

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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2023 HORSE PULL ENTRY INFORMATION

Information will be periodically updated until online entries open. Please check for final updates.

Horse Pull Superintendent: Lawana Bowe, Cambridge

ENTRY CLOSING DATES

PLEASE NOTE: No swapping or reselling of entries is permitted.

Online Entries only – Completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on June 21, 2023

Entries will only be accepted online with credit card payment; no mailed entries will be accepted.

Any online entry completed/paid after 7 pm Central Time on June 21st is considered late; late fees apply.

ENTRY FEES

\$30 per team

LATE ENTRY FEES

\$100 per exhibitor, plus original entry fees above

Late entries are subject to space available and superintendent approval

SHOW SCHEDULE

Fair management reserves the right to post and/or announce changes to the schedule

Class: Lightweight (3000#)

Weigh-In August 6 12 pm

Pull Time August 6 2 pm

Class: Middleweight (3200#)

Weigh-In August 6 12 pm

Pull Time August 6 4 pm

Class: Heavyweight (Over 3200#)

Weigh-In August 6 **NO LATER THAN 3 pm**

Pull Time August 6 7 pm

2023 HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: For current horse health regulations refer to “Animal Health Rules and Regulations” in the “General Rules and Regulations” section on wistatefair.com.

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check.

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FairsShowsEquines.aspx

Health/Coggins Certificates: A Wisconsin State Fair animal health inspector will check and collect all Health/Coggins certificates. Please bring original certificates and a copy for the animal health inspectors.

Horse Pull Specific Rules

1. This Horse Pull is governed by Wisconsin Horse Pull Association and Wisconsin State Fair rules and regulations.
2. **Three (3) people per team are allowed on the Case IH Coliseum floor** (unless prior approval is granted by the Superintendent). Wisconsin State Fair will provide 3 official Wisconsin State Fair Horse Pull t-shirts per team (included in entry fee) at the Fair. All participants on the Case IH Coliseum floor **MUST** wear the official Wisconsin State Fair issued t-shirt. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Additional t-shirts may be purchased; however, purchase of additional shirts does **NOT** grant additional participant access to the Case IH Coliseum floor.
3. **One Weight Class:** Horses can pull in only one weight class. All teams must weigh in at Wisconsin State Fair Park during the specified times. A 20-pound variance is allowed per team.
4. **Ethics:** All teams are subject to ethics testing conducted by the Wisconsin Horse Pullers Association. Results of all testing will be shared with Wisconsin State Fair and may result in Wisconsin State Fair withholding prize money or taking disciplinary action against exhibitors.
5. **THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL.** Disputing of any judge decision may result in disqualification or a lowering of placing. The judge has the right to disqualify any team if they are out of control and/or a risk to people, horses, or spectators in or out of the Case IH Coliseum.
6. **Drivers:**
 - A. Drivers may not be changed unless he/she is sick or injured.
 - B. Drivers must be seated and have both lines in hand while the team is pulling, or the pull will not count. If he/she mistakenly drops a line the distance will count. Run away teams (without a driver on the line) will be disqualified.
 - C. Two evener assistants are allowed per team, but they must always stay behind the eveners. If the driver has people driving the team to him, they too, must stay behind the eveners.
 - D. No slapping or whipping the horses (judge's discretion).
7. **Pulling:**
 - A. **Required distance** to pull is 27-½ feet.
 - B. **Pulling Position:** Entries received by the entry deadline will have their pulling position drawn for on the official score sheet. Late entries will be placed at the bottom of the score sheet in the order received.
 - C. **Two pulls:** Each team is entitled to two pulls on a given load. For each pull attempted, the driver will have three chances to get hitched (judge's discretion). A try is defined as: "the driver must touch the lines and the dynamometer, while trying to get hitched."
 - i. If the team fails to make the required distance on pull #1, they will unhitch and wait their turn at the end of the round, where they will have the opportunity to spot the machine.
 - ii. The driver has the option to pass on pull #1, but will only have one pull left on that load at the end of the round, when it is their turn to pull.
 - D. **Time:** Once the exhibitor's name is called, they have three minutes to start the pull. The clock stops on breakdowns (judge's discretion). Being over a tug will not constitute a breakdown.
 - E. Horses may switch sides.
 - F. Heading of horses is prohibited except during breakdowns or a horse over a tug. Teams needing to be headed will unhitch from the machine.
 - G. No changing of bridles is allowed except for a breakdown. No open bridles.
 - H. No teams shall be tied together with ropes or extra straps.

