

Halifax County Exhibition

A Family Exhibition for over 139 Years

AUGUST 16th – 19th, 2023

Official Rules, Regulations & Prize List

Dear Exhibitors:

Welcome to the Halifax County Exhibition Livestock Competitions. **Please, be sure to read the General Rules & Regulations as well as the specific guidelines for your areas of competition, as there are changes in some sections.** The Exhibition Management Committee strive to make things clear and safe for all our exhibitors, and the Halifax County Exhibition would not be the success it is without your participation and cooperation.

We ask that you please take the time to fill out your entry form properly with **name, mailing address, email address and phone number** so we can keep your contact information up to date.

Sponsorship is an important part of our Exhibition and helps to cover costs such as prize money, ribbons, banners, trophies, judges, drags, weight loaders, and many other areas of the Exhibition. Any questions regarding sponsorship or for more information on how to be a sponsor, please contact the Main Office.

We have also been very fortunate in the past, with the number of Exhibitors who lend a hand - if you have some time available, before or during Exhibition please let us know at the Main Office. Many hands make light work, so please contact us if you would like to help. See contact information below.

Thank you!

Halifax County Exhibition Management Committee

Contact Information:

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PARADE

Wednesday, August 16th

1 pm

THEME

“Rooted in Agriculture”

The Halifax County Exhibition invites all businesses, organizations and individuals to participate in our Parade on Wednesday, August 16th.

All Exhibitors are encouraged to participate.

Awards for the following parade categories are presented in the main show ring at the Exhibition Grounds as the parade completes.

BEST COMMERCIAL (LOCAL)

BEST COMMERCIAL (NON-LOCAL)

BEST 4-H

BEST YOUTH GROUP

BEST INDIVIDUAL

BEST GROUP

BEST DECORATED

BEST THEME

MOST HUMOROUS

Line up for the Parade is by the ball field at the exit of George Street and Hwy 357. All entrants are asked to have a prepared write-up/description of their float entry that can be used to introduce your float in the main ring. **Please check in with one of the volunteers with registration cards, at the corner of George Street and Hwy 357, between 12 and 1 pm, to get your parade number and to give them your write-up on your entry.** Judging will take place along the parade route.

GATE ADMISSIONS:

ADULTS & TEENS	\$8.00
SENIORS (60+)	\$6.00
CHILDREN (6 – 12)	\$3.00
CHILDREN UNDER 6	FREE
WEEKLY PASS	\$23.00 (per person)

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

All Exhibitors are subject to these Rules and Regulations in addition to those specifically listed in the separate categories.

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR ENTRY FORMS UNDER THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES.

1. The Exhibition Office will be open on Monday August 15th to Saturday August 20th from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. Please address all inquiries and correspondence to: Halifax County Exhibition, PO Box 161, Middle Musquodoboit NS BON 1X0 or email to halifaxcountyex@bellaliant.com
2. The Exhibition will be open to the public, from 9:00 am - 10:00 pm all four days of the show.
3. ***This is an Agricultural Exhibition, Exhibitors are reminded to be courteous to all other Exhibitors and to take the time to answer questions from the public passing through.***
4. 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. Any article left in the buildings or on the grounds after the close of the Exhibition shall be entirely at the owner's risk.
5. Exhibitors, when they arrive with entries, should see the **Superintendent of their Section** who will inform them where their stall placings are.
6. 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.
7. ****NO LIVESTOCK TRAILERS TO BE ON THE EXHIBITON GROUNDS BEFORE DEPARTURE TIME SATURDAY.**
8. Exhibits must remain in place (including decorations) until **Departure Time on Saturday**. Removing exhibits before this time will forfeit entry to future Exhibitions. * Livestock trailers will be given admittance to the Exhibition Grounds in accordance with a pre-determined schedule by the Exhibition Office and Superintendents of the Horse Barn prior to 9 pm Saturday evening, ***only for those whose travelling time surpasses 1 hour plus, if they choose to go earlier that 9pm***. **This is for the safety of those travelling longer distances and loading of livestock.** We ask that all exhibitors honor and respect this trial process. For those with the regular departure time of 9pm to maintain their exhibits for the patrons who are visiting the exhibition grounds.
9. **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)
10. **All Livestock must be removed from the barn by 9 am Sunday August 20th and stalls cleaned out for manure & bedding removal!**
11. Judges are required to give their reasons on placing of classes when requested by the Superintendents.
12. No person shall interfere with the Judges or attempt to influence a Judge's decision. Any person who uses any contemptuous or abusive language in reference to any award made shall forfeit his/her right to any premium which they might otherwise be entitled to and could be denied participation in future Exhibitions.
13. ***Dogs are not permitted to be brought on the grounds by the Public. Service Dogs are allowed on grounds with the proper documentation and identification. Pets in Exhibitor Sleeping area must remain in this area during the exhibition, on lease at all times. Please pick up after pets.***
14. **Limited Space** is available for tent and camper parking for our livestock exhibitors' convenience. Cost is **\$70.00** 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. All driving lanes must be kept clear. Larger trailers will have to be placed at the back of the Grounds. **Due to the limited electrical supply, we ask that you please refrain from operating air conditioners in your trailer while on the exhibition grounds.**
15. * **QUIET TIME- LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR TRAILER AREA** – Please note that the quiet time for this area is 12 am. Any guests not staying in the Exhibitor Area are requested to leave at this time. Please be respectful of your neighbouring exhibitors.
16. Any concerns regarding the Exhibition are to be made in writing to the Exhibition Office before the close of the show.

