

# 90TH ANNUAL OZARK EMPIRE FAIR



# EQUINE HANDBOOK



# EQUINE - Division 1 - Draft Horses

Superintendent: Jim Criger (417) 988-0988

**HITCH SHOW:** Friday, July 31 & Saturday, August 1 at 7 p.m. in Wilson Logistics Arena

**HALTER SHOW:** Saturday, August 1 at 9:00 a.m in Noel Boyd Youth Livestock Arena

**Arrival:** Must be in place by 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 30.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Exhibitors entering this division should familiarize themselves with the **General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock Entry Rules** before submitting entries.
2. Entries can either be submitted through ShoWorks or by mail. The entry form is located at the end of this handbook. Early entries will close on June 15. Late entries will be available until July 1. All late entries must be added in the additional items section of ShoWorks or on the official entry form.
3. **See Livestock Entry Rules for health regulations. Please check with your veterinarian or Missouri Department of Agriculture regarding any changes in Equine Health Regulations that may have been updated.**
4. Age of horses, ponies, mules and foals will be figured from January 1. All foals will be considered as one year old on the first of January succeeding birth. Age of donkeys is actual birth date.
5. Minimum requirements for competition: (a.) No champions will be named unless there is competition. (b.) To remain listed in the Exhibitor Handbook, a minimum of 25 head must be shown in each section.
6. The management reserves the right to cancel any class in any section and to make substitution in case a class does not fill satisfactorily.
7. Show order may be changed at the discretion of the superintendent. Announcements regarding show schedule will supersede printed schedule.
8. When on exhibition, each animal must be under bridle or halter and in the charge of owner or an employee. All stallions two years and older must have a bit in mouth at all times.
9. Any animal that is not being controlled by driver or handler at any time, in or out of the show ring, may be confined to stall at discretion of fair staff.
10. Youth Classes: Driver must meet age requirements as specified and be accompanied by an adult. **PLEASE LIST DRIVER'S NAME ON ENTRY BLANK.**
11. No aged stallions may be used in the showmanship or decorating classes.
12. Appropriate dress must be worn while showing. Superintendent may institute a dress code and enforce it at his/her discretion.
13. **FEES:** \$25 per stall used (horse, tack, feed, etc.)
14. **STALLS:** Only 1 horse per stall (except for nursing foals). Stalls will be assigned by the division superintendent.
15. All draft horse breeds will show together (hitch & halter)
16. Four Horse Hitches placing out of the money will receive \$100 for showing.
17. Six Horse Hitches placing out of the money will receive \$200 for showing.

Class DRAFT HORSE HITCH		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
100	Cart - Ladies	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
101	Cart - Open (Show-Me Series)	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
102	Team	\$100	\$70	\$50	\$30
103	Unicorn	\$100	\$70	\$50	\$30
104	4 Horse Hitch (Show-Me Series)	\$200	\$160	\$140	\$100
105	4 Horse Hitch (Show-Me Series)	\$200	\$160	\$140	\$100
106	6 Horse Hitch	\$300	\$260	\$240	\$200
110	Cart - Youth (Jr 8-12)	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
111	Cart - Youth (Sr 13-18)	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
112	Team - Youth (Sr 13-18)	\$100	\$70	\$50	\$30
115	Cart - Novice	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
116	Ride a Draft	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
121	Cart - Obstacle	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10

