

# Mule Pulling Contest

## Division 402

Department Head Joe King (615) 794-7015  
Total Premium Offered \$3,980

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per team  
Arrive by: 2:00 p.m., on day of pull  
Show Date: Lightweight Team: Tues., Sept. 12th  
Heavyweight Team: Thurs., Sept 14th  
Show Time: 4:00 p.m. CST.  
Show Location: Mule Pulling Shed  
Release: after the conclusion of the Pull

### **RULES**

1. All entry forms must be pre-entered or teams cannot compete in fair.
2. Mules may be brought in and taken back the day of contests.
3. Wild and unmanageable mules will not be eligible to pull.
4. Owner must furnish own harness and doubletree. Fair will provide pulling sled.
5. Mules will be officially weighed by a representative designated by the Superintendent of livestock. Mules will be weighed with halters only. No reweighing will be permitted. No weighing will be permitted after the pulling contest begins. Mules will be marked for identification at the time of weighing.
6. A heavyweight entry whose weight falls under 2,005 lbs. may be allowed to pull at the 2,005 lb. weight. This is at the discretion of the mule pulling department head.
7. Official scales test weights will be used as load weight.
8. Each competing team will have three tries to move the load a total of ten feet. On a harness break, the driver will be given the option of accepting that pull or trying that pull again.
9. Only one driver will be permitted during pulling. An exception may be allowed for driver injury. One helper may be used in hitching up. Only the driver and his helper will be permitted in the arena.
10. A team must complete the ten foot pull within a three minute time limit that will begin when a team is hitched to the pulling sled.
11. The next competing team must enter the arena within a three minute time limit that will begin when the preceding team is unhitched from the pulling sled.
12. A load must be pulled forward between the boundaries of the pulling alley. Seesawing will not be permitted. A mule stepping on or over the boundaries of the pulling alley will result in the loss of that pull
13. A driver will not be permitted to put his hands on his team while pulling. Failure to observe this rule will result in the loss of that pull.
14. Any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any exhibitor or his helpers will result in the forfeiture of any premium won by that exhibitor. Both he and his mules will be barred from further pulling competition.
15. No beating, striking, punching, slapping with end of line, electric shock or any other stimulant including scheduled drugs of any kind will be permitted. The Tennessee State Veterinarian or a State Certified Veterinarian will make inspections and their decision will be final.
16. Weight of sled will be used in total weight pulled. Winners and champions will be determined by the greatest ratio of pulled weight over team weight.
17. The minimum add-on weight for teams in the lightweight contest is 200 lbs. and 300 lbs. for the heavy weight contest. The department head may add additional weight at his discretion.
18. Exhibitors must comply with all applicable General Livestock Rules and Livestock Health Requirements set forth in this catalog. A Certificate of Veterinary inspection is required by ALL Horses and Other Equidae.

## **Light-Weight Teams**

<b>Awards</b> <b>(Unless indicated)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>
	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$50</b>

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>
01	Teams weighing under 800 lbs.
02	Teams weighing 805 lbs. - 1000 lbs.
03	Teams weighing 1005 lbs. - 1500 lbs.
04	Teams weighing 1505 lbs. -1800 lbs.
05	Teams weighing 1805 lbs. - 2000 lbs.
06	Grand Champion Lightweight Team (winners in Classes 1-5) <b>\$100/Banner.</b>

## **Heavy-Weight Teams**

<b>Awards</b> <b>(Unless indicated)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>
	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$50</b>

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>
07	Teams weighing 2005 lbs. - 2200 lbs.
08	Teams weighing 2205 lbs. - 2400 lbs.
09	Teams weighing 2405 lbs. - 2600 lbs.
10	Teams weighing 2605 lbs. and up. Single over weight pull of 20 ft.
11	Grand Champion Heavyweight Teams (winners Classes 7-10) <b>\$100/ Banner.</b>

**If the winner of Class 10 wants to pull for the grand champion, you will pull on a percentage of 10 feet.**