



May 15-16, 2010
Sargent Equestrian Center Lodi, California
Judge: Alex Frasier
Youth classes count for
CDHMA Year - end award points

Performance Rules

1. Judging schedule is subject to change if deemed necessary.
2. Pre-entry must be received or postmarked no later than May 1, 2010. Post entries accepted at the discretion of the manager. [Click here for show entry form](#)
3. Stalls are limited, available by reservation - see entry form.
4. Trailer tying is permitted with reservation - see entry form.
5. Show open to draft horses weighing 1500 lbs or over.
6. Horses should move without any visible signs of unsoundness. All horses showing lameness may be excused.
7. All horses should be put to a serviceable sound vehicle appropriate to the class. All wagons pulled by four or six horses must be of fifth wheel design. Wire wheeled or rubber tired vehicles allowed.
8. Drivers in all classes shall be appropriately attired. Overall turnout (including attire) will be considered in placing all classes. Please ask show management if you have any questions.
9. Whips are required in hand for the single and pair classes.
10. No more than one person is in/on vehicle with the driver in any class. Junior 17 years old and under are required to have one adult, 18 or over on vehicle in all classes.
11. A single attendant or groom may be permitted at the horses head, but should not hold the animal except to prevent unruliness or an accident. Attendants or grooms, while in the show ring, shall be appropriately attired.
12. Exhibitors to have a three minute gate after calling of class. Please inform gate keeper and announcer if additional time is required.
13. All horses in the hitch classes must be shown with rolled manes and knotted tails. Show harness is required. Scotch top collars preferred, but not required.
14. A junior is defined as any person as of January 1st of the show year to be under the age of eighteen and shall be considered that age throughout that show year.
15. Junior classes that count towards California Draft Horse and Mule Association year-end High Point awards include: Showmanship, Cart, Reinsmanship, Team and Gamblers choice. See CDHMA bylaws for information. www.cdhma.org
16. Juniors are judged on an 80/20 judging criteria. 80% based on driver/horse(s) working as a unit and 20% on turnout.
17. Junior, once entered in the junior division may not enter any other classes except junior.
18. All juniors riding or driving on the grounds or in the arenas are required to wear a helmet unless a release waiver is signed by parent/guardian.
19. Novice: Not having won three first place ribbons in a draft horse show.

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HALTER CLASSES

- **Stallions, Mares, Geldings –**
To be judged on conformation, correctness of physique according to the breed.
- **Junior Showmanship: ** CDHMA Junior Points class**
Exhibitor will be allowed 30 minutes in the arena to braid and tie tails with one handler, then show your draft horses at the direction of your judge. Conformation not to count.

DRIVING CLASSES

- **Gambler's Choice, Open or Junior: ** CDHMA Junior Points Class**
One entry per driver. To be driven over a timed course of unnumbered obstacles, each carrying a specific point value based on its degree of difficulty. Each obstacle may be driven twice for points but not in succession. No obstacle may be re-driven if it has been disturbed. No points will be recorded for an incorrectly completed obstacle, but may be re-driven if it has not been disturbed. If a horse should refuse or run out of an obstacle you may elect to move on to another obstacle at no penalty. A signal will sound at the end of the time allowed, at this time you must exit through the exit markers. If signal sounds when exhibitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete that obstacle. *Note: This class may include natural obstacles outside of an enclosed area.*
- **Singles, Pleasure:**
Horses to be shown at the walk, slow trot and working trot. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Horses must show a smooth responsiveness. To be judged on manners, turnout, quality and performance. Horses will be penalized for excessive speed. Breeching or cart harness with crupper allowed.
- **Singles, Hitch:**
To show all around prompt, springy and snappy action at the walk, slow trot and working trot. Horses must show smooth responsiveness. To be judged on manners, turnout, performance and quality.
- **Singles, Junior: ** CDHMA Junior Points Class**
Horses must be suitable for a junior to drive. To be shown at the walk, slow trot and working trot. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Horses must show a smooth responsiveness. To be judged on manners, turnout, quality and performance. Horses will be penalized for excessive speed.
- **Team, Pleasure Type:**
Horses to be shown at the walk, slow trot and working trot. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Pairs should be suitable for driver. At all times to show an ability to work as a unit with evenness of tugs. Teams shall not be asked to fan except at the judge's discretion in case of a workoff. To be judged on performance, presence, quality, manners, and matching.
- **Team, Hitch**
To show all around prompt, springy and snappy action at the walk, slow trot and working trot. Pairs should be suitable for driver. At all times to show an ability to work as a unit with evenness of tugs. Teams shall not be asked to fan except at the judge's discretion. To be judged on performance, manners, turnout and quality.
- **Team Reinsmanship:**
Pairs should be suitable for driver. Drivers will work an appropriated posted test. To be judged 75% on handling of reins and whip control, posture and overall appearance of driver; 25% on condition and fit of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.
- **Team, Junior: ** CDHMA Junior Points Class**
Pairs should be suitable for a junior driver. To be shown at a walk, slow trot and working trot. To work as a team, stand quietly and back readily at all times. At all times to show an ability to work as a unit with evenness of tugs.



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- **Timed Cones:**

The driver proceeds through the starting line markers and through each consecutively numbered obstacle, in order, finishing through the exit markers. Judged on combination of time and obstacles dislodged.

- **Progressive cones:**

After passing through the starting line markers, the driver shall proceed through each consecutively numbered obstacle, in order, until the allowed time expires or until an obstacle is dislodged. When the allowed time expires, or an obstacle is dislodged, the driver is excused. The obstacles will progressively narrow, in all cases to conform to the width of the vehicle. Vehicle measurements will be made directly before the class.

- **Turn out Classes (Single, Team, Multiples) (Classes 19 – 21)**

The following aspects will be considered toward the overall impression:

Horse - manners, way of going, condition, appropriateness and grooming.

Harness - condition, appropriateness and cleanliness.

Vehicle - condition, appropriateness and cleanliness.

Driver - driving skills, posture, appropriateness and neatness of attire.

Dress for the driver should conform to the type of turnout, i.e. Formal (Hitch), Country pleasure, Sporting.

Multiples include tandem, unicorn, 3 abreast, 4-up, 6-up. 5th wheel wagon is mandatory for all 4 or 6 up turnouts.

Championship offered from the top 2 of each division.

- **Reinsmanship/Driving Competition, Multiples (4-up, unicorn, tandem, 6-up, 3 abreast):**

Attire shall be Western style. Gloves are required. Each entry shall drive a specific course, the order of go determined by draw. The course shall be at the discretion of the Judge. However, at least two changes of direction and two different gates shall be required. All hitches will be required to fan in both directions and back. Any use of brakes will be severely penalized by Judge. Any hitch unable to finish the course will be eliminated. Course to be posted by show management at least one hour prior to class. To be judged on responsiveness and smoothness of hitches in competing course. Match of team need not be taken into account. 5th wheel wagon is mandatory for all 4 or 6 up turnouts.

DRAFT HORSE RIDING CLASSES

- **English or Western Walk-Trot (jog) Class:**

The pleasure horse should be ridden with very little resistance and should be a pleasure to ride at a walk & trot. Rider may be asked to back up.