

Oxen Prize Book



**South Shore Exhibition
July 27 - August 2, 2026**

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HOURS of OPERATION

Office Hours Pre-Exhibition Week – Monday to Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office Hours Exhibition Week – Monday to Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Main Ticket Entrance & Grounds – Monday to Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Livestock Buildings – Monday to Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kids Petting Barn – Monday to Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Main Building – Tuesday to Saturday: 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Midway – Wednesday to Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts – Tuesday to Saturday: 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. pick-up)

2026 – ADMISSIONS (HST INCLUDED)			
GOVERNMENT ISSUED I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED			
DAY	CHILD (12 & UNDER)	ADULT (13 & UP)	SENIORS (60 & OVER)
MONDAY	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00
TUESDAY	FREE	\$8.00	\$7.00
WEDNESDAY	FREE	\$15.00	\$12.00
THURSDAY	FREE	\$15.00	\$12.00
FRIDAY	FREE	\$25.00	\$20.00
SATURDAY	FREE	\$30.00	\$25.00
SUNDAY	FREE	\$10.00	\$10.00
YOUR BEST VALUE WEEKLY BRACELET	FREE	\$85.00	\$70.00
EVERYDAY ALL CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE ADMISSION WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT			
WEEKLY PUNCH PASS - \$85.00			
3-DAY ADMISSION –THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY (CONCERT DAYS) - \$60.00			
HST #123630832 (ALL PRICES INCLUDE HST IF APPLICABLE)			

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS & OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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(FOR ALL LIVESTOCK)

Entry Fees are paid out in Prize Money, so they are HST Exempt.

Entry Fees for Oxen is \$15.00 per head or \$30.00 per pair

- **VET POLICY** – Any animal registered to attend the South Shore Exhibition deemed to be in poor health, poor condition or in inferior condition or in inferior condition by two directors and/or management will be subject to a veterinarian wellness examination, at owners' expense.

If the animal is deemed to be in un-showable or unfit condition by the veterinarian, the animal will be prohibited from competing at the exhibition and asked by management to be removed from the grounds. No substitute or replacement animal will be allowed on the exhibition grounds unless approved by the director in charge of the program and/or management.

No animal can leave the grounds without the permission of the director in charge of their program and/or management.

- **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS** - All persons wishing to exhibit at the South Shore Exhibition must submit to the office no later than 4:00 p.m., FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026, an entry form properly completed. All entry forms must be accompanied by the required entry fees, or the entry will not be accepted. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.

The \$30.00 per team entry fee is non-refundable.

Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Director in charge.

- **WEIGH-IN** – Livestock will be weighed on Digital Read-Out Scales, with the weights visible to exhibitors and the public. All livestock must be on the grounds and weighed by **Sunday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.** Pulling Horses will be weighed from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Oxen will be weighed in from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon. There is one check weight for Oxen who think they are between 2800-3300 lbs 1 hour prior to regular weigh in; Pulling Horses will be allowed only one check weight; the second weight must be taken. All teams or animals are to be weighed, without harness and to be held by teamster freely (no lifting of heads).
- **NEW:** The teamsters will walk the animals onto the scale, they will then pass the lead line to the judge for weight, and when they have finished, the judge will pass lead line back to exhibitor to walk animals off the scale.
- **EXHIBITOR PARKING - \$30.00 + HST** - Please be advised that no stock trailers or any other type of trailer will be permitted in the exhibitor parking area. Only ton trucks, ½ ton trucks, cars and vans will be permitted. All trailers must be taken down to the lower parking lot after unloading. Drivers of vehicles with an exhibitor parking tag, and all passengers, must be wearing a wrist band to enter the grounds. Exhibitors are to use the back entrance when travelling to the Exhibitor Parking area.
- **RESERVED PARKING - \$50.00 + HST** for the week. Vehicles must have their Vehicle Pass ticket always displayed on their windshield.
- **PLEASE NOTE** that vehicles illegally parked on the grounds will be towed away at the owner's expense and without any prior notification. Vehicles parked in the exhibitors parking are at the owner's risk. The exhibition will not be responsible for loss or damage. Nothing is to be parked between barns, or in entrance or exit ways. For safety reasons, all vehicles using the exhibitor parking area will be entering and exiting the parking lot via the back entrance.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXHIBITORS VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO



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ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN GATE AFTER 12 NOON DAILY.