Prize Money (All divisions)

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th & Up*
\$750 & Award	\$550 & Award	\$500 & Award	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100

*Teams that do not place in the top 10 but cross two (2) loads will receive an 11th placing and \$100 participation prize money.

EXHIBITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

ANIMAL CARE and EXHIBITOR SAFETY

1. All exhibits receive the best care and protection the surroundings will afford, but they are always subject to the owner's risk. All exhibitors are expected to conform to Wisconsin State Fair participation and exhibition policies. Failure to comply may result in award and prize money forfeiture, dismissal from the grounds, and being barred from immediate and/or future exhibitions. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations; split or combine classes; accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally.
2. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to display positive animal care/welfare practices while at the Fair. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to disqualify and/or remove exhibitors/entries deemed by Fair management not presenting positive care/animal welfare practices. Refer to the "General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for statements about drug testing/unethical fitting and additional rules and information.
3. Due to animal wellness and safety concerns all animals are restricted to the designated check-in or competition areas. Animals found outside of the designated areas will be immediately disqualified. The superintendent has the discretion to approve special circumstances.
4. No animals are allowed at the designated Wisconsin State Fair off-site parking lots.
5. No animals other than those entered will be permitted in the Case IH Coliseum.
6. Pets, whether on a leash or carried or in a container, are not permitted on site during the Fair, unless the pet is part of a Fair event, e.g. K-9 Sports. Service animals are, of course, permitted.
7. Once any animal is checked in at the Fair they shall not be removed from the Fair unless released by the Superintendent or Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian.
8. **Animal Inspection:** All animals on the Wisconsin State Fair grounds are subject at any time to an animal health inspection by Wisconsin State Fair management or a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian.
9. **Animal Treatment:** While on the Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds, the Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian must administer all medication.
 - A. The on-site veterinarian will inspect, treat, and record all information on an official 3-ply Treatment Record Form. There will be no charge for the Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian to treat an animal. Only medication costs will be charged to exhibitors.
 - B. The on-site veterinarian trailer is on 5th Street north of the Double Deck Barn; the animal treatment tent for sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits is located just north of the Swine and Goat Barn. This is the only area to be used to administer treatments (oral, IM, IV, subcutaneous).
 - C. Exhibitors are not allowed to move animals from the barn to the treatment areas without a veterinarian present.
 - D. Exhibitors who violate the authorized treatment protocol may be disqualified.
10. For public safety and liability reasons exhibitors may not use space in or around their exhibits to conduct any type of direct contact/petting/feeding or photo opportunities geared toward fairgoers/public.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. **Entries:** To enter online, please go to entry.wistatefair.com. Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express are accepted. Only entries completed and paid by credit card online will be accepted; no mailed entries will be accepted. Any online entry not completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on June 21st is considered late and will be charged late fees.
2. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions. There are no refunds of fees once entries have been accepted. Entries are not accepted over the phone. **There is no swapping or reselling of entries.**
3. Entries will not be considered complete unless **all** required information is fully completed and full remittance is **submitted online**. **Entries must contain complete exhibitor information** (including properly completed form W-9) **and complete animal information** as required by each department (including for example: birthdate, ear notch, ear tag/scrapie tag, name, registration number, etc.). Entries without required information and/or fees, including department fees (including but not limited to horse fees, stall fees, pen fees, etc.) will not be accepted. See the "General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for additional rules.
4. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to reject, accept, or conditionally accept any entry or late entry from any exhibitor.

