

2011 Big sky Draft Horse Expo Obstacle Course – Team

Objective: The objective of this event is to drive a team through and around obstacles simulating a farm situation. One safety assistant will accompany the driver. The course may include, but is not limited to, such obstacles as a gate, serpentine course of pylons, complete circles to left and/or right, an alleyway, a simulated loading dock to back up to, and precise stopping.

1. Show management will provide the wagon and all participants must use the same wagon. If more than one wagon is used, they must be the same size and design.
2. Accuracy is most important, with time being used only as a tie-breaker. **Time in the course area is restricted to five minutes.**
3. The function of the safety assistant is to ride on the wagon and come to the aid of the driver only if an emergency should arise. Should the assistant touch the lines or in any way speak or signal the driver or team, the driver will be disqualified in the event.
4. Teams may be walked or trotted as designated on the pattern. Loping is not allowed.
5. Time starts when the center of the front wheels cross the starting line and ends when the center of the front wheels crosses the finish line.
6. Judges decisions are final.

Points will determine Placing. Each driver begins with zero points. The driver with the lowest points at the end of the event is the winner. Each individual performance will be timed and the time will be used as a tie-breaker.

Obstacle Penalty Points:

#1. Gate:	Hitting any part of the gate	+5 pts.
#2. Mail Boxes:	Failing to pick up the mail –right hand	+5 pts
#3. Serpentine	Hitting Pylon	+5 pts. for each hit
	Back Wheel not in 3 ft Barrier Circle	+5 pts. for each pylon
#4. Walk:	Failing to walk designated area	+5 pts
#5. Standing:	Failing to stand for 15 sec	+5 pts
	Failing to keep 4 wheels within chalk lines	+5 pts.
#6. Bridge Crossing:	Refusal to cross mats	+ 5 pts.
#7. Docking :	Hitting poles while backing into dock	+5 pts.
	Fail to touch rail with back wheels	+5 pts
	Backing over rail	+5 pts.
#8. Fan:	Failing to stop with cone under wagon	+5 pts.
	Failing to fan right & back to center	+5 pts
	Failing to fan left & back to center	+5 pts
#9. Mail Box	Failing to return mail – right hand	+5 pts.
#10. Break of Pattern:	Any deviation of pattern	+20 pts.