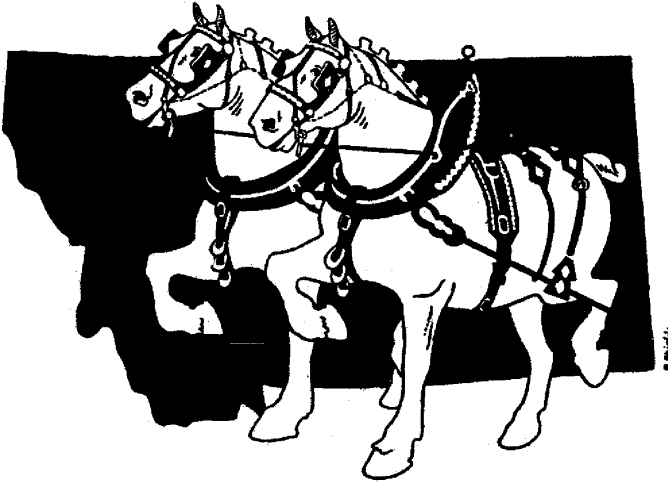


**26<sup>TH</sup> Annual**  
**BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE EXPO**  
North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series  
**DOUBLE Point Show**

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**Show Premium List**  
*June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022*  
*Deer Lodge, Montana*



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Powell County Old Prison Museum

[www.pcmf.org/prison.htm](http://www.pcmf.org/prison.htm)

**ENTRIES DUE: Hitch Exhibitors: May 1, 2022**  
**Open Class Exhibitors: May 15, 2022**

## NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2022!!!

1. **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES** – Begins Thursday, June 23rd at noon and all Exhibitors must be on the grounds by Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. See Page 6
2. **CANADIAN MAZE I & II** – Open Class exhibitors may enter both of these classes this year again.
3. **CLASSIC SERIES CART CLASS**: See Page 8
4. **EARLY DEPARTURE**: See Page 6
5. **ENTERTAINMENT**: There will be FREE musical entertainment beginning at 6:30PM both Friday and Saturday evening in the picnic arena on the grass near the Blue Ribbon Barn. Dinner will be available both evenings for a nominal cost. Exhibitors will receive a coupon for a free meal on either Friday or Saturday.
6. **EXHIBITORS' MEETING** - 11:30AM Friday in the Picnic Area near the Blue-Ribbon Pavilion. Meet committee members, volunteers and staff.
7. **GRIEVANCE PROCESS** – See Page 5
8. **HITCH CLASS REQUIREMENTS**: See Pages 7 & 8
9. **JUNIOR CART /CLASSIC SERIES JUNIOR CART CLASS**: See Page 11
10. **MASTER TEAMSTER INFORMATION** – See Pages 10 & 11
11. **NASHHCS SHOW** - The 2022 Expo will be a **TWO-point** NASHHCS Show – See Page 4
12. **NEW HITCH CLASS** – HERITAGE FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED HITCH 6 HORSE **CONFORMATION** - See Page 8
13. **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP** applications are due no later than June 10 – See Page
14. **PATTERNS** – Pages 12 - 15
15. **REMINDER**: Go to the web site [www.draffhorseexpo](http://www.draffhorseexpo) for more details about the show. You will find patterns, entry forms, schedules and lots of other important information along with some great photos.

### **BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE EXPO COMMITTEE**

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## **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 meet the criteria set by the committee. All entry fees from Youth Classes are used to provide these awards.

### **Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be a senior in High School, typically 17 or 18 years of age.
2. Have competed in the Big Sky Draft Horse Expo for a minimum of three (3) years.
3. Complete a letter of application that includes the following:
  - a. Experience driving including show and non-show
  - b. Years in which applicant competed in the Big Sky Draft Horse Expo
  - c. Plans for the future
  - d. Assessment of what life skills driving has taught applicant
4. The letter must be emailed or “snail” mailed to Sue Shockley no later than June 10, 2022. Sue Shockley, 12051 Law Road, Bozeman, MT 59718 [sshocksmt@gmail.com](mailto:sshocksmt@gmail.com)
5. The 2022 Showmanship Awards will be made during the 2022 Big Sky Draft Horse Show in Deer Lodge.

