

MontanaFair Draft Horse Expo

<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>	<u>HORSE ARRIVAL</u>	<u>SHOW HOURS</u>	<u>HORSES RELEASED</u>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
<i>8/9/2023 By 5:00 pm</i>	<i>8/11/2023 After 4:00 pm</i>	<i>8/12/23 12:00pm -5:00 pm</i>	<i>8/13/2023 Show Conclusion</i>
		<i>Sunday 8/13/23 10am – 3:00 pm</i>	

SUPERINTENDENT: Melody Bilden (406)323-4353 home (406)697-5353 cell

ENTRY: Contact the Entry Office at (406)256-2400 for entry questions

or Email: entryoffice@metrapark.com

STALL RESERVATIONS: Call Melody Bilden (406)323-4353 home (406)697-5353 cell ~ Enter early to ensure stall availability

JUDGE: Margret Hebel

LIVESTOCK OFFICE FEE: \$10.00/per exhibitor

ENTRY FEES: \$25.00/per class

STALL FEE: \$15.00/per stall



ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received by the MontanaFair Entry Office by 5:00 pm, **Tuesday, August 9, 2023**. We would appreciate early entry for stalling and facility purposes. www.montanafair.com Under the Exhibitor tab. If you already have already completed your registration prior to August 9, 2023. Post Entries will be accepted at an additional \$3.00 per class. Payment is due in cash or check prior to the class entering the arena.

GATE ADMISSION: Non-refundable Exhibitor's Discounted Day tickets (\$6) and 9-day wristbands (\$50) can be purchased on the online entry system if purchased at time of entry. Discount exhibitor tickets will not be available after August 1, 2023.

PREMIUMS: Premiums for this event will be paid to three places: 1st - \$300.00, 2nd - \$200.00, 3rd - \$100.00. Buckle to 1st place winner in each class. Ribbons awarded in each class to 1st – 3rd place. Junior Classes: Premiums for these classes will be paid to three places, 1st - \$150.00; 2nd - \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00. The Montana Draft Horse & Mule Association will provide trophy belt buckles for the Junior Classes.



RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Exhibitors must read and observe the General Information on the last pages of this premium book. Proper entry and identification is essential. In addition, the following rules apply:

1. Open to all.
2. MontanaFair will provide stall signs which must be completed by exhibitor.
3. Judge's decision is final and no protest will be accepted by management.
4. If a team has been entered in the wrong class, judge has discretion to move to other class.
5. All exhibitors will be required to sign a liability waiver. Parent or guardian must sign for any exhibitor under 18 years.
6. Junior drivers must be between the ages of nine (9) and eighteen (18) as of January 1, 2023. Junior drivers must be accompanied by an adult in each class. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Ponies over 39" are eligible for open classes. Minis are eligible for classes – 104, 106, 110, & 111. Mini Drivers do not need to be accompanied by an adult.
7. When a pony is entered in an open class, cones will be initiated to direct minis or ponies to center of arena. With larger horses or mules to outer rail.
8. Per Yellowstone County policy, **NO** dogs will be allowed in the spectator area, show arena or stalling barn. Dogs must be on a leash at all times or can be removed by Yellowstone County Animal Control. No dogs are allowed on carnival or display buildings of the fair.
9. Class patterns will be available at time of check in.
10. **MANDATORY Exhibitors Meeting** Saturday 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 – 12:00 PM ~ Draft Horse Expo Arena - INFIELD

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Class 101 STREET CLASS ~ This is a rail class designed for the participant with any horse(s) in harness who uses them for hay rides, carriage rides, or other activities as would be found on the streets. Rubber tired vehicles are acceptable. The vehicle and harness used must be clean, in good repair, and appropriate to the entry. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up or similar elements.

Class 102 PLEASURE CART CLASS ~ This is a rail class suitable for and to driven by any lady or man in a 2 wheeled cart. At the judge's discretion, the exhibitor may be required to preform any or all of the following: On the rail, ask for a walk or extended trot. On the rail, ask for a stop, then change directions in place. In line, back-up straight, fan 90 degrees one way, forward into line. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving.



Exhibition of 6-8 Up Team being Driven.

Class 104 JUNIOR CLASS – RAIL ~ This is a rail class designed for the participant with any horse(s) in harness who uses them for hay rides, carriage rides, or other activities as would be found on the streets. Rubber tired vehicles are acceptable. The vehicle and harness used must be clean, in good repair, and appropriate to the entry. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up or similar elements. Junior must be age 9 to 18 as of January 1, 2023.

