

# **Draft Horse, Small Draft, Half Draft & Mule Show**

**Friday – Sunday, September 23-25, 2022**



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**The Draft Horse Education Foundation, Inc.**

**a 501 (c)3 Non-profit**

**Mission Statement:** To offer educational programs and clinics specifically for youth, individuals, organizations, and professionals, interested in the preservation of draft horse breeds; their uses, equipment, and heritage. To promote; including sponsoring events dedicated exclusively to draft horses, whether clinics, conformation shows, pulls, fairs, or other activities.

**Meadow Event Park  
13191 Dawn Blvd.  
Doswell, Virginia 23047  
804-994-2800**

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## **PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE - September 10, 2022 (postmarked)**

**Late Entry Fee:** Late registrations incur penalties of **\$25 per animal**. There will be **No guarantee of stall availability or free passes**. Every effort will be made to obtain stalls and provide free passes. Payment is required to reserve stalls. Make checks payable to **DHEF/SFVA Draft Show**, a \$35 charge for bad checks will apply. Send all entries to:

**DHEF/SFVA Draft Show**  
**1379 Pecks Rd, Bedford, VA 24523**  
Phone: 540-330-5481 Email: [draftfdn@gmail.com](mailto:draftfdn@gmail.com)

**POST-ENTRY DEADLINE:** **Additional** classes may be added at the show without penalty and must be received in the show office no later than three scheduled classes prior to the class being added.

**CLASSES:** Management reserves the right to combine or split classes. Classes with 3 or less entries, payout could start with 2nd place money, at the discretion of the Show Committee. Classes with (3) three or more of the same breed, may be pinned separately.

**STALLS/GROUNDS FEE:** \$30 each stall per day, \$60 for one stall for 2-days, \$85 for one stall for 3-days. Animals not stabled must pay \$25 per animal grounds fee. Stalls will be assigned by Stable Superintendent only on a first come/first served basis.

**ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:** Horses can start arriving Thursday, **September 22nd** after **3:00 pm**, Stalls must be vacated by Sunday, **September 25th**, by **8 pm**. **No horses will be allowed to overnight on horse trailer.**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Thursday, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM, Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Saturday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sunday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Office may be closed at times during the show.

**SHAVINGS/BEDDING/HAY SALES:** Shavings will be available on the grounds for \$6.00/bale (10 cubic feet compressed). Hay will be available at current market rates. Sales will be **available from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily. ALL STALLS MUST USE BEDDING – SHAVINGS OR STRAW – YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN.**

**PASSES - PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE EXHIBITOR CREDENTIALS:** Any exhibitors not pre-entered may be required to purchase a regular priced ticket each day. Every effort will be made to issue passes, if available. Exhibitor Passes will be mailed in advance to pre-entered exhibitors based on the following scale per exhibitor:  
***Note: Entering the same animal under multiple exhibitors will not qualify as additional exhibitor passes.***

**1-2 horses = 2 passes, 4-horse hitch = 4 passes, 6-horse hitch = 5 passes, Pull teams  
not in other classes = 3 passes**

Pre-entered exhibitors requiring additional passes for workers may purchase a maximum of four (4) Exhibitor tickets for \$20.00, good for the duration of the show. These tickets must be purchased in advance on the entry form. Exhibitor credentials will provide admission to the Fair only; ride tickets must be purchased separately.

**PARKING:** Appropriate decal will be affixed to animal hauling vehicle upon arrival or mailed in advance. **When/if exhibitor/participant lots are full, vehicles will be directed to park in overflow free General Parking.**

**CAMPING:** A limited number of RV spaces are available near the equine area. No advance reservations will be taken. RV space rentals are \$30 per night and will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. **NO trailers, campers, RVs, etc will be allowed to plug into barn, stable or ring hook-ups.**

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All animals must have a negative Coggins test, dated within the last twelve months prior to show date. Copies may be mailed with entries to expedite check-in, or digital copies can be emailed to [DraftFdn@gmail.com](mailto:DraftFdn@gmail.com). Current interstate and intrastate health requirements shall apply. All out of state entries must provide a Health Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for legal entry. The show will adhere to all federal horse protection regulations. Winning teams in the pulling contests may be subject to drug testing as will other teams selected randomly. Positive test results will result in forfeiture of any and all prize money.

