

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. BHSS Horse Committee decisions are final.
2. Applications not submitted in full by November 10th, 2025 will not be accepted, No Exceptions.
3. **Submit a copy of the registration papers with the application: Please do not mail the original at the time of entry.**
4. All registration certificates must be in the consignor's name when mailed to BHSS Office. **They must be postmarked by January 2nd, 2026 deadline.** BHSS does not accept double transfers. Horses accepted and not in consignor's name by mail deadline (January 2) will be removed from the sale and forfeit their catalog fee.
5. A \$400 withdrawal fee is charged for any horse that is pulled from the sale without a vet release. This is strictly enforced. No Substitutions with other horses.
6. Check-in is on Thursday, January 29th, 2026 at 11AM. Horses consigned must report to check-in located in the Nerdy Nuts Expo Building (formerly the Soule) at the Central States Fairgrounds.
7. Vet Requirements for Screening:
 - Lameness: Lameness will be judged on the Association of Equine Practitioners Lameness Scale. Lameness over 3 observed while moving on a hard surface will be disqualified.
 - 0: Lameness not perceptible under any circumstances.
 - 1: Lameness is difficult to observe and is not consistently apparent, regardless of circumstances (e.g. under saddle, circling, inclines, hard surface, etc.).
 - 2: Lameness is difficult to observe at a walk or when trotting in a straight line but consistently apparent under certain circumstances (e.g. weight-carrying, circling, inclines, hard surface, etc.).
 - 3: Lameness is consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances.
 - 4: Lameness is obvious at a walk.
 - 5: Lameness produces minimal weight bearing in motion and/or at rest or a complete inability to move.
 - Teeth: Teeth will be checked to the best of the vet's ability, but this is not a pre-purchase exam. Buyers can request a pre-purchase exam from a vet prior to the sale at their own expense if they would like a more thorough examination.
 - Site: Horses will be excluded from the sale if they present with full cataracts or are completely vision impaired. Eyesight defects will be announced from the block, but may not be disqualified dependent on their expected use. Ex. A brood mare with an eye defect may not be pulled but a performance horse may be.
 - Temperature: All horses will be temp checked, no exceptions.
 - Health Certificates and Coggins: Must present a hard copy during check-in. If you receive a digital copy and need it printed email it to: paige@blackhillsstockshow.com by January 28th.
 - Blemishes that will be announced from the block include but are not limited to: cysts, obvious masses, colic scars, etc.
 - Health Certificates: Vets should sign all health certificates to:

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8. At the time of check-in all sale horses must be present the following:
 - Hard copy of current health certificate (not more than 30 days old)
 - Hard copy of Negative Coggins Test (not more than six months old)
 - Brand inspection papers
9. The consignors meeting is at 6PM, Thursday January 29th at the Event Center. All are welcome to attend.
10. Horses rejected at the screening will not be sold and catalog fees are not refunded.
11. Stalls are available for sale horses on the Fairgrounds starting Thursday, January 29th through Sunday, February 1st at no cost. Early arrivals are based on availability and will occur an additional charge. Each additional stall night will be \$45 per stall and can be paid at the stalling office.
12. The sale will be held at the James Kjerstad Event Center. Consignor must furnish feed, water and care for horses until the horse(s) are sold. Please make arrangements with buyer for care and transportation of the horse after the sale.
13. All horses consigned to the sale must enter the sale ring, unless screened by committee. If the animal does not enter the sale ring, a withdrawal fee of \$400 will automatically be assessed against the animal plus any applicable fees.
14. No Sales —will be charged a flat fee of \$400.
15. We will be accepting credit card payments for sale purchases. Credit cards payments will be subject to an additional 3.5% fee.
16. The BHSS Management, or their employees will not be responsible for any injury to or loss of any animal or accidents there by or any injury or loss of life to any participants or spectators during the Stock Show.
17. The BHSS Horse Sale Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with or incident to the Sale.
18. Each consignor accepts the responsibility of guaranteeing their own horse(s) to be in sound, healthy condition and has the privilege of giving additional guarantee of their horse(s) at the time of their sale in the Sale Ring.
19. The BHSS Horse Sale Committee does not act as agent for or represent either the buyer or seller but merely provides an environment for binding together buyer and seller for the purpose of sale transactions. If an adjustment needs to be made, it must be made between the purchaser and the consignor.
20. All Consigners will be held to the General Rules and Requirements of consignment whether or not you read and/or sign the contract.
21. Fees
 - \$300 Catalog Fee: non-refundable if selected to the sale.
 - \$400 No Sale Fee: The “no sale” fee must be paid prior to the horse exiting the sale facility and any registration papers being given back the consignor.
 - 8% Commission on sales up to \$9,999.
 - 7% Commission on sales \$10,000 or more.