



4-H NS Provincial Show 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

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As a follow-up to the partnership announcement in December that the new Nova Scotia Stampede (hosted by the Rath Eastlink Community Centre) will overlap in dates with the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show, September 27 - 29 in Bible Hill, we have been collecting your feedback through conversations with our regional staff (RPCs) and the proshow@4hnovascotia.ca inbox.

Thank you for identifying your concerns; it has allowed us to develop the following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), which we will continue to build on and publish as new questions are received. We hope this FAQ will help clarify the event(s) and ease some of your concerns. We are committed to maintaining transparency throughout the planning process and will share information as it becomes available and permitted.

Disclaimer: 4-H NS is not authorized to speak on behalf of the RECC, we have done our best to share the information we have with you and will continue to update as we learn more.

What does this partnership mean, and what interest does 4-H have in hosting a stampede?

4-H Nova Scotia is not hosting the stampede. Two events (4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show and the Nova Scotia Stampede) are taking place at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Complex and the Truro Racetrack, in Bible Hill, that will run simultaneously during some of the 4-H NS Provincial Show schedule. 4-H NS staff are collaborating with the organizers of the NS Stampede to ensure the success of Provincial Show. The NS Stampede is not part of Provincial Show programming and will be in a separated location.

Is there room? Provincial Show takes up all the buildings in Bible Hill; where will the Stampede be?

The NS Stampede will be taking place within the boundaries of the Truro Raceway. A brand-new, temporary, open arena with bleachers to house the NS Stampede event will be constructed within the center of the racetrack. 4-H NS Provincial Show will retain full access to and control of the buildings that are traditionally used for Provincial Show (including 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 14, 15, 16 in the map [linked here](#)) as well as outdoor rings and county trailer parking areas.

Has Biosecurity been considered?

The animals for the stampede are housed offsite entirely and trucked in only for their events. The public attending the NS Stampede will not have access to the animals used in the Stampede from the spectator area(s). As always, biosecurity protocols will be in place during 4-H NS Provincial Show.

What about the damage the grounds suffered during Hurricane Fiona?

4-H NS does not own the NS Provincial Exhibition Complex; therefore, we cannot comment on the extent of damage and the current progress of construction plans. However, we have a commitment from the venue owners confirming that the facility will be ready to accept this year's 4-H NS Pro Show based on our maximum qualifying exhibit numbers.

A new roof has been put on the Exhibition Hall, the roof on the MacMillan Arena has been patched, and truss work in Horse Pavilion is set to be underway soon, removing the current limitation of a wind restriction.

Will admission costs increase?

4-H NS Provincial Show and NS Stampede are two separate events. There will be separate entrance points and admission fees for the Stampede and Provincial Show. A minimal admission for the 4-H NS Provincial Show will exist for the public but will not be charged to members and leaders (upon presentation of the 4-H NS membership card).

Admission and ticket packages for the NS Stampede and their events will be available through the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC).

Are there enough accommodations?

Accommodations continue to be a concern, regardless of where 4-H NS Provincial Show is hosted. Unfortunately, 4-H NS cannot control hotel price setting. Camping will still be available for pre-booking onsite at the NS Provincial Exhibition Complex at a preferred rate for the 4-H NS community.

4-H NS will retain sole ownership of the campsites and parking lot that we have used in the past (off Vimy Road). The NS Stampede attendees will be directed to park in a large lot across Farnham Road and be shuttled to their sites. The entrances to the grounds off of Ryland Avenue and Vimy Road will be retained by 4-H NS while the NS Stampede has rights to the access points off of Main Street and Farnham Road.

Traffic Control: What is being done to manage the massive influx of traffic throughout the weekend?

Staff of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) are working hard planning their event, and all of the details that come with it, and have already been in touch with both Truro Police and RCMP regarding traffic plans for the duration of the event.

The focus is on members. How will we support members when there are other events?

Through working in collaboration with the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) and NS Stampede, 4-H NS will coordinate schedules as best we can to support both events. Therefore, we can limit the overlap of crowd-drawer events, ensuring 4-H members do not lose their audience to the NS Stampede.

The NS Stampede schedule has been released and we have slightly adjusted our scheduling (where required) to mitigate as much overlap as possible. The 4-H Pro Show Schedule will be released ahead of June, and some project members should expect to be surveyed to determine their preference in options.

What are our campers in for with the addition of the late-night concerts at the NS Stampede?

We will admit that we were not initially aware of the onsite concerts, although, we are working to ensure we do all that we can to mitigate the disturbance to our onsite campers. The RECC intends to stick to their hard stop curfew of 12:00 A.M. and concert security will remain onsite 24 hours. 4-H NS will also have nighttime security around the grounds and the campsites to ensure the safety of the 4-H participants.

Alcohol consumption at these events - 4-H is dry!

4-H NS events are dry and, as always, alcohol and/or drugs will not be permitted at 4-H NS Provincial Show. 4-H members and leaders sign the Code of Conduct annually, agreeing to abide by it. Therefore, if there are incidents of misconduct at 4-H NS Provincial Show, they will be handled as they would at other 4-H events. However, we cannot (nor do we intend to) prevent members or leaders from attending other events in the community. We trust that our members and leaders are

responsible individuals who will continue to make good decisions should they wish to attend the NS Stampede. This would include refraining from donning 4-H NS apparel in the licensed areas of the NS Stampede.

Regarding alcohol being present on the grounds, all licensed areas for alcohol consumption and sale will be housed within the Truro Raceway track as part of the NS Stampede. Alcohol will not be permitted outside of these identified areas - including within the boundaries of the 4-H NS Provincial Show.

In relation to members and leaders returning to the Provincial Show after visiting the beer gardens, the Code of Conduct still applies. Just as with any past show/event, any members or leaders found or suspected with valid reason to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to enter the ring/competition and will be asked to leave the premises. Thus, forfeiting the opportunity to compete and potentially resulting in a significant reduction in points to that county.

Won't we need more security?

Security will be present at both the NS Stampede and 4-H NS Provincial Show. 4-H NS has made arrangements to ramp up security this year due to the proximity of the NS Stampede.

How will you adhere to 4-H CA Youth Safety Policies and the Rule of Two?

4-H NS is responsible to ensure the 4-H CA Rule of Two is being met during all 4-H sanctioned events/activities. Those events/activities would refer to competitions, classes, volunteer opportunities, inside the barns, etc. While we want all members to remain safe during their time at our events, outside of the those planned activities, parents are responsible to ensure the safety of their members.

Can we just change the location of Provincial Show? Can we change the dates?

No. While we do hear your questions and concerns, 4-H NS is excited to showcase our program to a broader audience, build partnerships in our community, and allow members to have this unique experience - many members are excited about the prospect of attending the NS Stampede and for the opportunity to highlight their hard work to a broader audience. We encourage you to continue to keep communication lines open and share your ongoing concerns with us so that we can continue to work toward making this event a success within the 4-H community, as well. 4-H NS is proud of our relationship with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, and we appreciate the invitation to host at the NS Provincial Exhibition Complex as they try to expand this venue.

Will 4-H NS Provincial Show and the NS Stampede run simultaneously, ongoing?

No, discussions are already being had to move the NS Stampede to the weekend before the 4-H NS Provincial Show. While we are all working together to ensure the success of this year's collaboration, in order for both shows to reach their peak, use of the full grounds individually would be most equitable for both parties, long term. Further, 4-H NS has not committed to hosting Provincial Show in Bible Hill in 2025, or beyond.

For more up-to-date information regarding the NS Stampede, please visit <https://www.novascotiastampede.com/>