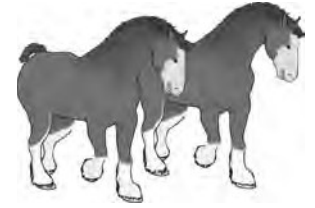




# Horse Draw Contest



**Saturday, August 26, 2023**  
1st \$140, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$100, 4th \$90, Hitch \$70

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## OTTAWA VALLEY HORSE DRAWING ASSOCIATION INC. RULES FOR 2022

1. All teams are subject to a drug test. Detailed explanation in Rule #18 Section A-J
2. All teamsters / representatives must have proof of current liability insurance for "horse pulling" in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).
3. All teamsters / representatives and owners must be a paid up participating member (\$50.00) of OVHDA and in good standing in order to draw in an OVHDA sanctioned.
4. There will be no alcoholic beverages used by the teamster / representative, helpers or officials while in the drawing area. If it is deemed that excessive drinking has taken place before or during the horse pull, appropriate action will be taken.
5. All teams must be weighted the day of the draw on association scales if available with halter and loose shank. **Absolutely no lifting** and teams weigh only twice. If a person argues about the weight of his team, he will have the choice to draw in the heavy class or withdraw his team from the contest. Scales will be open a minimum of 2½ hours and prior to the scheduled pull time. Lightweight teams weigh once per weekend (Thursday - Monday) on OVHDA, CCHPA, EODHA or Northern Draft Horse Club scales and your team must enter and pull when weighted at the first pull. With the exception if a pull is cancelled due to inclement weather the weight slips will be honored. Lightweight class is 3400lb. Lightweight class is 3400lb and under the grace of 25lb and heavyweight class is over 3400lb. A horse or team can only draw in one class and must complete 2 draws to collect hitch money where paid. Distance pullers can rent OVHDA scales and their weight slips will be accepted by OVHDA if team weighs 3400lb and under.
6. Each teamster must pull to the end with no quitting and will take 1 fair hitch on their last load. If a teamster / representative chooses to quit, **it must be declared before they start loading the boat for the next round.** If this is not done and he refuses to pull on the last load, he will forfeit and not receive any prize money.
7. A teamster / representative is allowed to enter and drive more than 1 team per class at OVHDA pulls and will draw for their pulling order prior to the beginning of the contest.
8. When a team enters the pulling area with or without blinders, they must stay that way for the duration of the contest. Adjustments to blinders during the pull are not allowed.
9. A) Length of a draw is 15 feet and a total of 5 minutes is allowed to complete 2 draws. The stone boat is to be drawn one way only however, can be drawn both ways for several rounds if deemed safe by the judge and fair board committee. Side lines are to be 18 ft. apart. If the boat is within 36" from the side lines, the next contestant can request to have the boat centered.  
B) When it is a distance pull, teams will be allowed 2 attempts to pull the boat 15ft. in one try. Their second attempt can be taken where the boat is or back to the start line if the boat has already been spotted. Anything over a 4" chuck in A or B (above) will be classified as one draw.
10. A teamster / representative is allowed 2 helpers and they must remain behind the leading edge of the whiffletrees while horses are drawing. After completing the first draw, there will be no change of teamster / representative except in the case of injury.
11. If there is a break in the harness, the teamster / representative has the option to keep that distance or start over. If he chooses to start over, the boat will be placed at the start of the course. Time to repair break in harness will be determined by the judge.
12. All teams are to remain stationary in the holding area until winners are determined. It is the responsibility of the teamster / representative to ensure their horses are attended to at all times.
13. A runaway or out of control team: **1st Offence** - Horses will automatically be eliminated from the contest and given a 5 pull suspension followed by 5 pulls with lines being tailed. **2nd Offence** - Horse(s) will be banned from pulling at OVHDA sanctioned pulls. For both offences, horses will be tested at the expense of the teamster / representative and prize money will be forfeited to OVHDA.
14. No Non-member competitor will be allowed to pull his horses in another member's name.
15. All decisions made by the judge are final.