



## Department 6 MULES & DONKEYS

2025

“Cake, Cattle & Roll”

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST					1 Entry Deadline	2
3	4 Online entry deadline	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Arrival 7:30 pm Exhibitors Meeting	15 FAIR OPENS 8:00 Exhibitors Meeting 9:00 Classes 1-64	16 9:00 Classes 65-110
17 9:00 Classes 111-166 10:30 pm RELEASE	18	19	20	21	22	23

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Noel McQuigg – Caldwell, Idaho

**Judge:** Tim McFetridge – Pendleton, Oregon

**ENTRY: Entries close Aug. 1.** Entries must be postmarked by this date. **Any late entries may be accepted up until Aug 8<sup>th</sup> and are subject to double entry fees and prior approval of the Superintendent.** You may submit your entries online. **Online deadline is Aug. 4.** Payment must be made with entry. **NOTE:** Online site will close down at midnight August 4<sup>th</sup>.



- The Management reserves the right to close entries whenever available space is filled. **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.** 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. 15. **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:** A stabling fee of \$12.00 per head will be charged. (\$24.00 per head if late, after Aug 4 and up to Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>.) \$5.00 per class for AMA Classes  
No extra fee for Non AMA Classes, marked by \*\*\*  
\$10 entry fee for Freestyle classes 63 & 64 and \$45 for the Cattle Classes **per entry mule** for classes 96-110. **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 entry passes.

- ARRIVAL:** Mules and Donkeys may arrive **Thursday evening Aug. 14, but must be on the grounds by 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15. 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.  
**Thursday, Aug. 14 – 7:30 p.m.** Exhibitors Meeting  
**Friday, Aug. 15 – 8:00 a.m.** Exhibitors Meeting  
**Friday, Aug. 15 – 9:00 a.m.** Classes 1 – 64  
**Saturday, Aug. 16 – 9:00 a.m.** Classes 65 – 110  
**Sunday, Aug. 17 – 9:00 a.m.** Classes 111 – 166
- RELEASE:** Mules and Donkeys **will be released Sunday, Aug. 17 at 10:30 p.m.** or Monday, Aug. 18 before 10:00 a.m. **All exhibitors must obtain a ‘Release Slip’ from the Department Superintendent for transportation of livestock off the grounds.** This is for the safety of all animals. Violation of this rule will be cause to revoke premiums, forfeit entry fees and AMA points. 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.

13. Anyone abusing their animal will be excused from all competition by Fair Management and/or the Judge.
14. 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.
15. The Management reserves the right to reject, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and award prizes without claim for damages.
16. 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.**

17. **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.

#### SHOW RULES:

1. This show will follow the 2004-2026 American Mule Association (AMA) Rule book for all approved classes. Judges' opinion is final.
2. READ YOUR RULE BOOK. If you have questions, AMA Rule Rep will be available as well as superintendent.
3. Ring Steward controls all activity in the arena.
4. Judges' decisions are final. The judge may only be approached IF, he/she approaches you first, or you speak to ring steward, who will ask for permission.
5. IF YOU DQ you forfeit your "premiums" in that class.
6. Gate Holds must be requested prior to class. Gate holds maximum 5 minutes.
7. In the event of a tie for high point, the superintendent and show secretary have already before the show began, selected classes "for the tie breakers" per high point division. If you would like to know, please ask.
8. Patters will be posted Minimum 1 hour before each class.
9. ALL CLASSES unless stated will have premiums paid back after the show is complete mailed to you, 'unless' you didn't follow the rules correctly.

