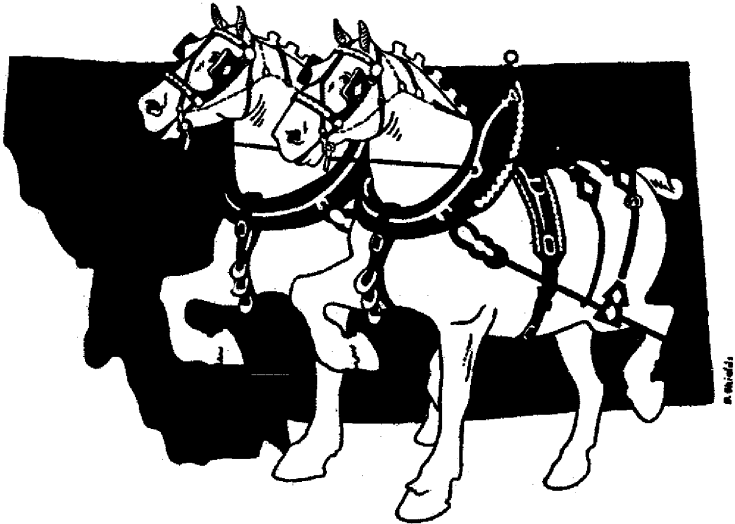


RULE BOOK

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE EXPO
North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series
TRIPLE Point Show

June 27TH, 28th, & 29th, 2025
Powell County Fairgrounds
Deer Lodge, Montana



HITCH ENTRIES DUE: APRIL 15,
OPEN CLASS ENTRIES DUE: MAY 1

For SCHEDULE & PATTERNS
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MOTELS & CAMPGROUNDS

Travel Lodge	406-846-2370
Old Montana Inn (Newly Remodeled)	406-846-4771
Western Big Sky Motel	406-846-2590
Indian Creek RV Campground	406-846-3848
A-OK Campground	406-459-0818
Riverfront RV Campground (Garrison)	406-560-0248
Fairmont Hot Springs (Opportunity)	406-797-3241

Check Anaconda and Butte for additional lodging choices. In addition to motels and campgrounds there are several vacation rentals in the area.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

This \$150.00 scholarship was established by the Big Sky Draft Horse Expo Committee and may be awarded to any youth who meets the criteria set by the committee. All entry fees from Youth Classes are used to fund these awards. The Form can be found on our website, or you may request one be sent to you by texting Sue Shockley at 406-581-1405. The submission deadline is June 10, 2025. See Form for requirements.

GENERAL RULES

1. **EXHIBITORS' MEETING – 9:00AM Friday** in the Picnic Area near the Blue-Ribbon Pavilion. Meet committee members, volunteers, and staff. Question and Answer time.
2. This is a draft horse show with **HITCH CLASSES, TEAMSTER EVENTS AND OPEN CLASSES.**
3. **HAY:** Hay will be available to purchase with prior arrangements. (SEE ENTRY FORM)
4. **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS:** Each exhibitor must wear the correct exhibitor number for each class. Numbers shall be attached to person, cart, or wagon.
5. **ENTRIES PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR:** Exhibitors may enter each class **ONE** time.
6. **CROSS ENTRIES:** Hitches may not Cross Enter with Open Classes **EXCEPT FOR Amateur 4 Driving, Youth Team & Antique/Unique**
7. **DOGS:** All dogs shall be always kept on leashed while on the show grounds. No dogs are allowed in the grandstand.
8. **RIDER REQUIREMENTS:** For safety's sake, one rider deemed competent by the driver shall be on the seat with the driver in each HITCH or OPEN classes consisting of **THREE (3)** or more horses unless stated otherwise in the Class Description. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification of the Exhibitor from that class. No more than one rider is allowed, and no one shall be in the back of the wagon.
9. **The Expo Committee understands the use of Segways, bikes, 4-wheelers & golf carts are convenient, however they do cause safety issues. If using any of these, operate them in a SLOW, RESPONSIBLE MANNER. They cause concern, especially in the Warmup/Staging area where animals that are not familiar with these forms of transportation will be waiting for their class. Be cautious and respectful. Minors**

operating these conveyances must be under the supervision of an adult.

