

Nipawin Exhibition Light Horse Show

July 13 - 15, 2026

The Light Horse Committee would like to welcome one and all to the Exhibition. We would like to invite you to make your views known to the committee. We wish you good luck, good friends, good sportsmanship, and good fun!

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Judge: **Julia Keil Quibell** (Melfort, SK)

General Rules

01. Show ring classes are limited to the first 90 horses.

02. The Exhibition Gate Committee shall not admit anyone to the Exhibition grounds except by official pass or paid admission. This must be purchased separate from entries.

03. Wristbands must be worn by all competitors, spectators and guests at all times while on Exhibition grounds.

04. Upon entering the Exhibition grounds, an exhibitor assumes all liability on account of accident to their horse or rider, and releases the Nipawin Exhibition Association Inc. from any and all responsibility.

05. All property of every character entered for competition or display or any other purpose (or being anywhere on the Exhibition grounds) shall be subject to the control of the directors or the president, but in no case shall the Nipawin Exhibition Association Inc. Directors or President or any of them be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any such property, while same is on the Exhibition grounds at any time or place.

06. **No smoking** in the barns.

07. Animal welfare is of utmost importance and we will not tolerate animals being left all day, untied when in designated tie stalls, without access to feed and water or without adequate bedding. Serious offences may result in an exhibitor being expelled from the Nipawin Exhibition Grounds for one or more years. All fees paid will be forfeited.

08. Horses **MUST** not be ridden in the barns or alleys.

09. Tying horses to trailers will be permitted in designated areas. Tying to trees will not be permitted (even for tacking up), please tie them in the stalls that you have been assigned. Horses **MUST** be **TIED** when in their designated tie stalls.

10. Any infringement of the rules and regulations will be punishable by withholding prizes, expulsion from the Nipawin Exhibition Association Inc. for one or more years, or both.

11. Any exhibitor or owners suspecting his/her animal may be ill must report to the Light Horse Director immediately.

12. There will be an open arena on Sunday, July 12.

Exhibitor Rules

01. **Age group classifications** will be according to the exhibitor's age as of January 1, 2026:

- a. **Senior:** age 40 and over
- b. **Intermediate:** ages 19 – 39
- c. **Junior:** ages 14-18
- d. **Pee Wee:** age 7-13
- e. **Wee Pee:** age 6 and under

02. Absolutely no cross-entering between age groups.

03. **One exhibitor per horse except in Lead Line and Costume.**

a. **Exception:** A horse can be used by a rider in Performance events, then used by another rider in Gymkhana events.

04. Competitors in regular classes cannot enter Lead Line.

05. If a rider is entered in **Walk/Trot classes**, they may not cross enter into other riding classes of the same discipline that include the lope.

06. If a rider is entered in **2 & Under classes**, they may not cross enter into the Junior Horse classes.

07. All exhibitors must wear cowboy hat or riding helmet, shirts with long sleeves and a collar, and riding pants. Boots with a suitable riding heel are required. **All exhibitors 18 years old and under (as of January 1, 2026) must wear a certified helmet at all times they are on a horse on the Exhibition grounds.** Exhibitors 19 years old and over (as of January 1, 2026) may wear a helmet in any class if they so choose.

08. Exhibitors may be disqualified for abusing a horse in any manner, or for misconduct. The Judge may send an entry from the ring for bad behavior or lameness.

09. Exhibitors may ride up to three horses in any event where individual performance is required.

Horse Rules

01. A show **2 & Under Horse** is a horse that has not reached the age of 3 as of January 1, 2026. A show **Junior Horse** is a horse that has not reached the age of 6 as of January 1, 2026. They may be ridden in a snaffle bit, bosal, or curb bit. Show horses aged 6 and over must be ridden in a curb bit with one hand.

02. All horses will be given a number. Anyone entering the ring without a number or with the wrong number may be disqualified.

03. **Stallions** must be under the exhibitor's control at all times. Stallions shall not be shown or handled on the Exhibition grounds by anyone under 18 years of age.

04. All horses must be on the Exhibition grounds by **8:00 a.m.** They must remain until **5:00 p.m.** Special arrangements may be made with the Director of the Light Horse Show Committee.

