

DRAFT HORSE DIVISION

REGISTRATION: All halter horses must be either registered or eligible for registration by their respective breed association. **THE DRAFT HORSE DIVISION IS OPEN TO PUREBRED BELGIANS, PERCHERONS, CLYDESDALES, AND SHIRES ONLY (this includes the under-saddle classes and pleasure driving). All light draft breeds, other draft breeds and draft crosses must enter the Light Draft Division. NO CROSS ENTERING.**

DRESS CODE: No blue jeans in halter classes. Proper dress, dress shirt, suit coat required in performance classes. This also applies to helpers/headers.

HALTER CLASSES: Shoeing of Halter Horses is optional. Whip person is permitted but not required. Appropriate decoration is encouraged, Exhibitors may have multiple entries per class. Classes may be combined at the discretion of Show Committee.

HITCH CLASSES: Breeds show together. Multiple entries are allowed. The same horse may be shown in all cart and riding classes. Classes may be combined at the discretion of Show Committee. All performance classes, EXCEPT those designated as: "riding", "youth", "pleasure", "obstacle", and "cones" must use show wagons, show harness, and horse must be shod. All multiple hitches (more than 2 horses) must always have two capable drivers up. Horses may be "borrowed" for multiple hitches.

YOUTH CLASSES: Participants in all "youth" (18 & under) driving classes must be accompanied by an adult. Youth also are invited to participate in all "pleasure", "cones", and "obstacle" driving classes, if they are accompanied by an adult driver.

STALLS: Tack stalls must be purchased at same rate as horse stalls: \$90/horse, regardless of length of stay, shavings are not included. (But MAY be purchased at \$8.00/Bag.) Stalls are 10' x 10'.

ALL NON-STABLED HORSES WILL BE CHARGED A \$25 PER HORSE PER DAY GROUNDS FEE

LIGHT DRAFT, SMALL DRAFT, HALF DRAFT, & MULE DIVISION

RULES & REGULATIONS

PRE-REGISTRATION: September 30, 2025 (postmarked)

LATE ENTRY FEE: Late registrations incur penalties of \$25 per animal. There will be NO guarantee of stall availability or free passes. Every effort will be made to obtain stalls and provide free passes. Payment is required to reserve stalls. Make checks payable to **Equine Event Planning, LLC**, a \$35 charge for bad checks will apply. Send all entries to:

Equine Event Planning, LLC
4618 Tyler Lane, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone #: 252-450-5438 Email: equineeventplanning@gmail.com

POST-ENTRY DEADLINE: ADDITIONAL classes may be added at the show without penalty and must be received in the show office no later than three scheduled classes prior to the class being added.

CLASSES: Management reserves the right to combine or split classes. Classes with 3 or less entries, payout starts with 2nd place money, at the discretion of the Show Committee. Classes with (3) three or more of the same breed, may be pinned separately.

STALLS/GROUNDS FEE: Animals not stabled MUST pay \$25 per animal grounds fee. Stalls will be assigned by Stable Superintendent only on a first come/first served basis. **NO HORSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO OVERNIGHT ON HORSE TRAILER.** Tack stalls must be purchased at same rate as horse stalls: \$90/horse, regardless of length of stay, shavings are not included.

SHAVINGS/BEDDING/HAY SALES: Shavings will be available on the grounds for \$8.00/Bag. Hay will be available at current market rates. **Sales will be available during show office hours. ALL STALLS MUST USE BEDDING – SHAVINGS OR STRAW – YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN.**

PARKING: When/if exhibitor/participant lots are full, vehicles will be directed to park in overflow free General Parking.

CAMPING: A limited number of RV spaces are available near the equine area. No advance reservations will be taken. RV space rentals are by reservation only. **NO trailers, campers, RVs, etc. will be allowed to plug into barn, stable or ring hook-ups.**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All animals MUST have a Negative Coggins test, dated within the last 12 months prior to show date. Copies may be mailed with entries to expedite check-in, or digital copies can be emailed to: equineeventplanning@gmail.com. Current interstate and intrastate health requirements shall apply. All out of state entries MUST provide Health Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for legal entry. The show will adhere to all federal horse protection regulations. Winning teams in the pulling contests may be subject to drug testing as will other teams selected randomly. Positive test results will result in forfeiture of any and all prize money.