**REGISTRATION PAPERS:** ALL MARES and STALLIONS must be registered with their respective breed association and registration number must be on entry form to enter registered halter class. Horses shown in halter classes must show proof of registry by their respective breed association. (Include copies with your entry forms, or bring registration copies with you, or email them.

**YOUTH/JUNIOR DRIVERS:** Youth/Junior drivers must be accompanied by an adult in all Youth/ Junior Driving Classes. The exhibitor shall be no younger than 9 years of age and no older than 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year. No stallions allowed in Youth/Junior classes. Youth also are invited to participate in all “pleasure”, “cones” and “obstacle” driving classes, as long as they are accompanied by an adult driver.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Any unsportsmanlike conduct by an exhibitor will disqualify both exhibitor and horse from the show.

**GROOMING, CONDITION, ATTIRE:** Animals must be in show condition; exhibitors, handlers, and teamsters must be dressed in neat, clean clothes appropriate to their class. Prizes may not be awarded to animals that are not in show condition and/or properly groomed.

**BE ON TIME:** Be on time for each class you have entered. The show ring gate will be closed after five (5) minutes or a third call by Ringmaster, \*\*Exhibitor will not be allowed to enter the ring. If you wish to withdraw from a class, please let the Ringmaster and/or the Bookkeeper know in advance so the class will not be held up.

*(\*\*Note: There is no refund of class fees)*

**INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGE:** The judge shall report to the management any exhibitor or exhibitors who in any way, whether in person or by agents or employees, interfere with him during his adjudication or manifest any disrespect to him, whereupon a proper apology from such exhibitor shall be demanded. Any exhibitor who refuses to comply with this rule may be excluded from further competition and management may withhold any premiums that may have been awarded to him.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT:** Anyone participating in any competition, event or demonstration at the State Fair of Virginia consents to the use of the Fair's photographic image of them or their exhibit, by the State Fair of Virginia, agents, licensees, and assigns for any and all purposes, including without limitation television, theater, exhibition, website, publication and any trade or advertising purposes. Competitor/exhibitor understands there will be no remuneration for the use of such image.

**LIABILITY:** Upon submission of entry blank, exhibitor releases and waives all rights against The Draft Horse Education Foundation, Inc. and its officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives, the State Fair of Virginia (Commonwealth Fairs & Events) and its officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives, and the management of this show and pull, for death, personal injury or property damage and waives the right to sue or to bring action against The Draft Horse Education Foundation, Inc. or the State Fair of Virginia (Commonwealth Fairs & Events) for any loss or damage which is in any way connected with the risks involved in equine activity.

**PROTEST:** A protest may be made to the Show Committee by a participant for any violation of rules. All protests must be in writing, signed by the protester, addressed to the show, and received by the Show Manager, Show Secretary or a member of the Show Committee within 48 hours of the alleged violation. A \$50 deposit must accompany any protest and the deposit will be returned in the event the protest is sustained.

**MISTREATMENT:** Any exhibitor or other person, directing physical abuse in any form towards a horse, will be immediately dismissed from the show and will forfeit all fees & premiums.

**DRAFT HORSE DIVISION:** Open to Purebred Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, and Shires. This includes the riding classes.

**SMALL DRAFT HORSE DIVISION:** Open to Gypsy Vanners, Haflingers, Draft Ponies, Spotted Drafts, Fjords, American Creams, Drum Horses, Friesians, and Sugarbush Drafts. Small draft horses are allowed in Draft Horse driving classes, if not specified.

**HALF DRAFT HORSE DIVISION:** Sire or dam must be a draft horse breed. Half draft horses are allowed in Draft Horse driving classes, if not specified.

**MULE/DONKEY DIVISION:** Open to all mules and donkeys. Mules and donkeys are allowed in Draft Horse driving classes, if not specified.

**HALTER CLASSES:** Shoeing of Halter Horses is optional. Whip person is permitted, but not required. Appropriate decoration is encouraged; Exhibitors may have multiple entries per class. Classes with (3) three or more of the same breed, may be pinned separately. Classes can be combined at the discretion of Show Management. Proper dress: dress shirt and dress pants. No blue jeans in halter classes.

**HITCH CLASSES:** Must use 5th wheel show wagon or show cart, show harness with scotch housing, and horses should be appropriately shod. Appropriate decoration is encouraged. All multiple hitches (more than 3 horses) must have two capable drivers up at all times. Horses may be “borrowed” for multiple hitches. Exhibitor, Grooms, & Attendants must be in proper attire.