Class DRAFT HORSE HALTER		1st	2nd	3rd
150	Stallion - Foal	\$30	\$20	\$15
151	Stallion - 1 year	\$30	\$20	\$15
152	Stallion - 2 years	\$30	\$20	\$15
153	Stallion - 3 years and over	\$30	\$20	\$15
154	Stallion - Grand Champion	Banner & Rosette		
155	Stallion - Res. Grand Champ.	Banner & Rosette		
160	Mare - Foal	\$30	\$20	\$15
161	Mare - 1 year	\$30	\$20	\$15
162	Mare - 2 years	\$30	\$20	\$15
163	Mare - 3 years	\$30	\$20	\$15
164	Mare - 4 years and over	\$30	\$20	\$15
165	Mare - Grand Champion	Banner & Rosette		
166	Mare - Res. Grand Champ.	Banner & Rosette		
173	Gelding - 3 years and under	\$30	\$20	\$15
174	Gelding - 4 years and over	\$30	\$20	\$15
175	Gelding - Champion	Banner & Rosette		
190	Showmanship (Jr 8-12)	Ribbon		
191	Showmanship (Sr 13-18)	Ribbon		
192	Decorating (Sr 13-18)	Ribbon		

**Hitch Show schedule  
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3. Every entry must be made in the name of the bona fide owner.
4. **FEES:** Entry fee is \$23 per head plus the \$2 per head sanctioning fee. \$2 for each animal goes straight to the National Miniature Donkey Association. Tack/feed stalls (if available) are \$25. Each class is \$7 to enter.
5. Stalls will be designated only by the division superintendent OR livestock office personnel.
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## DIVISION 7 - MINIATURE DONKEYS - OPEN NMDA & ACOSA SANCTIONED

**Miniature Donkey Halter Classes: 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 3 - Wilson Logistics Arena**

**Miniature Donkey Performance/Hitch Classes: 8 a.m., Tuesday, August 4- Wilson Logistics Arena**

ARRIVAL: Miniature Donkeys must be in place by 6 p.m. Sunday, August 2. No arrival prior to 2 p.m., Sunday, August 2

RELEASE: Miniature Donkeys will be released following conclusion of show on Tuesday, August 4, must be out of the barn by 6 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

*The 2026 Ozark Empire Fair will host the National Show for the American Council of Spotted Asses.*

This show has adopted the rules of National Miniature Donkey Association with the exception of the dress code rule. Due to the weather conditions, exhibitors will be allowed to wear equine dress appropriate for the weather conditions. Short sleeve shirts will be allowed. To download a copy of the National Miniature Donkey Association rule book visit [www.nmdaasset.com](http://www.nmdaasset.com).

1. Donkeys must be at least 3 years old to participate in harness and jumping classes.
2. Show officials reserve the right to cancel any class or division at its discretion, or to combine classes. Class show order will be determined once entries are received and processed. NATIONAL MINIATURE DONKEY ASSOCIATION SHOW RULES to govern Miniature Donkey classes according to current NMDA rulebook. All Miniature Donkeys must be registered prior to show. This show is approved by and will be run in accordance with the National Miniature Donkey Association, unless otherwise indicated. You are encouraged to view these rules available online: [http://www.nmdaasset.com/downloads/NMDA\\_ShowRules.pdf](http://www.nmdaasset.com/downloads/NMDA_ShowRules.pdf). NMDA Fee: \$2.00 per Miniature Donkey will be assessed and due with entries. Not applicable to ACOSA classes.
3. Animals entered in ACOSA designated classes MUST be registered with ACOSA and verification of that registration status submitted with their entries prior to the Fair. See [www.spottedass.com](http://www.spottedass.com) for additional information.
4. The NMDA classes are open to Miniature Donkeys registered with the Miniature Donkey Registry (MDR), the American Donkey Registry (ADR) or the Canadian Donkey & Mule Association (CDMA). Unregistered Miniature Donkeys will not be allowed to show. (Exception: ACOSA classes: see Rule 6 above.)
5. Maximum height for animals entered in the NMDA Miniature Donkey classes is 36" with the exception of animals entered in the TEAM classes, which can be up to 38". Donkeys will be measured Sunday evening starting at 5 p.m. in the equine barn.
6. The age of a Miniature Donkey, for the purpose of entering this competition, will be determined by its actual birth date. Foals must be a minimum of six (6) months of age and all donkeys in jumping and/or driving classes must be three (3) years or older.
7. Youth exhibitors: Competitors 17 years of age and under may not show a jack two years or older in any NMDA class. The age of an individual on January 1st will be maintained throughout entire year.
8. OZARK EMPIRE FAIR HIGH POINT AWARDS: Pursuant to NMDA rules, it IS necessary that jacks/jennets be entered, shown and judged in at least one halter (conformation) class to be eligible for Performance High Point award consideration. It is NOT necessary for GELDINGS to enter or show in a conformation halter class to be eligible for any of the Performance High Point awards. 2026 Ozark Empire Fair Miniature Donkey Show Competition Guide **HIGH POINT CALCULATION:** For classes of five or more animals, first place will receive 5 points, with the remaining places receiving one less point in descending order. For classes of less than five animals, first place will receive points equal to the number in the class, with the remaining places receiving one less point in descending order.
9. **TIES:** High point ties will be broken by the number of first places, then by number of classes placed in, then by the highest placing in Pleasure Driving (or in hand and trail for Non-Driving Divisions.) b. To be eligible for any of the High Point awards, the Miniature Donkey (or Team) must be duly entered, shown and judged in classes to be considered for any high point award. Placings in Championship Halter classes and all ACOSA designated classes will NOT count toward any High Point award.

