



## **2022 Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress**

### **In Conjunction with the Dane County Fair**

Managed By: Midwest Draft Horse Enthusiasts

Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI

**July 21-24, 2022**

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### **SHOW BOOK & ENTRY FORM**

Show Entries Close **June 15, 2022** or when stalls are full.

*Please read all rules and information in this book*

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms and conditions contained in any and all parts of this Show Book and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress. The Committee further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these terms not published in this Show Book, to amend or add to these terms and conditions as in its judgment may determine. Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, or violations of these terms and conditions, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress Committee shall not be allowed. No exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to disqualification and forfeiture of any or all premiums.

**Submission of an entry to the Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress expressly binds the exhibitor and all parties involved with the exhibition of exhibit, to all terms and conditions contained in any and all parts of this Handbook/Premium List and Entry Form.**

Exhibitors are responsible for damage or personal injury caused by their animal and must be able to furnish on request of management to show proof of liability insurance. Exhibitors shall hold the named Congress Committee members, and/or employees and volunteers harmless for any loss, damage, or accident to themselves or associates; or their horses and/or equipment as a condition of entry to the Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress.

**Any Breed of Draft Horse Welcome. Absolutely NO STALLIONS.**

#### **Health Requirements**

All horses attending a public exhibition in the State of Wisconsin are required to have a negative EIA (Coggins test) within the **current year**. All horses coming from outside the state of Wisconsin must have a valid Health Certificate from Licensed and Certified Veterinarian within 30 days of the show.

#### **Destruction of Property**

Any person that damages or destroys Alliant Energy Center property will be held responsible and liable for the cost of repairs or replacement.

#### **Stalls**

The Congress Committee will make every effort to accommodate all entries in the available stall space. Tack stalls will be assigned according to availability and number of head shown if the committee deems it necessary. Appropriate fees will be refunded if exhibitor's tack stalls are reduced. **Nails, glue, staples, bolts, screws are prohibited from being fastened to stalls. NO SPRAY PAINT OF ANY TYPE TO BE USED AS IT STAINS THE FLOORS.** The Alliant Energy Center will inspect the floor and you will be charged if there is any spray paint on the floor. Exhibitors may be liable for any damages to stalls. The Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress Committee requests that exhibitor's stalls be decorated in an attractive manner.

## **Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress Rules and Information**

**Per Dane County Fair Rules, the following are NOT permitted: Dogs, Golf Carts, Alcohol and Smoking in the barns, buildings, restrooms or stabling areas. Per Alliant Energy Center rules, no roofs or tents in barns.**

### **Arrival & Departure Times**

Arrival: ~Early arrivals are prohibited on the grounds before designated times.  
~Wednesday, July 20 at 5:00pm until 10:00pm is Check in and Arrival time  
~In the event of an unexpected late arrival, contact us at 608-206-3722 or 608-516-9213 so we can make sure to have someone there to check you in.

Departure: ~Sunday, July 24      5:00pm      Equipment can be loaded  
   6:30-7:30pm      Animal Release & Departure or after 9pm

\*Must be out of Alliant Energy Center by 10:00pm on Sunday, July 24

### **Bedding & Manure & Trash**

Exhibitors are required to dump manure in appropriate areas only. Wood shavings or straw will be permitted for use as bedding. Shavings will be available for purchase at the show. No trash or wire is to be mixed in with manure. Trash receptacles are available throughout the facility. Do not put manure in trash receptacles. Please help keep the show grounds clean for all to enjoy. Shavings will be available for pre-purchase for \$6.00/bag. Please indicate how many bags you would like on your Entry Form.

### **Loading & Unloading**

Before unloading, please check in at the Show Office for instructions. Trucks are to be unloaded and parked in a timely manner in designated parking areas. Vehicles are not to be parked in or around barn areas and will be subject to towing.

### **Wash Racks**

Wash racks are located adjacent to the barns. Exhibitors must keep area manure and litter free to prevent clogged drains. Please do your part.

**Show Photographer:** More information coming soon

### **Attendants & Proper Attire**

Exhibitors will be expected to wear appropriate attire befitting a Draft Horse Show while in the judging ring. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove anyone deemed unsuitably dressed from the ring. Each entry will be allowed one handler/driver and one attendant only.

### **DANE COUNTY FAIR ADMISSION is Required for entry to the Draft Horse Congress Show**

Pre-Purchase Season tickets are available until **June 1, 2022** at the rates below:

**Youth Season Passes (6-11 years old)- \$6 each**

**Adult Season Passes (12 years old and up)- \$16 each**

These passes must be ordered prior to the deadline above to get this special rate. Otherwise daily passes for Youth are \$5 and Adult daily passes are \$10. Children 5 years old and under are free.