## **Welcome to the 26<sup>TH</sup> 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.

This year the EXPO has added something new. On Friday and Saturday evenings, after the show, the public is invited to visit you and your beautiful animals in the barns. There will be music and dinner both evenings in the picnic area near the Blue-Ribbon Pavilion. Rather than a hot dog at the exhibitor’s meeting on Friday, each exhibitor will be invited to a complimentary dinner on either Friday or Saturday evening. The meals will be available to purchase by the public and everyone will be able to enjoy the free musical entertainment. So, bring your lawn chair or a blanket and maybe your dancing shoes and relax, on the grass, after a long day of competition.

Another addition will be the Heritage Family 6 Horse Hitch Conformation Class. This is open only to Hitch entries that are family owned and operated. There will be a small entry fee, but there is added money and there will be cash awards for those who enter.

There will again be a variety of vendors, under the grandstands, offering some great opportunities to pick up a souvenir of the show, various

services and some great food. The Expo Official Merchandise will be sold there as well. Of course, the Old Prison Museums and the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site always provide interesting exhibits and the Deer Lodge businesses provide wonderful hospitality so stop in and say “Thanks”.

We hope you will enjoy your time at Expo!

## **Motels & Campgrounds**

<b>Travel Lodge</b>	<b>406-846-2370</b>
<b>Warden Inn – NEW</b>	<b>1-800-987-2234</b>
<b>Western Big Sky Motel</b>	<b>406-846-2590</b>
<b>Indian Creek RV Campground</b>	<b>406-846-3848</b>
<b>KOA Campground</b>	<b>406-846-1629</b>
<b>Riverside Campground (Garrison)</b>	<b>1-800-255-1318 or 406-846-2158</b>
<b>Fairmont Hot Springs (Opportunity)</b>	<b>406-797-3241</b>

**Check Anaconda and Butte for additional lodging choices. There are also a number of Airbnb’s as well vacation rentals in the area.**

## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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

1. This is a draft horse show with **HITCH CLASSES, TEAMSTER EVENTS AND OPEN CLASSES.**
2. **HITCH CLASSES** are open to draft horse breeds including Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires, and Suffolks.
3. **OPEN 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.**
4. **CROSS ENTRIES:** There will be no cross entries with **HITCH CLASSES** and **OPEN CLASSES** with the exception of the Junior Cart, and Junior Team.
5. **NASHHCS** The Big Sky Draft Horse Expo will be a part of the **NORTH AMERICAN SIX HORSE HITCH CLASSIC SERIES** again this year. Points from this show will be added to the exhibitors’ totals. At the end of the 2022 season, those with the highest number of points will compete for top honors at the finals.
6. **This year 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.**
7. **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.
8. **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 persons coming into contact therewith, shall guard their exhibits in such a way as to protect the public. 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.
9. **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.

10. **DANGEROUS ANIMALS** 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.
11. **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.
12. **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.**
13. **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.
14. **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. There are two exceptions; 1) Master Team – 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.
15. **RECEIPT OF ENTRIES:** HITCH entries must be received by May 1, 2022 and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. OPEN CLASS entries must be received by May 15, 2022. 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.
16. **STALLING:** Hitch Exhibitors may keep their animals in tie or box stalls provided at the Fairgrounds. The box stalls will accommodate only one hitch animal. Open Class Exhibitors will have box stalls and may wish to put 2 animals in each box stall. All animals 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 types of stalls. There will be a \$5.00/day charge for this option. All Box Stall are \$20 for the weekend. Tie Stall are \$10 for the weekend. (SEE ENTRY FORM)
17. **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.
18. **HAY:** Hay will be available to purchase with prior arrangements. (SEE ENTRY FORM)

