

2026 ★

POLE BENDING PRIZE BOOK



A ROYAL CELEBRATION

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★ MARCH 30 - APRIL 4, 2026



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ROYAL MANITOBA WINTER FAIR

March 30th to April 4th 2026

POLE BENDING

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair Co-Chairs

Clint Swain, Candace Bowles

Show Secretary

Cindy Klassen – Saskatoon, SK

Horse Show Chair

Clark Swain

Arena Director

TBD

Hitching Ring

-TBA

Announcers

Stuart Lambert, MacGregor, MB

Kim Walker (Daytime), McCreary MB

Connie Dorsch (Colour Commentator) Weyburn, SK

Light horse Show Chair

Jane Haglund-Scott - Jumper Ring

Leisa McBurney – Hunter Ring

Jumper Judge

Courtney Anderson, Calgary, AB

Hunter Hack/Equitation Judge

Evelyn Frisque, Alliston, ON

Jumper Course Designer

Jennifer Ferguson – Bognor, ON

Hunter Course Designer

Alexander DeJoy-Butler Quebec, QC

Course Builder

Charles Faubert, Mirabel, QC

Stewards

Susan Adey, Stonewall, MB

Daryl Freed, Sooke BC

Timers

Gary Schott

Barn Superintendent and Farrier

Dave Morsch – Spruce Home, SK

Draft Horse - Chore Team & Hackney Show Co-Chairs

Dallas Mennie, Bob Scott &

Chris Arthur

Draft/Chore Team/Hackney Judge

Jared Martin, Ituna, SK

Ring Masters

Marion McLeod

Erin Butterfield

Barrel Racing Co-Chair

Chad Stiles

Candace Bowles

Ring Crew

Chris Arthur

Veterinarian

Grayson Ross, DVM – Brandon, MB

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

POLE BENDING

March 30-April 4, 2026

Pole Bending Entry fee:

MUST have Manitoba Horse Council or Provincial equivalent membership

\$100 + Mandatory fees *see below

Pole Bending to be run on Wednesday

ENTRIES & ADMISSIONS

ENTRIES CLOSE: March 2, 2026

Entries will be considered valid when received by Provincial Exhibition office fully completed, accompanied by fees, and proof of liability insurance (MHC Membership-poles). (See Rule #1)
Receipts will not be mailed unless requested.

Exhibitor Complimentary Passes

One complimentary 3-day pass per exhibitor

Additional 3 day passes may be purchased for \$40.00 (GST included) each

The Exhibitors entrance is located at 13th and Brandon Ave, wristband need to be provided for entry at all times. Please have wristbands ready to show. **There will be no refunds given for Gate Admissions for misplaced or missing wristbands.**

***MANDATORY FEES:**

ADMINISTRATION FEE	\$35.00 + GST / HORSE ENTERED
ENVIRONMENTAL FEE	\$17.00 + GST / HORSE ENTERED
EMT Fee	\$15.00 + GST / EXHIBITOR
LATE FEE	\$50.00 (After Mar 2, 2026 subject to space availability)

STALL FEES:

\$55.00 + GST 1 night
\$80.00 + GST 2 nights
\$105.00 + GST 3 nights

*** LIMITED CAMPER HOOK-UPS ARE AVAILABLE AT \$45.00 PER UNIT PER NIGHT - PREBOOK WITH PROV EX OFFICE APPLICATION ON WEBSITE - Inquires can be sent to kristen@provincialex.com ***

*****Rules and Regulations are subject to change at any given time.*****

GENERAL HORSE SHOW RULES.

1. Participants are required to carry in-force third-party liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$2,000,000 which defends against lawsuits and/or settlements for bodily injury or property damage arising out of the ownership, leasing or use of horses in the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. This policy must have a policy territory which includes Canada and be written by a reputable insurer who is satisfactory to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. Proof of such insurance is required to be submitted to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba with application.
2. INSURANCE: Proof of MHC Membership is proof of insurance
3. Prize money will be paid to the person whose name appears on the entry form as the owner unless otherwise specified on entry form. Juniors must have their parent's signature on the entry form and waiver forms must be filled out and signed. As per MBRA rules a Junior is aged 16 years & under as of Jan.1, 2026.
4. No one under the age of 18 years as of January 1 of the current year may ride, drive, show on the line or handle stallions on the grounds during the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.
5. CANCELLATION: Royal Manitoba Winter Fair must receive WRITTEN NOTICE of cancellation via email or fax. (Any Refunds will be refunded after the show is complete.)
 - a. Cancellation before closing date: entries will be refunded in full.
 - b. Cancellation after closing date: Only after a Veterinarian certificate or Doctors certificate is presented to the show secretary will the class fees and exhibitor fees be refunded – stall fees and an office fee of \$30 will not be refunded.
 - c. Cancellation after the show begins: Upon presentation of a Veterinarian certificate or Doctors certificate to the show secretary, class fees for the divisions that have not been shown in, will be refunded minus a \$30 office fee. Stall fees and all other exhibitor fees will not be refunded.
6. There must be at least three (3) entries per class shown, or the class may be cancelled. The Show Committee reserves the right to cancel classes. If a class is **cancelled** it will be posted 24 hours before start time. Prize Money may be changed at the committees' discretion if there are not sufficient entries in a class.
7. Behaviour of exhibitors and associates must be above reproach at all times. Failure to comply may result in ejection from the buildings, forfeiture of entry fees and suspension of exhibiting privileges. This includes ALCOHOL. Exhibitors are responsible to comply with the Manitoba Liquor and Gaming Act. Drinking is permitted in licensed areas only. Violators of this rule will be dealt with accordingly.
8. **THINK OF THE HORSES! CITY OF BRANDON NO SMOKING BY-LAW IN EFFECT.**
9. Dogs are allowed in the barns on a leash but will not be allowed in any area other of the complex.
10. **NO SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, unauthorized Golf Carts, Gator style, and/or other similar vehicles in the Horse barns at any time.** Those wishing to use such vehicles to travel to and from the camper area must park them at their own risk outside the barns.
11. All livestock and other exhibits must remain in the barns or display area until release time as scheduled unless special permission is granted to remove said exhibit at an earlier time. All exhibitors failing to abide

