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Weld County Fair Draft Horse Show Information

Saturday July 22, 2017 – Saddle Club Arena

Hopefully this will answer most of your questions, but if it doesn't, please feel free to contact me –
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Location: **Saddle Club Arena at the Weld County Fairgrounds in Greeley, Colorado.** The Saddle Club arena is located at 899 North 11th Ave Greeley, CO 80631. The arena is on the north side of the Cache la Poudre River. Exhibitors will enter off 11th Ave.

Times:

Gate opens on Friday July 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Exhibitors are welcome to bring equipment the night before the show to begin set up. Pick up show packets starting at 7:30 AM the day of the show.

Halter Classes will **begin at 9:15AM**

Logistics:

Camping is an option on the grounds. There **ARE** campsites alongside the arena for exhibitors to use courtesy of the Weld County Fair (can be used Friday & Saturday night). Please contact Kit McCollum if interested in a campsite. The Weld County Fair has graciously waived the campsite fee for exhibitors!

Stalling is available for \$20 per stall per day and a one-time cleaning fee of \$10 per stall. Please contact Kit McCollum for stalling information. You will need to provide your own bedding for stalls.

Please contact Kit McCollum no later than July 15th for campsite reservation & stall reservation!!!

We **do** have access to wash racks for our use.

Water faucets are located throughout the parking lot where exhibitors will be parked to get water for horses.

NO VET CHECK AT THE FAIR!!! There will be **NO** vet check at the fair (this differs from previous years). **However each exhibitor must provide a health certificate for each horse to be shown at the fair from a licensed veterinarian dated July 12, 2017 or later. NO** participation allowed without a valid health certificate!!!

Registration:

Pre-registration is **highly recommended** and will guarantee you entry into the classes of your choice, in the event that we have to limit some class sizes. We encourage pre-registration as it would help with schedule planning.

Fees:

No entry fee for halter classes or bare back poll bending . Pre-entry performance classes are \$10.00 per driver. There is a one-time \$20.00 office fee. Parking and entry into the draft horse area is free. **There will be increased entry fees the day of the show.**

Exhibitor's Party!!!

There will be a pizza party that will take place after the completion of the show, to start approximately 30 minutes after the final class ends. Please plan to attend this gathering; it will be a fun time for all to unwind after a hard day of horse showing!!! Each paid entry will come with 2 dinner tickets. More can be purchased for \$5 each. Please include on your pre-entries the amount of additional tickets you would like to purchase!

Class Particulars For all classes:

Dress appropriately; headers should look neat and clean. This show will be a new first impression to a lot of non-draft people – let's look good.

Be safe, check harness and hitching. Harness should be clean and in good repair.

All classes will be judged on turnout and appearance as appropriate to the class, driving ability, willingness and response of the animal(s), teamwork between horses and driver.

Any entry may be asked to leave the ring if judged a hazard to other participants.

Draft Horse is 1500 lbs. or more

Class Times:

You are expected to be at the gate prior to the start of your class. It is your responsibility to inform the show staff if you are in need of a gate hold between classes. **We reserve the right to close the gate for late arrivals to the class.** Our goal is have gate holds no longer than 3 minutes. All exhibitor trailers will be parked around the arena so following the progress of the show should be easy. **Please be ready!!!**

Class Cancellations/Pull Ups:

If we find we are ahead/behind of schedule, you will be kept informed by the PA system that will be used for the show. We will give you as much notice as possible. Please be sure to notify the show staff if you are choosing to scratch a class as soon as possible so we do not hold the gate for you.

*****We do reserve the right to cancel any classes due to lack of entries or time constraints. We do not anticipate time constraints considering we have the arena the entire day.**

Single/Team Draft Obstacle – Each driver/horse/team duo may enter only once (a driver may enter twice with a different team or a horse/team may enter twice with a different driver) –Event is timed. Walk or trot only. There will be time penalty for each instance of canter or gallop. Time penalties will be added for disturbing or knocking down obstacles. Going off course will result in disqualification. Fastest time wins the class. Carts will be provided. Course maps available at check in.