### **CAMPING:**

Space available at the Alliant Energy Center Camping area will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Camping vehicles must be parked within designated camping area. All other vehicles are required to park in designated areas. Any vehicles in violation may be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Camping reservations need to be made through the Alliant Energy Center at 608-267-3976.

## Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress Rules and Information

### **ENTRIES**

Each exhibitor must pay appropriate fees when making entry to the Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress. Each horse/stall is \$75 fee which includes ONE EXHIBITOR. The same horse may be shown by multiple exhibitors, each additional exhibitor needs to pay the \$25 exhibitor fee. Entry forms will not be accepted without valid signature and fees paid.

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 15, 2022**

**ENTRIES WILL BE CLOSED WHEN STALLS ARE FULL or at the discretion of the show board.**

- ~Entry fees are made payable to the **Midwest Draft Horse Enthusiasts**.
- ~Send Entry forms and fees to: N1904 Bradley Rd, Poynette, WI 53955
- ~A \$75.00 fee will be charged for any check returned as non-sufficient funds. NSF checks will not be re-deposited. Until we receive payment, your horse will not be stalled.
- ~Exhibits that are entered but not brought to the Congress shall forfeit all fees paid.

### **OWNERSHIP**

Whereas this is not an open show, but a Youth/Novice event, ownership of exhibited animals will not be checked. Meaning, it is not necessary you own the Draft horse you are exhibiting but can be owned by the person who is sponsoring your animal. If you are not bringing your own horses, please note there is an 'Exhibitor Fee' of \$25 on the entry form.

### **REGULATIONS**

- Any handler/driver or attendant deemed to be under the influence of any type of drug or alcohol will be reported to Dane County Fair Security and possibly prohibited from returning to the Draft Horse Youth & Novice Congress.
- Hitch or halter Class, official gate may be closed at the discretion of the ring master. The ringmaster or judge may excuse any entry at their discretion.
- Entrants must be at the ring promptly for their classes being judged. Each individual may only show in one showmanship class, one decorating class and/or one judging class. The Ringmaster has authority to refuse late entry into the ring by any exhibitor.

### **CLASS STRUCTURE will be split as follows:**

*\*Age as of Show date\**

**Pee Wee Youth: Age 7 years & Under**

**Junior Youth: Age 8-12 years**

**Senior Youth: Age 13-18 years**

**Novice: Who qualifies as a novice?**

\*Have you recently purchased your first Draft Horse?

\*Have you just started showing Draft Horses at any level within the last three years?

### **PREMIUMS (subject to change at the discretion of the Show Committee)**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15 4<sup>th</sup> \$10 5<sup>th</sup> \$5**

**All Classes receive premiums EXCEPT the PeeWee Showmanship class, they will receive a gift bag.**

### **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

The purpose of showmanship is to present the horse to the judge in the most positive manner. Showmanship classes are judged on the handler alone. Exhibitors will be judged on their ability to handle their horse.

#### **PeeWee Showmanship Rules (Ages 7 and under)**

Each showman **MUST** be accompanied by an adult in the showing. It is highly recommended that exhibitors use a horse that is extremely quiet and easy to handle. Exhibitors may have an adult lead rope and youth lead rope while handling the horse. Adults may also help to hold the lead rope for the youth. This is a fun class that will help encourage our younger exhibitors.

### **DECORATING CLASS:**

Participants will be given 30 minutes to groom and decorate their horse into show ready condition. All age groups will be timed at the same time but judged separately. During the 30 minute time period, you will be expected to complete the following: Mane roll, flowers, forelock braid, tail braid and decoration.

### **JUDGING CLASS:**

Participants will judge a group of horses on conformation and place them in order. Senior Youth and Novice will give their reasons for their placements on their judging form.

### **CART & TEAM CLASSES:**

All entrants should be ready in advance to avoid delays. Each individual may only drive in ONE cart class and/or ONE team class. The Show Committee reserves the right to split classes. Classes with multiple heats will be accepted first come first serve to the gate. No person will be permitted in the ring at the time of judging except judge, official photographer, ring stewards, and one driver and one groom per hitch. Grooms must be properly attired with their exhibit. Hitch Classes judged on driving ability only. One adult must accompany each driver.

### **RIDING CLASSES:**

#### **RULES:**

To be judged on manners, performance, presence, and quality.

