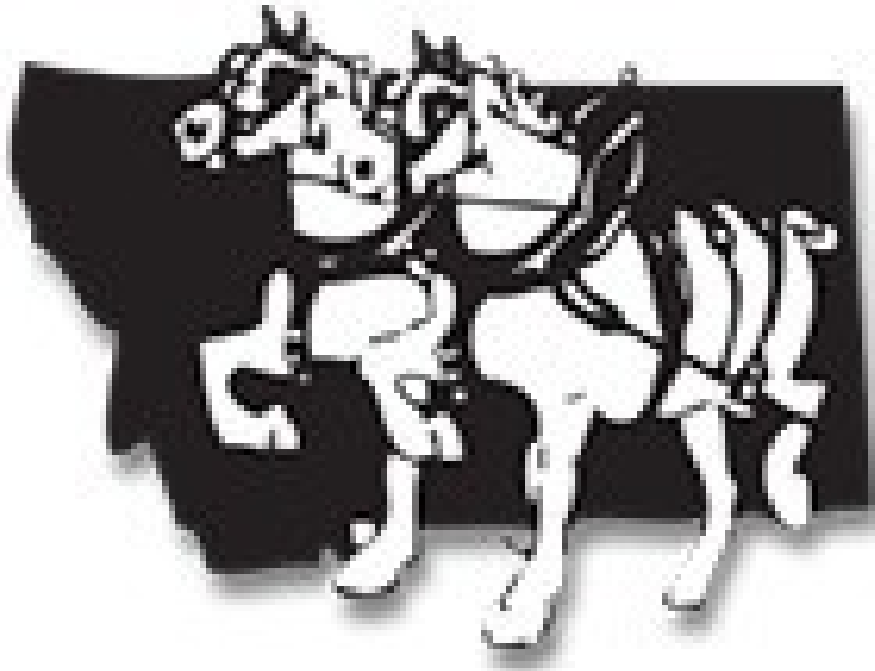


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# **BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE EXPO**

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**North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series Double Point Show**



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**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY:**

**Hitch Exhibitors: April 15, 2017**

**Open Class Exhibitors: May 15, 2017**

## Welcome to the 22nd Annual Big Sky Draft Horse Expo

This show is designed to support the draft horse industry, the driving of horses and to create a fun, entertaining and educational event in Montana. The classes are arranged to offer the spectators a variety of activities each day and to make the show flow as smoothly as possible for the exhibitors. The show features draft horse breeds and welcomes mules and light driving horses to enter the OPEN classes.

In addition to the Expo Draft Horse Show, there are a variety of businesses under the Grandstand that you will find of interest. They offer some great opportunities to pick up a souvenir of the show, various services and some great food. Also, the Old Prison Museums and the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site will be providing some additional activities and tours. More information on these will be available online and in the Exhibitor Packets.

Dry camping is available at the Fairgrounds for \$15 per night. There are limited electrical hookups available for \$20 per night. A list of area motels and campgrounds is below. If we can be of further help, please feel free to contact any of the show committee members.

**Reminder:** Go to the web site [www.drafthorseexpo](http://www.drafthorseexpo) or the Facebook page for more details about the show and the Facebook pages for the Grant- Kohrs Ranch and the Powell County Prison Museum.

### Motels & Campgrounds

Travel Lodge	406-846-2370
Western Big Sky Motel	406-846-2590
Indian Creek RV Campground	406-846-3848
KOA Campground	406-846-1629
Riverside Campground (Garrison)	1-800-255-1318 or 406-846-2158
Fairmont Hot Springs (Opportunity)	406-797-3241
Check Anaconda and Butte for additional lodging choices	

### GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### ALL ENTRIES AND EXHIBITORS ARE SUBJECT TO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS

This is a draft horse show with HITCH CLASSES, TEAMSTER EVENTS AND OPEN CLASSES. The HITCH CLASSES are open to draft horse breeds including Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires, and Suffolks.

#### \*NORTH AMERICAN SIX HORSE CLASSIC SERIES:

This is the SECOND year the Big Sky Draft Horse Expo will be a part of the Six-Horse Classic Series. Points from this show will be added to the exhibitors' totals. At the end of the 2017 season, those with the highest number of points will compete for top honors at the finals held in Oklahoma.