10. **ARENA PERSONNEL:** No person shall be permitted in the ring during the time of the judging of performance classes EXCEPT the judge, ring steward, official photographer, one groom or header for each entry and those involved in pattern setup.
11. **INTERFERENCE WITH SHOW:** Any exhibitor, assistant, spectator or other person attempting to interfere with the judge or manager, in the performance of his/her duties in any manner may be asked to leave the facility and shall forfeit any monies, ribbons or awards.
12. **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:** There will be 4 performances; Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Schedule will be posted on website.
13. **GATE HOLDS:** All entries must be ready well in advance of class time to avoid delays. "Fillers" between some of the classes will be provided to allow time for a hitch/equipment change. The gate will be held 2 minutes for late entries after the class is called. Once arena gate is closed, no exhibitors will be allowed entry. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to advise the gate attendants if they will need a gate hold.
14. **VIOLATIONS:** Any person violating these rules and regulations shall be disqualified and forfeit any entry fees or premium that may be awarded. The Show Committee will settle any disputes.
15. **DANGEROUS ANIMALS** Any horse(s) or mule(s) out of control or dangerous, may be asked to leave the arena and/or the grounds and forfeit entry fees/premium money. Any horses involved in an accident at previous shows or events here or elsewhere and deemed unsafe by the committee may be asked to leave and all premiums may be forfeited. Owners of unsafe animals will be subject to paying for damages caused by the accident.
16. **RULE ENFORCEMENT:** The Chairperson(s) of the Steering Committee for Big Sky Draft Horse Expo shall have general supervision of the grounds, the entire exhibition as well as control of show rules and regulations with support of the Show Committee. Should there be any dispute or misunderstanding which none of the By-laws, Rules and Regulations address, the Show Committee, acting as a Protest Committee, shall have the final and absolute right to alter, interpret, apply, or change these rules and regulations as may become necessary.
17. **GRIEVANCE PROCESS:** Any disputes with exhibitors, officials or any other individuals will be handled by the Show

Committee, without public display. Anyone creating an unfavorable scene may be asked to leave the grounds. Any exhibitor who may desire to enter a protest must enter such protest in writing prior to the close of the show and deposit \$20 at the Show Office. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forfeited and added to the funds of the Big Sky Draft Horse Expo.

18. **PREMIUM ERRORS:** Any error in recording premiums caused by oversight shall be corrected if proof of the mistake is provided to the Show Committee.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION

1. **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES:** All Exhibitors must arrive no later than 8:00AM on Friday. Arrival time begins after 12:00 noon Thursday. All horses must be off the grounds by noon on Monday. For early arrival or extended stay please make prior arrangements with Expo Committee Chairman, Wade Thornley (208-589-3974). Additional fees may be charged by the Fairgrounds.
2. **EARLY DEPARTURE:** Please be respectful to those who are still showing and allow 30 minutes after the last class of the performance to move out. This will help keep the harnessing and hitching area safe.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. **ENTRY FORMS DEADLINES:** **HITCH CLASS** entry forms must be received by April 15, 2025. **Open Class** Entry forms must be received by May 1, 2025. All entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
2. **ALL ENTRY FEES, STALL FEES AND PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM.**
3. **CLASS/DRIVER CHANGES:** Adding/changing classes will **NOT** be permitted after Noon on the Friday of to the show. The SHOW CLERK must be informed of any changes in drivers by 9:00 a.m. the day of the class. All changes will be taken by the SHOW CLERK or her representative in the **SHOW OFFICE** (small building to the south of the Blue Ribbon Pavilion).
4. **LATE CLASS ENTRIES:** Late entries MAY be accepted until June 1 if space allows, but after that date, no entries will be accepted. There is a late entry fee of \$30 per class for entries made between May 1 and June 1.
5. **ENTRY FEES:** There will be a \$15 entry fee charged for each class except **YOUTH Classes which will be charged \$10.** These fees apply to both HITCH and OPEN CLASS exhibitors. There are two exceptions; **1) Master Teamster – anyone competing for the Master Teamster** award will be required to pay an additional \$50 entry fee. This entry will be jackpotted and paid out to the top teamsters. **2) Feed Team Race – anyone**

competing in the Feed Team Race will pay a \$5 entry fee plus a \$20 Jackpot Fee (total of \$25). The \$20 fees will be added together and paid out to the winners as a Jackpot.

