

**HORSE PULL CONTEST  
LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR  
(ROUTE 108, EAST OF NEW CASTLE)  
7:30 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 15,  
CONDUCTED BY THE  
LAUREL HIGHLANDS HORSE PULLING ASSOCIATION**

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1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE TEAMS MAY BE TESTED FOR DRUGS.

COGGINS TEST PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED FOR ALL TEAMS BEFORE THE PULL.

DRAFT HORSE PULL IS OPEN.

The contest will be conducted under Revised Rules as formerly prescribed by Horse & Mule Association of America.

ALL TEAMS must be weighed on the provided scales.  
The scales will open at 6:30 p.m. on Monday.

The following rules will be enforced:

**DISQUALIFICATION**

Doctoring, whipping, punching, prodding or punishing of animals in any way will NOT be tolerated!

Foul language by drivers or helpers will NOT be tolerated at any time!

Any of these actions will result in disqualification.

Any violation of the rules of the contest may result in disqualification of the team by the officials.

DISTANCE OF PULL – 27 ½ fee, 20' foul lines (Two helpers are permitted.)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Three passes to the sled constitutes a pull.
  - a. Unhitch and you pass your second pull.
  - b. A third pull will be pulled from a spot determined by the driver.
2. Teams will pull in rotation. Rotation will be determined by order of entry.
3. A driver is allowed two helpers. They must not touch or speak to the horses while they are in motion.
  - a. Helpers are not allowed to drive the team in any way.
  - b. After hitching, helpers must remain behind the sled or machine outside the ropes.
  - c. The helper is not to handle the team by the head to be hitched to the sled at any time.
  - d. The helper may assist the driver in case of broken harness or unhooked adjustments. Helper must then step to the foul line before the team continues its pull.
4. Driver must be behind doubletrees.
5. A whistle will be given when the team has made the full distance or when the forward movement of the sled stops.
6. Each team will be driven by one driver throughout the contest except in case of an injury.
7. In the case of any breakage of harness or equipment, the team is entitled to another pull at the end of the rotation.
8. All bridles must have blinds
9. If any portion of the weight falls off during the pull, it is classified as a "no distance" pull. After the weight is replaced, the driver will be required to make another pull.
10. Pull of "no distance" if a horse steps on or over the 20' lines.
11. Pull will continue until 1 winner is declared. NO TIES!
12. The following time limits will apply:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt calls – 2 ½ minutes
  - 1 minute between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> attempts
13. Judges will be chosen by the horse committee.
14. The decision of the judges will be final. If they feel the conduct of a driver or his helpers is disgraceful or impairs the harmony of the organization, they have the authority to remove that person from the pull.

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