

Section – 3 Mini Pony Pulling Contest

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Rules:

*Ponies are required to have current Coggins Test. Puller should have the copy of the test results with them the night of the pull.

1. Team must pull 10 feet for a full pull.
2. The pulling track will be 15 feet wide.
3. Team will have 3 attempts at each load, with the option to pass the 2nd and 3rd attempt, teams have the option to stay hitched for the 2nd attempt. If the teamster chooses to unhook and re-hitch, the team must stay in the pulling area.
4. If a 3rd attempt is necessary, teamster will have choice of direction given there is ample space provided.
5. Teams will be allowed 3 tries to hitch to the sled per attempt. Over 3 tries will result in loss of attempt and no distance will be given for that attempt.
6. If team is unsuccessful to make a full pull the greatest distance will be their placing distance.
7. If there is a tie in distances, the next greatest distance will be the placing distance.
8. Each teamster will be permitted two helpers.
9. Any whipping, line slapping, smacking, kicking, etc. will result in loss of attempt with no distance given for the attempt.
10. Teamster and helpers may not be ahead of the double trees or it shall result in loss of attempt with no distance given for the attempt.
11. No open faced bridles are to be used. If opened faced bridles are used, the team will not be allowed to participate in the competition.
12. Teamsters and helpers may not head the ponies at any time while they are in the pulling area except if there are problems with the ponies and/or harness. If the teamster or helpers must head the ponies, the teamster must take the team back outside the pulling area and return in.
13. ONLY the teamster will be allowed to call on the team. Profane or offensive language is prohibited.
14. Teamster that loses control of the team during any point of the pull will be ejected from the competition and no distance will be given for that load.
15. In case of a breakdown before a team is hitched to the sled, the teamster will be allotted time to fix it. They will proceed and the teamster will move to the end of the order for the load.
16. In case of the breakdown while the team is hitched to the sled, the teamster will be permitted to unhook to fix it and the distance for that pull will stand. The teamster will automatically forfeit their 2nd attempt if a breakdown occurs during the 1st attempt.
17. There will be no switching of drivers.
18. There will be no switching of sides with ponies after the contest starts.

19. Whipping, slapping, jabbing or punishing the ponies in any way between trials will not be tolerated.

20. Ponies shall not be tied together by neck yoke, straps and ropers or in any other way. They are to be held together only by the regular ties used in driving.

Pennsylvania Mini and Pony Association Rules and Regulations Measurements:

There will be four pulling classes as follows:

Class

6600 – 34” Class – Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 34: WITHOUT SHOES and 35 3/8” WITH SHOES.

6610 – 36” Class – Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 36” WITHOUT SHOES and 37 3/8” WITH SHOES.

6620 – 38” Class – Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 38” WITHOUT SHOES and 39 3/8” WITH SHOES.

6630 - 42” Class – Ponies will be measured with their feet set squarely under their body and to the last mane hair. The maximum height for this class will be 42” WITHOUT SHOES and 43 3/8” WITH SHOES.

PREMIUM 1st \$125 2nd \$100 3rd \$75

A team must complete a successful first place to receive the \$25 consolation award.