19. **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES: ALL EXHIBITORS MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 11:00AM 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 FAIRGROUNDS STAFF. Additional fees will be charged BY THE FAIRGROUNDS for extended stays. (SEE ENTRY FORM)

20. **EARLY DEPARTURE: Please be respectful to those who are still showing. This will help keep the harnessing and hitching area safe. If exhibitors are getting ready for a class or just returning after a class, please wait to start your move out. On Sunday the gates will be open for departure until 10AM and will reopen at 3PM.**

21. **INSURANCE: ALL ENTRY FEES, STALL FEES AND PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM.**
22. **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS:** Each exhibitor must wear the correct exhibitor number for each class. Numbers shall be attached to person, cart or wagon.
23. **DOGS:** All dogs shall be kept on leashes at all times while on the show grounds. No dogs are allowed in the grandstand.
24. **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, in their EXHIBITOR PACKET, one wristband per animal.
25. **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**

26. **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.
27. **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.
28. **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.
29. **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 ethyma, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, and fleas all fall into these categories.
30. **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.
31. **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 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.
32. **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.

33. **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.
34. **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.
35. **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.
36. **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:** There will be 3 performances; Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Check schedule for details related to time and class offerings.
37. **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.
38. **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.
39. **CLASS/DRIVER CHANGES:** No one will be allowed in the "Crow's Nest" after 2:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 am on Sat. and Sun. Adding/changing classes will not be permitted after 1:00 on the Friday prior to the show. Show secretary must be informed of any changes of drivers by 9:00 a.m. the day of the class.
40. **CLASS CANCELLATIONS:** Classes with less than 3 participants may be cancelled. Exhibitors will be notified prior to the show of any cancellations.
41. **GENERAL SHOW CLASS JUDGING CRITERIA:** (Unless Listed In SPECIFIC Class Guidelines)
  - 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 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.
  - 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.
42. **SPECIFIC CLASS JUDGING CRITERIA:**
  - 1) **RAIL CLASSES:** Will be judged on: Conformation (40%); Way of Going (25%); Presentation (25%); Driving (10%) 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%)
43. **JUNIOR CLASSES:** Horses/mules are provided for youth to drive in the Junior Team. Exhibitors must provide their own animals for the Junior Cart/Junior Classic Cart Class and Master Teamster Classic.
44. **HITCH CLASS REQUIREMENTS:** Each of the exhibitors in the HITCH CLASS entries must drive in BOTH CLASSIC SERIES 6 Horse Conformation Classes and the Classic Series Cart Class PLUS three other designated Hitch Classes FOR A TOTAL OF 6 OUT OF THE 8 CLASSES. Those Hitches that are

Family owned and operated may also enter the NEW HERITAGE FAMILY HITCH  
6 Horse Conformation Class. (SEE ENTRY FORM)

45. **DESIGNATED HITCH CLASSES**

- 1) 6 Horse Conformation RAIL CLASS – Saturday - REQUIRED
- 2) 6 Horse Conformation RAIL CLASS – Sunday – REQUIRED
- 3) Classic Series Cart Rail Class - REQUIRED
- 4) 6 Horse Driving
- 5) 4- Horse Conformation
- 6) 4 Horse Driving
- 7) Unicorn
- 8) Team

46. **NEW HITCH CLASS - HERITAGE FAMILY HITCH 6 HORSE CONFORMATION**

- 1) OPEN TO: Family Owned, Operated and Driven Hitches
- 9) This class does not count as one of the 6 required Hitch classes. This is in addition to the 6 required classes.
- 10) The class will be limited to 10 Family Hitches.
- 11) Each hitch may be shown only 1 time
- 12) The Family Hitch must be driven by its owner or by an immediate family member.
- 13) Each Hitch that successfully completes the class will receive \$50.
- 14) The class will be judged and all Hitches will be placed in order of finish.
- 15) The amount of prize money each Hitch receives will be based on where they are placed in the class.
- 16) Prize money: 1<sup>st</sup> = \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$150, 4<sup>th</sup> = \$100, 5<sup>th</sup> = \$75, 6<sup>th</sup> = \$50  
7<sup>th</sup> = \$30, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> = \$25 each

47. **DESIGNATED OPEN CLASSES WITH DESCRIPTIONS –**

**No Hitch Cross Entries**

- 1) **ANTIQUUE/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)

- 2) **CANADIAN MAZE I:** This class is 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 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.

