

DRAFT HORSE – HITCHES

DEPARTMENT D



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ENTRY DUE DATE:Friday, August 21, 2026

BRAIDED, INTERMEDIATE, & MULES ARRIVE:.....Friday, September 4, 2026

UNBRAIDED ARRIVE:Wednesday, September 9, 2026

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 16 th	17 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	18 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	19 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	20 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	21 st ENTRIES DUE! Livestock Office open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	22 nd
23 rd	24 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	25 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	26 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	27 st Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	28 th Livestock Office open Noon to 5:00 pm	29 th
30 th	31 st Livestock Office open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm	September 1 st Livestock Office open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm	2 nd Livestock Office open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm	3 rd Livestock Office open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm LOAD IN: BRAIDED, INTERMEDIATE & MULES	4th EISF BEGINS! Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: BRAIDED, INTERMEDIATE & MULES in the INFIELD @ 1:00 pm	5th EISF PARADE! Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: BRAIDED, INTERMEDIATE & MULES in the INFIELD @ 3:00 pm
6 th Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: BRAIDED, INTERMEDIATE & MULES in the INFIELD @ 9:00 am BRAIDED – JR. DRAFT SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION at the GODDARD PAVILION @ 5:00 pm	7th LABOR DAY! Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: BRAIDED, INTERMEDIATE & MULES in the INFIELD @ 9:00 am LOAD OUT: BRAIDED, INTERMEDIATE & MULES after 6:00 pm	8 th Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. LOAD IN: UNBRAIDED @ 12:00 pm	9 th Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: UNBRAIDED in the INFIELD @ 9:00 am UNBRAIDED - JR. DRAFT SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION at the GODDARD PAVILION @ 5:00 pm	10 th Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: UNBRAIDED in the INFIELD @ 9:00 am	11 th Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: UNBRAIDED in the INFIELD @ 9:00 am	12 th EISF ENDS! Livestock Office open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. JUDGING: UNBRAIDED YOUTH in the INFIELD @ 9:00 am LOAD OUT: UNBRAIDED after 4:00 pm

REMINDERS FOR 2026

- * **NO TRAILER PARKING IN THE P4-GODDARD LOT. LOAD AND UNLOAD ONLY.**
- * **ALL LIVESTOCK/HORSES MUST REMAIN IN THE BARN UNTIL RELEASE TIMES.**
- * **NO BLUE OR COLORED TARPS MAY BE HUNG ON OR IN BARNS.**
- * **BARN AREA, INCLUDING GROOMING CHUTE AREA, MUST BE CLEAN AND NEAT AT ALL TIMES.**
- * **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN BARNS, even in the Grooming Chute Area.**
- * **NO DOGS or OTHER ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT ENTRIES AT THE FAIR ARE ALLOWED ON EISF PROPERTY, except Fully Trained Service Animals.** (full information available on EISF Website or <https://www.ADA.gov>)
- * **NO DOGS OR ANY OTHER ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED IN LIVESTOCK BARNS, including Service Animals, per ADA Guidelines.** (full information available on EISF Website or <https://www.ADA.gov>)

ENTRY FORMS & INFORMATION: Available online at www.funatthefair.com Select the **EXHIBITORS & COMPETITORS** button on the home page then scroll down to find your specific department. You may also contact the Eastern Idaho State Fair, 97 Park Street, PO Box 250, Blackfoot, ID 83221; email entries@funatthefair.com; or call EISF Office at 208-785-2480.

**NO DOGS OR PUPPIES MAY BE IN THE BARNS OR ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.
NO DOGS, PUPPIES or ANY TYPE OF PET MAY BE SOLD ON FAIRGROUNDS.**

ENTRY DUE DATE: Friday, August 21, 2026, by 5:00 pm to the EISF Livestock Office.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per class (exceptions listed below)

- Youth Classes – no entry fee and no premiums paid.
- Jr. Draft Showmanship Competition, *please see page 7 for rules and fees.*

LATE FEE: \$10.00 will be charged for any entry received after August 21, 2026.

PASSES:

- \$25.00 Exhibitor Livestock Week Season Pass – 1 pass allowed per exhibitor.
- \$15.00 Exhibitor Livestock ½ week Season Pass – 2 passes allowed per exhibitor.