Class 103 ANTIQUE & UNIQUE VEHICLE CLASS ~ This is a rail class to be judged 25% on uniqueness; 25% authenticity; 15: quality of vehicle; 15% on appropriate animal(s) and 20% on attire according to the vehicle. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up or perform other similar elements. This class is open to any driven equine.

Class 105 LADIES ONLY CLASS ~ This is a rail class designed for the participant with any horse(s) in harness who uses them for hay rides, carriage rides, or other activities as would be found on the streets. Rubber tired vehicles are acceptable. The vehicle and harness used must be clean, in good repair, and appropriate to the entry. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up or similar elements.

Class 106 PONIES & MINIS RAIL CLASS ~ This class is for ponies and mini. This is a rail class. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving. The judge may ask questions about your horse and or vehicle.

Class 107 FEED TEAM RACE ~ Team must be driven through and around the course stopping at feed stations to pick up or drop off feed. This is a timed event. Teams must be kept at a walk or trot. Team must be completely stopped as bags are placed on or taken off the wagon. The driver and the helper must both ride on the wagon except when loading and unloading bags or hay. Both must be on the wagon before the team starts or stops. Five (5) penalty points will be added if team breaks into a lope and if both driver and helper are not on wagon as required. Twenty (20) penalty points will be added if a feed bag or hay bale is broken. Feed bags and hay bales must be completely on the feed stop plywood or a five (5) point penalty is added. Twenty (20) penalty points will be added for each break in the pattern.

Class 108 CANADIAN MAZE ~ This class is designed for the participants with draft horses, mules, light horses, and/or cross breeds driving a hitch wagon, farm wagon, rubber tire wagon, etc. It is a timed event; loping is allowed, but animals must be always in control. There is a ten (10) second penalty for each cone disturbed. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving.

MEET THE TEAMSTERS & THEIR HORSES AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF CLASS 107.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 @ 10:00 pm – Draft Horse Expo Arena - INFIELD

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Class 109 OPEN HITCH ~ Judged 100% on driver's ability. Style of horses and equipment are not to be considered. This is a judged pattern class. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving.

Class 110 JUNIOR CLASS – RAIL AND OBSTACLES ~ This is a rail and obstacle class designed for the participant with any horse(s) in harness who uses them for hay rides, carriage rides, or other activities as would be found on the streets. Rubber tired vehicles are acceptable. The vehicle and harness used must be clean, in good repair, and appropriate to the entry. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving. At the judge's discretion, exhibitors may be asked to fan, back up, dock or similar elements. Junior must be age 9 to 18 as of January 1, 2023.

Class 111 PONIES & MINI RAIL CLASS ~ This class is for ponies and mini. This is a rail class. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving. The judge may ask questions about your horse and or vehicle.

Class 112 LOG SKIDDING ~ Skidding two 16' long logs through a designated course consisting of pylons and alley. Precision and control of the team and logs is the primary goal, simulating a logging activity. There is a 5-minute time limit for the course. The driver must either ride on the logs or walk. He/she may not do both. The driver must follow the designed pattern. The driver must not allow any part of himself/herself, logs, team or doubletree to touch a pylon or break a barrier. To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving.

Class 113 BARREL RACE ~ There will be three (3) barrels set in a clover pattern. This is a timed event. Horses or Mules to be ridden. Must also be in a driving class.

Class 114 OBSTACLE COURSE ~ This is a timed event. There will be two (2) carts on the course at the same time. For safety reasons as one finishes another will start. Obstacles may include a mailbox, loading dock, serpentine, a pole slot, or other obstacles may be added. Points will be awarded only with the successful completion of each task. (Any amendments to this class may be made at showtime). To be judged 25% Presentation; 25% Conformation: 25% Way of Going; 25% Driving.



2023 MONTANAFAIR

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES & REGULATIONS

EMERGENCY MESSAGES: Emergency messages for exhibitors should be directed to the MontanaFair Entry Office at (406)256-2400 or the Yellowstone County Sheriff at (406)256-2441.

ADVERTISING: Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, fences, trees or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute any advertising or sell articles outside the space assigned. No political advertising, petition solicitors, subscription or sheet writers.

INTERPRETATIONS & LIABILITY: MontanaFair Management reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising out of and not covered by them.

Any person who violates any of the rules as published on the MontanaFair website www.montanafair.com will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by MontanaFair management. Submission of written or online entry serves as agreement from exhibitor to comply with this statement.

