

HEAVY HORSES

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Online entries this year, please use this link <https://www.assistexpo.ca/renfrewfair>

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Deadline for entries: August 28, 2026.**
2. No entry fee will be charged at the time of entry, but 15% of prize money will be deducted as an entry fee. HST will be charged on the entry fee.
3. Exhibitors are not required to stay for the full two days of the show. An exhibitor is free to show on one of any day or days he/she so desires, but no exhibitor may withdraw his/her horses from the show after it has commenced or from the show grounds without the permission of the committee in charge.
4. All animals, with the exception of foals of 2026 must have proof of a negative coggins test within the current year.
5. Requests for horse stalls must be made in writing on the entry form, on or before the closing date. Stall fees must be enclosed with the entry form. Stalls are limited. **Due to stall availability, NO stalls will be reserved as tack stalls.** If entries are made online, stall fees will be deducted from prize money.
Standing stall - \$4.42 + \$.58 HST = \$5.00
6. Stallions one year and older may not be used in showmanship classes.
7. Abusing of horse or horses on fairground property is strictly prohibited.
8. Any exhibitor who is guilty of creating a disturbance whether by openly criticizing the judge or using obscene language to any judge or official shall therefore forfeit the right to any prize money and may be suspended by the judge from competing.
9. Miniature horses cannot exceed 38" in height.
10. **There are restrictions to two entries per class per farm except for Junior and Senior showmanship classes.**

NOTE: Horses competing in Light Draft or Agricultural Classes excepting Draft Brood Mare and foal, are not eligible to compete in Heavy Draft Classes. Horses competing in Heavy Draft Classes are not eligible to compete in Light Draft or Agricultural Classes.

A fair may authorize that a breeding unit may show two animals in any three classes, but only one animal in the balance of the breeding classes to a maximum of ten animals per breeding unit. All exhibits must be owned by and registered in the name of the exhibitor – note exception in Get-of-Sire classes.

Certificate of Registration in the Stud Book of Canada must be produced. Photocopies are not acceptable.

EXHIBITORS MUST CARRY THEIR OWN LIABILITY INSURANCE.

GOLDEN FORK AWARD – An award presented by The McMullin Family for the best kept stalls (overall appearance) and overall sportsmanship. The award will be presented on Saturday.

CHAMPION YOUTH AWARD – Presented at the completion of class 206 to the youth exhibitor with the best average finish over Heavy Horse Classes 116, 119, 182 and 206. Prize donated by the McMullin Family.

The miniature horse show is sponsored in part by the *Lepine Apartments*. We greatly appreciate their generosity in doubling the prize money for the Friday Miniature Horse Classes.

Placings from Class 111 will count toward the Ottawa Valley Four Horse Hitch Series.

**FRIDAY MORNING PROGRAM – 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 11th, 2026**

CLASS

- 100. Miniature, 2 and under 1st - \$80.00; 2nd - \$60.00; 3rd - \$40.00 and \$20.00 to remaining
- 101. Miniature, stallion 3 and over 1st - \$80.00; 2nd - \$60.00; 3rd - \$40.00 and \$20.00 to remaining
- 102. Miniature, mare 3 and over 1st - \$80.00; 2nd - \$60.00; 3rd - \$40.00 and \$20.00 to remaining
- 103. Miniature, gelding 3 and over 1st - \$80.00; 2nd - \$60.00; 3rd - \$40.00 and \$20.00 to remaining

Champion Miniature Horse on the Grounds

Special class open to the winners of classes 100, 101, 102 and 103.

Prize donated by Acre Run Farm

- 104. Miniature Horse Showmanship open to youths 12 years of age and under, as of January 1st, 2026. Each credible entry will receive a prize at ringside.
- 105. Miniature Horse Showmanship open to youths 13 to 18 years of age and under as of January 1st, 2026. Each credible entry will receive a prize at ringside.

Stallions one year and over may not be used for classes 104 and 105.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM – 1 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 11th, 2026**

- 106. Miniature Horse Cart Class
\$100.00; \$90.00; \$70.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
- 107. Draft Registered Mare Team
\$120.00; \$100.00; \$80.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
Sponsored by Stewart Farms
- 108. Miniature Horse Tandem Hitch
\$100.00; \$90.00; \$70.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
- 109. Open Draft Gelding Team