Please use the appropriate form for your entries, making any copies you need.

We suggest you make a copy of your completed form for your reference.

Any entry forms received without all requirements and attachments will not be considered.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

E-transfer: mmas@agricommodity.ca

Post-dated cheques will not be accepted. There will be a charge of \$35.00 on all NSF Cheques

LIABILITY & CODE OF ETHICS

LIVESTOCK LIABILITY INSURANCE: We require that every large animal on our grounds, as well as pull event participants, is covered for liability should that animal, exhibitor or vehicle be involved in an incident on the Exhibition Grounds causing injury or harm to buildings or people. Your policy must show us that you, the animal or animals you are bringing onto the Exhibition Grounds or your vehicle have the proper coverage to be at our Exhibition. If your coverage is part of a group plan, we require proof of the insurance as well as proof of your membership under this plan. Proof must clearly show the appropriate coverage. This proof of insurance must accompany the Exhibitors Entry Form.

ATTENTION: Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits liable to occasional accidents, injury or damage to persons coming in contact with them shall guard their exhibits and protect the public from coming in contact therewith, and every such exhibitor does hereby indemnify the Halifax County Exhibition, the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society and Officials from and against all such claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may occur, suffer or be put to be reason of any accident, or of any period being injured or suffering damage through by reason of any such exhibit not being properly protected there from.

The Halifax County Exhibition and the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society, its employees, agents or servants shall not be liable for any loss to an exhibitor, his or her employees, agents or servants which may have occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure or the negligence of other exhibitors, officials or otherwise, howsoever.

EXHIBITIONS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA CODE OF ETHICS FOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK

Exhibitors of livestock at exhibitions and fairs in Nova Scotia shall always deport your selves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Your conduct in this competitive and showmanship environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honour and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural awareness and education. This code applies to all livestock entered and/or offered in any event at fairs and exhibitions. Owners, exhibitors, trainers and all responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and entry fees and may be prohibited from future fairs and exhibitions in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and exhibitions in Nova Scotia. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics negatively impact on the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and may be prohibited from entry and/or offered competition at all livestock shows in Nova Scotia.

1. Any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. (For example; the use of alcoholic, carbonated or caffeine beverages or chocolate flavoured nutritional supplements).
2. Any time after an animal arrives on the fair or exhibition site or premises, a licensed veterinarian upon notification to the manager of the fair or exhibition shall administer all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medication for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
3. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
4. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by the owner, exhibitor or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
5. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, or exhibitor to have the fair or exhibition take disciplinary action for violation of this code of ethics, and any other rules of the fair or exhibition, without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
6. The Exhibitions Association of Nova Scotia, in working with the livestock associations that use the fairs and exhibitions facilities, will conduct random drug testing as a credible deterrent to the use of performance enhancing drugs. A policy has been developed to deal with such matters.

DRAFT HORSE

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR DRAFT ENTRIES - In addition to the General Rules & Regulations:

- 1. Entries must be post marked by July 21st, 2023.** *Entries not received by the deadline may not be accepted, due to the availability of space. Late entrants will only be accepted if space is available. The Exhibition is under no obligation.
- 2. All Entry Forms shall be 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. Copy of NSEF Liability Insurance to be included. (See general rules)**
3. Entry Forms need to indicate which classes you intend to compete in. Although we realize there may be some changes and cannot be finalized until all Exhibitors are on the grounds, the classes indicated on the entry forms will set the program, for the week.
4. 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.**
5. Exhibits must remain in place (including decorations) until **Departure Time Saturday**. Removing exhibits before this time will forfeit entry to future Exhibitions. ** Livestock trailers will be given admittance to the Exhibition Grounds in accordance with a pre-determined schedule prior to 9 pm Saturday evening. See individual sections for more information.
6. 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.
7. **Payment Options** – We accept Cash, Cheques payable to: **Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society** and E-transfers to mmas@agricommodity.ca
8. **Stabling: Straight Stalls \$10.00** per horse. Stabling will be available to horses competing in a minimum of three performance classes, on a first come first serve basis.
9. **Participation Fee: \$6.00** per animal. One Exhibitor Weekly Pass per animal will be issued. Additional passes may be purchased. Fee to be included with the entry form.
10. **Wagon Number: \$10.00 fee** to be refunded at the end of the show when back number is returned. Must be included in your Entry.
11. **General Parking Pass:** Sold at the rate of \$8.00 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 Public as well as those exhibiting at this year's show.
12. **Limited space** is available for tent and trailer parking for our livestock exhibitors' convenience. Cost is **\$70.00** 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. If possible, please indicate length of unit. Draft Horse Exhibitor helpers may also overnight at the Exhibitor rates providing there is space. **Due to the limited electrical supply, we ask that you please refrain from operating air conditioners in your trailer while on the exhibition grounds.**
13. **Competition Classes:** Sections A1, A2, & A3 will only have classes with a single horse or a team of 2 horses. All other hitches with 3 horses and up are located in A7 Draft Horse Specials.
14. **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)**
15. **All Livestock must be removed from barn by 9am Sunday August 20th with stalls cleaned out for manure & bedding removal.**
16. **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.**
17. All Exhibitors should display a sign stating the owner's name, home community, horse's name & breed.
18. Harness must be clean and neat, not fancy. Show Harness is not necessary if harness used is in good, safe working order.
19. The Judge shall have complete control over all matters after exhibitors enter the ring. The Judges' decision is final. Judges will not award a prize to unsound animals or to animals of inferior quality.
20. Judges will take into consideration the appearance & condition of the wagon and the conduct & appearance of the teamster.
21. Exhibitors must use proper fastenings to safely secure animals.
22. Whips are to be used as a "driving aid" only.
23. All teams will be weighed on the grounds, Tuesday evening between 8-9pm. and then grouped into light and heavy classes.
24. Exhibitors are not to use the same horse in Single Hitch Class (A1, A2, A3 Class 3) and Lady's Cart (A7 Class 5). Two different horses are to be used.

SECTION A1- BELGIAN

SECTION A2- CLYDESDALE

SECTION A3- PERCHERON

Note: Instead of trophies, some classes may be presented with equivalent prizes.

Prize Money:	1 st \$43.00	2 nd \$38.00	3 rd \$33.00	4 th \$28.00	5 th \$23.00
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CLASS:

1. **MATCHED TEAM LIGHT: Award Class**
2. **MATCHED TEAM HEAVY: Award Class**

Prize Money:	1 st \$30.00	2 nd \$25.00	3 rd \$23.00	4 th \$21.00	5 th \$19.00	6 th \$17.00
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3. **SINGLE HITCH: Award Class** - To be shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. To be judged on Performance, Quality and Manners. One entry per exhibitor.

Prize Money:	1 st \$43.00	2 nd \$38.00	3 rd \$33.00	4 th \$28.00	5 th \$23.00
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4. **TANDEM HITCH: Award Class** - To be shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. To be judged on Performance, Quality and Manners.
5. **GRAND CHAMPION TEAM: Award Class** - Open to the 1st and 2nd placing in Sections A1, A2 & A3, Class 1 & 2 respectively, light and heavy teams, for overall champion in each of the three breeds. **Award and Ribbon Class Only.**

SECTION A4- BELGIAN

SECTION A5- CLYDESDALE

SECTION A6- PERCHERON

DRAFT HORSE LINE CLASSES: (Mares with foals, Yearlings & 2 year old's may trailer to the grounds and lead entries in line class.)
Registration Papers must accompany animal to the ring.

Prize Money:	1 st \$20.00	2 nd \$18.00	3 rd \$16.00	4 th \$14.00
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ORDER OF SHOWING

This order will be followed for each breed exhibited.

PUREBREDS:**CLASS:**

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| 1. Filly, 1 year | 4. Yeld Mare, 4 years & over |
| 2. Filly, 2 years | 5. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Purebred (Ribbon Only) |
| 3. Yeld Mare, 3 years | |

GRADES:

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| 6. 2 & 3 years' old | 9. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Grade (Ribbon only) |
| 7. Mare or Gelding, 4 years and over, heavy draft | |
| 8. Mare or Gelding, 4 years and over, light draft | |

SUPREME CHAMPION: GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED & GRAND CHAMPION GRADE – Ribbon Only

SECTION A7 - DRAFT HORSE SPECIALS

Prize Money: Junior Showmanship 1 st \$54.00 2 nd \$50.00 3 rd \$40.00 4 th \$35.00 5 th \$30.00
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*JUNIOR DRIVER, TEAMSTER & SHOWMAN will be used to determine the Junior Showmanship Winner - To be eligible for the prize money in this competition the participant must compete in all three classes. Ribbons will be awarded for each class and prize money will be awarded based on an accumulation of points. Prize money will be presented at the end of the final competition.

