

Queens County Fair 2026

9650 Highway #8 Caledonia, NS B0T1B0

September 15th to 19th, 2026

The exhibition grounds will be open Saturday September 12th starting at **noon** to accept campers and livestock.

IMPORTANT:

All livestock entries are to be received by **August 24nd, 2026.**

Entry **Form** is to be emailed to qclighthorse@gmail.com

Entry **Fees** is to be e-transferred to queenscountyfair@gmail.com

They must be completed in full and be accompanied with payment of all entry and class fees. Incomplete forms will not be processed pending receipt of payment. You are required to provide proof of insurance and have waiver forms properly signed. The Office/Announcer's Booth at the Light Horse Ring will be open September 14th at 5pm to process entries.

Rules and Regulations:

Please make yourself familiar with the rules and regulations.

- We accept day show entries with the same deadlines as week entries.
- Day show stalling only if available, otherwise required to tie to the trailer.
- All post entry fees must be paid at the time of entering and during the open office hours during the fair week.
- Exhibitor entry and class fees must accompany entry form or they will be subject to post entry fees.
- Entries will be processed in the order of which they are received and funds paid.
- Box stalls will be on a first come first serve basis as entries and other fees are received.
- There will not be any switching of entries from one class to another.
- Class and entry fees will not be refunded unless a Veterinary Certificate is provided or proof of medical reasoning. Refunds must be requested before the start of the show.
- Admin fee is non refundable, even before entry deadline.
- Exhibitors must notify the Light Horse Office prior to the start of the class if they are scratching from the class.

- Be prepared for your classes; you will be called to be on deck. 2 minutes given to enter the ring following be called. If not in the ring, it can result in you being eliminated from the class.
- Horses must be led by hand when in between designated riding rings.
- In cases where there is some question concerning rules governing a particular class, the Judge's ruling will be final.
- Age of rider shall be determined by the rider's age as of August 22nd(entry deadline), of the current year. Anyone 18 years of age and under of said date, are considered Youth and must wear protective headgear with an attached harness while mounted anywhere on grounds. Use of helmets by riders 19 years of age and over is optional, but it is recommended.
- PeeWee riders may use western or english equipment in any class.
- PeeWee riders may be guided **with** or **without** a lead line by an adult handler.
- Stallions are not permitted to be handled by anyone other than a senior.
- Open Division is for **all** ages who can handle their horse independently.
- English Division - Open to any aged rider off leadline. Horse and rider are to be in proper attire and tack; which includes english saddle, bridle and bit. The rider is to wear a jacket, english boots, breeches, helmet, and tie. Gloves are optional. Braiding of mane and tail are optional. Martingales, tie downs, dropped nosebands, and draw reins are prohibited.
- Any entry not entered a minimum of seven classes is not guaranteed to be accepted
- BIT RULE:
 PeeWee classes - Any bit, two handed permitted.
 Youth classes - Any bit; if a shank bit is chosen, must be ridden one handed.
 Senior classes - Any bit; if a shank bit is chosen, must be ridden one handed.
 These rules exclude Gymkhana and Games. At the discretion of the Judge and Ring Master, bits may be checked in any class. Any bit that is either illegal or inhumane will not be allowed.
- Back number must be visible at **all** times. If you choose to place your number on the saddle pad, it must be on both sides of the saddle pad. Riders will receive a warning for the first offense about incorrect back numbers. After that it may result in elimination for that class.
- Timed Events - Any rider crossing the start line without a hat or helmet in place will be eliminated. Deliberately tipping off a hat or helmet after

crossing the start line will not be tolerated. The first time you will receive a warning, the second time will result in elimination.

