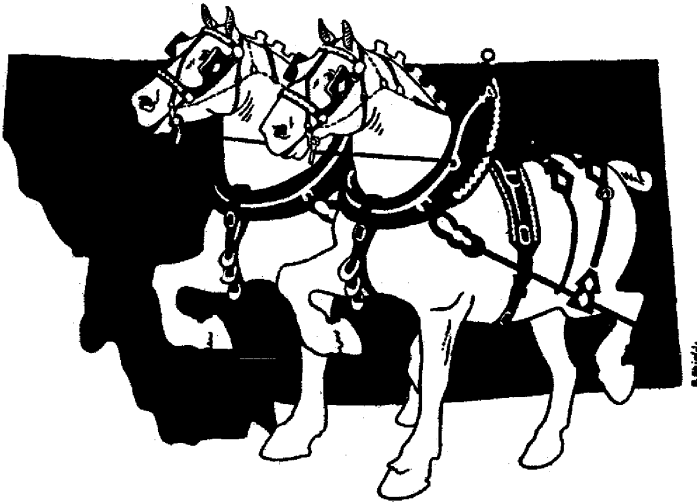


24th Annual
HITCHIN' -N- PICKIN'
BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE EXPO
AND
BREAK OUT BLUEGRASS MUSIC
North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series
Double Point Show

JUDGE — Angela Walsh

Show Premium List
June 28th , 29th and 30th 2019
Deer Lodge, Montana



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Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site

<http://www.nps.gov/grko/index.htm>

Powell County Old Prison Museum

www.pcmf.org/prison.htm

ENTRIES DUE: Hitch Exhibitors: April 15, 2019
Open Class Exhibitors: May 15, 2019

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YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

This \$150.00 award 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 25, 2019. Sue Shockley, 12051 Law Road, Bozeman, MT 59718 sshocksmt@gmail.com
5. The 2019 Showmanship Awards will be made during the 2019 Big Sky Draft Horse Show in Deer Lodge.

Welcome to the 24th 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 and exciting. In addition to the Draft Horse Show, there will be some awesome BLUEGRASS MUSIC. As you look through the schedule you will see there are several musical performances. The BREAK OUT BLUEGRASS was held in Deer Lodge for many years and it is time for its return. Another addition this year will be several short learning opportunities, some about horses and just about some other fun stuff. These are open to the public and, of course, our Exhibitors. Along with these exciting new additions there will again be 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. The Expo Official Merchandise will be sold there as well. 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

Reminder: Go to the web site www.drafthorseexpo for more details about the show. You will find patterns, entry forms, schedules and lots of other important information along with some great photos.

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.

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.

NORTH AMERICAN SIX HORSE CLASSIC SERIES

This is the FOURTH 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 2019 season, those with the highest number of points will compete for top honors at the finals held in Oklahoma.

☞ This year all HITCHES entering the NASHCS 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. In order to be eligible to accrue points, dues must be paid no later than Mar. 31, 2019.

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. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
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, 2019 for HITCHES** and **May 15, 2019 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 or box stalls provided at the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors may wish to bring their own partitions. All stalls are \$15 per stall. Tie stalls accommodate 2 horses, (2 horses per stall) per day. Box stalls will accommodate 1 horse per stall. **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. (SEE ENTRY FORM)
10. **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.
11. **HAY:** Hay will be available to purchase with prior arrangements. (SEE ENTRY FORM)
12. **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES: ALL HORSES MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 1:00PM 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. Additional fees will be charged for extended stays. (SEE ENTRY FORM)

13. **EARLY DEPARTURE: Those Exhibitors wishing to leave before the end of the show must advise the Committee of this prior to the show. The designated early departure times are Saturday 3 to 5PM and after the evening performance at approx. 9:30PM, Sunday – prior to 9AM so as not to disrupt those Exhibitors who will be getting ready for or returning from another class. Those not adhering to this rule may be fined or lose their earned Premiums. (See Entry Form)**

14. **INSURANCE: ALL ENTRY FEES, STALL FEES AND PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM.**
15. **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS:** Each exhibitor must wear the correct exhibitor number for each class. Numbers shall be attached to person, cart or wagon.
16. **DOGS:** All dogs shall be kept on leashes at all times while on the show grounds. No dogs are allowed in the grandstand.
17. **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
18. **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

19. **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.
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. **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.

23. **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.
24. **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.
25. **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.
26. **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.
27. **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.
28. **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.
29. **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:** There will be 4 performances, Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning. Check schedule for details related to time and class offerings. Grand Entries will be held at 5:30 Saturday evening and 1:00 on Sunday afternoon.
30. **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.
31. **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.
32. **CLASS/DRIVER CHANGES:** No one will be allowed in the "Crow's Nest" after 5:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 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.
33. **CLASS CANCELLATIONS:** Classes with less than 3 participants may be cancelled. Exhibitors will be notified prior to the show of any cancellations.
34. **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.
35. **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.
36. **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.
37. **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.

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**
39. **HITCH CLASSES** .Exhibitors MUST enter both Six-Horse Hitch Conformation classes listed. (Friday and Saturday evenings)
40. **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.

DESIGNATED OPEN CLASSES DESCRIPTIONS – NO HITCH CROSS ENTRIES

- 1) **ANTIQUÉ/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 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. **NOTE: This class will also be designated as the Speed Driving Class for the Master Teamsters.**
- 3) **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)

- 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. This class is one of the four designated as a Master Teamster class. It may be entered as a single 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. 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".)
- 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:** 32
- 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) (Pattern and other details will be in Exhibitor Packet.)
- 9) **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.)
- 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. This class is one of the four designated as a Master Teamster class. It may be entered as a single open class or as part of the Master Teamster.
- 11) **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.