The Exhibition Management has been experiencing difficulty with traffic on the grounds, and it is a great annoyance and safety concerns to our patrons.

Vehicles must be driven in a safe & prudent manner and never should proceed on the roadway between the Main Building and the Midway. Speed limit is 10 km per hr.

All vehicles, except for emergency, should be off the grounds by 12:00 noon.

All vehicles must have clearly displayed a NUMBERED VEHICLE TAG.

- **LIVESTOCK DEPARTURE TIME FOR 2026**

ALL Exhibitors are required to remain on the grounds until 12:00 a.m., Sunday August 2, 2026. You must exit between 12:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 2, if unable to do so then all animals will remain until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2, 2026.

All Exhibitors are to load their animals **behind** the barns and will exit via the Rear Gate. Your full cooperation in implementing this process would be greatly appreciated. Failure to follow this policy may result in forfeiture of all and any prize money, and Exhibitors may be suspended from participating in future exhibitions. All articles left in the buildings or on the grounds after the close of the Exhibition Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., shall be entirely at the owner's risk.

- All manure must be removed from the barns and placed in the manure pit prior to your departure at the conclusion of the Exhibition. Your full co-operation is required.
- **SAFETY REGULATIONS** –A safety rope which must be greater than ½” must be placed behind all horses tied tightly on all straight stalls. All pulling horses are to be led to the pulling ring individually and hitched to the appropriate gear only once they are inside. After a competition, all horses must be separated and lead individually back to the barn. All scooting is to be done inside the Plaza A and B rings at designated times. Absolutely NO scooting is permitted in any location on the grounds. Ring gates must be closed.
- **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS** - All Livestock Exhibitors are required to carry a minimum of \$1,000,000 of Liability Insurance. Your insurance card or photocopy of your policy is required at weigh-in or are to be included with your entry forms.
- **EAR TAG REQUIREMENTS** - The Canadian Food Inspection Agency requires that all cattle/oxen, pigs, sheep and goats must be tagged before they leave their farm of origin. The Exhibition has been instructed to and will refuse entry of any untagged animal.

DUE TO FIRE REGULATIONS AND SAFETY OF THE ANIMALS AND THE PUBLIC, ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING WITHIN 15 METRES OF ANY BUILDING IS PERMITTED!
VIOLATORS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE EXHIBITION PROPERTY!

- **EXHIBITORS CAUSING A DISTURBANCE** - BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: any exhibitor found to be causing a disturbance, acting inappropriately, or acting in a manner unbecoming to an exhibitor will be disqualified and asked to leave the Exhibition property immediately. This action will result in forfeiting any prize money owed, and such exhibitor may be barred from further participation for a period of 3 years.
- **GROUNDS OPEN** -The exhibition grounds will be open on Saturday, three days before the start of the exhibition, for the reception of Livestock & Travel Trailers.
- **PRIZE MONEY** - may be reduced up to 50% at the discretion of the Directors in the event of reduced income due



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to bad weather or other reasons.

- **CROSSOVER** - Pulling Horses and Show Horses are permitted to crossover providing they have the proper equipment and clothing. There will be no waiting for crossover entries in either pulls or show classes. For more information regarding proper clothing and equipment for pullers to participate in Show Classes, please contact the Show Horse Director. Problems arising will be dealt with as they occur. The safety of all participants will be the number one priority of the Directors in charge and the Show Judge. Their decisions will be final.
- **HAY** - It is our intention to again offer top quality hay for sale. This hay will be available at market prices, please see your director for the purchase of hay. The hay shed is located between the Scale House and the Show Horse Barn.
- **TRAILER PARK** facilities are available to Livestock Exhibitors on a first come basis. Trailer lengths up to 38 feet long, weekly rental is \$180.00 + 14% HST, total of \$205.20. Trailers 38.1 feet and longer rental rate is \$360.00 + 14% HST, total of \$410.40, as these lengths require a double lot. Tents - \$130.00 + 14% HST for a total of \$148.20. **Please note that each trailer/tent only receives 1 vehicle parking pass. You will be provided 1 space in our new trailer park parking lot below the campground for your vehicle.** Water & electricity is included, septic pumping will be available, please contact the office for days & pricing. Livestock exhibitor's trailers are to arrive on the grounds no earlier than the Friday before exhibition. If arrival is necessary before Friday an extra charge of \$10 per day will be charged if the unit is plugged in. Please contact the Exhibition Office to plan for early admission. Dumping of waste will be available during the week on allocated days and arrangements for dumping can be made at the Office. Dogs are permitted in trailer park under control of the owner and must be always on a leash. If there are any problems, the owners will be required to remove the dog immediately. Livestock is not permitted in trailer park. Exhibitors will have first access to Trailer Park spots, if there are any spots available, then non-exhibitors will be able to park their trailers for the week.

