

## DRAFT HORSE PULLING RULES

- The Judge may disqualify any team deemed unsafe or unsound.
- Drivers are allowed three (3) helpers, however, only the driver is allowed to speak to the team during the pull.
- Teams shall not leave the arena during their contest.
- Drivers shall start with the blinders off or on and shall not change.
- Whipping, slapping, jerking or cursing the team during the contest will disqualify the team from the contest.
- Any time the driver speaks to the team it shall be considered a pull unless decided otherwise by the judge. Uncontrolled or unmanageable teams shall be disqualified.
- If there is a breakdown, it shall be required by the time the round is over in order to get a pull on that weight. However, if repairs cannot be made in time to pull on that weight, the team must pull the next weight in a maximum of two pulls.
- The judge will determine what is a pull and when it is finished.
- A pull shall be 15 feet long in a 15-foot-wide lane. The distance of the pull shall be measured from the end of the sled with a stake at the end of a chain. The pull shall be complete when the chain causes the stake to fall. A whistle or horn shall be used to signal the driver when the pull is complete.
- If the sled is pulled out of boundary lines, the sled shall be straightened up between the lines by the team which pulled it out of line (by the decision of the judge and the next driver.)
- It shall take three pulls to qualify and to be eligible for prize money. Each team shall complete 3 pulls.
- Teams will be divided into weight classes once all have arrived on the grounds and weights are reported.
- 750 pounds will be added to the sled after each round. After the elimination of all but two teams, the amount of weight added to the sled will be decided by the two drivers and the Judge.
- The judge will be appointed by the Superintendents. The Judge shall decide all disputes and shall direct, arrange and control the pulling. All his decisions shall be final.
- Drivers can walk or ride the sled during their pull but must finish the way they started.
- Drivers shall have the choice to remain hooked between their first and second pull, with a two-minute waiting period allowed, or to unhook after the first pull and take their second and final pull at the end of the pulling order.