



## Department 6 MULES & DONKEYS

**"Let the FAIR  
Times Roll"**

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST		1	2	3 Entry Deadline	4	5
6	7 Online entry deadline	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Evening: Arrival	18 FAIR OPENS 7:30 Judge/Exhibitor Meeting 8:30 Classes 1-53	19 9:00 Classes 54-88
20 9:00 Classes 89-121 10:30 pm RELEASE	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Fair Closes	28	29	30	31		

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Noel McQuigg – Caldwell, Idaho  
**JUDGE:** Butch Mowdy – Emmett, Idaho

**ENTRY: Entries close Aug. 3.** Entries must be postmarked by this date. **Any late entries are subject to double entry fees and prior approval of the Superintendent.** You may submit your entries online. **Online deadline is Aug. 7.** Payment must be made with entry. Only Visa and MasterCard accepted online. [www.idahofair.com](http://www.idahofair.com).



- The Management reserves the right to close entries whenever available space is filled. Entries must be made on forms supplied by the Western Idaho Fair. Entry forms must be completely filled out and include the name and breed of all animals entered along with age and registration number of Jacks where applicable. To delete or add classes for **animals already entered**, exhibitor must notify the Premium Office by 9:00 a.m., Aug. 18. **Ringside entries are prohibited.** Exhibitors may make as many entries in each class as desired, but **no Exhibitor will be allowed more than two premiums in any one class.**
- FEES:** An entry fee of \$12.00 per head will be charged. (\$24.00 per head if late.) \$10 entry fee for Freestyle classes 39 & 40 and \$45 for the Cattle Classes **per entry mule** for classes 77-88. **No refunds on entry fees.**
- PASSES:** Exhibitors entering one or more animals may purchase two exhibitors passes, per day of the show, at a cost of \$5.00 each. Additional passes may be purchased for \$5.00 each per day for riders, handlers, etc. **Remittance for entry fees and exhibitors passes must accompany entries.**
- PARKING:** Livestock exhibitors will be issued two vehicle parking permits. For more information see General Rules and Information on page 4 or Website under General Rules. **Storage Pods** will be available in the designated area south of Legg Arena to store tack, feed, equipment, etc. Because of limited space, livestock and horse trailers cannot be parked inside the Fairgrounds.
- CAMPING:** See General Rules and Information on page 4 or Website under General Rules. If choosing to dry camp onsite, there will be a designated marked off area for Mule & Donkey exhibitors only. Contracts with rules and regulations as well as release of liability to be signed before camping is allowed. See Superintendent for more info or email at [wifmuleshow@gmail.com](mailto:wifmuleshow@gmail.com) or call/text 208-859-4138. A

- special camping pass may be available instead of exhibitor entry passes.
- ARRIVAL:** Mules and Donkeys may **arrive Thursday evening Aug. 17, but must be on the grounds by 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18.** Animals arriving after 10:00 a.m. will have to be led in from the Livestock Vehicle Parking Area. Vehicular movement is prohibited inside the admission gates while the Fair is open to the public.
  - Exhibitors are requested to carefully read the **Rules and Regulations** in front of this Premium Book and/or Website.
  - JUDGING SCHEDULE:** All classes will be held in **Legg (Trackside) Arena.**  
**Friday, Aug. 18 – 7:30 a.m.** Exhibitors Meeting  
**Friday, Aug. 18 – 8:30 a.m.** Classes 1 – 53  
**Saturday, Aug. 19 – 9:00 a.m.** Classes 54 – 88  
**Sunday, Aug. 20 – 9:00 a.m.** Classes 89 – 121
  - RELEASE:** Mules and Donkeys **will be released Sunday, Aug. 20 at 10:30 p.m.** or Monday, Aug. 21 before 8:00 a.m. All exhibitors must obtain a **'Release Slip'** from the Department Superintendent for transportation of livestock off the grounds. Vehicular movement is allowed for Mule & Donkey Exhibitors after 11:00 p.m. on Sunday.
  - All animals shall be entered in the owner's name. **The date of computing age will be January 1.** No animals will be accepted for entry unless they are in show condition.
  - Date of computing age for youth exhibitors will be Jan. 1 of show year.
  - Prior to judging, the Superintendent will inspect all exhibits in the department to determine if they are entered in the class in which they should compete. In cases where it is obvious that entries are not correctly posted, the Superintendent must contact the Premium Office for a change to be made. **Anyone abusing their animal will be excused from all competition by Fair Management and/or the Judge.**

