



Lawrencetown, Annapolis County  
August 14 – 19, 2023



### **2023 OX PULLS PRIZE BOOK**

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**Entry Deadline: August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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## ANNAPOLIS VALLEY EX GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule change only by The Board approval

Board of Directors: John Bruce, Anne Callanan, Russell Ernst, Correna Keddy , Byron Lamb, Dave Leonard, Katrina Barrett, Kerwin Delong, Lori Height, Charlsea Fiske, Bob Best

These General Rules apply to all competitions and exhibitors and have precedence over any other rules adopted by Sub-Committees in any case where there is a conflict between rules.

1. The Board of Directors has the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and determine all matters, questions or disputes. The Board has the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as their judgment may determine, from time to time. Entries are accepted subject to this rule, by signing the entry form, participants agree to abide by the rules defined.
2. Management may remove exhibitors without refund for disorderly conduct.
3. The Management reserves the right to refuse any exhibitor for lack of space subject to the provision that space will be allocated first come first serve.
4. All entries must be submitted on AVEx entry forms. Please refer to specific prize book for entry deadlines and rules. Late entries will only be accepted if space allows. A late fee will be charged. See entry form for amount.
5. Entries will not be accorded precedence as to order of receipt until they are complete in all respects.
6. The Management shall have the sole right and discretion to allocate exhibits and exhibitors to whatever barn, building, stall, or space is considered appropriate, notwithstanding any apparent outward designation on the building, grounds or any plan.
7. Articles exhibited other than livestock must be produced, grown or manufactured in the present year.

### GROUPS & BUILDINGS

1. The building and grounds will be open on **Sunday after 1pm** prior to the Exhibition for the reception and arrangement of exhibits, unless specified under Class Rules. Exhibitors are reminded that they enter all exhibits at their own risk.
2. The Exhibition grounds will be open to the public during the Exhibition week at times determined by the Management and posted or advertised each year.
3. No pets allowed on the Exhibition property during Exhibition week except pets of exhibitors which must be confined to the trailer park.
4. All officials will be designated by proper badges or other designation.
5. There is no exhibitor parking on the grounds. Supplies may be dropped off before 8:30 in the morning and vehicles are to be immediately moved to the designated exhibitor parking in the main parking lot. **\*\*\*First offense – a ticket on windshield, second offense – forfeit prize monies, third offense vehicle(s) will be towed at the owner’s expense.\*\*\***
6. The Annapolis Valley Exhibition restricts all smoking of tobacco, cannabis, and vapes within 15 meters of all structures on the Exhibition Grounds. No smoking or vaping of any substance is permitted in the bleachers.

### JUDGING & PRIZES

1. No person shall be permitted to enter the judge’s ring while judging is in progress, except the judges, their attendants, the officials, and such exhibitors as have been called into the ring by the judge or judges.
2. No changes in classification can be made after judging commences.
3. Any person interfering with the judge(s) while in the discharge of their duties shall be removed from the grounds.
4. All judges shall give reasons for the placings when asked and may give reasons in any case.

5. No person shall be allowed to receive more than one prize in any one section of a non-livestock class. Accordingly, two entries may not be made in any one section or class. Special prizes may be awarded in addition.
6. Any exhibitor found to have employed any dishonest measures shall not only forfeit the prize which might be awarded to him or her but shall, in future, be barred from competition in the Exhibition.
7. Due to the necessity of proceeding with judging as rapidly as possible, all animals must be ready to enter the ring when called and all other exhibits must be prepared and available when judging begins. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiting of the right to show in the relevant class.
8. All protests of the judge's decisions must be submitted in writing to the Manager of the Exhibition and accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00. Protests or appeals must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Manager within four (4) hours after the occasion for the protest. No protest will be accepted based on the contention that a judge has overlooked an exhibit. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited.
9. Prize money may be reduced up to 50% at the discretion of the Board in the event of reduced income due to bad weather, lack of entries, or other valid reasons.
10. Committee discretion has the final word on whether livestock is fit to show.
11. All claims for prize money not received must be made to the Manager before September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
12. Special prizes require a special entry and special exhibit when the terms of the special class vary from the terms of the regular section.

#### **LIVESTOCK ENTRIES**

1. Stalls for all livestock entries shall be allotted in order of receipt of entries at the time of entry. Exhibitors may not trade stalls without obtaining the approval of Management and recording the approved trade at the Exhibition Office.
2. All registered animals are subject to being checked for registration. Registration papers and R.O.P data must be available prior to and up to the time of judging. No animals will be accepted as purebred or registered until registration papers are available from the owner.
3. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Exhibition.
4. Entries in classes comprised of more than one animal may be made up of animals shown individually.
5. Any animal showing signs of infectious disease or parasite infection will be barred from the Exhibition and be removed immediately from the grounds.
6. All livestock competing for special prizes must also be entered in at least one (1) regular exhibition class.
7. Feed and bedding for livestock is the responsibility of the exhibitor. All manure and bedding shall be cleaned up by 8:30 am each day. Stalls will be cleaned, and all manure and bedding must be removed from the stall when the animal leaves the grounds. A minimum charge of \$50.00 per stall will be assessed against exhibitors failing to abide by the rule. Should this charge not be paid promptly, the exhibitor will be prohibited from future participation until fee is settled.
8. Grooming and care of animals will take place in the stalls or designated area. Cross-tying of livestock in the aisles is not permitted.
9. Due to concerns for the movement of traffic and safety of attendants and exhibitors at the Exhibition, the Board shall fix times for departure of livestock and other exhibits when classes have been completed each year. **For the current year, livestock shall not be removed from the grounds until the following times: Dairy in between 4pm Sunday and 10am Monday. Out**

