

Eastern Ontario Draft Horse Pulling Association Rules

1. Horses pulling in light class must be weighed on scales if available. Must be 3400 lbs or lighter,(no grace). Scales will be on grounds 3 hours prior to pull with 2 directors in attendance. A puller cannot weigh their own team if they are responsible of doing the weighing for all other pullers.
2. Contestants may enter and drive as many teams as they like in each class.
3. A teamster is allowed two helpers, if so desired.
4. There is to be no interference whatsoever by the helpers while horses are drawing; if so, draw will be disqualified.
5. Teamsters or helpers are not allowed at horses' heads while hitching or drawing.
6. There is to be no cursing, swinging of lines or beating horses with ends of lines while horses are hitched or being drawn.
7. Teamsters and helpers are to stay behind whiffletrees while horses are drawing.
8. Teamsters and helpers are not allowed to touch, push, or slap horses with hands. A check slap with the line is permitted, however, continuous check slaps will be classified as slashing and will be disqualified.
9. In case of a break in the harness, time to repair will be determined by the Judge. This will not count as a draw.
10. The length of the pull will be 15ft. You will have 2 attempts to complete to advance to the next round. A 4 inch chuck or greater will be considered a pull. A teamster can pass the first 2 rounds.
11. Will have only 2 minutes each hitch to complete your draw.
12. A horse or team stepping on or over markers will be disqualified for the hitch, however, a team or horse stepping over marker after draw is completed may not lose the draw. Decisions to be made by Judges.
13. Any teamster or helper arguing with the Judge will automatically be ejected from the contest.
14. Once a team has a draw, the teamster must remain the teamster for the balance of the contest unless injured or sick. Decision to be made by Judge after talking with balance of teamsters
15. All decisions of the Judge are final.
16. Boat will be drawn length of arena in both directions for two rounds ONLY, then will pull one direction till end of pull.
17. All teamsters will need to be a paid- up member to pull at EODHPA pulls. This also applies to any-one who drives for another teamster.
18. a-- There will be absolutely **NO ALCOHOL** permitted in the ring while pulling.
b-- If caught with alcohol the judge will have the authority to ask you to leave the pulling ring.
19. There will be a safe distance of 30ft to pull and 3ft from either measuring lines. If not, the boat will be pulled back to starting point.
20. If any runaways, that team will be placed last in the class.
21. **If a pull is dragging on to too many rounds, we will have at least 2 directors from the EODHPA board to consult with the judge to consider adding more weight.**

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