



## CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION NOVEMBER 22 - 27, 2021

### CANADIAN HORSE PULLS FINALS

**TEAM SPONSOR AUCTION:** 7:00 PM, Monday, November 22 – Chevrolet GMC Arena (All Teams)

**COMPETITION:**

10:00 AM, Tuesday, November 23 – Lightweight Division – Brandt Centre

1:30 PM, Tuesday, November 23 – Middleweight Division – Brandt Centre

4:00 PM, Wednesday, November 23 – Heavyweight Division – Brandt Centre

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** October 1

**JUDGE:** TBD

**TEAM SPONSOR AUCTION:** Teams *must* participate in Canadian Western Agribition's Team Sponsor Auction. Auction proceeds will be shared between the teamsters (teamster to receive 50% of their sponsorship), CWA, and the prize money pool.

**PRIZE MONEY:** \$12,000 guaranteed payout. The prize pool will be divided by the total number of teams that compete in the event. The prize pool for each weight division will be proportional to the number of teams entered in the weight division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 30% of the division pool,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 22.5% of the division pool,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15% of the division pool
- The remainder of the pool will be equally divided among the teams not finishing in the top 3 placings. Payout will be adjusted if the pool payout is greater than the 3<sup>rd</sup> place payout in any weight division by increasing the first 3 placings by a minimum of 2.5%

**Teamsters Award:** CWA buckle awarded to the winning teamster and evener person in each weight division.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Canadian Western Agribition. Please refer to these rules and read them carefully.
2. **Entry Fee:** \$200.00/team (stall included). GST payable on all fees. Deadline October 1. Entry limited to 25 teams. Enter online at [www.agribition.com](http://www.agribition.com). Events may be combined depending on entries. Four teams in a weight division required for a separate event.
3. **Dress Code:** The teamster and evener persons *must* be attired in western wear for Sponsor Auction and during the competition: sleeved shirt with collar (preferably matching), appropriate footwear, and cowboy hat. The horses must be properly presented, the harness well maintained with no inappropriate additions. The horse pull committee may, at its discretion, bar any entry or person from participating in an event if the team is not suitable presented or if a person is not properly attired.
4. No unauthorized signage will be allowed on the teams during the competition. All signage will be provided by CWA.
5. **NOTE: Arrival & Release Times:** Horses may enter the barns at 12:00 pm, Sunday, November 21 and *must* be in the barns by 11:00 AM, Monday, November 22. Teams will be released after their event is completed. Teams must be out of the barns by 8:00 AM, Wednesday, November 24.
6. **Weighing:** Horses will be weighed between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM on Monday, November 22.
  - Horses will be weighed individually once, with a halter and loose shank.
  - From the time the horses enter the barn, they are to have *ad libitum* access to feed and water (nothing is to be added to the water). This will be closely monitored by officials appointed by CWA. Any entry that does not comply with access to feed and water requirements will be disqualified from the competition and required to leave the grounds.
  - Horses must be in the barn with *ad libitum* access to feed and water a minimum of 3 hours prior to weighing.
  - If a horse in any team is not in good physical condition, including: not properly fed and watered (in accordance with the Requirements outlined in the CODE OF PRACTICE, FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF EQUINES 2013), appears blemished, ill or

lame, the Horse Pull Committee, judge, and/or veterinarian have the right to excuse the team from the competition. If deemed not fit to pull, the team will be required to immediately leave the grounds.