- Western Classes - horses are to be shown in western tack and handler/rider is to be in western attire; which consists of a long sleeve shirt, long pants, western boots, and a western hat or helmet.
- No martingales, tie downs, nosebands, draw reins, mechanical hackamores, crops, splint boots, or bandages allowed in any western pleasure, trail, horsemanship, or command class.
- In classes where a crop is allowed, maximum length is 75cm.
- Fall of horse and/or rider in any Gymkhana class or race, results in elimination.
- Flat classes which have both horses and ponies entered; at the Judge's discretion, may ask the horses to lope or canter separately from the ponies.
- Horses and ponies must be under control at all times. Any entry felt not to be in control may be asked to leave the ring at the Judge's discretion.
- Show officials reserve the right to change the program or classes if deemed necessary.
- A horse can be entered in a class no more than once. Exception to this rule in the PeeWee leadline division where a rider can share the same horse when not in a rail class.
- The rules and regulations of this show are automatically agreed to by the exhibitor when signing their entry form.
- Any form of cruelty, for example, excessive use of crop, spurring, kicking, or hitting the horse with the reins or any other object; will not be tolerated and result in disqualification. First offense will be a warning, second offense will be disqualification from the class, and the third offense will be disqualification for the week.
- Horses will be received on Monday until 10:00 pm. Unavoidable delays will be dealt with at the discretion of the appropriate committee.
- The fairgrounds will be open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.
- Animals low in flesh or otherwise inferior character, unworthy of a place in exhibition, will not be admitted under any circumstances.
- Any animal exhibiting signs of unsoundness or lameness may be excused from the ring at the Judge's discretion.
- Safety of Exhibits - though the Association will take reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of articles sent or brought to the exhibition, yet it must be definitely understood that the owner themselves must assume all risk. Should any article be accidentally

injured, lost, or stolen; the association will give assistance in its power toward recovery.

- Livestock for competition or exhibit shall not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 pm on the closing day(Saturday) of the exhibition.
- Exhibitors must supply proper fastenings for safely securing the animals in stalls. The committee will not be responsible for any injury or accident to any animal during the time of the exhibition or on the exhibition grounds.
- Any exhibitor infringing any of the regulations shall forfeit all or any of the prizes that may have been awarded to them.
- No person shall be allowed to interfere with the Judges while in the discharge of their duties. Exhibitors so interfering will forfeit their right to any premium to which they might have received.
- Prize money not paid out immediately following the class will be paid during the two week period following the closing of the fair; by cheque through the mail. These cheques are to be cashed by the end of November. Exhibitors are urged to have their prize accounts checked at the fair office the day following the close of the fair.
- Try as we may, we cannot always avoid mistakes; but we can and will cheerfully correct them. Please call our attention to our mistakes.
- Awards ceremony all competitors are welcomed to join with horse on lead and competitor in appropriate attire for the show ring.
- Divisions labeled as **POINTED** will have an overall Champion award to be presented at the Awards Ceremony. Not all classes within that category are required to be entered in order to be considered.

Prices & Fees

Livestock Entry Fees

Admin Fee	\$20.00
Straight Stall Fee	\$15.00
Box Stall Fee	\$45.00

Public Admission Prices

Car Pass	\$5.00
Adult Season Pass	\$25.00
Adult Day Pass	\$7.00
(13 years and over)	
Child Season Pass	\$5.00
Child Day Pass	\$2.00
(5 to 12 years)	

Children under 5 years admitted for free

Parade Day School aged children admitted for free

Entry Fees

Regular classes \$5.00, post entry fee will be an increase to \$7.00

Stake classes are \$10.00, post entry fee will be an increase to \$15.00

PLEASE NOTE:

All entries (including day show) must be received with payment for entries - in full - by Saturday, August 24th 2025, or they will be subject to post entry fees.

Day Showing

We are open to day showing all week long. Anyone choosing to day show must enter the grounds at the Co-Op Road gate and proceed to the show ring office to register (map attached at the back of the prize book). Due to a limited number of stalls, we cannot guarantee stalls for day show entries; or any entry not showing a minimum of seven classes.

Horses that are showing for the entire week, and require stabling must be on the grounds and registered by 9:00 pm Monday, September 14th 2026; and must stay until 10:00 pm Saturday, September 19th 2026.

Proof of insurance must accompany your entry form, and waivers must be signed.

Entries that are paid in full will be processed in the order in which they are received; others held depending on available space.

All exhibitor passes will be passed out at the time of registration. Regular season passes will be available on Monday at the Westfield gate office, along with camping receipts.

Light Horse Classes

English Division - POINTED

English Pleasure - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to extend gait.

English Equitation - Judged on the rider's basic position in the saddle.

Road Hack - To be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop both directions of the ring. Judged on horse's manners and way of traveling.

Hunter Hack - Will be required to jump two jumps of a maximum height 2'9". Pattern will be posted.

English Command - Judge to give instruction to riders. If the rider is unable to complete the task, will be directed to the center of the ring.