Show Rules

01. All **patterns** will be posted at least one hour before class time (weather permitting).

02. In classes requiring equipment (such as Trail), it will be up to the judge's discretion whether exhibitors can use the equipment for practicing before the class begins.

03. Five minutes will be allowed for tack changes if the gate person has been notified in advance.

04. The Light Horse Show Committee reserves the right to divide any class where entries are numerous, and amend those rules as their judgment may determine and make final ruling on all disputes. The Committee reserves the right to combine, postpone, or cancel classes or the show, if for any reason they deem it advisable. Cancelled or combined classes or amendments will be announced immediately after the decision has been made. If there are less than 4 entries in a class, points and prize money may be decreased accordingly.

05. Judges are expected to give reason for their placing and discuss any matters that arise in connection with awards.

06. Any person who shall attempt to interfere with our influence the Judge while in the discharge of his or her duties, or shall refuse to accept the Judge's award, or who shall at any time while on the premises of the Exhibition, use contemptuous or abusive language to any Judge or Official, or within his/her hearing in consequence of any award made by the Judge, will be ejected. If said person is an exhibitor, he/she shall forfeit his/her right to any premiums to which he/she might otherwise have been entitled, and may be excluded from

exhibiting for one or more years thereafter. Upon discovery of fraud, deception, or dishonest practice, either in the preparation, ownership, or in any other representations concerning exhibits, which may have affected or been, intended to affect the decision of the Judges, the Horse Show Committee shall have power to withhold the award and may prohibit any such party or parties from exhibiting in any class for one or more years, and may also publish the names of such persons if deemed expedient.

07. No exhibitor will be awarded a prize unless deemed worthy by the Judge.

08. Any exhibitor who considers he/she has a legitimate complaint regarding the placing of any animal may have his/her complaint investigated by handing said complaint in writing to the secretary before expiration of judging on the last day of the Exhibition, said complaint to be accompanied by \$50.00 which will be forfeited to the Nipawin Exhibition Association Inc. if the complaint proves to be groundless.

09. Splint boots, bell boots, etc. will be allowed in Reining and all speed events.

10. Unassisted show exhibitors will place ahead of exhibitors that have horse handlers in the ring with them.

11. **Wee Pee** riders:

a. Can use 2 hands with a curb bit, but showing with one hand will demonstrate a higher degree of difficulty. Safety and control of the horse is of the utmost importance.

b. If a Wee Pee rider feels uncomfortable loping, they can trot during rail classes. However, loping shows a higher degree of difficulty.

12. Continued for 2026: English attire will not be required for **English classes**.

a. To encourage competitors to try English, they can use **English tack** and choose to wear **either English or Western attire**, with no advantage given to either choice during judging.

b. **Attire requirements:** Helmet (hunt cap optional for Senior riders), long sleeved shirt with a collar, pants/jeans/breeches, and riding boots.

c. **Show legal English tack is required:** bridle with show legal English bit, English saddle, and saddle pad.

Gymkhana Rules

All previous rules apply with the following additions or alterations

01. All exhibitors must abide by the rules and regulations, infractions may be penalized with disqualification.

02. The show management shall designate the order of competition.

03. Mechanical hackamores will be allowed in all speed events.

04. Spacing of equipment for timed events (barrels, poles, etc.) will be adjusted according to the space available.

05. Horses must enter and leave the ring at a walk. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Trotting in or out will result in a warning for the first offence, and disqualification for any following offences by the same exhibitor. Any gait beyond a trot through the gate will result in immediate disqualification and a second offence will result in expulsion from any remaining events.

06. The exhibitor hat must be on his/her head when entering the ring and when starting their pattern.

07. A horse may be led into the ring, but must not be stimulated or excited in any way by the handler.

08. **Penalties** will be as follows:

a. **Barrel Racing** – knocking over a barrel will result in a 5 second penalty. Going off pattern (or crossing the timer line before the pattern is completed) will result in a no time.

b. **Pole Bending** – knocking over a pole will result in a 3 second penalty. Going off pattern (or crossing the timer line before the pattern is completed) will result in a no time.

c. **Quadrangle** – knocking over a pole will result in a no-time. Failure to wait for the starting whistle will also result in a no-time.

d. **Keyhole** – if the exhibitor's horse steps on or over the pattern line it will result in a no-time.

e. **Mounted Shooting** – competitor will be handed a "loaded" water gun at the gate. They must hit each balloon while completing the pattern. 3 seconds for a missed shot.