LIVESTOCK OFFICE:

- Phone Number: 208-785-2480 ext. 112
- Email: entries@funatthefair.com
- Fax Number: 208-785-2483
- Mailing address: PO Box 250, Blackfoot, ID 83221
- Physical address: 97 Park Street, Blackfoot, ID 83221 (Livestock Office is located on the north side of the grounds, adjacent to the Goddard Pavillion)
- Office Hours: *(or by appointment, please call 208-785-2480 ext. 112)*
 - August 17, 2026, through August 20, 2026, open Noon to 5:00 p.m.
 - August 21, 2026, open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ENTRY DUE DATE)
 - August 24, 2026, through August 28, 2026, open Noon to 5:00 p.m.
 - August 31, 2026, through September 3, 2026, open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - September 4, 2026, through September 12, 2026, open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES:

1. Owner can only have one entry in each class
2. Braided, Mules, and Intermediate classes will be stalled Thursday evening/Friday morning through Monday evening/Tuesday morning. Unbraided Horses will be stalled Tuesday afternoon through Saturday and released Saturday afternoon.
3. Horses can only be shown in EITHER Braided or Unbraided Classes. NO cross entering.
4. Due to the amount of interest, we have had with Exhibitors wanting to come to the Eastern Idaho State Fair, we can no longer pay for you to stay the entire week.

5. In Team class the judge will allow 25% match, 25% horsemanship and performance, 25% draftiness, 25% action and manner of move.
6. In the Unicorn hitch, 4-in-hand, and 6-in-hand, judges will allow 25% draftiness, 25% matching, 50% for performance and horsemanship.
7. Four and Six-in-hand constitutes 1 driver with that many horses in his hands.
8. Horses must be driven in a suitable wagon and harness.
9. The judge has the option to dismiss any unmanageable horses or hitches.
10. Classes may be switched at the discretion of the Superintendent.
11. Reasonable efforts are made to help participants get to the gate for each class. A three-minute gate hold will be announced if a participant is not at the gate. If a participant does not appear at the gate within three minutes, the class will be closed, and the participant will forfeit the class. Gate holds will be given at the discretion of the superintendent, judge, and/or ring steward.
12. If you have won the Amateur 4 Class in the past year, you cannot compete in the class.
13. Hitch premiums will be paid to the hitch (entry number) and will be determined by the number of horses brought to the show as completed on the entry form. This will apply to 1-2, 4, or 6 animals. **A horse may only be listed on (1) one entry form.**
14. If you have indicated you are bringing 4 horses on your entry form but would like to borrow 2 horses to enter other classes, you may do so but will not receive additional premiums. **You will only compete for awards given for classes you have entered.**
15. If you have indicated that you are bringing a pair of horses on your entry form but would like to loan them to another exhibitor to enter the 4 in hand classes, you may do so but will not receive additional payments. **You will only compete for awards given for the classes you have entered.**
16. Owner will only be paid for one (1) entry in each class.
17. Semi-Trucks & Trailers CANNOT BE PARKED in the vicinity of the livestock buildings used for loading and unloading only. Semi-Trucks and Trailers are permitted to park in the designated area located on Royal Street, west of Northwest Gate #6. (See map). All vehicles, trucks, and trailers must be out of the barn area by 10:00 am each day of the fair.
18. **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:** See "Eastern Idaho State Fair 2026 General Rules."
19. See "**ATV POLICY**" in "Eastern Idaho State Fair 2026 General Rules" for permit, insurance, and fee requirements. (NO ATV's ON FAIRGROUNDS WITHOUT PERMIT)
20. Signs advertising animals for sale are not permitted.
21. Youth Braided & Intermediate classes may be combined by Superintendent.
22. **The use of straw is prohibited in the Draft Horse Barn. Wood shavings will be available.**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. Any horse entering the fairgrounds from out of state must present a current, valid health certificate accompanied by a negative Coggins test.
2. All equine facilities must be disinfected with diluted bleach (50:1 to 100:1) solution before and after all equine events, with emphasis on cleaning all organic matter from the stalls prior to disinfection.
3. All owners will bring their own buckets, brushes, blankets, etc. There will be no sharing of these items between different horse owners. Wash hands after handling any horses and encourage fair visitors to disinfect with the alcohol sanitizers in the barns.
4. Advise that all owners get a rectal temperature on their horses twice daily. If any horse is found to have a fever, the EISF veterinarian will be contacted to evaluate the animal. This animal may be examined, isolated, diagnosed, and treated at the cost of the owner.
5. Any animals with nasal or ocular discharge, fever, oral lesions, swollen lymph nodes, diarrhea, neurological signs or general disease signs will be isolated and treated at the fairgrounds.

