

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## Draft and Mule Challenge Competition 2026

**Date: September 4, 2026**

### Show Management

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Event Superintendent(s)			

### Judges

Classes	Judges
Draft and Mule Challenge Events	TBD

### Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	September 4, 2026 at  12:00 p.m.
Arrival Deadline	September 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Release Date(s)	September 5, 2064 at Following Event

## Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Class Entry Fee (Per Class)	\$25.00
Office Fee (Per Owner)	\$10.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Cost
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	Free
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	Free

## General Information

1. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the following Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements as adopted by the Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners (Board): 2026 General Competition Requirements, 2026 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, 2026 Draft and Mule Challenge Competition Requirements.
2. All breeds of recognized draft horses and mules, grade or registered, are eligible to compete.
3. All entries are subject to a veterinarian examination and testing for the use of stimulants and/or drugs during and following the competition. Any horse or team showing evidence of non-approved drugs will be disqualified, and all awards and premiums will be forfeited.

## Entry Information

1. Entries are available online at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). All entries are fillable online forms that can be directly emailed to the horse show office, or you can print the forms and mail them in.
2. Exhibitors can enter when they arrive but must be entered by 12:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026.
3. No payment is required until check-in.

## Awards and Premiums

1. High Point & Reserve High Point Belt Buckles will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion winners.
2. \$1,500 in premium monies added.
3. Premium monies will be paid out to the individual classes and to the winners. Team classes will have a higher payout than a single class. 60 percent of the entry fee will be jackpotted per class, and 40 percent of the added money will be paid in the individual classes. The remaining 60 percent of the added money will be paid in the overall placings. The overall will pay 5 places using the following scale: (31percent, 25 percent, 19 percent, 15 percent, 10percent). The class payout scale will depend on the number of entries per class.

## Draft and Mule Challenge Event Schedule

### Friday, September 4, 2026

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

Class #	Event	Time	Arena
1	Barrels	1:30 p.m.	Covered Arena
2	Poles	Following Class 1	Covered Arena
3	Farm Team on Rail	Following Class 2	Covered Arena

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Arena</b>
4	Farm Team Obstacle	Following Class 3	Covered Arena
5	Single Obstacle	Following Class 4	Covered Arena
6	Feed Team Race	Following Class 5	Covered Arena
7	Team Log Skid	Following Class 6	Covered Arena
8	Single Log Skid	Following Class 7	Covered Arena