\* Mules and light breeds of driving horses including but not limited to Norwegian Fjords and Haflingers and grade and cross bred horses will be able to enter the OPEN CLASSES including the Antique/Unique Vehicle Class, Junior Team, Junior Cart, Pleasure Cart Class, Street Classes, Gamblers Choice Cart Class, Team, Four and Six Horse Driving, the Master Teamster Classic, and Feed Team Race and Canadian Maze Jackpots.

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1. 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.
2. DANGEROUS ANIMALS: Exhibitors of animals or other items liable to occasional accidents, injury or damage to persons coming into contact therewith, shall guard their exhibits in such a way as to protect the public. Any horse(s) or mule(s) out of control or seemingly 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. Owner of unsafe animals will be subject to paying for damages caused by the accident.
3. 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. You must have your own insurance to cover any personal loss as a result 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.**
4. MONTANA EQUINE LIABILITY ACT: Montana Law – 2701-727: Equine Activity Liability Limitations. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), and 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.

5. **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 the 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 will govern, 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.

6. **GRIEVANCE PROCESS:** Any disputes with showmen, 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 with the secretary. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forfeited and added to the funds of the Big Sky Draft Horse Expo.

7. **PREMIUM ERRORS:** Any error in recording premiums caused by oversight shall be subject to correction whenever proof of a mistake is furnished to the Show Committee within one week after the show.

8. **ENTRY FEES:** There will be a \$15 entry fee charged for each class and Jr. Classes will be \$10.. These fees apply to both HITCH and OPEN CLASS exhibitors. Entries for all classes must be received by **April 15, 2017 for HITCHES** and **May 15, 2016 for OPEN CLASS**. Entries for HITCH CLASSES will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. 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 \$10 per class.

9. **STALLING:** Exhibitors may keep their animals in tie stalls provided at the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors may wish to bring their own partitions. These are \$15 per stall (2 horses per stall) per day. **All horses/mules must be tied while in the stalls.** Bedding will be provided. The Exhibitor may, as an alternative to stalling in the provided stalls, provide their own panel fences/stalls for their animals. There will be a designated area for these type of stalls. There will be a \$5.00/animal charge for this option.

9. **HAY:** Hay will be available to purchase with prior arrangements.

10. **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES:** Horses may arrive after 12:00 noon Thursday and must be off the grounds by noon on Monday. For early arrival or extended stay please make prior arrangements. Additional fees will be charged for extended stays.

11. **EARLY DEPARTURE:** Those Exhibitors wishing to leave prior to the end of the show must advise the Committee of this prior to the show. There will be specific designated early departure times so as not to disrupt those Exhibitors who will be getting ready for another class.

12. **INSURANCE:** **ALL ENTRY FEES, STALL FEES AND PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM.**

13. **LIMITED STALLS:** If the barns are full, no entries will be accepted after the deadline. Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until the spaces are filled. Should barns fill prior to the entry deadline, the Committee has the option to close entries early or work to make other accommodations.

14. **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS:** Each exhibitor must wear the correct exhibitor number for that class. Numbers shall be attached to person, cart or wagon.

15. **DOGS:** All dogs shall be kept on leashes at all times while on the show grounds. No dogs are allowed in the grandstand.

16. **WRISTBANDS:** This is an ALL PAY gate. All exhibitors and crew members must wear their exhibitor wristband in order to be admitted to any gated area including the Warmup/Staging area. This rule will be strictly be adhered to in an effort to mitigate safety issues with having unauthorized people in these areas. Everyone must wear their wristbands in order to be allowed in the grandstand area. The Exhibitors will receive one wristband per animal in their exhibitor packets

17. **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 respective committee reserves the right to test any horse or mule for the presence of forbidden substances.

#### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

18. **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.

19. **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 here, let the committee know and an inspector will be called. Any fees will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

20. **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.

21. **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.

22. 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.

### SHOW RULES

23. RIDER REQUIREMENTS: For safety sake, one rider deemed competent by the driver shall be on the seat with the driver in each hitch or open classes consisting of two or more horses. 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 allowed in the back of the wagon. An adult rider must be on the seat with any Jr. Driver.

24. APPROPRIATENESS OF ANIMALS AND EQUIPMENT: Animals shall be hitched to an appropriate vehicle for the class entered, and should be clean and well groomed; we recommend rolled manes for HITCH CLASSES. All harness should be clean and in good repair.

25. SHOW DRESS: The drivers and assistants are asked to dress in appropriate, neat and clean attire and present their entry with clean equipment in a safe condition.