Wednesday b 10am. Beef in and settled Wednesday between 1pm and,4pm. Out after 9pm  
Saturday Lt Horse – after last class, Other Livestock – 10:00pm Saturday.

10. Livestock trailers are not permitted to be parked inside the grounds. Exhibitors in special Horse or Ox pulls will be permitted to work from their trailers, providing they ship in **no more than 2 hours prior to the pull and leave the grounds within one hour of the completion of the pull** in the area allocated. Animals must be supervised at all times and not left unattended. All others must be stabled.
11. The owner and handler of livestock will be responsible for the behavior and control of his or her animal. Livestock must be well-broke to halter. No dangerous, uncontrolled animals will be permitted. The Manager may order any such animal off the grounds without reimbursement for any entry fee or other fees paid.
12. Trailer Park admission as Livestock Exhibitor requires participation in 3 classes or more (or go as a non-exhibitor if space permits)
13. Campers/Trailers may arrive in the trailer court after 5pm Thursday before the Ex. Trailer court noise curfew is 11:00 pm.
14. Any Trailer pumping Grey Water or Black Water on the ground in the trailer park or exhibition grounds will be removed immediately.
15. **After each Exhibition and all Weekend Events trailers must be removed from the property within 24 hours or they will be removed at the owner's expense.**
16. Returning exhibitors have first refusal of campground space. After the entry deadline, the office will allocate new exhibitor spots (or returning who missed a year) according to size of the trailer. Non-Exhibitors are allocated spots after all exhibitors are accommodated. Please note if an exhibitor is not returning, you cannot give it to anyone, the office does the allocating. The manager's discretion is final.
17. Trailer Park: All 15 amps may be only 15 amps before the breaker trips. For Example: It will run Fridge, Lights. A small Hot Water heater will trip the breaker. Run Air Conditioners at your own risk. If there are any electrical problems in the Trailer Park, you will need a purchase order from the Office for Electrician to attend.

#### SAFETY OF EXHIBITS

1. Employees will endeavour to protect and ensure good order, but owners themselves must assume all risk for exhibits. Should any exhibit be accidentally or willfully damaged or injured, lost or stolen, the Exhibition will provide whatever assistance it can towards the recovery of the same, but will not make any payment for the value thereof or reimbursement for the loss.
2. **NEW - No Smoking within 15 meters (50 feet) of buildings, including barns and washrooms.**

#### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY EXHIBITION LIQUOR AND SAFETY POLICY

The Board and Staff of the Annapolis Valley Ex wish our visitors have a great time while at our Exhibition. Please note our policy on the supply of liquor during the Exhibition.

No person under the age of 19 will be permitted to purchase/consume liquor on our site.

- Identification to be presented when requested.
- No liquor is to be consumed outside of our pub area.
- For residents and guests of the trailer park areas, liquor may only be consumed inside trailers. Failure to follow this directive may result in fines from the RCMP.
- Persons who appear impaired will be refused entry to the Exhibition grounds or pub and will be removed by security/RCMP.
- Persons who are violent or causing upset will be removed by security/RCMP and may be barred from the grounds for a period decided by The Board of Directors.
- Please be safe – don't drink and drive. Impaired drivers will be reported to the RCMP.
- T-shirts or shirts must be worn at all times during your visit.
- Please enjoy yourself and act responsibly.

## **Ox COMMITTEE**

Chairs: Collin Cole, Darren Watkins, Kandice Watkins

### **Ox PULL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Proof of insurance or MOPA card must be attached to entry form