STALLING INFORMATION

1. **LIMITED STALLS:** Expo has limited stalls and barns are filled, no more entries will be accepted unless exhibitors are able to provide their own stalls. Panel pens and electric fence pens are allowed. The space must be reserved and there is a small fee. Stalls will be accepted on a first come first serve basis .
2. **Hitch Exhibitors may keep their animals in box stalls** provided at the Fairgrounds if they are available. The box stalls will accommodate only one hitch animal. Tie stalls are also an option. Please indicate on your entry form box stall or tie stall.
3. **Open Class Exhibitors** will have box stalls and due to limited stalls, are encouraged to put 2 animals in each stall if possible. Exhibitors may provide their own outdoor stalls/pen but must reserve space on the entry form.
4. **Any restless animal or animals** that may cause harm to themselves or others should be tied in the box stall.
5. **Bedding** (wood shavings) will be provided.
6. **ALTERNATIVE STALLING:** The Exhibitor may provide their own panel pens/stalls for their animals. There will be a designated area for these types of stalls. There will be a \$5.00/day/ animal charge for this option. Please note on your entry for if you choose this option.

WRISTBANDS INFORMATION

1. This is an **ALL-PAY** gate. The HITCH CLASS exhibitors will receive, in their EXHIBITOR PACKET at the Show office, 10 free EXHIBITOR/CREW wristbands. Each OPEN CLASS exhibitor will receive 4 free wristbands. Additional crew/exhibitor wristbands may be purchased for \$5 each at the Show Office.
2. All exhibitors and crew members must WEAR their EXHIBITOR/CREW WRISTBAND to be admitted to any gated area including the Warmup/Staging area and Grandstand area. This rule will be strictly adhered to mitigate safety issues with having unauthorized people in these areas.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** Out-of-state horses: a health certificate is required within 30 days, with a negative Coggins test within twelve (12) months and permit number from the State of Montana. Have your Vet call the State of Montana (406-444-2043) to get the permit number prior to you leaving

your state. This permit number must appear on the health certificate and is good for 10 days.

2. **BRAND INSPECTIONS:** All horses being hauled to or in the state of Montana must have a brand inspection from point of origin or if your state does not require brand inspections you must receive one prior to entering or leaving Montana. If you need a brand inspection done at the show, let the committee know and an inspector will be called. Any fees will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
3. **STATE LAWS:** You should check with your own state for any other requirements to enter Montana or to re-enter your own state. Canadian exhibitors are to follow the Canadian entry laws in the U.S. and re-entry laws into Canada. Canadian Brand Inspections are required.
4. **VETERINARIAN INSPECTIONS:** At the discretion of the Show Committee, veterinarians may inspect animals before exhibition to determine that the animals are free from any evidence of infectious or contagious diseases or ectoparasites. Exhibitors should be aware that ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, and fleas all fall into these categories.
5. **VACCINATIONS:** It is recommended that your horse be current on vaccinations prior to attending any events where other horses are being shown or stabled. Consult with your veterinarian for any other vaccination recommendations.
6. **DRUG TESTING:** No horse or mule is to be shown if it has been given any forbidden substance defined as any controlled substance scheduled by the DEA. This includes stimulants, depressants, and all anabolic steroids. The committee reserves the right to test any horse or mule for the presence of forbidden substances.

LIABILITY & INSURANCE

1. **LIABILITY:** Exhibitors make entry at their own risk and release Big Sky Draft Horse Expo, the Show Committee and volunteers, Powell County, Powell County Chamber of Commerce, Tri-County Fair Board, and Blue Ribbon Pavilion from all liability of any kind; or loss of property, life, demands, costs, charges, and expenses that may be incurred by reason of any accidents, omissions, conducts of fault of any kind. Exhibitors of animals or other items liable to occasional accidents, injury or damage to people coming into contact therewith, shall guard their exhibits in such a way as to protect the public.
2. **INSURANCE:** You must have your own insurance to cover any personal loss because of any accident, illness or injury and insurance to cover injury caused by you, your animals, crew or

equipment. **A Proof of Insurance Statement is required to be sent in with your entry form.**