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

**Thursday, Aug. 14 – 7:30 p.m. – Exhibitor Meeting**

**Friday, Aug. 15 – 8:00 a.m. – Exhibitor Meeting**

### **HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP**

**Friday, August 15 – 9:00 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, Jacks – Open
2. Donkey, Jenny/Gelding – OPEN
3. **Champion & Reserve Champion Donkey at Halter** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards from class 1 & 2 – Non-Premium Class)
4. Mules, 2-year-olds and under
5. Mature Mules, 3 years & over, under 14.2
6. Mature Mules, 3 years & over, 14.2 and over
7. **Champion & Reserve Champion Mule at Halter** (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards from classes 4 – 6, Non-premium Class)
8. \*\*\*Amateur Halter Mules, any age, any height
9. Non-Pro Halter Mules, any age, any height
10. Non-Pro Ranch Conformation
11. Youth Ranch Conformation
12. Green Ranch Conformation
13. Amateur Ranch Conformation
14. Bridled Ranch Conformation
15. \*\*\*Most colorful Mule or Donkey
16. \*\*\*Least colorful Mule or Donkey
17. \*\*\*Non-Pro Showmanship
18. Youth Showmanship, ages 6 – 17
19. Amateur Showmanship
20. \*\*\*Open Showmanship
21. \*\*\*Shankless Showmanship. To perform a pattern (posted judge's discretion) with NO lead shank or lead. Arena gates to be closed. You may hold onto your mule up until its 'GO Time'
22. \*\*\*Timed Showmanship. You will have a "Start" cone, and a Judge. Once judge is ready, he nods, timer starts at 30 seconds. You can do whatever degree of difficulty pattern in the "30" seconds time frame, but you must be at the judge ready to "set up" and be judged. Judge's discretion due to degree of difficulty and correctness. A perfect short simple pattern will be scored over a higher degree of difficulty "pattern" if maneuvers are done incorrectly.

#### **DIVISION 2**

#### **ENGLISH PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

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

#### **Class:**

23. \*\*\*English Pleasure – Walk Trot – Open. Designed for any and all. Use this as a "warm up", schooling, etc. may cross enter into canter/lope.
24. English Pleasure – Donkey Walk/Trot
25. English Pleasure – Non-Pro Walk/Trot
26. English Pleasure – Donkey
27. English Pleasure – Youth, ages 6 – 17
28. English Pleasure – Green
29. English Pleasure – Amateur
30. English Pleasure – Bridled
31. \*\*\*Hunter Under Saddle, Walk/Trot – Open. See class 23 rules
32. Non-Pro Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle

33. Youth Hunter Under Saddle, ages 6 – 17
34. Green Hunter Under Saddle
35. Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
36. Bridled Hunter Under Saddle
37. \*\*\*English Equitation Walk/Trot – Open. See class 23 rules
38. English Equitation – Non-Pro Walk/Trot
39. English Equitation – Youth, ages 6 – 17
40. English Equitation - Green
41. English Equitation - Amateur
42. \*\*\*English Equitation - Bridled.

### BREAK TBD

#### Class:

43. Donkey Hunter Hack (18" max)
44. Youth Hunter Hack (18" max)
45. Open Hunter Hack (2' max)
46. Open Low Hunters (18" – 2' max)
47. Open Working Hunters (2'6" max)
48. Open Jumpers (2'6" max)
49. Open Gamblers Choice Jumpers (2'6" max)
50. \*\*\*Jump Off. Jump starts at 18". As animals "Knock a jump" they are "Out". We raise the jump each time. Last mule jumping wins.

### DIVISION 3 DRIVING CLASSES

#### Class:

51. Pleasure Driving – Single Hitch Mule-Turnout
52. Donkey Pleasure Driving – Single Hitch – Turnout
53. Pleasure Driving – Single Hitch Mule – Working
54. Donkey Pleasure Driving – Single Hitch – Working
55. Pleasure Driving – Single Hitch Mule – Reinsmanship
56. Donkey Pleasure Driving – Single Hitch – Reinsmanship
57. Mule Utility or Trail Driving – Single Hitch
58. Donkey Utility or Trail Driving – Single Hitch
59. Obstacle Driving
60. Timed Obstacle Driving
61. Gamblers Choice
62. Drive and Ride

### DIVISION 4 FREESTYLE CLASSES

#### Class: \$10 entry fee

63. \*\*Freestyle – Youth, 17 and under.
  64. \*\*Freestyle – Adult, 18 and over.
- Jackpot class, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> place for both adult and youth will receive a Belt Buckle sponsored by the Western Idaho Fair. Any tack, bring music, props, outfits, etc. this is a fun class. Showcase what your animals can do! 5 min max, show all 3 gaits, a sidepass, one change of lead each direction and backing 1 mule length.

### DIVISION 5 RANCH CLASSES

**Saturday, August 16 – 9:00 a.m.**

#### Class:

65. \*\*\*Ranch Pleasure Walk/Jog – Open. See class 23 rules
66. Ranch Pleasure – Donkey Walk/Jog
67. Ranch Pleasure – Non-Pro Walk/Jog
68. Ranch Pleasure - Donkey
69. Ranch Pleasure – Youth, ages 6 – 17
70. Ranch Pleasure - Green
71. Ranch Pleasure – Amateur
72. Ranch Pleasure – Bridled
73. \*\*\* Ranch Riding – Walk/Trot – Open. See class 23 rules
74. Ranch Riding – Non-Pro Walk/Trot.