- 12) **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 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. If more than one wagon is used, they must be the same size and design. . 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. Time starts when the center of the front wheels cross the starting line and ends when the center of the front wheels crosses the finish line. This class is one of the four designated as a Master Teamster class. It may be entered as a single open class or as part of the Master Teamster.
- 13) **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)
- 14) **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)

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 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)
- 2) **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 1st of the show year. Exhibitors must provide their own horses/mules and cart.. (Rail Class)

BIG SKY EXPO MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSIC:

For 2019, 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:

- BOTH HITCH and OPEN CLASS exhibitors will pay a \$50 Entry Fee.
- OPEN CLASS AND 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 an award.
- FOUR Classes are required and must be completed by each contestant.
- An exhibitor is required to use the same team for all classes.

- MDHMA equipment will be provided and must be used.
- 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.

• **MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSES**

- 1) **PRECISION DRIVING/OBSTACLE COURSE:** SEE CLASS DESCRIPTION UNDER OPEN CLASSES. In addition to faults, scoring will include Way of Going, Driving and Presentation.
- 2) **DRIVING WITH SPEED/CANADIAN MAZE:** SEE CLASS DESCRIPTION UNDER OPEN CLASSES. In addition to faults and time, scoring will include Way of Going, Driving and Presentation.
- 3) **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.
- 4) **DRIVING FOR WORK/CULTIVATING:** SEE CLASS DESCRIPTION UNDER OPEN CLASSES. Scoring will include faults and also Way of Going, Presentation and Driving.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSES

**** 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.

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 1ST = 75, 2ND = \$60, 3RD = \$45, 4TH = \$ 35, 5TH = \$25

Gamblers Choice Cart - Pleasure Cart

TWO HORSE/ MULE CLASSES 1ST = \$95, 2ND = \$80, 3RD = \$70, 4th = \$55, 5th = \$45

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

Skidding - Cultivating - Horse Street Class - Mule Street Class

FOUR HORSE/MULE CLASSES 1ST = 175, 2ND = \$150, 3RD = \$125, 4TH = \$100, 5TH = \$75

Four Horse Driving - Four-Abreast

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

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

HITCH CLASSES: LEVEL PAY

Four Horse Driving - Four-Horse Conformation - Ladies Cart , Men’s Cart - Six-Horse Driving - Team – Unicorn, Six-Horse Hitch Conformation – Friday, Classic Series Hitch Class

Six – Horse Hitch Conformation – Saturday – Classic Series Hitch Class

OPEN AND HITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR CART – Award Only

JUNIOR TEAM – Award Only

MASTER TEAMSTER CLASSES OPEN AND HITCH: \$50 ENTRY FEES will be JACKPOTTED with payouts being 3 or 5 places depending upon the number of entries. 1st Place will receive Jackpot money plus an award.

OVERALL MASTER TEAMSTER – CUSTOM BRASS

SCHEDULE

Schedule of classes may be changed at show time at the committee's discretion.

FRIDAY PRESHOW EVENT

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

FRIDAY FIRST PERFORMANCE (APPROX. 2 HOUR PERF.)

6:30 PM Pleasure Cart (OPEN)

6:50PM Men's Cart (HITCH)

7:10PM 4 Horse Driving (OPEN)

7:50PM Classic Series Six Horse Conformation (HITCH)

8:15 PM BLUEGRASS MUSIC 8:15PM to 10:15PM

SATURDAY SECOND PERFORMANCE FEATURING

Featuring Working Teamster Events 10:00AM to 12:30PM

10:00 AM Teamster Driving For Work - Log Skidding AND Cultivating
10:00AM to 11:30AM

11:30AM Teamster Driving For Precision - Obstacle Course

11:30AM HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON – Elks Lodge

12:30PM Lunch Break 12:30PM -1:15PM

1:15PM Feed Team Race (top 6)

2:00PM Drawings and Kids Boot Race

2:15PM Horse Street Class (OPEN)

2:35PM Gamblers Choice Cart (OPEN)

2:50PM Team (HITCH)

3:10PM Four Abreast (OPEN)

3:30PM Draft Horse 101 3:30PM-4:30PM

SATURDAY THIRD PERFORMANCE (APPROX. 2 HOUR PERF.)

5:00PM Grand Entry and Hall of Fame Award

5:30PM Classic Series Six Horse Conformation (HITCH)

6:00PM Six Horse Driving (HITCH)

6:20PM Mule Street Class (OPEN)

6:40PM Unicorn (HITCH)

7:00PM Six Horse Driving (OPEN)

7:30PM BLUE GRASS MUSIC 7:30PM to 10:30PM

SUNDAY FOURTH PERFORMANCE

Featuring Youth Classes 10:00AM to 11:30AM

10:00AM Jr. Cart (HITCH and OPEN)

Jr. Team (HITCH and OPEN)

11:30AM Canadian Maze 1 (OPEN AND MASTER TEAMSTER)

Canadian Maze 2 (OPEN)

12:00PM BLUEGRASS MUSIC GOSPEL HOUR 12:00PM TO 1:00PM

1:00PM Grand Entry – Big Sky Award & Youth Scholarships Awards

1:30PM Four Horse Driving (HITCH)

2:10PM Four Horse Conformation (HITCH)

2:30PM Antique-Unique Vehicle (OPEN)

2:50PM Kids Stick Horse Race

3:20PM Ladies Cart (HITCH)

3:40PM Eight Mule Driving and Conformation (OPEN)