



The Colorado Draft Horse Classic –

Dear Draft Horse Exhibitors and Enthusiasts:

We are pleased to announce the 8th annual COLORADO DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC.

As many if you already know, we modified our show last year in response the changes in the economy. This proved successful and we are continuing the format this year at the Garfield County Fairgrounds, Rifle, Colorado, with a few minor modifications.

Most importantly for several of you, the show will include a regional Shire Association show on Saturday, September 5th, with halter and cart classes. Our judge will be Barry Castagnasso of Hayden, CO, a 5th-generation Clydesdale breeder.

The open part of this year's show will be held on Sunday, September 6th. The show will feature farm classes and a few "fun" driving and riding classes but no formal hitch classes. No braiding, no shoes required, fancy harness allowed but won't count for anything! Saturday evening will again showcase the pulling contest.

We will be paying premiums based on a sliding scale related to the distance traveled with a team or horse and the number of classes completed. We anticipate that teams from the Front Range will receive around \$300 if they compete in at least four classes with a team. Western Slope teams will receive less, in accord with shorter travel distances, but still more than enough to cover your travel expenses. Single horse premiums will also be pro-rated by distance and classes completed. Gypsy horses, ponies, minis, and light horses are also invited to participate in the appropriate classes. Entry fees will be \$15 / class if you pre-enter (\$20 / class for day-of-show entries), and stalls are \$15 / stall / night or \$30 for the show. Trailer parking will be available at the fairgrounds; there is a \$15 fee if you show from your trailer.

All exhibitors **must** be members of the Colorado Draft Horse Association, either at-large or as a member of one of the chapters. If the current CDHA membership list does not show you as a member, please download an application from the CDHA website and send it in before the show. If one of your crew is not a member of your family or an employee of your horse business, and is not a member of CDHA in their own right, please be sure they also join prior to the show.

A class list and TENTATIVE show schedule are included in this packet along with entry forms and release waivers.

When sending in your entry forms, please include a write-up (all exhibitors -- see form enclosed) about your operation. We plan to use exhibitor photos on our website (with photo credits), and will give the written information to the announcer. We want to give you, the exhibitor, as much publicity as we can.

We're still working on group rates at several local motels – check the website for updates soon, or give one of us a call for more information.

Camping is permitted on the fairgrounds, but there are no hook-ups of any kind, so plan ahead. Showers are available on the fairgrounds.

Please feel free to contact us for more information:

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Check out our website at www.codraffhorseclassic.com for new and up-to-the-minute information.

TENTATIVE Schedule

Saturday, September 5
1:30 p.m. – Regional Shire Show

- S1. Weanling colts
- S2. One- and Two-year-old colts
- S3. Three-year-old and over stallions
- S4. Weanling fillies
- S5. One- and Two-year-old fillies
- S6. Three-year-old and over yeld mares
- S7. Three-year-old and over brood mares
- S8. Two-year-old and under gelding
- S9. Three-year-old and over gelding
- S10. Mare and foal
- S11. Produce of dam
- S12. Get of sire
(30-minute break)
- S13. Junior cart
- S14. Ladies cart
- S15. Men's cart

Pulling Contest (approx. 7 p.m.)

Sunday, September 6th
Noon – Open Show

(Note: Day-of-show entries close 11am!)

- 1. Heavy Horse Costume Class
- 2. Single Horse to cart or forecart
- 3. Draft Gambler's Choice Obstacle (single)
- 4. Light Horse Single Obstacle
- 5. Farm Team Obstacle Class
- 6. Light Horse Pair Obstacle
- 7. Farm Team
- 8. Farm Team Log Skid
- 9. Heavy Horse Bareback, Walk / Trot
- 10 Heavy Horse Barrel Race
- 11 Heavy Horse Egg & Spoon Race
- 12 Feed Team Race
- 13 Century Feed Team Race (ages of driver and swamper must add up to at least 100!)

Remember that it's just a fun day – with premiums!



Information for our exhibitors:

1) **Health requirements:** Out of state horses are required to have a health certificate dated less than 30 days before you leave, and a negative Coggins test within the last 12 months. See notes below for special requirements for horses coming from states where vesicular stomatitis virus (VS or VSV) has been diagnosed this year. If your state has brand inspections, you must bring a brand inspection for each animal.

