

**2026 Calgary Stampede Canadian National Miniature Horse Show**

**July 9-12, 2026**

**Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta**

**Nutrien Western Event Centre, Northern Lights Arena**

**Judges**

**Dana Gardner, King George, VA – Senior Judge**

**Pamela Allen, Liberty, NC – Approved Judge**

**AMHA APPROVED**

**Entries Open May 1, 2026 – Entries Close 4:00PM (MST) June 5, 2026**

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**Important Show Premium Information**

# **DOUBLE POINTS SHOW**

This Show Is Open To All AMHA Registered Horses

Amateurs & Youth Must Provide A Copy Of Their Current Year Youth Or Amateur Card  
Applications Will Be Available In The Show Office

Judges Evaluation Cards Will Be Available In The Show Office And Are Completed On A  
Voluntary Basis

All Exhibitors Are Welcome To Participate In All Shows Regardless of Physical or Mental  
Limitations

Gelding Status Must Be Reflected On the Papers Or A Show Letter From The Office

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**On-line Entries - TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY please click on the following link:**

<https://calgarytenday.fairwire.com/>

**All entries must be completed online and submitted through our online system. Entries will NOT be accepted over the phone, by email or by fax. If you require assistance with online entries, please contact our entries office at [agriculture@calgarystampede.com](mailto:agriculture@calgarystampede.com) and we will be happy to assist you!**

**Entry Fees:**

- \$30 per entry, per class (this covers two judges/shows)
- AMHA fee of \$5.50 per horse
- Stall Fees - \$60 per 10x10 stall. Max 2 horse per. Tack/feed stalls (10'x10') will be given last priority. Refunds issued for paid stalls that cannot be accommodated.

- Free Youth Showmanship, Musical Chairs & Costume Classes - There is no entry fee or prize money for these classes. \*Please refer to the Calgary Stampede Horse Show Committee Costume Class Guidelines.
- **NO POST ENTRIES ACCEPTED**
- FREE RV/Camping but forms will be included in the on-line entries for you to fill out, spaces are limited, and exhibitors must meet the criteria highlighted on the application form – therefore, spots are not guaranteed. Offsite RV information will be posted on our website.

### **CALGARY & SURROUNDING AREA VISITOR INFORMATION**

- For information on Calgary, accommodations (hotels), campground information around Calgary please visit [www.visitCalgary.com](http://www.visitCalgary.com).

**Note:** Height classes may be combined at the sole discretion of the show committee should there be fewer than three entries in a class. Height classes may also be combined due to time restrictions. Exhibitors will be notified in advance if classes are combined. The show committee will make every effort to notify exhibitors in this instance within two weeks after the close of entries.

### **Stalling:**

- All miniature horse stalling will be in the Agriculture Barns.
- Stalls must be ordered at the same time as class entries. All stalling will be subject to available space.
- All Miniature Horse Show Stalling will be in 10'x10' box stalls, maximum two horses per 10x10.
- Shavings are supplied free of charge.
- Tack/feed stalls (10'x10') will be given last priority. Refunds will be issued for any paid stalls that cannot be accommodated.
- There MAY be no display stalls in 2026 – due to barn space limitations and entry numbers.
- Due to space limitations, the Calgary Stampede reserves the right to limit the number of entries to the show.
- The selection committee's decision is final.

**EQUINE BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS:** We take the health and safety of your equine partners very seriously at the Calgary Stampede. A **mandatory** submission of an Equine Biosecurity Form must be filled out by all equine exhibitors entered into the Calgary Stampede Canadian National Miniature Horse Show.

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## **Premiums & Awards:**

### **Prize Money Distribution \*Prize money awarded for classes with 4 and more entries shown**

- AMHA Classes (paid per judge) - 1st \$50, 2nd \$45, 3rd \$35, 4th \$30
- Gamblers Choice Class (Non AMHA) - \$500 TAKES ALL! *Highest points earned from clear jumps determines the winner.*
- Supreme Halter Horse - \$500 (per judge)

The determination of Canadian National Champions and high point awards will be made by an accumulation of points earned from both judges in their respective divisions. In the event of a tie, the placings of the call judge will take priority. Canadian National Champions will be awarded in the following categories:

- Junior Halter Mares, Senior Halter Mares
- Junior Halter Stallions, Senior Halter Stallions
- Junior Halter Geldings, Senior Halter Geldings
- Stock Horse, Single Pleasure Driving Horse, Roadster Driving Horse, Country Pleasure Driving Horse, Classic Pleasure Driving, Supreme Halter Horse

Canadian National Halter Champions (Junior and Senior Champion Mares, Junior and Senior Champion Stallions, Junior, and Senior Champion Geldings) will compete for the title of Canadian National Supreme Halter Horse. Flower garlands will be awarded to the Canadian Champions and the Supreme Halter Horse.