by this rule will automatically forfeit all or such portion of the prize money as the Executive Committee shall determine in its discretion, and offenders may be barred for one year.

- 12. PROTESTS:** All protests must be made out to the RMWF in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 cash or certified cheque. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show Secretary within 48 (forty-eight) hours after the occasion for such protest. Complaints must be verifiable. Complaints will be reviewed by the Appeals committee. Note regarding judging: The judges' decision is final.
- 13. Damage to the Keystone Facility,** other than normal wear and tear, will be charged to the those stabled in that area. Please take care.
- 14. PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXHIBITOR(S) AND/OR EXHIBITS:** Each exhibitor shall agree that photographs taken of the exhibitor and/or exhibits by any photographer approved by the RMWF may be used for purposes of promotion by the RMWF or its official sponsors.
- 15. All barns and stabling areas must be available to the public.**
- 16. PLEASE NOTE:** To comply with fire regulations, there will be a 6 foot cross aisle, half way down the barn which must be kept clear at all times. This will be STRICTLY ENFORCED.
- 17. TACK ROOMS:** May we suggest.....
All tack room curtains be made out of fire retardant material. No cooking in tack rooms.
For safety sake a ten (10) pound ABC type fire extinguisher should be kept in your tack room.
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POLE BENDING SHOW RULES.

A timed event in which the speed and agility of the horse are tested as horse and rider twice weave through a course of six poles spaced 21 feet apart, twice circling end poles before turning and racing to the finish line. The pattern must be followed exactly. A five-second penalty is added for each pole knocked down.

- Entries will be capped at 40 riders or at the discretion of the Horse Show Committee.
- Contestants must be in western attire to compete and receive awards, (cowboy hat, long sleeve shirt, no holes in jeans). Following presentation of award, recipient must sign thank you card to the Sponsor.
- Each contestant must be a current member of the Manitoba Horse Council (MHC) and be qualified to compete in the appropriate division they have entered.
- Contestants may enter more than 1 horse, 2 contestants cannot compete on the same horse.
- A contestant can be disqualified for not being ready to contest when called
- Contestants must walk their horse down the ramp and through the gate. The arena gates will be closed during and for the finish of the race. Ill-Mannered horses will be disqualified at the discretion of the committee
- Number must be clearly displayed on the horse or saddle
- Horses to be timed when any part of the horse crosses the score line, start and finish

- A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the course accordingly.
- From a riding position Contestants may, hold the pole from falling
- When a contestant knocks over a pole or goes off pattern, the course must be completed at race speed. The Rider falling from the horse will result in disqualification
- After official racing time begins, reruns are not allowed
- The use of bats and spurs is allowed; however excessive use of the bat prior to the race, during the race, or after the race, will mean automatic disqualification
- Contestants must be ready when called. Contestants' names will be called 3 times in 20 seconds and then their run will be forfeited **should they not ride their horse into the arena after the 3rd call. No exceptions.** Horses must be ridden into the arena. Arena director has last call on this.

There will be no refunds for forfeiture.

Practice time will be posted in the Livestock Office

- Order of go will be posted at the event. No trades or changes will take place.
- In the case of a **timer fault/error**, you will be asked to run again or will receive a no time. **No exceptions.**

BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS AND MANDATORY VACCINATIONS

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: The following Health Requirements must be on file in the Horse Show Office for all horses entering the show Grounds, both Showing and Non-showing. Competition numbers will not be issued until the requirements are met.

1. **Proof of Vaccination:** You must provide copies of proof of vaccination for ALL of your horses on the grounds, showing or not, **SIGNED BY THE VET THAT ADMINISTERED THE VACCINE OR THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE.**
Required Vaccines are: **Influenza and EHV 1 & 4 (Rhino) – within 6 months (180 days)**
2. **Person Responsible Form:** You must complete the Person Responsible Form available in the office or in the prize list.

The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba along with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair Executive in consultation with both veterinary and animal health authorities have developed protocols which have been deemed necessary in order to effectively manage any possible biosecurity concerns. We STRONGLY recommend that you consult with your veterinarian to design and implement the most appropriate vaccination protocol for your horse.