**MONDAY'S CLASSES**

- 700 ACOSA Miniature, Jennets
- 701 ACOSA Miniature, Geldings
- 702 ACOSA Miniature, Jacks
- 703 ACOSA, Standard and Mammoth (Jack, Jennet, and Gelding)
- 704 ACOSA Mules (John, Jenny, and Hinny)
- 705 NMDA Foals, minimum 6 months old
- 706 NMDA Yearling- Jennets
- 707 NMDA 2 Yr. Old- Jennets
- 708 **NMDA Jr Champion Jennet**
- 709 **NMDA Reserve Jr Champion Jennet**
- 710 NMDA Yearling- Geldings
- 711 NMDA 2 Yr. Old- Geldings
- 712 **NMDA Jr Champion Gelding**
- 713 **NMDA Reserve Jr Champion Gelding**
- 714 NMDA Yearling- Jacks
- 715 NMDA 2 Yr. Old- Jacks
- 716 **NMDA Jr Champion Jack**
- 717 **NMDA Reserve Jr Champion Jack**
- 718 **NMDA Champion Junior**
- 719 **NMDA Reserve Champion Junior**
- 720 NMDA Jennets- 3 & 4 Yr. Old
- 721 NMDA Jennets- 5 & Over
- 722 **NMDA Champion Jennet**
- 723 **NMDA Reserve Champion Jennet**
- 724 NMDA Geldings- 3 & 4 Yr. Old
- 725 NMDA Gelding- 5 & Over
- 726 **NMDA Champion Gelding**
- 727 **NMDA Reserve Champion Gelding**
- 728 NMDA Jacks- 3 & 4 Yr. Old
- 729 NMDA Jacks- 5 & Over
- 730 **NMDA Champion Jack**
- 731 **NMDA Reserve Champion Jack**
- 732 **NMDA Best of the Miniature Donkey Breed & Reserve  
(Winners from classes 722, 726, 730)**
- 733 Solid Color Class
- 734 NMDA Showmanship- Pre Green
- 735 NMDA Showmanship- Sub Youth 12 & Under
- 736 NMDA Showmanship- Youth 17 & Under
- 737 NMDA Showmanship—Green
- 738 NMDA Showmanship- Non Driving
- 739 NMDA Showmanship—Open
- 740 NMDA Coon Jump
- 741 NMDA In-Hand Trail- Pre Green
- 742 NMDA In-Hand Trail- Sub Youth 12 & Under
- 743 NMDA In-Hand Trail- Youth 17 & Under
- 744 NMDA In-Hand Trail- Green
- 745 NMDA In-Hand Trail- Non Driving
- 746 NMDA In-Hand Trail- Open
- 747 NMDA Teams- Pleasure Driving
- 748 NMDA Teams - Reinsmanship
- 749 NMDA Teams- Cloverleaf
- 750 NMDA Teams—Obstacle Driving
- 751 NMDA Teams- Pole Bending
- 752 NMDA Teams- Stake Race

\*\*All classes are \$7 to enter. Fees have been raised in order to ensure participation and add premiums back to the miniature donkey show.

