

December 17, 2016

Dear Prospective Draft Horse and Pony Pullers:

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to enter the Sioux Empire Farm Show's indoor Draft Horse Pull, Saturday, January 28, 2017 in the Expo Building located on the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds. The Pony Pull will begin at 6:30 PM and the Draft Horse Pull will start at 7:00 PM. Enclosed are the rules and entry blanks. Horses will be stalled in the south side of the barn in the cattle tie out area any time after Friday, January 27 and can remain there until Sunday morning.

Sioux Falls has a wide variety of hotels. Please go to www.visitsiouxfalls.com to look at the many hotel properties available. Many are located within a short distance from the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds.

We are looking forward to a great horse pull and hope you can attend.

Sincerely,

Cindy Christensen
Sioux Empire Farm Show

cc: Paul VanDer Vliet, Co-Chairman
Steve Albrecht, Co-Chairman
Farm Show Executive Committee

SIoux EMPIRE FARM SHOW

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2017 DRAFT HORSE AND PONY PULLING CONTESTS SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

ENTRY DEADLINE January 28, 2017
ENTRY FEE \$30.00 PER TEAM, PER CLASS

TWO CLASSES A. Heavy Weight Draft Horse (3401 & over)
B. Light Weight Draft Horse (3400 & less)

PURSE \$2,300. Total purse offered for five places in each Draft Horse Class:
1st - \$350 2nd - \$275 3rd - \$225
4th - \$175 5th - \$125

TROPHY Additional money will be paid to teams as available.
A "Best Teamster" trophy will be awarded at the completion of the contest.

WILL WEIGH ONE TIME ONLY! WEIGHING HORSES - 1:00PM-4:00PM
HORSE PULL - 7:00 PM

CLIP-----& MAIL

NAME _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____
Street or Box

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____

Class entered: **Heavy** () Approximate Weight of Team
 Light () Approximate Weight of Team
 Pony () Approximate Weight of Team

Name of Driver (if other than owner) _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REMITTANCE WITH APPLICATION TO:
Sioux Empire Farm Show, PO Box 1425, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1425
(605) 351-2909 * Paul Vander Vliet, Horse Show Co-Chairman
(605) 360-3940 * Steve Albrecht, Horse Show Co-Chairman
(605) 373-2016 * Cindy Christensen, Farm Show Manager

SIoux EMPIRE DRAFT HORSE PULLING RULES

1. This contest is to be conducted under the following rules and the decision of the judges is FINAL in all questions that may arise. This contest will be a STRAIGHT pull of the Light and Heavy Weight Class of skid.
2. The 2017 Weight Divisions will be as follows:
 - A. Light Weight Class - 3400 and less
 - B. Heavy Weight Class - 3401 and over
3. To qualify, each team must pull 100% (to the nearest 100) of their gross weight on the first pull. Add on weights will be determined at the meeting with judges prior to the pull. NO CRAMPING or turning will be allowed to start the load, it must be a straight pull and the judges will disqualify drivers who show a desire to cause infraction of the rules.
4. The length of the pull will be fifteen (15) feet within fourteen (14) ft. alley.
5. Each driver will be allowed three (3) pulls and will be allowed three (3) minutes to pull the entire measured distance in the three (3) pulls. The measured distance shall be fifteen (15) feet. Two (2) out of bounds will be allowed with the sled being repositioned each time. The third time will be an automatic disqualification. The judge will disallow such pulls and will ask that the sled be pulled back.
6. If a team doesn't complete successfully the fifteen (15) feet distance in the allotted three (3) pulls, this team is eliminated from further competition. The total weight and distance in feet and inches will remain on the judges official Score Sheet as an official record for this team.
7. The driver may have his choice of riding or walking, but the team will be handicapped with the weight of the driver if he rides. Teams must not be led.
8. Drivers must be named at the time of weigh-in. The driver of each team is entitled to have only two (2) helpers in handling the team. The aide must not in any way try to capitalize the driver while the team is in the act of pulling. At any time during the contest, if breakage occurs, time will be given to permit repairs. Drivers must be even with or behind the double trees at all times. A driver will start with the blinds on or off. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGING DURING THE CONTEST.
9. No driver, helper or any contestant will be allowed to use loud or profane language. There shall be no whipping of the team, either with lines or whips, or slap with the lines. No hot shots or any other abusiveness of the team while the team is in the act of pulling will be allowed while this contest is taking place at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds.
10. Contestants must furnish own double trees with hook. The double tree bolt may be off center.

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11. Horses may be either shod or not, as the driver wishes.
12. Anyone who is not connected with the Pulling Contest will not be allowed in the contest field.
13. In case of a tie, the teams will re-pull for prize money. Purse will pay five (5) ways in each division. Each division winner shall be the team pulling the greatest total weight in their division.
14. There will be no gate charge for contestants so passes are not necessary.
15. ALL HORSES MUST HAVE CURRENT HEALTH PAPERS. ALL OUT OF STATE HORSES MUST HAVE A NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST. HORSES NOT COVERED BY A CURRENT HEALTH CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE EXPO BUILDING AND NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. **YOU MUST HAVE HEALTH PAPERS TO BE WEIGHED IN.** HEALTH PAPERS MUST BE PRESENTED AT WEIGH STATION AT TIME OF WEIGH-IN. YOU MUST HAVE TWO (2) COPIES OF THE HEALTH PAPERS, AS THE SIOUX EMPIRE FARM SHOW WILL RETAIN ONE (1) COPY.
16. ANY HORSE ACCEPTED AND ENTERED IN THE HORSE PULLING CONTEST MAY BE SUBJECTED TO A DRUG TEST EITHER BY BLOOD OR URINE SAMPLE. HORSES WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED BY THE SIOUX EMPIRE FARM SHOW HORSE PULLING CONTEST COMMITTEE.
17. **THE HORSES WILL BE WEIGHED ONE TIME ONLY!** Weigh in time is 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. **Any arrivals after 4:00 PM will go in the heavy weight class!**

If you have any questions regarding any of the rules or entry information, contact:
Paul Van Der Vliet, Cell Phone 605-351-2909, Steve Albrecht, Cell Phone 605-360-3490, Horse Show Chairmen, Cindy Christensen, Farm Show Manager, 605-373-2016.

COOLERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE EXPO BUILDING.