

## SECTION 17

### WESTERN HORSE DIVISION

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Date: Sunday, September 6, 2026

Place: Indoor arena, Shawville Fair Grounds

Take note of the rules for the 2026 edition:

-Every exhibitor is required to forward with their entry form a certificate of proof of liability insurance for the current year (**minimum of \$2,000,000 is required**), membership fee and and a EH E-1 vaccination proof is mandatory. Entries will not be processed until this information is received and will be subject to late entry fee of 25% of gross prize money. Entries are to be sent to Pontiac Agricultural Society, 215 Lang St., Box 149, Shawville QC J0X 2Y0. Entries must be received in the Fair office, by email or AssistExpo postmarked by August 20, 2026. **ALL ENTRIES AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE PROCESS!**

- Entry Fee: **Must have Pontiac Agriculture Society membership (60\$ membership fee)**. Entry fee: 15% of prize money won by the exhibitor.

**-Stall cleaning fee of 50\$ will be deducted of prize money. (unless stalls have been cleaned upon departure).**

-All entries must be filled out, including the animal's name and name of rider, and be signed.

-The stalls will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. NO RESERVATIONS.

-Only one entry form is to be used for each exhibitor.

-Exhibitors may bring in animals after 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 5, 2026.

-Exhibitors may pick up their show ring number(s) or make any entry changes on the morning of Sunday, September 6, 2026, 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the designated registration area.

-All horses and ponies are subject to measurement which will be made in accordance with the C.E.F. rules and regulations.

-Stallions are not eligible in any Novice classes.

-All exhibitors and attendants must be neatly and appropriately attired upon entering the ring.

-Each exhibitor is subject to and should be familiar with the by-laws of the Pontiac Agricultural Society, which are found in this book and with all the horsemen rules found at the beginning of the horse section.

- An unruly horse will be expelled from the fair grounds.

-Any exhibitor who attempts to harm another in any way risks losing the prizes won.

-If an exhibitor or judge violates a rule and the majority rule of the members of the Ringmasters Committee deem the violation serious enough to warrant a sanction, an investigation will be initiated immediately. If the alleged facts are found to be true, this could result in the revocation of the right to participate in the exhibition and immediate notification to the Canadian Equestrian Federation.

-If the identity of a horse is deliberately falsified in any way, the exhibitor will forfeit all prizes won and sanctions will be taken by the Canadian Equestrian Federation. The Equestrian Committee will be responsible for uncovering any attempts at dishonesty even before complaints are made.

-Horses must be presented without artificial devices except as permitted by the laws and regulations of the Canadian Equestrian Federation.

-In the event that the director of the equestrian committee is notified, in writing, that an exhibitor has presented his or her animal(s) under the influence of banned products during competitions, the exhibitor will be deprived of the right to participate in the Shawville show and the prizes won will be withdrawn. The decision to this effect will be

taken by the President of the Equestrian Committee. This regulation will be strictly enforced.

-Cruelty to animals will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.

-All complaints must be reported to the Director on the day of the exhibition. The Director's decision shall be final and binding.

-Exhibitors must remain on the exhibition grounds until the end of the competitions.

-The Pontiac Agricultural Society cannot be held responsible for any transmission of diseases between animals.

-One of the conditions of registration is that each exhibitor cannot hold the Pontiac Agricultural Society and its Directors responsible for any accident or loss.

-Another condition of registration is that each exhibitor is held responsible for any accident or damage that may be caused to a person or equipment.

-Children 6 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult to be admitted to the stables.

**-Dogs are not allowed. Apart from service animals.**

-During the presentation of the various animal competitions (cows, oxen, horses, etc.), the presenters and their assistants will have to wear an exclusive bracelet. Security guards will only allow access to the rear area of the presentation site to those with this wristband. The exclusive wristband will be distributed by the director responsible for these competitions.

-Working trailers may only be parked in the area designated by the Director. Trailer space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

-Parking Passes are allotted as: helper – 1 pass for 4 or more horses; vehicle – 1 pass for 4 horses, maximum of 2, the second vehicle must park off-site. Passes will be distributed after animals have been checked in by the Director.