13. All stalls are to be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. daily. Exhibitors must be prepared to care for animals all day. Exhibitors are responsible for care and security of their tack and equipment.
14. The Management reserves the right to reject, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and award prizes without claim for damages.
15. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules set forth in the Exhibitor Handbook will forfeit all privileges and premiums. Exhibitors are requested to carefully read the General Rules and Regulations in the front of the Exhibitor Handbook or website. **Entry is deemed acceptance of the Rules.**

16. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Animals must be sound, in good health, and free of communicable diseases. Out-of-state animals must meet Idaho Department of Agriculture import requirements and be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary inspection dated no earlier than 30 days prior to arrival at the Western Idaho Fair.

For out-of-state Jacks, 12 months and older: the issuing veterinarian must write one of the four statements relative to Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) "status" on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. These EVA status statements are found and defined in the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Animal Import Rules IDAPA 02.04.21 and on the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's website – <https://agri.idaho.gov/main/animals/equine-services/equine-imports/> [agri.idaho.gov]. Out-of-state animals **will be** required to have a valid (within the previous 12 months) Coggins (AGID or ELISA) test. All horses and mules should be vaccinated for infectious respiratory diseases transmitted animal-to-animal such as Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus at least 30 days prior to exhibition. A West Nile Virus Vaccination is not required, but recommended. WNV is transmitted only from bird to mosquito to animal (NOT animal to animal and NOT from animal to mosquito to animal). All animals are subject to inspection at the Fairgrounds. Please contact your veterinarian to discuss appropriate vaccinations well in advance of the Fair.

#### ADDITIONAL RULES:

1. The Ring Steward controls all activity within the Ring.
2. Judges' decisions are final. The Judge may only be approached with permission of the Ring Steward.
3. **No Class changes at the gate. No classes added at the gate.** Any changes must be made at the Premium Office prior to the start of the day's show.
4. **No premiums** will be paid to entries that did not have a complete and qualified run.
5. **Green Mule:** Green Mules, 5 and under, or 2 years or less in the show ring or under saddle, and must be 2 handed in snaffle, bosal, or regulation hackamore. Green mules may not cross enter into bridled classes or non-pro classes.
6. **Bridled Mule:** Open mules to be shown in the bridle with a leverage bit. Competitors may use only one hand on the reins.
7. **Non-Pro:** Competitors must be **19 and over**, non-pro status will be determined by their acceptance of money for training or training skills of mules, donkeys, or horses.
8. **Donkeys:** Donkeys can be shown in their respective bridled or green classes unless there is a Donkey equivalent class offered. The points will count for the donkey.
9. **Both Walk Trot Classes may not cross enter** to Walk Trot canter/lope classes EXCEPT games, but only allowed to walk trot in the games. If more than 3 lope strides in games, DQ'd. 3 or less: 5 seconds added onto the time.
10. **Walk Trot Limited** AKA Green as Grass! This class is for the new mules in the show ring or riders new to the show

ring. Any ages, designed to allow new riders or green mules not ready to lope. Not to have shown WTC or WTL in past two years.

11. **Walk Trot 18 and under.** Designed for the youth who is not ready to lope or canter. May not cross enter.
12. **Mechanical Aids** are prohibited in all classes except Gymkhana.
13. **Disqualification:** Failure to follow maneuvers or pattern as required in a class is grounds for disqualification.
14. **Gate holds** must be requested prior to the class. Gate holds will be a maximum of 5 minutes.
15. **Tie Breaker** – In the event of a Tie for a hi-point award the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in the qualifying classes for that award will be awarded the hi-point award.
16. **Animal & Rider Numbers** – A number will be assigned to each animal entered. An exhibitor may enter one or more animals in a class, but each animal may have only one rider per class.
17. **Hi-Point Awards:** The same animal and rider must be ridden in the respective high point classes to win a high point award.
18. **Patterns** will be posted an hour before each class.