3. **MONTANA EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY**

LIMITATIONS ACT: Montana Law – 27-1-727: (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional is not liable for injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity resulting from risks inherent in equine activities. (2) An equine participant shall act in a safe and responsible manner at all times to avoid injury to the participant and others and to be aware of risks inherent in equine activities. (3) Subsection (1) does not apply: (a) if the equine activity sponsor failed to make reasonable and prudent efforts to determine the ability of the participant to safely engage in the equine activity and the participant's ability to manage the particular equine based on the participant's representations as to his/her ability; committed an act or omission that constituted willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant; or intentionally injured the participant.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. **CONFORMATION:** Match of animals in size, color, markings and uniformity. Hitch should represent the ideal example of conformation for the breed they represent. All animals must be sound (lameness is cause for elimination of hitch from awards.)
2. **WAY OF GOING:** All animals must pull evenly in the traces; heads up, even and traveling straight ahead; no fighting the bit, lagging or crowding ahead or to the side. The individual and collective response of the animals to the driver's verbal commands and manual signals while stopping, backing and fanning.
3. **PRESENTATION:** Cleanliness of the horses, harness, and wagon; condition of harness and wagon; decorations on horses; attire of driver, riders and grooms; appropriateness of vehicle to hitch; over-all appearance of the outfit.
4. **DRIVING:** How well the driver handles the horses and lines. Hitches may be made up of horses owned by one or more exhibitors.

SPECIFIC CLASS JUDGING CRITERIA

1. **RAIL CLASSES:** Will be judged on: Conformation (40%); Way of Going (25%); Presentation (25%); Driving (10%) unless otherwise stated in the Class Description. These classes

require traveling in both directions around the arena and a back-up while in the final line up.

2. **DRIVING CLASSES** will be judged on: Driving (50%); Way of Going (40%); Presentation (10%) unless otherwise stated in the Class Description.

HITCH CLASSES

1. **HITCH CLASSES:** Open to draft horse breeds THE FOLLOWING DRAFT HORSE BREEDS: Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires, Suffolks and Spotted Drafts.
2. **All HITCHES** entering the NASHHCS designated classes must be members of that association. Dues may be paid directly to the NASHCS or may be included with the Big Sky Draft Horse Expo entry form.
3. **All HITCHES must have an entry in ALL REQUIRED HITCH CLASSES** – THREE Classic Series Six Horse Conformation Classes and one Classic Cart class.
4. The Hitches will also be required to enter two of the remaining four classes. There will be Division A and Division B. DIVISION A will be required to drive in Ladies Cart and 4 Up Conformation while Division B will be required to drive in Team and Unicorn. The Expo Committee will draw names for each Division once entries are in and will advise Hitches which Division they will be entered in prior to the show.
5. Fifteen percent of earnings will be deducted for each class scratched and that money split between the other Hitch entries.

DESIGNATED HITCH CLASSES

- a. Classic Series 6 Horse Conformation Point Class – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - **REQUIRED**
- b. Cart Classic Series Point Class - **REQUIRED**
- c. 4- Horse Conformation – Division A
- d. Unicorn – Division B
- e. Team – Division B
- f. Ladies Cart – Division A
- g. Classic Series Junior Cart: **NOT REQUIRED** The JR. Cart Class will be a sanctioned NASHHCS class. The driver must be driving a Belgian, Percheron, Shire, or Clydesdale. To be eligible to compete in this class, Juniors must be between the ages of 6 and 18 as of January 1st of the show year. The class will be split by ages. The Jr. Driver must be registered with the NASHHCS to compete in this class and be considered for NASHCS scholarships. There are no membership dues for Jr. Drivers. To register and for rules visit naclassicseries.com. Judges 100% on driver's ability. Style of horses and equipment are NOT to

be considered. Exhibitors must provide their own horses and carts.

OPEN CLASSES

OPEN CLASSES: These classes allow mules, draft and light breed driving horses including but not limited to Norwegian Fjords and Haflingers, grade and cross bred horses 14.2 hands and taller.

