Name and Phone Number where they may be reached in case of an emergency. Exhibitors staying in the Trailer Park are to state which lot they are in with a description of their trailer and license Plate Number.

If a stall user determines that the stall is not suitable for their animal they may ask for repairs. If repairs are not satisfactory the exhibitor will be excused from exhibiting at the show.

Signed by Owner or Agent

Date