CLASS:

1. **JUNIOR SHOWMAN* - Award Class** - Horse to be shown in-hand, during the line classes, by a handler 16 years of age and under. To be judged on appearance of exhibitor and animal. To follow a prescribed pattern. Points, awarded from placing, will be accumulated towards Junior Showmanship Award. Appearance of Exhibitor 50%, Appearance of Animal 25%, Ability to follow instructions 25%. Total accumulation of points will decide final placing.
2. **JUNIOR DRIVER* - Award Class** - Single hitch suitable for a junior to drive. To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. Driver to be 16 years of age and under. Points, awarded from placing, will be accumulated towards Junior Showmanship Award. Driver Ability 80%; Performance, Quality and Manners 20%. Total accumulation of points will decide final placing.
3. **JUNIOR TEAMSTER* - Award Class** - One assistant on the wagon. Judged on the ability of the driver to handle the team while following directions. Driver to be 16 years of age and under. Points, awarded from placing, will be accumulated towards Junior Showmanship Award. Driver Ability 80%; Performance, Quality & Manners 20%. Total accumulation of points will decide final placing.

Prize Money: 1 st \$30.00 2 nd \$25.00 3 rd \$23.00 4 th \$21.00 5 th \$19.00 6 th \$17.00
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4. **WORKING DRAFT HORSE: Award Class** - Pattern to be posted.

Prize Money: 1 st \$30.00 2 nd \$25.00 3 rd \$23.00 4 th \$21.00 5 th \$19.00 6 th \$17.00
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5. **LADY'S CART: Award Class** - Vehicle to be a 2-wheeled cart. Driver to be 17 years of age and over. To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. Driver Ability 80%; Performance, Quality and Manners 20%.

Prize Money: 1 st \$30.00 2 nd \$25.00 3 rd \$23.00 4 th \$21.00 5 th \$19.00 6 th \$17.00
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6. **LADY TEAMSTER Award Class** - Driver is to be 17 years of age and over. There is to be only one assistant on the wagon. Judged on the ability of the driver to handle the team while following directions. Driver Ability 80%; Performance, Quality & Manners 20%.

Prize Money: 1 st \$43.00 2 nd \$38.00 3 rd \$33.00 4 th \$28.00 5 th \$23.00 6 th \$18.00
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7. **FARM TEAM: Award Class** - To enter the ring at a walk and remain walking unless otherwise directed. Driver only on the wagon. Horses must stand quietly, obey commands and be under the control of the driver always. Movements must be suitable for general farm work. Team to be dressed in working harness. No braiding or decorations permitted. Team may be asked for a "slow" trot within the prescribed pattern. Performance 80%; Dress 20%.

Prize Money: 1 st \$43.00 2 nd \$38.00 3 rd \$33.00 4 th \$28.00 5 th \$23.00

8. **BEST-DRESSED TEAM: Award Class**

Prize Money: 1 st \$51.00 2 nd \$45.00 3 rd \$39.00 4 th \$33.00 5 th \$27.00

9. **THREE-A-BREAST: Award Class** - To be shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. To be judged on Performance, Quality and Manners.

Prize Money: 1st \$51.00 2nd \$45.00 3rd \$39.00 4th \$33.00 5th \$27.00

10. **UNICORN HITCH: Award Class** - To be not necessarily owned by the driver or by one exhibitor. To be shown harnessed to a suitable vehicle. There is to be a driver and one assistant only on the wagon. Conformation & Performance 75%; Equipment Dress 25%.

Prize Money: 1st \$60.00 2nd \$54.00 3rd \$48.00 4th \$42.00 5th \$36.00

11. **FOUR-IN-HAND: Award Class** - Not necessarily to be owned by one person but each pair must be owned by one party. To be shown harnessed to a suitable vehicle. The driver and one assistant only on the wagon. Conformation & Performance 75%; Equipment & Dress 25%.

Prize Money: 1st \$100.00 2nd \$80.00 3rd \$65.00 4th \$50.00 5th \$35.00

12. **FOUR-IN-HAND DRIVING COMPETITION: Award Class** - Not necessarily to be owned by one person but each pair must be owned by one party. To be shown harnessed to a suitable vehicle, driver only on the wagon and under the judge's directions.

Prize Money: 1st \$135.00 2nd \$120.00 3rd \$105.00 4th \$90.00

13. **SIX-IN-HAND: Award Class** - Not necessarily owned by the driver or by one exhibitor. To be shown harnessed to a suitable vehicle. Driver and one assistant only on the wagon. Conformation & Performance 75%; Equipment & Dress 25%.

14. **NOVA SCOTIA DRAFT ASSOCIATION TEAM CLASS:** Sponsored by the Nova Scotia Draft Horse Association
Judged on the appearance of both driver and the team, performance and driving skills. Open to all breeds.

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 \$50.00 (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).