



**August 12 – 17, 2024**  
**2024 HORSE PULLS PRIZE BOOK**



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**ENTRY DEADLINE: August 5, 2024**

**All entries must be submitted online:**

**<https://www.assistexpo.ca/annapolis-valley-exhibition>**

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# ANNAPOLIS VALLEY EXHIBITION - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule change only by Board approval

Board of Directors: Anne Callanan, Byron Lamb, Correna Keddy, John Bruce, Russell Ernst, Dave Leonard, Katrina Barrett, Lori Height, Charlseae Fiske, Hilary Campbell

**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 herein.
2. Management may remove exhibitors without refund for disorderly conduct.
3. Management reserves the right to refuse any exhibitor for lack of space subject to the provision that space will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
4. All entries must be submitted online through the Annapolis Valley Exhibition website. Paper entry forms will not be accepted. 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. **Entry fees are due upon submission of entry forms. No entry shall be considered complete until all applicable fees are paid in full.**
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, created or manufactured in the current year.

## GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

1. The Exhibition 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 are 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 area in the main parking lot. **\*\*\*First offense – 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 metres of all structures on the Exhibition Grounds. No smoking or vaping of any substance is permitted in the bleachers.

## JUDGING AND PRIZES

1. No person shall be permitted to enter the judge’s ring while judging is in progress, except the judges, their attendants, show ring 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 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 30th 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 the 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 be moved to and from the grounds according to the following times:**
  - Dairy – in and settled from 4pm Sunday to 10am Monday, out Wednesday by 10am.**
  - Beef – in and settled Wednesday between 1pm and 4pm, out after 9pm Saturday.**
  - Light Horse – as noted in prize book.**
  - Other Livestock – out 10pm 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 behaviour 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. Trailer Park admission will be issued to non-exhibitors only if space permits, on a first come first served basis.
13. Campers/Trailers may arrive in the trailer court after 5pm Thursday before the Exhibition. Trailer court noise curfew is 11:00 pm.
14. Any Trailer pumping Grey Water or Black Water onto 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, that exhibitor cannot "give" a campground space to someone else; the office allocates campground spaces. The manager's decision is final.
17. Trailer Park: All 15 amps may be only 15 amps before the breaker trips. For example: the system will run a Fridge and 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 exhibits and ensure good order, but owners themselves must assume all risk for exhibits. Should any exhibit be accidentally or willfully damaged, 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. No Smoking within 15 metres (50 feet) of buildings, including barns and washrooms.

#### **ANNAPOLIS VALLEY EXHIBITION LIQUOR AND SAFETY POLICY**

The Board and Staff of the Annapolis Valley Exhibition Society wish our visitors to 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 on the Exhibition grounds 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.

## HORSE PULL COMMITTEE

**Troy Emmett - Chair, Mark Walker (scale attendant), Craig Daniels, Angie Garnett, Tom Daniels, Tom Best, Justin Daniels, Albert Hebb, BillyJoe Leclair, Jeremy Neily**

### **SCALE HOURS: Sunday 2pm – 6pm and Monday 8am – 10am**

**Scouting only permitted between 6am-10am in back parking lot.** Teamsters are encouraged to collect awards “with their team”. Not only is this a crowd pleaser, it also encourages donations. As we know, donors and crowd approval are important to our sport.