Mens and Ladies Draft Cart– the same horse may not be entered in both men's and ladies' cart – cart classes may be divided into heats depending on number registered. For mens and ladies cart class - header's recommended but not required – Must provide own 2 wheeled show cart. 18 yrs and older

Pleasure Cart Single – this class is deigned for the teamster that would like to drive one of their horses in a cart class. Any 2 wheeled vehicle is acceptable, fore cart, show cart, road cart, etc. Horse and driver will judged. An easier, more pleasant way of going is desired. Braiding of mane & tail is not required. The judge may ask for three gates in this class. Commonly seen in this division is a walk, trot & a road gate or extended trot.

Junior Cart - Drivers age **8-18 years** - must be accompanied by a competent adult driver who is on the cart with the exhibitor at all times. Juniors may use any light or heavy draft horse, not a stallion. Headers must be present during the junior classes and assist the entry at class lines up and review. Must provide own 2 wheeled show cart

Farm Team – Farm wagon, vehicle with a reach, safe farm equipment; wagonettes, hay wagons, and functional farm vehicles with fifth wheel turning gear allowed. One of the judging criteria is how well you portray a farm team as opposed to fancy team. Clean farm harness or parade spotted harness is recommended, preferably no fancy scotch type collar harness but it is allowed. This will primarily be an “on-the-rail” class but the judge is permitted to ask for maneuvers as time allows. For example: backing, swinging the team, or driving a small, short pattern. Drivers ages 8-18 must be accompanied by a competent adult driver. Header required for junior drivers

Youth Single Obstacle - Each driver may enter only once – Class will be based on points, highest total points wins the class. The entry will score points based on completion of each obstacle. Event is timed to break ties only. Walk or trot only. There will be a subtraction of points for each instance of canter or gallop. Going off course will result in disqualification. Carts will be provided. Course maps available at check in.

Draft Six Horse Hitch Driving Class – Show on the rail class – judged on driving, turnout, appearance, matching of horses in color, size, soundness, suitability to the class, etc. Hitch wagon or nice 5th wheel wagons allowed. Ages 18 yrs and older

Single/Team Log Skid –This class will be combined as one class. Each driver will be allowed to enter twice, once with a single horse and once with a team. A single horse or team may be entered more than once with a different driver. This event is timed. **Walk only**. Penalty for each instance of trot, canter or gallop will be added to final time. Time penalties will be added for disturbing or knocking down obstacles. Going off course will result in disqualification. Fastest time wins the class. Course maps available at check in.

Draft Four Horse Show Hitch –Show on the Rail class – judged on driving, turnout, appearance, matching of horses in color, size, soundness, suitability to the class, etc. Hitch wagon or nice 5th wheel wagons allowed. Ages 18 yrs and older

Open Draft Under Saddle Walk/Trot - open to riders ages 8 and older. Riders under 18 must wear a helmet. Class will be a walk/trot only. No show shoes required to participate. Open to western or english riders.

Draft Unicorn –Shows on the rail, Judged on driving, turnout, appearance, matching of horses in color, size, soundness, suitability to the class, etc. Hitch wagon or nice 5th wheel wagons allowed. Ages 18yrs and older

Draft Show Team – Shows on the rail. Judged on driving, turnout, appearance, matching of horses in color and size, soundness, suitability to the class etc. Hitch wagon or nice 5th wheel wagons allowed. Ages 18 yrs and older

Draft Junior Driver Team - Drivers ages **8-18**, Must be accompanied by a competent adult driver. Header required. Hitch wagon or farm type wagons allowed. This class will be primarily judged on the drivers ability to handle their team. It is open to hitch or farm style hitches. No braiding of mane & tail is required.

Open Feed Team Race - each team may enter only once –Event is timed. Walk or trot only. There will be a time penalty for each instance of canter or gallop. Time penalties will be added for disturbing or knocking down obstacles. Going off course will result in disqualification. Carts will be provided. Course maps available at check in. Drivers ages 8-18 must be accompanied by a competent adult driver.

Poll Bending – may use an open or closed bridle, animals weighing 1500 pounds or more. Standard poll bending course will be used. Gate must be closed prior to time starting. Map for course will be provided the day of the show. Time will start once the participant has crosses the start line inside the arena. Helmets encouraged for adults, however riders under 18 must wear a helmet.