1. **BEAN BAG TOSS** - This is a **SINGLE HORSE**, a timed pattern class. It is open to a single horse or mule pulling a 2 wheel vehicle. Drivers will be handed 6 bean bags. At the flag start drivers will race to the furthest bucket. They will serpentine back through 6 buckets and return serpentine through the buckets. During either serpentine pass a bean bag must be tossed into each of the 6 buckets. Once you have reached the end bucket you will race back to the finish line. Fastest time wins. Any gait is acceptable. A 5 second penalty will be assessed for hitting a bucket with your animal or cart. A 5 second penalty will be assessed for missing any bucket with a bean bag.
2. ***CANADIAN MAZE I:** This is a **TEAM** class designed for the participants with draft horses, mules, light horses and/or cross breeds and driving a hitch wagon, farm wagon, rubber tire wagon etc. It is a timed event; loping is allowed, but animals must be always under control. There is a 10 second penalty for each cone disturbed. This class will conform to the rules presented in the Exhibitor Packets. The pattern will be made available prior to Expo.
NOTE: This class will also be designated as the Speed Driving Class for the Master Teamsters. It may be entered as an individual open class or as part of the Master Teamster.
3. **CANADIAN MAZE II:** This open **TEAM** class is designed for the participant with draft horses, mules, light horses and/or cross breeds and driving a marathon vehicle, chariot or a vehicle designed for speed. It is a timed event; loping is allowed, but animals must be always under control. There is a 10 second penalty for each cone disturbed. This class will conform to the rules presented in the exhibitor packets. The pattern will be made available prior to Expo.
4. ***DRIVING WITH PRECISION AND CONTROLLED SPEED: Time Limit: 3 Minutes** The goal of this event is to drive a **TEAM** through and around obstacles simulating driving through a town to make a delivery on time and safely. One safety assistant will accompany the driver. The Show will provide identical wagons. The course may include, but is not limited to, such obstacles as serpentine course of pylons, complete circles to left and/or right, an alleyway, a simulated loading dock to back up to, and precise stopping. Accuracy is

most important, with time being used only as a tiebreaker. Time in the course area is restricted to THREE (3) minutes. The function of the safety assistant is to ride on the wagon and come to the aid of the driver only if an emergency should arise. Should the assistant touch the lines or in any way speak or signal the driver or team, the driver will be disqualified in the event. Teams are to negotiate the course as quickly as possible without breaking out of a working/extended trot. Walking is considered a break in gait. Loping is not allowed. NOTE: This class is one of the four designated as a Master Teamster classes and maybe entered as an individual Open Class or as part of the Master Teamster.

5. **FEED TEAM RACE:** The Feed **TEAM** Race will be held as a Jackpot. There will be a \$5 entry fee and \$20 Jackpot money per teamster, which must be sent in with the entry form. Three places will be paid (1st - 50%, 2nd - 30% & 3rd - 20%). **EACH TEAM OF HORSES MAY ONLY COMPETE ONCE. EACH CONTESTANT IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE ONCE AND TO SWAMP ONCE.** Teamsters will be disqualified for not following rules.
6. **FOUR ABREAST:** This is for any horses or mules in harness. Points will be awarded as follows: 25% Conformation; 25% Way of Going; 25% Presentation; 25% driving. (Rail Class)
7. **FOUR UP DRIVING COMPETITION: Time Limit: 5 Minutes** This is designed for any horses or mules in harness. Judged on 50% Driving, 40% Way of Going, 10% Presentation (Pattern Class) required)
8. **GAMBLERS CHOICE CART: Time Limit – 3 Minutes** This class is for a **SINGLE** horse/mule driven with a two-wheel cart. There will be **TWO** carts on the course at the same time. The course may include, but is not limited to, such obstacles as a bridge, mailbox, loading dock, serpentine, and a pole slot. This is a timed event - each exhibitor will have **THREE (3)** minutes, with a 30 second warning, to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Points will be awarded only with the successful completion of a task. Amendments to this class may be made at show time. Each obstacle is assigned a point value according to its degree of difficulty and each driver tries to amass as high a score as possible within the time allowed. After passing through the starting line, the competitor may drive through the obstacles, in any order, from any direction. Before repeating an obstacle, the driver must complete all obstacles. Each obstacle may be repeated but not in succession. If a horse refuses an obstacle without disturbing it, the driver may elect not to attempt it and may drive to another obstacle without penalty.

