



Department 6 MULES & DONKEYS

2026

“Bright Lights & Fair Nights”

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST	3	4	5	6	7 Entry Deadline	8
9	10 Online entry deadline	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Arrival 7:30 pm Exhibitors Meeting	21 FAIR OPENS 8:00 Exhibitors Meeting 9:00 Classes 1-64	22 9:00 Classes 65-110
23 9:00 Classes 111-166 10:30 pm RELEASE	24	25	26	27	28	29

SUPERINTENDENT: Noel Pangelinan – Mountain Home, Idaho
Judge: Angie Turner – Baker City, Oregon



ENTRY: Entries close Aug. 7. Entries must be postmarked by this date. **Any late entries may be accepted up until Aug 10th (online only) and are subject to double entry fees and prior approval of the Superintendent.** You may submit your entries online. **Online deadline is Aug. 10.** Payment must be made with entry. **NOTE: Online site will close down at midnight August 10th.**

1. 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 filled out and include the name and registration information of all animals entered along with age and American Mule Association Membership Numbers. To delete or add classes for **animals already entered**, exhibitor must notify the Premium Office by 9:00 a.m., Aug. 21. **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.**
2. **FEES:** A stabling fee of \$12.00 per head will be charged. (\$24.00 per head if late, after Aug 10 and up to Aug. 14th.)
\$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 97-111. **No refunds on entry fees.**
Note: AMA Membership must be current to count for AMA year end awards. Mules **MUST BE REGISTERED TO SHOW AMA FOR POINTS PRIOR TO SHOW.**
www.americannmuleassociation.org/membership
www.americannmuleassociation.org/ama-registration-identification-application-for-mules-and-donkeys
3. **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.**
4. **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.
5. **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 or call/text 208-859-4138.
6. **ARRIVAL:** Mules and Donkeys may **arrive Thursday evening Aug. 20, but must be on the grounds by 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21. 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.**
7. Exhibitors are requested to carefully read the Rules and Regulations in front of this Premium Book and/or Website. Exhibitors will follow the American Mule Association Rule Book.
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/52f6e70ac4b09d0c250122c6/t/6992b7d733e779489906d867/1771222999807/AMARulebook2026-WebVersion.pdf>
8. **JUDGING SCHEDULE:** All classes will be held in **Legg (Trackside) Arena.**
Thursday, Aug. 20 – 7:30 p.m. Exhibitors Meeting
Friday, Aug. 21 – 8:00 a.m. Exhibitors Meeting
Friday, Aug. 21 – 9:00 a.m. Classes 1 – 64
Saturday, Aug. 22 – 9:00 a.m. Classes 65 – 111
Sunday, Aug. 23 – 9:00 a.m. Classes 112 – 166
9. **RELEASE:** Mules and Donkeys **will be released Sunday, Aug. 23 at 10:30 p.m.** or Monday, Aug. 24 before 10:00 a.m. **All exhibitors must obtain a ‘Release Slip’ from the Department Superintendent for transportation of livestock off 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.

10. 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.
11. **YOUTH RULES:** Open to youth 6 years old and over that have not reached their 18th birthday as of Jan. 1 of that year.
12. 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, AMA RULE BOOK and 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 2026-2027 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):
1st - \$35 2nd - \$25 3rd - \$20 4th - \$15

Thursday, Aug. 20 – 7:30 p.m. – Exhibitor Meeting

Friday, Aug. 21 – 8:00 a.m. – Exhibitor Meeting

HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP

Friday, August 21 – 9:00 a.m.

DIVISION 1 – Halter Classes

The purpose of the halter class is to judge the animal's potential to perform the work for which he was bred, based upon the evaluation and analysis of visible attributes. See page 43 AMA rule book for more information.

Class:

1. Donkey, Jacks – Open
2. Donkey, Jenny/Gelding – OPEN
3. Youth Halter Donkeys
4. **Champion & Reserve Champion Donkey** (1st and 2nd place awards from class 1 & 3 – Non-Premium Class)
5. Mules, 2-year-olds and under
6. Mature Mules, 3 years & over, under 14.2
7. Mature Mules, 3 years & over, 14.2 and over
8. **Champion & Reserve Champion Mule** (1st & 2nd place awards from classes 5 – 7, Non-premium Class)
9. Youth Halter Mules
10. Non-Pro Halter Mules
11. Amateur Halter Mules
12. ***Most colorful Mule or Donkey
13. ***Least colorful Mule of Donkey

Showmanship

14. Youth Showmanship Mule or Donkey
15. Non-Pro Showmanship
16. Amateur Showmanship
17. ***Open Showmanship
18. ***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"
19. ***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:

20. Walk/Trot – Hunter Under Saddle (**HUS**) Donkey
21. Walk/Trot – English Pleasure (**EP**) Donkey
22. Walk/Trot – HUS – Non-Pro Mule
23. Walk/Trot – EP – Non-Pro Mule
24. Walk/Trot – HUS – PRE-Green Mule
25. Walk/Trot – EP – PRE-Green Mule
26. Walk/Trot – Youth – HUS – Mule or Donkey, 10 & under

27. Walk/Trot – Youth – EP – Mule or Donkey, 10 & under

BREAK TBD

Class:

- 28. W/T/C – HUS - Donkey
- 29. W/T/C – HUS – Youth Mule or Donkey
- 30. W/T/C – HUS – Amateur Mule
- 31. W/T/C – HUS – Green Mule
- 32. W/T/C – HUS – Bridled Mule
- 33. W/T/C – Hunt Seat Equitation Youth Mule or Donkey
- 34. W/T/C – Hunt Seat Equitation Amateur Mule
- 35. W/T/C – English Pleasure Donkey
- 36. W/T/C – English Pleasure Youth Mule or Donkey
- 37. W/T/C – English Pleasure Green Mule
- 38. W/T/C – English Pleasure Amateur Mule
- 39. W/T/C – English Pleasure Bridled Mule

BREAK TBD

Class:

- 40. Hunter Hack Bridled Mule (2 fences 2')
- 41. Hunter Hack Amateur Mule (2 fences 2')
- 42. Hunter Hack Green Mule (2 fences @ 18")
- 43. Hunter Hack Youth (2 fences @ 18")
- 44. Hunter Hack Donkey (2 fences @ 18")

DIVISION 3
DRIVING CLASSES

Class:

- 45. Trail Driving – TEAMS
- 46. Trail Driving – Single Mule
- 47. Trail Driving – Single Donkey
- 48. Pleasure Driving Turnout – Single Mule
- 49. Pleasure Driving Turnout – Single Donkey
- 50. Pleasure Driving Turnout – Youth Mule or Donkey
- 51. Pleasure Driving Turnout – Amateur Mule
- 52. Pleasure Driving Turnout – Team
- 53. Reinsmanship – Single Mule
- 54. Reinsmanship – Single Donkey
- 55. Reinsmanship – Youth Mule or Donkey
- 56. Reinsmanship – Amateur Mule
- 57. Reinsmanship – Team
- 58. Pleasure Driving Working – Single Mule
- 59. Pleasure Driving Working – Single Donkey
- 60. Pleasure Driving Working – Youth Mule or Donkey
- 61. Pleasure Driving Working – Amateur Mule
- 62. Pleasure Driving Working – Team

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 1st 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, one change of lead each direction and backing 1 mule length.

DIVISION 5
TRAIL

Saturday, August 22 – 9:00 a.m.

Class:

- 65. Donkey In Hand Trail
- 66. ***3 and Under In Hand Trail
- 67. ***In Hand Open (all mules including riding mules!)

- 68. W/J PRE-Green Western Mule Trail
- 69. ***W/J Warm UP Western Mule Trail Open
- 70. W/J Donkey Western Trail Open
- 71. W/J Non Pro Western Trail
- 72. W/J Youth Trail Mule or Donkey, 10 & under
- 73. W/J/L Green Mule Trail
- 74. W/J/L Bridled Mule Trail
- 75. W/J/L Donkey Trail Open
- 76. W/J/L Youth Trail Mule or Donkey
- 77. W/J/L Amateur Mule Trail

BREAK TBD

- 78. W/J Western Pleasure – PRE-Green Mule
- 79. W/J Western Pleasure – Non-Pro Mule
- 80. W/J Western Pleasure – Youth Mule or Donkey, 10 & under
- 81. W/J Western Pleasure - Donkey
- 82. W/J Western Disciplined Rail - Donkey
- 83. W/J Western Disciplined Rail – Non-Pro Mule
- 84. W/J Mulemanship – Non-Pro Mule (pattern)
- 85. W/J Mule/Donkey – Equitation Youth, 10 and under Mule or Donkey

BREAK TBD

- 86. W/J/L Western Mulemanship – Amateur (pattern)
- 87. W/J/L Western Mulemanship – Youth Mule or Donkey (pattern)
- 88. W/J/L Western Disciplined Rail – Mule
- 89. W/J/L Western Disciplined Rail – Donkey
- 90. W/J/L Western Pleasure – Green Mule
- 91. W/J/L Western Pleasure Mule - Amateur
- 92. W/J/L Western Pleasure – Youth Mule or Donkey
- 93. W/J/L Western Pleasure – Donkey
- 94. W/J/L Western Pleasure – Bridled Mule
- 95. W/J/L Western Equitation (rail work only) – Amateur
- 96. W/J/L Western Equitation (rail work only) – Youth Mule or Donkey