75. Ranch Riding – Youth, ages 6 – 17.
76. Ranch Riding – Green
77. Ranch Riding – Amateur
78. Ranch Riding – Bridled
79. \*\*\*Ranch Reining - Youth
80. Ranch Reining - Green
81. Ranch Reining – Amateur
82. Ranch Reining – Bridled
83. Open Reining

### BREAK TBD

84. \*\*\*Ranch Trail Walk/Jog – Open. See class 23 rules
85. Ranch Trail – Donkey Walk/Jog
86. Ranch Trail – Non-Pro Walk/Jog
87. Ranch Trail – Youth, ages 6 – 17
88. Ranch Trail - Green
89. Ranch Trail – Amateur
90. Ranch Trail – Bridled
91. Youth Gamblers Choice Trail
92. Green Gamblers Choice Trail
93. Amateur Gamblers Choice Trail
94. Bridled Gamblers Choice Trail
95. Donkey Gamblers Choice Trail

### **Saturday, August 16 – Cattle Classes** **\$45 Entry Fee/Mule/Class**

**Cattle Driving:** Class is to be judged on the horse's natural cow ability, response to the rider's cues, and the rider's stockmanship. The objective is to drive a single cow through a lane and put it in a pen at the opposite end of the arena as if moving a cow in a stock yard. The class is evaluated as if the judge owns the cattle, and they are shipped to market. Excessive speed and stress as a result of the horse's or rider's methods equates to weight loss of the cattle and result in lower scores. Calm, quiet, and pragmatic work on the cow while demonstrating cow sense by the horse and stock sense by the rider is to be credited. Time limit to be determined.

**Ranch Herd Work:** Judging will begin at the timeline. The contestant shall approach the herd with no hesitation, weaving or reluctance on the part of the horse to enter the herd sufficiently deep enough to show his ability to make a cut. The horse shall work quietly, but alertly, causing very little disturbance to the herd by a sufficient distance and setting up a cow while holding it in a working position as near the center of the arena as possible. The degree of difficulty, eye appeal and the amount of courage in staying on a tough cow will be taken into consideration. The amount of time actually spent working cattle in the 2-minute period will have a positive effect on the total score. The horse should show a great deal of expression but no ill will toward the animal. Judging will end at the whistle.

**Ranch Roping – Breakaway Hondo!** The idea of this class is to demonstrate the ability of the horse and rider's skill of roping a single cow as if they were doctoring injured or sick cattle. Cattle should be handled as calmly and slowly as possible. The judge should judge this class as if the cattle belonged to him or her. At no time should there be excessive running or disruption of the herd. Up to two loops (but no more than two) may be attempted within the 90 second time limit. The loop must go over the head of the intended cow, rope dallied, and honda split within 90 seconds to complete the roping task. **For the Open and Non-Pro Divisions only:** If the second loop thrown by a competitor catches an animal determined by the judge not to be the original animal targeted for the first throw, the score will be a 60 for the run. **For the Novice and Youth Divisions only:** A competitor who misses an animal with their first loop may target a different animal and receive a score if another loop within the time frame makes a legal catch.

#### Class:

96. \*\*\*Cattle Driving – Bridled
97. \*\*\*Cattle Driving – Amateur
98. \*\*\*Cattle Driving – Green
99. \*\*\*Cattle Driving – Youth, ages 6 – 17

100. \*\*\*Cattle Driving – Walk/Jog (NP & Donkey)
101. \*\*\*Cattle Herd Work – Bridled
102. \*\*\*Cattle Herd Work – Amateur
103. \*\*\*Cattle Herd Work – Green
104. \*\*\*Herd Work – Youth, ages 6 – 17
105. \*\*\*Herd Work – Walk/Jog (NP & Donkey)
106. \*\*\*Cattle Roping – Bridled
107. \*\*\*Cattle Roping – Amateur
108. \*\*\*Cattle Roping – Green
109. \*\*\*Cattle Roping – Youth, ages 6 – 17
110. \*\*\*Cattle Roping – Walk/Jog (NP & Donkey)