**Premiums Offered**

1st.....	\$15
2nd.....	\$10
3rd.....	\$7
4th.....	\$5

**TUESDAY'S CLASSES**

753	NMDA Leadline Race- Pre Green	791	NMDA Obstacle Driving- Green
754	NMDA Leadline Race- Sub Youth 12 & Under	792	NMDA Obstacle Driving- Open
755	NMDA Leadline Race- Youth 17 & Under	793	NMDA Pole Bending- Sub Youth 12 & Under
756	NMDA Leadline Race—Green	794	NMDA Pole Bending- Youth 17 & Under
757	NMDA Leadline Race—Non-Driving	795	NMDA Pole Bending- Green
758	NMDA Leadline Race—Open	796	NMDA Pole Bending- Open
759	NMDA Hurry Scurry- Pre Green	797	NMDA Stake Race- Sub Youth 12 & Under
760	NMDA Hurry Scurry- Sub Youth 12 & Under	798	NMDA Stake Race- Youth 17 & Under
761	NMDA Hurry Scurry- Youth 17 & Under	799	NMDA Stake Race- Green
762	NMDA Hurry Scurry- Green	<b>800</b>	NMDA Stake Race- Open
763	NMDA Hurry Scurry- Non Driving	<b>801</b>	<b>NMDA High Point Sub Youth</b>
764	NMDA Hurry Scurry- Open	<b>802</b>	<b>NMDA Reserve High Point Sub Youth</b>
765	NMDA In Hand Jumping- Pre Green	<b>803</b>	<b>NMDA High Point Youth</b>
766	NMDA In Hand Jumping- Sub Youth 12 & Under	<b>804</b>	<b>NMDA Reserve High Point Youth</b>
767	NMDA In Hand Jumping- Youth 17 & Under	<b>805</b>	<b>NMDA High Point Pre-Green</b>
768	NMDA In Hand Jumping- Green	<b>806</b>	<b>NMDA Reserve High Point Pre-Green</b>
769	NMDA In Hand Jumping- Non-Driving	<b>807</b>	<b>NMDA High Point Green</b>
770	NMDA In Hand Jumping- Open	<b>808</b>	<b>NMDA Reserve High Point Green</b>
771	NMDA Scramble- Pre-Green	<b>809</b>	<b>NMDA High Point Non-Driving</b>
772	NMDA Scramble- Sub Youth 12 & Under	<b>810</b>	<b>NMDA Reserve High Point Non-Driving</b>
773	NMDA Scramble- Youth 17 & Under	<b>811</b>	<b>NMDA High Point Open</b>
774	NMDA Scramble- Green	<b>812</b>	<b>NMDA Reserve High Point Open</b>
775	NMDA Scramble- Non Driving	<b>813</b>	<b>NMDA High Point Teams</b>
776	NMDA Scramble- Open	<b>814</b>	<b>NMDA Reserve High Point Teams</b>
777	NMDA Pleasure Driving- Sub Youth 12 & Under		
778	NMDA Pleasure Driving—Youth 17 & Under		
779	NMDA Pleasure Driving- Green		
780	NMDA Pleasure Driving- Open		
781	NMDA Reinsmanship- Sub Youth 12 & Under\		
782	NMDA Reinsmanship- Youth 17 & Under		
783	NMDA Reinsmanship- Green		
784	NMDA Reinsmanship- Open		
785	NMDA Cloverleaf Barrels- Sub Youth 12 & Under		
786	NMDA Cloverleaf Barrels- Youth 17 & Under		
787	NMDA Cloverleaf Barrels- Green		
788	NMDA Cloverleaf Barrels- Open		
789	NMDA Obstacle Driving- Sub Youth 12 & Under		
790	NMDA Obstacle Driving—Youth 17 & Under		