26. ARENA PERSONNEL: No persons shall be permitted in the ring during the time of the judging of performance classes except the judge, ring steward, official photographer, and one groom or header for each exhibit. Those involved with pattern setup may also be in the arena.

27. INTERFERENCE WITH SHOW: Any exhibitor, assistant, spectator or other persons 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.

28. PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE: There will be 5 performances, Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning and afternoon. Check schedule for details related to time and class offerings. Grand Entries will be held at 5:30 Saturday afternoon and 12:45 on Sunday afternoon.

29. 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. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to advise the gate attendants if they will need a gate hold.**

30. JUNIOR DRIVERS: Junior drivers must be between the ages of 9 and 18 and be accompanied by an adult into each class. Specifically, they must turn 9 during the show year and be 18 or under as of January 1 of the show year. The signature of the parent/guardian of the exhibitor on the entry form indicates the youth possesses the skills to safely handle the horse(s) for the class being entered.

31. CLASS/DRIVER CHANGES: No one will be allowed in the "Crow's Nest" after 5:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am on Sat. and Sun. Adding/changing classes will not be permitted after 3:00 on the Friday prior to the show. Show secretary must be informed of any changes of drivers by 8:00 a.m. the day of the class.

32. CLASS CANCELLATIONS: Classes with less than 3 participants will be cancelled. Exhibitors will be notified prior to the show of any cancellations.

33. GENERAL SHOW CLASS JUDGING CRITERIA: (Unless Listed In SPECIFIC Class Guidelines)

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.)

WAY OF GOING: All animals must pull evenly in the traces; heads up, even and traveling straight ahead; no fighting the bit, lagging behind 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.

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.

DRIVING: How well the driver handles the horses and lines. Hitches may be made up of horses owned by one or more exhibitors.

34. SPECIFIC CLASS JUDGING CRITERIA

RAIL CLASSES: Will be judged on: Conformation (40%); Way of Going (25%); Presentation (25%); Driving (10%)

- Men's Cart and Ladies Cart: These are rail classes that require traveling in both directions around the arena and a back-up while in the final line up. No rider required.
- Hitch Team, Unicorn, 4-Horse Conformation, Classic Series Six Horse Conformation: These are rail classes that require traveling in both directions around the arena and a back-up while in the final line up. (Rider required)

DRIVING CLASSES will be judged on: Driving (50%); Way of Going (40%); Presentation (10%)

- Four Horse Driving, Six Horse Driving: These are pattern classes.

35. CROSS ENTRIES: There will be no cross entries with HITCH CLASSES and Street Classes, Gamblers Choice Cart, Pleasure Cart, Unique/Antique Vehicle, etc. HITCH and OPEN CLASS exhibitors may enter the Junior Cart, Junior Team and the Master Teamster Classic.

36. JUNIOR CLASSES: Horses/mules are provided for youth to drive in the Junior Team. Exhibitors must provide their own animals for the Junior Cart Class and Master Teamster Classic.

## HITCH CLASSES

### 37. DESIGNATED HITCH CLASSES:

- 1) 6 Horse Conformation – Friday Evening - REQUIRED
- 2) 6 Horse Conformation – Saturday Evening – REQUIRED
- 3) 6 Horse Driving (HITCH & OPEN)
- 4) 4- Horse Conformation
- 5) 4 Horse Driving
- 6) Unicorn
- 7) Team
- 8) Ladies' Cart
- 9) Men's Cart

38. HITCH CLASS REQUIREMENTS: Each of the exhibitors in the HITCH CLASS entries must drive in 7 out of the 9 designated HITCH CLASSES .Exhibitors MUST enter both Six-Horse Hitch Conformation classes listed. (Friday and Saturday evenings)

39. SENIOR DRIVERS: Senior drivers who are part of a HITCH are not eligible to drive in any other classes if they enter Master Teamster Classic, or Canadian Mazes.