**DIVISION 6**  
**PERFORMANCE & GAME CLASSES**

**Sunday, August 17 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Class:**

111. Donkey In Hand Trail
112. \*\*\*3 and Under In Hand Trail
113. \*\*\*In Hand Open (all mules including riding mules!!)
114. \*\*\*Walk/Jog Trail, Open. See class 23 rules
115. Donkey Walk/Jog Trail
116. Non-Pro Walk/Jog Trail
117. Donkey Trail
118. Youth Trail, ages 6 - 17
119. Green Trail
120. Amateur Trail
121. Bridled Trail
122. \*\*\*Bridless Trail

**BREAK TBD**

**Class:**

123. \*\*\*Wester Pleasure – Walk/Jog – Open. See class 23 rules
124. Western Pleasure – Donkey Walk/Jog
125. Western Pleasure – Non-Pro Walk/Jog
126. Western Pleasure – Donkey
127. Western Pleasure – Youth, ages 6 – 17
128. Western Pleasure – Green
129. Western Pleasure – Amateur
130. Western Pleasure – Bridled
131. \*\*\*Western Pleasure – Bridless
132. Youth Discipline Rail
133. Green Discipline Rail
134. Amateur Discipline Rail
135. Bridled Discipline Rail
136. Western Equitation – Non-Pro Walk/Jog
137. Western Equitation – Youth, ages 6 – 17
138. \*\*\*Western Equitation – Green
139. Western Equitation – Amateur
140. \*\*\*Western Equitation – Bridled
141. Non-Pro Walk/Jog Mulemanship
142. Western Mulemanship – Youth, ages 6 – 17
143. Western Mulemanship – Green
144. Western Mulemanship – Amateur
145. Western Mulemanship – Bridled

**Sunday, August 17 – Gymkhana**

**Class:**

146. Cloverleaf Barrels – Donkey
147. Cloverleaf Barrels – Youth, ages 6 – 17
148. Cloverleaf Barrels – Open
149. Pole Bending Keyhole – Donkey
150. Pole Bending Keyhole – Youth, ages 6 – 17
151. Pole Bending Keyhole – Open
152. Keyhole – Donkey
153. Keyhole – Youth, ages 6 – 17
154. Keyhole – Open
155. Big T – Donkey
156. Big T – Youth, ages 6 – 17
157. Big T – Open
158. Birangle – Donkey
159. Birangle – Youth, ages 6 – 17
160. Birangle – Open
161. Single Stake – Donkey
162. Single Stake – Youth, ages 6 – 17
163. Single Stake – Open
164. Speed Barrels – Donkey
165. Speed Barrels – Youth, ages 6 – 17
166. Speed Barrels – Open

**Sunday, August 17 – After Class 166**

**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 3

CHAMPION MODEL MULE – Winner Class 7

HI-POINT DONKEY WALK TROT – Classes: 1, 2, 24, 66, 85, 100, 105, 110, 115, 124

HI-POINT NON-PRO WALK TROT – Classes: 9, 10, 17, 25, 32, 38, 67, 74, 86, 100, 105, 110, 116, 125, 136, 141

HI-POINT DONKEY – Classes: 1, 2, 26, 43, 68, 95, 117, 126, 146, 149, 152, 155, 158, 161, 164

HI-POINT YOUTH AGES 6 – 17 – Classes: 5, 6, 11, 18, 27, 33, 39, 44, 69, 75, 79, 87, 91, 99, 104, 109, 118, 127, 132, 137, 142, 147, 150, 153, 156, 159, 162, 165

HI-POINT GREEN – Classes: 5, 6, 12, 28, 34, 40, 70, 76, 80, 88, 92, 98, 103, 108, 119, 128, 133, 138, 143

HI-POINT AMATEUR – Classes: 8, 13, 19, 29, 35, 41, 71, 77, 81, 89, 93, 97, 102, 107, 120, 129, 134, 139, 144

HI-POINT BRIDLED – Classes: 5, 6, 14, 20, 30, 36, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 72, 78, 82, 83, 90, 94, 96, 101, 106, 121, 130, 135, 140, 145

HI-POINT RANCH MULE – Classes: 10 – 14 and 65 -110

**Overall High Point Mule** – (No reserve) All classes (including multiple riders) are counted for the “overall highest point accumulation for ‘one’ mule.

FREESTYLE YOUTH – Buckle by the Western Idaho Fair

FREESTYLE ADULT – Buckle by the Western Idaho Fair