



Horse Draw Contest



Saturday, July 15, 2017

1st \$140, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$100, 4th \$90, Hitch \$70

OTTAWA VALLEY HORSE DRAWING ASSOCIATION INC. RULES FOR 2017

1. All teams are subject to a drug test. See detailed explanation at number 20 below.
2. All teamsters/owners must have proof of current liability insurance for "horse pulling" in the amount to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00)
3. At all OVHDA Fair Board pulls, the owner and teamster must be a paid-up participating member (\$30.00) of the OVHDA and in good standing.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages used by teamsters, helpers, or officials while in the drawing area. **If excessive drinking prior to or during the horse pull, appropriate action will be looked after by proper authorities and necessary action will be taken.**
5. All teams must be weighed the day of the draw, on Association scales if available, with halter and loose shank, no lifting. Weigh twice only. If a person argues about the weight of his team, he will go in the heavy class and if he continues to argue, he will be asked to leave the grounds. Scales will be open a minimum of 2 ½ hours with a maximum of 3 hours before pull start time. **Light weight teams weigh once per weekend, on OVHDA, CCHPA, EODHA or northern draft horse club scales, (i.e. Thursday to Monday). Team must enter and pull when weighed at the first pull.** Light class – 3400 lbs and under. No grace. Heavy class – over 3400 lbs. A horse or team may draw in one class only. A team must complete 2 draws to collect hitch money, if any paid. **Distance Puller can rent and use OVHDA scales to weigh light weight teams and OVHSA will accept distance pullers weigh slips if team weighs under 3400 lbs.**
6. **Understanding – each teamster will pull to the end, with no quitting and will take one (1) fair hitch on last load. If teamster chooses to quit, he must declare as such at time he hitches off the boat. If he refuses to pull on last load, he will forfeit and not receive any prize money.**
7. A teamster is allowed to enter and drive more than 1 team per class at any Association pull.
8. **Teamsters will draw for their pulling order prior to the beginning of the competition.**
9. When a team enters the pulling area, with blinders on or without, they must stay that way for the duration of that event. Adjustments to blinders, during a pull, are not allowed.
10. Length of draw is 15 feet. A total of 5 minutes will be allowed to complete 2 draws. Stoneboat to be drawn one way only, towards horses. However, the boat can be drawn both ways for a few rounds if it is considered safe by the Judge and Fair Board Committee. Side lines to be 18 feet apart. If the boat is within 36" from the side lines, the next contestant can request to have the boat centered.
11. A teamster is allowed two helpers. Teamsters and helpers must remain behind the LEADING EDGE of the WHIFFLETREES while horses are drawing. After completing the first draw, no change in teamster will be allowed, except in case of injury.
12. A break in harness – the teamster will decide if he keeps the distance or will start over. If he starts over, the boat will go to the end of starting area of the course. Time to repair break in harness to be determined by the Judge.
13. All teams are to remain stationary in the holding area until winners are determined. Teamsters – it is your responsibility – there must be someone attending your horses at all times.
14. A run – away team or team out of control will automatically be eliminated from that pull. **If team runs away more than once, or is out of control, that team should automatically be eliminated from pulling.**
15. No non-member competitor will be allowed to pull his horses in any member's name.
16. A draw will be disqualified: A) if horses step on or over lines or markers, B) if horses are beaten, lines are swung, foul language used or, C) if helpers interfere in any way after horses are hitched, D) if teamsters or helpers head the horses while drawing or hitching, E) if teamsters or helpers slap, push or touch the horses with hands, lines of whiffle trees while in the ring. **NO CHECK SLAPS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
17. Three (3) circles passing in front of the boat or anything over a four (4) inch chuck will be classified as one draw.
18. Any teamster or helper will automatically be ejected from the contest and all winnings forfeited: A) if he argues with the Judge, B) if any abuse such as slashing, kicking, or beating of horses takes place while in the holding area. There will be no chasing of horses around the ring. Decision to be made by the Judge or Committee.
19. **ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE JUDGE ARE FINAL.**
20. **DETAILED EXPLANATION OF RULE #1 – DRUG TESTING.** All teams are subject to a drug test, at any time, with **NO DRUGS OR STEROIDS** to be allowed. **URINE or BLOOD** samples only to be taken. Test to be done at

random by a licensed veterinary of technician. Horses being tested are to be taken to an isolated area when possible. Horses being tested are to be taken directly to the Drug Testing area and then unharnessed. Horses and teamsters to remain until a urine or blood sample has been collected. A waiting time of one and one-half (1 ½) hours is compulsory. If a urine or blood sample has not been collected within this time limit, horses will be free to go. Teamsters or other authorized person to remain with the team at the Drug Testing area at all times. No team is to be left unattended. A teamster may request a drug test be done on another teamster's horses at an OVHDA pull. Requesting teamster would pay \$500.00 to OVHDA that day, at the pull and the money is to be given to one of the Club Executive. If there is any excess money after the vet and lab bills are paid, it will be refunded to the requesting teamster. This applies to OVHDA pulls only. A refusal to comply with any of the above will constitute a positive test and the Ottawa Valley Horse Drawing Association penalties will apply:

1. Teamsters to forfeit placing and prize money.
2. The prize money for teams tested must be given by the Fair Board to the Ottawa Valley Horse Drawing Association to hold until test results are received. If a team tests positive, teamster's prize money will go to the OVDHA to defray the cost of the test.
3. When a drug test is done, the Fair Board should not pay the prize money until the tests have been cleared.
4. If there is a run-away or any damages caused by a team, that team will be impounded and drug tested immediately, with the owner(s) paying all costs. They will be placed last and will forfeit their prize money. The team will also be suspended from further competitions until their drug test results are received.
5. Teamsters name and team to be publicized in our monthly newsletter for a period of one (1) year from the date of the test results.
6. A letter will be sent to all Fair Boards advising them of a positive test.
7. Any voting member of the Association if found guilty, will lose voting privileges in the Association for a period of one (1) year.
8. The teamster will pay a fine of \$500.00 and there will be a suspension of fifteen (15) consecutive Association pulls for the team and teamster.
9. Ottawa Valley Horse Drawing Association Inc. and Central Canadian Horse Pulling Association will honour each other's drug testing penalties, if there is a positive test.