## OPEN CLASSES:

### 40. DESIGNATED OPEN CLASSES: **NO HITCH CROSS ENTRIES**

- 1) Antique/Unique Vehicle
- 2) Horse Street Class
- 3) Mule Street Class
- 4) Gamblers' Choice4 A-Breast
- 5) Pleasure Cart
- 6) Canadian Maze I
- 7) Canadian Maze II
- 8) 6 Horse/Mule Driving
- 9) 4 Horse Driving
- 10) 4 A-Breast
- 11) Feed team

**ANTIQU/UNIQUE VEHICLE CLASS** This is a 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 fan, back up or other similar elements. This class is open to any driven equine. No Hitch Wagons that are shown in the HITCH CLASSES are allowed nor are cross entries with HITCH CLASS exhibitors. (Rail class)

**HORSE STREET CLASS:** This is a rail class designed for the participant with any horse(s) in harness who uses them for hay rides, carriage rides, or other activities as would be found on the streets. Rubber tired vehicles are acceptable. The vehicle and harness used must be clean, in good repair, and appropriate to the entry. To be judged: 25% Presentation, 25% Conformation, 25% Way of Going, 25% Driving. (No cross entry with the HITCH CLASS exhibitors or other Street Classes At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up, or similar elements.

**MULE STREET CLASS:** This rail class is designed for the participant with any mule(s) in harness and uses them for hay rides, carriage rides, or other activities as would be found on the streets. Rubber tired vehicles are acceptable. The vehicle and harness used must be clean, in good repair, and appropriate to the entry. To be judged: 25% Presentation, 25% Conformation, 25% Way of Going, 25% Driving. (No cross entry with other Street Classes.) ) At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up, or similar element.

**GAMBLERS CHOICE CART:** This class is for a single horse/mule driven with a two-wheel cart. There will be 2 to 3 carts on the course at the same time. Obstacles may include a bridge, mailbox, loading dock, serpentine, and a pole slot. This is a timed event - each exhibitor will have 3 minutes in the arena. Points will be awarded only with the successful completion of a task. (No cross entries with HITCH CLASS exhibitors) (Any amendments to this class may be made at show time) (Pattern and other details will be in Exhibitor Packet.)

**PLEASURE CART:** Suitable for and to be driven by any lady or man. At the judge's discretion, the exhibitor may be required to perform any or all of the following: On the rail, ask for a walk or extended trot. 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. (2 wheel carts) (No cross entries with HITCH CLASS exhibitors) (Rail Class)

**CANADIAN MAZE I:** This class is designed for the participants with draft horses, mules 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 under control at all times. 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. (No cross entries with HITCH CLASS exhibitors with or Canadian Maze II exhibitors with the **EXCEPTION OF THOSE ENTERED IN THE MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSES**) **(This will be held as a Jackpot with a \$5 entry fee PLUS \$20 Jackpot money. Three places paid.)**

**NOTE:** This class will also be designated as the Speed Driving Class for the Master Teamsters. Those competing in the Master Teamsters do NOT have to pay the \$5 or \$20 Jackpot fee unless they would like their times to be included in the Jackpot as well as the Master Teamster scoring.

**CANADIAN MAZE II:** This open class is designed for the participant with draft horses, mules 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 under control at all times. 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. (No cross entries with HITCH CLASS exhibitors) **(This will be a Jackpot with a \$5 entry fee, AND \$20 Jackpot money. Three places paid; 1<sup>st</sup> = 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 30 %, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 20%**

**SIX HORSE/MULE DRIVING COMPETITION:** This is designed for any horses or mules in harness. Judged on 50% Driving, 40% Way of Going, 10% Presentation (Pattern Class) (A rider deemed competent by the driver is required)

**FOUR DRIVING COMPETITION:** This is for any horses or mules in harness. To be judged: 50% Driving, 40% Way of Going, 10% Presentation. (Pattern Class) (A rider deemed competent by the driver is required)

**THE 4-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. (No Cross Entry with Hitches) (Rail Class) (A rider deemed competent by the driver is required)

**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%). TEAMS (which means horses/mules) CAN BE USED TWICE. TEAMSTERS CAN ONLY RUN ONCE, EITHER AS THE DRIVER OR SWAMPER. Example: Fred and Joe can run once, but Joe cannot run with Nancy in either capacity. Thus Nancy has to run with Bob. Teamsters will be disqualified for not following rules. Pattern will be in exhibitor packets. **Preliminary class will be held Saturday at 3:00 in the arena. The top 8 will participate in the class at 5:45 pm. (This will be a Jackpot with the \$20 fee going into the "pot".**

#### **HITCH or OPEN CLASSES**

**39. DESIGNATED HITCH AND OPEN CLASSES: THESE CLASSES MAY BE ENTERED BY BOTH HITCH AND OPEN CLASS EXHIBITORS**

- 1) Master Teamster - OPEN
- 2) Master Teamster - HITCH
- 3) Junior Team
- 4) Junior Cart