**PREMIUM PAY-OUT:** Classes with less than 3 entries, payout can start with 2nd place money. This will be up to the discretion of the Show Committee. A check with total premiums, minus any unpaid entry fees, stall fees, bedding, etc will be mailed to the person whose name is on the registration form within 30 days of the show end date.

**VERSATILITY EQUINE AWARD:** Awarded in all divisions, Draft, Small Draft, Half Draft and Mule. Awarded to the single equine that earned cumulative high points in the following classes: Halter, Under Saddle, Driving, Sled/Log Skidding, and Obstacle.

*Superintendent: Missy Wade, Bedford, VA, 540-330-5481*

*Under Saddle Manager: Leslie Davis, St. Stevens Church, VA 804-350-7752*

*Show Secretary: TBA*

*Halter & Hitch Show Judge: Jerry Hancock, Winston-Salem, NC*

*Farm & Obstacle Judges: Mark Hartberger, Goodview, VA, Geryl Wade, Bedford, VA*

*Under Saddle Judge: TBA*

*Under Saddle Show Announcer: TBA*

*Show Announcer: TBA*

*Show Photographer: TBA*





**Draft Horse, Small Draft, Half Draft,  
& Mule Show  
Friday, September 23 -  
Sunday, September 25, 2022  
Doswell, Virginia**



<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd</b>									
<b>Class</b>	<b>HITCH SHOW - 6:00 PM, RING 4</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Premiums</b>						
<b>1</b>	6-Up Show Hitch-Open	30	150	125	100	75	50	40	
<b>2</b>	4-Up Show Hitch-Open	30	150	125	100	75	50	40	
<b>3</b>	Unicorn Show Hitch - Open	30	150	125	100	75	50	40	
<b>4</b>	Show Team Hitched to Wagon Gentlemen Driving	30	125	100	75	50	40	30	
<b>5</b>	Show Team Hitched to Wagon Ladies Driving	30	125	100	75	50	40	30	
<b>6</b>	Show Team Hitched to Wagon Junior Driving	30	125	100	75	50	40	30	
<b>7</b>	Cart Pleasure Driving ( Driving Harness, Breast Pad)	30	100	75	60	50	40	30	
<b>8</b>	Tandem Show Hitch - Open	30	125	100	75	50	40	30	
<b>9</b>	Show Cart Junior to Drive	30	75	60	50	40	30	25	
<b>10</b>	Show Cart Ladies to Drive	30	75	60	50	40	30	25	
<b>11</b>	Show Cart Gentlemen to Drive	30	75	60	50	40	30	25	
<b>* Ample time is allowed between classes to adjust hitches.</b>									
<b>Class</b>	<b>OBSTACLE/FUN CLASSES - To Follow, RING 4</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Premiums</b>						
<b>12</b>	Junior Single Cart Pole Bending	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
<b>13</b>	Single Cart Pole Bending	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
<b>14</b>	Junior Single Cart Barrels	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
<b>15</b>	Single Cart Barrels	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th</b>									
<b>Class</b>	<b>HALTER - 9:00 AM, RING 4</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Premiums</b>						
<b>16</b>	Registered Draft/Small Draft Stallions, 5 years and over	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>17</b>	Registered Draft/Small Draft Stallions, 2 years and under 4	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>C</b>	<b>GRAND CHAMPION/RESERVE STALLION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>							
<b>18</b>	Registered Draft/Small Draft Mares, 5 years and over	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>19</b>	Registered Draft/Small Draft Mares, 2 years and under 4	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>C</b>	<b>GRAND CHAMPION/RESERVE MARE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>							
<b>20</b>	Registered Draft Yearlings	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>21</b>	Registered Draft Foals	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>22</b>	Registered Small Draft Yearlings	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>23</b>	Registered Small Draft Foals	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
<b>C</b>	<b>GRAND CHAMPION/RESERVE YEARLING/FOAL</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>							



