

Big Thunder DRAFT HORSE SHOW



**January 18-20, 2019
Loveland, CO**

CELEBRATING
15
YEARS



Show Committee

Brian Coleman
Kellie Gardner
Dennis Kuehl
Leroy Leavitt
Raedene Messenger
Jack Taylor
Rachel Befort
Kristen Grave

Show Staff

Judge: Bryan Lynch
Announcer: TBD
Arena Director: TBD

Host Hotel

Official Host Hotel and Local Area Hotel information will be sent with confirmation packets.

RV Camping

Electrical only rv spots are available on-site.
Reservations can be made on the entry form.
20 Amp Plug \$15/night
30 or 50 Amp Plug \$20/night

Shavings & Feed

Please order your shavings on your stalling and entry form through The Ranch.

A price list for additional feed products will be sent with confirmation packets.

PLEASE READ ALL RULES CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING ENTRIES

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY: All exhibitors in the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show will be under the control and direction of the show management, however the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, stolen, destroyed or in any way injured. Every individual, either personally or through their partner, or guardian, who participates in the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show, to any extent whatsoever, does thereby consent, for all purposes, that venue and jurisdiction shall lie in Larimer County, Colorado. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article owned or exhibited by him or her, and shall indemnify the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show against all legal or other proceedings, claims, or demands of any kind or nature, in regard thereto, or that may arise from the negligence of the person in charge or any such animal or article.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

The Show Committee and The Ranch reserve the right to change or modify any rules, regulations, class order or premiums in the best interest of the show at any point in time.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Unsportsmanlike conduct by any exhibitor, trainer, or owner will not be tolerated and any violator will be excused from the arena. Inhumane treatment of the animal in the show arena, warm-up area, stall, runway, or anywhere on the grounds of The Ranch and Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex, or cruelty to or abuse of an animal by any person, is forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Management may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the Show.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A. Out of State Origin

1. A Health Certificate is required and must be turned into the Stalling Office at time of arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days from time of arrival. Horses entering a show will be subject to examination by the State Veterinarian's office upon entry or during said show. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to owner's premises following treatment.

2. Negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa) required and must be turned into Stalling Office at time of stall assignment and must be dated no more than one (1) year prior to date of arrival.

B. Colorado Origin

1. Health Certificate is required and must be turned into Stalling Office at time of arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days prior to date of arrival. Horses entering a show will be subject to examination by the State Veterinarian's office upon entry or during said show. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to owner's premises following treatment.

2. No test required for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa)

SHOW ENTRY GUIDELINES

A separate entry form for each owner **must** be submitted.

All show horses must be Percheron, Belgian, Shire or Clydesdale breeding.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FULLY COMPLETE & POST-MARKED BY ENTRY DEADLINE.

Fully complete requires a completed entry form, stalling form, W-9, and payment.

Entries are accepted in the following forms. Please submit entries to Rachel Befort.

Email: rbefort@larimer.org

Mail: Big Thunder Draft Horse Show
c/o Rachel Befort
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80537

Payments via check are make payable to "The Ranch" in US funds only.

Credit card payment is available by phone or online. Visa or MasterCard accepted

Entries are due and must be postmarked/submitted prior to Nov 5, 2018 for a Six Horse Hitch to qualify for travel money.

Entries not bringing a full six must be postmarked/ submitted prior to Dec. 3, 2018

Any questions may be directed to:
Rachel Befort (970) 619-4014 rbefort@larimer.org

A LIMIT of 14 Six Horse Hitch Entries will be accepted.

Big Thunder accepts entries in the following order:

- Hitches that have shown at the previous year's Big Thunder Draft Horse Show (2018) are honored to return under following requirements:
 - Entry is under same hitch name (owner or company)
 - Entry is postmarked or submitted and paid in full by entry deadline.
- Hitches that did NOT show at Big Thunder the previous year will then be taken in order of postmark or submittal date.
- Entry confirmation will be given shortly after the entry deadline.
- Hitch entries are expected to fill, so submit early.
- Will accept as many entries as possible that are not qualifying for travel money or a full six horse hitch, however the entry deadline does still apply! (*as stalling room and budget allow*)
- A late fee will apply to an entry that is past the entry deadline if there is still room below our limit. Fee TBD by show committee.

