

# Department 3 - Horse Pulling

## Draft Horse Pulling Contest

Friday - 12 PM - Grandstand

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**CDC Guidelines will be posted & followed**

A copy of the rules for the draft horse pulling contest may be obtained from the Chair. All horses will be inspected by a Fair Vet before unloading. Pullers to enter using Gate 3.

### Rules:

1. Check in from 8:00 AM until noon.
2. 27 ½ feet will be a qualified pull on the dynamometer or boat.
3. All weight teams to be weighed at designated place with an official present.
4. No changing of drivers or bridles during the contest.
5. Driver may change sides with his horses – Time permitting.
6. Competition is open to all.
7. Ropes or lines to pull between to be determined by the judges. Standard distance is 18 feet.
8. Measure distance to determine positions at the end of the contest.
9. Two hookers – plus two men to drive team (if needed) will be allowed. Limit 5. All helpers to stay behind eveners and remain silent once team is hooked. Helpers cannot ride or touch machine. All others to remain out of the immediate pulling area (or behind boundary lines if applicable).
10. If a horse steps on or over ropes or line, pull will be disqualified.
11. The driver is required to stay seated during pull.
12. Each team has three passes, not to exceed three minutes to get hooked on from the time he is called to hook.
13. A contestant has three passes, not to exceed three minutes to get hooked on from time he is called to hooked.
14. From the time the distance is measured, and the stake is moved up, one minute will be allowed between 1st and 2nd pull, otherwise contestant forfeits the 2nd pull.
15. Teams pulling in heavy contest must have at least one fresh horse (one that HAS NOT pulled in previous contest). In the event that there aren't enough teams to take up prize money, any non-winner can return (providing it is ok with the remaining Heavy Teams).
16. There will be no line slapping, no helpers or drivers touching horses inside ropes during contest

***These rules will be strictly enforced. Violation will result in disqualification.***

***Heath Requirements for Pennsylvania and Out of State Equine Animals are in front of book.***

**Exhibitor must provide a copy of health papers at time of check-in**

### Premiums

1. \$500	6. \$200	11. \$120	16. \$80
2. \$400	7. \$180	12. \$115	17. \$70
3. \$300	8. \$160	13. \$105	18. \$65
4. \$350	9. \$150	14. \$100	19. \$60
5. \$225	10. \$145	15. \$90	20. \$55

**Class 1 Lightweight-under 3300 lbs.**

**Class 2 Heavyweight-over 3300 lbs.**

## Dept 3 - Mini Horse Pulling Contest

Buck Troup, Chair - 814-221-9397

**All ponies will be required to be measured before entering the contest.**

### Rules:

1. Team must pull a distance of 10 feet for a full pull.
2. The pulling track will be 15 feet wide.
3. Teams will have 3 attempts at each load, with the option to pass the 2nd and 3rd attempt, teams must stay hitched for the 2nd attempt unless there is not ample space provided.
4. If a 3rd attempt is necessary, teamster will have the choice of direction given there is ample space provided.
5. Teams will be allowed 3 tries to hitch to the sled per attempt. Over 3 tries will result in loss of attempt and no distance will be given for that attempt.
6. If the team is unsuccessful to make a full pull, the greatest distance will be their placing distance.
7. If there is a tie in distances, the next greatest distance will be placing distance.
8. Each teamster will be permitted 2 helpers.
9. Any whipping, line slapping, smacking, kicking, etc. will result in the teamster being immediately ejected from the competition with no distance

given for that load.

10. Teamster and helper may not be ahead of the double trees, or it shall result in loss of attempt with no distance given for that attempt.
11. No open-faced bridles are to be used. If opened faced bridles are used, the team. will not be allowed to participate in the competition.
12. Drivers or helpers may not head the ponies at any time while they are in the pulling area except if there are no problems with the ponies and/or harness. If the teamster or helper does have to head the ponies, the teamster must take the team. back outside the pulling area then return in.
13. Drivers will be allowed to call on the team.; excluding profane or offensive language.
14. Drivers that lose control of the team during any point of the pull will be ejected from the competition and no distance for that load will be given.
15. In case of a breakdown before team is hitched to the sled the teamster will be allotted time to fix it. The pull will proceed and that teamster will move to the end of the order for that load.
16. In case of a breakdown while the team is hitched to the sled, the teamster will be permitted to unhook to fix it and the distance for that pull will stand. The teamster will automatically forfeit their 2nd attempt if breakdown occurs during the 1st attempt.
17. There will be no switching of drivers after the 2nd load. If a change in drivers is necessary, the judges must be informed prior to the team. hitching for their first attempt on the 2nd load.
18. Total prize money to be \$1,500.00.

**Classes:**

**34" and under** - Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 35-3/8" with shoes. Unshod ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair with the maximum height being 34".

**34" to 36"** - Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 37-3/8" with shoes. Unshod ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair with the maximum height being 36".

**36" to 38"** - Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 39-3/8" with shoes. Unshod ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair with the maximum height being 38".

**38" and to 42"** - Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 43-3/8" with shoes. Unshod ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair with the maximum height being 42".