2) **Vesicular stomatitis:** VS is a viral disease most often found in the arid parts of the Southwest during the summer. This year three equine cases have been reported in Colorado, all in the southwest part of the state. All animals arriving at the fairgrounds will be examined by the show veterinarian before being allowed to unload. Animals arriving from (or which have transited) states in which VS has been diagnosed this year (including Colorado) should have the following statement on their health certificate, which should have been issued within 48 hours of departure for the show: "The horses represented on this health certificate have no signs of VSV, and animals at the premises of origin has been examined and no signs of VSV were noted." This is a *recommendation* for shows, not a requirement, and the veterinarian for this week's Garfield County Fair, who is also our show veterinarian, says the fair will not turn away horses without that statement or with an earlier (more than 48 hours but less than 30 days) health certificate. We expect to follow the same protocol.

It is also recommended that you use insect repellent, particularly around the horse's head, and that you avoid using common water sources such as large water tanks (there are none at the fairgrounds). At this point we have no entrants coming from counties where VS has been diagnosed.

Out of state participants should check with your state's animal health officials to determine the requirements for their horses' return to that state. (Your vet can call your state veterinarian.) As of 8/6/05, most states with any restriction at all simply require a new health certificate with their specific wording, and our show vet will be able to provide you with that. No state is requiring any sort of quarantine long as you have that. Additional information can be found at the website of the Colorado Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, www.ag.state.co.us/animals. (Note that the link from that page to the USDA site goes to 2004 information, but there is a link on the 2004 USDA page to 2005 information.)

(Shire exhibitors should note that when the national show was held at Pueblo in 1995 there was a major outbreak of VS in Colorado *including* Pueblo County, and the same protocols were followed. It was not a problem for out-of-state Shire exhibitors then or in the other years when there were smaller outbreaks.)

3) **Bedding:** Shavings will be available at \$5 / bale beginning Friday morning. If you would like to have your shavings delivered to your stalls prior to your arrival, send a check to CDHC at P.O. Box 957, Silt, CO 81652 with a note indicating the approximate time you plan to arrive.

4) **Checking in:** When you arrive at the fairgrounds, please check in at the show office (located under the grandstand with a sign with the CDHC mountain logo next to the door) for your stall assignments.

5) **Motels:** If you don't have reservations yet, you may find that all the motels where we had blocks reserved are completely full. There are two motels in Parachute (15 mi. W of Rifle), the Super 8 (970-285-7936) and a Holiday Inn Express (so new it isn't in the phone book). There are also numerous motels in Glenwood Springs (26 mi. E of Rifle).

We're looking forward to seeing you at the show!

The CDHC Committee

2009 Colorado Draft Horse Classic Entry Form

September 5 - 6, 2009

Open Classes (Sunday, September 6)

Farm Name (Owner) _____ SS# or Fed ID # _____

Entry # (Office use)	Class Number	Owner (if different from above, provide SS#)	Name(s) of Horse(s) (Must be listed)	Driver or Rider (Must be listed)	Entry Fee

of Entries: _____ X \$15 each (**See Note B below.**) = _____

of Shire Class Entries: _____ X \$15 each = _____

of Box Stalls @ \$30 for show _____ X \$30 = _____
(Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights)

of Box Stalls @ \$15/night _____ X \$15 = _____

Specify which night _____

(Tack and feed stalls are available at the same rate as box stalls; include above.)

Trailer-in fee, no overnight stays (\$15 / entry) = _____

Note: All entries must choose either box stalls or trailer-in fee.)

Total: _____

Note B: Day-of Show entries \$20 / class. Day-of-show entries close at 11 a.m. Sunday.

If you have a preference on location or neighbors, please note: _____

Stall cleaning fee @ \$15 / stall (all stalls!) _____

(Include a separate check for this amount; it will be returned to you after the show if stalls are left clean.)

