

# OPEN CLASS HORSES

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# 2026

1. **Open Class Registration Deadline – July 15.** Register online at [fair.manitowocountywi.gov](http://fair.manitowocountywi.gov).
  - a. Fees – Manure fee of \$5 per animal will be charged and paid at time of registration, in addition to the \$3 registration processing fee. Do not register or pay for tack stalls!
  - b. **No more than one (1) animal may be shown in each lot number by one (1) exhibitor,** with the exception of team driving classes.
  - c. Horses must be shown by the exhibitor on entry blank.
  - d. Each exhibitor is only able to show animal and/or exhibit in Open Class or Junior Fair. Exhibitor cannot show in both.
  - e. Each exhibitor must care for and feed the animal or make arrangements to have the animal fed or cared for and cleaned. **All animals must be kept clean, fed, watered and in place until checkout time on Sunday. An inspection will be done daily after 8am by the Superintendent. If an animal is determined to be neglected in any way by the Superintendent and/or Expo board member, the Exhibitor will be notified. Failure to keep pen clean and animal fed could result in forfeiture of premiums and possibly excluded from participation the following fair year.**
  - f. Only stallions two (2) years old and under as of January 1 may be shown. Handler must be 18 years old and over; NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - g. Exhibitors in Restricted lot numbers may not enter any lot numbers.
  - h. **Animals must be identified by name on the official fair entry form at time of entry** (use the “Any Other Item List” – place name in Enter Description Here field). **Failure to identify will eliminate the entry.**
  - i. Single Draft horse with cart for men and Single Draft horse cart for women must be a different animal.
  - j. No changes will be allowed after registration forms submitted!
2. **Entry Day – Wednesday, August 26, 3pm to 7pm.**
  - a. All horses must submit a **clear, legible copy** their 2026 Coggins papers and [Animal ID Check In Form](#) (click on name to obtain form) to the superintendent before unloading.
  - b. Registered animals must have papers and be shown to superintendent at time of entry at fair.
  - c. Horses must be loaded and unloaded to the East of the horse arena behind the barns. **NO UNLOADING OR LOADING HORSES IN FRONT OF THE BARNs.**
  - d. All horses will be assigned a stall in the horse barns or if the number of entries warrant, in a tent. Stalls will be assigned by the Open Class Horse Superintendent(s). Tack stalls may also be assigned, if available.
  - e. Final Class Order and Exhibitor Numbers will be distributed by 7pm.
3. **Judging Day – Saturday, August 29, starting at 9am.**
  - a. **Classes will NOT run in the order listed below.** Superintendent(s) reserve the right to reorder or combine classes as needed to keep the show running smoothly. Final Class Order will be distributed by 7pm the night before.
  - b. Pleasure classes only; **Gymkhana/Speed classes Sunday** instead of the fun show, weather permitting.
4. **Release Day – Sunday, August 30, starting at 5:30pm.**
  - a. Horses leaving before the announced release time will forfeit all premiums.
  - b. **All stalls must be stripped before leaving. Exhibitors who do not strip their stalls will forfeit all premiums.**
5. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:**
  - a. See WI County, District, & State Fairs 2026 Animal Health Rules and Regulations located on the website.
  - b. Any required health certificates/copies must remain in the Expo office during the fair.
  - c. Any horse showing evidence of a contagious or infectious disease may not be exhibited at the Fair. If at any time any animal shows evidence of a contagious or infectious disease, the animal shall be immediately removed from the fairgrounds by the owner.
6. **Safety & Miscellaneous:**
  - a. **Any horse out of its stall must be attended at all times.**
  - b. Hard-soled shoes or boots with heels are required.
  - c. S.E.I. Approved helmet, with safety harness securely fastened, is required when riding or driving. And are highly recommended for all.

Any exhibitor bringing fewer horses than originally submitted on their fair entry are asked to please contact the superintendent(s) no later than Saturday, August 22.

