

## **GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

***All Exhibitors are subject to these Rules and Regulations in addition to those specifically listed in the separate categories.***

- 1. This is a Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society Event, Exhibitors are reminded to be courteous to all other Exhibitors, maintain social distancing, wear face masks, and follow the Provincial COVID-19 Protocols while on the grounds.**
- 2. The Exhibitor is responsible for all expenses incurred in transporting entries and maintaining them during the show. The MMAS Management Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage. Any article left in the buildings or on the grounds after the close of the Livestock Event shall be entirely at the owner's risk.**
- 3. Exhibitors, when they arrive with entries, are register with management before entering the grounds at which time you will be given stall placements.**
- 4. Arrival at the grounds must be between 1:00pm and 9:00pm on Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. ALL horses must be on the grounds by 8:00am Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>.**
- 5. All animals to be in place by 8:00 am of the first day of the show. **ALL LIVESTOCK TRAILERS MUST BE OFF THE SHOW GROUNDS BY 8:00 AM OF SHOW DAY.** Any stock not on the grounds by the time stipulated will not be eligible for competition unless previous consent has been obtained from the MMAS Management Committee.**
- 6. **\*\*NO LIVESTOCK TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED BACK ON GROUNDS UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT LIGHT HORSE SHOW.****
- 7. **ATTENTION TO EXHIBITS: Exhibitors will give personal attention to their exhibits for the entire show and keep them in good standing. (Cleaned on a daily basis). Please follow Covid-19 cleaning protocol that will be posted in the barn.****
- 8. **All Stalls MUST be cleaned out at the end of show for manure & bedding removal!****
- 9. Judges are required to give their reasons on placing of classes when requested by the Superintendent.**
- 10. No person shall interfere with the Judges or attempt to influence a Judge's decision. Any person who uses any contemptuous or abusive language in reference to any award made shall forfeit his/her right to any premium which they might otherwise be entitled to and could be denied participation in future Livestock Events.**
- 11. **Dogs are not permitted to be brought on the grounds by the Public. Service Dogs are allowed on grounds with the proper documentation and identification. Pets in Exhibitor Sleeping area must remain in this area during the Livestock Show, on lease at all times. Please pick up after pets.****
- 12. **Limited Space** is available for tent and camper parking for our livestock exhibitors' convenience. Cost is **\$30.00** for Friday night to Sunday and should be included with your entry form. All driving lanes must be kept clear. Larger trailers will have to be placed at the back of the Grounds. **Due to the limited electrical supply, we ask that you please refrain from operating air conditioners in your trailer while on the exhibition grounds.****
- 13. **\* QUIET TIME- LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR TRAILER AREA – Please note that the quiet time for this area is 12 am. Please be respectful of your neighbouring exhibitors.****
- 14. Any concerns regarding the Middle Musquodoboit Livestock Events are to be made in writing to the MMAS Office before the close of the show.**

We suggest you make a copy of your completed form for your reference.

***Any entry forms received without all requirements and attachments will not be considered.***

***PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY***  
***E-transfer are accepted: halifaxcountyex@bellaliant.com***