In the event of General and Department Special Rules, the Department Special Rules will govern.

MontanaFair, MetraPark and Yellowstone County, MT, their employees, agents or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, death or theft, sustained by person, property or livestock of any exhibitor, exhibitor's family or employees, concessionaire or spectator. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of MontanaFair management.

Management will put forth every effort to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival, but in no case will it be responsible for loss, theft, damages, livestock injury or death which may occur while in transit or during the time of exhibition.

SERVICE VEHICLES: The use of private motorized service vehicles (golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, etc.), ARE NOT ALLOWED on MontanaFair grounds.

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS: Each Superintendent will have charge of the department assigned and listed on the departmental information materials. The Superintendent will have charge of the building display spaces, stalls and equipment within the department. Rearrangement of stalls and spaces will be done only with supervision and as agreed by the Superintendent.



ENTRY INFORMATION

ALL DEPARTMENTS & EXHIBITORS

1. Online entry at www.montanafair.com. Payments are not accepted by our online entry program. Therefore you can call the Entry Office at 406-869-5200 to make a payment by phone. Or mail a check for your fees to Montana Fair Entry Office, P.O. Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103. Must arrive by August 5, 2023.
2. Entries are not considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid if applicable.
3. Should an individual enter either an animal or article in the name of another than that of the bonafide owner or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid and premiums or awards must be forfeited.
4. Any entry which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
5. Exhibitors will cooperate at all times to conduct the best possible fair.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and the offending exhibitor will forfeit all premiums due and may be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds.
7. MontanaFair is not responsible for errors in website information.

CODE OF ETHICS: MontanaFair is a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) and will abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics when conducting MontanaFair 20203 as printed at www.fairsandexpos.com/pdf/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf

EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

JUDGES: Every effort is expended to provide competent judges. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties. Exhibitor(s), owners, agents or representatives should not converse with judge until all judging of applicable exhibits has been completed. Under no circumstances should anyone converse during class judging.

DELAY OF JUDGING: Exhibitors must arrange for the prompt showing of all exhibits at the call of the judge. At the judge's discretion, any exhibit not presented promptly when called may be disqualified. Call for "closing of the gate" is at the Department Superintendent's discretion.

UNWORTHY EXHIBITS: Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premiums will be awarded to undeserving exhibits where there is competition or not. Judges are allowed



to award premiums as they feel worthy. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of formal protest. The judge's placing in the official judge's book designates the premium paid.

PREMIUMS:

- All premiums are paid to the exhibitor as stated on the official entry form or online entry submission.
- Exhibitors are limited to two premiums per class.
- Exhibitors receiving premiums in excess of \$600.00 must provide a completed, signed and dated W-9 with the personal social security number or federal taxpayer identification number. Name on W-9 must match name on entry.
- Premium checks not cashed within 90 days from date of issue will become stale-dated & void.

LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMALS

1. All livestock and small animals entered and exhibited may be subject to being inspected for health condition before entrance to exhibit building or stalling. All animals found inferior must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
2. Any person who violates any of the rules as published on the MontanaFair website www.montanafair.com will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by MontanaFair management. Submission of online entry serves as agreement from exhibitor to comply with this statement.
3. Competition is open to the world unless specified in department, (except in 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Exhibitors must be residents of Montana.
4. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stalls, pens and alleys in a clean and attractive condition. Bedding and litter shall be disposed of in designated areas. First bedding will be provided by MontanaFair. Additional or replacement bedding must be furnished by exhibitor and be of the type specified by Fair management. MontanaFair does not provide bedding in tie-out areas.
5. Exhibitors are not allowed to block other exhibits or stalling alleys with equipment or blocking chutes.

ANIMAL HEALTH BRAND & IMPORT REGULATIONS

Direct Inquiries to:

Montana Department of Livestock - Animal Health Division
Helena, MT 59601

Phone: 406.444.2043 Fax: 406.444.1929 www.mt.gov/liv

(Do not call the entry office for health information)



It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to comply with all current health, brand and import rules and regulations as stated upon the Montana Department of Livestock website www.mt.gov/liv on entry and arrival at the MontanaFair grounds. Regulations and requirements can change daily. Please make sure you have the proper requirements.

Out of County Exhibitors: Exhibitors crossing county lines with cattle, horses and sheep must obtain a brand inspection certificate or travel permit before leaving home and turn them in at check-in of the animal or be subject to a heavy fine according to Montana law.

