



Horse Pulling Contest

Saturday, September 19, 2026 – 6 p.m.

Equine Arena

Superintendents: Robert Shirley, Carolyn Maher – 240-409-6428

Rules & Regulations:

1. There will be two (2) weight classes: Lightweight (up to and including 3,420 lbs. per team), and Heavyweight (over 3,420 lbs. per team)
2. If any team has competed in a Draft Horse Pull within 72 hours, weight checks will be waived with the proper paperwork.
3. Proper paperwork showing proof of participation must include name of competition and location date, horses' names, weight, and signed by the superintendent, judge, or secretary of that Draft Horse Pull. It must be presented at time of registration.
4. Teams that have not been weighted with 72 hours will need to be weighed. Weigh in time will be at 4:30 p.m.
5. A \$10.00 entry fee per team will be collected at time of registration.
6. Bring EIA/Coggins for each horse. Coggins tests must be done within 12 months of the contest (i.e., dated after September 20, 2025).
7. **Per State Law, all out-of-state equine must have a CVI no more than 30 days prior to the show (dated after 8/22/26).**
8. **Per State Law, all in-state equine must have either a CVI or VCPR no more than 60 days prior to the show (dated after 7/23/26) in order to participate.**
9. Maryland State Horse Pulling Rules will be observed and enforced.
10. The contest will begin at 6 p.m. with the Lightweight Class.
11. Prizes for each class: 1st - \$400.00, 2nd - \$350.00, 3rd - \$300.00, 4th - \$250.00, 5th - \$225.00, 6th - \$200.00, 7th - \$175.00, 8th - \$150.00, 9th - \$130.00, 10th - \$115.00, all others - \$100.00.

Teamster Award - \$250 | Unsung Hero Award - \$100