***Post-dated cheques will not be accepted. There will be a charge of \$35.00 on all NSF Cheques.***

## **RULES & REGULATIONS FOR SADDLE ENTRIES, *In addition to the General Rules & Regulations***

1. All Entry Forms must be filled out with Exhibitor information; animal information and classes being entered. Copy of NSEF Liability Insurance and Maritime Bred Registration must be included. (See General Rules) Any Entry Forms received without all requirements and attachments will cause delays in your registration. Entry Fees must accompany entry forms. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.
2. Each exhibitor is allowed to have up to a **max of 2 persons** as support in the barn, but they must be registered upon arrival and listed on their entry form appropriately. All other persons may pre-register as spectators prior to the event.
3. **All Covid-19 waivers, daily attestations, checklists, and Covid-19 protocol, will be sent to exhibitors prior to event. They must be signed, completed, and received by the MMAS team in order to compete during the show.**
4. Please pack accordingly as we ask all exhibitors to **stay on the grounds for the total duration of the show.**
5. Each horse and rider combination require separate form, or the entry will be deemed incomplete.
6. **Entries must be post marked by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.** Late entrants will only be accepted if space is available. The MMAS is under no obligation.
7. **Back Numbers:** Disposable back numbers will be assigned upon receipt of entry free of charge.
8. **Participation Fee: \$5.00 per animal, per class.** The fee is to be included with your entry form.
9. **Sweepstakes Classes Participation Fee: \$15.00 total. Includes \$5.00 entry fee.** Classes will run over a 2-day period.
10. **To qualify for the final placing and awards in the Sweepstakes Classes, the Exhibitor must compete in BOTH (2) classes.**
11. **Stabling: Straight Stalls \$5.00/per night, Box Stalls \$10.00/per night (as space permits). Fee to be included with the entry form.**
12. **Post Entries: Prohibited. All classes must be registered to prior to the event.**
13. Only one Exhibitor Pass per exhibitor will be issued regardless of the number of animals entered.
14. Payment Options – We accept cheques payable to: **Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society and E-Transfer to halifaxcountyex@bellaliant.com.**
15. It has been recommended by a veterinarian that all light horses be vaccinated for the following communicable diseases: Equine Influenza, Rhino, and Strangles. Proof of this vaccination would be appreciated with entry.
16. **Participants in the Games must wear proper attire of long sleeved buttoned up shirts and boots with a heel.**
17. **Animals are NOT to be tied or left standing in the aisles of the barns. Aisles must remain clear for visitors and Fire Safety. This includes getting ready for classes.**
18. **Any horses in straight stalls must be secured with hind end toward the aisle. If not secured, the stall requires top & bottom enclosure. Straight stalls require the butt ropes to be tied when the horse is in its stall.**
19. **Any classes having less than three entries may be combined with another age division or may be cancelled.**
20. The judge shall have complete control over all matters after contestants enter the ring. The Judges' decision is final. Judges will not award a prize to animals showing signs of poor health.
21. **HEADGEAR - All competitors must wear protective headgear secured with safety harness. This headgear MUST be worn whenever mounted on the Exhibition Grounds, with the exception of Western Performance Classes and the warm-up time prior and between classes. Helmets are mandatory for all Gymkhana classes. All light horse exhibitors must be wearing correct, healed footwear according to their discipline whenever mounted, including exercising and schooling.**
22. **No more than 3 horses to be lunged in the rings while horses are being ridden. Mounted riders are expected to allow appropriate time for lunging. While classes are in progress mounted riders take priority in the warmup ring.**

## **LIABILITY & CODE OF ETHICS**

**LIVESTOCK LIABILITY INSURANCE:** We require that every large animal on our grounds, as well as pull event participants, is covered for liability should that animal, exhibitor or vehicle be involved in an incident on the Exhibition Grounds causing injury or harm to buildings or people. Your policy must show us that you, the animal or animals you are bringing onto the Exhibition Grounds, or your vehicle have the proper coverage to be at our Livestock Event. If your coverage is part of a group plan, we require proof of the insurance as well as proof of your membership under this plan. Proof must clearly show the appropriate coverage. This proof of insurance must accompany the Exhibitors Entry Form.

**ATTENTION:** 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 Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society and Officials from and against all such claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may occur, suffer or be put to be reason of any accident, or of any period being injured or suffering damage through by reason of any such exhibit not being properly protected there from.

The Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society, its employees, agents, or servants shall not be liable for any loss to an exhibitor, his or her employees, agents or servants which may have occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure or the negligence of other exhibitors, officials or otherwise, howsoever.

### **EXHIBITIONS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA CODE OF ETHICS FOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK**

Exhibitors of livestock at exhibitions and fairs in Nova Scotia shall always deport yourselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Your conduct in this competitive and showmanship environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honour and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural awareness and education. This code applies to all livestock entered and/or offered in any event at fairs and exhibitions. Owners, exhibitors, trainers, and all responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and entry fees and may be prohibited from future fairs and exhibitions in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and exhibitions in Nova Scotia. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics negatively impact on the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and may be prohibited from entry and/or offered competition at all livestock shows in Nova Scotia.

1. Any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. (For example; the use of alcoholic, carbonated or caffeine beverages or chocolate flavoured nutritional supplements).
2. Any time after an animal arrives on the fair or exhibition site or premises, a licensed veterinarian upon notification to the manager of the fair or exhibition shall administer all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medication for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
3. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
4. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by the owner, exhibitor or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
5. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, or exhibitor to have the fair or exhibition take disciplinary action for violation of this code of ethics, and any other rules of the fair or exhibition, without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
6. The Exhibitions Association of Nova Scotia, in working with the livestock associations that use the fairs and exhibitions facilities, will conduct random drug testing as a credible deterrent to the use of performance enhancing drugs. A policy has been developed to deal with such matters.