Open Division

Showmanship - Ability to show your horse on the line.

Halter - Shown in hand. Horses are judged on their conformation, appearance, and suitability for breeding.

Freestyle Reining - Rider demonstrates their reining abilities while performing their own pattern.

Around The Arena Ribbon Race - A team of two competitors holding a ribbon through a course.

Bareback Dollar - Riders equipment include a bridle only, without a saddle. A paper dollar is placed under the rider's leg, a process of elimination until the dollar falls out.

Wheelbarrow Race - Ride horse to end of arena where your partner and wheelbarrow is waiting, then dismount, and rider has a choice to either push wheelbarrow with partner in it, or partner pushes rider in wheelbarrow to the start/finish line.

Two Pole Dash - Competitors riding a timed event in a pattern of two poles.

BarnYard Jumping - A set of jumps which are put together with homemade style materials. Timed event, a knocking over of a jump pole adds 5 seconds per each fault to the final time. Rode either English or Western.

Figure 8 Race - Timed event going around two poles in a figure 8 pattern

Goat Tying - Timed event. Ride horse to goat, dismount and tie goat feet together. Friday following the Men's Pole Bending, will be a break and practice opportunity. Try Outs will include 3 rounds, best time taken. Finals include top 10 times.

Extreme Trail - A timed class of navigating obstacles on a course with challenges from easy to complex. Time penalty added to incomplete obstacles

Ladies Barrel Racing

Ladies Pole Bending

Men's Barrel Racing

Men's Pole Bending

Costume - Riders and horses dress up in costume, walk around the arena to display.

Straight Barrels - Timed game with barrels set in a straight line

Western Command - Judge to give instruction to riders. If a rider is unable to complete the task, will be directed to the center of the ring in a process of elimination.

Cup & Water - Riders follow instruction by the judge around the rail while holding a cup filled with water. Riders with the most water remaining will be placed.

Peewee Division

Costume
Pleasure
Trail
Pole Bending
Straight Barrels
Potato Race

Cup & Water
Musical Chairs
Barrel Racing
Sack Race
Keyhole
Wheelbarrow

Youth Gymkhana Division - POINTED

Barrel Racing #1
Barrel Racing #2
Barrel Racing #3

Pole Bending #1
Pole Bending #2
Pole Bending #3

Youth Western Performance Division - POINTED

See Senior for class Descriptions

Ranch Pleasure
Ranch Riding
Ranch Reining
Ranch Trail

Trail
Western Pleasure
Western Horsemanship

Senior Gymkhana Division - POINTED

Barrel Racing #1
Barrel Racing #2
Barrel Racing #3

Pole Bending #1
Pole Bending #2
Pole Bending #3

Senior Western Performance Division - POINTED

Reining - A precise pattern of maneuvers.

Ranch Pleasure - The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse.

Ranch Reining - To perform basic handling maneuvers with a natural head carriage in a forward looking manner.

Ranch Riding - To perform a pattern that includes changes of gait, extension of gait, crossing legs and lead changes.

Ranch Trail - Test the horse's ability to cope with situations encountered while being ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during the course of everyday ranch work.

Western Pleasure - The horse is to appear as a pleasure to ride, smooth-moving and relaxed.

Trail - Navigate a series of obstacles.

Western Horsemanship - Judged on the rider's ability to to ride and handle the horse through a pattern.

Stake Division

Open for entry of Youth and Senior Competitors

Western Pleasure

Western Command

Ranch Riding

*** Consolation Barrel Racing / Championship Barrel Racing**

*** Consolation Pole Bending / Championship Pole Bending**

*** All competitors from Youth & Senior are open to entering classes Consolation/Champion Barrels & Poles.** Each competitor's best time from Youth & Senior Barrel Racing/Pole Bending #1, #2, #3 is taken. All competitors who enter will be running in one division or the other. Class Lists will be posted following the #3 running to determine what class you qualified for.

Awards

PeeWee Competitors

Gifts

Champion Youth Barrel Racing Competitor

Champion Youth Pole Bending Competitor

Champion Youth Western Performance Horse Competitor

Champion Senior Barrel Racing Competitor

Champion Senior Pole Bending Competitor

Champion Senior Western Performance Horse Competitor

Champion English Horse Competitor

Best Decorated Stall

Map