- The obstacle may be attempted later and if correctly driven, the appropriate points will be recorded. No points will be awarded for an incorrectly completed obstacle. If the signal sounds when the competitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and receive the appropriate points, then proceed through the finish markers for total time to be recorded. Whether or not the competitor committed to the last obstacle at the signal will be left to the discretion of the judge. Placings will be determined on a high score basis. If a tie occurs, the Premiums of each tied place will be combined and divided between the two individuals. Canter is permitted.
9. **HORSE/MULE STREET CLASS:** This is a **TEAM** rail class designed for the participant with any horses in harness who uses them for hayrides, carriage rides, or other activities as would be found on the streets. Rubber tired vehicles are acceptable. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up, or similar elements.
 10. ***LOG SKIDDING: Time Limit: 5 minutes**
Skidding two logs through a designated course consisting of pylons and an alley. Precision and control of the **TEAM** and logs is the primary goal, simulating a logging activity. The driver must either ride on the logs or walk. He/she may not do both. The Driver must follow the designed pattern. Penalty points will be assessed if the Driver allows any part of himself/herself, logs, team or double tree to touch a pylon or break a barrier.
 11. ***OBSTACLE COURSE: Time Limit: 5 Minutes** The objective of this **TEAM** event is to drive a team through and around obstacles simulating a farm situation. The Show will provide identical wagons. The course may include, but is not limited to, such obstacles as a gate, serpentine course of pylons, complete circles to left and/or right, an alleyway, a simulated loading dock to back up to, and precise stopping. Accuracy is most important, with time being used only as a tiebreaker. One safety assistant will accompany the driver. The function of the safety assistant is to ride on the wagon and come to the aid of the driver only if an emergency should arise. Should the assistant touch the lines or in any way speak or signal the driver or team, the driver will be disqualified in the event. Teams may be walked or trotted. Loping is not allowed.
 12. **PLEASURE CART: The driver must use a two wheeled cart and a SINGLE equine** in this class. At the judge's discretion, the exhibitor may be required to perform any or all the following: On the rail, ask for a walk, trot, or extended trot. To show a quiet and easy way of going. Must show a smooth responsiveness. Must stand quietly and back readily. To be

- judged on quality, performance, and manners. On the rail, ask for a stop, then change directions in place. In line, back-up straight, fan 90 degrees one way, forward into line. (Rail Class)
13. **SIX UP DRIVING COMPETITION: Time Limit: 5 Minutes**
This is designed for any horses or mules in harness. A rider deemed competent by the driver is required. Judged on 50% Driving, 40% Way of Going, 10% Presentation (Pattern Class)
 14. **YOUTH CART:** Youth must be between the ages of 6 and 18 as of January 1st of the show year. This is a cart and **SINGLE** equine class. This is for the Open Class Youth only. If the Youth Driver wants to be considered for NASHCS scholarships s/he must register with the NASHHCS. The Youth may then enter the Classic Series Youth Cart class if driving a Belgian, Percheron, Shire, or Clydesdale since this is a Draft Horse only class. Judges 100% on driver's ability. Exhibitors must provide their own horses/mules and cart. (Rail Class)
- OPEN CLASS MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSIC:**
1. **The Master Teamster events may be entered by OPEN CLASS only, No Hitch entries.** There will be a **MASTER TEAMSTER SELECTED** based on total points earned in the four required classes. These classes are designed to demonstrate the partnership between team and driver in 3 ways: Precision Driving, Driving with Speed, and Driving for Work. The details and rules are:
 2. **ENTRY FEE:** Those wishing to compete for the Master Teamster award are required to pay an additional \$50 entry which will be paid out as a JACKPOT. Depending upon the number of entries, either three(3) or five (5) places will be paid out.
 3. **REQUIRED CLASSES:** Four classes are required and must be completed by each contestant using the same team for all classes.
 - a. **Precision Driving/Obstacle Course:**
 - b. **Driving With Speed/Canadian Maze I:**
 - c. **Driving For Work/ Log Skidding:**
 - d. **Precision Driving with Controlled Speed:**
 4. **MDHMA** equipment will be provided and must be used by those competing for the Master Teamster Award.
 5. Each class will have an established time limit. Penalties will be assigned a time (number of seconds) which will be added to the total score.
 6. **A rider (SWAMPER) is required for each entry. This person may assist in heading the animals. The rider (SWAMPER) may not communicate with driver except when necessary for safety.**

