

DRAFT HORSE PULL

Friday, October 23, 2020

Main Arena - 6:30 pm

Entry Deadline: 9/30/20

1. Competition is open to the world. The event will have two weight classes – Light (3400 lbs and under) and Heavy (3401 lbs and over). The Light Weight Division is denoted by the Orange painted hooves.
2. Entry fee is \$70 (includes two stalls, no shavings) and must be included with registration by closing date of 9/30/20. Additional stalls are available at \$70 each; does not include shavings. Shavings are available on the grounds. **You must check at stall office for stall assignments.**
3. All horses must have a current negative Coggins Test. Horses from outside the state must have an interstate health certificate. These must be available for review by the administering veterinarian.
4. Full Pull is denoted as being 27 feet 6 inches. Movement of the sled 1 inch or more in any direction will constitute a pull. A team must complete a successful first pull to qualify for the consolation award. The length of a qualified pull shall be determined by the Judge of the Pull.
5. A total weight of 4000 lbs. will be used as the starting sled weight. At no time after weight has been increased may it be decreased. Weight must be pulled full distance in one pull to qualify and continue.
6. No horse shall be allowed to enter any pulling contest that is not in good physical condition – meaning properly fed and watered. If deemed not fit to pull, you will leave the grounds.
7. All horses to compete in Light Weight contest shall be weighed in by noon. Horses must have halters on while on the scale.
8. Pulling positions to be determined by the drawing of numbers during Mandatory Driver's Meeting to be held at 1 pm in the dining room.
9. Starting point of the sled shall be properly marked to indicate same starting point for all loads. All teams will be allowed 3 hitches to qualify the load.
10. Authorized Persons in the Ring will be limited to only one (1) teamster and two (2) helpers. Wristbands required for ring entry. All authorized persons in the ring will be free of any physical impairments that might hinder their ability to escape in a timely fashion should an emergency arise.

11. All teamsters to compete shall have their teams ready at the published time. Driver and two hookers will be allowed. All helpers must stay behind eveners and remain silent once team is hooked. Heading is prohibited.
12. Width of the pulling area is 20 feet. If a horse's foot strikes dirt outside the line it constitutes a hitch with no credit for the distance pulled. Teams must remain within the lines while hitched to the sled.
13. Each team has three minutes to get hooked to sled after announcer calls their name. Team will have a maximum of one minute between first and second pull attempts. May not unhook unless forfeiting second attempt. After second attempt, team must unhook. All pullers must come back in original order for third attempt. Choice of direction is allowed on third pull when space allows.
14. Breakdown – An actual separation, breaking or bending of equipment shall constitute a breakdown. Chains, straps or eveners not properly secured are not considered a breakdown. In event teamster and/or owner wish credit for the distance sled moved before breakage, it will constitute a hitch.
15. Unmanageable or Runaway Teams – If any team breaks away from the driver it will be eliminated from the contest and forfeits any premiums earned up to that time. If a team runs away due to a breakdown of equipment, the team will receive any premiums allotted to the placing they earned in the class prior to the runaway. The judge has the option to allow a team that ran away due to the breakdown to return depending on the circumstances.
16. Behavior of all horsemen (driver and helpers alike) to be above reproach at all times or disciplinary action by the judges will be taken. Mistreatment of horses will not be allowed. Any violation of the rules of the contest may result in disqualification of the team by officials. Any situations that may arise and are not covered by these rules, the decision will be left to the discretion of the judge/show committee. Anyone disputing the decision of the judge will be immediately disqualified.
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18. Every exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by or arising from any horse exhibited by him/her.
19. Premium checks will be mailed after the Fair to the person listed on the bottom of registration form. A W-9 Must be on file in order for premium check to be mailed.
20. Direct all questions to Travis Alford 252-450-5438.