

Department 33  
DRAFT HORSE SLED PULL

Superintendent  
Randy Conklin  
573-489-5168

Announcer - TBA  
Judge - TBA

5:00 PM, Wednesday, August 13, 2025  
Mathewson Exhibition Center

Amount offered in this section by the Fair .....\$2,720.00  
Amount offered in this section by Sponsors.....\$2,720.00

Stall Fee - \$20.00 Per Team (\$18.40 + \$1.60 Sales Tax) optional  
Hook Fee - \$20.00 Per Team (Paid back in premiums)  
Must pre-enter by July 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.  
No late entries will be accepted.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR DRAFT HORSE PULLING RULES

The Missouri State Fair does not guarantee premium money, merchandise, prizes or special awards. Because the State Fair Commission is without constitutional or statutory authority to borrow money for its operation, it reserves the right to prorate premium money because of state budget restraints.

- All entries must comply with animal health requirements for exhibitors in this premium guide.
- The top three (3) teams in each class will be blood tested. All horses are subject to veterinarian examination for use of stimulants and/or drugs (zero drug tolerance) during and after the contest. Their prize money will be held until tests results are received. If any team does not pass the blood test, it may result in any or all of the following:
  - Withholding of payment for the animal, premiums and awards.
  - Suspension from future exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair for a length of time to be determined by the Missouri State Fair Commission or the Director of the Missouri State Fair on behalf of the Commission. Suspensions can be for any length of time and may be permanent.
  - Probationary exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair for a length of time and under such terms and conditions to be determined by the Missouri State Fair Commission or the Director of the Missouri State Fair on behalf of the Commission.
  - Assessment of any other penalty determined by the Missouri State Fair Commission or the Director of the Missouri State Fair on behalf of the Commission.
- This is a 20 foot pull, with driver sitting on the sled.
- Each team has three (3) attempts to pull 20 feet; the longest distance counts.
- An Official must be present at the scales when weighing, then immediately return to the pulling grounds.
- No striking, whipping or jerking of the horses once inside the arena.
- No open face bridles.
- No horses may be tied together and no wire on tugs.
- One driver only, no line trailers.
- Should a horse step on or over the rope, it will be considered a pull.
- Any team deemed unruly by the judge or Superintendent shall be disqualified.
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed before or during the pull. Other rules will be discussed the day of the pull.

WEIGH-IN FOR HORSES

To be announced. - Missouri State Fair, Youth Building Sales Arena

TIME OF PULLS:

12:00 noon Lightweight and Heavyweight horses will pull together.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

Lightweight horses \$1,360    Heavyweight horses \$1,360  
Prize money will be awarded as follows: 1st Place \$300; 2nd place \$180; 3rd place \$160. The balance of the premiums will be divided according to placing for each team pulling. Ribbons will be awarded to first through tenth places.

Department 34  
PONY PULL

Superintendent  
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Announcer - TBA  
Judge - TBA

1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 16 - Mathewson Exhibition Center  
Stall Fee - \$10.00

Hook Fee - \$20.00 (paid back in premiums)

Total amount offered by Missouri State Fair .....\$1,200.00

Stall Fee - \$10.00 Per Team (\$9.20 + \$0.80 Sales Tax) optional  
Hook Fee - \$20.00 Per Team (Paid back in premiums)  
Must pre-enter by July 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.  
No late entries will be accepted.

Earliest Arrival: Noon on Friday, August 15

Must be out of barn: Sunday, August 17, by 6:00 p.m.

Percentage Pull

A negative coggins test is required.  
Teams will be weighed at 9 a.m.

Plaques shall be awarded for 1st place in each class.  
Prize money shall be awarded 1st - 10th places.

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- The top three (3) teams in each class will be blood tested. All ponies are subject to veterinarian examination for use of stimulants and/or drugs (zero drug tolerance) during and after the contest. Their prize money will be held until test results are received. If any team does not pass the blood test, it may result in any or all of the following:
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- No tying to trailer, ponies must be in stalls.
- Percentage pull ponies will pull six (6) feet on each load.
- Teams will pull within a ten (10) foot lane or through the shiv.
- Missing two (2) consecutive trips will count as one pull.
- Teams get two (2) hooks to pull six (6) feet.
- Each team is allowed one (1) driver and one (1) hooker.
- Hooker must step back until pull is completed, after hook.
- Hooker must keep quiet or driver loses a pull.
- A bump and unhook will not be considered a pull.
- In case of break down, driver has privilege of counting pull or rejecting and instead will be moved back to starting place.
- No wires on tugs or any devices to encourage teams to pull.
- Slapping team or excessive shaking of lines count as one pull.
- All teams will remain in pulling area until released by the State Veterinarian.
- Pony over foul line will be counted as one (1) pull and sled will be pulled back.
- Judges' decision is final.
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the arena floor, this includes competitors and spectators. Competitors are subject to disqualification.
- Teams have 3 minutes to complete their pulls to qualify for the next round.