**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 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 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.

- 4) **CULTIVATING:** The object of this contest is to cultivate a simulated row crop. Driver skill in operating the cultivator and controlling is key. Show management will provide identical cultivators set to the same shovel spacing and depth. All drivers must use these cultivators. In order to move the show along, more than one cultivator may be used. Time in the course cannot exceed 5 minutes. Time will be used only as a tiebreaker. One point will be ADDED for each "Plant" that is hit and knocked out of place by hooves, shovels, wheels, lines or dirt. Judges have the discretion to move the course



should it become too well traveled for fair competition. **NOTE: This class is one of the four designated as a Master Teamster class. It may be 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%). 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.
- 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. (No Cross Entry with Hitches) (Rail Class) (A rider deemed competent by the driver is required)
- 7) **FOUR UP 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)
- 8) **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)
- 9) **HORSE/MULE 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. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up, or similar elements.
- 10) **LOG SKIDDING:** Skidding two 16-foot 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. There is a 5-minute time limit for the course. The driver must either ride on the logs or walk. He/she may not do both. The Driver must follow the designed pattern. The Driver must not allow any part of himself/herself, logs, team or doubletree to touch a pylon or break a barrier. **NOTE: This class is one of the four designated as a Master Teamster class. It may be entered as an Individual Open Class or as part of the Master Teamster.**
- 11) **OBSTACLE COURSE:** The objective of this event is to drive a team through and around obstacles simulating a farm situation. 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 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 tie-breaker. Time in the course area is restricted to five 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 may be walked or trotted. Loping is not allowed. **NOTE: This class is one of the four designated as a Master Teamster class. It may be entered as an individual Open Class or as part of the Master Teamster. If entered as Master Teamster, the driver will be assessed on hooking and unhooking.**
- 12) **PLEASURE CART:** Suitable for and to be driven by any lady or man in a 2 wheeled cart. 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. (Rail Class)
- 13) **SIX UP DRIVING COMPETITION:** 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) **EIGHT UP DRIVING/CONFORMATION COMPETITION:** 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. **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 from awards.) (A rider deemed competent by the driver is required) (Pattern Class and Rail Class)
48. **OPEN CLASS MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSIC:** For 2022, The Master Teamster events may be entered by OPEN CLASS exhibitors only. 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:
- 1) OPEN CLASS exhibitors wishing to compete in the Master Teamster will pay a \$50 Entry Fee.
  - 2) The entry fees 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) FOUR Classes are required and must be completed by each contestant.
  - 4) An exhibitor is required to use the same team for all 4 classes.
  - 5) MDHMA equipment will be provided and must be used.
  - 6) 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.
  - 7) 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.
  - 8) Youth may enter and the same rules apply.
  - 9) An order of go will be established and followed.
  - 10) All classes have a designated course to follow.
  - 11) **MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSES INCLUDE:**
    - A. **PRECISION DRIVING/OBSTACLE COURSE:** SEE CLASS DESCRIPTION UNDER OPEN CLASSES. In addition to faults, scoring will include Way of Going, Driving and Presentation. \* This class will be used to assess hooking and unhooking skills.
    - B. **DRIVING WITH SPEED/CANADIAN MAZE I:** SEE CLASS DESCRIPTION UNDER OPEN CLASSES. In addition to faults and time, scoring will include Way of Going, Driving and Presentation.
    - C. **DRIVING FOR WORK/ LOG SKIDDING:** SEE CLASS DESCRIPTION UNDER OPEN CLASSES. Scoring will include faults and will also include Way of Going, Presentation, and Driving.
    - D. **DRIVING FOR WORK/CULTIVATING:** SEE CLASS DESCRIPTION UNDER OPEN CLASSES. Scoring will include faults and also Way of Going, Presentation and Driving.
  - 12) **JUDGING CRITERIA FOR MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSES**
    - A. **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.

