Livestock Coliseum
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GENERAL RULES:

All Rules and Regulations as found on pages 54 - 59 will apply to all classes as necessary, in addition to any rules listed below.

Please use the **Livestock Entry Form** included in this book to list your entries and mail with **proof of insurance, W-9 form, camping application** and any **fees** to the above address.

****Rules subject to change without notice****

Any additional rules provided by the Animal Welfare Board will take precedence and will be enforced.

PROOF OF INSURANCE REQUIRED

Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors (MALE) Insurance is **NOT** Supported.

Exercise Area:

Exercising of pulling animals will be absolutely prohibited on the fairgrounds other than in the area provided which is located in the northwest section of the grounds. In the interests of safety and cleanliness in the livestock departments, this regulation will be strictly enforced. Owners not willing to abide by rules will be asked to leave the grounds with their teams. Exhibitors who need to use their trailer or truck will have to stall their horses or oxen in a box stall barn.

Permits:

No permit may be issued unless the sponsor has adopted the following rules governing the conduct of each contest.

Starting Time:

All teamsters who are to compete in contests shall have their teams ready at the published starting time. **All classes shall be closed after the positions are drawn.** Classes shall start as nearly as possible to the published time. Teams shall remain in the rings at all times, until they are dismissed by the superintendent.

Weighing-in:

Check weighing will be allowed prior to the official weigh-in. Official weigh-in shall start in the am and up until all positions are drawn. Any one weighing one horse/oxen and pulling another in its place; (if this can be proven) owner shall be barred from the pulling for one year. Fair superintendents or person weighing; shall notify this association and in turn superintendents shall be notified.

Horse Pulling Weigh-in Requirements:

Horses weighed individually. Weight is good for both days as long as horse stays on the grounds. If the horse leaves the grounds, they must re-weigh. There is a 30 lb tolerance per team of horses for classes. All horses must be chipped at time of weigh-in.

Oxen Pulling Weigh-in Requirements:

There will be a 50 lb tolerance per team of Oxen per class. No plastic sticks allowed in pulling ring.

Measuring:

The starting point shall be properly marked to indicate same starting point for all loads. Measuring shall be in a straight line to the nearest point of the drag. Line to line measure will be allowed. The front of the drag must touch the line before turning. To get the full line measure, drag must be turned more than one/half way or completely out over the line. Drag may not be pulled out & reset by the helpers unless they're are unable to reset between the lines or agreed upon by all teamsters. In the event os a tie on longest distance measured, the second longest distanced already pulled will take top placing. One inch or more constitutes a hitch.

Department 16-19 Livestock Pulling

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Hitching & Unhitching:

Teams shall stay hooked to the drag at all times, no unhitching and re-hitching will be allowed.

Elimination:

Starting load shall be determined by the superintendent. Added loads in each class at the discretion of the judges, depending on the type of ring. At no time after weight has been decreased may it be increased.

Time Limit:

3 minutes for 2 hitches; 5 minutes for 3 hitches. 5 minutes for distance pulls, unless otherwise agreed upon by the teamsters. Time starts when the drag is moved. Time limit to hook on shall be 3 minutes with the exception of horses & oxen that do not go a total of 25 feet in the first minute will be asked to unhitch. Times shall be kept by the announcer or appointed time keeper. **Breakdown:** An actual separation, breaking or bending of equipment shall constitute a breakdown. Chains or straps not properly secured are not considered a breakdown. In the event teamster wishes credit for distance pulled before breakdown it will count as a hitch. **Over the Rail:** If a horse's/oxen's foot strides over the line, it will count as a hitch, with no count for the distance pulled. Teams must remain within the lines whole hitched to the drag.

Use of Reins, Whips and Goads:

Horses - The very light use of reins on the hind quarters only. Reins shall not be doubled up. No whips, brads or goads will be allowed. No over/under will be allowed. No electrical or electronic devices will be allowed. No open bridles will be allowed. **Oxen** - No whips allowed, except with head yokes. The use of a goad shall be light. Only wooden goad sticks, without brads or tape may be used. No plastic goads allowed. The goad will be 4 feet or less, blunt on both ends and no larger than 1/2 inch in diameter on small end. No weighted ends or shifting of ends will be allowed. The goad maybe use lightly on the face to control oxen but not around the eyes. No electrical or electronic devices will be allowed. Oxen must have a plain yoke, (head yoke is considered a plain yoke) with all bull rings, ropes, halters, etc. barred.

Helpers/Teamsters:

After hitch on there shall be only 2 helpers. The helpers shall stay behind the drag unless need to help the teamster with snarls & turns. The helper shall not have a goad. There shall be no assistance from evener tenders other than hitching. Teamsters must stay behind horse/oxen rumps at all times when pulling. No teamsters may be changed after pulling the first load, except in an emergency. Then only when permitted by the judges with consent of the majority of other teamsters in the class. Teams are to be driven by one teamster only and there shall be no heading of horses/oxen. **Horse/oxen** - Any number of helpers will be allowed to help hitch.

General:

All participants shall be properly dressed. Proper language must be used at all times. Any participant under the influence shall be disqualified from the contest. Tests may be made to determine intoxication. The drinking of intoxicating beverages in or around the ring is prohibited. No one under the age of 9 allowed in pulling ring.

Use of Drugs:

Use of drugs or stimulants on any competing animal is prohibited. The fair or person conducting the contest reserves the right to test any animal. The owner and teamster

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found to have used a drug on any competing animal shall be barred from pulling for 2 years, as required by sections 74-A chapter 226.

Horses:

At the finish of the pull, only the top half may enter the next class. One blanket outside of harness is permissible.

Oxen:

No bulls allowed to pull.

Barriers:

A substantial barrier shall be maintained at the end of the ring toward which the pull is proceeding; so as to prevent or impede runaways.

Weights:

There will be a 100 pound tolerance on draft steers on and after Labor Day weekend. There will be a base load of 5400 pounds in the 2 pound rock class.

Condition of Animals:

Any animal which is thin or dehydrated or is lame or show open sores, the directors or superintendent shall make the decision if the animal shall be allowed to pull.

Insurance:

Before a team is allowed to pull, the owner shall provide a certificate of insurance in the amount of $300,000.00.

Judging:

No exhibitor may interfere with the judging or the decision of the judges. Any situations that may arise and are not covered by the above rules a decision shall be left to the discretion of the judges.

Management:

The management reserves the right to accept of reject any entry, to close or reopen any class, to set ahead or change program on account of weather conditions or change in track if deemed necessary for the best interest of the Fair. Horses at all times shall be under the direction of the superintendent of this department to whom all inquiries should be directed to for further information.

Clean up:

All Stalls MUST BE CLEANED of manure & Hay BEFORE you leave or you will forfeit your premiums.

Premiums:

No Premium Checks will be given out during the fair. All Premium Checks will be mailed.