CART

CLASSIC

SERIES

Exhibitors who enter in the cart series class *MUST be a Classic Cart Series Member* and must show proof of their cart series membership with their entries. (*copy of your membership*)

NORTH AMERICAN CLASSIC SIX CLASSES

You must be a member of the NASHHCS Series to enter the NASHHCS classes at Big Thunder. If entered, you are required to show in the class both days.

ENTRY FEES AND RULES

An office charge of \$20.00 will be charged. All group/ hitch/teams will be issued **one** number.

-OFFICE CHARGE:	\$20.00
-PERFORMANCE CLASSES (per entry)	\$10.00
-HORSE STALLS (for 4 days of show)	\$50.00
-TACK STALLS (for 4 days of show)	\$40.00
-EARLY ARRIVAL & POST EVENT STALLS: HORSES or TACK (per stall/night)	\$12.50
-EXHIBITOR BADGES** (6 included with hitch entry, 2 included with individual entry)	\$10.00

-ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR BADGES

A limited number of additional badges will be sold in the Show Office. The Show committee reserves the right to limit the number sold per entry.

-EXHIBITOR APPRECIATION MEAL

Tickets are provided with entries (6/ hitch, 4/Four Horse Hitch, 2 per cart or team entry). Additional are available for sale in office in a limited quantity.

-SHOW DRESS CODE

The committee of the BTDHS encourages appropriate dress for climate and weather conditions for handlers and drivers in the ring.

Patent Show Harness, a fifth wheel hitch show wagon, mane rolls and braided tails are required.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FULLY COMPLETE & POSTMARKED BY ENTRY DEADLINE.

Fully complete requires a completed entry form, stalling form, W-9, and payment.

STALL REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL HORSES MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART BETWEEN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9– WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.

-Arrival and Departure dates and times must be stated on your stalling form

-Request for adjoining stalls from different owners must be stated on each owner's entry form. No guarantees on requests.

2. Stall requests will not be accepted without an entry form and payment.

-Every horse is required to be stalled

-Stalls will be assigned for each entry.

-No changes will be permitted without prior consent.

-Stalls are 10'x10' box stalls with hinged doors and solid rubber matting.

-All stall aisles will be matted, unless noted on stall sheet

3. Horses must be under the supervision and care of their owners.

-Please keep all stalls and aisles clean and neat.

-Please dump manure in the designated area outside.

4. Management requests that stall area be decorated.

-It is prohibited to block or partially block any aisle.

FEED AND BEDDING

1. Feed and bedding will be available on grounds through The Ranch.

2. Exhibitors may bring their own bedding, hay and grain.

3. If pre-ordering items through The Ranch, the order form will come in your confirmation packet.

PARKING

1. Exhibitor specific parking lot is located adjacent to stalling area. Exhibitor Parking Permit required and will be mailed with confirmation packet.

- (Weather permitting this will allow hitches to use outside areas and turn around during performances)

Show Schedule

Management reserves the right to cancel or combine classes and revise schedules at its discretion.

**** NEW THIS YEAR-** (2) North American Classic Six Qualifying classes. Please note the schedule changes.

Friday Evening:

Pre-Show- 5:30pm

Men's Cart-Group B
Show Team- Group A

Paid Performance- 6:30pm

Ladies Cart- Group B
Unicorn Hitch-Group A
Entertainment
Four Horse Hitch- Group B
Kids Stick Horse Race
Work Arena- break
North American Classic Six

Saturday Afternoon:

Pre-Show- 1pm

Men's Cart-Group A
Show Team- Group B

Paid Performance- 2pm

Ladies Cart- Group A
Unicorn Hitch-Group B
Entertainment
Four Horse Hitch- Group A
Kids Stick Horse Race
Work Arena- break
North American Classic Six

Sunday Morning:

Farm Teams- 9am

Feed Team Competition
Log Skid Preliminaries
(finals will be during afternoon pre-show)

Sunday Afternoon:

Pre-Show- 1pm:

Log Skid Finals
Cart Classic Series

Paid Performance 2pm:

Amateur Cart
Entertainment
Ladies Team
Kids Stick Horse Race
Working Horse Team Class
Work Arena-break
Eight Horse Hitch

Schedule Notes

Group A/B Determination will be set upon the close of entries by drawing. You will find out which Group you will be in with your exhibitors packet in the Mail following the close of entries.

