

Department P Horse & Oxen Pulling

**New York State
Horse Pullers Association
Horse Pulls
Larue Austin, President
(570) 596-3540
Thursday, August 18, 2011
2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

Weigh In 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Reminder
All horse trailers must stop at the bottom
of Gate 2 and have the Security guard
radio up for an escort from infield
security.
NO EXCEPTIONS**

No entry fee.

**Out of state entries are invited to
participate.**

1. Before making entries, read **General Rules and Regulations, Standards for Conduct of Fairs and Animal Health Requirements.**
2. For lots with only one entry, that entry will receive 1st place premium, trophy and ribbon.
3. All entrants must complete and sign the Altamont Fair Entry Form for this Department.
4. If lot is unable to start or finish due to rain, all teams entered would receive an equal share of the purse for that lot.
5. If lot is stopped after starting, those teams remaining in competition would receive an equal share of the purse for that lot.
6. **Horse pulls are conducted under the rules of the New York State Horse Pullers Association, Inc., Larue Austin, President, (570) 596-3540.**

7. Handlers and helpers must accompany the animals to and from the weighing area.

Class 1 – Horse Pulls

LOT

1. **LIGHTWEIGHT (3,250 lbs. and under)**

Award:

- 1st \$225
- 2nd \$200
- 3rd \$180
- 4th \$170
- 5th \$150
- 6th \$140
- 7th \$130
- 8th \$110
- 9th \$105
- 10th \$90

2. **HEAVYWEIGHT (over 3,250 lbs.)**

Award:

- 1st \$225
- 2nd \$200
- 3rd \$180
- 4th \$170
- 5th \$150
- 6th \$140
- 7th \$130
- 8th \$110
- 9th \$105
- 10th \$90

Oxen & Steer Pulls
Wednesday, August 17, 2011 12:00 p.m.
Richard K. Smith
860/354-2519

NOTE: By invitation only. Contact Richard Smith for entry and health regulations.

Cattle will be judged for confirmation and training.

Oxen should arrive before 10:00 a.m. with required health papers. Weigh in starts at 9:00 a.m.

Reminder
All trailers must stop at the bottom of Gate 2 and have the Security guard radio up for an escort from infield security.
NO EXCEPTIONS

No entry fee.
Out of state entries are permitted.

1. Before making entries, read **General Rules and Regulations, Standards for Conduct of Fairs and Animal Health Requirements.**
2. For classes with only one entry, that entry would receive 1st place premium, trophy and ribbon.
3. If lot is unable to finish due to rain, all teams entered would receive an equal share of the purse for that lot.
4. If lot is stopped after starting, those teams remaining in competition would receive an equal share of the purse for that lot.
5. **Oxen and steer pulls are conducted under the rules of the Association of New England Ox Teamsters, Inc.**
6. **Handlers and helpers must accompany the animals to and from the weighing area.**

ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND OX TEAMSTERS, INC.

RULES FOR OXEN AND STEER PULLING

1. All weight classes shall be in multiples of four hundred pounds with the exception of Free-For-All (FFA).
2. Top three teams move up and take places that are not legitimately filled by teams in that lot.
3. Time of weighing to be left to the discretion of Fair association. Scales shall be certified within one month prior to contest.
4. Each teamster shall draw for his position just before starting of each lot.
5. All teamsters to compete in contest shall have their teams ready at the published time. All classes will close when position numbers are drawn.

6. What constitutes a hitch – One inch or more.
7. Breakdown – An actual separation, breaking or bending of equipment shall constitute a breakdown. Chains not properly secured are not considered a breakdown. In event teamster and/or owner wish credit for the distance boat moved before breakage, it will constitute a hitch.
8. Over the rail – If an ox's foot strikes dirt outside the rail, it constitutes a hitch with no credit for the distance pulled. Teams must remain within the rails while hitched to the boat.
9. Any team deliberately driven over the rail will be disqualified from the contest.
10. There shall be a limit of five minutes for three hitches and time will be taken out when boat is being reset.
11. Measuring – Starting point of boat shall be properly marked to indicate same starting point for all loads.
12. The boat shall be returned to the starting pin after each hitch.
13. The boat shall be returned to the starting pin to comply with the following when pulling five minutes or five hitches:
 - a. In no case may a pull begin from a point 72 inches or more from the starting pin.
 - b. An ox steps over the rail.
 - c. Teamster requests boat to be set back.
 - d. A pull is disqualified for any rule violation.
14. The boat shall be returned to the most recent pin (not necessarily the starting pin) following a breakdown. It shall be the duty of the judges, prior to the start of the program, to determine if Rules 10, 11 and 12 or Rules 13 and 14 will apply. Rule 12 only will apply on a plank pit.
15. Measuring of distance pulling shall be in a straight line to points of turn and to the nearest point at the drag when stopped. When pulling distance, boat must be turned at least halfway, in order to get the full measurement. If not turned halfway, the length of the boat shall be subtracted from the full measurement. Rope to rope measuring will not be allowed unless agreed upon by the teamsters.
16. Time limit on distance pulling will be no more than five minutes unless otherwise agreed upon by teamsters before pulling time.
17. In case of ties for prize-winning placing, the best previous hitch will determine the winner.
18. Changing teamsters – No teamster may be changed after pulling the first load in any case except in emergency. Then only when permitted by the judges, with the consent of a majority of the teamsters in that lot.
19. The use of drugs or stimulants is prohibited. The Fair or person conducting the contest reserves the right to test any animal after pulling. The owner and teamster found to have used a drug or stimulant shall be barred from the Assoc. First offense barred for two years, second offense barred for life.
20. Any person found guilty of, or responsible for feeding, watering or otherwise tampering with cattle beyond their jurisdiction, shall be barred from this Association.
21. All teamsters will use proper language and conduct in the ring. One warning issued by the judge, second offense results in disqualification. Should disqualification occur, no premium money will be paid.