STALLS:

1. Previous year exhibitors have priority on keeping their assigned stalls, barring unforeseen circumstances. An exhibitor will continue to have the choice to keep the assigned stalls as long as he/she exhibits at the fair.
2. Two horses per stall unless otherwise approved by the superintendent. All animals stalled must be shown and all animals shown have to be stalled for Jr. Draft Showmanship Competition. No loose horses allowed in the show arena.
3. Stalls must be cleaned by 8:00 am each day, 4 (four) inch maximum of shavings per stall, all stalls must be stripped each day and refuse disposed of where the superintendent directs.
4. The Superintendent will determine assigned time each day that they will be available at Shaving Shed for

- exhibitors to obtain new shavings. Shaving Shed will be locked at all other times.
5. Stalls must be cleaned prior to leaving on release dates.

PLEASE NOTE: These hitch classes are not for MINIATURE HORSES & MULES



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One jacket will be presented at each Ice Cream Social

Awardee determined by: Superintendents and Judges

DIVISIONS

DIVISION A – BRAIDED – Must be shod and have tail & main braided

Base premium is **\$1900** minus the amounts shown if not hooked in these classes or if the exhibitor has had problems and approved by the Superintendent. (Such as a colic horse or equipment malfunction.)

CLASS NAME	CLASS NUMBER	PREMIUM AMOUNT
Cart or Team	4 or 13(only one)	\$150.00
Unicorn	1	\$200.00
4-Up Conformation	18	\$375.00
4-Up Amateur	19	\$375.00
6-Up Conformation	10	\$400.00
6-Up Driving	11	\$400.00

*One (1) Belt Buckle will be awarded in Division A, determined by Superintendent.

**Youth Classes: 6, 15, 21 and 22 – 1st place Ribbon & award, 2nd – 4th Ribbon, no premiums paid.

***Pewee Class 17 – all participants receive a Participation Ribbon

DIVISION B – INTERMEDIATE & MULES

Base premium is **\$1500** minus the amounts shown if not hooked in these classes or if the exhibitor has had problems and approved by the Superintendent. (Such as a colic horse or equipment malfunction.)

CLASS NAME	CLASS NUMBER	PREMIUM AMOUNT
Cart or Team	7 or 11(only one)	\$150.00
Unicorn	9	\$200.00
4-Up Conformation	2	\$250.00
4-Up Driving	3	\$250.00
6-Up Conformation	23	\$325.00
6-Up Driving	24	\$325.00

* One (1) Belt Buckle will be awarded in Division B, determined by Superintendent.

**Youth Classes: 5, 8, 14, & 16 – 1st place Ribbon & award, 2nd – 4th Ribbon, no premiums paid.

***Pewee Class 17 – all participants receive a Participation Ribbon

DIVISION C – UNBRAIDED - Shoes or barefoot, no braiding

Base premium is **\$1600** minus the amounts shown if not hooked in these classes or if the exhibitor has had problems and approved by the Superintendent. (Such as a colic horse or equipment malfunction.)

CLASS NAME	CLASS NUMBER	PREMIUM AMOUNT
Cart or Team	27 or 30 (only one)	\$150.00
4-Up Amateur	26	\$200.00
4-Up Driving	25	\$275.00
4-Up Abreast	29	\$275.00
6-Up Confirmation	31	\$350.00
6-Up Driving	32	\$350.00

* One (1) Belt Buckle will be awarded in Division C, determined by Superintendent.

**Youth Classes: 33, 34, 35, & 36 – 1st place Ribbon & award, 2nd – 4th Ribbon, no premiums paid.

***Peewee Class 37 – all participants receive a Participation Ribbon

***1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th ROSETTES WILL BE GIVEN OUT IN ALL ADULT CLASSES
EACH REGISTERED TEAM COMPETING WILL RECEIVE ONE SPECIAL PRIZE***

PREMIUM WILL ONLY BE PAID ON ONE CART OR ONE TEAM, NOT BOTH EVENTS, IF BOTH DRIVEN.

FRIDAY, September 4 @ 1:00 pm in Infield-East End (after 4-H is completed)

1. Unicorn – Braided
2. 4-Up Confirmation – Intermediate and Mule
3. 4-Up Driving – Intermediate and Mule
4. Team – Braided
5. Youth Cart – Intermediate and Mule, Ages 14 to 18 **
6. Youth Team – Braided, Ages 14 to 18 **
7. Cart – Intermediate and Mule
8. Youth Cart – Intermediate and Mule, Ages 8 to 13 **

SATURDAY, September 5 @ 3:00 pm in Infield-East End (after 4-H is completed)

9. Unicorn – Intermediate and Mule
10. 6-Up Confirmation – Braided
11. 6-Up Driving – Braided
12. Team – Intermediate and Mule
13. Cart – Braided
14. Youth Team – Intermediate and Mule, Ages 14 to 18 **
15. Youth Cart – Braided, Ages 14 to 18 **
16. Youth Team – Intermediate and Mule, Ages 8 to 13 **
17. Peewee – Braided and Intermediate and Mule ***

