

Halifax County Exhibition

A Family Exhibition for over 138 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.

Many hands make light work. We are always looking for volunteers throughout the year as well the week of Exhibition, 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 14th to Saturday August 19th from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. Please address all inquiries and correspondence to: Halifax County Exhibition, PO Box 161, Middle Musquodoboit NS B0N 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. *****All LIVESTOCK TRAILERS TO BE AWAY FROM SHOW AREA AND BARNS ON THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS UNTIL DESIGNATED TIMES ON SATURDAY.***
8. ***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.***
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 barns 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 **\$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. 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 are accepted: 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 yourselves 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.

BEEF CATTLE

RULES & REGULATIONS, *In addition to the General Rules & Regulations:*

- 1. Entries must be post-marked or received by the Exhibition Management Committee by July 21st with all supporting documentation and payment.** 4-H showing (not included in farm entry) in open class - **separate entry form is required and needs to be in by July 21st.**
 - 2. 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. Copy of Livestock Liability Insurance to be included. (See General Rules)**
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. 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 Cattle Barn prior to 9 pm Saturday evening, ***only for those whose travelling time surpasses 1 hour plus***. **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.
 - 5. All Cattle must have a RFID Tag**
 - 6. 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)**
 - 7. All Livestock MUST be removed from barn by 9 am Sunday August 20th and stalls cleaned out for manure & bedding removal!**
 - 8. The maximum number of entries from a breeding unit is 10 plus 4-H program entries.**
 - 9. The exhibitor must own the livestock exhibits.**
 - 10. 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.**
 - 11. Payment Options – We accept Cash, Cheques payable to: Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society and E-transfer to mmas@agricommodity.ca**
 - 12. Participation Fees: \$10 per head.** Up to 5 Head Includes ONE Exhibitor Pass, 6 -10 head Includes TWO Exhibitor Passes. **4-H showing in open class - \$7.00 (No Passes included)**
 - 13. General Parking Pass:** Sold at the rate of \$8.00 each. Passes are limited to **ONLY ONE (1) per exhibitor of livestock** classes per exhibitor of the open 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.
 - 14. 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. **Due to limited electrical supply, we ask that you please refrain from operating air conditioners in your trailer while on the exhibition grounds.**
 - 15. 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 unsound animals or to animals of inferior quality.**
- Herdsman Award:** No Participation Fee. Entry is mandatory. To be judged on sportsmanship, cleanliness of stall and neatness of tack area, each day of the show. Decorating will be taken into consideration. All Exhibitors should display a sign stating the owner's name, home community. \$50.00 (or equivalent gift certificate or gift prize).

Section C1- Beef – Multibreed

Prize Money	Classes 1-6	\$60.00 per entry
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- 1. Bull Calf of Current Year** – Minimum of three months of age on judging day.
- 2. Yearling Bull** – Born in the previous year.
- 3. Heifer Calf of Current Year** – Minimum of three months of age on judging day.
- 4. Yearling Heifer** – Born in the previous year.
- 5. Two-year old Female with Calf at Side** - Female born after January 1, 2021, with her own 2023 natural calf at foot, to be shown as a unit. Calf is eligible to be shown as a single animal in classes 1, 3, 7 & 8. Calves 6 months of age and older must be registered if they are purebred.
- 6. Aged Female** – Female, born prior to January 1st, 2021, with her own 2023 natural calf at foot. Cow and calf to be shown as a unit. Calf is eligible to be shown as a single animal in classes 1, 3, 7 & 8. Calves 6 months of age and older must be registered if they are purebred.
- 7. Breeder's Herd (Ribbons Only)** – A group of four animals bred by one breeder, both sexes represented, must have been shown in previous classes. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor.
- 8. Get of Sire (Ribbons Only)**– A group of three animals from the same sire, both sexes represented, must have been shown in previous classes. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor.

BEEF SPECIAL CLASSES – Ribbons Only

- 1. GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION MALE** – to be selected from 1st and 2nd placings in Class 1 and 2
- 2. JUNIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE** – to be selected from 1st and 2nd placings in Class 3 and 4.
- 3. SENIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE** – to be selected from 1st and 2nd placings in Class 5 and 6.
- 4. GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE** – to be selected from Junior Champion & Reserve Champion Female and Senior Champion & Reserve Champion Female.

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

This is a livestock show that is **open to children from ages 4 to 8 years old, who are not currently 4-H members**. Judging will be based on the exhibitor's appearance, ability to properly pose the animal and move the animal around show as directed by the judge. Participant is not required to own the animal but must make arrangements with animal owners. Any livestock brought to the grounds on Saturday will need to be removed directly after the class is complete.

This event will be held on Saturday at 2:00 pm. Please register your child at the Exhibition office prior to 2:00 pm on Saturday. One entry per person. Ribbons for participation will be given to all.