- \$120.00; \$100.00; \$80.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries**
110. Miniature Horse Team Hitch – Members of the Ottawa Valley Miniature Horse Association will receive points in this class contributing to the OVMHA Team Class Competition
- \$120.00; \$100.00; \$80.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries**
111. **Ontario Four Horse Hitch Classic Series** - hitched to a suitable vehicle and driven by one person. Exhibitors will also be eligible to collect points for the Ottawa Valley Four Horse Hitch Series.
- \$1,750 prize money will be split between exhibitors or a minimum of \$300/hitch**
112. Miniature Team driven by a junior 13 to 18 years of age as of January 1, 2026.
Must be accompanied by an adult. \$40.00 to each competitor.
113. Miniature Team driven by a junior 12 and under as of January 1, 2026.
Must be accompanied by an adult. \$40.00 to each competitor
114. **Open Draft Six Horse Hitch Class** - Six Horse Team, hitched to a suitable vehicle and driven by one person. Horses must be shown in two classes on Friday.
\$2500.00 prize money will be split between exhibitors or a minimum of \$500/hitch
115. Miniature Horse Unicorn Hitch
\$100.00; \$80.00; \$70.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
116. Junior Driving a Draft Team, 18 years and under as of January 1, 2026.
Must be accompanied by an adult. \$40 awarded to each competitor.
117. Miniature Horse Four Horse Team Hitched
\$180.00; \$1600.00; \$140.00; \$120.00 to all remaining entries
118. Open Draft Cart Class – Driven by a lady
\$100.00; \$90.00; \$75.00; \$65.00 to all remaining entries

**SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAM – 8:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 12th, 2026**

PRIZE MONEY: Heavy horse prize money as below unless otherwise listed.
1st - \$80.00; 2nd - \$65.00; 3rd - \$55.00; 4th - \$50.00; 5th & Remaining Entries - \$45.00

CLASS

119. **Youth Decorating Class**
Open to exhibitors 18 years and under as of January 1, 2026. Exhibitors will have 30 minutes to prepare their horse for judging. One exhibitor per horse. Exhibitors may have a handler in the ring to hold the animal and assist in bringing supplies into the ring; however, the handler may not assist in the decorating process.

The following classes will begin promptly at **9 a.m.** following class 119.

120. Belgian Filly Foal - foaled in 2026
121. Clydesdale Filly Foal – foaled in 2026
122. Percheron Filly Foal – foaled in 2026
123. Commercial Filly or Colt – aged 2 years or under
- 124a. Belgian Filly - foaled in 2025
- 124b. **Ontario Bred and Sired Belgian Filly Program**
Open to yearling fillies from a mare owned by a resident of Ontario at the time of Service and sired by a stallion owned and standing in Ontario at the time of service.

Owner must be a member of the OBHA for the current year. The fillies must have been nominated with the **OBHA** by March 1st. Prize money paid to each exhibitor by the **OBHA** at their annual awards banquet. \$100.00 of the prize money is donated by the fair with the remainder being paid by the **OBHA**.

125. Clydesdale Filly – foaled in 2025
126. Percheron Filly – foaled in 2025
127. Belgian Filly - foaled in 2024
128. Clydesdale Filly – foaled in 2024
129. Percheron Filly - to be foaled in 2024
130. Belgian Junior Champion Mare - Prize Only
131. Clydesdale Junior Champion Mare – Prize Only
132. Percheron Junior Champion Mare – Prize Only
133. Commercial Mare – aged 3 years and over
134. Belgian Mare - foaled in 2023
135. Clydesdale Mare – foaled in 2023
136. Percheron Mare – foaled in 2023
137. Belgian Yeld Mare - Aged 4 years and over
138. Clydesdale Yeld Mare – Aged 4 years and over
139. Percheron Yeld Mare – Aged 4 years and over
140. Belgian Brood Mare
141. Clydesdale Brood Mare
142. Percheron Brood Mare
143. Belgian Senior Champion Mare - Prize Only
144. Clydesdale Senior Champion Mare – Prize Only
145. Percheron Senior Champion Mare – Prize Only
146. Belgian Grand Champion Mare – **MERVIN & IRENE STEWART MEMORIAL**
147. Clydesdale Grand Champion Mare – Prize Only
148. Percheron Grand Champion Mare – Prize Only
149. **Grand Champion Mare - All Breed**
Open to the winners of class 146, 147, and 148 - Prize Only
150. Commercial Stallion – aged 3 years and over
151. Belgian Colt - foaled in 2026
152. Clydesdale Colt – foaled in 2026
153. Percheron Colt – foaled in 2026
154. Belgian Stallion - foaled in 2025
155. Clydesdale Stallion – foaled in 2025
156. Percheron Stallion – foaled in 2025
157. Belgian Stallion - foaled in 2024
158. Clydesdale Stallion – foaled in 2024
159. Percheron Stallion – foaled in 2024
160. Belgian Junior Champion Stallion - Prize Only
161. Clydesdale Junior Champion Stallion – Prize Only
162. Percheron Junior Champion Stallion – Prize Only
163. Belgian Stallion - foaled in 2023
164. Clydesdale Stallion – foaled in 2023
165. Percheron Stallion – foaled in 2023
166. Belgian Stallion - Aged 4 years and over
167. Clydesdale Stallion – Aged 4 years and over
168. Percheron Stallion – Aged 4 years and over
169. Belgian Senior Champion Stallion - Prize Only
170. Clydesdale Senior Champion Stallion – Prize Only
171. Percheron Senior Champion Stallion – Prize Only
172. Belgian Grand Champion Stallion - Prize Only
173. Clydesdale Grand Champion Stallion – Prize Only