22. Drinking – Any participant under the influence of liquor will be disqualified from the contest. The drinking of intoxicating beverages in and around the ring is prohibited.
23. Interference of hitching men – Person hitching shall have nothing in his hand while in the confine of the ring except the hitching chain and a watch.
24. Changing of classes – Classes shall be as publicized, only.
25. The pit shall be raked during the contest and covered the day before the draw.
26. A teamster will be allowed to use a whip and lash or goad. If a goad stick is used, it will not exceed 4 feet in length and a ½” diameter washer must pass over the top 24” of the goad stick.
- 27. Six foot teamsters allowed light use of driving tool to place animals. No animal shall be struck on the nose or face at any time. Use of driving tool allowed twice for starting and moving the boat (2 hits). First offense gets a warning and loss of hitch; second offense is a disqualification. Distance teamsters must move the boat 25 feet in the first minute or be eliminated. Teamster is allowed two hits per start (each time the load stops, teamster is allowed two more hits not including light use of tool to place animals). First offense gets a warning, second offense is a disqualification.**
28. No ropes or halters will be allowed.
29. At no time after weight has been decreased may it be increased.
30. Authorized persons in the ring – Only pit personnel and the owner or his agents.
31. No ox shall draw more than once in one day except in the best interest of the Fair to fill classes.
32. If a teamster refuses to hitch to a load when only two teams are left after the boat is loaded, teamster will be disqualified. Should disqualification occur, no premiums will be paid.
33. Any variation of these rules shall be in the spirit of aforesaid rules and at the discretion of the judges.
34. Any situations that may arise and are not covered by these rules, the decision will be left to the discretion of the judges.

Class 2 – Oxen and Steer Pulls

LOT

1. Show Class

Award: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
\$75 \$65 \$55 \$45 \$35 \$25

2. Class A – 2800 pounds and under

Award: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
\$250 \$225 \$200 \$150 \$100 \$75

3. Class B – over 2800 pounds

Award: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
\$250 \$225 \$200 \$150 \$100 \$75

**All classes will receive trophy for 1st place.
 Ribbon for all places**

ALTAMONT FAIR ENTRY FORM

USE THIS FORM FOR DEPARTMENT P HORSE & OXEN PULLING

File with or mail to: ENTRIES, Altamont Fair, PO Box 506, Altamont, NY 12009. Entry fee(s) must be enclosed with entry form. There will be no confirmation of entries and/or fees received.

Name: _____ Soc. Sec#: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____ County: _____

Email address (please print legibly):

Indicate the number of animals entered: _____

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I hereby certify that every animal and handler/rider/driver are eligible as entered and agree for myself and my representatives to be familiar with and bound by the rules of this show. I, the undersigned, agree to enter the above animal at my own risk, accepting full responsibility for any accident, injury or damage caused to or by any animal, owner, rider/driver, vehicle, exhibitor, spectator, groom, attendant, person in my employ or any other person or property in connection with this competition. Every entry at this competition shall constitute an agreement that the person making it, owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider and the animal shall be bound by and subject to the rules of this competition and will indemnify and hold harmless this show and its committee, the Albany, Schenectady, Greene County Agricultural and Historical Society, Inc., (The Altamont Fair), its membership and its directors. The owner, rider/driver and any of their agents or representatives acknowledge that they participate voluntarily in the competition fully aware that sports and competition involve inherent risk, and by participating they expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss.

Signed: _____ Date: _____