There will be absolutely **NO** vehicles parked inside the campground. You will be provided with a space in either Reserved or Livestock parking for your vehicle. Vehicles will be permitted inside to do drop-off or pickup only. They cannot remain inside.

- **PARKING** - Entrance from the Trailer Park to the Exhibition grounds will be at the Pedestrian Gate at the South end of the 4-H Barn. The main Gate is now a "Vehicle Only" entrance and exhibitors are requested to use the ticket entrances during open hours.
- **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR PASSES** - Oxen, Light Horse, Pulling & Show Horse, and Display Herd Exhibitors will receive a free "Exhibitor Appreciation Bracelet". Only one bracelet will be given to each Exhibitor, regardless of how many entries he/she may have. These are bracelets only and must be worn by the Exhibitor. The sole purpose of this bracelet is to provide the livestock exhibitor free admission for him/herself. These bracelets are not transferable to anyone else. No substitution for day passes, or weekly punch passes, will be permitted. Horse and Oxen exhibitors can still purchase one weekly helper bracelet at the fee of \$25.00 + HST each. Display Herd Exhibitors will receive one free exhibitor bracelet per herd and can purchase one weekly Exhibitor bracelet. You may also purchase up to two (2) additional bracelets discounted at \$55.00 + HST. Poultry Exhibitors are excluded; no passes are available as care is provided by the Exhibition. If for any reason an Exhibitor already qualified for free admission (i.e., 4-H) no free bracelet will be issued.
- **ILLEGAL USE OF WRIST BANDS** - Wrist Bands will be examined at the gates and any alterations in any manner will mean the confiscation of the Wrist Band. If an Exhibitor is involved, then the matter will be brought to the attention of the Exhibition Board of Directors and Management for additional review and possible further penalties.



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- **DRUG MEDICATIONS - RANDOM DRUG TESTING** - Random drug testing may be done at the South Shore Exhibition on any or all livestock. When becoming an exhibitor and participating in the South Shore Exhibition you automatically agree to allowing your animal to be tested, if required. Drug tests are performed by a licensed veterinarian, and proper protocols will be followed. When the veterinarian performs the test, there will be an Exhibition Director present to assure proper Exhibition policies are followed and the Director will have a copy of the protocol for the Exhibitors viewing at that time. The veterinarian will be allowed a maximum of 3 attempts to draw blood from the animal being tested after which, the test will be deemed incomplete. The Exhibitor must be present during the testing procedure. Drug testing may be carried out randomly on any horse or oxen participating in any organized competition. The Exhibitor of an animal being tested will have their prize money held until the blood test results are returned to The South Shore Exhibition Office. The blood samples will be sent in directly after the last test is complete, the results should be received within 2 to 3 weeks. A blood sample found to contain a banned substance will result in the owner and/or exhibitor being barred from any future participation at the South Shore Exhibition for no less than five (5) years and their prize money forfeited.
- **Caffeine and Lasix's continue to be included to the list of banned substances -**
No animal shall be shown in any Class at the South Shore Exhibition if it has been administered in any manner any forbidden substance, such as a stimulant, depressant tranquillizer or local anaesthetic which might affect the performance of an animal (stimulants and depressants are defined as medications which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems). Also, prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which by their very nature might make or screen the presence of the prohibited drugs, or prevent or delay testing procedures. Full use of modern therapeutic measures for the improvement and protection of the health of the animal including phenylbutazone is permitted, unless the drug given also may stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous system. Vet Certificate is required for all prescribed medications.

