



DRAFT HORSE & PONY PULLING CONTEST RULES

1. 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 2018 Weight Divisions are 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) feet 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 prohibit such pulls and will ask that the sled be pulled back.
6. If a team does not complete the fifteen (15) feet distance in the allotted three (3) pulls successfully, the 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. No whipping of the team, either with lines or whips, or slap with the lines is allowed. 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.
11. Horses may be either shod or not, as the driver wishes.

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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. No gate charge is asked of 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 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on January 27, 2018. **Any arrivals after 4:00 p.m. will go in the heavy weight class!**

PONY PULL

- General rules of Draft Horse Pulling Contest will apply. Ponies 54 inches and under with shoes are eligible.
- Pony Pull will be based on percentage.

If you have any questions regarding any of the rules or entry information, contact your Sioux Empire Horse Pull Contest Superintendents:

Paul Van Der Vliet, (605) 351-2909; or Steve Albrecht, (605) 360-3940.

COOLERS AND DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE EXPO BUILDING.