



**Lawrencetown, Annapolis County  
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**2023 PLEASURE DRIVING PRIZE BOOK**

**Entry Deadline: July 26, 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.

### GROUND & 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.

## SCOTIA SERIES OVERVIEW

- The NSEF Scotia Series is a provincial circuit.
- Athletes must be NSEF Members to be eligible for Scotia Series Annual Awards.
- Athletes competing in the Scotia Series must live in one of the six Nova Scotia Districts.
- Annual awards are presented at the NSEF Awards Reception. The Sportsmanship Award for the junior athlete is awarded by nomination.
- References to Athlete(s) throughout this handbook refer to the human athlete (competitor, driver, or handler).

### SCOTIA SERIES COMPETITION RULES and REGULATIONS

In addition to the competition organizing committee's requirements, there are also NSEF requirements specific to Scotia Series:

**Competitors are responsible for knowing the Rules of the Scotia Series Competitions (<https://horsenovascotia.ca/Scotia-Series>) and for identifying which classes meet the criteria for Scotia Series Awards.**

#### 1. Membership

- a) Current NSEF membership is required to compete and qualify for Annual awards.
- b) Non-NS residents require an out of province P/TSO membership to be eligible to compete.
- c) NSEF memberships can be verified online, or members must provide proof of membership. Out of Province members must provide proof of membership.

2. **Age Categories:** where age is indicated the age is defined as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

3. **Person Responsible:** The person who signs the entry form is the person responsible for the welfare of the horse and for the actions of the support team of that entry. Junior competitors must have their entry form signed by the parent or legal guardian deemed responsible for said junior.

4. **Competitor Conduct:** any act of discourtesy or disobedience by an owner, groom, athlete, coach, or family member to an official, COC member, other spectators, or competitors while at the competition, will disqualify the associated horse and competitor from competition. The COC has the right to remove anyone from the competition without being liable for compensation or damages.

5. **Protective Headgear:** Although competition management may enforce a stricter helmet policy, all competitions must adhere to the following NSEF Policy on Protective Headwear:

**NSEF Helmet Policy:** All Competitors must wear ASTM/SEI, or BSI/BS EN, 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.

Exception - **Competitors 19 years old as of January 1st, competing in the *Western Performance Division* without an approved safety helmet must submit a signed Scotia Series Helmet Waiver to the competition organizer.**

6. **Ring Numbers** - issued by the competition office and must be worn at all times. This includes the competition arena and the schooling/warm up area. If at any time a horse is being handled by an individual, other than the competitor, the handler must be in possession of the ring number.

7. **Lunging** of horses is permitted in a specified designated area only. Lunging is not permitted in any areas where horses are being ridden or driven. In any class or event requiring equipment, athletes **MUST NOT** use the competition's equipment for practicing before the class or event begins, on penalty of disqualification. Participants may only use obstacles provided by the competition committee in the warmup ring.

8. **Mannerly stallions** may be shown by SENIOR COMPETITORS ONLY.
9. **Falls**
  - a) An athlete is considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, separation from the unfallen horse occurs in such a way that said athlete touches the ground or finds it necessary to seek support or assistance to regain a seated position.
  - b) An athlete has fallen when vaulting or remounting to regain sitting astride the horse is required.
  - c) A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground.
10. **Safety** (in addition to discipline specific rules stated throughout this document)
  - a) Competitors are responsible to know the method of reversing used during group classes. The competition committee shall indicate the method of reversing during group classes, whether it is to the inside or toward the wall. i.e. A proper competition ring reverse for most English Classes is to leave the track on a diagonal in the current direction and then half circle to the track in the new direction. The standard Western ring reverse is to turn to the inside of the ring.
  - b) Appropriate apparel and footwear must be worn in the competition ring and warm up areas.
11. **Equine Medication Control** - The NSEF endorses Clean Sport for all equine activities. Clean Sport (competing without performance enhancing medications) will ensure fair play in competition while maintaining the welfare of the horse. The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation reserves the right to introduce drug testing at Scotia Series, with the proviso that due notice will be given. It is the NSEF's expectation that competitors will ensure their horse's performance is not enhanced by means of prohibited substances.
12. **Equine Welfare** -The NSEF is dedicated to the humane treatment and welfare of horses. Cruel, abusive or inhumane treatment of a horse at any NSEF Scotia Series event by any competitor, owner, coach, trainer or other person will not be tolerated anywhere on the competition grounds under any circumstances.

A horse may compete in Under Saddle or Driving competitions only after July 1st if it's a two year old year.

Horses entered in all events must be in good condition and must be serviceably sound. Final determination of a horse's suitability to continue is ultimately the judge's decision. Unsoundness is defined as:

  - a) Consistently observable at any gait under all circumstances.
  - b) Marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride; or
  - c) Minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or rest and inability to move.
  - d) Any manifestation of pain, inability, disability, or deformity in the act of motion is considered unsoundness.

Any competitor that may in the opinion of officials and/or competition management be considered riding at risk of injury to themselves, or their horse will be asked to withdraw from further competition.