24	Draft/Small Draft Geldings or Grade Mares, 5 years and over	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
25	Draft/Small Draft Geldings or Grade Mares, 2 years and under 4	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
C	GRAND CHAMPION/RESERVE GELDING/MARE	RIBBON							
GC	SUPREME GRAND HALTER CHAMPION	RIBBON							
26	Mule Halter, 1 Year to Under 4	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
27	Mule Halter, 4 Years and Over	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
28	Half Draft Halter	15	50	40	30	R	R	R	
Class	WORKING/FARM CLASSES - To Follow in RING 4	Entry	Premiums						
29	Single Log Pull	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
30	Team Log Pull	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
31	Team Sled Obstacle	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
32	Single Sled Obstacle	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
33	Single Ground Driven Obstacle	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
34	Team Ground Driven Obstacle	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
35	Feed Sack/Hay Race -Team	20	100	75	60	50	40	30	
Class	WORKING/FARM CLASSES - 2:00 PM RING 4	Entry	Premiums						
36	Working Cart Men to Drive	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
37	Working Cart Ladies to Drive	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
38	Working Cart Youth to Drive	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
39	Antique Farm Implement (No Wagons)	20	100	75	60	50	40	30	
40	Best Matched Team in Harness Ground Driven	20	50	45	40	35	30	25	
41	4-Wheeled Antique or Repro. Vehicle (No Wagons) <i>Period Attire</i>	20	100	75	60	50	40	30	
42	Team Hitched to Farm Wagon Ladies to Drive	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
43	Team Hitched to Farm Wagon Gentleman to Drive	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
44	Team Hitched to Farm Wagon Youth to Drive	20	75	60	50	40	30	25	
45	Antique Farm Wagon or Reproduction-Open	20	100	75	60	50	40	30	
46	Farm Multiple Working Hitch (3 or more horses)	20	100	75	60	50	40	30	
Class	COON MULE JUMPING - 4:00 PM, RING 4	Entry	Premiums						
47	Coon Mule Jumping - 52" & Under	20	100	75	60	50	40	30	
48	Coon Mule Jumping - Over 52"	20	100	75	60	50	40	30	
Class	BARNYARD PULL -TO FOLLOW, RING 4	Entry	Premiums						
49	Adult (Payout 8 Places)	Sponsored by James River Concrete Contractors, Inc.	NONE	175	150	125	100	75	50
								50	25
50	Junior (14 years & Under)		NONE	Ribbons & Trophies					

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Class	<b>RIDING CLASSES - 10:00 AM, RING 4 \$40 for 4 or More</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Premiums</b>					
51	Draft English Equitation on the Flat, any seat W-T-C	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
52	Half Draft English Equitation on the Flat, any seat W-T-C	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
53	Mule English Equitation on the Flat, any seat W-T-C	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
54	Draft Suitability for Dressage	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
55	Small/Half Draft Suitability for Dressage	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
56	Mule Suitability for Dressage	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
57	Draft Hunter Pleasure W-T-C	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
58	Half Draft Hunter Pleasure W-T-C	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
59	Mule Hunter Pleasure W-T-C	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
60	Draft/Small/Half Draft Hunter Pleasure W-T Novice Rider	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
61	Mule Hunter Pleasure W-T Novice Rider	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
62	Draft, Small Draft, Half Draft Horse English Pleasure, W-T	15	15	10	5	5	5	5

63	Draft, Small Draft, Half Draft Horse English, W-T-C	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
64	Open Pleasure Draft (English/Western) W-T	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
65	Open Pleasure Small/Half Draft (English/Western) W-T	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
66	Open Pleasure Mule (English/Western) W-T	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
67	Draft Western Pleasure - Walk/Jog	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
68	Small/Half Draft Western Pleasure -Walk/Jog	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
69	Mule Western Pleasure - Walk/Jog	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
70	Draft Western Pleasure W-J-L	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
71	Half Draft Western Pleasure W-J-L	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
72	Mule Western Pleasure W-J-L	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
73	Draft/Small/Half Draft Western Pleasure W-J Novice Rider	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
74	Mule Western Pleasure W-J Novice Rider	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
75	Draft Horsemanship	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
76	Small/ Half Draft Horsemanship	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
77	Mulemanship	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
<b>Class</b>	<b>JUMPING CLASSES - TO FOLLOW RING 4</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Premiums</b>					
78	Draft/Small/Half Draft Hunter Under Saddle	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
79	Mule Hunter Under Saddle	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
80	Draft/Small/Half Draft/Mule Hunter Hack 2' Jump	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
81	Draft/Small/Half Draft/Mule Hunter Over Fences 2'	15	15	10	5	5	5	5
82	Draft/Small/Half Draft/Mule Jumper 2'	15	15	10	5	5	5	5