**BIG SKY EXPO MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSIC:** For 2017, The Master Teamster events will be divided into two categories; OPEN CLASS and HITCH CLASS. The events and requirements will be the same for each category. There will be a Champion Teamster selected from each category and then a MASTER TEAMSTER WILL BE SELECTED FROM THESE TWO CHAMPIONS based on points earned by each Champion. The activities 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:

- \* The "Master Teamster Classic" will be limited to 10 HITCH and 20 OPEN exhibitors. (First come, first serve basis) Preference will be given to teams and drivers not previously entered.
- BOTH HITCH and OPEN CLASS exhibitors will pay a \$50 Entry Fee.
- OPEN CLASS payouts will be given the top 10 exhibitors with 1<sup>st</sup> = \$350 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$275, 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$200, 4<sup>th</sup> = \$125,
- 5<sup>th</sup> = \$75, 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> = \$50. First Place will also receive a Jacket.
- HITCH CLASS will be paid out as a JACKPOT using the HITCH entry fees as the "pot". Depending upon the number of HITCH entries, either three (3) or five (5) places will be paid out. First Place will also receive a Jacket.
- Three Classes are required and must be completed by each contestant.
- An exhibitor is required to use the same team and wagon for all classes except when a different vehicle or piece of equipment is required in the class.
- Each class will have a time limit established; penalties will be assigned a time (number of seconds) which will be added to the total score.
- 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.**
- Youth may enter and the same rules apply.

- An order of go will be established and followed.
- All classes have a designated course to follow. Patterns will be available on the web site and will be in the exhibitor packets distributed at the show.

#### **TEAMSTER CLASSES:**

**1. PRECISION DRIVING:** Course demonstrating the ability of the driver and team to skillfully negotiate a course of obstacles found commonly when driving horses on the street, farm and in town. The course could include stopping at a mailbox, serpentines, docking, fanning, spin the top, walk and trot designated sections, stop and stand for designated time, parallel parking, crossing a bridge or other similar obstacles. In addition to faults, scoring will include Way of Going, Driving and Presentation.

**2. DRIVING WITH SPEED:** Course demonstrating skill of driver and team at a trot or lope with control. The pattern could include turning around or serpentine through barrels, poles or pylons, or other similar speed patterns. It may also include stopping when asked to do so in the course. In addition to faults and time, scoring will include Way of Going, Driving and Presentation.

**3. DRIVING FOR WORK:** Course demonstrating the ability of the driver and team to work together in hooking and unhooking, neck yoke and tugs, standing while loading or unloading and pulling a load as a team. Course could be skidding logs, hauling wagon or sled loads, harrowing or cultivating, spreading manure or other type of work activities. Scoring may include faults and will include Way of Going, Presentation, and Driving. \*\*\* **Note: It may be necessary to have tug extensions for some of the equipment provided.**

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

\*\* WAY OF GOING: Animals pull evenly in the traces; heads up, even and traveling straight ahead; no fighting the bit, lagging behind 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.

\*\* PRESENTATION: Cleanliness of the horses, harness and wagon; condition of harness and wagon

\*\* DRIVING: How well the driver handles the horses and lines, hitching safely.

\*\* FAULTS: Running over or disturbing any part of the pattern; not staying within designated boundaries (when appropriate); not following the designated pattern/course, etc.

**JUNIOR TEAM:** Judged 100% on driver's ability. Style of horses and equipment are not to be considered. Juniors must be between the ages of 9 and 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 time for youth 9 – 12; horses may trot for youth age 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)

**JUNIOR CART:** Judges 100% on driver's ability. Style of horses and equipment are not to be considered. Juniors must be between the ages of 9 and 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Exhibitors must provide their own horses/mules and cart.. (Rail Class)

#### **MULE HITCH CLASSES**

**EIGHT-UP MULE HITCH CONFORMATION:** This class will demonstrate driving skills as well as the conformation of the hitch. A pattern must be negotiated by each hitch. The class will then be invited to enter the arena on the rail. Judged on 50% Driving, 40% Way of Going, 10% Presentation. (Rail Class)

**EIGHT-UP MULE HITCH DRIVING COMPETITION:** Exhibitors will be required to follow the designated pattern and accompanying rules. (Pattern Class)

#### **PREMIUMS**

Recognition will be given to the first five places in the classes listed below. Premium money to be awarded as listed. Any animal deemed unworthy of placing shall not be awarded a premium.

