

# Big Thunder DRAFT HORSE SHOW



**January 18-20, 2019**  
**Loveland, CO**  
***Farm Team Classes***

CELEBRATING  
**15**  
YEARS



## **Show Committee**

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

## **Show Staff**

**Judge:** Brian Lynch  
**Announcer:** Lisa Graham  
**Ring Steward:** Tom Walsh

## **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 hereby 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](mailto: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 Dec 3, 2018**

A \$75 late fee will apply to an entry that is past the entry deadline if there is still room below our limit.

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

## 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
-FARM TEAM LOG SKID (Prelim & Finals)	\$20.00
-FARM FEED TEAM	\$15.00
-HORSE STALLS (for 4 days of show)	\$50.00
-TACK STALLS (for 4 days of show)	\$40.00
-EXHIBITOR BADGES** (2 included with individual/farm team 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 BT DHS encourages appropriate dress for climate and weather conditions for handlers and drivers in the ring.

Non-Farm Team classes- Patent Show Harness, a fifth wheel hitch show wagon, mane rolls and braided tails are required.

### -INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

These classes you will be assigned a group with all entries:  
Cart Classes, Team Classes, Cart Classic Series,  
Unicorn & Four Horse,

### Sunday Classes:

Amateur Cart Class, Working Horse Team, Feed Team, Log Skid Competition

## 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– 8am

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.

**NO CHECK-IN OR ARRIVALS DURING PERFORMANCE TIMES! THE SHOW OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED. PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE BEFORE ARRIVING AS THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!**

## PURSE MONEY

**Cart, Team, Unicorn & Four** classes will have an added purse of \$50-1st place, \$35-2nd place, \$25-3rd place

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

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

**Working Horse Team Class**– \$200 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

Scratches in any class will not qualify for purse money.

# 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

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