Exhibitors are cautioned against the use of medicinal preparations and tonics of any kind, the ingredients and quantitative analysis of which are not specifically known, as many of them contain forbidden substance. Any owner who administers, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer, or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer a forbidden substance to an animal after arrival at the South Shore Exhibition shall be subject to the penalties provided below.

OWNER PENALTIES - Any Owner and/or Exhibitor who knowingly or not competes using an animal testing positive for these drugs or any performance enhancing drug will be immediately barred from any further participation at the Exhibition for a period of five (5) years and will have their prize money forfeited. Any Exhibitor caught selling these drugs or providing them free of charge, will also be barred as listed above. Random drug testing may be authorized by Management to anyone believed to have administered illegal drugs during Exhibition Week.

- Where, in the opinion of the Management, a low enrolment of exhibits is entered in any one Class or Section, then that Class or Section may be cancelled. If the exhibits are of low quality, then prizes may not be awarded or may be reduced in value.
- 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 South Shore Exhibition from and against any and all claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may incur, suffer, or be put to by reason of any accident, or of any persons being injured or suffering damage through or by reason of any such exhibit not being properly guarded or the public not being properly protected from them. The Exhibition is not responsible for any accidents incurred by livestock and Exhibitors while using the Exhibition facilities. Livestock exhibitors are reminded that



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liability insurance is available from your insurance company. It is **mandatory** to carry such insurance. Any accident involving an Exhibitor or exhibit must be reported no later than 4 hours after accident to Administration of the exhibition, and/or Office.

- The South Shore Exhibition, its employees, agents or servants, shall not be liable for any loss to an Exhibitor, his or her employees, agents or servants, which may be occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure or the negligence of other Exhibitors or Officials or otherwise whosoever.
- All livestock on the grounds must be competitively entered in its appropriate class, except for special events approved by the Board of Directors. Any un-entered livestock will be prohibited from the grounds.
- The Commission has the power to have any exhibit, that is, in their opinion of inferior quality, removed from the grounds. The Exhibition is not responsible for the health of livestock or poultry or for any sickness which may be incurred by livestock or poultry during or after the Exhibition. Also, the Director in charge of any section has the right to refuse any animal considered to be dangerous to the safety of all.
- An Exhibitor breaking any of these regulations shall forfeit all or any prizes that may have been awarded him/her. Any person who shall attempt to interfere with the Judges while in discharge of their duties or shall attempt to influence their decisions by his presence or remarks, or shall afterwards, within the limits of the Exhibition Grounds, use any contemptuous or abusive language in consequence of any award made, shall forfeit his right to any prize money and may be also dealt with as the Board of Directors may determine.
- Any Exhibitor who may feel aggrieved is requested to draw the attention of the Board of Directors to such, without entering any discussion apt to cause hindrance or distraction. Should he not receive sufficient redress on the spot, he must nevertheless, abide by the decision given.
- In case of protest, verbal notice must be given to the Secretary of the Board within two hours after the close of judging for the Class. Written statements, setting forth the reason for protesting, must be filed with the Secretary of the Board on the day the foregoing notice is given and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00, which amount shall be forfeited if the protest is not sustained by the Board of Directors.
- Livestock are not permitted beyond the Plaza Show Ring area - they must be kept within the barns and Show Ring area.
- **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING -**
 - A preference will be given to Exhibitors from previous years depending on number of classes, animals entered, and number of animals entered.
 - Entries will be accepted from outside area depending on number of animals entered.
 - Any animals fictitiously entered in numerous classes but not shown during Exhibition week may be barred in future years. The above criteria form the basis by which the directors in charge of each livestock division accept entries.
- Any Teamster determined to be under influence of Alcohol or Drugs will not be allowed to compete.
- Ample supplies of water are available for watering and washing of livestock. Exhibitors are encouraged to refrain from wastage of water by leaving taps or valves running when not in use.
- All Ribbons won during Exhibition week must be displayed by the Exhibitor during the term of the Exhibition. Only



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those won this year should be displayed.