7. Teams will be divided by weight into three classes. **NOTE:** The weight break is subject to change in order to equalize entries in weight divisions. Changes in the weight divisions will be at the discretion of the CWA Horse Pull Committee. Tentative weight breaks:
  - a. Lightweight: less than 3,250 lbs
  - b. Middleweight: 3,251 – 3,750 lbs
  - c. Heavyweight: greater than 3,750 lbs
8. Starting Pull Weights (at the discretion of the CWA Horse Pull Committee):
  - a. Lightweight – 3500 lbs
  - b. Middleweights – 4500 lbs
  - c. Heavyweights – 5500 lbs
  - 500 lbs – 1000 lbs added for subsequent pulls at the call of the Ringmaster.
  - Competition to be decided by weight and distance pulled in each division.
9. Presentation: teams must enter the arena in pulling order and parade the arena. Teams will line up in pull order; horses must face toward the pulling track while in the arena. At the conclusion of the pull, teams will be announced in reverse placing order. The teams will exit the arena in an orderly fashion. Award winners must stop in the presentation area to receive their award and for photos.
10. Draw to be made hitched to a skid over a distance of 14 feet. The sidelines will be 16 feet apart. Allowed two (2) tries to draw the load 14 feet. Each time the boat is **intentionally** moved is counted as a try. An extra pin will be set behind the boat each time it is moved. The team must not be intentionally unhooked during these tries.
11. The pin and rope laid out flat must measure 14 feet. The pin must be pulled out completely to qualify as a completed pull.
12. **A teamster will be allowed 3 minutes from the time his name is called to hook up or the team will be eliminated.** If a team refuses, teamster will be allowed 1 minute rest, and 1 minute to try the load again. Ringmaster will monitor the time.
13. While hooked to the boat, the team must stay within the sidelines. Once during the competition, if a horse steps outside the line while hooked to the boat on the initial try on a load, it will be counted as a try but disallowed as a good pull. The pin will be reset and the team will be allowed one try to achieve a full pull, if the team does not achieve a full pull, they will be credited with the last completed pull. Any team deliberately driven over the lines will be disqualified from the competition and not eligible for any prize money payout. Teamster may ask the judge or ringmaster to centre the boat before hooking. If there is no means available to centre the boat, judge may waive the sideline rule on the line nearest the boat.
14. A marker will be placed on the sideline 25 feet from the end of the rope. If any part of the boat reaches this marker, the pull will change direction.
15. If team becomes accidentally unhooked, the teamster must back up to the boat to re-hook, staying within the sidelines. If the team steps over the sideline while re-hooking, disqualification will result.
16. Only the teamster and two evener men allowed with each team. No header is allowed except during a harness break. Helpers are not allowed to talk to the horses – disqualification will result.
17. Teamster may ride boat or walk beside it at his own discretion. No one is required to ride the boat.
18. After a team starts the load, the teamster must stay behind the eveners except during the rest period allowed after a refusal or harness break. At these times, the teamster may move to the head of his team. **Failure to comply will result in a warning; a second violation will result in disqualification.**
19. Teamster is not allowed to slap, slash, or swing lines at horses at any time. **Failure to comply with any of the above will result in a warning from the judge; a second violation will result in disqualification.**
20. **Jerking the load or overly aggressive starts are prohibited. Failure to comply will result in a warning from the judge; a second violation will result in disqualification.**
21. All warnings will be announced.
22. If a break in harness or equipment occurs, there will be a time limit of 5 minutes to fix the break and be hitched back to the load. If a teamster forfeits the pull at which the breakage occurs, he must pull the next weight the full distance or weight goes back to the last completed pull.

23. Teamsters are allowed to use neck yokes and offset eveners.
24. There will be a ringman, two linesmen, and a pinman to assist the judge. The ring officials have the authority to inform the judge of any infractions.
25. The judge's decision is final. Teamsters are not to argue with or harass the judges; to do so results in disqualification and forfeiture of all prizes. Any complaints should be made in writing to the Committee Chairman or CWA Management.
26. The Heavy Horse Pull Committee reserves the right to collect blood and/or urine to determine the presence or absence of performance enhancing substances on horse(s) in a pulling team. A positive test on any horse will result in the Teamster forfeiting all auction earnings and prize money in each event in which he/she is entered and further, the Teamster may be banned from future horse pull competitions at Canadian Western Agribition for a period of time at the discretion of the CWA Disciplinary Committee and Management.
27. CWA will enforce the 2017 Equine Canada Section A-1003 Permitted Medications, A-1004 Drugs, and A-1005 Emergency Veterinarian Treatment. For complete rules, visit [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca)
28. One horse from the winning team and one horse at random from each weight division may be tested. Any horse testing positive for other than permitted medications, will be disqualified. The teamster will forfeit any prizing and will be subject to CWA disciplinary action.
29. Teams are required to complete at least one pull in order to qualify for prizes.
30. The committee will determine draw order. No demonstration pulls are allowed.
31. **Teams must be under control at all times.** Any team deemed to be out of control by the judge may be excused from the arena and their last qualified pull will stand for their final result. Any abuse of horses by teamster or helpers before, during, or after the show shall immediately disqualify contestant and all prizes won shall be forfeited.
32. The committee reserves the right to make necessary changes to the rules. If changes are made, they will be announced at the teamsters meeting.