Entry Rules

01. Entry forms and fees should be **RECEIVED** in the Exhibition office by July 1, 2026. Late entries **MAY** be allowed but may be invoiced at **DOUBLE**.

02. Entries may be made in one of two ways:

Print off prize class list from the Nipawin Exhibition Website www.nipawinex.ca/light-horse-registration/ or pick up a paper copy from the Nipawin Exhibition Office and submit by:

a. **Email** to nipawinex@sasktel.net, or

b. **Mail** to NIPAWIN EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION INC. PO Box 105 Nipawin, SK S0E 1E0.

03. Payment by **E-transfer** or cheque with **MEMO** Nipawin Exhibition Light Horse. **E-transfers** can be sent to nipawinex@sasktel.net. **Cheques** mailed to mailing address above.

04. All entries competing must be entered by name and description, and in the name of the bona fide owners or their duly authorized agents. When entry is made by an agent, the name of the owner must be stated, though not necessarily for publication.

05. Exhibitors cancelling their entries after the official closing entry date shall forfeit their fees.

06. On certification of disability from a qualified veterinarian being received in the Light Horse Show Office before 5:00 p.m. on the day previous to the first day of classes, entry fees and stall fees will be refunded, or a replacement horse may be used.

07. Any group wishing to be stabled together should enter individually but make a note of request on the entry form, and we will try to accommodate to the best of our abilities.

08. If, for any reason beyond the control of the Light Horse Show Committee, the show is cancelled; no regular entry fees will be refunded.

Entry Fees

01. **Gate Pass** (required for all exhibitors – to be paid at the Fair Office prior to first class)

- a. 13 years and over: \$15.00/day or \$30.00/3-day
- b. 6 – 12 years old: \$10.00/day or \$20.00/3-day
- c. Preschool: Free

02. Stall Fees

a. All stalls are the property of the Exhibition and will be assigned at the discretion of the Committee. If you do not get allocated the number of stalls you request, an adjusted stalling refund will be applied. (Box Perm \$65, Box Temp \$50, Tie Stalls \$20, Tack Tie \$25

b. Every horse must pay a minimum stall fee of \$5.00, even if you are stalling in the chuckwagon area.

e. If stalls are left dirty, then an invoice of \$50.00 per dirty stall will be sent to the exhibitor. These fees will have to be paid prior to entry the following year.

g. Shavings will be available to purchase for \$10.00/bag. Please order on the entry form, as extra shavings will not be given out until paid for in cash.

h. Competitors can use either straw or shavings for bedding.

03. Administration Fee

a. \$10.00 for each horse/rider entry with the exception of Lead Line.

04. **Class Entry Fees** a Regular Class: \$5.00 each

Camping

01. Camping on the Exhibition Grounds will be limited to competitors and exhibitors only.

- a. One unit with living quarters will be allowed per family.
- b. Families with livestock trailers that don't have living quarters will be allowed one camping spot in addition to the trailer required for their livestock and equipment.

02. Camping in the treed area of the Exhibition grounds will be limited to trailers 30' and under. Trailers longer than this will be asked to park on the grass area by the warm-up ring. This area doesn't have electricity available, so please bring your own generator.

03. Campsites will be first come, first served.

04. Camp spot and power are available on a first come, first served basis.

- a. Parking will begin on Saturday, July 11. Rigs that come prior to Saturday will be turned away.
- b. Exhibitors with power service are asked to refrain from using air conditioning as this will trip the breakers.

Prizes & High Point

01. **Regular Class Payout:** \$25.00 (1st), \$20.00 (2nd), \$15.00 (3rd), \$10.00 (4th)

02. Prizes for Lead Line and Costume will be at the discretion of the Show Committee.

03. Highlighted classes on the show schedule will be counted toward High Point awards.

04. **Points** will be awarded to the horse or a horse/exhibitor combination for High Point Awards, and will be awarded as follows:

- a. 1st place – 4 points
- b. 2nd place – 3 points
- c. 3rd place – 2 points
- d. 4th place – 1 point