- The Judge, Director or Manager has the right to disqualify anyone he/she feels is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- No “lean-to” or canopy is to be added to any barn, building, etc. and no one is allowed to make additions or alterations to existing stalls without approval.
- No exhibitor, family member, or friend is permitted in the Show ring area during a scheduled event unless you are the exhibitor and any permitted helper.
- Do not block doorways with chairs, benches, etc. so that livestock, exhibitors, and the public are not impeded in any way.
- It is an offence to have open liquor in a public place such as an Exhibition. PLEASE refrain from showing open bottles, empty or full, in public. This is a family Show.

Oxen Classes

Director – Nick Hirtle – 902-277-0662

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, JUNE 26 AT 4:00 P.M. Entry fee for Oxen is \$30.00 per pair or \$15.00 per head, and must accompany the entry form, otherwise the entry will not be accepted until paid. Entry fees are paid out in prize money, so are HST exempt. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the director in charge.

Attention - All Oxen must be tagged before they leave their farm of origin. The Exhibition will refuse entry of any untagged animal. Livestock Exhibitors are reminded that Liability Insurance is required, and Proof of this Insurance must be available on request.

- When entering, please state approximate weight of team on entry form.
- The Exhibition grounds will be open on Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26 for the reception of livestock.
- The scales will be open **SUNDAY, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** for the check weighing of oxen.
- CHECK WEIGHT FOR OXEN BETWEEN 2800-3300lbs.

CLASS 7A: CLASS PULL

PRIZES: 1st- 50.00 2nd- 45.00 3rd- 40.00 4th- 38.00 5th- 36.00

Percentage Pulling Rules will apply.

Cattle 2799 lbs. and under broken into 4 classes and 2800 and over will be broken into 3 classes – 7 classes in total.

ST. CLAIR TUFTS MEMORIAL TROPHY (and \$50.00 cash payout) FOR “HEAVIEST LOAD OF THE WEEK IN CLASS PULLS WITH CATTLE WEIGHTING OVER 3000lbs ONLY. SPONSERED BY: **THE TUFTS FAMILY**

CLASS 7B: JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PULL (9 entries only)

PRIZES: 1st- 100.00 2nd- 90.00 3rd- 75.00 4th- 70.00 5th- 68.00 6th- 65.00 7th- 62.00 8th- 59.00 9th- 55.00

Percentage Pulling Rules Will Apply

Contestants shall be the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of Class 7A, Sections 5, 6 & 7

CLASS 7C: SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PULL (12 entries only)



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PRIZES: 1st - 96.00 2nd- 84.00 3rd- 72.00 4th- 60.00 5th- 48.00 6th- 36.00 7th- 34.00 8th- 32.00
9th- 30.00 10th- 28.00 11th- 26.00 12th- 24.00

Percentage Pulling Rules Will Apply

Contestants shall be the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of Class 7A, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4

CLASS 7D: ORLAND JOHNSON MEMORIAL QUALIFYING PULL (HEAVY LOAD)

PRIZES: (PURSE OF \$500.00) 1st - \$50.00, 2nd - \$30.00, and 21 prizes of \$20.00 each or until last place & a Trophy

All teams between 2800 and 3300lb teams drawing order will be done by computer and will pull first, the teams that weigh above 3300 pulling order will be drawn in the computer and will hook the slab after the first round of the qualifying team cattle.

ORLAND JOHNSON MEMORIAL - trophy will be presented to the highest-ranking team in the qualifying pull by the Johnson family.

CLASS 7E(1): INTERNATIONAL OX PULL - American Style Distance Pull

This is a special event displaying the American style Distance Pull. The top 4 contestants from the qualifying pull will compete in an American style distance pull for a total purse of \$5,400, broken down as follows. This will be a distance percentage pull of 1.5% of the cattle's weight.

PRIZES: 1st- \$850.00 2nd- \$800.00 3rd- \$750.00 4th- \$700.00 5th- \$650.00 6th- \$600.00 7th- \$550.00 8th- \$500.00

The top four qualifying ox teams will receive a travel subsidy of \$1,000.00 US and \$500.00 Canadian to offset expenses incurred to attend the International Ox Pull in Cumberland, Maine, USA. All Insurance necessary to travel to Cumberland, Maine are responsible of the teamsters.

CLASS 7E (2): HEAVY LOAD OX PULL

This is a special competition involving places 5th – 16th from the qualifying pull. This Pull will be a 3-foot, one start, heavy load straight pull. Each team will draw for pulling order, starting with the highest qualifier. The team hauling the heaviest successful pull will be the winner and so on. In case of a tie, whoever has the most inches on the next heaviest load will be the winner. Starting load for all teamsters will be set before the class, a maximum of 1200 pounds can be added with every successful pull.