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1st.....	\$15
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3rd.....	\$7
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## **Miniature Donkeys Show Schedule**

### **Sunday | August 2, 2026**

6 p.m. | Check in and Measurements

### **Monday | August 3, 2026**

8 a.m. | Halter Classes begin  
Starting with ACOSA and following with NMDA  
Showmanship after Halter  
**Classes 700 - 764**

### **Tuesday | August 4, 2026**

9 a.m. | Performance Classes Begin  
**Classes 765- 832**

Release after all classes are finished  
Must be out of stalls by 6 a.m. on , August 5, 2026.

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- Feed boxes must be provided by the exhibitor.
- Appropriate dress must be worn while showing. Superintendent may institute a dress code and enforce it at his/her discretion.
- Show order may be changed at the discretion of the superintendent. Announcements regarding show schedule will supersede printed schedule.

## DIVISION 5 - DRAFT PONIES

**Draft Pony Halter Classes: 10:00 a.m., Friday, Aug. 7 | Wells Arena      Draft Pony Cart Classes: 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 7 | Wilson Logistics Arena**

**Draft Pony Hitch Classes: 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8 | Wilson Logistics Arena**

**ARRIVAL:** Draft Ponies will be allowed on the grounds at 12 p.m., Thursday, August 6, and must be in place by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 6.

**RELEASE:** Draft Ponies will be released following the show on Saturday, August 8.

- Classes are open to grade animals unless designated as Registered.
- Birthdate, animal name and registration number (if registered animal) must be submitted on the entry form for all entries or entry will not be accepted.** Only those animals with proper registration will be allowed in registered classes. Registration number will not be required for current year registered foals, however, birthdate and name must be submitted on entry form and animal should be designated as "registered".
- Any animal that is not being controlled by driver or handler at any time, in or out of the show ring, may be confined to stall at discretion of fair staff.
- Farm Hitch Class: No Driver or team may be in any other two-pony hitch. Ponies may be hitched to any farm implement or wagon except mowing machines or sulky rakes. Obstacle class will not be considered to be two-pony hitch. Harness, shoes, manes and tails will not be a factor in judging of farm hitch class.
- Ride-A-Pony will be conducted as follows: drive in a single pony in two-wheel cart. Line-up, dismount, un-hitch and un-harness. Ride pony bareback to the designated spot. This is a timed and judged event. Detailed information will be provided by superintendent prior to show.
- Youth Cart Class is open to youth under 16 years of age as of January 1, 2026. Youth driver must have adult co-driver riding with them.
- Those who participate in the women's cart class or youth cart class are not eligible to compete in the open cart class.

<b>Prize Money Offered</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Halter classes	\$30	\$20	\$15
<b>Hitch classes:</b>			
Six pony hitch.....	\$90	\$75	\$50
Four pony hitch.....	\$90	\$75	\$50
Unicorn hitch.....	\$90	\$75	\$50
Two pony hitch.....	\$90	\$75	\$50
Reg Haffl Mare (534,541)	\$65	\$40	\$20
Light Harness.....	\$90	\$75	\$50
Farm hitch.....	\$90	\$75	\$50
Adult cart.....	\$65	\$50	\$40
Obstacle/Ride-A-Pony.....	\$15	\$10	\$5

**HALTER CLASSES**

- Foal, registered horse
- Foal, registered filly
- Foal, grade horse
- Foal, grade filly
- Registered Mare, 1 & 2 yrs.
- Registered Mare, 3 & 4
- Registered Mare, 5 and over
- 508 Grand Champion Registered Mare**
- 509 Reserve Grand Champion Registered Mare**
- Grade Mare, 1 & 2 yrs.
- Grade Mare, 3 & 4
- Grade Mare, 5 and over
- 513 Grand Champion Grade Mare**
- 514 Reserve Grand Champion Grade Mare**
- Mare and 2024 foal (no mules)
- Brood Mare (Reg or Grade)
- Pair of mares (Reg or Grade)
- Registered Stallion, 1 & 2 yrs. (Hafflinger)
- Registered Stallion, 3 & over (Hafflinger)
- 520 Grand Champion Registered Stallion**
- 521 Reserve Champion Registered Stallion**