All horses entering the fair-grounds should not have been in contact with any sick horses within the last 14 days and are required to have their temperatures checked twice daily, with temperatures over 39.5° C or normal temperatures for your horse reported to the show veterinarian.

The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and Organizing Committee will monitor any potential biosecurity issues and will update procedures and requirements for all horses entering the grounds.

- Restrict unnecessary movement of horses out of their aisle or barn. Don't take a horse to another barn to be tacked up, braided, clipped, bathed, etc.
- Do not lead horses down other barn aisles.
- Don't let horses make nose to nose contact with horses from other barns when in common areas such as wash racks or warm up rings.
- Do not touch or pet, or feed treats to horses from other barns unless necessary.
- Trainers- please make sure your braider knows about the Bio-Security regulations and takes care when moving from horse to horse.
- Do not let water hoses touch buckets when filling.
- Do not allow horses to drink from the hose.
- Do not share water or feed buckets.
- Have hand sanitizer readily available (**in show office**) and use between grooming/tacking up horses.

Qualifying Vaccines for Mandatory EHV-1 and Equine Influenza immunizations: EHV-1:

The AAEP(American Association of Equine Practitioners) has determined that the vaccines with the greatest ability to limit nasal shedding and viremia of the neuro virulent strain of EHV-1 include the vaccines licensed for control of abortion (Pneumabort-K® & Prodigy®), Calvenza® and the MLV vaccine Rhinomune®. These are the vaccines approved for use in horses attending the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. The competitor must be able to show a signed vet certificate of an accepted vaccine including all boosters required with the horses registered name, or barn name and description can be used when registering. All EHV-1, EHV-1/4 vaccines labelled for use will be accepted and must be current within 6 months. Horses are required to have received these a minimum of 3 weeks prior to arrival of the RMWF.

Equine Infleunza:

ALL influenza vaccines approved for use are considered adequate for attendance to the RMWF. The competitor must show proof of purchase with any needed boosters and the vaccine must be current within 6 months of competition.

Brandon Fire Department Regulations

The following Manitoba Fire Code Regulations shall be observed by all exhibitors at the Keystone Centre Complex, Brandon. Please note that there are revisions to the Brandon Fire Department Regulations.



Booth/Display Requirements

- Vertical panels at the back of the booth shall not exceed **eight (8) feet** in height (exceptions to the eight (8) foot regulation may be allowed by the Keystone Centre Complex and the Brandon Fire Department although pre-approval is required).
- All booths shall be constructed with non-combustible or limited – combustible materials.
- Tents, that allow access to the public, must be fire resistant or treated with a flame retardant solution to meet with a flame test as per the Manitoba Fire Code.
- Accumulation of combustible materials within a booth is prohibited.
- **Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their display within the space assigned.**

Decorative Material

- All materials used for draping, decorations or dust covers must be fire resistant or treated with a flame retardant solution to meet with a flame test as per the Manitoba Fire Code

Hazardous Displays

- Hazardous displays of any nature shall not be permitted in any exhibition area. This includes but is not limited to hot flames, hot coals, L.P.G. lighters, charcoal grills, flammable liquids, toxic liquids or gases, hazardous chemicals, or any hazardous liquids, solids or gases of a similar nature.

Use of Propane

- No indoor use of propane of any size.
- Outdoor use is permitted.

Electrical Equipment

- All electrical equipment (portable panels etc.) shall be tied directly into the electrical panels. This shall be done by a qualified electrician.
- Surge protected power bars may be used for temporary power source (CSA Approved).
- If an extension cord must be used it is required to be plugged into a permanent power supply (CSA Approved. Must be unplugged when not being used and without supervision).
- All appliances shall comply with Manitoba Electrical Code or C.S.A.
- Ceiling tiles shall not be lifted to accommodate electrical drop cords.

Heat Producing Appliances

- All appliances shall be U.L.C. approved.
- All natural gas/propane connections shall be conducted, under permit, by a licensed contractor.
- Appliances that are heat producing shall be provided with an adequate barrier to protect the public from burn injuries.
- When these appliances are operational they shall not be left unattended.
- All appliances must be approved for indoor use to be operated inside.

Fire Exits

- Exit doors shall be kept free of obstructions at all times. Chairs, tables and other display equipment must be clear of all aisles, corridors, stairwells and other exit areas.
- The entire width of the exit door/s shall be maintained free of obstructions.

Exit Signs

- Exit signs must be visible from any location in a room.
- Temporary exit signs may be required, to identify exit travel or exit door locations, if a display obstructs the existing exit signs.

Fire Hose Cabinets, Fire Alarm Pull Stations, Portable Fire Extinguishers

- Each of these fire safety supports must be visible and accessible at all times. Adjustments to space and equipment will be required. Nothing is to be stored in front of any fire safety devices at any time.

Non-Compliance Tickets

- Failure to comply with the above regulations may result in the issuing of a Non-Compliance Ticket with fines subject to the fee schedule as per Fire Prevention By-Law No. 6063/12/93.