**PRIZES: (TOTAL PURSE \$3550.00) 1st- 600.00 2nd- \$500.00 3rd- \$400.00 4th- \$350.00 5th- \$300.00 6th- \$275.00
7th- \$250.00 8th- \$225.00 9th- \$200.00 10th- \$175.00 11th- \$150.00 12th- \$ 125.00**

CLASS 7F: RUNNER-UP OX PULL

TOTAL PRIZES: \$310 PER SECTION (total purse \$930) Round Robin Rule #2 will Apply

PRIZES: 1st- 85.00 2nd- 75.00 3rd- 65.00 4th- 45.00 5th- 40.00 6th-35.00 7th- 30.00 8th - 25.00

Teams entered will be divided in 3 Sections: Section 1 - Light, Section 2 - Medium, Section 3 - Heavy.
and will consist of all teams who do not qualify for Class 7B, 7C and 7E.

SECTION 1: LIGHT SECTION 2: MEDIUM SECTION 3: HEAVY

CLASS 7G: OXEN (SHOW) SECTIONS 1 through 7

Please indicate team's approximate weights in Section Column of Entry Form. Teams will be arranged as in Class 7A.

SECTION 8: 1499 lbs. & under

PRIZES: Sections 1 – 5: 1st- 50.00 2nd- 45.00 3rd- 40.00 4th- 35.00 5th- 30.00 6th-\$25.00 7th-\$20.00 8th-\$15.00

PRIZES: Section 6: 1st- 50.00 2nd- 45.00 3rd- 40.00 4th- 35.00 5th- 30.00 6th-\$25.00 7th-\$20.00 8th-\$15.00

PRIZES: Section 7, 8 & 9: 1st- 50.00 2nd- 45.00 3rd- 40.00 4th- 35.00 5th- 30.00 6th-\$25.00 7th-\$20.00 8th-\$15.00

****TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 27 AT 6:00 p.m.**

CLASS 7H: SPECIAL OX PULL (Light & Medium)



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IN MEMORY OF GORDON LOHNES

PRIZES: 1st- 150.00 2nd- 100.00 3rd- 75.00 4th-50.00 5th- 40.00 6th- \$30.00 7th- \$25.00 8th-\$20.00

This pull is for teams under **2800 lbs.** This pull will be hook on stay on style pull, one team per teamster, must be registered in your name for the week, **unless authorised by the ox director.**

There Is a Special Prize Valued at \$100 To the Highest Percentage Among the Two Classes.

CLASS 7I: KIDS PUL (Up to 16 years of age)

PRIZES: \$50.00 per teamster Ribbons for 1st to 12th

CLASS 7J SECTIONS:

- 1. Best Outfitted Team** to be judged on Yoke, Pads, Straps, Bells, etc.
Prizes: Section 1 1st - 10.00 & Trophy 2nd - 7.00 3rd - 5.00
- 2. Best Team Exhibit** (for Class 7H, Sections 8, 9 & 10 (Trophy)
Trophy donated in **Memory of ALBERT JOUDREY**
- 3. Best Overall Exhibit for Looks (Grand Champion)** (Selected from sections 1, 2, 3, & 4 of class 7I.)
Trophy donated in **Memory of CARL HIMMELMEN**
- 4. Best Broken Pair of Steers** 24 months, shown by a youth 15 & under
Steers must be owned by someone in same family as Teamster
Prizes: 1st - 50.00 2nd - 30.00 3rd - 20.00
- 5. Heaviest Team** (over 3600 lbs)
Prizes: 1st - 30.00 2nd - 25.00 3rd - 20.00
- 6. Most Colourful Teamster** (Keeper Trophy)
Trophy donated by the Seamone Family in **Memory of BERT SEAMONE**
- *7. MOST SPORTSMEN LIKE TEAMSTER:** This award is given to a teamster that has helped others all week over winning everything, it will be picked by the announcer. Trophy and \$100.00 Sponsored by: Nick Hirtle

OX PULLING - GENERAL RULES

After cattle are weighed on Monday, the Ox Director will be drawing for pulling order electronically via laptop for all classes and pulls. The order will be posted on both ends of the barn doors.