- Gelding, 4 yr & under
- Gelding, 5 yr & over
- 524 Grand Champion Gelding**
- 525 Reserve Grand Champion Gelding**
- Pair of Geldings
- Produce of Dam (2 animals, any sex or age)
- Get-of-Sire (3 animals, any sex or age)
- Breeders Herd (Stallion and Three (3) Mares)
- Junior Showmanship Draft Ponies or Mini Mules, 8 to 12 years
- Senior Showmanship Draft Ponies or Mini Mules, 13 to 18 years
- HITCH CLASSES:** Classes will be considered Open unless designated Registered Only. Grade Draft Ponies must meet height requirements. **Classes with less than 3 exhibitors may be scratched.** Final show schedule will be posted prior to show.
- Pony Under Saddle
- Two-pony hitch
- Two-pony hitch - Registered mares only
- Two-pony hitch - Women drivers
- Light Harness-Spring wagon or surrey type buggy; single or double hitch, buggy type harness. (Combined with Farm Hitch if less than 3 entries.)
- Four-pony hitch
- Unicorn hitch
- Six-pony hitch
- Open cart class
- Cart class - Registered mares only
- Women's cart class \*
- Youth cart class \* - Open to youth ages 8 to 16 yrs., as of July 1, 2026. (Youth driver must have adult co-driver riding with them.)
- Ride-A-Pony
- OBSTACLE COURSE CLASSES:**
- Ride-A-Pony
- \*\* Single pony obstacle course
- \*\* Team obstacle course
- Farm Hitch, single or double (see rule 4), Combined with mules
- \*\* A team/horse can run obstacle course one time only.

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## DIVISION 6 - MINIATURE MULES

**Miniature Mule Halter Classes: 10 a.m., Saturday, August 8 | Wells Arena**

**Miniature Mule Cart Classes: 6 p.m., Friday, August 7 | Wilson Logistics Arena**

**Miniature Mule Hitch Classes: 6 p.m., Saturday, August 8 | Wilson Logistics Arena**

**ARRIVAL:** Miniature Mules will be allowed on the grounds at 12 p.m., Thursday, August 6 and must be in place by 5 p.m., Thursday, August 6.

**RELEASE:** Miniature Mules will be released following the show on Saturday, August 8.

1. All mules must be 56" or under, and the mothers of mule colts must be 56" or under. All mules must have been measured within this calendar year or they must be measured at this show before they can participate. If mules must be measured they will be measured by officials of the Ozark Empire Fair and Missouri State Veterinary staff. Their measurements will be final. Mules that fail to measure 56" or under will be immediately released from the show.
2. Halter classes will be shown at a walk and trot.
3. Matched pair should consist of same color and conformation.
4. Hitch classes will be judged 60% on type, conformation and performance. Appointments will count for 40% of judging.

Prize Money Offered	1st	2nd	3rd
Halter & Group classes	\$30	\$20	\$10
Hitch classes/Obstacle	\$50	\$40	\$30

### HALTER CLASSES:

- 601 Horse mule, colt
- 602 Horse mule, 1 year and under 2
- 603 Horse mule, 2 years and under 3
- 604 Horse mule, 3 years and over, 48" - 56"
- 605 Horse mule, 3 years and over, under 48"
- 606 Champion Horse Mule**
- 607 Reserve Champion Horse Mule**
- 608 Mare mule, colt
- 609 Mare and colt (either sex)
- 610 Mare mule, 1 year and under 2
- 611 Mare mule, 2 years and under 3
- 612 Mare mule, 3 years and under 4, 48" - 56"
- 613 Mare mule, 3 years and over, under 48"
- 614 Mare mule, 4 years and over, 48" - 56"
- 615 Champion Mare Mule**
- 616 Reserve Champion Mare Mule**
- 617 Grand Champion Mule**
- 618 Reserve Grand Champion Mule**
- 619 Pair of mules, any age, either size
- 620 Four mules, any age or sex, all owned by exhibitor

### HITCH CLASSES:

**Classes with less than three (3) exhibitors will be scratched.**

Complete final show schedule will be posted prior to show.