7. Youth may enter and the same rules apply.
8. If an order of go is established, it will be followed.
9. All classes have a designated course to follow.
10. **JUDGING CRITERIA FOR MASTER TEAMSTERS:**
 - a. **WAY OF GOING:** Animals pull evenly in the traces; heads up, even and traveling straight ahead; no fighting the bit, lagging or crowding ahead or to the side. The individual and collective response of the animals to the driver's verbal commands and manual signals while stopping, backing, and fanning.
 - b. **PRESENTATION:** Cleanliness & condition of the horses, harness & wagon
 - c. **DRIVING:** How well the driver handles the horses and lines, hitching safely.
 - d. **FAULTS:** Running over or disturbing any part of the pattern; not staying within designated boundaries (when appropriate); not following the designated pattern/course, etc.

HITCH AND OPEN CLASS

These THREE classes may be entered by Open AND Hitch Exhibitors.

1. **ANTIQUE/UNIQUE VEHICLE CLASS:** This is a **SINGLE or MULTIPLE** hitch rail class to be judged 25% on uniqueness, 25% authenticity, 15% quality of vehicle, 15% on appropriate animal(s) and 20% on attire according to the vehicle. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to perform a fan, back up or other similar elements. This class is open to any driven equine, **OPEN AND HITCH CLASS** entries. (Rail Class)

2. **YOUTH TEAM:** Judged 100% on driver's ability. Style of horses and equipment are not to be considered. Youth must be between the ages of 6 and 18 as of January 1st of the show year. The class will be split into two age groups... This will be a pattern class. Horses must be at a walk at all times for youth 6 – 12; horses may trot for youth ages 13-18. A course will be provided for each age group. Horses/mules and wagon will be provided. Adult teamster may take the lines if he/she determines the youth may be driving in an unsafe manner and youth will not place in the class. BSDHE will support decision of the adult teamster. (Pattern Class)
3. **AMATEUR FOUR HORSE DRIVING CLASS. This class is open to all HITCH AND OPEN AMATEUR EXHIBITORS.** The driver must be one who has never shown a six-horse hitch in competition and never won a four-horse competition at any show. The driver competing in the Four

Horse Amateur class cannot enter any other four and six horse competitions at this show. Five places will be paid out. Amateur Four Driving class has been set up to encourage new drivers. The definition of an Amateur Four Driver is any driver who has never shown a six-horse hitch in competition and never won a four-horse competition at any show. The driver competing in the Four Horse Amateur class cannot enter any other four and six horse competitions. Horses may be entered in both. The class will be judged 100% on driving ability. Drivers will be given a specific course. Matching should not be considered in judging. Class judged on the responsiveness and smoothness of the hitches in completing the course.

PRIZE MONEY

Recognition will be given to the first five places in the classes listed below. Premium money to be awarded as listed.

OPEN CLASSES

SINGLE HORSE/MULE 1ST = 95, 2ND = \$80, 3RD = \$65, 4TH = \$50, 5TH = \$45

Gamblers Choice Cart - Pleasure Cart – Youth Cart (No Premiums)

TWO HORSE/ MULE CLASSES 1ST = \$115, 2ND = \$100, 3RD = \$90, 4TH = \$75, 5TH = \$65

Canadian Maze I - Canadian Maze II - Obstacle Driving - Log Skidding – Driving with Precision & Controlled Speed - Horse / Mule Street Class

FOUR HORSE/MULE CLASSES 1ST = 195, 2ND = \$170, 3RD = \$145, 4TH = \$120, 5TH = \$95

Four Horse Driving - Four-Abreast – Amateur Four Up Driving

SIX HORSE/MULE DRIVING 1st- \$220, 2nd- \$195, 3rd - \$170; 4th - \$145, 5th - \$120

SPECIAL OPEN CLASSES

JUNIOR CART CLASSES– Awards Only

FEED TEAM RACE --- Jackpot 1st – 50%; 2nd – 30%; 3rd – 20%

MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSES: \$50 ENTRY FEES will be JACKPOTTED with payouts being 3 or 5 places depending upon the number of entries.

CHAMPION MASTER TEAMSTER – CUSTOM BRASS – Presented Sunday during Grand Entry

DEMONSTRATIONS (8 UP DRIVING & SPECIAL HITCHES)

Will receive demonstration money.