SUNDAY, September 6 @ 9:00 am in Infield-East End

18. 4-Up Confirmation – Braided
19. 4-Up Amateur – Braided

SUNDAY, September 6 @ 5:00 pm at the Goddard Pavilion

20. **BRAIDED – JR. DRAFT SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION** (See entry info. on page 7)

MONDAY, September 7 @ 9:00 am in Infield-East End

21. Youth Cart – Braided, Ages 8 to 13 **
22. Youth Team – Braided, Ages 8 to 13 **
23. 6-Up Confirmation – Intermediate and Mule
24. 6-Up Driving – Intermediate and Mule



MULES, BRAIDED HORSES, and INTERMEDIATE HORSES will be released Monday, September 7, 2026, after 6:00 pm and before Tuesday, September 8, 2026, by 7:00 am. Fair Board requests that upon release, exhibitors are to clean their stalls and leave them presentable and ready for the UNBRAIDED HORSES to arrive. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Wade Thornley, Draft Horse Superintendent

Leland Smith, Draft Horse Assistant Superintendent

TUESDAY, September 8 - TRANSITION DAY

- ❖ *BRAIDED HORSES, INTERMEDIATE HORSES, and MULES off grounds by 7:00 am*
- ❖ *UNBRAIDED HORSES on grounds by 12:00 pm (noon).*

WEDNESDAY, September 9 @ 9:00 am in Infield-East End

- 25. 4-Up Driving – Unbraided
- 26. 4-Up Amateur – Unbraided
- 27. Team – Unbraided

WEDNESDAY, September 9 @ 5:00 pm at the Goddard Pavilion

- 28. UNBRAIDED – JR. DRAFT SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION (See entry info. on page 7)

THURSDAY, September 10 @ 9:00 am in Infield-East End

- 29. 4-Abreast – Unbraided
- 30. Cart – Unbraided

FRIDAY, September 11 @ 9:00 am in Infield-East End

- 31. 6-Up Confirmation – Unbraided
- 32. 6-Up Driving – Unbraided

SATURDAY, September 12 @ 9:00 am in Infield-East End

- 33. Youth Cart – Unbraided, Ages 8 to 13
- 34. Youth Cart – Unbraided, Ages 14 to 18
- 35. Youth Team – Unbraided, Ages 8 to 13
- 36. Youth Team – Unbraided, Ages 14 to 18
- 37. Peewee – Unbraided

UNBRAIDED HORSES will be released Saturday, September 12, 2026, after 4:00 pm, unless other arrangements have been made with the Superintendent. Fair Board requests that upon release, UNBRAIDED HORSES exhibitors clean their stalls and leave them presentable. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Wade Thornley, Draft Horse Superintendent

Leland Smith, Assistant Draft Horse Superintendent



2026 Eastern Idaho State Fair JR. DRAFT SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

BRAIDED – Sunday, September 6, 2026

UNBRAIDED – Wednesday, September 9, 2026

SHOW LOCATION: Goddard Pavilion Show Arena

SHOW TIME: 5:00 pm

ENTRY DUE DATE: August 21, 2026, by 5:00 pm to the EISF Livestock Office

ENTRY FEE: no entry fees

ENTRY FORMS: Available online at www.funatthefair.com then select the
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AWARDS:

- Belt buckle will be given to “Best of Show” in both shows.
- Special prize will be given to “Runner-Up” in both shows.
- Special prize will be given by judge in both shows.
- No premiums paid out.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES:

- A. This show is open to Draft, Intermediate and Mules.
- B. Entry form must be completed.
- C. Individual contestants may only show in either Braided or Unbraided, no cross entering.
- D. Participants will be between 8 years old to 18 years old, ages computed as of August 1.
- E. No age limits on horses.
- F. Each participants must be displayed on back during competition.
- G. Judge may allow points for personal appearance of exhibitor. It would be advisable for all exhibitors to have a clean and neat appearance when showing animals.
 - **40 % for SHOWMANSHIP**
 - **40 % for GROOMING**
 - **20 % for HORSE**
- H. Due to safety concerns, NO STALLIONS over a yearling will be allowed.
- I. All decisions by the Superintendent and Judge are final.
- J. Judge has option to dismiss any unmanageable or unruly horse.
- K. All “DRAFT HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS” must be followed.
- L. All “DRAFT HORSE SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES” must be followed.

If there are any questions, please contact Wade Thornley, Draft Horse Superintendent, at 208-589-3974 or send a letter to Eastern Idaho State Fair, PO Box 250, Blackfoot, ID 83221 or email to entries@funatthefair.com by Friday, August 21, 2026.