- 621 Cart class
- 622 Youth Cart (16 yrs and under), Ribbons only
- 623 Open Mule Cart Class
- 624 Two-mule hitch, under 48"
- 625 Two-mule hitch, 48" - 56"
- 626 Two-mule hitch, either size, women drivers
- 627 Unicorn hitch
- 628 Four-mule hitch
- 629 Six-mule hitch

### OBSTACLE COURSE CLASSES:

- 630 Single mule obstacle course
- 631 Team obstacle course
- Farm Hitch: Combined with Draft Ponies - Use Class 547**
- 547 Farm Hitch, single or double (see rule 4), Combined with Draft Ponies

## Draft Ponies & Miniature Mules Show Schedule

### Friday | August 7, 2026

Draft Pony Halter	10:00 a.m.	Wells Arena
Hitch Classes	6:00 p.m.	Wilson Logistics Arena
624	Two-mule Hitch, under 48"	
537	Four-pony Hitch	
532	Pony Under Saddle	
625	Two-mule Hitch, 48-56"	
540	Open Cart Class	
626	Two-mule Hitch: either size, women drivers	
536	Light Harness	
541	Cart Class, registered mares only	
628	Four Mule Hitch	
542	Women's Cart Class	
627	Unicorn Hitch	
543	Youth Cart Class	
544	Ride-A-Pony	

### Saturday | August 8, 2026

Miniature Mule Halter	10:00 a.m.	Wells Arena
Hitch Classes	6:00 p.m.	Wilson Logistics Arena
539	Six-pony Hitch	
623	Open Mule Cart —Men	
621	Open Mule Cart—Women	
538	Unicorn Hitch	
622	Youth Cart (11-16 yrs)	
533	Two-pony Hitch	
547	Farm Hitch, Mules and Ponies combined	
534	Two-pony hitch - Registered Mares Only	
535	Two-pony Hitch, women drivers	
545	Single Pony Obstacle Course	
630	Single Mule Obstacle Course	
546	Team Obstacle Course	
631	Team Obstacle Course	

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# 2026 OZARK EMPIRE FAIR

3001 N. Grant, Springfield, MO 65803

**ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 15**

**One Exhibitor ONLY per entry blank.**

## DRAFT HORSES, PONIES AND MULES

Draft Horses, per head \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Draft Ponies & Mules, per head \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tack/Feed Stall (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee, per horse \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under 21 as of January 1st, 2024)

County \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (Federal ID) \_\_\_\_\_

*Entry will not be accepted without this number.*

## TICKETS - Equine - Pre-Order your tickets and parking passes!

**\*\*Orders made at time of entry will be available for pick up the fair.\*\***

**\*\*On site sales will close at noon on Wednesday, August 5.\*\***

Adult Single Admission Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child Single Admission Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1-Day Parking Pass (vehicle only) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 4.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$10 (paper handling fee) + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EQUINE

\_\_\_\_ Draft Horses

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Draft Ponies

Number of head \_\_\_\_\_ Miniature Mules

Number of stalls requested \_\_\_\_\_ Miniature Donkeys

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Visa

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Signature Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*3.5% fee will be added to your total. **TOTAL CHARGED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## MINIATURE DONKEYS NMDA & ACOSA SANCTIONED

Miniature Donkeys, per head \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tack/Feed Stall (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee, per donkey \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Class fee \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**EQUINE**

EXHIBITOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
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