



ALHFAM Virtual Plowing Match 2021: GUIDANCE

This event is meant to be fun and is designed for any ALHFAM member, however experienced. The following guidance is for all entrants. Acknowledging that entrants will come from different sites with different resources, as submitted, the judges will endeavour to take into account entrants' ground, ability and equipment, including the type of plow used and the plowing for which it was intended.

Categories:

Guidance is for single furrow or bottom plows in the following categories:

1. Oxen (One person plowing; one person driving)
 - i. Beginner
 - ii. Experienced*[State if 'Beginner' or 'Experienced']*
2. Equines, assisted plowing (One person plowing; one person driving)
 - i. Beginner
 - ii. Experienced*[State if 'Beginner' or 'Experienced']*
3. Equines, un-assisted (Plower to both drive and plow)
4. Tractor (Plower to both drive and plow)

Please note the category you wish to enter, including sub-category if applicable, on your submission, (i.e. Equines Assisted Beginner).

Filming Your Entry:

Please utilize the following shot list when filming your entry, name your shots/clips accordingly and review your entry before submission.

Shot #1: A static view of your **plow and team / tractor**. Emphasis should be on the plow.

Shot #2: Your **plow and motive power at work**. Points will be awarded for how well a team works.

Shot #3: A clear view along your **opening furrows** showing how straight they are.

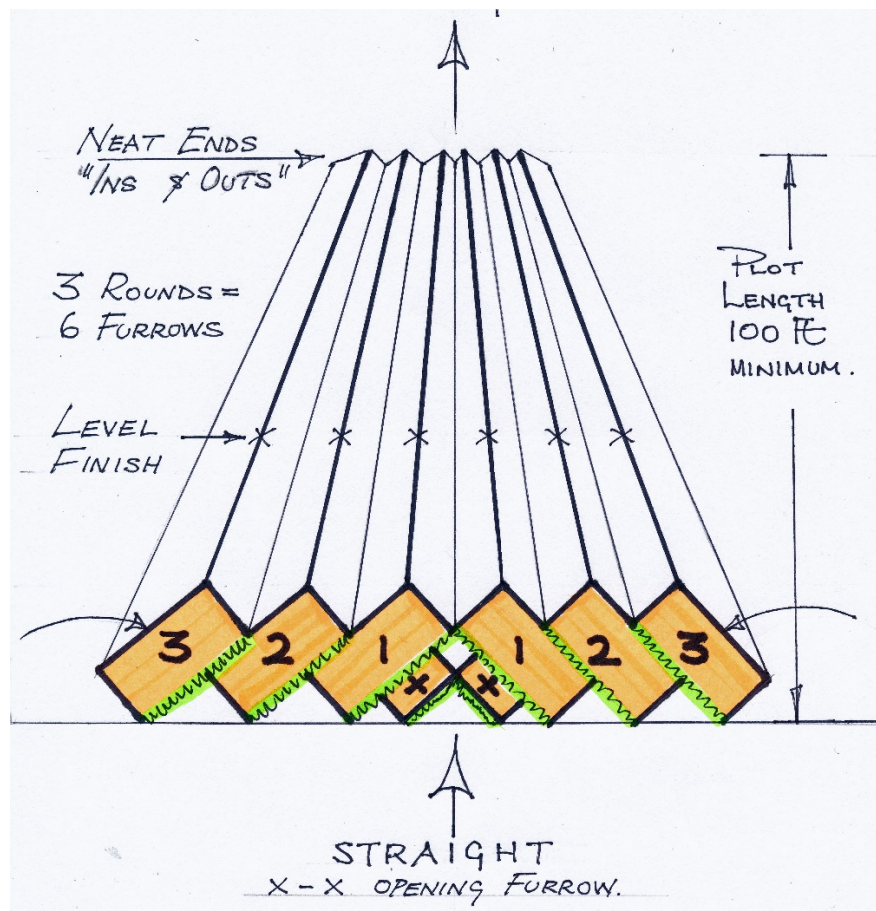
Shot #4: Next, a clear view along your **main furrows**, including the land side (un-plowed land), to indicate how straight and even of depth your furrows are.

Shot #5: A view of the **ends of your plot** to show how accurately your plow entered and exited the ground.

Shot #6: A clear overall **view of your completed plot**; showing how even your plowing was and how cleanly you buried any surface growth.

Please note that the clips do not need to be perfect. The winning entries in each category will be edited for viewing purposes during the virtual conference. Outtakes from other entries demonstrating excellent skill may also be shown during the conference. Reminder: Please name your files according to the shoot list above.

All entries should be submitted by May 10, 2021 and should be sent [HERE](#).



The Plot:

Each entrant should plow an ideally level plot of no less than 50 feet but, if possible, should aim for a minimum of 100 feet or 30 metres in length. There is no maximum length of plot but the same rules will apply.

Criteria for Judging:

Plowing: Opening Out (Points Value 15)

Each entrant should firstly "open out" by drawing a **straight** furrow (X – X above), to the end of their plot and then back i.e. furrow to furrow. Within the ability of the plower, these furrows that create the foundation for their successive furrows may be smaller than the full furrows. *(This should be recorded for judging)*

Plowing: Full Furrows (Points Values: Straightness 10; Depth 10; Width 10)

Secondly, each entrant should complete three successive rounds i.e. three full furrows there and three back, turning their furrows towards their opening furrows. *(This should be recorded for judging)*

The Full Furrows:

There will be no set furrow size but they should be appropriate for the plow used; of consistent width, depth and straight. *(This should be recorded for judging)*

Evenness of "Ins and Outs" (Points Value 10)

The top and bottom of the entrant's plot should be considered a baseline where the plow either entering or exiting the plot should be on the baseline. *(This should be recorded for judging)*

Burying Surface Growth (Points Value 10)

Points will be awarded for how efficiently surface grass, weeds, stubble or other organic growth, "trash", is plowed under and buried.

The Finish (Points Value 15)

The entrant's finished work should be neat, having buried all herbage (grass, weeds, etc) and look level including across the drawn furrows. *(This should be recorded for judging)*

Best Working Team (Points Value 20)

According to the categories, the judges will award marks to the draft teams based upon their suitability i.e. are they well matched; are they steady i.e. do they move well; and how responsive they are to commands.

Note:

- Please be honest with your time taken to plow your entry.
- Please do not interfere with your plot after you have plowed it i.e. no "gardening" to bury trash or improve the look of your furrows.
- **Members with questions about plowing match, please contact Head Judge, [Bob Powell](#).**

Awards:

The virtual plowing match will award a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winner in each category: Oxen Beginner; Oxen Experienced; Equine Assisted Beginner; Equine Assisted Experienced; Equine Un-assisted; and Tractor. The judges will announce all winners and present the edited clips of the 1st Place winners during the virtual conference. Ribbons, purchased by the FARM PIG, will be distributed at a later date.

Institutional Member Hosts:

The FARM PIG would like to encourage participation in this match by as many members as possible. If you are an Institutional Member interested in hosting members who are not attached to a site with draft animals, tractor, plow, land, or the necessary equipment, please email [Jim Lauderdale](#). Likewise, members without said animals and equipment may contact the former, who will attempt to match interested members with host sites. Individual Members must comply with all operating policies of the Institutional Member site.

ALHFAM's Virtual Plowing Match hosted by the FARM PIG.

We look forward to your entry!