

LIGHT HORSES & PONIES

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR SADDLE ENTRIES, *In addition to the General Rules & Regulations*

1. **Entries must be post marked by July 21th**. Late entrants will only be accepted if space is available. The Exhibition is under no obligation. Entry fees must accompany entry forms.
2. **Each horse and rider combination requires separate forms or the entry will be deemed incomplete.** Each horse and rider combination will be issued their own back number. **Any entry forms received without all requirements and attachments will NOT be considered. Payment for all classes to accompany entry form. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.** Please copy forms, as you need them. **Copy of NSEF Liability Insurance and Maritime Bred Registration must be included.** (See General Rules)
3. ***All Entry Forms shall be completely filled out with Exhibitor information along with animal information. Any Entry Forms received without all requirements and attachments will cause delays in your registration. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.***
4. It has been recommended by a veterinarian that all light horses be vaccinated for the following communicable diseases: Equine Influenza, Rhino, and Strangles. Proof of this vaccination would be appreciated with entry.
5. All animals to be in place by **9:00 am** of the first day of the show, Wednesday. ***ALL LIVESTOCK TRAILERS MUST BE OFF THE SHOW GROUNDS BY 9:00 AM WEDNESDAY.*** Any stock not on the grounds by the time stipulated will not be eligible for competition unless previous consent has been obtained from the Exhibition Management Committee.
6. **Exhibits must remain in place (including decorations) until 9:00 pm Saturday. Removing exhibits before this time will forfeit entry to future Exhibitions. No livestock trailers will be given admittance to the Exhibition Grounds prior to 9 pm Saturday evening.**
7. The Exhibitor is responsible for all expenses incurred in transporting entries and maintaining them during the show. The Exhibition Management Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
8. **Payment Options** – We accept Cash, Cheques payable to: **Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society** and E-Transfer to **halifaxcountyx@bellaliant.com** (password MUST be sent in separate email failure to do so will cause delays in your registration)
9. Only one Exhibitor Pass per exhibitor will be issued regardless of the number of animals entered in any animal breed. Additional week passes can be purchased at the office for \$18.00 per person
10. **Stabling: Straight Stalls \$10.00, Box Stalls \$30.00** (as space permits). **Fee to be included with the entry form.** (Stabling will be available to horses competing in a minimum of **three** performance classes, on a first come first serve basis.)
11. **Participation Fee: \$6.00 per animal, per class.** The fee is to be included with your entry form.
12. **Sweepstakes Classes Participation Fee: \$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). All classes will run over a 3-day period.
13. To qualify for the final placing and awards in the Sweepstakes Classes, the Exhibitor must compete in all three classes.
14. Participants in the Gymkhana Games must wear proper attire of long sleeved buttoned up shirts and boots with a heel.
15. **Back Number: \$10.00 fee** to be refunded at the end of the show when back number is returned. Must be included in your Entry.
16. **General Parking Pass:** Sold at the rate of \$6.00 each. Passes are limited to **ONLY ONE (1) per exhibitor of livestock** classes. Only vehicles having the proper pass attached to the windshield of the vehicle will be permitted to use the **stock gate, up to 9 am daily.** After this time, all vehicles must be removed to the appropriate parking areas, as their parking pass designates. Only those who are overnight on the grounds will be issued a parking pass – **one back gate pass per overnight site.** Anyone not adhering to this rule may have their vehicle towed away at their expense. This rule is for the safety of the General Public as well as those exhibiting at this year's show.
17. **Limited space** is available for tent and trailer parking for our livestock exhibitors' convenience. Cost is **\$60.00** from Tuesday to Saturday and should be included with your entry form. There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 per day for early hook up. There is a **\$15.00 septic dumping fee** for those who need this service. **Due to limited electrical supply, we ask that you please refrain from operating air conditioners in your trailers while on the exhibition grounds.**
18. **Post Entries: May be made at the Exhibition Office up to 10 am** each day of the show. Cost is **\$10.00 per class, per rider if you sign up the morning of the class.**
19. All Exhibitors should display a sign stating the owner's name, home community, horse's name & breed. A farm photo can be added to exhibitor information.
20. **ATTENTION TO EXHIBITS: Exhibitors will give personal attention to their exhibits for the entire week and keep them in good standing. (Cleaned on a daily basis)**
21. **Animals are NOT to be tied or left standing in the aisles of the barns. Aisles must remain clear for visitors and Fire Safety. This includes getting ready for classes.**
22. **Any horses in straight stalls must be secured with hind end toward the aisle between 9:00 am & 9:00 pm. If not secured, the stall requires top & bottom enclosure. Straight stalls require the butt ropes to be tied when the horse is in its stall.**

