

# Maryland State Fair Horse Pulling Contest

Saturday and Sunday

**September 5-6, 2026**

7:30 p.m.

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## Light Teams

Saturday, September 5, 2026

7:30 p.m.

## Heavy Teams

Sunday, September 5, 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

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|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 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.