- 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.

**49. HITCH OR OPEN CLASSES**

**MAY BE ENTERED BY BOTH HITCH AND OPEN CLASS EXHIBITORS**

- 1) **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 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 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)

- 2) **JUNIOR CART/CLASSIC SERIES JUNIOR CART: The JR. Cart Class will be a sanctioned NASHHCS class. Exhibitors 18 YO and under are eligible to enter. If the Jr. Driver wants to be considered for NASHCS scholarships s/he must register with the NASHHCS. There are no membership dues for Jr. Drivers. To register and for rules visit [naclassicseries.com](http://naclassicseries.com).** 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 1st of the show year. Exhibitors must provide their own horses/mules and cart. (Rail 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**

**SINGLE HORSE/MULE 1<sup>ST</sup> = \$85, 2<sup>ND</sup> = \$70, 3<sup>RD</sup> = \$55, 4<sup>TH</sup> = \$40, 5<sup>TH</sup> = \$35**

Gamblers Choice Cart - Pleasure Cart

**TWO HORSE/ MULE CLASSES 1<sup>ST</sup> = \$105, 2<sup>ND</sup> = \$90, 3<sup>RD</sup> = \$80, 4<sup>th</sup> = \$65, 5<sup>th</sup> = \$55**

Antique/Unique Vehicle - Canadian Maze I - Canadian Maze II - Obstacle Driving - Log

Skidding - Cultivating - Horse / Mule Street Class

**FOUR HORSE/MULE CLASSES 1<sup>ST</sup> = \$185, 2<sup>ND</sup> = \$160, 3<sup>RD</sup> = \$135, 4<sup>TH</sup> = \$110, 5<sup>TH</sup> = \$85**

Four Horse Driving - Four-Abreast

**SIX HORSE/MULE DRIVING 1st- \$210, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$185, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$160; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$135, 5<sup>th</sup> - \$110**

**8 UP DRIVING & CONFORMATION 1<sup>st</sup> - \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$150**

**SPECIAL OPEN CLASSES**

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

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

**OVERALL MASTER TEAMSTER – CUSTOM BRASS**

**HITCH CLASSES: LEVEL PAY**

Four Horse Driving - Four-Horse Conformation – Classic Series Cart - Team – Unicorn -

Classic Six Horse Hitch Conformation – Saturday – Classic Six Horse Conformation – Sunday

