

Amador County Fair

**“COUNTY FAIR SAFARI”
It’s A Jungle Out There!
2010**



**Draft Horse
Log Skidding &
Gamblers Choice
Rules & Regulations**

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) The management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally and to cancel any entry, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries and cancel premium awards without claim for damage.
- 2) All animals in the horse show must be serviceably sound. The soundness of the animal when determined by the official veterinarian or by the judge shall be final and can not be protested. The management may request the official veterinarian to examine any animal in competition. All penalties of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 shall be strictly enforced.
- 3) Any exhibitor who refuses to allow the animal to be examined shall be disqualified from showing and such violation shall be reported to the Division of Fairs and Expositions for such further action as may be deemed appropriate. No refunds can be made in these cases.
- 4) Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Fair, and may be granted only upon approval of the Fair Management and Board of Directors. Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident, or death, cancellation of a class or return of entries for lack of exhibit space. For animal classes, the request must be made prior to the class and must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate.
- 5) A Junior Exhibitor is one who has not reached his/her eighteenth birthday by July 26th, 2007.
- 6) Junior exhibitors will not be allowed to show a stallion.
- 7) If a class is offered which included the exhibitor's age group, the exhibitor must show with that group. Exhibitors will not be allowed to cross enter into open classes.

HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Under no circumstance will Management allow any animal to be harmed or mistreated while staying at the Fairgrounds. Any mistreatment will be reported to the local human society and depending on the severity, the exhibitor by be asked to leave the premises, be removed from the competition and have premiums withheld.

PREFORMANCE RULES

- 1) Open to any horse weighing 1500 pounds or over. To be rugged, compact and stylish, stand squarely on their legs and be well muscled. They should have prompt, springy and snappy actions and should move without visible sign of unsoundness. All horse showing lameness shall be excused. To be shown to the appropriate vehicle for that class. Horses' manes are to be rolled and tails braided except within farm classes. Show harness is required in all classes but farm.
- 2) Combined ownership is permitted.
- 3) The Ring Steward has the authority to excuse any exhibitor from the ring.
- 4) Classes may be split and eliminations may be run depending upon the number of entries. Show Management will determine whether classes will be divided and how they will be divided. Exhibitors will be notified as far ahead of their class as possible that their class has been split.
- 5) Should a breakdown occur during a class, the exhibitor shall have five minutes to make necessary repairs, after which time exhibitor shall be excused from the show ring.
- 6) Men drivers in all classes shall be appropriately dressed in clean and neat appropriate attire. Shirts are to be tucked into pants. With appropriate footwear, ie boots. Lady drivers in all classes shall be appropriately dressed in clean and neat appropriate attire. Shirts are to be tucked into pants. With appropriate footwear, ie boots. Whips are optional. No baseball caps allowed in any classes.
- 7) Attendants or grooms, while in the show ring, shall be appropriately dressed in clean & neat attire. Shirts are to be tucked into pants. With appropriate footwear, ie boots. No baseball caps.
- 8) Only one attendant/groom may stand or head any single or hitch. Attendant/groom may stand entry on their feet and thereafter they shall remain at least two paces distant from the horse's head (s).
- 9) No more than one person is allowed in/on the vehicle/wagon with the driver in ay class except Americana.
- 10) **All drivers and passengers are required to sign a release and waiver of liability.**
- 11) No person will be permitted to enter the show ring except participants in the class and attendants, judges and their assistants and other necessary ring officials.
- 12) At no time can any hitched team be left unattended.

HEALTH RULES

1) Equines (horses and other equidae) entering California from other states must be accompanied by an official health certificate showing an official negative test date (such as Coffins Test) for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within six months of entry. Nursing foals under six months accompanied by a negative dam are exempt from these requirements.

2) Equines known to be EIA positive reactors are forbidden to enter, reside, compete, or sell at any state-supported fairgrounds.