23. Ponies are 14.2 hands and under in height. Horses are 14.2 hands & up. **Only junior riders may ride in the Pony Division. A senior rider with a pony must enter the Senior Division.**
24. Any classes having less than three entries may be combined with another age division, or may be cancelled.
25. The judge shall have complete control over all matters after contestants enter the ring. The Judges' decision is final. Judges will not award a prize to animals showing signs of poor health.
26. **HEADGEAR - All competitors must wear protective headgear secured with safety harness. This headgear MUST be worn whenever mounted on the Exhibition Grounds, with the exception of Western Performance Classes and the warm-up time prior and between classes as well as the Costume Class. Helmets are mandatory for all Gymkhana classes. All light horse exhibitors must be wearing correct, healed footwear according to their discipline whenever mounted, including exercising and schooling.**
27. **No more than 3 horses are to be lounged in the rings while horses are being ridden. Mounted riders are expected to allow appropriate time for lounging. While classes are in progress mounted riders take priority in the warm up ring.**
28. Any exhibitor wanting to sell items at the Exhibition must apply to the Concessions Coordinator before the opening day of the Exhibition. Advertising livestock or items for sale is welcome on the boards located by the entrances or at your stall.

BARN EXHIBIT: No Participation Fee. Entry is mandatory. To be judged on cleanliness of stall and neatness of tack area, each day of the show. Decorating will be taken into consideration. Prize awarded is \$25.00 (or equivalent gift certificate or gift prize). (This may be divided or given in total to a group if horses and ponies are present within that group).

EXHIBITOR AGE DIVISIONS – Section A12, A13, & A14 where applicable

Senior: 19 years and older as of show date.

Junior: 18 years and younger as of show date.

Be sure to state appropriate age division on entry form.

SECTION A11 - SADDLE PONY

Pony Division (18 years & under as of show date)

Participation Fee: \$6.00 per animal, per class

Prize Money:	1 st \$14.00	2 nd \$13.00	3 rd \$12.00	4 th \$11.00	5 th \$10.00
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CLASS:

1. **PLEASURE PONY: Award Class** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on Manners 60%, Performance 40%.
2. **COMMAND: Award Class** - Several different commands will be given by the judge to the riders to be correctly executed. Placing will be determined by elimination.
3. **NOVICE: Award Class** - Open to pony/rider combinations that have not previously won a first-place ribbon at this Exhibition. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog/trot and lope/canter. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on Performance 50%, Manners 50%.
4. **ROAD HACK: Award Class** - Pony to enter the ring at a walk. To be judged at a flat-footed walk with a reasonable long rein, trot, strong trot, easy canter and hand gallop. Only 8 ponies to gallop at one time. To be judged on Performance 60%, Manners 40%.
5. **CROSS RAILS PONY: Award Class** - To be judged on performance & rider's equitation. To be run prior to Hunter classes with maximum height of 1'6". Hunter Pony entry rules apply. This class will run once during the week not three times as in previous years.

SECTION A12 - SADDLE HORSE

Participation Fee: \$6.00 per animal, per class

Prize Money:	1 st \$14.00	2 nd \$13.00	3 rd \$12.00	4 th \$11.00	5 th \$10.00
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CLASS:

1. **PLEASURE HORSE ENGLISH: Award Class** - Open to horses suitable for and used for pleasure mounts. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on Manners 60%, Performance 40%. **State appropriate age division.**
2. **ROAD HACK: Award Class** - Horse to enter the ring at a walk. To be judged at a flat-footed walk with a reasonable long line, trot, strong trot, easy canter and hand gallop. Only 8 horses to gallop at one time. To be judged on Performance 60%, Manners 40%. **State appropriate age division on entry form.**
3. **NOVICE: Award Class** - Open to horse and rider combinations that have not previously won a first-place ribbon at the Exhibition. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog/trot and lope/canter. Horses to stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on Performance 50%, Manners 50%. **State appropriate age division on entry form.**