**SPECIAL HITCH CLASS**

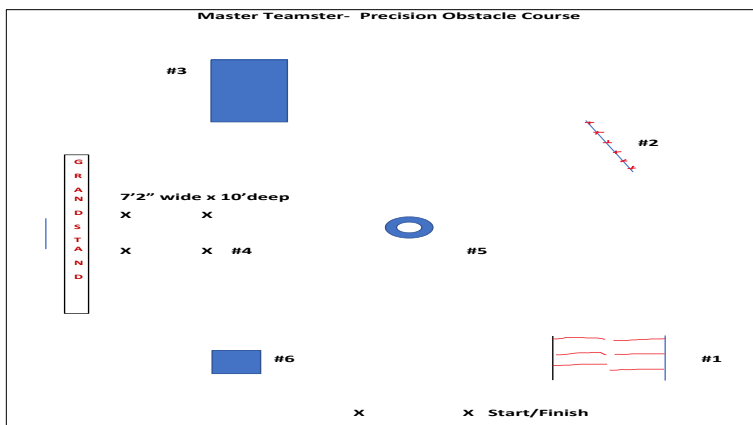
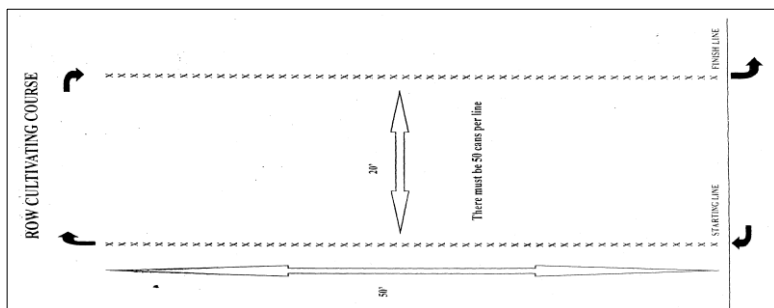
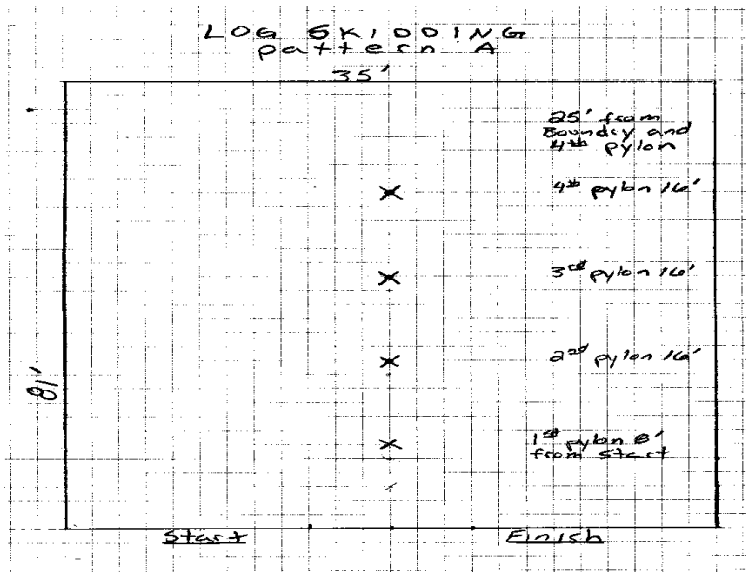
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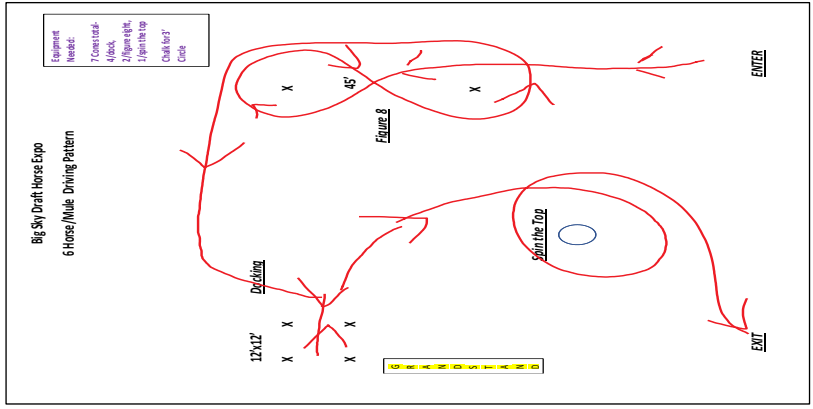
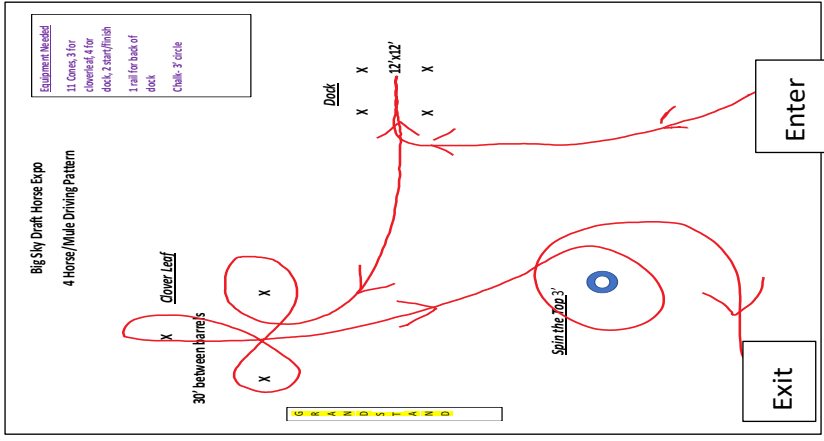
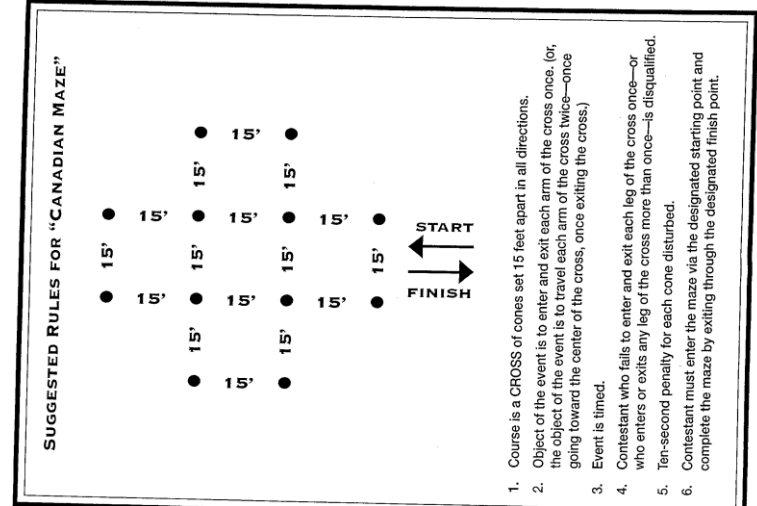
**OPEN AND HITCH CLASSES**