3) Equine Medication Monitoring Program (CA Food & Ag Code 14000-24018)

a. Horses are subject to random drug and medication testing specified in the Food and Agricultural Code. The applicable fee is \$3 per horse per event. The drug testing program is not applicable to most rodeo related competitions, parade horses, and activities under the jurisdiction of the California Horse Racing Board are exempt. Additionally, small single day shows with total fees (includes "entry fee," "ground fees," "stall fees" and other fees), for any single class, that do not exceed \$4.99 are exempt.

b. Prohibited substances include most stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, anesthetics, sedative analgesics, corticosteroids, anabolic steroids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, soring agents, and masking agents. Maintaining a current listing of specific prohibited substances is impossible due to the continual introduction of new pharmaceuticals, discontinuation of old ones, utilization of foreign products, etc. Additionally, some exemptions exist.

c. Horses must be withdrawn from competition for at least 24 hours after administration of a prohibited substance. In addition, the administration of a prohibited substance during the 48 hours preceding the 24 hours withdrawal time must be declared in writing to the event manager. Penalties for violations of the medication rules include fines, suspension, and forfeiture of all winnings.

4) Horse Protection Act

Exhibitors must comply with the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (P.S. 91-540) and rules adopted by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to carry out its provisions.

CLASS 1 – SINGLE OBSTACLES – GAMBLER'S CHOICE

ENTRY FEE \$15.00 (Limited to the first 10 entries)

To be driven and timed over a course of unnumbered obstacles, each carrying a specific point value.

Each driver has the same amount of time to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Each exhibitor is given 2 minutes, which includes a 30 second warning. Each obstacle is assigned a point value according to its degree of difficulty and each driver tries to amass as high a score as possible within the time allowed. After passing through the starting line, the competitor may drive through the obstacles, in any order, from any direction. Each obstacle may be driven twice but not in succession. If driven a third time no points will be awarded. No obstacle may be re-driven once it has been disturbed. (Exception: obstacles which are designed to be knocked down.) If a horse refuses an obstacle without disturbing it, the driver may elect not to attempt it and may drive to another obstacle without penalty. The obstacle may be attempted later and if correctly driven, the appropriate points will be recorded. No points will be awarded for an incorrectly completed obstacle. If the signal sounds when the competitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and receive the appropriate points, then proceed through the finish markers for total time to be recorded. Whether or not the competitor was committed to the last obstacle at the signal will be left to the discretion of the judge. Tie-downs are prohibited.

Placing will be determined on a high score basis. Time will decide ties. If a tie occurs in both points and time, the winner will be decided by a drive-off. Canter is permitted.

Premiums

1st - \$300 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$175
4th - \$150 5th - \$100

All others completing the class - \$50 (6th – 10th)
Ribbons 1st – 5th place

CLASS 3 – LOG SKIDDING – OPEN

ENTRY FEE \$15.00 (Limited to the first 10 entries)

Exhibitors must provide their own double trees with hook.

Rules:

1. Time starts when either horse's nose crosses starting line and continues until the end of logs crosses finish line. Must continue through finish and not stop before clear.
2. Team may start course on either side of the first pylon and weave in a serpentine pattern to the last pylon, go around the end and weave back down the other side in the same serpentine pattern and out the start/finish marker.
3. Must not disturb any obstacle of the course (pylons or side lines) with team, driver, equipment or logs.
4. Driver may walk beside logs, ride on logs, or any combination of such during course.

Scoring:

1. If horses, driver, equipment or log(s) disturbed any part of the course, there will be a 10 point penalty for each occurrence. Definition of disturbing pylons, lines or markers will be determined by the Judge.
2. Each time a horse steps on or over side line or end line (if used) a 10 point penalty will be added and shall accumulate for each occurrence.
3. If course is not driven correctly contestant will be eliminated.
4. Driver is allowed to talk, yell, whistle, or slap horses with lines from hands forward with no penalty. Driver may not whip or hit horses with end of lines or any whip, bat or other object. Doing so will cause automatic disqualification.
5. Fewest penalties determines winner; time determines ties.

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