- 174. Percheron Grand Champion Stallion – Prize Only
- 175. **Grand Champion Stallion - All Breed**
Open to Winners of Classes 172, 173, and 174 – Prize Only
- 176. Commercial Gelding – aged 3 years and over
- 177. All-Breed Open Draft Gelding - aged 3 and under
- 178. All-Breed Light Draft Gelding, aged 4 years or over
- 179. All-Breed Heavy Draft Gelding, aged 4 years and over
- 180. **Grand Champion Draft Gelding**
Open to the winners of classes 177, 178 and 179 - Prize Only
- 181. **Champion Horse of the Day**
Open to the Grand Champion Mare, Grand Champion Stallion and Grand Champion Gelding (winners of classes 149, 175, and 180).
*Banner & Special Prize awarded to the Winner
- 182. Junior Showmanship, draft or commercial horse on line.
 - a) 12 years of age and under, as of January 1st, 2026
 - b) 13 – 18 years of age as of January 1st, 2026

Steel toed footwear must be worn. Each credible entry will receive \$20. This is open to all draft breeds. Youths showing a Belgian horse will receive points towards the OBHA youth program. Stallions one year and over may not be used.

PROGENY OF DAM: Two animals any age, the progeny of one dam. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section if offered. Both animals must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name. **One entry per farm allowed in class.**

- 183. Belgian - Progeny of Dam
- 184. Clydesdale - Progeny of Dam
- 185. Percheron - Progeny of Dam

GET-OF-SIRE: Three animals, any age, the get of one sire. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section if offered. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name. **One entry per farm allowed in class.**

- 186. Belgian Get-of-Sire
- 187. Clydesdale Get-of-Sire
- 188. Percheron Get-of-Sire

STALLION AND THREE MARES: Each animal must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section if offered. **One entry per farm allowed in class.**

- 189. Belgian - Stallion and Three Mares
- 190. Clydesdale - Stallion and Three Mares
- 191. Percheron - Stallion and Three Mares

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM – 1:00 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2026**

All draft horses must be rolled to show in hitch classes.

CLASS

- 192. **North American Six Horse Hitch Classic Series** - Six Horse Team, hitched tandem to a suitable vehicle and driven by one person. Horses must be shown in two classes on Saturday.
\$2,500 prize money will be split between exhibitors or a minimum of \$500/hitch
- 193. Miniature Horse Six Horse Team Hitched
\$125.00; \$115.00; \$100.00; \$85.00 to all remaining entries

194. Commercial Four Horse Team, hitched tandem to a suitable vehicle and driven by one person
\$125.00; \$115.00; \$100.00 to all remaining entries
195. **Ontario Four Horse Hitch Classic Series**, hitched to a suitable vehicle and driven by one person
\$1,750 prize money will be split between exhibitors or a minimum of \$300/hitch
196. Miniature Horse Four Horse Team Hitched
\$100.00; \$90.00; \$80.00; \$70.00 to all remaining entries
197. Ottawa Valley Commercial Horse Association Special Commercial Unicorn Hitch
\$110.00; \$90.00; \$70.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
198. Open Draft Unicorn Hitch
\$150.00; \$120.00; \$100.00; \$85.00 to all remaining entries
199. Miniature Horse Unicorn Hitch
\$60.00; \$50.00; \$45.00; \$40.00 to all remaining entries
200. Commercial Team Hitch
\$100.00; \$90.00; \$70.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
201. Miniature Horse Team Hitched
\$60.00; \$50.00; \$40.00; \$30.00 to all remaining entries
202. Team of Draft or Commercial Horses hitched, to be driven by a lady
\$100.00; \$90.00; \$70.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
203. Miniature Horse Cart Class
\$50.00; \$45.00; \$35.00; \$30.00 to all remaining entries
204. Open Draft Cart Class
\$100.00; \$90.00; \$70.00; \$60.00 to all remaining entries
205. Miniature Junior Cart Class, 13 – 18 years of age as of January 1, 2026
Must be accompanied by an adult \$20.00 to each competitor
206. Junior Driving a Draft or Commercial Horse, hitched to a cart, 18 & under as of January 1, 2026. **Must be accompanied by an adult. \$40.00 awarded to each competitor.** Exhibitors are eligible to receive points for the North American Youth Classic Cart Series.
207. Miniature Junior Cart Class, 12 & under as of January 1, 2026
Must be accompanied by an adult \$20.00 to each competitor
208. Single Commercial Cart Class
\$80.00; \$70.00; \$60.00; \$50.00 to all remaining entries