**PREMIUMS** (unless otherwise mentioned):  
1<sup>st</sup> - \$35 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$25 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20 4<sup>th</sup> - \$15

**Friday, Aug. 18 – 7:30 a.m. – Exhibitor Meeting**

#### **HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP**

**Friday, Aug. 18 – 8:30 a.m.**

#### **DIVISION 1 – Halter Classes**

These are open classes. Animals are judged on conformation, quality, substance, way-of-going, refinement and condition. Your animals may be shown in action at a walk and trot and any other maneuvers at the request of the Judge. May be shown by Junior or Senior exhibitor. Judged 50% conformation, 20% way of going and soundness, 20% fitting and conditioning, and 10% appointments.

#### **Class:**

1. Donkey, either sex, under 2 years.
2. Jack at Halter (2 years & over, all sizes & colors)  
Exhibitor showing Jacks must be at least 18 years old. Jacks must be shown with a chain lead over, under and/or through the mouth, or with a bit type halter. Two handlers may be used.
3. Jennet at Halter (2 years & over, all sizes & colors)
4. Donkey Gelding (2 years & over, all sizes & colors)
5. **Champion & Reserve Champion Model Donkey** (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards from classes 1 – 4, Non-premium Class)
6. 2023 Mule Foal at Halter (Mare may be in ring but not to be judged)
7. Broodstock: Mare with foal to be shown as one unit. Judged 50% on Dam, 50% on Foal (foal to be 2 years old or less)
8. 2022 Mule Yearling at Halter
9. John Mules – 2 to 3 years old
10. Molly Mules – 2 to 3 years old
11. John Mules – 4 to 7 years old
12. Molly Mules – 4 to 7 years old
13. John Mules – age 8 years and over
14. Molly Mules – age 8 years and over
15. Ranch Mule – all ages, Ranch Conformation – This class is selecting a well-mannered individual in order based on their

resemblance to the RANCH type breed ideal. Points for this class towards ranch high point.

16. **Champion & Reserve Champion Model Mule** (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards from classes 5, 7 – 12, Non-premium Class)
17. Get-of-Sire: Three mules, any age, either sex, get-of-one-sire, need not all be owned by exhibitor. Sire must be named.
18. Produce-of-Dam: Two mules, any age, either sex, produce of one dam. Dam need not be present. Both need not be owned by exhibitor.

### **DIVISION 2 – Showmanship**

Person and equipment to be neat and clean. Animal clean and well groomed. To be judged 10% on Exhibitor, 30% on Fitting and Conditioning, and 60% on Halter Showmanship. Non-Premium Division. Ribbons: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place; Participant Ribbons to remaining contestants.

No one under the age of 18 can show a Jack.

#### **Class:**

19. Showmanship – 18 years & under Walk Trot.
20. Showmanship – Walk Trot Limited
21. Showmanship – Youth
22. Showmanship – Green Mule
23. Showmanship – Non-Professional
24. Showmanship – Bridled
25. Showmanship – Shankless

Showmanship pattern to be performed with NO lead shank/lead rope. (Points for this class go towards a high point)

### **DIVISION 3** **PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

#### **Friday, August 18 following Showmanship Classes**

#### **30 Minute Break for Tack Changes & Arena Preparation**

#### **Class:**

26. English Pleasure – Walk Trot, ages 18 and under, Proper English attire and tack required. To be shown at English gaits and perform as required by the judge.
27. English Pleasure – Walk Trot Limited. Same rules as class 26
28. English Pleasure – Youth. Same rules as class 26.
29. English Pleasure – Green Mule – All ages, same rules as Class 26.
30. English Pleasure – Non-Pro. (Please see non-pro rules).
31. English Pleasure – Bridled. Same rules as class 26.
32. English Equitation – Walk Trot, ages 18 and under. English Equitation is judged primarily on the ability of the rider to perform individual pattern work with correct riding position and gaits. May be asked to perform forehand or haunch turns, lead changes (simple or flying), halts, or rein back. English attire and tack required. Pattern to be posted minimum an hour prior start of the class.
33. English Equitation – Walk Trot Limited – same rules as 32.
34. English Equitation – Youth – same rules as class 32.
35. English Equitation – Green Mule – same rules as class 32.
36. English Equitation – Non-Pro. – same rules as class 32.
37. English Equitation – Bridled – same rules as class 32.
38. English Hunter Hack – Youth, ages 18 & under. Proper English tack required. Shown at the walk, trot and canter. Pattern will be posted at least 1 hour prior. At judge's discretion rail work in one direction may be requested.
39. English Hunter Hack – Green Mule. Same rules as Class 38.
40. English Hunter Hack – Non-Pro. Same rules as Class 38.
41. English Hunter Hack – Bridled. Same rules as Class 38.
42. English Jumping – Youth, ages 18 & under. Jumps not to exceed 24" in height. Course will have at least 4 jumps. Timed event, class placing by time with penalties for faults.