HITCH CLASSES: LEVEL PAY

Four-Horse Conformation – Team – Unicorn - Classic Six Horse Hitch Conformation – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Ladies Cart, Classic Series Cart, Classic Series Youth Cart (No Premiums)

OPEN AND HITCH CLASSES

ANTIQUE/UNIQUE – Will be paid out as a Two Animal Class
JUNIOR TEAM – Awards Only

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Subject to Change)

Classes with * following will have a 10 minute filler before the next class begins

HALL OF FAME DINNER - TBD

11:00AM - FRIDAY JUNE 27 PRESHOW EVENT - Horse Drawn Equipment Demos Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site Visitors' Center

9:00AM EXHIBITOR MEETING – Picnic Area near Blue Ribbon Pavilion

FRIDAY JUNE 27 FIRST PERFORMANCE

<u>12:00PM</u>		<u>National Anthem and Presentation of Colors by The Ramblin' Roses Drill Team</u>
<u>2:10PM</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Obstacle Course - (OPEN & MASTER TEAMSTER)</u>
<u>12:34PM</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Log Skidding (OPEN & MASTER TEAMSTER) *</u>
<u>2:00PM</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Classic Six Horse Conformation- (HITCH - ALL)</u>
<u>3:00PM</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Mule & Horse Street Class – (OPEN) (2 Heats) *</u>
<u>3:50PM</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Team (HITCH Group B)</u>
<u>4:10PM</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4 Abreast (OPEN) *</u>
<u>4:40PM</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Bean Bag Toss (OPEN) *</u>
<u>5:30PM</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Classic Cart (HITCH)</u>
<u>6:00PM</u>		<u>VISIT THE BARN, EXPO BAR-B-Q - STEAK DINNER & FREE MUSIC</u>

SATURDAY JUNE 28 SECOND PERFORMANCE

<u>9:00AM</u>		<u>National Anthem and Presentation of Colors by The Ramblin' Roses Drill Team</u>
<u>9:10 AM</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Feed Team Race (OPEN) *</u>
<u>9:55AM</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Youth Team (OPEN & HITCH) *</u>
<u>10:45AM</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Precision Driving and Controlled Speed (OPEN & MASTER TEAMSTER) *</u>
<u>11:40AM</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Classic Six Horse Conformation- (HITCH - ALL)</u>
<u>12:40PM</u>		<u>Draft Horse 101 - Education</u>
<u>12:40PM</u>		<u>INTERMISSION</u>

SATURDAY JUNE 29 THIRD PERFORMANCE

<u>1:30PM</u>		<u>Grand Entry – Hall of Fame Awards & Youth Scholarship Awards – Colors by The Ramblin' Roses</u>
<u>1:50PM</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>Canadian Maze 1 (OPEN & MASTER TEAMSTER)</u>
<u>2:20PM</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>Canadian Maze 2– (OPEN) *</u>
<u>2:40PM</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Classic Series Jr. Cart (HITCH)</u>
<u>3:00PM</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Antique/Unique Vehicle (OPEN)</u>
<u>3:30PM</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4 Up Conformation (HITCH Group A) *</u>
<u>4:00PM</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Pleasure Cart (OPEN) *</u>
<u>4:40PM</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Amateur 4 Up Driving (OPEN & HITCH)</u>
<u>5:00PM</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>4 Up Obstacle Driving (OPEN) *</u>
<u>5:45PM</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>Unicorn (HITCH)</u>
<u>6:00PM</u>		<u>VISIT THE BARN, EXPO BAR-B-Q & MUSIC</u>

SUNDAY JUNE 29 FOURTH PERFORMANCE

<u>10:00AM</u>		<u>Grand Entry – Big Sky Awards, & Master Teamster Award Colors by Ramblin Roses</u>
<u>10:20PM</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Gamblers Choice (OPEN) *</u>
<u>11:00AM</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>Jr. Cart (OPEN)</u>
<u>11:20AM</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Classic Six Horse Conformation- (HITCH - ALL) *</u>
<u>12:30PM</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>6 Horse Obstacle Driving (OPEN) *</u>
<u>1:00PM</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Ladies Cart (HITCH Group A)</u>
<u>1:20PM</u>		<u>GRAND FINALE!!! EXPO FANCY HITCH DEMONSTRATION</u>