Ribbons will be awarded as per AMHA rules for placings under both judges.

**Grand Champion buckles** awarded.

**High Point Buckles** for 7 & Under, Youth 8-12, Youth 13-18 and Amateur. Points calculated are based on each horse/handler combination. Handlers may exhibit more than one horse, but points earned from showing multiple horses will not be combined.

**Individual Go Buckle** – Open classes, one horse/handler. Open Halter Obstacle, Open Driving Obstacle, Open Versatility, Open Liberty, Open Hunter, Open Jumper, Open Barrel Race and Open Stake Race classes to count.

**Jim Rodgers Youth Sportsmanship Award** – Perpetual Trophy

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## **EXHIBITOR BADGES (ACCREDITATION)**

An official accreditation badge will be needed by all those granted complimentary Park access for the 2026 Calgary Stampede. In addition to granting access to Stampede Park, the accreditation will indicate which restricted areas each person can enter based on individual requirements. Accreditation passes must be purchased for a fee of \$35.00 (inc. GST). These badges are a privilege of the exhibitors and will be limited. Photos will be required for 2026 for all accreditation badges.

Exhibitors are responsible for lost or forgotten badges.

The Agriculture Accreditation Badge will be recognized as entry to Stampede Park at all walk-through gates for the entire Calgary Stampede, July 2-12, 2026. Accreditation badges will be available for pickup along with your exhibitor package at our Accreditation Trailer located via Dartmouth Road.

## **TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS**

Please reference our [Health Regulations](#) page for detailed information on transporting animals within Alberta and importing horses to Canada. If you have any questions, please contact our Entries Office at (403)261-9159.

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For additional information, please contact Show Manager, Kathy Botsford at 403.261.0418, or email: [kbotsford@calgarystampede.com](mailto:kbotsford@calgarystampede.com)

**Mailing Address:** Calgary Exhibition & Stampede, Box 1060, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2K8

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## **RULES:**

**MISSION STATEMENT** The Calgary Stampede and the Miniature Horse Show Sub-Committee are committed to planning and delivering the annual Miniature Horse Show to a standard worthy of Canadian National Status, while simultaneously ensuring that administration of the show is efficient and effective. To achieve the foregoing objective, reliance is placed upon Calgary Stampede policies and guidelines as well as AMHA rules. Accordingly, exhibitors/participants must familiarize themselves with the governing policies, guidelines, and rules. It is an expectation that all exhibitors/participants will comply with entry deadlines, move in and release requirements, shot box requirements and be on time for the pre-show measuring of horses. It goes without saying that all persons, in any way involved with the Miniature Horse Show, are expected to at all times, conduct themselves in a courteous manner.

1. Special attention is called to the following:
  - [Calgary Stampede Agriculture General Rules](#)
  - [Health Regulations](#)
  - [IAFE Code of Ethics](#)
  - [Animal Care Codes of Practice](#)
  - [Calgary Stampede Horse Show Committee Costume Class Guidelines](#)
2. A combined point score based on the placings of each judge will determine the Canadian National Champion. In the event of a tie, the call judge will make the final decision.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for carrying their own liability insurance, (see Liability - General Rules).

