

HORSE PULLING

PRODUCER: UTAH HORSE PULLERS ASSOC.

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DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

TIME: 1:00 pm

**LOCATION: Grandstand Arena –
FREE ADMISSION**

WEIGH IN & ENTRIES:

- Wednesday, September 9, 2026, by 7:30 am for weigh in
- Mandatory meeting at 11:00 am for all pullers to assign positions per drawing

ENTRY FEES: \$25.00 per team

PASSES:

- \$25.00 Exhibitor full week pass (1 pass allowed per exhibitor)
- \$15.00 Exhibitor 1/2-week pass (1 pass allowed per exhibitor)
- Grooms or people actually in charge will also have to procure tickets, but no more than 3 tickets per team entered.

STALLS:

- If stalls are needed, contact the Livestock Office by August 21, 2026.

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

- **Teams weighing 3520 and under**
- **Teams weighing 3521 and over**

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES:

- All teams must weigh in and be matched between 7:30 am and 10:00 am, Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Drawing for position will be held immediately following weigh in. The contest will start at 1:00 pm. Entry Forms and the complete rules for these matches can be obtained from the Producer.
- All pulls will be made according to the classes.
- Ropes will be spaced 14 ft. apart. A qualified pull is 20 ft. between the ropes.
- 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.
- The beginning weights will be started at Lightweights – under 3520 lbs. and Heavies – over 3521 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.

- Distance will be measured from the point the chain is attached to the boat. The driver has the right to check the measurement.
- The driver has the right to mismatch teams. This must be turned into the secretary before the draw for position.
- 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.
- Offset double trees are permissible.
- Any time a call is made to the team, it will be considered a pull. The judge will decide.
- All teams must remain in order and be on deck or they will lose that pull.
- No team will be allowed to leave the arena while participating in their respective class.
- 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.
- A team must start the match with blinds on or off. No change will be made during the contest.
- Teamsters will ride on or walk beside the stone boat.
- Any unusual or necessitating circumstances will be decided by the judge.
- The hookers must stay behind the double trees and are not allowed to touch, hiss or otherwise encourage the team in any way.
- 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.
- If a new lane is necessary for the next class, the judge will determine it.
- 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.
- No whipping or hitting of horses will be permitted.
- There are no restrictions on feed and water. Contestants can feed and water when and as they please in any amount desired.
- Eastern Idaho State Fair stone boat on runners will be used for all classes. The Superintendent will oversee added weight.
- Only one driver and no assistants allowed ahead of the boat after the pull starts.
- Out of state horses must have a health certificate and are required to have a negative Coggin's test within the last 6 months. A copy of current Health Certificate must be provided to the Livestock Office on entry to the fairgrounds.
- See complete "Health Requirements" in "2026 Eastern Idaho State Fair General Rules".
- A committee and Management will determine allocation of special prizes.
- The Utah Horse Pullers Association's decision is final.
- 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.