1. Any and all decisions by the committee shall be final.
2. Teams staying for the week must be on the grounds and weighed before 9pm Sunday.
3. Oxen to be weighed: Sunday before the Ex between 6pm – 9pm.
4. Departure time for Oxen is after 10:00pm Saturday of the Ex. Oxen MUST leave the grounds by 2:00 pm on the Sunday following the Ex.
5. Oxen classes to be determined the first of the week. Steers (23 months and under). Light, Medium & Heavy to be divided into three equal classes according to weights.
6. Teamsters taking part in the competition will draw for placings on Monday.
7. Oxen starting loads will be determined the first of the week.
8. Lines of 2 X 4 wood to be used in hauling ring, placed 9' apart for oxen.
9. Pulling distance one start for 3 feet for regular ox pull.
10. Once hooked to drag and has free start, must stay between rails at all times except for breakage. (Visible front hoof mark outside rail - on line does not count.)
11. In case of breakage, after repairs are made, a team may step over the line to break drag clear, but must straighten the drag within this line before continuing to pull to the satisfaction of the judge.
12. Excessive clearing in front of drag level is NOT permitted.
13. Time Limit: Time Limit: Maximum of 5 minutes to hook once the drag is set. 15 minutes once drag is hooked. In case of breakage a maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for repairs. When time is up you can finish your load if you have started.
14. All placings in pulls to be made on a pound basis. Exceptions to the system of pulling may be made for special pulls.
15. Ox teams are disqualified from pulling in any contest if any one animal be so blemished or in poor condition. Decisions will be made by the judge and ox committee.
16. Round Robin pulls – weight to be added after each pull: Steers – 200lbs, Light – 400lbs, and Heavy – 600lbs.
17. All teams are to pull in the same direction and pull to the finish line. All helpers are to stay behind drag after the team has been hooked to drag.
18. Loading drag not less than 200lbs and not more than 1200lbs.
19. Any teamster judged to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to pull at the discretion of the committee.
20. Whips may be used but lash must be kept in hand. No barbs at the end of the whip handle. No cruelty to be tolerated on exhibition grounds to any animal. No profane language to be used during the contest. (Rules 19 & 20 will be strictly enforced and offenders will forfeit any right to any contest.) In all cases the judge's decision is final.
21. There will be no changing of names on oxen stalls
22. Stalls will be cleaned and all bedding and manure must be removed before departing the Exhibition.
23. Late entries will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

## OX CLASSES

1. **OX JUDGING**  
Judged on pair of working oxen or steers.  
6 years & over 5 year old 4 year old 3 year old 2 year old 1 year old under 1 year
2. **SWEEPSTAKES HEAVY LOAD PULL**  
Oxen 3000lbs & over. Heavy load, hook on stay on straight pull 3 feet, one start, 3 attempts. If multiple teams have a full pull on the same heavy load, placing will be determined by most inches on the next load. All are welcome, MUST be weighed in between 4:00 – 6:00 pm on Monday.
3. **BEST BROKE PAIR OF STEERS (24 months & under)**  
Shown by male or female 15 years of age or under. Steers must be owned by someone in same family as teamster.
4. **REGULAR OX PULL – Steers**  
Hook on stay on. 3ft in one start percentage pull.
5. **REGULAR OX PULL – Light, Medium, & Heavy**  
Hook on stay on. 3ft in one start percentage pull.
6. **LADIES OX PULL –**  
One class, Hook on stay on. 3ft in one start percentage pull.  
Open to all ladies (NOT to pull their own team in this class). One appearance only for each teamster and team.
7. **JUNIOR OX PULL**  
One class, Hook on stay on. 3ft in one start percentage pull.  
Open to all Juniors 16 years & under (Not to pull their own team in this class). One appearance only for each teamster and team. NO steers to be used in this pull.
8. **BEST DRESSED TEAM – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Total**  
Judging will take place in Main Ring during Ox Parade.
9. **SPECIAL OX PULL – Steers**  
Hook on Stay on 3ft one start percentage pull.
10. **SPECIAL OX PULL – Light, Medium, & Heavy**  
Hook on Stay on 3ft one start.
11. **EXHIBITORS OX PULL – Steers**  
Hook on Stay on 3ft one start percentage pull.
12. **CHAMPIONSHIP OX PULL –Top 3 placed teams from each class throughout the week will pull, hook on stay on pull.**
13. **Consolation Ox Pull**  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> placed teams throughout the week will pull, hook on stay on pull.
14. **THE PATTERSON CONCRETE OX PULL**  
All oxen entries divided into 2 (equal) classes. 2 Classes Hook on Stay on 3ft one start percentage pull.

## **OTHER OX AWARDS**

Best Working Team of Oxen on Grounds

Youngest Teamster (on the grounds all week)

Team Pulling Heaviest Load on Grounds

Best Kept Stall Award

Highest Percentage Overall (all classes, present for week)

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## PULLS RING SCHEDULE

Scale times for horse pulls shown in brackets

Monday	2:00 pm 8:00pm	MEMORIAL Horse Pull – Light & Medium Sweepstakes Heavy Load Ox Pull
Tuesday	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Ox Judging Regular Ox Pull – Steers, Light, Medium, & Heavy Memorial Horse Pull – Heavy Class
Wednesday	10:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm 8:00pm	Junior Ox Pull 12' Horse Pull Heavy (11:00 – 12:00) Valley Credit Union Sweepstakes Horse Pull Light & Medium (1:00 – 2:00) Ladies Ox Pull
Thursday	11:00am 3:00pm	3 Horse Pull – “2 classes” (8:00 – 9:00) Special Ox Pull Steers, Light, Medium, & Heavy
Friday	10:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm 6:00pm 9:00pm	Draft Line Classes Championship Ox Pull 12' Horse Pull Light & Medium (11:00 – 12:00) Community Metals Sweepstakes Heavy Horse Pull (3:00 – 4:00) Consolation Ox Pull
Saturday	10:30am 12:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm	Ladies Horse Pull Championship Horse Pull Exhibitor Steer Pull <b>THE PATTERSON CONCRETE OX PULL</b>