43. English Jumping – Green Mule. Jumps not to exceed 30" in height. Same rules as class 42.
44. English Jumping – Non-Pro. Jumps not to exceed 30" in height. Same rules as class 42.
45. English Jumping – Bridled. Jumps not to exceed 30" in height. Same rules as class 42.
46. Jump Off – Jumps start at 18 inches, raised in 6-inch increments for each round. Contestant is eliminated when the pole is knocked from the jump stand(s).

#### **Friday, August 18 not to start before 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Class:**

47. Single Ride and Drive Mule
48. Single Pleasure Drive Mule
49. Single Pleasure Drive Donkey
50. Single Obstacle Driving
51. Single Gamblers Choice

#### **Friday, August 18 not to start before 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Class:**

52. Freestyle – Youth, 18 and under.
53. Freestyle – Adult.

Winner takes all, and 1<sup>st</sup> place to both adult and youth will win a Belt Buckle sponsored by the Western Idaho Fair.

**\$10 entry fee per mule/rider but we are doing payouts strictly for this class plus a sponsorship award.**

**Any tack, bring music, outfits, props. This is a fun class to showcase what versatile animals you have!** With a huge award and bonus behind it! 5 min max...

Must be shown in all 3 gaits, a side pass, one change of lead and backing one mule length. The rest is up to you! Please have fun with this!

### **DIVISION 4** **RANCH CLASSES**

#### **!World Ranch Horse Association Qualifying Classes!**

#### **Saturday, August 19 – 9:00 a.m.**

#### **Class:**

54. Ranch Trail – Walk Trot, ages 18 and under.
55. Ranch Trail – Walk Trot Limited
56. Ranch Trail – Youth
57. Ranch Trail – Green Mule
58. Ranch Trail – Non-Pro
59. Ranch Trail – Bridled
60. In Hand Trail
61. Ranch Riding – Walk Trot, ages 18 and under. This class measures a mule's ability to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The mule and rider are asked to perform a pattern that includes changes of gait, extension of gait, crossing logs and lead changes. All maneuvers should be performed as if the mule were being used on a ranch, and the mule should demonstrate a high level of training, relaxation, and quality of movement in all gaits.
62. Ranch Riding – Walk Trot Limited, Same rules as class 61.
63. Ranch Riding – Youth. Same rules as class 61.
64. Ranch Riding – Green Mule. Same rules as class 61.
65. Ranch Riding – Non-Pro – All ages. Same rules as class 61.
66. Ranch Riding – Bridled – Same rules as class 61.
67. Ranch Reining – Youth, ages 18 and under. The mule is evaluated on its maneuverability as it performs a set pattern that includes circles, lead changes, spins, and stops.
68. Ranch Reining – Green Mule – Same rules as Class 67.

- 69. Ranch Reining – Non-Pro – Same rules as Class 67.
- 70. Ranch Reining – Bridled – Same rules as Class 67.
- 71. Ranch Pleasure – Walk Trot, ages 18 and under
- 72. Ranch Pleasure – Walk Trot Limited
- 73. Ranch Pleasure – Youth
- 74. Ranch Pleasure – Green Mule
- 75. Ranch Pleasure – Non-Pro
- 76. Ranch Pleasure – Bridled

**Saturday, August 19 – Cattle Classes**  
**\$45 Entry Fee/Mule/Class**

**Class:**

- 77. Boxing – Walk Trot – ages 18 and under
- 78. Boxing – Walk Trot Limited
- 79. Boxing – Youth
- 80. Boxing – Green Mule
- 81. Boxing – Non-Pro
- 82. Boxing – Bridled
- 83. Cattle Control – Walk Trot – ages 18 and under
- 84. Cattle Control – Walk Trot Limited
- 85. Cattle Control – Youth
- 86. Cattle Control – Green Mule
- 87. Cattle Control – Non-Pro
- 88. Cattle Control – Bridled

By the judged designated  
time and judged on your  
control of the cattle.