#### **OPEN CLASSES**

ANTIQUE/UNIQUE VEHICLE – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$95; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$80; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$70; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$55; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$45

CANADIAN MAZE I– Jackpot 1<sup>st</sup> – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup>-30%, 3<sup>rd</sup>-20%-

CANADIAN MAZE II– Jackpot 1<sup>st</sup> – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup>-30%, 3<sup>rd</sup>-20%

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

FOUR HORSE DRIVING – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$175; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$125; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$100; 5<sup>th</sup>- \$75

FOUR-ABREAST – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$175; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$125; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$100; 5<sup>th</sup>- \$75

HORSE STREET CLASS – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$95; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$80; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$70; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$55; 5<sup>th</sup>- \$45

GAMBLERS CHOICE CART – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$45; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$35; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$25

MULE STREET CLASS – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$95; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$80; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$70; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$55; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$45

PLEASURE CART – 1<sup>st</sup> – \$75; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$45; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$35; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$25

SIX-HORSE DRIVING – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$175, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$150; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$125; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$100

#### **HITCH CLASSES: LEVEL PAY**

FOUR HORSE DRIVING

FOUR-HORSE CONFORMATION

LADIES CART



MEN'S CART  
SIX-HORSE DRIVING  
SIX-HORSE HITCH CONFORMATION – FRIDAY - CLASSIC SERIES HITCH CLASS  
SIX – HORSE HITCH CONFORMATION – SATURDAY – CLASSIC SERIES HITCH CLASS  
TEAM  
UNICORN

**OPEN AND HITCH CLASSES**

MASTER TEAMSTER CLASS – OPEN CLASS: 1<sup>st</sup> = \$350 & Jacket, 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$275, 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$200, 4<sup>th</sup> = \$125, 5<sup>th</sup> = \$75; 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> = \$50 each  
MASTER TEAMSTER CLASS – HITCH CLASS: This a JACKPOT CLASS with payouts being 3 or 5 places depending upon the number of entries. 1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive Jackpot money plus a Jacket

**OVERALL MASTER TEAMSTER – CUSTOM BRASS**

**JUNIOR CART – Award Only**

JUNIOR TEAM – Award Only

**MULE HITCH CLASSES: LEVEL PAY**

EIGHT MULE DRIVING

EIGHT MULE CONFORMATION

**SCHEDULE**

**THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017 6:00PM**

Entertainment  
Pleasure Cart (OPEN)  
Classic Series Six Horse Conformation (HITCH)  
Entertainment  
4 Horse Driving (OPEN)  
4 Horse Driving (HITCH)

**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017 (8:30AM)**

8:30 Master Teamster Obstacle (Precision) Driving (HITCH & OPEN)  
Men's Cart (HITCH)  
Mule Street Class (OPEN)  
Entertainment  
Team (HITCH)  
Four A-Breast (OPEN)  
1:00 – 5:00 **Special Activities**  
Visit Vendors under the Grand Stand  
1:00 Hall of Fame Luncheon (Location To Be Announced)  
1:30 Draft Horse 101 – Approx. 1 hour (Location To Be Announced)  
Visit Barns  
Visit Old Montana Prison Museums  
Visit Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site  
2:00 Log Skidding Demonstration – Grant Kohrs Ranch  
3:00 Feed Team Race Preliminaries - Arena

**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017 (5:30PM)**

5:30 Grand Entry  
Feed Team Race Finals (top 8) (OPEN)  
Ladies Cart (HITCH)  
Horse Street Class (OPEN)  
Entertainment  
Kids Boot Race  
Gamblers Choice Cart (OPEN)  
Drawings & ENTERTAINMENT  
Classic Series Six Horse Conformation (HITCH)  
Six Horse Driving (OPEN)  
Six Horse Driving (HITCH)

**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016 8:30am**

8:30 Master Teamster Driving For Work (HITCH & OPEN)  
Jr. Cart (HITCH & OPEN)  
Entertainment  
Jr. Team (HITCH & OPEN)  
12:00 Lunch Break  
12:45 Grand Entry

Canadian Maze 1 (OPEN (Including Master Teamsters, HITCH and OPEN for their Speed Event))  
Canadian Maze 2 (OPEN)  
Entertainment  
Four Horse Conformation (HITCH)  
Antique-Unique Vehicle (OPEN)  
Entertainment  
Unicorn (HITCH))  
Kids Stick Horse Race  
8 Mule Driving (MULE HITCH))  
8 Mule Conformation (MULE HITCH)