**JUNIOR CART/CLASSIC SERIES JUNIOR CART – Awards Only**

**JUNIOR TEAM – Awards Only**

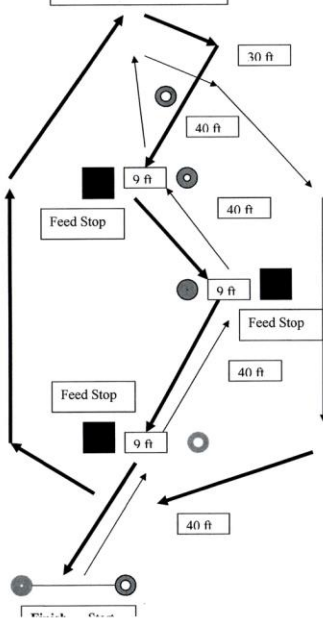
# PATTERNS 2022 SLIGHT CHANGES POSSIBLE







### 2019 Feed Team Race



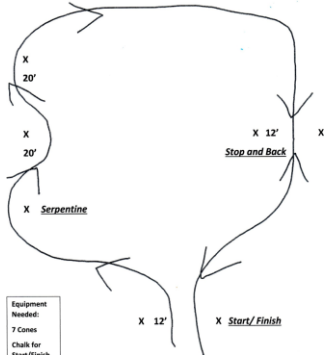
### 2019 Big Sky Draft Horse Expo Feed Team Race Rules

**Objective:** The objective of this event is to drive a team through and around the course stopping at 3 feed stations to pick up and drop off feed.

- Pattern:** Bags must be picked up or dropped off at each of the Feed Stops. After bags are loaded on the wagon, the team proceeds to the end of the course, makes a right turn around the end cone and then proceeds to make a complete circle around the course. After making the circle, the team will again make a right turn around the end cone then unload 2 bags at each of the Feed Stops before crossing the finish line. The team must stay inside the course, pass between the start/finish line and between the plywood and cone at each of the Feed Stops.
- Time starts/stops when the neck yoke passes over the finish/start line.
- Teams must be kept at a walk or trot. Five (5) penalty points will be added to the driver's score each time the team breaks into a lope.
- Team must be completely stopped as bags are placed on or taken off the wagon. Five (5) penalty points will be added to driver's score if team is not completely stopped at each Feed Stop.
- The driver and helper must both ride on the wagon except when loading and unloading bags. Both must be on the wagon before the team starts and/or stops. Five (5) points will be added if both are not on the wagon when the wagon begins moving.
- Twenty (20) penalty points will be added for each bag that has been broken.
- At each Feed Stop feed must be placed completely on the plywood square. If any part of the bag is not on the square, a 5 point penalty will be added to the driver's score (a possible 10 points added + 5 for each sack not of the plywood).
- Twenty (20) penalty points will be added to the driver's score for each break in the pattern.