2022 State Fair of Virginia Draft Horse & Mule Show Entry Form



OWNER		EXHIBITOR		CLASS FEES			
STREET ADDRESS		STREET ADDRESS		1-11	\$30	51-82	
CITY	STATE	CITY		12-15	\$20	\$15	
ZIP	PHONE#	ZIP		16-28	\$15	\$40 for 4 or More	
CELL #	OFFICE USE ONLY		CHECK NUMBER	Any Additional Money Owed			
EMAIL:			CHECK AMOUNT				
ALL HORSES MUST HAVE A NAME & REGISTRATION NUMBER TO ENTER REGISTERED CLASSES							
OFFICE USE ONLY	CLASS #	CLASS #	CLASS #	ENTRY FEE	HORSES NAME/BREED	DESCRIPTION	
						REG#	
						SEX: M S G / Yr Foaled	
						REG#	
						SEX: M S G / Yr Foaled	
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TOTAL ENTRY FEES (From Above)				Number	ENTRY FEES TOTAL		
STALLS (One Per Horse Per Day) FRI/SAT/or SUN					X	\$30	
STALLS (One Per Horse Per Day) FRI-SAT or SAT-SUN					X	\$60	
STALLS (One Per Horse Per Day) FRI-SUN					X	\$80	
GROUNDS FEE (Per Horse Per Day) IF NOT STALLED					X	\$25	
SHAVINGS PER BAG					X	\$6	
LATE FEE-Each Horse if after 9/10					X	\$25	
EXTRA PASSES (4 MAX)					X	\$20	
ENTRY DEADLINE September 10th (Postmarked)				TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			
Make Checks Payable & Mail to: DHEF/SFVA Draft Show 1379 Pecks Rd Bedford, VA 24523  Questions Call: Missy 540-330-5481 or Email: DraftFdn@gmail.com							





## 2022 Sponsorship Form

Mail completed form and check payable to:  
**DHEF/SFVA Draft Show**  
**1379 Pecks Road**  
**Bedford, VA 24523**

Draft Horse & Mule Show  
 September 23-25, 2022



A 501(c)3 Non-Profit

The Draft Horse Education Foundation, a 501 c3 nonprofit is excited to be offering the Draft Horse, Small Draft, Half Draft & Mule Show at the State Fair of Virginia this year. This is the 7th year of this show since Virginia Farm Bureau purchased the fair.

This is the only Draft Horse and Mule show in the state of Virginia that offers ample premiums for the exhibitors, and also attracts a lot of spectators. Transporting draft horses and mules with all the collars, harness, wagons, carts, etc. to an event, usually requires multiple trucks and trailers, and sometimes multiple trips for our exhibitors. Attractive premiums motivate our exhibitors to bring their horses and also with the added travel expenses.

As a sponsor, this is a wonderful opportunity to advertise your business and help support the declining draft horse and mule industry in Virginia. Over the past six years, the stands at the fair have been packed with people watching the draft horse and mule events. Spectators are attracted to draft horses and mules, and they will hear and see your advertising message. Your business does not have to be related to the equine industry, people of all ages and backgrounds come to watch our events.

We have great expectations for this show and the future of the draft horse industry at the State Fair of Virginia and hope that you are able to be a part of our show and sponsor a class or are able to send any amount of money.

Thank you in advance, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Missy Wade  
 Draft Horse & Mule Show/ Manager  
 Phone: 540-330-5481 or Email: DraftFdn@gmail.com

**Sponsorships make this exciting show possible and we are grateful for your support!!!!**

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Class Sponsors:</b>	<b>Check Box</b>	<b>Name of Class 1<sup>st</sup> Choice</b>	<b>Name of Class 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</b>
Hitch Show Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 to co-sponsor		
Farm Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 to co-sponsor		
Obstacle Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00 to co-sponsor		
Halter, Riding	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 to co-sponsor		

**\*\*Both sponsors below will have business and message publicized by show announcer throughout the show.**

**Silver Sponsorship \$1,000-\$2,500:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gold Sponsorship \$2,501.00 and Up:** \_\_\_\_\_

● 5 free fair passes

● 10 free fair passes

● Placement of one (1) sponsor provided, ringside banner

● Placement of two (2) sponsor provided, ringside banners

**Friends of the SFVA Draft Horse & Mule Show-any amount you can afford \$** \_\_\_\_\_