

2026 Calgary Stampede Heavy Horse Show

Special attention is called to the following Calgary Stampede rules and regulations for all equine competitions:

- a. [Calgary Stampede Agriculture General Rules](#)
- b. [Health Regulations](#)
- c. [IAFE Code of Ethics](#)
- d. [Animal Care Codes of Practice](#)
- e. [Calgary Stampede Equine Therapeutic Medication Rules](#)

Registration Papers:

- All horses with the exception of foals and grade horses must be accompanied by registration papers.
- **Copies of registration papers must be uploaded with entry.**
- **THE ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPER OR A NOTARIZED COPY MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR PEDIGREE CHECKING. See Rule #6**

***NOTE:** Hitches must enter and show in the appropriate divisional six-horse hitch class to be eligible for entry in the World Championship Six Horse Hitch class.

North American Six Horse Hitch Classic Series (NASHHCS):

- Membership in the NASHHCS is required in order to compete in the Six-Horse Hitch. For those who do not hold a current NASHHCS membership, the Calgary Stampede will deduct the membership fee from any prize money won.
- All Classic Series classes will be placed from top to bottom, assigning places and points to each entry.
- Youth cart entries – Membership in the NASHHCS is required in order to be eligible to accumulate points in the Youth Cart Series. Youth Cart Members will follow existing rules and age groups established by the Calgary Stampede.
- Classic Halter Series Classes – NASHHCS membership is not required to compete in a designated Classic Halter Series class at the Calgary Stampede Heavy Horse Show, but no points will accumulate for non-members.

Stalls must be ordered with the class entries. All stalling will be subject to available space. All Heavy Horse Show Stalling will be in the Agriculture Barn. Shavings will be provided. Tack stalls will be given last priority. Refunds will be issued for any paid stalls that cannot be accommodated.

- Due to space limitations, the committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries to the show. The selection committee's decision is final.

General Rules:

1. **Conduct by an exhibitor, trainer, owner, immediate family member or crew member of an unsportsmanlike, abusive or detrimental nature will not be tolerated by the show management, including but not limited to threatening or intimidating conduct, physical, verbal or written toward any show official, volunteer, fellow exhibitor or staff. Any person(s) guilty of such conduct should be reported immediately to show management. CS Officials (show management) may suspend the offender for the duration of the show and all prize money and awards may be withheld.**
2. Animals shall be presented to show events free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes regulation and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on Stampede Park, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by the Official Stampede Veterinarian or Accredited Veterinarian.
3. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, appearance. Except external applications of substance to the hoofs of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
4. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

5. Heavy Horse exhibitors are responsible to carry their own liability insurance (see Liability - General Rules).
6. The official breeds of the Calgary Stampede Heavy Horse Show are Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons and Shires. Any other heavy horse breed that wishes to enter must be approved by the Horse Show Committee and Calgary Stampede Management.
7. The age of horses shall date from January 1 of the year in which they are foaled. No stallion, two years of age or older, may be exhibited unless he has two testicles down and showing. Stallions may be examined by the Official Stampede Veterinarian or an Accredited Veterinarian at the discretion of the Horse Show Committee.
8. All horses must be owned by and registered as a purebred in the name of the exhibitor, or accompanied by a lease registered in the name of the exhibitor. A copy of the registration papers must be uploaded with entry. The original registration paper(s) or an original notarized copy must be presented during pedigree checks to be eligible to show.
Note: Copies that are not notarized will not be accepted.
***Shire yearling, and two year old stallions require a Certificate of Notification to comply with these requirements. Grade B Shire mares will be accepted in Shire Breeding classes with notarized registration and compliance with SHS, and ASHA rules.*
9. No registered female can be shown as a grade mare.
10. Brood Mare – The exhibitor is required to show a mare visibly nursing a current year foal or provide the registration paper for its current year's foal.
11. All foals must be exhibited on the halter. Mares may accompany foals into the ring if desired by the exhibitor.
12. Get of One Sire – Three animals, any age, the get of one sire. The registered name and number of the sire must appear on the entry form at the time of entry. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor and registered as a purebred in the exhibitor's name. Multiple entries are accepted. **Registered Geldings are eligible.**
13. Progeny of One Dam – Two animals of any age, the progeny of one dam. The registered name and number of the dam must appear on the entry form at the time of entry. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section. Both animals must be owned by the exhibitor and registered as a purebred in the exhibitor's name. Multiple entries accepted. **Registered Geldings are eligible.**