### GRANDSTAND

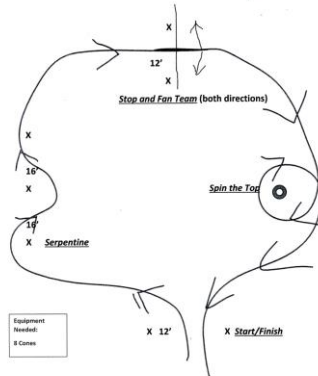
Junior Team (younger kids)  
2020



Equipment Needed:  
7 Cones  
Chalk for Start/Finish

### GRANDSTAND

Junior Team (older kids)  
2020



Equipment Needed:  
8 Cones

## 2022 BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE EXPO SCHEDULE

JUNE 24 – 26, 2022

Subject to Change

Class Times are Approximate

### **FRIDAY JUNE 24 - PRESHOW EVENT**

10:00AM Horse Drawn Equipment Demos – Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site  
Visitors' Center

### **FRIDAY JUNE 24 - FIRST PERFORMANCE**

4:00PM National Anthem  
4:10 PM Teamster Precision Obstacle – (OPEN & MASTER TEAMSTER)  
4:50PM Team – (HITCH)  
5:10PM Mule/Horse Street Class – (OPEN)  
5:25PM CLASSIC SERIES CART (HITCH)  
5:40PM Kids Stick Horse Race  
5:55PM Feed Team Race – (OPEN)  
6:10PM HERITAGE FAMILY SIX HORSE CONFORMATION (HITCH)  
6:30PM VISIT THE BARNS, HAVE DINNER AND ENJOY SOME MUSIC  
6:30PM HALL OF FAME DINNER – By Invitation

### **SATURDAY JUNE 25 - SECOND PERFORMANCE**

10:00 AM Teamster Driving for Work - Log Skidding AND Cultivating  
(OPEN & MASTER TEAMSTER)  
11:30AM Draft Horse 101 - Learn about Draft Horses  
12:30PM INTERMISSION  
1:00PM Grand Entry – Hall of Fame Awards  
1:30PM Gamblers Choice (OPEN)  
2:00PM CLASSIC SERIES SIX HORSE CONFORMATION (HITCH)  
2:30PM Drawings  
2:45PM 4 Abreast (OPEN)  
3:05PM Kids Boot Race  
3:20PM Unicorn (HITCH)  
3:50PM 4 Up Driving (OPEN)  
4:20PM Canadian Maze I (OPEN & MASTER TEAMSTER)  
4:30PM Canadian Maze II – (OPEN)  
4:40PM 4 Horse Conformation (HITCH)  
5:15PM 4 Horse Driving (HITCH)  
5:30PM 8 Up Driving/Conformation (OPEN)  
6:30PM VISIT THE BARNS, HAVE DINNER AND ENJOY SOME MUSIC

### **SUNDAY JUNE 27 THIRD PERFORMANCE**

10:00AM Classic Series Jr. Cart (HITCH and OPEN)  
10:20AM Antique/Unique Vehicle (OPEN)  
10:40AM Jr. Team (HITCH and OPEN)  
11:00AM Pleasure Cart (OPEN)  
11:30AM INTERMISSION  
12:30PM National Anthem & Big Sky & Youth Scholarships Awards  
1:40PM CLASSIC SERIES SIX HORSE CONFORMATION (HITCH)  
2:10PM 6 Horse Driving (HITCH) FOLLOWED BY 6 Horse Driving (OPEN)

**SHOW ENDS – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**