5. **Substitutions:** Animal substitutions must be submitted on an “Open Substitution Form”. No exceptions.
- UNTIL JULY 17th** - Any substitutions within department will be allowed at no charge providing the animal being substituted was eligible at the time entries were made. Submit the completed “Open Substitution Form” located on wistatefair.com on or before July 17th to: Wisconsin State Fair Entry Department, 640 South 84th Street, West Allis WI 53214
- AFTER JULY 17th (UNTIL CHECK IN)** – Late substitutions will be allowed within department for a fee providing the animal being substituted was eligible at the time entries were made. The “Open Substitution Form” located on wistatefair.com with proper fees and registration paper must be submitted to show management at check in.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Animals deemed uncontrollable and unsafe to exhibit will be dismissed from the showing and/or Wisconsin State Fair grounds. Show management retains the right to warn the exhibitor and dismiss any animal deemed unsafe or uncontrollable at any time. No prize money will be awarded if an animal is dismissed.
2. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to have entries ready to enter the showing when show management calls for the class to enter the ring. Animals must enter the show ring when the class is called. The judge, ring steward or show management has the right to determine the deadline for late arrivals and close the class. Any exhibitor who misses his/her class is not a contender for the prize money offered. Classes will not be re-run for any animals missing a class. If an animal misses a class, the animal cannot be put in another class to be judged.
3. All exhibitors are required to wear an official harness or clip to display the assigned (5”x 7”) exhibitor number when in the ring. Violators will not be permitted to enter the ring.
4. All exhibitors must be properly dressed while in the show ring.
5. Judges have been carefully selected. All exhibitors making entry for the Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. It is prohibited for exhibitors to contact or attempt to contact a judge pertaining to judging of classes after the judge has accepted the assignment of judging at the Wisconsin State Fair. No exhibitor should socialize, fraternize, or visit with a judge during the show(s). If any exhibitor, exhibitor’s family member, employee, or Volunteer Adult Contact attempts to interfere with the judge in any manner, the exhibitor shall forfeit all prize money awarded and may be excluded from further competition. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases. Judges are not permitted to show in classes they are judging. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to change judges at any time.
6. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven. The Agriculture Director reserves the right to consult with the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Committee on any or all cases.
7. Each animal shall be exhibited to the entire satisfaction of the judges. After a class has started no animal(s) shall be permitted to leave the ring before the entire class has been judged/placed without the approval of the judge. Upon final placing, exhibitors are requested to remain in position in line or parade while the Judge is giving his/her reasons. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all prize money won by the exhibitor.
8. If only one exhibitor is competing in any class, the judge may recommend any placing at his or her discretion. Judges will not place unworthy entries.
9. Should a first placed entry be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second-place animal is disqualified, the third-place animal will move up. Should a division animal champion be disqualified after winning its division but before selection of Grand Champion, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.

Admissions and Parking

FAIRGROUNDS ADMISSION

Exhibitor Admission: Limit of 50 admission tickets per exhibitor

Exhibitor Tickets Purchased from May 1 to July 15	\$7
Exhibitor Tickets Purchased after July 15 at Case IH Coliseum Entry Office	\$9

General Admission tickets purchased during the Fair at the Gate:

Adults (12 & over)	\$18
Seniors (60 & over)	\$13
Military/Veterans with ID	\$13
Youth, ages 6 – 11 years	\$13
Children 5 and under	Free

1. Exhibitor admission tickets are not downloadable; they will be mailed to the exhibitor.
2. All exhibitors and family members must have valid admission to enter the Fair Park August 3-13, 2023.
3. Each admission ticket can only be scanned once. If an exhibitor would like to exit and re-enter the Fair Park during the day, he or she MUST get his or her hand stamped at the admission gates.
4. Admission tickets which are wet, sun-damaged, lost or stolen will not be replaced. No refunds are given for any unused admission tickets.
5. Admission fees do not include vehicle parking.

EXHIBITOR PARKING

1. No refunds are given for any unused vehicle parking.
2. **Vehicle Parking:**
 - A. **Blue Ribbon Off-site Parking: Free**
 - i. Off-site Agriculture Exhibitor vehicle parking lot with easy access from I-94.
 - ii. This lot has 24-hour lot attendant, in and out privileges and overnight parking.
 - iii. A free shuttle will be run continuously from noon, Tuesday, August 1st through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.
 - iv. Trailers are not allowed to park in this lot (see trailer parking below).
 - B. **General Fair Park Parking: \$15 per day/vehicle.**
 - i. Valid for one vehicle admission per day (no in and out privileges).
 - ii. Purchase upon arrival at any vehicle access gate (except Gate 5). Parking is not guaranteed.
 - iii. No overnight parking is allowed
3. **Trailer Parking:** Horse Pull trailers will park in a designated area near the weigh-in scales.