Judge will set pattern and  
judged on your control of the  
cattle.

**DIVISION 5**  
**PERFORMANCE & GAME CLASSES**

**Sunday, August 20 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Class:**

- 89. Team Pleasure Driving – Mule
- 90. Team Pleasure Driving – Donkey
- 91. Team Pleasure Driving – Obstacles
- 92. Team Gamblers Choice
- 93. Four Up
- 94. Six Up
- 95. Bareback Equitation – Walk Trot, ages 18 and under
- 96. Bareback Equitation – Walk Trot Limited
- 97. Bareback Equitation – Youth
- 98. Bareback Equitation – Green Mule
- 99. Bareback Equitation – Non-pro
- 100. Bareback Equitation - Bridled
- 101. Ride-A-Buck – Open to all ages, green or bridled mules.  
(Jackpot – Winner takes jackpot) Entry fee is your dollar.  
This is a non-premium class.
- 102. Western Pleasure – Walk Trot, ages 18 & under
- 103. Western Pleasure – Walk Trot Limited
- 104. Western Pleasure – Youth
- 105. Western Pleasure – Green Mule
- 106. Western Pleasure – Non-Pro
- 107. Western Pleasure – Bridled
- 108. Western Pleasure – Bridleless



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**Sunday, August 20 – Games**

**Class:**

- 109. Barrels – 18 and under. Timed event through a cloverleaf pattern.
- 110. Barrels – 19 and over. Same rules as class 109.
- 111. Pole Bending – 18 and under. Timed event. Pattern to be posted.
- 112. Pole Bending – 19 and over. Same rules as class 111.
- 113. Single Stake – 18 and under. Time Event. Pattern to be posted.
- 114. Single Stake – 19 and over. Same rules as class 113.
- 115. Keyhole Race – 18 and under. Time Event. Pattern to be posted.
- 116. Keyhole Race – 19 and over. Same rules as class 115.
- 117. Balloon Bust – 18 and under.
- 118. Balloon Bust – 19 and over.
- 119. Musical Sacks
- 120. Egg and Spoon
- 121. Dolly Parton Race – Open to all ages, bridled or green mules. Timed event, competitor must race to the end of the arena, place two water balloons in a bra and race back.

**Sunday, August 20 – After Class 121**

**Awards will be presented as follows:**

**Barn Prize:** \$25 will be awarded by the **Western Idaho Fair** for the best-kept and decorated stall and best cleaned aisle. Judging for this award will be done before morning start times. To be judged 50% on decorations and 50% on neatness.

The following Hi-Point Awards are provided by independent supporters of the Mule and Donkey Community. The Western Idaho Fair provides awards for the Reserve High Point Awards.

CHAMPION MODEL DONKEY – Winner Class 5  
CHAMPION MODEL MULE – Winner Class 16  
HI-POINT WALK TROT, AGES 18 & UNDER – Classes: 19, 26,032, 54, 61, 71, 77, 83, 95 and 102  
HI-POINT WALK TROT LIMITED – Classes: 20, 27, 33, 55, 62, 72, 78, 84, 96 and 103  
HI-POINT YOUTH – Classes: 21, 28, 34, 38, 42, 56, 63, 67, 73, 79, 85, 97 and 104 **awarded by Holly Energy Partners**  
HI-POINT GREEN MULE – Classes: 22, 29, 35, 39, 43, 57, 64, 68, 74, 80, 86, 98 and 105  
HI-POINT NON-PRO – Classes: 23, 30, 36, 40, 44, 58, 65, 69, 75, 81, 87, 99 and 106  
HI-POINT BRIDLED MULE – Classes: 24, 31, 37, 41, 45, 59, 66, 70, 79, 82, 88, 100 and 107  
HI-POINT RANCH – Classes: 15 and 54 – 88  
HI-POINT GAMES UNDER 18 – Classes: 25, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119 and 120  
HI-POINT GAMES 19 AND OVER – Classes: 25, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 119 and 120

**Overall High Point Mule** – All classes are counted towards the overall award. The award will be granted to mule or donkey that wins the most points. **Awarded by Holly Energy Partners**  
FREESTYLE YOUTH – Buckle and Added Bonus  
FREESTYLE ADULT – Buckle and Added Bonus