

**Larimer County Fair Draft Horse Show Information
Saturday August 4th, 2018 – Budweiser Event Center**

Hopefully this will answer most of your questions, but if it doesn't, please feel free to contact me – Kerri Rochon, Draft Show Coordinator at kerrirochon@hotmail.com or 720-684-9435

Location: Budweiser Event Center at The Ranch - Larimer County Fairgrounds and Event Center North of Loveland on I-25. Exit I-25 at exit 259 Crossroads Blvd. Go east to Fairgrounds Ave. (County Rd 5) then north. Draft Horse Parking in LOT E only!!

Times:

Gate opens at 6:00 AM

Pick up show packets starting at 7:30 AM

Drivers meeting in parking lot at 8:30 AM

Performance Classes will **begin at 9:00AM**

Logistics: There are no stalls available on the grounds. We **do not** have any wash racks for our use. Water tanks will be in parking lot for horse watering.

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

Fees: Performance Classes are \$10.00 per driver. There is a one-time \$10.00 office fee. Parking and entry into the draft horse area is free.

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.

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 5minutes.** We will use a portable Public Address system to notify you of the classes coming up. **Please be ready!!!**

Class Cancellations/Pull Ups:

If we find we are ahead/behind of schedule, you will be kept informed by the "Rover" who will be driving through the parking lot to keep you informed of class status. 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 based on time constraints. We must be done in the arena by 4pm!! That being said if the show is running late classes at the end of the schedule may be cancelled. In the unfortunate case that this occurs, entry fees for the cancelled classes only will be returned to the exhibitors.

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 time penalty for each instance of canter or gallop. Going off course will result in disqualification. Carts will be provided. Course maps available at check in.

Open Team Draft Obstacle – Each driver/team duo may enter only once (a driver may enter twice with a different team or a 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.

Team Log Skid - 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. **Walking 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.

Men's and Ladies Heavy 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. Men's and ladies' cart- header's recommended but not required – Must provide own 2 wheeled show cart. 18 yrs and older

Pleasure Cart- Any 2 wheeled vehicle acceptable. Fore cart, show cart, road cart, etc. Horse and Driver judged. Easier, pleasant way of going desired. This will primarily be an “on-the-rail” class but the judge is permitted to ask for maneuvers as time allows.

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

Open Feed Team Race - each team and each driver may enter only once –Event is timed to break ties. Walk or trot only. 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. Least faults places highest. Carts will be provided. Course maps available at check in. Drivers ages 8-18 must be accompanied by a competent adult driver.

Big T Race – Timed event- team must weave through three cones then complete barrel pattern then weave back through cones to finish. Fore cart will be provided. Fastest time wins the class. Course maps available at check in.

Heavy 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

Open Draft Farm Team – No hitch wagon or fancy carriage. 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 allowed, no scotch collars, fancy martingales, etc. 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

Heavy 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

Draft Team Reinsmanship Pattern Class- Designed to show the drivers ability to drive and handle his/her team. Judge will be looking specifically at the relationship between driver and horses, including the smoothness and correctness of the pattern. Any 2 wheeled vehicle acceptable. Fore cart, show cart, road cart etc.

Heavy 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

Open Draft Under Saddle- open to riders ages 8 an 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.

Heavy Draft Show Team – Shows on the rail, Should not be same team as farm team. 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

Heavy Draft Junior Driver Team - Drivers ages **8-18**. Must be accompanied by a competent adult driver. Header required. Hitch wagon or nice 5th wheel wagons allowed.