



Baraga County Fair Pony Pull Event Handbook Rules and Regulations

Event Coordinator: Bill Connor

Entry Fees: \$10/Class

Copies of negative Coggins Test for all exhibitors and CVI's for out of state exhibitors.

Participants are responsible to review all rules.

Participants must be 16 years or older.

Classes

- 1- Pony Teams – 50 inches and under
- 2- Pony Teams – Over 50 inches – 53 inches

Specific Pony Pull Rules:

1. Measuring location to be announced on the fairgrounds.
2. All ponies will be measured at the third vertebrae of the withers standing in natural position; horseshoes will be deducted from height on pony.
3. Ponies will be measured by a committee selected by the event coordinator.
4. No stimulated ponies will be allowed to pull.
5. Each driver must take its first pull after each weight change, except on warm-up loads.
6. The weight of each load will be determined by the judges.
7. Three trials allowed for each load. The driver must just stay hooked for his second trial and return at the end for his third trial; third trial can pull either way.
8. There will not be over three tries to hitch or it will be counted as one pull.
9. The distance for each pull is 14 feet. A distance of less than 14 feet after the third trial will determine the winner placement at the end of the contest. The distance chain will be fastened to the center, rear of the boat. The stake end of the chain will be set to touch the rear of the boat.

10. If any pony steps on or over the ropes while pulling the team will be disqualified for that given pull. This must be called by the judges.
11. No one pony will be allowed to pull in two separate classes.
12. Teams must pull one official load to qualify for premium money.
13. It is illegal to administer, internal or external, a drug that could affect or alter the normal performance of a pony entered in a pulling contest.
14. Any abuse or misuse of ponies before or during the contest will be cause for immediate disqualification.
15. Any forward movement of the load after driver gives command to go will be counted as a pull and measurement will be recorded except in case of breakage which will entitle the team to another pull.
16. Any team declared unmanageable will be sent to their trailer by the judges.
17. Each team will be driven by the same driver during the entire contest, except in case of injury. Driver must be ready when it's their turn to pull.
18. If any team takes too long to get ready to pull, their pull can be taken away.
19. Contest is governed by Michigan Horse Pulling Association, Inc. rules.
20. Use of an electrical device either handheld or remote-controlled or any method used to stimulate a pony to pull is prohibited. At any time, the judge or event coordinator may require an inspection of the ponies and/or harnesses for electronic shock items. Every participant is subject to inspection. Refusal to allow an inspection, or if the team is taken from pulling arena/area prior to the inspection request, will result in an immediate disqualification. Event coordinator is responsible for inspections.
21. The ponies must remain in designated pull areas.

Prize Schedule

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
\$250	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25

Baraga County Fair Pony Pull Event Entry Form & Liability Waiver

*** Please fill out (1) form for each individual participating in Pull Area. Submit entry form to Event Coordinator. ***

Participant Name: _____ **Age:** _____
(If under 18)

Class Entry: _____

***Participants under 18 years of age must have Entry Form signed by a Parent or Legal Guardian. ***

Baraga County Fair Hold Harmless Agreement and Liability Waiver

I, (the "Participant"), acknowledge that I have read the Specifications for the Pony Pull Event and the Baraga County Fair Pony Pull Event Handbook Rules and Regulations and will abide by them. Any action that goes against those described in the Rules and Regulations is grounds for disqualification and/or removal from the Pull Area.

I, the Participant, releases Baraga County Fair, its affiliates, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from all liabilities assumed by Participants involvement and participation in any and all activities related to the Baraga County Fair Pony Pull Event (the "Event"). I, the Participant, do hereby consent to participation in all actions and activities of the Event including but not limited to:

- The Participant is responsible for the Participant's own insurance coverage in the event of personal injury or illness as a result of participation in activities of Baraga County Fair.
- 1. Waiver and Release: I, the Participant, Release and forever discharge and hold harmless Baraga County Fair and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from the activities as a participant in the Event, including claims arising out of negligence. I understand and acknowledge that this Release Discharges Baraga County Fair from any liability or claim that may arise with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from the Participant's involvement in the Event's activities.
- 2. Insurance: I, the Participant, affirm that the Participant is covered by primary medical insurance and understand that the Participant is responsible for his/her/its own medical bills if injury occurs. Further, I understand that Baraga County Fair does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide the Participant with financial or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability benefits or insurance of any nature in the event of the Participant's injury, illness, death, or damage to his or her property. I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of Baraga County Fair beyond what may be offered freely by Baraga County Fair in the event of such injury or medical expenses incurred by the Participant.
- 3. Assumption Of Risk: I, the Participant, understand that the activities of the Event and which the Participant is involved in may include activities that are inherently dangerous to the Participant. I hereby expressly assume the risk of injury or harm of the Participant from these activities and Release Baraga County Fair from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from these activities.

• 4. Photographic Release: I, the Participant, grant and convey to Baraga County Fair all right, title, and interest in any and all photographs, images, video or audio recordings of the Participant or his or her likeness or voice made by Baraga County Fair in connection with the Participant's involvement in the Event, including but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

• 5. Medical Treatment: I, the Participant, hereby Release and forever discharge Baraga County Fair from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with an emergency during the Participant's activity with Baraga County Fair. We give our consent for Baraga County Fair to provide, administer, or obtain medical treatment for the Participant.

• 6. Other: I, the Participant, expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release is deemed invalid, the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Release shall not be affected.

By signing below, I, Participant, express my understanding and intent to enter into this Release and Waiver of Liability knowingly and voluntarily.

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT.

Date: _____ **Participant Signature:** _____

FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ACCEPT THE ABOVE WAIVER AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION

The parent and/or legal guardian of the registered minor acknowledges that he or she has executed the foregoing waiver and release of liability for and on behalf of the named minor. As the legal guardian of said minor, I agree to bind myself, the minor, and our heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and personal representatives to the terms of the above waiver and release of liability.

I further represent that I have the legal capacity and authority to act for and on the behalf of the minor named herein, and I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above referenced released parties listed in the above paragraphs for any claims made of liabilities assessed against the released parties as a result of any deficiencies in my legal capacity to act for or on behalf of the minor registering for the Event.

I authorize any licensed physician or emergency personnel to treat the minor for the purpose of treating injuries received by said minor arising out of the Event. I further authorize any such physician or emergency personnel to perform all procedures deemed medically advisable in attempting to treat or relieve such injuries.

Date: _____ **Parent/Guardian Name (Print):** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____