4. Exhibitors must ascertain at what time judging will take place; and no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judges have overlooked the exhibits will be considered by the Calgary Stampede.
5. Due to limited show time, there will be no gate holds.
6. It is compulsory for exhibitors to wear the official show numbers supplied by the Calgary Stampede.
7. Miniature Horse exhibitors who do not adhere to the Miniature Horse release time will automatically forfeit their prize money and may result in corrective action such as refusal of entry, suspension, or other action as may be deemed appropriate.
8. Exhibitors canceling their entries shall forfeit their entry fee except when a certificate of disability is issued by a qualified veterinarian. The certificate of disability must be received by the Agriculture Entries Office by **Monday, July 6, 2026**, in order to receive an entry fee refund. Please submit a completed **SCRATCH FORM** if you wish to cancel any entries.
9. General show rules are governed by the AMHA. For specific rules and ring procedures, please refer to the 2026 Official Show Rules of the [American Miniature Horse Association](#).
10. All AMHA shows are open to any AMHA registered horses whose exhibitor is able to prove valid registration. To enter an AMHA approved show, the exhibitor must use the complete name and number of the animal as it is shown on the horse's registration certificate. Entry forms must be completely filled out and will not be accepted by the show management until all information has been listed, copies of both sides of the registration paper received, all fees paid and the entry form signed by the exhibitor.
11. Stallions over the age of 3 must also provide a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with their entry. These forms are available on the AMHA website.
12. Horses may be shown if the exhibitor furnishes proof that the registration application is pending in the AMHA office prior to the show. The Show Chairman shall accept as proof only a signed statement from the AMHA office or oral verification from the AMHA office to the Show Chairman that registration is pending.
13. No miniature horse shall exceed 34 inches in height at the withers. Weanlings must not exceed 30 inches. Yearlings must not exceed 32 inches. Two year olds must not exceed 33 inches. All horses must meet the height qualification for each class and will be measured at the base of the last hairs of the mane.
14. The age of the horse is determined from January 1st of the year in which they were foaled.
15. Conduct by an exhibitor, trainer, owner, or immediate family member of an unsportsmanlike, abusive, or detrimental nature will not be tolerated by the show management, including but not limited to threatening or intimidating conduct, physical,

verbal or written toward any show official. Any person(s) guilty of such conduct should be reported immediately to show management by the judge, steward, or show committee member. The show management will suspend the offender for the duration of the show.

16. Protests:

- Any protest must be made in writing to the show manager, (Kathy Botsford), or the ring steward no later than one hour after the completion of the last class of the show. The protest shall be accompanied by a \$200 deposit, which shall only be returned to the protestor in the event the protest is sustained. Please refer to the current AMHA Show Rules for a complete list of protest regulations.
- Exhibitors may not protest to the judge directly or by interference, on the placing of any horse. Any person guilty of such conduct will be excused from the show and forfeit any premiums received at that show, and the right to show in any additional classes at the show. No entry fees will be returned.

17. Horses eligible and entered must show unless excused by the manager or judge.

18. Harness Championships are limited to first and second place winners from classes in that division. Any horse competing is eligible to be Grand or Reserve Champion. In the event that one horse qualifies with different drivers, the exhibitor must decide which driver will show the entry in the championship class.

19. There will be no cross entries between any Classic, Country, or Single Pleasure Driving classes.

20. Amateur and Youth are required to submit a copy of their current card with horse show entries.

21. **If there are 3 or less horses entered in a class** at the close of class registrations on **June 5, 2026**, classes may be combined or cancelled at the sole-discretion of the Calgary Stampede.

22. In any non-rated class, should any questions, concerns, disputes, discrepancies or tabulation errors arise or be identified at any time after placings, titles and/or awards are announced and/or distributed (including but not limited to Canadian National Grand and Reserve Champion placings, titles and awards), placings, titles and/or awards may be adjusted and re-distributed and any such adjustment or redistribution will be at the sole discretion of the Calgary Stampede. Any such situation that occurs will be evaluated by the Calgary Stampede on an individual basis. As a condition of entry into a non-rated class and/or allowing one's horse to be considered for a non-rated placing, title or award, Exhibitors agree to these terms and agree to honour and abide by Calgary Stampede's decisions.

**Tuesday, July 7/Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

**Stampede Park – Agriculture Barns, Alleys 8-11**

**Move In:** Prior to 10 am - Agriculture Barns – entry onto Stampede Park via Nat Christie Gates – 650, 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta.

**Measuring:** Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – 3:30 pm in the Agriculture Barns. Hardship measurements will also be available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026. Forms at Show Office.

**Thursday, July 9, 2026**

**Northern Lights Arena**

**4 pm – 5:30 pm**

1. Amateur Roadster
2. Youth Roadster
3. Open Roadster
4. Youth Halter Mares
5. Weanling and Yearling Halter Mares
6. Two Year Old Mares
7. **Grand & Reserve Champion Junior Mares**
8. Youth Halter Geldings
9. Weanling and Yearling Halter Geldings
10. Two Year Old Geldings
11. **Grand & Reserve Champion Junior Geldings**
12. Weanling and Yearling Halter Stallions
13. Two Year Old Stallions
14. **Grand & Reserve Champion Junior Stallions**
15. Amateur Stock Mares
16. Amateur Stock Geldings
17. Amateur Stock Stallions