#### **English:**

1. English tack and dress in English attire is recommended.
2. Spurs are optional.
3. No restrictions on bit type. A crop is permitted to be carried.
4. A riding helmet is required.
5. Riders are required to use two hands on reins.
6. Three English Gates will be used. Horse should be on correct lead.
  - a) Walk
  - b) Trot, on correct diagonal going in both directions of ring
  - c) Canter
7. Horse and Rider are both judged.
8. Each horse will be asked to back.

#### **Western:**

1. Western tack and dress in Western attire is recommended.
2. Spurs are optional.
3. No restrictions on bit type. A bat is permitted to be carried.
4. A riding helmet is required.
5. Two hands are permitted to be used with bit.
6. Three western gates will be used. Horse should be on correct lead.
  - a) Walk
  - b) Jog
  - c) Lope
7. Horse and Rider are both judged.
8. Each horse will be asked to back.

#### **Novice under Saddle (English or Western permitted)**

1. Appropriate attire for chosen discipline. SEE RULES LISTED ABOVE.
2. Rider only to be judged. All other rules apply.

### **COSTUME CLASS:**

Come up with a fun and original costume idea for both you and your horse! This class is always a crowd favorite!

### **OBSTACLE COURSE:**

Each driver will complete a course of approximately 8 obstacles. This is a timed event. 5 seconds will be added to your time for EACH ball that is knocked off of a cone. Missing an obstacle results in elimination. Horses may go more than once with a different driver. There will be a class for Cart & Team Obstacle Course.

**CLASS LISTS WITH NUMBERS**

**Junior Youth 8-12 Years Old**

- 101 Junior Youth Showmanship
- 104 Junior Youth Decorating
- 107 Junior Youth Judging
- 200 Junior Youth Cart
- 203 Junior Youth Team
- 300 Junior Youth English Riding
- 303 Junior Youth Western Riding

**Senior Youth 13-18 Years Old**

- 102 Senior Youth Showmanship
- 105 Senior Youth Decorating
- 108 Senior Youth Judging
- 201 Senior Youth Cart
- 204 Senior Youth Team
- 301 Senior Youth English Riding
- 304 Senior Youth Western Riding

**Novice Classes 19+ Years Old**

- 103 Novice Showmanship
- 106 Novice Decorating
- 109 Novice Judging
- 202 Novice Cart
- 205 Novice Team
- 302 Novice English Riding
- 305 Novice Western Riding

**PeeWee 7 Years Old & Under**

- 100 PeeWee Showmanship

**Open Classes**

- 400 Costume Class
- 401 Basic Trail Course Riding
- 402 Obstacle Course Cart
- 403 Obstacle Course Team

*Please note that any of the above classes may be split at the Youth/Novice Show Committee's discretion after entries have closed.*

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Late Entries will be accepted if there are still stalls available

Make Checks Payable to: Midwest Draft Horse Enthusiasts

Mail Entries to: N1904 Bradley Rd. Poynette, WI 53955

Item	Quantity	Amount per Item	Sub-Total
Box Stall for Horse*		\$75.00	
Box Stall for Tack		\$50.00	
Additional Exhibitor Fee*		\$25.00	
Youth Season Pass for Dane Cty Fair** (6-11 year olds)		\$5.00	
Adult Season Pass for Dane Cty Fair** (12 years old and up)		\$16.00	
Shavings (per bag)		\$6.00	
Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress Donation			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

\*The 'Box Stall' fee includes a stall for the horse and fee for ONE exhibitor. Example: You have 5 exhibitors showing your horses but only 3 horses. You would pay for 3 'Box Stalls' and 2 'Additional Exhibitor Fees'

\*\*Dane County Fair Pre-purchase Passes MUST be ordered by June 1 or you will need to pay at the fair.

Draft Horse Youth & Novice Congress Merchandise will be available on the website soon and a limited selection at the show

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EXHIBITOR INFORMATION		
Name:		Age:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Exhibitor's Signature:		Date:
Premium Paid To:		

CLASS ENTRIES:			
Class #	Class Name:	Class #	Class Name:

HORSE INFORMATION:		
Name of Horse:		Breed:
Owner's Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Owner's Signature:		

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Owner's Signature:		

Show #:

Name:

Division:

For Office Use Only

**Please fill out and include with registration. Thank you.**

## 2022 Youth and Novice Draft Horse Congress Biography Sheet

This information will be used by the announcer to introduce you during your classes as well as give the audience a little information about you. Please keep this in mind when filling out your form.

**Please write legibly.** Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you get started showing draft horses?

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What are your goals for this Congress?

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What hobbies do you have besides showing draft horses?

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