Saturday, August 22 – Cattle Classes
\$45 Entry Fee/Mule/Class

Cattle Driving: Class is to be judged on the mules' 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 mules' 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 mule 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 mule to enter the herd sufficiently deep enough to show his ability to make a cut. The mule 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 spent working cattle in the 2-minute period will have a positive effect on the total score. The mule 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 mule 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 (depending on entries and cattle availability):

- 97. ***Cattle Driving – Bridled
- 98. ***Cattle Driving – Amateur
- 99. ***Cattle Driving – Green
- 100. ***Cattle Driving – Youth
- 101. ***Cattle Driving – Walk/Jog
- 102. ***Cattle Herd Work – Bridled
- 103. ***Cattle Herd Work – Amateur
- 104. ***Cattle Herd Work – Green
- 105. ***Herd Work – Youth
- 106. ***Herd Work – Walk/Jog
- 107. ***Cattle Roping – Bridled
- 108. ***Cattle Roping – Amateur
- 109. ***Cattle Roping – Green
- 110. ***Cattle Roping – Youth
- 111. ***Cattle Roping – Walk/Jog

DIVISION 6
PERFORMANCE & GAME CLASSES

Sunday, August 23 – 9:00 a.m.

Class:

- 112. W/J Ranch Trail – Donkey
- 113. W/J Ranch Trail – Youth Mule or Donkey, 10 and under
- 114. W/J Ranch Trail – PRE-Green Mule
- 115. W/J Ranch Trail – Non-Pro Mule
- 116. W/J/L Ranch Trail – Youth Mule or Donkey
- 117. W/J/L Ranch Trail – Green Mule
- 118. W/J/L Ranch Trail – Donkey
- 119. W/J/L Ranch Trail – Amateur Mule
- 120. W/J/L Ranch Trail – Bridled Mule

BREAK TBD

Class:

- 121. Ranch Reining – Green Mule
 - 122. Ranch Reining – Amateur Mule
 - 123. Ranch Reining – Youth Mule or Donkey
 - 124. Ranch Reining – Donkey
 - 125. Ranch Reining – Bridled Mule
- BREAK TBD**
- 126. W/J Ranch Pleasure – Donkey
 - 127. W/J Ranch Pleasure – Youth Mule or Donkey, 10 and under
 - 128. W/J Ranch Pleasure – PRE-Green Mule
 - 129. W/J Ranch Pleasure – Non-Pro Mule
 - 130. W/J/L Ranch Pleasure – Donkey
 - 131. W/J/L Ranch Pleasure – Youth Mule or Donkey
 - 132. W/J/L Ranch Pleasure – Green Mule
 - 133. W/J/L Ranch Pleasure – Amateur Mule
 - 134. W/J/L Ranch Pleasure – Bridled Mule

BREAK TBD (set Walk/Jog RR course)

- 135. W/J Ranch Riding – Donkey
- 136. W/J Ranch Riding – PRE-Green Mule
- 137. W/J Ranch Riding – Non-Pro Mule
- 138. W/J/L Ranch Riding – Donkey
- 139. W/J/L Ranch Riding – Youth Mule or Donkey

- 140. W/J/L Ranch Riding – Green Mule
- 141. W/J/L Ranch Riding – Amateur Mule
- 142. W/J/L Ranch Riding – Bridled Mule

BREAK TBD to pull saddles

- 143. Ranch Conformation – Mules Amateur / Non-Pro
- 144. Ranch Conformation – Open Mule
- 145. Ranch Conformation – Youth (Mule or Donkey)
- 146. Ranch Conformation Ranch – Donkeys

Sunday, August 23 – Games

Class:

- 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 23 – 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
- CHAMPION MODEL MULE
- HI-POINT DONKEY WALK TROT
- HI-POINT NON-PRO WALK TROT
- HI-POINT DONKEY
- HI-POINT YOUTH AGES
- HI-POINT GREEN
- HI-POINT AMATEUR
- HI-POINT BRIDLED
- HI-POINT RANCH MULE
- 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

Please Note:

In **2027** The Western Idaho Fair will move their starting date from the 3rd Friday in August to the 2nd Friday and from **2028** on it will open on the 1st Friday of August. In addition, it will add a 3rd weekend. The Mule & Donkey Show is schedule for:
2027: Aug. 13 – 15
2028: Aug. 4 – 6