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## CLASS A: REGISTERED DRAFT BREEDS

### Premiums as Follows (with exceptions noted):

Blue Ribbon - \$11.00      Red Ribbon - \$9.00      White Ribbon - \$7.00      Pink Ribbon - \$5.00

### Lot Numbers:

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|---|--|
| 108. Halter - Mares/Geldings, 2 and Under | 126. Showmanship - Open Draft/Mule/Donkey<br>* Ribbon Only *               |
| 114. Halter - Mares/Geldings 3 and Over   | 133. Riding - Open Draft/Mule/Donkey,<br>Eng/West/Bareback * Ribbon Only * |

## CLASS B: GRADE DRAFT TYPE HORSE/PONIES

### Premiums as Follows (with exceptions noted):

Blue Ribbon - \$11.00      Red Ribbon - \$9.00      White Ribbon - \$7.00      Pink Ribbon - \$5.00

### Lot Numbers:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 109. Halter - Mares/Geldings, 2 and Under | 126. Showmanship - Open Draft/Mule/Donkey<br>* Ribbon Only *               |
| 115. Halter - Mares/Geldings, 3 and Over  | 133. Riding - Open Draft/Mule/Donkey,<br>Eng/West/Bareback * Ribbon Only * |

## CLASS C: DRAFT CARTS/TEAMS/HITCHES

### Premiums as Follows:

Lots 127 & 129:	Blue Ribbon - \$12.00	Red Ribbon - \$10.00	White Ribbon - \$8.00	Pink Ribbon - \$6.00
All Others:	Blue Ribbon - \$16.00	Red Ribbon - \$14.00	White Ribbon - \$12.00	Pink Ribbon - \$10.00

### Lot Numbers:

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| 127. Driving - Single Draft Cart, Women <small>(see Rule 1h)</small> | 140. Driving - Unicorn Hitch     |
| 129. Driving - Single Draft Cart, Men <small>(See Rule 1h)</small>   | 142. Driving - Four-Horse Hitch  |
| 158. Driving - Single Draft Cart Obstacle Driving                    | 146. Driving - Six-Horse Hitch   |
| 136. Driving - Two-Horse Team  | 150. Driving - Eight-Horse Hitch |
| 137. Driving - Team Obstacle Driving                                 |                                  |

## CLASS D: LIGHT HORSES/PONIES

### Premiums as Follows (with exceptions noted):

Blue Ribbon - \$9.00      Red Ribbon - \$8.00      White Ribbon - \$7.00      Pink Ribbon - \$6.00

### Lot Numbers:

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|--|---|
| 105. Halter - Mares/Geldings, English Type,<br>2 and Under | 135. Riding - English Pleasure, Open                            |
| 106. Halter - Mares/Geldings, Western Type,<br>2 and Under | 138. Riding - RESTRICTED Walk/Trot English<br>Equitation        |
| 107. Halter - Mares/Geldings, Pony, 2 and Under            | 139. Riding - English Equitation, Open                          |
| 111. Halter - Mares/Geldings, English Type, 3 and Over     | 144. Riding - RESTRICTED Walk/Trot Western<br>Pleasure          |
| 112. Halter - Mares/Geldings Western Type, 3 and Over      | 145. Riding - Western Pleasure, Open                            |
| 113. Halter - Mares/Geldings, Pony, 3 and Over             | 147. Riding - RESTRICTED Walk/Trot Western<br>Horsemanship      |
| 123. Showmanship - English                                 | 148. Riding - Western Horsemanship, Open                        |
| 124. Showmanship - Western                                 | 151. Riding - Bareback Equitation, Walk/Trot<br>* Ribbon Only * |
| 125. Showmanship - Pony                                    | 154. Gymkhana - Plug Race (Light or Draft Horse)                |
| 131. Lead Line - Youth 10 & Under * Ribbon Only *          | 155. Gymkhana - Barrel Race (Light or Draft Horse)              |
| 128. Driving - Pleasure                                    | 156. Gymkhana - Flag Race (Light or Draft Horse)                |
| 130. Driving - Reinsmanship                                | 157. Gymkhana - Pole Bending (Light or Draft)                   |
| 132. Driving - Obstacle                                    |   |
| 134. Riding - RESTRICTED Walk/Trot English Pleasure        |   |

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## CLASS E: DONKEYS & MULES

### Premiums as Follows (with exceptions noted):

Blue Ribbon - \$9.00

Red Ribbon - \$8.00

White Ribbon - \$7.00

Pink Ribbon - \$6.00

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126. Showmanship - Open Draft/Mule/Donkey  
\* Ribbon Only \*

133. Riding - Open Draft/Mule/Donkey,  
Eng/West/Bareback \* Ribbon Only \*