### **GENERAL HORSE PULLING RULES (for all classes/pulls)**

- All horses entered in contests are to be weighed single without harness by the scale attendant.
- Class weight divisions as follows: Light teams 2400-2899 lbs, Medium teams 2900-3299 lbs, Heavy teams 3300 lbs and up. Except for Fryeburg Fair Qualification Pull, class is 3100-3400 lbs.
- Only one teamster per team. Helpers are allowed when hooking drag or during an accident or breakage. Only the helpers may go to the head of the team to adjust equipment and only once during a pulling match. Otherwise, they must stay behind the front end of the drag at all times, once hooked to the drag. The team will not start until the teamster, with reins in hand, and helpers are behind the evener, otherwise you will lose that start.
- Each movement will constitute a start at judge’s discretion.
- Once hooked to the drag your first start on the first load is a free start and it does not matter if you step out. After your free start, a foot outside of the rail will disqualify the team and lose the distance pulled on that load.
- Horses to be disqualified from pulling if any animal is blemished or in poor condition. The decision of the committee is final.
- Any teamster judged to be intoxicated by alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to pull in that contest, at the discretion of the committee. If any teamster is deemed to be in violation of this rule, a review board will be convened, and appropriate disciplinary action taken against the member.
- All horses in the pulling contest are to be shod at the start of the competition.
- The teamster or an insured attendant must have reins in hand at all times or they may face elimination.
- No whips allowed with horses. No cruelty to be tolerated on exhibition grounds to any animal. No foul language to be used during contest. Light use of reins forward of the hands is allowed. NO butt ends.
- Starting loads are as follows: Light team 3200 lbs, medium team 4000 lbs and Heavy team 4800 lbs.
- No rugs on any pulling horses while on exhibition grounds.
- Ladies pull has one team per lady.
- Teams re-weighed for a new class will pay an additional \$20.00.
- Any situation that arises and is not covered will be at the discretion of the judge and pulling committee.
- Any one horse can only be pulled in one team in either the Light, Medium or Heavy Memorial or Sweepstakes Pull classes.

### **STAY ON PERCENTAGE HORSE PULL RULES**

- Rails in pulling ring to be 12 feet apart (inside measurement). Except for 3 horse pull, rails will be 16’ apart.
- Pulling distance to be 3 feet in one continuous motion. Except 3 horse pull, 4’ 6” in one continuous motion.
- Time limit of 15 minutes will be allowed by each team to complete a pull. In case of breakage, a maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for repairs. A ‘three minutes remaining’ warning will be given.
- All placings in pulling contests to be on a percentage basis.
- Drag loading: not less than 200 lbs and no more than 1200 lbs at any one start until pull is completed.
- There will be only one finish line, if judge decides drag is behind this finish line, when it is time for another load, you will still have 3 starts left to complete that load.
- Teamsters have two minutes to hook the drag.

### **ROUND ROBIN HEAVY LOAD HORSE PULL RULES**

- Rails to be straight and 12 feet apart (inside measurement) for Light and Medium teams, 14 feet apart for Heavy teams.
- Pulling distance to be 6 feet or 12 feet in one continuous motion, with three starts to haul each load (unless otherwise stated below).
- You have 2 minutes to hook the drag and 4 minutes to complete each load once your name has been called.
- In case of breakage, you will continue at the end of the round or have 15 minutes to repair if you are near the end of the round.
- The drag will be reset if the hook is within 3 feet of the rail.
- All placings to be by the heaviest load per class. All incomplete pulls to be measured and you will receive your best distance.
- Drag will be set in same location for all teams at the beginning of a load, at judge’s discretion.
- Every load to be hooked by all teams.
- Teams to stay in the arena for their three starts on Round Robin Pulls.
- At the time of each class a name will be called 3 times and if not there you will be disqualified.

**1. MEMORIAL HORSE PULL - TOTAL PURSE \$3000.00**

Three classes divided by weight: Light, Medium, Heavy. Prize money to be divided in proportion to class size. Hook on stay on percentage pull. Open to all teams entered for the week. 3 teams from each class will be eligible to pull in Championship pull

**2. 3-HORSE PULL - TOTAL PURSE \$1500.00**

Horses must be on A.V. Ex Grounds 3 hours prior to pull. Entry fee \$20.00 per team plus \$10.00 per team for drug test for teams not at the Exhibition for the week. Two classes, hook on stay on percentage, rails 16' apart, no more than 1600 lbs added per load, must use proper 3<sup>rd</sup> rein

**Best Performance Prize: Brian Garnett Memorial, sponsored by the Garnett Girls**

**3. ANNAPOLIS VALLEY EXHIBITION FRYEBURG QUALIFICATION HORSE PULL  
TOTAL PURSE \$2000 + TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

Round robin heavy load, \*loads to be determined by committee, 1 start to pull 12ft in two tries