YOUTH/JUNIOR DRIVERS: Youth/Junior drivers MUST be accompanied by an adult in all Youth/Junior Driving Classes. The exhibitor shall be no younger than 9 years of age and no older than 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year. NO Stallions allowed in Youth/Junior classes. Youth also are invited to participate in all “pleasure”, “cones”, and “obstacle” driving classes, as long as they are accompanied by an adult driver.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Any unsportsmanlike conduct by any exhibitor will disqualify BOTH exhibitor and horse from the show.

DRESS CODE: No blue jeans in halter classes. Proper dress, dress shirt, suit coat required in performance classes. This also applies to helpers/headers.

BE ON TIME: Be on time for each class you have entered. The show ring gate will be closed after a five (5) minute or a third gate call by Ringmaster, **Exhibitor will not be allowed to enter the ring. If you wish to withdraw from a class, please let the Ringmaster and/or the Bookkeeper know in advance so the class will not be held up.

*****NOTE: THERE IS NO REFUND OF CLASS FEES*****

INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGE: The judge shall report to the management any exhibitor(s) who in any way, whether in person or by agents or employees, interfere with him during his adjudication or manifest any disrespect to him, whereupon a proper apology from such exhibitor shall be demanded. Any exhibitor who refuses to comply with this rule may be excluded from further competition and management may withhold any premiums that may have been awarded to him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT: Anyone participating in any competition, event, or demonstration at the Equine Event Planning, LLC consents to the use of the Fair's photographic image of them or their exhibit, by the Equine Event Planning, LLC, agents, licensees, and assigns for any and all purposes, including without limitation television, theater, exhibition, website, publication and any trade or advertising purposes. Competitor/exhibitor understands there will be no remuneration for the use of such image.

LIABILITY: Upon submission of the entry blank, exhibitor releases and waives all rights against The Draft Horse Education Foundation, Inc. and its officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives, and the management of this show and pull, for death, personal injury or property damage and waives the right to sue or to bring action against The Draft Horse Education Foundation, Inc. or North Carolina State Fair Horse Show (Equine Event Planning, LLC) for any loss or damage which is in any way connected with the risks involved in equine activity.

PROTEST: A protest may be made to the Show Committee by a participant for any violation of rules. All protests must be in writing, signed by the protester, addressed to the show, and received by the Show Manager, Show Secretary or a member of the Show Committee within 48 hours of the alleged violation. A \$50 deposit must accompany any protest and the deposit will be returned in the event the protest is sustained.

MISTREATMENT: Any exhibitor or other person, directing physical abuse in any form towards a horse, will be immediately dismissed from the show and will forfeit all fees and premiums.

DRAFT HORSE DIVISION: Open to Purebred Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, and Shires. This includes the riding classes.

Light/SMALL DRAFT HORSE DIVISION: Open to Gypsy Vanners, Haflingers, Draft Ponies, Suffolks, Spotted Drafts, Fjords, American Creams, Drum horses, Friesians, Sugarbush Drafts etc. and draft horse crosses of any breeding that are NOT eligible for the Draft Division classes. Purebred Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, and Shires are not eligible to compete in these classes. All draft crosses MUST show characteristic draft breeding and feathering; warmbloods lacking these characteristics are not eligible regardless of heritage. Small draft horses are allowed in Draft Horse driving classes, if not specified.

HALF DRAFT HORSE DIVISION: Sire or dam MUST be a draft horse breed. Half draft horses are allowed in Draft Horse driving classes, if not specified.

MULE/DONKEY DIVISION: Open to all mules and donkeys. Mules and donkeys are allowed in Draft Horse driving classes, if not specified.

HALTER CLASSES: Shoeing of Halter Horses is optional. Whip person is permitted, but not required. Appropriate decoration is encouraged; Exhibitors may have multiple entries per class. Classes with (3) three or more of the same breed, may be pinned separately. Classes can be combined at the discretion of Show Management. Proper dress; dress shirt, NO blue jeans in halter classes.

HITCH CLASSES: MUST use 5th wheel show wagon or show cart, show harness with scotch housing, and horses should be appropriately shod. Appropriate decoration is encouraged. All multiple hitches (more than 3 horses) MUST always have 2 capable drivers up. Horses may be “borrowed” for multiple hitches. Exhibitor, Grooms, & Attendants MUST be in proper attire.

PREMIUM PAY-OUT: Classes with less than 3 entries, payout can start with 2nd place money. This will be up to the discretion of the Show Committee. A check with total premiums, minus any unpaid entry fees, stall fees, bedding, etc. will be mailed to the person whose name is on the registration form within 30 days of the show end date.