Sponsored by the Renfrew Agricultural Society
“Serving the Greater Ottawa Valley Since 1853”

Renfrew Fair Grounds
Sunday, September 13th, 2026
1 p.m. Sharp

All animals must have proof of a negative Coggins Test within the current year to be shown at the Secretary's desk when picking up numbers.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$220.00; 2nd - \$200.00; 3rd - \$180.00; 4th - \$170.00; 5th - \$160.00; 6th - \$150.00; 7th and remaining - \$140.00

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Eastern Ontario Draft Horse Pulling Association

- 1 a. 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 start with 2 directors in attendance. A puller cannot weigh their own team if they are responsible of doing the weighing for all other pullers.
- b. ****If pulling in an EODHPA pull, ALL other Associations will need to present a weight slip showing 3400 lbs or less, or will need to re-weigh.****
2. Contestants may enter and drive as many teams as they like in each class.
3. A teamster is allowed up to two helpers, if so desired.
4. There is no interference whatsoever by the helpers while the 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 no cursing, swinging of lines, or beating horses with ends of lines while horses are hitched or being drawn.
7. Teamsters are to stay behind whiffletrees while horses are drawing.
8. Teamsters and helpers are not allowed to touch, push, or slap horses with hands or whips or any other foreign objects. 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 two attempts to complete to advance to the next round. A four inch chuck or greater will be considered a pull. A teamster can pass the first two rounds.
11. Will have a total of five minutes to complete two pulls. Will have a stopwatch on hand.
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. Decisions 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 be pulled in one direction until the end of the pull.
17. All teamsters will need to be a paid-up member to pull at EODHPA pulls. This also applies to anyone who drives for another teamster.
18. There will be absolutely **NO ALCOHOL** permitted in the ring while pulling. 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, too many rounds, we will have at least 2 directors from the EODHPA board to consult with the judge to consider adding more weight.**
22. **There will be no electronic devices allowed for horse pulling in the interest of the competition. If a teamster is caught, they will be banned for life from EODHPA. If a teamster is pulling a team for someone else and that team has a device, both the teamster and the owner will be banned. The EODHPA board of directors will have the right to inspect all harnesses under suspicion for any added devices. If caught, the teamster will forfeit any winnings and the prize money will go towards the club and be banned for life. Also, no other teamsters will be allowed to bring and drive teams that have been banned.**
23. **To vote for any new rule or any existing rules concerning horse pulling, ONLY members who participated in at least 3 pulling competitions the previous year will be able to vote. All other items will be open to all paid members.**

ADDITIONAL RENFREW FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **The Renfrew Agricultural Society is not responsible for any accidents on the grounds in connection with the drawing competition.**
2. **Exhibitors must carry their own liability insurance.**
3. Horses are to be walked to and from the boat. No running in the ring.
4. Once the draw is started, all teams must remain in the horse pull ring. Exceptions are at the judge's discretion.

**PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$160.00; 2nd - \$140.00; 3rd - \$120.00; 4th - \$110.00;
5th and remaining - \$100.00**

RULES AND POINTS 2026

1. **Size Class** – Small (light) ponies measure 48 inches and under. Large (heavy) ponies measure over 48 inches to 56 inches and under.
2. **Draw Distance** – Must pull the stone boat 15 feet in order to move on to the next round. Allowed 2 attempts to pull a total distance of 15 feet, within a 20 foot wide course or whatever is provided. If the stone boat is within 36” from the line, the next teamster may request to have the boat centered.
3. **Equipment** – In the event of breakage, the draw may be taken over at a teamster’s discretion or counted as 1 draw. Repair time is at the judge’s discretion. No changing from closed to open bridles, but changing from open to closed bridles is allowed, if safety is an issue.
- 4.(a) **Faults – Draws: Faults disqualifying a draw include:**
 - Failing to hitch within 3 minutes or 3 passes in front of the boat.
 - Interference with the team by the helper when ponies are pulling.
 - Interference or assistance with the team within hooking distance of the boat counts as 1 pass, and driver must take another pass.
 - Teamsters or helpers ahead of the whippetrees.
 - Check slaps.
 - Stopping on or going over the course markers during a draw (within 15 feet or the judge’s whistle).
4. (b) **Faults – Teams: Faults disqualifying a team include:**
 - Profane language by teamster or helper.
 - Unnecessary roughness when handling a team.
 - Teams that become unmanageable or difficult to handle, and in the opinion of the judge or fair committee that become a danger to the public at any time during the pull.
 - Failing to remain in the drawing area until finished competing.