**4. 12' LIGHT, MEDIUM & HEAVY HORSE PULL - PURSE \$350/CLASS**

Round robin heavy load, 1 start to pull 12ft in three tries



**5. VALLEY CREDIT UNION SWEEPSTAKES LIGHT & MEDIUM HORSE PULLS**



Teams must be on A.V. Ex Grounds 3 hours prior to pull. Entry fee \$20.00 per team plus \$10.00 per team for drug test for teams not at the Exhibition for the week. Drug Testing Rule: Horses may be subjected to random drug testing. Placings may be chosen at random from the top six placings prior to pull. These placings/teams will be announced at the end of pull. Drivers/Exhibitors are responsible for making their horses available for drug testing following the pull, up until which time testing can be completed. Prize money & trophy will be forfeited if horse tests positive

**A. SWEEPSTAKES LIGHT (2400 – 2899 LBS) TOTAL PURSE \$1500.00**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$300.00 & trophy, Remainder of money divided by committee, stay on pull

**B. SWEEPSTAKES MEDIUM (2900-3299 LBS) TOTAL PURSE \$1500.00**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$300.00, Remainder of money divided by committee, round robin, 1 start to haul 12'

**Trophy Halters: Sponsored by the Lowe Family in Memory of David Lowe**

**6. COMMUNITY METAL SWEEPSTAKES HEAVY HORSE PULL  
(3300 lbs & over)**



Teams must be on A.V. Ex Grounds 3 hours prior to pull. Entry fee \$20.00 per team plus \$10.00 per team for drug test for teams not at the Exhibition for the week. Drug Testing Rule: Horses may be subjected to random drug testing. Placings may be chosen at random from the top six placings prior to pull. These placings/teams will be announced at the end of pull. Drivers/Exhibitors are responsible for making their horses available for drug testing following the pull, until which time testing can be completed. Prize money & trophy will be forfeited if horse tests positive.

**Total purse - \$2500.00 1<sup>st</sup> \$500.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$400.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$350.00 4<sup>th</sup> \$300.00 5<sup>th</sup> \$250.00 6<sup>th</sup> \$200.00**

Remainder of prize monies to be divided by committee, 12 ft round robin pull

**Trophy: In memory of Martin Sarty, sponsored by Shayna Prall & Jill Sarty**

**7. LADIES HORSE PULL - TOTAL PURSE \$200.00**

One team per lady, open to any lady 15 years and over, 3 ft, 3 starts, team used must have been showing all week.

**Trophy: Sponsored by Justin Daniels**

**8. CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE PULL – TOTAL PURSE \$600.00**

Open to teams exhibiting for the week who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of the 3 Memorial classes. Hook on, Stay-on, percentage pull. If an eligible team is unable to compete the horse pull committee reserves the right to elect a substitute team from the remaining placings.

**OTHER HORSE PULL TROPHIES**

**Team Hauling Heaviest Load Overall (Present for week), Sponsored by Furry Friends Inn, Sara and Tim Lowe**

**Highest Percentage Overall (All classes, present for week), Sponsored by Steve Harlow, Lawrencetown**

**Best Performance by Team & Teamster of the Week (all classes present for the week) in Memory of Laurie Hebb, sponsored by Donna Kerr**



## 2024 HORSE & OX PULLS RING SCHEDULE



<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Memorial Horse Pull – Light, Medium &amp; Heavy, stay on %</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Sweepstakes Heavy Load Ox Pull - Hook on Stay on, straight Pull</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ox Judging</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Regular Ox Pull – Steers, Light, Medium, &amp; Heavy</b>
	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>3 Horse Pull – 2 classes</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Junior Ox Pull</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Ladies Ox Pull</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Annapolis Valley Exhibition Fryeburg Qualification Pull</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>12’ Horse Pull - Light, Medium &amp; Heavy</b>
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Special Ox Pull Steers - Light, Medium, &amp; Heavy, Round Robin Pull</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Consolation Ox Pull</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Championship Ox Pull</b>
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Valley Credit Union Sweepstakes Horse Pulls - Light &amp; Medium</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Community Metal Sweepstakes Heavy Horse Pull</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Ladies Horse Pull</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Championship Horse Pull (top teams from Memorial pull)</b>
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Exhibitor Steer Pull</b>
	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>The Patterson Concrete Ox Pull</b>