

Maryland State Fair Horse Pulling Contest

Saturday and Sunday

September 5-6, 2026

7:30 p.m.

Light Teams

Saturday, August 30, 2026

7:30 p.m.

Heavy Teams

Sunday, August 31, 2026

7:30 p.m.

The Rules Adopted by the Maryland State Fair Governing This Contest

1. Teams must be on the grounds by 3:00 p.m. the day of the Pull, so they can be weighed and declared officially in the contest. Weighing will start at 4:00 p.m.
2. If it becomes necessary to cancel a contest due to rain or wet grounds, the total premium for each contest will be divided equally between the teams officially entered therein.
3. A negative Coggins test made within twelve months of the contest is required; see Rule 9 under Special Rules.
4. The use of narcotics or other stimulants is forbidden, and all teams are subject to a blood and/or urine test. If the test is positive, the team will be disqualified and all prize money will be forfeited.
5. If a person refuses to have his or her team tested, the team will be disqualified and prize money and ribbons will not be awarded.
6. Lightweight teams - Written verification of weight will be accepted if lightweight team weighed in and competed in a contest within 72 hours of the State Fair Pulling Contest.

F1000. Light Team • Open to pairs of horses or mules weighing under 3,325 pounds

F1001. Heavy Team • Open to pairs of horses or mules weighing 3,325 pounds or over

Prize Money

1st Place.....	\$500.00	5th Place	\$300.00
2nd Place.....	450.00	6th Place	250.00
3rd Place.....	400.00	7th Place	225.00
4th Place.....	350.00	8th Place	200.00
		All Others	175.00

The Horse Pulling Contest will be held in the horse show ring - weather permitting.