

**HORSE PULLING CONTEST**

Wednesday – September 5, 2012

1:00 p.m. – Grandstand Arena

**EVAN MCLAIN – SUPERINTENDENT**  
**DARYL WOOLSTENHULME – ASST. SUPERINTENDENT****ENTRY DATE:** 10:00 a.m. Wednesday 9/5 with meeting to follow at 11:00 am for all pullers**ENTRY FEE:** \$25.00. Entries must be in by 10:00 a.m. Wed.**PASSES:**

- A. Each exhibitor may purchase one Livestock Exhibitor Ticket for \$20.00 for a full week or \$10.00 for a half week. Caretakers may also purchase exhibitors tickets, but no more than 3 tickets per team entered. Tickets are non-transferable.

**Special Department Rules:**

- A. All teams must weigh in and be matched between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Drawing for position will be held immediately following weigh in. Contest will start at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday. Special entry forms and complete rules for these matches may be obtained from the Superintendent or the fair office.
- B. All pulls will be made according to classes.
- C. Ropes will be spaced 14 ft. apart. A qualified pull is 20 ft. between the ropes.
- D. There may be a 2-minute rest period between each pull. If a driver unhooks he must wait until other contestants have qualified in turn for his last pull. There will be a maximum of 8 pulls in each weight.
- E. The beginning weights will be started at Lights - 3000 lbs, Middles - 3500 lbs and Heavy - 4000 lbs. Additional weights will be added at the discretion of the first driver in each weight class, unless the ground conditions are bad, then the judge will decide. The minimum amount of weight that can be added is 300 lbs.
- F. Distance will be measured from the point the chain is attached to the boat. The driver has the right to check the measurement.
- G. The driver has the right to mismatch teams. This must be turned into the secretary before the draw for position.
- H. The first place winner has the right to move up to the next weight class. Other teams will be allowed to move up with the permission of the judge. HE OR SHE MUST PULL UNTIL THEIR TEAM IS STUCK.
- I. Offset double trees are permissible.
- J. Any time a call is made to the team, it will be considered a pull. The judge will decide.
- K. All teams must remain in order and be on deck or they will lose that pull.
- L. No team will be allowed to leave the arena while participating in their respective class.
- M. The pulls will be in the same direction until the flag at the end of the lane is reached by any portion of the boat excluding the hook chain. At this time the judge will reverse the boat. On the last weight all teams will pull in the same direction. After the first pull by all teams on the last weight, if there is not enough distance to pull all teams in the same direction on the second attempt of the last weight the boat will be reversed at that time. THE JUDGE WILL DETERMINE IT.
- N. A team must start the match with blinds on or off. No change will be made during the contest.
- O. Teamsters will ride on or walk beside the stone boat.
- P. Any unusual or necessitating circumstances will be decided by the judge.
- Q. The hookers must stay behind the double trees and are not allowed to touch, hiss or otherwise encourage the team in any way.
- R. At any time the driver stops his or her team all eight feet of the team must be within the ropes or the pull will be disqualified.
- S. If a new lane is necessary for the next class, the judge will determine it.
- T. Pullers will be allowed 2 minutes to hook for each pull. If extra time is taken, the pull will be lost. Contestant breaking down automatically goes to the end of the line.

- U. No whipping or hitting of horses will be permitted.
- V. There are no restrictions on feed and water. Contestants can feed and water when and as they please in any amount desired.
- W. Eastern Idaho State Fair stone boat on runners will be used for all classes. The Superintendent will be in charge of added weight.
- X. Only one driver and no assistants allowed ahead of the boat after the pull starts.
- Y. Pullers using stalls must vacate on Wednesday by 3:00 p.m. If stalls are needed, contact the fair office by August 17.
- Z. Out of state horses must have a health certificate and are required to have a negative Coggin's test within the last 6 months. Copy of current Health Certificate must be provided to the Livestock Office on entry to the fairgrounds.
- AA. A committee and Management will determine allocation of special prizes.
- BB. The Superintendent's decision is final.
- CC. There will be no alcohol allowed.

**Premiums: 1st - \$380; 2nd - \$355; 3rd - \$330; 4th - \$305; 5th - \$280**

1. Teams weighing 3200 and under
2. Teams weighing between 3201 - 3500
3. Teams weighing 3501 and over

There will be a 10 lb. weight allowance per horse for shoes only. If the horse does not have shoes the allowance will not be allowed.

**First place trophy in each class donated by the Estate of Archie and Mary Swensen.**

**HITCHES****EVAN MCLAIN – SUPERINTENDENT**  
**LOREN SMITH – ASST. SUPERINTENDENT****JUDGING:** 9:00 a.m. each morning in the infield.**ENTRY FEE:** Hitches: \$10.00 per class.**PASSES:**

- A. Owners of entries may purchase an Exhibitor's Ticket for personal use at a cost of \$20.00 for the whole week, or \$10.00 for a half-week. Grooms or men actually in charge will also have to procure tickets.

**SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES:**

- A. All HITCH HORSES must be stalled all week.
- B. In Team class judge will allow 25% match, 25% horsemanship and performance, 25% draftiness, 25% action and manner of move.
- C. In the Unicorn hitch, 4-in-hand, and 6-in-hand, judges will allow 25% draftiness, 25% matching, 50% for performance and horsemanship.
- D. Four and Six-in-hand constitutes 1 driver with that many horses in his hands.
- E. Exhibitor(s) must in all cases be the bona fide owner of animals exhibited by them, except where otherwise specified. A transfer of ownership for the purpose of exhibiting will debar any animal or article and operate against the payment of premiums offered by the Eastern Idaho State Fair.
- F. Horses must be driven in suitable wagon and harness.
- G. Judge has option to dismiss any unmanageable horses or hitches.
- H. Hitch Teams must be in ring 5 minutes after class is called. No entrance will be allowed after the last call.
- I. Special prizes will be given for each class. There will be special trophies donated by the Estate of Archie and Mary Swensen.
- J. Out-of-state horses must have a health certificate and a negative Coggin's test within the last 6 months. Copy of current Health Certificate must be provided to Livestock Office on entry to the fairgrounds.
- K. Classes may be switched at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- L. Any driver that has driven during the week may drive in the 6-in-hand driving classes.
- M. Hitch premiums will be paid to hitch number.
- N. Owner will only be paid for one entry in each class.
- O. No horse can be shown in Braid and Non Braided classes.

**These hitch classes are not for miniature horses.**