The welfare of the horse is paramount in our sport therefore the competition committee reserves the right to ask a horse to retire, either from a class or from the competition, in the event that it appears that it would not be productive for the horse to continue. This may be due to heat, unsoundness, or apparent over facing of the horse. In this event, entry fees for unused classes will be refunded by the office.
13. **\$3 Scotia Series Fee: this fee is charged per horse/rider combo when they enter at least 1 Scotia Series class (onetime \$3 fee per horse/rider combo regardless of the number of classes entered).**

## PLEASURE DRIVING

Committee: Shelley Rector, Cheryl Boudreau

### GENERAL:

- All persons involved in the competition should keep safety foremost in their minds. Having the horse under control at all times not only is a safeguard for an athlete and passengers, but for everyone present and involved.
- The Competition Committee should be satisfied the vehicle is safe for all classes, especially in obstacle driving. In the case of an accident, the judge or management may require a safety inspection of the vehicle and/or harness involved before allowing either to be used in succeeding classes.
- It is the responsibility of each athlete to ensure the harness and vehicle are in good repair and structurally sound.
- Athletes should strive to maintain a safe distance from other vehicles both during the competition and in the warm up and parking areas.
- All rules of the road should be observed unless uniformed officials direct otherwise.
- Bridles should be adjusted to fit snugly to prevent catching on a vehicle or other pieces of harness and under no conditions shall a bridle be removed from a horse while it is still put to a vehicle. Failure to comply will incur elimination.
- The horse must never be left unattended while put to a vehicle. Failure to comply will result in elimination.
- All competitors, and assistants, grooms, and passengers on the vehicle, must wear an approved headgear while participating in any event sanctioned by the NSEF. Please see the Helmet Policy (Competition Rule #5) regarding helmet requirements.
- Driving classes are judged as soon as you enter the ring.
- Junior athletes must have a support person as follows:
  - JUNIOR A - competition age 10 and below. Junior A drivers may not compete in any classes held outside a securely enclosed arena and must be accompanied at all times by a knowledgeable adult horse person capable of rendering assistance in an emergency situation at all times.
  - JUNIOR B - competition age 11-18 must be accompanied at all times by a knowledgeable adult horse person capable of rendering assistance in an emergency situation. Exception: JUNIOR B drivers competing with a single VSE turnout in a securely enclosed arena need not be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horse person, unless required by show management.

For further information on attire, gaits, style of driving etc., please see NSEF Scotia Series rulebook

- Courses will be provided at least one week before the class in question via email.
- Ribbons will be awarded to 5th place. Trophies or prizes may be presented in some classes.
- Championship Awards: Champion and Reserve ribbons will be awarded in all divisions. Entries must show in all classes in a division to be eligible for Championship Awards.
- Points will be awarded as follows: 1st 5 points, 2nd - 4 points, 3rd - 3 points, 4th - 2 points, 5th – 1 point.
- Stalls will be cleaned and all bedding and manure must be removed before departing the Exhibition.

## PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSES

### SECTION #1: PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION (SCOTIA SERIES)

**Open to ponies over 10.1hh and horses.**

1<sup>st</sup> \$25    2<sup>nd</sup> \$20    3<sup>rd</sup> \$15    4<sup>th</sup> \$12

#### **1. Pleasure Driving Turnout**

A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each 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: 40% on performance, manners, and way of going; 30% on the condition, fit, and appropriateness of harness/vehicle; 15% on neatness and appropriateness of attire; and 15% on overall impression.

#### **2. Pleasure Driving Working**

A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. 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 may be asked to execute appropriate tests. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse, 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle, 10% on neatness of attire.

#### **3. Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship**

A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. 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 execute appropriate tests. Either the one- or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent "feel" with the horse's mouth. 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.

#### **4. Pleasure Driving Obstacle**

To be shown no faster than a strong trot. A 5 second penalty will be added to the time for each obstacle rubbed and a 10 second penalty for each obstacle not completed correctly.



**SECTION #2: NANCY WEBSTER PINEO MEMORIAL DRIVING COMPETITION (SCOTIA SERIES)**

**Open to all equines, all sizes.**

1<sup>st</sup> \$25    2<sup>nd</sup> \$20    3<sup>rd</sup> \$15    4<sup>th</sup> \$12

**1. Open Arena Driving Trials Dressage:**

The object of Dressage is the harmonious development of the physique and ability of the equine. To be judged on: a. The freedom and regularity of the paces; b. The harmony, lightness, and ease of movement; c. The lightness of the forehand and the engagement of the hindquarters, originating in a lively impulsion; and d. The acceptance of the bridle without tenseness or resistance. ADS Dressage Tests will be used at Scotia Series competitions and are available from the event organizer or can be downloaded from the ADS Website: [www.americandrivingsociety.org](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org). Scoring will be as indicated on the dressage test and converted to penalty points.

**2. Open Arena Driving Trial Cones:**

Timed event. The course shall be open for inspection by the athletes and trainers at an announced time prior to the start of the competition. At the discretion of the organizer, one setting for all competitors may be used. The setting will be based upon the largest track width vehicle entered plus 35 cm. Cone pairs are to be numbered with red and white markers placed on the cones themselves, unless marked following standard combined driving rules. The entry is considered to have passed through the obstacle when any part of the carriage passes between the cones. Whenever “no cantering” is imposed, a penalty of 5 seconds shall be assessed for intentional breaks per occurrence.

**3. Open Arena Driving Trial Obstacles:**

Timed event. The course shall be open for 10 minutes for inspection by athletes and grooms before the start of the competition. Before starting each obstacle, the judge will signal with a whistle or bell. Timing will start as the nose of the horse crosses the entry gate or 60 seconds after the signal, whichever occurs first. Timing will stop when the nose of the horse crosses the exit gate. Each element dislodged earns 5 penalty seconds. Exceeding the time limit in an obstacle (3 minutes) will result in Elimination. Failing to pass through entry or exit flags results in Elimination. Intentionally cantering when not allowed earns 5 seconds per occurrence.

**SPONSORS**

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| <b>Pineos Pet Spaw</b>     | <b>Best Chance Family Farm</b>       | <b>Cathy Mailman</b> |
| <b>Bloomidon Nurseries</b> | <b>Annapolis Valley Harness Club</b> | <b>Greenhawk</b>     |
| <b>Pothier Family Farm</b> | <b>Full Force Excavation</b>         | <b>Valley Flax</b>   |