**Thursday, July 9, 2026**

**Northern Lights Arena**

**7 pm – 9 pm**

18. Open Stock Mares
19. Open Stock Geldings
20. Open Stock Stallions
21. Amateur Single Pleasure Driving
22. Youth Single Pleasure Driving
23. Open Single Pleasure Driving
24. **Grand & Reserve Champion Single Pleasure Driving**
25. Amateur Hunter
26. Youth Hunter
27. Golden Hunter
28. Open Hunter

**Friday, July 10, 2026**

**Nutrien Western Events Centre**

**11 am – 1 pm**

- 29. Gamblers Choice – **Non-Rated (Winner takes all \$)**
- 30. **Grand & Reserve Champion Roadster**
- 31. Barrel Race – **Non-Rated**
- 32. Stake Race – **Non-Rated**
- 33. **Grand & Reserve Champion Stock Horse**
- 34. Open Versatility

**Friday, July 10, 2026**

**Northern Lights Arena**

**2:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

- 35. Amateur Halter Mares
- 36. Amateur Halter Geldings
- 37. Amateur Halter Stallions
- 38. Youth 12 & Under Halter Obstacle
- 39. Youth 13-18 Halter Obstacle
- 40. First Year Exhibitor Halter Obstacle – **Non-Rated**
- 41. Amateur Halter Obstacle
- 42. Open Halter Obstacle
- 43. Youth Driving Obstacle
- 44. Amateur Driving Obstacle
- 45. Open Driving Obstacle

**Saturday, July 11, 2026**

**Northern Lights Arena**

**11:15 am – 1:45 pm**

- 46. Youth Costume
- 47. Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving
- 48. Youth Classic Pleasure Driving
- 49. Open Classic Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- 50. Open Classic Pleasure Driving Over 32" to 34"
- 51. **Grand & Reserve Champion Classic Pleasure Driving**
- 52. Senior Mares 32" & Under
- 53. Senior Mares Over 32" to 34"
- 54. **Grand & Reserve Champion Senior Mares**
- 55. First Year Exhibitor Halter
- 56. Senior Geldings 32" & Under
- 57. Senior Geldings Over 32" to 34"
- 58. **Grand & Reserve Champion Senior Geldings**
- 59. Senior Stallions 32" & Under
- 60. Senior Stallions Over 32" to 34"
- 61. **Grand & Reserve Champion Senior Stallions**

**Saturday, July 11, 2026**

**Northern Lights Arena**

**7 pm – 9 pm**

- 62. Amateur Showmanship
- 63. Youth Versatility
- 64. Open Reinsmanship
- 65. Golden Reinsmanship – **Non-Rated**
- 66. Youth Jumper
- 67. Amateur Jumper
- 68. Open Jumper

**Sunday, July 12, 2026**

**Northern Lights Arena**

**11:15 am – 1:45 pm**

- 69. Youth 7 & Under Showmanship
- 70. Youth 8 - 12 Showmanship
- 71. Youth 13-18 Showmanship
- 72. Golden Showmanship
- 73. Amateur Country Pleasure Driving
- 74. Youth country Pleasure Driving
- 75. Open Country Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- 76. Open Country Pleasure Driving over 32" to 34"
- 77. **Grand & Reserve Champion Country Pleasure Driving**
- 78. Youth Stock Geldings
- 79. Youth Stock Mares
- 80. Multi Colour Mares
- 81. Solid Colour Mares
- 82. Multi Colour Stallions & Geldings
- 83. Solid Colour Stallions & Geldings
- 84. **Supreme Halter Horse**

**Sunday, July 12, 2026**

**Northern Lights Arena**

**3:45 pm – 5:15 pm**

- 85. Liberty
- 86. **Parade of Champions** \*All horses that won a Grand Champion in Halter or Driving to attend. Driving Horses to be hitched up. Please have flower garlands on horses. (**\*Non-Rated**)
- 87. Judges Choice – **\*Non-Rated**

Immediately following the conclusion of the final class, High Point Awards presentations will be held in the Northern Lights Arena.

**\*Non-Rated are not AMHA Accredited Classes**

**\*\*No Cross Entry is permitted between regular Halter classes & Stock-Type Halter classes**

**Please Note:** Classes may be combined at the sole discretion of show management should the number of entries in any classes warrant combining classes. Height classes may be combined at the sole discretion of the Calgary Stampede should there be fewer than three entries in a class. Height classes may also be combined due to time restrictions. Exhibitors will be notified in advance if classes are combined. The Calgary Stampede will make every effort to notify exhibitors in this instance within two weeks after the close of entries.

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