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MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION (SCOTIA SERIES) (LIMIT OF 15 ENTRIES IN THIS DIVISION)

NOTE: EXHIBITORS ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW IN AT LEAST 3 CLASSES

- All Horses must be on the grounds by 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 18th and remain in stalls until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20th.
- Entries to be judged must promptly enter the ring when called
- All stall decorations must be left up until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday
- There will be no vehicles on the grounds after 10:00 a.m. each day
- Each exhibitor will receive one free 3-day pass per horse entered

MINI HORSE DRIVING RULES

TURNOUT OF DRIVER - The wearing of approved protective headgear is acceptable without penalty in all classes. Drivers are expected to dress appropriately for each class.

USE OF WHIP - An appropriate driving whip shall be carried in hand at all times while the carriage is moving. The thong of the whip must be long enough to reach the shoulder of the horse. If the driver does not carry a whip they shall be severely penalized.

OPEN PLEASURE DRIVING -- WORKING - To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and/or may be asked to perform appropriate tests. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s). 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle. 10% on neatness of attire.

OPEN PLEASURE DRIVING -- TURNOUT - To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged: 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression. 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

OPEN PLEASURE DRIVING -- REINSMENSHIP - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to perform appropriate tests. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver. 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

ROADSTER CLASS - To be hitched to a Roadster Bike and driver to wear colors (matching hat & jacket similar to those worn by a race horse driver). To be shown at a jog trot, road gait and when reversed a jog trot, road gait and drive on to show speed. A break in gait is considered a fault.

EQUESTRIAN NS HELMET POLICY: All Competitors must wear ASTM/SEI* approved protective headgear (or other FEI approved protective headgear) with the safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted or driving at the competition or anywhere on the competition grounds. Helmets referring exclusively to the EN1384:2012 are excluded unless it is shown in conjunction with another accepted standard from the international list. *ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute, Inc.)

Exception: Competitors 19 years of age and over as of January 1st, 2026 competing in the Western Performance Division without an approved safety helmet must submit a signed Scotia Series Helmet Waiver to the competition organizer. There will be no exemptions for any other classes/divisions. Individual Competitions can enforce stricter safety and helmet rules during their competitions which will take priority over the Equestrian NS Helmet policy.

GAMES RULES

Use of side checks or over checks are permissible

BARRELS & POLES

- Exhibitors must use a two-wheel cart (pleasure or sulky – exhibitor's choice)
- Gait is to be a trot
- First break in gait is free if corrected immediately
- Second break adds 5 seconds to time
- Third break in gait is disqualification
- All breaks in gait must be corrected immediately or the competitor will be eliminated
- A shuffle around the Barrels is not considered a break in gait as the Horse needs this shuffle to regain balance
- Each Horse or Driver may only compete once on the course
- Knocking a ball off a cone adds 5 seconds to the time
- Going off course or crossing the start/finish line before course is completed is elimination
- Poles will be 14 feet apart

OBSTACLE DRIVING

- THIS WILL BE A TIMED EVENT
- Driver to compete over a course of obstacles
- For each obstacle moved in any way a penalty of 5 seconds will be added to the driver's time
- Gait will be at the trot
- First break in trot will be a 5 second penalty
- Second break in trot will be another 5 second penalty
- Third break in trot will be disqualification
- Off course will be elimination
- All obstacles must be attempted
- Obstacles not completed will add 5 seconds to the driver's time provided the obstacle was attempted

CLASSES: (Tentative)

Friday, September 18th – Arena

9:00 am	Turnout
3:15 pm	Barrels
3:45 pm	Poles

Saturday, September 19th – Arena

9:15 am	Reinsmanship
9:45 am	Obstacle
3:30 pm	Roadster

Sunday, September 20th – Mary Henry Building

12:30 pm	Working
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