4. **PLEASURE HORSE WESTERN: Award Class** - Open to horses suitable for and used for pleasure mounts. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on Manners 60%, Performance 40%. **State appropriate age division on entry form.**
5. **MARITIME BRED: Award Class** - To be shown at a flat-footed walk, normal trot/jog and easy canter/lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on Conformation 50%, Performance 25% & Manners 25%. Horse will be stripped & judged for conformation. Proof of **maritime birth must accompany entry form.** (Photocopy will be accepted).
6. **COMMAND: Award Class** - Several different commands will be given by the judge to the riders to be correctly executed. Placing will be determined by elimination.
7. **HUNTER HACK: Award Class** - To be shown with a long rein at a flat-footed walk, trot, easy canter and hand gallop. Must stand quietly while rider dismounts and mounts. To back readily. To be judged on Performance 60%, Manners 40%. Will be put over one or two small jumps.
8. **CROSSRAILS HORSE: Award Class** - To be judged on performance & rider's equitation. To be run prior to a Hunter class. Hunter Horse rules apply. This class will run once during the week, not three times as in previous years.
9. **GREEN CLASS** - Walk/Trot - for any horse or rider in their first year of showing. Open to English & Western Competitors. **State appropriate age division on entry form. Entries are restricted to Green, Novice and Showmanship Classes.**
10. **GREEN PLEASURE** - Walk/Trot / Canter - for any horse or rider in their first year of showing. Open to English & Western Competitors. **State appropriate age division on entry form. Entries are restricted to Green, Novice and Showmanship Classes.**
11. **OPEN WALK/TROT:** Open to all riders who have not placed first in an **A11 or A12 section.** Open to green riders/horses.

SECTION A13 - SADDLE PONY/ HORSE SPECIALS

Participation Fee: \$6.00 per animal, per class

Prize Money:	1 st \$14.00	2 nd \$13.00	3 rd \$12.00	4 th \$11.00	5 th \$10.00
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CLASS:

1. **SHOWMANSHIP: Award Class** - A line class, judged on appearance of pony or horse and exhibitor and the ability to show the horse following a prescribed pattern. **Note: Showmanship Class now divided into Junior and Senior Division. State appropriate age division on entry form.**
2. **WESTERN EQUITATION: Award Class** - To be judged on seat and hands, management, control of mount and neatness of appearance. **State appropriate age division on entry form.**
3. **ENGLISH EQUITATION: Award Class** - To be judged on seat and hands, management, control of mount and neatness of appearance. **State appropriate age division on entry form.**
4. **FAMILY CLASS: Award Class** - Two or more people of a family tree. Horse and pony combinations are allowed. Open to English and Western riders. To walk, trot or jog only. Judged as a group on neatness, style dress and suitability as family mounts for pleasure riding. One Participation Fee per family entry.
5. **PLEASURE PAIRS: Award Class** - Open to English and Western combinations. To walk, jog/trot and lope/canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance and ability to work together at all gaits. Performance 80%; Appearance 20%. Both entries to pay Participation Fee.
6. **JUNIOR EQUINE: Award Class** - Pony/Horse must be 5 years of age and under as of show date, to be eligible for class. **State horse age on entry form.** Open to English and Western riders. To walk, trot/jog, canter/lope both ways of the ring. Performance 100%.
7. **SENIOR EQUINE: Award Class** - Any Pony/Horse 18 years of age and older to be eligible for class. **State horse age on entry form.** Open to English and Western riders. To walk, trot/jog, canter/lope both ways of the ring. Performance 100%.
8. **JACK BENNY CLASS: Award Class** - Open to riders 39 years of age and over as of show date. Not required to state age on entry form, participation is sufficient. Open to English and Western riders. To walk, trot/jog, canter/lope both ways of the ring. To be judged under equitation guidelines.
9. **EQUINE COSTUME: Award Class** - Pony/Horse - The only requirements are that the mounts be bridled and that vehicles not be used. Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination, horse or pony.
10. **LEAD LINE CLASS: Award Class** - Any child 8 and under to be lead on a horse or pony (by an adult) at a walk. **No entry fee** - Ribbons only.
11. **WALK TROT EQUITATION: Award Class** - to be shown at a walk and trot both directions of the ring.
12. **WORKING COW HORSE: Award Class** - Open to horses and ponies. A pattern western class, in which pattern will be posted the morning of the class. All entries will be judged immediately upon entering the ring. Credit will be given for smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority in performing the various manoeuvres while using controlled speed.
13. **WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP: Award Class** - To be judged on how well the horse and rider work together. Flat class with a short but difficult pattern that includes stops, spins and other movements. Judged 50% on rail work and 50% on pattern work. Similar to Stock Seat Equitation and Hunter Seat Equitation.