## Travel Compensation

Exhibitors traveling **74 km or less** (one way) from the Exhibitor's farm address to the Shawville Fairgrounds located at 215 Lang Street, Shawville, Quebec, will receive **\$25 per animal exhibited to a maximum of \$250**

Exhibitors traveling **75 km or more** (one way) from the Exhibitor's farm address to the Shawville Fairgrounds located at 215 Lang Street, Shawville, Quebec, will receive **\$50 per animal exhibited to a maximum of \$500**

## FOR TIMED CLASSES

The Best time recorded by the timer will determine prize money.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
100\$	90\$	80\$	75\$	60\$

## Class Rules:

Each Class has maximum of 20 Riders. First com, first service, as per time and date of email, AssistExpo or post mark.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$90, 3rd: \$80, 4th: \$75, 5th: \$60 (15% kept by the fair)

## Classes:

1. Novice Costume Class - 8 years or younger
2. Youth Costume Class - 9 to 17 years old.
3. Adult Costume Class - 18 years old or older
4. Novice Pole Bending  
rider 8 years old or younger, must be accompanied by an adult and the horse/pony to be 14 hands and under.
5. Youth Pole Bending - Rider 9 to 17 years old.
6. Adult Pole Bending - Rider 18 years old or older.
7. Novice Barrel Racing - rider 8 years old or younger  
must be accompanied by an adult and the horse/pony to be 14 hands and under.
8. Youth Barrel Racing - Rider 9 to 17 years old.
9. Adult Barrel Racing - Rider 18 years old or older.
10. Novice Flag Race

rider 8 years old or younger, must be accompanied by an adult and the horse/pony to be 14 hands and under

11. Youth Flag Race - Rider 9 to 17 years old.
12. Adult Flag Race - Rider 18 years old or older
13. Novice KeyHole  
rider 8 years old or younger, must be accompanied by an adult and the horse/pony to be 14 hands and under.
14. Youth KeyHole- Rider 9 - 17 years old
15. Adult KeyHole - Rider 18 years old or older.
16. Novice Showmanship - Halter Class - 8 years old or younger
17. Youth Showmanship - Halter Class - 9 to 17 years old
18. Youth Relay Race - Rider 9 to 17 years old
19. Adult Relay Race - Rider 18 years old or older.
20. Open Musical Stalls - All Riders over 10 years of age. (Must to be able to get on and off horse by oneself.)

### Western Horse Program Schedule

Program in Indoor arena

The schedule is subject to change when deemed appropriate by the Ring Master and the Western Division Director.

**The definitive schedule will be available Sunday morning at registration.**

**A tentative schedule will be available in early August.**

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#### Barrel Racing:

- Riders run past a timer line and circle around the 1st barrel, then proceed to the 2nd barrel, and finally continue to the 3rd barrel.
- The pattern is often referred to as a “Cloverleaf.”
- Riders can choose to start with either the left or right barrel first.
- **Penalty:** Add 5 seconds for each knocked-over barrel.
- Rider is disqualified if they go off pattern.

- Crossing back over the starting line before completing the pattern will result in no time.

#### Pole Bending:

- Riders run past a timer line to the end of a line of six poles.
- They weave down through the pattern, turn at the last pole, and weave back up.
- The fastest time wins.
- **Penalty:** Add 3 seconds for each knocked-over pole.
- **Disqualification:**
  - Going off course.
  - Going over the finish line before completing the course.
  - When running doubles, going over the center line.

#### Flags:

- Riders must cross the timer line and pick up a flagpole and then race back across the finish line.
- **Disqualifications:**
  - Knocking over the stake in the barrel.
  - Stepping on or over the start line once the pattern has been initiated.
  - Going off course (unless corrected before the horse's shoulder passes the stake).
  - Crossing the center line when running two contestants at a time.

#### Keyhole:

- 4 poles will make a space 4 feet wide and 10 feet long at the end of the arena.
- The rider is timed from crossing the line, running through the slot, turning, and running out through the slot, and then back across the finish line.
- The horse must not pass the poles.
- The Ring Master watches for horse's feet passing over the line.

### **Relay:**

- This game is completed in a team of two.
- Rider 1 crosses the timer line with relay baton, starting the time on the run.
- Rider 1 travels around perimeter outside the coned area provided back across the timer to Rider 2, if rider goes inside the cones, the run will not count.
- Rider 2 waits behind the timer line for Rider 1 to pass the baton to them to then complete their run, Rider 2 is not cross timer line while Rider 1 is running, or the run will not count.

### **Musical Stalls:**

- Must be able to get on an off you horse from the ground.
- All riders begin in the ring.
- Feeds sakes will be placed along the middle of the ring. Number will be one less than the number of riders in the class.
- Music will begin to play and commands with be given by the announcer.
- When the music stops, riders must dismount and get to an unoccupied feed bag.
- If feeds bags are left rider no on a bag is out and must leave the arena.
- Riders must fight for the last bag, the first rider with their foot in the feed bag wins.

### **Showmanship – Halter Class:**

- Exhibitor evaluated on the handler's ability to fit and present a horse.