

# 14th Annual



*Loveland, CO*  
*Jan 12-14, 2018*

*Presented by:*



## **2018 Show Committee:**

Brian Coleman  
Kellie Gardner  
Dennis Kuehl  
Leroy Leavitt  
Raedene Messenger  
Abby Powell  
Jack Taylor

**Judge:** Cal Lipsett

**Announcer:** Lisa Banga Graham

## **Host Hotel:**

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

**RV Electric Only Hook-Ups** are Available on Grounds:

20 Amp Plug \$15/night

30 or 50 Amp Plug \$20/night

## **Stall Bedding**

Please order your bedding of stalls 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  
MAKING ENTRIES:**

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

**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:**

There **must** be a separate entry form for each owner.

For this show all horses must be Percheron, Belgian, Shire or Clydesdale breeding.

There shall be one check made payable to "The Ranch", made payable in US funds only!

Credit Card payment is available by phone- Visa or MasterCard- Abby @ 970-619-4003

**Any questions may be directed to:  
Abby Powell @ The Ranch- (970) 619-4003**

**\*\*\*ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FULLY COMPLETE IN OFFICE BY ENTRY DEADLINE. Fully complete means that we have a completed entry form, stalling form, W-9, and payment**

Entries are accepted in the following forms:

- by fax or email with a credit card over the phone.  
Fax: 970-619-4001 or email apowell@larimer.org

-by mail: Big Thunder Draft Horse Show  
c/o Abby Powell  
5280 Arena Circle  
Loveland, CO 80537

**Entries are due and must be postmarked prior to Nov 6, 2017 for a Six Horse Hitch to qualify for travel money.**

**Entries not bringing a full six must be post-marked prior to Dec. 1, 2017**

A LIMIT of 14 Six Horse Hitch Entries will be taken. Big Thunder accepts entries in the following order:

- Hitches that have shown at the previous Big Thunder Draft Horse Show (2017) are honored to return under following requirements:
  - Entry is under same hitch name (owner or company)
  - Entry is postmarked or fax/emailed and paid in full by entry deadline.
- Hitches that have NOT shown at Big Thunder in 2017 will then be taken in order of postmark or fax/email date.
- Entry confirmation will be given shortly after the entry deadline.
- Hitches entries are expected to fill, so get yours in 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 NACS Series to enter the NACS classes at Big Thunder. If you are not a member you may enter the Open Six that will be run consecutively and placed on a separate card, given separate prize money.

NACS Prize money of \$2500/class will be split evenly between all entries on Friday, Saturday will be scaled based on placings.

## 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 STALLS: HORSES or TACK (per stall/night)	\$10.00
-TWO NIGHTS BETWEEN BTDH AND NWSS (per stall)	\$25.00
-EXHIBITOR BADGES** (** 6 included free with hitch, 2 with individual entry)	\$10.00

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.

\*\*EXTRA EXHIBITOR BADGES are sold at the show and are limited in quantity. The Show committee reserves the right to limit the number sold per entry.

Thursday Exhibitor Appreciation meal tickets are provided in entries (6/ hitch, 4/Four Horse Hitch, 2 per cart or team entry), additional are available for sale in office in a limited quantity.

Entries are also accepted by fax or email with a credit card over the phone.

Fax: 970-619-4001 or email [apowell@larimer.org](mailto:apowell@larimer.org)

**\*\*\*ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FULLY COMPLETE IN OFFICE BY ENTRY DEADLINE. Fully complete means that we have a completed entry form, stalling form, W-9, and payment**

## STALL REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL HORSES MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART WITHIN JANUARY 1 thru 17th. Thank you for your cooperation!

-Arrival and Departure dates and times must be stated on your stalling form, (early arrival Jan 1)

-Request for adjoining stalls from different owners must be stated on each owner's entry form.

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

-Every horse is required to have a stall.

-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.

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 with Decorations.

## 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 Only parking lot is located adjacent to stalling area with Exhibitor Parking Permit required.

- (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- WE WILL HAVE TWO** North American Classic Six Qualifying classes. Please note the schedule changes accordingly.

### 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- TBA  
Four Horse Hitch- *Group B*  
Kids Stick Horse Race  
Work Arena- break

North American Classic Six  
*Run consecutively with*  
Open Six Horse Hitch

### 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- TBA  
Four Horse Hitch- *Group A*  
Kids Stick Horse Race  
Work Arena- break

North American Classic Six  
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### 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- TBA  
Ladies Team  
Kids Stick Horse Race  
Working Horse Team Class  
Work Arena-break  
Eight Horse Hitch

## Schedule Notes:

*\*Group 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 6pm-** Exhibitor appreciation dinner and sponsor/host match

**Friday Afternoon-** Driver's Meeting in stands of Indoor Arena- 3:00pm

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

**Friday's** Schedule is as follows:

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

Group A\*:

Show Team- Pre Show  
Unicorn Hitch  
NACS Six/ Open Six

Group B\*:

Men's Cart- Pre Show  
Ladies Cart  
Four Horse Hitch  
NACS Six/ Open Six Horse

**Saturday's** Schedule is as follows:

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

Group A\*:

Men's Cart- Pre Show  
Ladies Cart  
Four Horse Hitch  
NACS Six/ Open Six

Group B\*:

Show Team- Pre-Show  
Unicorn Hitch  
NACS Six/ Open Six

**Sunday-** There will be no group division, pre-show class at **1pm**, show begins at **2pm**

### **NACS Six & Open Six Run Consecutively:**

-You may enter one or both classes, they will be run in the ring at the same time and the single judge will have two cards. Those entered in NACS class will be placed on their card. Those entered in Open Six will be placed on a separate card. You must be a NACS member to enter the NACS class.

## RULES TO QUALIFY FOR PURSE/TRAVEL

The Big Thunder Show is limited to the first 14 hitches entered by date of entry for the guaranteed \$1850.00. 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 OR the Open Six horse hitch class on Friday and Saturday.
2. We encourage you to enter all nine of these classes, but you must drive six of the nine following classes.

Mens Cart	Show Team	Unicorn
Ladies Cart	Ladies Team	Four
Cart Classic Series	NACS Six or Open Six Horse	
Eight Horse		

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

3. Failure to drive six of the above mentioned classes (including the six) 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 2018 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 Drive** - \$2500 purse on Friday, \$2500 purse on Saturday. *Friday night purse will be split evenly between all entries. Saturday will be scaled on placings.*

**Eight Horse Hitch Drive** - \$2000 purse

## Not Bringing A Six Horse Hitch?

Individual Entries are Welcome and Appreciated at our show: 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 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.