14. Breeders Group (stallion & three mares) – Each animal must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section. Only one entry per exhibitor permitted.
15. Cross entries between Registered Mare Hitch classes and Open Hitch classes will NOT be permitted.
16. World Six Horse Hitch – In order to be eligible to compete in the World Six Horse Hitch Class you must have competed in either the Friday night All Breed Six Horse or Saturday night All Breed Six Horse Hitch class.
17. Ladies Cart – Drivers must be 18 years or older as of show day.
18. Men's Cart – Drivers must be 18 years or older as of show day.
19. No driver cross entries may be made between the Men's cart class and a Youth cart class.
20. No driver cross entries may be made between Ladies team/cart classes with Youth team/cart classes.
21. Youth Halter Classes – Junior ages 9 – 11, Intermediate ages 12-14, and Senior 15-18, as of January 1st of the current show year.
22. Youth Driving Classes – Junior ages 9 – 14, and Senior 15-18, as of January 1st of the current show year.
23. Youth Driving Classes – The driver in a Junior team or cart class (9-14 years old), must be accompanied by an adult. The driver in the Senior team or cart class (15-18 years old), has the option of being accompanied by an adult. Any attendant must be correctly attired for the class in question.
24. The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to ask for proof of age of the exhibitor at any time.
25. No stallion may be shown in any youth class.
26. Supreme Team class will consist of 1st and 2nd placed All Breeds Teams of Registered Mares, and 1st and 2nd placed All Breeds Teams of Geldings.
27. Judging - Exhibitors must ascertain at what time judging will take place; and no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judges have overlooked exhibits, will be considered by the Calgary Stampede.
28. An exhibitor lodging a protest must submit it in writing to the Agriculture Administration Department before 10:00 a.m. the day following the cause of protest, and a receipt must be obtained. A protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500 which shall be forfeited to the Calgary Stampede, if the said protest is unsuccessful.

29. Time of Showing - The Heavy Horse Show schedule will be published on the official CS Heavy Horse Show website. Exhibitors are required to act accordingly. Any animals not presented in the ring at the time the class is called, will be barred from showing in that class. Courtesy barn runners may be present but are not responsible for exhibitors to be on time for classes. **There will be no gate holds. Please reference the class schedule when determining your entries to ensure you have no conflicts with times and are able to make the classes you entered.**
30. A chaser may accompany the exhibitor in halter classes at the exhibitor's discretion. The chaser is permitted to use an appropriate show stick, not exceeding six feet in length, to aid the exhibitor and enhance the performance of the horse. However, the use of excessive force is strictly prohibited. The chaser is not to make use of a whip to touch the horse in any manner. If such behavior occurs, the official ring steward has the authority to remove the exhibitor's entry from the class. The exhibitor may still use a show stick, provided it does not exceed three feet in length. No whip poppers are permitted in any portion of the Heavy Horse Show by any individual or team at any time.
31. The role of the official ring steward is to assist in the production and safety of the Heavy Horse Show. It is not the responsibility of the official ring steward to assist in the performance of the horses.
32. All costumes in the costume class must be safe and the Heavy Horse Committee reserves the right to dismiss or refuse any entry it considers unsafe.
33. It is the tradition of the show ring that exhibitors, chasers and attendants be correctly attired for the class in question, and horses properly presented. The Calgary Stampede and Horse Show Committee may at its discretion restrict any entry or person from entering the show ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. **No Work Clothes will be allowed in the show ring.**
34. Please indicate stable requirements on the entry form. Every effort will be made to comply with all reasonable requests. Stall fees must be paid in full with the entry. Due to animal care code practices, please indicate how many horses you are bringing to the show.
35. Exhibitors cancelling their entries shall forfeit their entry fee, except when a certificate of disability is issued by a qualified veterinarian or medical doctor. **A completed SCRATCH FORM and Certificate of Disability must be received at the Agriculture Entries Office by June 25, 2026 in order to receive the entry fee refund.**
36. The release of any Heavy Horses from the Agriculture Building must be approved and pre-arranged with the Heavy Horse Show Barn Boss.
37. The Calgary Stampede Horse Show Committee and Stampede Officials shall in their sole and unfettered discretion have the right at any time to add, delete, modify,

waive or interpret a Rule or Rules in order to clarify or address a circumstance or action not previously outlined or contemplated in the existing Heavy Horse Show Rules or as Stampede Officials may deem appropriate for the betterment of the competition in their sole and unfettered discretion.