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Farm / Ranch Name: _____

Owner(s) Name(s): _____ Soc. Sec #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State / ZIP: _____

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

Contact phone in Rifle: _____ e-mail _____

Total # of horses / mules entered: _____ American Cream Belgian Clydesdale Gypsy
 Mule Percheron Shire Suffolk Grade Light horse (breed _____) Pony/mini

Release Form

I, _____ (Exhibitor and / or Owner), hereby release and hold harmless CDHC, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and the City of Rifle and the County of Garfield, against any and all loss, claims, costs and /or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, resulting from any loss, claim or legal action of any nature whatsoever, whether or not reduced to a judgement, and for any liability of any nature whatsoever that may arise against the CDHC as a result of the operation and / or the use of the premises, including any acts of the Exhibitor and / or Owner, its agents, employees, representatives, or invitees, or in connection with any of the rights or privileges granted by CDHC to Exhibitor and / or Owner in this agreement and entry form, including any actions, liability claim or suit, including any claim or suit based upon the intentional, unintentional, or negligent acts of the Exhibitor and / or Owner, its agents, employees, or invitees. Exhibitor and / or Owner will not be obligated to indemnify, defend or hold CDHC harmless from any claim or demand which arises solely from the negligent act of or failure to act by CDHC, its officers or employees. Exhibitor and / or Owner will be responsible for and pay for damages to CDHC or Garfield County premises, facilities, or equipment caused by Exhibitor, Owner, their employees, associates and / or agents for all activities of Exhibitor while on the premises of CDHC and Garfield County.

WARNING: Under Colorado law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities, resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Section 1321-119 C.R.S.

Junior (Minor) Exhibitor consent: For all exhibitors 18 years and under the consent form below must be completed and signed; no entry by a junior exhibitor will be accepted without it! I hereby consent to the entry of my child in this horse show and acknowledge that I have read the liability release above and agree to the applicable terms, conditions, waivers and consent as set forth herein, and accept responsibility for the participation of said Junior (Minor) exhibitor.

Name of Junior: _____

Name of Junior: _____

Birthdate: ___/___/___ Age: _____

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Signature _____

Signature: _____

(Parent or Guardian) Date ___/___/___

(Parent or Guardian) Date: ___/___/___

Signature of Exhibitor / Owner / Agent: _____

By signing, I certify that I have read and understood the above Release Statement. Date: ___/___/___

Please note: Entry fees, stall fees, and stall cleaning fees must accompany entry!

Notes for show manager:

Make checks payable to Colorado Draft Horse Classic (CDHC) and mail to P.O. Box 957, Silt, CO
81652 or fax to 970-625-8636 (entry checks must be mailed by deadline).
Entries must be received or postmarked by Friday, August 28, 2009!

Office Use: Entry fees Stall fees Stall cleaning fees Date / postmark _____
 Check or M.O. # _____ Received by: _____

2009 Regional Shire Show Entry Form September 5, 2009

Shire-Only Classes (Use Open Show Entry Form for those classes)

Recorded owner(s) _____

(Use a separate form for each ownership as recorded in the ASHA stud book. If entering based on CSHA or SHS papers, include a copy of *all* pages of registration with entry form.)

Halter Classes: (All horses, **including geldings**, must be registered with ASHA, CSHA, or SHS. SHS "NB" geldings may show in gelding classes but not in group classes.)

Entry # (Office use)	Class Number	Name of Horse	Registration Number	Sire (Reg. No.)	Dam (Reg. No.)	Handler	Entry Fee

Shire Driving Classes: (Stallions, mares, and geldings must be registered.)

Entry # (Office use)	Class Number	Owner Name(s)	Driver/Rider	Name of Horse	Registration Number	Entry fee

of Shire-Class Entries: _____ X \$15.00 each = _____
(Transfer this amount to open entry form)

SHOW ELIGIBILITY RULES

These rules apply to all ASHA sponsored shows, including but not restricted to Regional and National Shows. They will be reproduced in the ASHA Show Guidelines and will be provided to and used by any show cosponsoring a show with ASHA.

- A. Shire stallions, mares, and geldings registered with the American Shire Horse Association, the Canadian Shire Horse Association or the Shire Horse Society are eligible to show in registered classes. “Notified Colts” are not eligible to show.
- B. Foals must be registered.
- C. The owner(s) of any registered horse entered must be the recorded owner(s) as shown on the registration papers. Leased horses may be entered by the lessor as recorded by the respective associations.
- D. Mares registered as 3/4 and 7/8 Shire may be shown with full registered mares. Geldings registered as 3/4, 7/8 or 15/16 Shire may be shown with full registered geldings.
- E. Geldings that are not registered must be of Shire type to show in a grade gelding class.
- F. When a horse registered with SHS or CHSA (but not with ASHA) is entered, a copy of the registration paper must be sent to the ASHA Secretary in order to allow verification of eligibility.
- G. All horses shown in group classes must be registered.