ALL PRIZE MONEY TO BE PAID OUT AFTER EACH PULL, UNLESS THE PULL RUNS LATE. THEN WILL BE IMEDIATLEY AFTER THAT PULL IN THE ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH.

There will be a check weight for cattle that are close to the 1500 lb mark. They will have one check weight and must discuss having it with Director beforehand. Only teams close to the 1500 lb will have a check weight. It will be the discretion of the Director and Judge as to who is close enough to the weight to have one.

There will be ONE check weight for the oxen who will be qualifying for the international ox pull which is held Wednesday night. You will have ONE hour after your check weight to weigh your oxen again.; (times will be marked onto your check weight slip) check weights will be done ONE hour prior to normal weighing times. Only cattle who



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think they are between 2800 and 3300 will be allowed to check weigh.

1. All teamsters taking part in the Contest must produce a satisfactory weight certificate.
2. Only one Teamster to each team, but a helper is allowed in case of an accident or breakage.
3. An individual will be appointed by the Director in charge to help hook the team to the drag.
4. Whips may be used lightly, but the lash must be kept in hand, IN NO SUCH MANNER WILL THE WHIP BE TURNED AROUND AND THE BUTT END OF THE WHIP USED. Gord sticks will be allowed by Americans only. Braids in whips will not be allowed. No cruelty will be tolerated on the Exhibition Grounds to any animal. Any Teamster committing any of these offences will forfeit his right to compete.
5. If any animal of a team be so blemished or in poor condition, the judge and the committee shall have the right to eliminate the team from competition.
6. All teams or animals to be weighed without yokes and to be held by a person duly appointed by the Committee.
7. The drag shall not be moved after the Judge signals that the pull has been completed.
8. 200 lbs will be the minimum and 1000 lbs will be the maximum weight placed on the drag at any one time.
9. In all cases, the JUDGES decision will be FINAL.
10. Teams qualifying for Championship or Special Pulls may not change Teamsters, unless permission is given by the Director in charge.
11. It is assumed by the South Shore Exhibition that anyone qualifying for a championship or special pull is doing so with the willingness to participate in that pull, excepting the rules and premiums as previously stated.
12. Anyone owning or pulling Oxen on the Exhibition Grounds must be a current member of the Maritime Ox Pulling Association.
13. All teams must show cattle to qualify for pulling during the week of Bridgewater exhibition. (this is brought on by sponsors wondering why their money was going to only some oxen and not all). There will be prize money to last place now in these classes.

OX PULLING - PERCENTAGE PULL

1. General Ox Pulling Rules will apply unless superseded in the following regulations.
2. Lines of 2x4 wooden rails will be used nine feet apart, any oxen stepping over the rail with front foot while in the act of pulling will be eliminated.
3. After the team has hooked to the drag, the first pull will be a free pull.
4. Each team will have three attempts to move the drag three feet in any one attempt.
5. In case of an accident or breakage, if the drag is moved less than three feet or team is over the rail, the teamster will be allowed to take that start over again. If drag is pulled more than three feet and the team has followed all the rules, it will be a pull.
6. A time limit of twelve minutes will be allowed for each team to complete their pull. If breakage occurs, then a maximum of twelve minutes time off will be allowed.
7. If a team at any time is penalized by having to wait for boxes over a time of two minutes, they may be allowed to break the drag loose by a side pull, but the team must stay within the rails.
8. Each swing or movement of the drag will constitute a stat at the judge's decision.
9. Minimum starting load will be an amount equal to the weights of the team of oxen.
10. Drag must be behind distance markers for final start.
11. All markings are to be made on a pound for pound basis.

