



DATE: June 7, 2011  
TO: Potential Horse Pullers  
FROM: State Fair Office – Cassie Kraft  
RE: Invitation / Rules for 2011 State Fair Horse and Pony Pull

The 2011 North Dakota State Fair will again feature the Horse and Pony Pulling Contest. The Pony Pull Contest will be on Saturday, July 23rd at 3:00 pm. The Horse Pulling Contest will be on Sunday, July 24th at 5:00 pm. If additional entry forms are needed, please make photo copies.

**This contest is being conducted under rules established by the North Dakota State Fair.**

**ENTRY FORMS:**

Entries must be received **by July 11, 2011**. Each person is only permitted to have up to two teams. ONE DAILY ADMISSION TICKET WILL BE FURNISHED PER TEAMSTER, **only if** we receive your entry by **July 11, 2011**. If you pull both events make sure that you receive admission tickets for both days. Entries will be accepted the day of the pulling contest, but admission tickets will not be furnished.

**FEE:** \$50 Per Team – Horse Pull; \$35 Per Team – Pony Pull. (Payable to: NDSF)

**PREMIUMS:**

Cash awards will be given from first to sixth place in the *two classes of the Horse Pull* and from first to seventh place in *one class of the Pony Pull*. The following illustrates the payout structure to be used:

**Horse Pull**

First -----	\$500	Sixth -----	\$200
Second -----	\$400	Seventh-----	\$150
Third -----	\$350	Eight-----	\$125
Fourth -----	\$300	Ninth-----	\$100
Fifth -----	\$250		

**Pony Pull**

First -----	\$350	Sixth -----	\$175
Second -----	\$300	Seventh-----	\$150
Third -----	\$250	Eight-----	\$125
Fourth -----	\$225	Ninth-----	\$100
Fifth -----	\$200		

The North Dakota State Fair will only be paying teamsters who place in the above positions.

**TROPHIES/PLAQUES:**

Horse Pull – 1<sup>st</sup> Place to Team in Percentage, Dead Weight Pull and Best Teamster Award.

Pony Pull – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team in Percentage and Best Teamster Award.

*Best Teamster Award will be determined from score sheets given to audience. Criteria enclosed.*

**STALLS FOR HORSES AVAILABLE:**

Hay and bedding are available at the State Fair for a nominal fee. **Teamster should make arrangements for a stall with Carla Evenson at 701-721-9132 in advance. All Horses will need to be out of their stalls by Monday, July 25 at 10am.**

**WEIGHING ON SITE:**

The ponies will be weighed Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Horses will be weighed on Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 10:00 am to 11 a.m. Weighing will take place at the Draft Horse Barn. **JUDGES WILL BE PRESENT DURING WEIGHING.** A horse pullers meeting will take place after the horses weigh in on Sunday at 12:00 noon in the Barn. All horse pullers are encouraged to attend.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR  
HORSE AND PONY PULL 2011  
RULES**

1. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE IS FINAL!**
2. The required distance to pull is 20 feet. A team must complete the 20 ft. pull to be allowed to pull the next round. The pulling lane will be 16 ft. wide marked by ropes. If a horse steps on or over a rope, the driver will lose that attempt.
3. The team will receive credit for all the inches they pull during an attempt as long as they do not foul. If they foul during an attempt, no credit will be given for that attempt and once the skid stops the judges will reset the measuring stakes accordingly.
4. A driver has three (3) minutes from the time he enters the pulling lane to hook up and complete the pull. Within the three minutes, he may have three (3) attempts to pull through the required distance.
5. The judges will decide when bumping or jerking is severe enough to warrant a loss of pull or disqualification.
6. A driver has the option to unhook and walk his team once during a pull. If the driver unhooks after the first attempt, he forfeits his second. The pull must be completed on the next attempt, or the partial pull formula will apply.
7. –PERCENTAGE PULL- The team that pulls the highest percentage, compared to the team's weight, will be the winner. Teams must pull at least 100% to be eligible for prize money.
8. –DEAD WEIGHT PULL- Pullers may decide which class they want to pull in. Both classes will pull at the same time. Heavies will start pulling at 4500# or whatever weight is decided at the pullers meeting.
9. The teamster may ride the skid or walk beside it at his/her own discretion.
10. All teams entered in the percentage pull, weighing under 2900#, will be figured from 2900#. **ALL** teams must be weighed before the pull at a pre-designated site and time. All teams are weighed on the same scale. No substitutions after teams are weighed.
11. No abusive treatment of horses. There will be no profane language, prods, or slapping used by the drivers or hookers.

12. A driver is allowed two (2) hookers. Teamster and hookers must stay behind the evener at all times. Hookers are not allowed to help the team in any way, except in case of an emergency.
13. No puller will be allowed to change drivers while he is participating in the contest unless he is sick or injured.
14. The course will be maintained as well as possible so all teams will have the same conditions to pull. Judges reserve the right to modify the rules or to alter the pull as pulling conditions change or as safety warrants.
15. Each team will have the option one (1) time during the contest to choose the direction they wish to pull the skid. If the judges rule that there is not sufficient room to complete the pull in that direction they may not allow the switch.
16. No team of horses shall be tied together with ropes, neck yolks, extra straps, or anything other than lines while participating in a contest.
17. No person may administer a drug to a horse, either internally or externally, for the purpose of altering the performance of the horse in the contest.
18. Persons in charge may require that the exhibitor submit his horses for examination by a licensed veterinarian to determine the presence of drugs. If the vet determines that the horse(s) have received performance altering drugs, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the contest, forfeit any prize money, and barred from competition for one year.
19. The committee reserves the right to make necessary changes to the rules. If changes are necessary, they will be announced.
20. Only two (2) teams permitted per person.

### **PONY PULL**

1. A full pull distance is 10 feet.
2. A team may unhook two (2) times to complete a pull.

**TEAMS MUST BE UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.**

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