

# Master Teamster - 2018

## Driving with Precision – Obstacle Course

Objective: Driving with precision demonstrated the ability of the driver and team to skillfully negotiate a course of obstacles found commonly when driving on the street, farm and town. It allows the teamster to show driving abilities.

Show management will set up the course AND provide the use of a wagon for this course.

This is a timed AND point event. The maximum time is 3.5 minutes, with points given at each obstacle. There are 6 obstacles which must be driven in order! Time will be used as a tie breaker.

1 – Noodles (6' poles with Styrofoam hanging from side of poles. Poles are 9 feet apart)

2 – Straddle with balloons - (4" or more pole, team and wagon to straddle pole w/balloons on it)

3 – Bridge (rubber or plywood – team and wagon to drive over)

4 – Docking (7'2" wide by 10' deep)

5 – Spin the Top (rear wheel to stay in the circle)

6 – Stop (2' plywood or chalk for 10 seconds; time starts when driver nods to timer) No wagon brakes can be used!!

Points will determine the placings. There are 100 points possible. The driver with the highest number of points is the winner.

**Faults: 60pts    Way of Going: 15pts    Driving: 20pts    Presentation: 5pts**

Faults: 60pts possible (with judge's discretion, items considered in scoring are;

- **Noodles – refusal by animals at any obstacle**
- **Spin the Top – rear wheel fails to stay within circle for 360 turn**
- **Straddle – team or wagon touches pole**
- **Bridge – 1 horse crosses bridge, team crosses at slant**
- **Docking – wheels touch/disturb poles, only one wheel touches back bar**
- **Stop – Fail to stop with front wheel on plywood or stand for 10 seconds**

Way of Going: 15pts possible

- Animals start together and pull evenly
- Animals respond to drivers verbal/manual commands

Driving: 15pts possible

- Driver handling of lines
- Driver overall handling of animals

Presentation: 5pts possible

- Condition of harness
- Cleanliness of animals