OX PULLING - ROUND ROBIN RULE #1



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1. General Ox Pulling rules will apply unless superseded in the following regulations.
2. The Exhibition Pulling Committee will determine the weight of the starting load and the amount to be added.
3. The contestants will have three tries to move the drag 6 ft. in any one start, with a three-minute time limit. Only 3 attempts will be permitted to hook the drag at any one time.
4. The winner will be the team pulling the heaviest load.
5. Any ox leaving a front hoof mark outside the rail will lose that start.
6. Both front feet of any ox over the rail while in the act of pulling will result in elimination.
7. In case of a tie, each team shall have one attempt to move the drag. The team pulling the greatest distance will be the winner.
8. Pulling order will be determined by the Director on a draw system. Via Laptop

OX PULLING - ROUND ROBIN RULE #2

1. General Ox Pulling rules will apply unless superseded in the following regulations.
2. Exhibition Pulling Committee will determine weight of starting load and amount to be added.
3. The Contestants will have three tries to move the drag 3 ft. in any one start with a 3-minute time limit. Only 3 attempts will be permitted to hook the drag at any one time.
4. All placings to be made on a pound for pound basis.
5. Any Ox leaving a front hoof mark outside the rail will lose that start.
6. Both front feet of any ox over the rail while in the act of pulling will result in elimination.

OX PULLING - ROUND ROBIN RULE #3

(The same as Round Robin Rule #1, except for line #3)

1. The contestants will have three tries to move the drag 3 ft. in any one start, with a three-minute time limit. Only 3 attempts will be permitted to hook the drag at any one time.

RULES GOVERNING THE DISTANCE PULL

1. Oxen will be weighed without yokes. All oxen will be weighed in the presence of a delegate appointed by the Exhibition. The delegate shall present a weigh-bill to the teamster, a copy of which is to be kept by said delegate. The scale shall be balanced with a man standing on same, this man will hold all oxen where possible. The man holding oxen shall be appointed by the delegate if he is unable to do this himself. The weighing certificate must be signed by the delegate.
2. Switching Oxen- Once a team has been weighed in, there will be no switching of oxen.
3. Pulling positions to be determined by the director after all oxen have been weighed in via laptop. **THE ONLY PULL THAT WILL BE DRAWN BY TEAMSTERS IS THE CLASS 7E(1) INTERNATIONAL OX PULL (FRIDAY NIGHT).**
4. All teamsters to compete in contest shall have their teams ready at the published time.
5. TIME LIMIT on Distance Pull- the time limit will be (5) five minutes. Teams will have three minutes or 3 attempts to hook the drag whichever comes first. If the drag is not moved within the three-minute time limit, then the time will automatically start.
6. Whips may be used lightly but lash must be tied to handle. No cruelty will be allowed on the Exhibition grounds to any animal. No profane language to be used during contests. Any teamsters committing any of these offences will forfeit his right in contest. Gord stick is allowed by Americans only.
7. BREAKDOWN -An actual separation, breaking or bending of equipment shall constitute a breakdown. Chains, straps or eveners not properly secured are not considered a breakdown. Any team breaking down can take the distance pulled or return to the last pulling station and pull over. Only one breakdown allowed 15 minutes for repair.



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8. The Exhibition Commission reserves the right to make any test deemed necessary to determine if any team is under the influence of drugs or stimulants.
9. MEASURING- Shall be in a straight line to points of turn and to the nearest point at the drag when stopped.
10. APPEARANCE- All effort shall be made to use proper language in and around the ring.
11. DRINKING- Any participant under the influence of liquor will be disqualified from the contest. The drinking of intoxicating beverages in and around the ring is prohibited.
12. AUTHORIZED PERSONS IN THE RING- the ring personnel, the owners and or his agent only. HELPERS - any number of helpers will be allowed to help hitch. After hitched on only (1) one helper permitted. Helpers stay behind the drag unless needed to help teamster with snarls or turns. The helper MUST always stay behind the drag after hitched on.
13. UNHITCHED- Team shall be always hooked to the drag until time is up or the teamster wishes to stop pulling. No unhitching is allowed.
14. Any situations that may arise and are not covered by these rules, the decision will be left to the discretion of the Judges.
15. Any variation of these rules shall be in the spirit of aforesaid rules and discretion of the judges.
16. In the case of a tie the prize money shall be added together and divided by 2 and the ribbon shall be decided by a coin toss.

Did you know that as an exhibitor, you have become a member of the South Shore Exhibition Commission? You are then eligible to take part in the South Shore Exhibition Annual General Meeting and act as a voting member. You would hear about and vote on important topics concerning the Exhibition and its Board of Directors. For more information on the date of the South Shore Exhibition Annual General Meeting, please contact the office at 902-543-3341.