Thursday Evening- Exhibitor appreciation dinner and sponsor/host match

Friday 3pm- Driver's meeting Indoor Arena bleachers

Group A- 1/2 of the hitches **Group B-** 1/2 of the hitches

Friday Schedule

Pre-Show at **5:30pm**, Show at **6:30pm**

Group A*:

Show Team- Pre Show
Unicorn Hitch
NASHHCS

Group B*:

Men's Cart- Pre Show
Ladies Cart
Four Horse Hitch
NASHHCS

Saturday Schedule

Pre-Show **1pm**, Show at **2pm**

Group A*:

Men's Cart- Pre Show
Ladies Cart
Four Horse Hitch
NASHHCS

Group B*:

Show Team- Pre-Show
Unicorn Hitch
NASHHCS

Sunday Schedule

There will be no group division
Pre-show **1pm**, Show at **2pm**

NACS Six Horse

-You must enter both NACS classes Friday and Saturday.

RULES TO QUALIFY FOR PURSE/TRAVEL MONEY

Big Thunder is limited to 14 hitches entered by date of entry for the guaranteed \$1850.00 travel money. The show committee will review all other entries for an invitation to participate based on the availability of stalls and budget.

Qualifying rules for the \$1850 Purse/travel money are as follows:

1. You must drive the NACS Six Horse Friday and Saturday. This will count as 2 classes towards the requirement.
2. We encourage entry in all of the following classes, but you must drive six of the ten following classes.

Mens Cart	Show Team	Unicorn
Ladies Cart	Ladies Team	Four
Cart Classic Series	NACS Six-Fri	NACS Six-Sat
Eight Horse		

The above classes will have an added purse of \$50-1st place, \$35-2nd place, \$25-3rd place (Eight and NACS Six excluded)

3. Failure to drive six of the ten classes will require a 'vet out' and a reduction in the purse/travel money as follows:
 - If you drive 5 of the classes you will receive \$1250
 - If you drive 4 of the classes you will receive \$750
 - If you drive 3 or less you will receive no money.

Amateur Cart Class - \$200 purse - Driver cannot have driven any other class at the current Big Thunder Show. (class does not qualify for the travel money)

Classic Cart Series Class- \$1,000.00 purse split on a scale between Top Ten Placings (or number of entries if less than 10)

North American Classic Six Horse Hitch - \$2500 purse Friday, \$2500 purse Saturday. Prize money for each class will be scaled based on placings. Each entry will receive a payout for each class entered.

Eight Horse Hitch Drive - \$2000 purse

Scratches in any class will not qualify for purse money.

Not Bringing A Six Horse Hitch?

Individual Entries are welcomed at Big Thunder.

All classes are open for entry including:
These classes you will be assigned a group with all entries

Cart Classes
Team Classes
Cart Classic Series
Unicorn
Four Horse

Additional options include classes on Sunday:

Amateur Cart Class - \$200 purse - Driver cannot have driven any other class at the 2018 Big Thunder Show

Working Horse Team Class- \$400 purse- working team on the rail, must be driving a 4 wheeled vehicle. No farm implements allowed.

Feed Team Race- \$200 purse

Log Skid Competition- \$200 purse

Farm Teams Have Separate Premiun Book and Entry Forms

High Point Award is Given to the hitch with the highest average in all classes including the 8 Horse Hitch.

Awards are given for **“Best Shod”, “Best Man Driver” and “Best Lady Driver”**- determined by the Judge.

A **“People’s Choice Award”** will be chosen during the show each day by the crowd. The voting deadline will be in the next to last class, and the award given during the last class of the day.

Calling All
Draft Horse
Supporters!

Hitch Sponsorship Opportunities

The Hitch Sponsorship for Big Thunder Draft horse show is as follows- so please reach out to Rachel Befort if you, or someone you do business with, or a friend would be interested in supporting the show by way of being a hitch sponsor!

Individual Hitch Sponsor

On-site Exposure

Banner to be displayed on tailgate of hitch

Banner to be displayed on stalls of hitch

Name mentioned during each event sponsored hitch competes in. *"Next to compete, ABC hitch presented by Company Name"*

Hospitality

Invitation for photo opportunity if hitch wins Six Horse Hitch Class (one each day)

Invitation to ride out of the arena on wagon after hitches are placed during the Six horse hitch class on Sunday

Invitation to Meet N Greet BBQ on Thursday to be introduced to sponsored hitch

\$500 Sponsor Value

Please contact Rachel Befort
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