14. **TRAIL CLASS: Award Class** - Open to English & Western Competitors. Must follow a pre-determined pattern with an applied time limit to the course. **State appropriate age division on entry form.**
15. **CONFIRMATION CLASS – Award Class** open to horse or pony. Class is judged on the confirmation of animal, emphasis on balance, structural correctness and movement.
16. **SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKE: Award Class** - A line class, judged on appearance of pony or horse and exhibitor and the ability to show the horse following a prescribed pattern. **Participation Fee \$16.00** (includes Sweepstakes Fee plus \$6.00 class entry fee).
17. **GROOMING AND CONDITIONING CLASS: Award Class** – the grooming and condition of both the horse and rider.
18. **CHAMPION PLEASURE EQUINE: Award to 1st Place only.** The 1st and 2nd placing in all pleasure classes - English & Western (Section A11 Class 1, Section A12 - Classes 1 & 4, Junior & Senior Divisions), Horse or Pony, all ages to compete for champion of the 2015 Halifax County Exhibition. Exclude Novice, Green and Sweepstake classes. If you qualified in any two classes, then choose your discipline in that class then the second and third place will move into the Champion Pleasure Equine Class.
19. **OPEN ENGLISH DRESSAGE –** One at a time, competitors will complete the assigned dressage test. Competitors will not be marked down for having a caller; however, competitors must provide their own caller. To be judged on the directives given for the particular dressage test (as written on the test sheet). This year's test will be CADORA Inc. First Level Test "B".

SECTION A14 – HORSE & PONY SWEEPSTAKES Participation Fee: **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). All classes will run over a 3-day period.

Prize Money:	1 st \$14.00	2 nd \$13.00	3 rd \$12.00	4 th \$11.00	5 th \$10.00
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CLASS:

1. **PLEASURE SWEEPSTAKES ENGLISH: Award & Stakes Class** - Open to horses suitable for and used for pleasure mounts English Riders of all ages. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter - both ways of the ring. To be judged on Manners - 60%; Performance - 40%. **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstakes Fees collected will be divided 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%, to the first to fourth place winners respectively. This will be in addition to the prize money awarded for this class. Competition to be run over 3 days. Riders may also pay and enter PLEASURE SWEEPSTAKES WESTERN.
2. **PLEASURE SWEEPSTAKES WESTERN: Award & Stakes Class** - Open to horses suitable for and used for pleasure mounts Western Riders of all ages. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope - both ways of the ring. To be judged on Manners - 60%; Performance - 40%. **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstakes Fees collected will be divided 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%, to the first to fourth place winners respectively. This will be in addition to the prize money awarded for this class. Competition to be run over 3 days. Riders may also pay and enter PLEASURE SWEEPSTAKES ENGLISH.
3. **PLEASURE SWEEPSTAKES PONY ENGLISH/ WESTERN: Award & Stakes Class.** Open to ponies suitable for and used for pleasure mounts English /Western Riders of all ages. To be shown at a walk, trot/ jog and canter/ lope - both ways of the ring. To be judged on Manners - 60%, Performance - 40%. **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstakes Fees collected will be divided 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%, to the first to fourth place winners respectively. This will be in addition to the prize money awarded for this class. Competition to be run over 3 days
4. **GYMKHANA GAMES – BARRELS SWEEPSTAKES** - Open to English & Western Competitors. **State appropriate age division on entry form.** **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstakes Fees will be collected and be divided amongst the first to fourth place winners respectively – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%. This will be in addition to the prize money awarded to this class. Competition will run over 3 days.
5. **GYMKHANA GAMES - POLE BENDING SWEEPSTAKES** - Open to English & Western Competitors. **State appropriate age division on entry form.** **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstakes Fees will be collected and be divided amongst the first to fourth place winners respectively – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%. This will be in addition to the prize money awarded to this class. Competition will run over 3 days.
6. **GYMKHANA GAMES - KEYHOLE SWEEPSTAKES** - Open to English & Western Competitors. **State appropriate age division on entry form.** **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstakes Fees will be collected and be divided amongst the first to fourth place winners respectively – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%. This will be in addition to the prize money awarded to this class. Competition will run over 3 days.
7. **HUNTER PONY SWEEPSTAKES: Award Class** -To be judged on horse's performance, obedience, soundness, suitability confirmation and way of going over a minimum of eight fences. Height to a maximum of 2 feet. Competition to run three days of Exhibition. Total accumulations of points will decide final placing. **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstake Fees collected will be divided 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% to the first to fourth place winners respectively, in addition to the event prize money.
8. **HUNTER HORSE SWEEPSTAKES: Award Class** -To be judged on horses' performance, obedience, soundness, suitability confirmation and way of going over a minimum of eight fences. Height to a maximum of 2 feet 6 inches. Competition to run three days of Exhibition. Total accumulations of points will decide final placing. **\$21.00 per animal, per class** (includes \$15.00 Sweepstake fee plus \$6.00 Class Fee). Total Sweepstake Fees collected will be divided – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% to the first to fourth place winners respectively, in addition to the event prize money.