

Section C
MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
RIDING and JUMPING MULE SHOW

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008
Mathewson Exhibition Center - 10:00 a.m.
(climate-controlled building)

No class changes after August 1, 2008, except late entries.

Superintendent:

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Entry Rules and Regulations

1. Enter Gate 4 and after unloading at mule barn, park in Restricted Area A. Mules under 52" will be measured at 9:00 a.m., for Halter and Jumping classes.
2. Advance entry requires no entry fee. Parking hangtags may be purchased when mailing advance entry or at the gate. Parking hangtags are \$5 per vehicle.
3. Entries close August 1, 2008. **NO CLASS CHANGES AFTER ENTRIES CLOSE.** A \$10.00 late entry fee per mule will be charged for late entries. No entries accepted after 9:00 a.m., August 15, 2008.
4. Entry information should include: owner's name and address; rider or handler's name; mule(s) name(s) and classes entered. Send entry information to: Roger Conklin, 8758 Browns Station Drive, Columbia, MO, 65202. Exhibitors will receive their pre-purchased parking hangtag by mail. Late entries must purchase parking hangtags at the gate. All exhibitors will be responsible for admission fees upon arrival.
5. All exhibitors must comply with animal health requirements listed in this premium guide.
6. **Mules cannot cross enter classes 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.**
7. Anyone wanting stalls Thursday night, August 14 or Friday night, August 15, must send \$25 stall fee per night (2 mules per stall) with your entry. **Earliest arrival: 6 p.m. Thursday, August 14 (will be enforced).**
8. Only riding type mules may be shown. Specifically, a only cross between a female horse or pony and jack donkey will be considered a mule. No other animal is allowed to show in this show.
9. A mule may only be shown once per class.
10. The age of the mule shall be determined by the calendar year starting January 1 of the year foaled.
11. Riding allowed only in authorized arenas.
12. The Judge may remove or excuse any mule that is unruly or may cause harm or injury.
13. The Judge shall have the authority to place a mule in whatever position in a class he thinks the merit of the mule justifies. His decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the mules. **THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.**
14. No mule shall be shown in any class at the Fair if the animal has been administered, in any manner, a prohibited substance which may affect the performance of a mule.
15. Each handler is responsible for having their mule in the show ring for each class entered. Failure to enter the show ring in a timely manner may result in disqualification at the Judge's discretion.
16. False tails are not allowed.
17. All mules will be measured for the 52" and under classes.
18. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures or veterinary standards, would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane.
19. For any protest or appeals, see the General Rules and Regulations in this premium guide.
20. **JUMPING:**
 - A) Only 1 handler may jump the mule. The mule must come to a stop before the jump is started.
 - B) All jumps will start at 40" for mules 52" & under and 44" for mules over 52". The jump will raise in 2" to 4" increments at the discretion of the Superintendent.
 - C) Each mule will be allowed 1 MINUTE to complete the jump for each try. A mule will be given 2 chances to complete a jump. The second chance must be attempted before the next entered mule.

- D) Time will begin when mule's hind leg WALKS over the line of the box. If the mule steps out of the box, that is 1 try. The line will be 10 feet from the jump for mules 52" & under. The line will be 12 feet from the jump for mules over 52".
- E) The bar must not fall for a jump to be completed.
- F) Methods for resolving ties will be decided by the handlers involved. In the case of disagreements, the judge will have the final decision.

21. **HALTER:**

- A) Mule judged for conformation, condition and soundness.

22. **LEADLINE:**

- A) The handler must be an adult (18 yrs. of age and over) capable of handling the mule and the child.

23. **PLEASURE:**

- A) The pleasure class is an event judged on the rail, designed to show an animal's quality of movement, manners, and ability with both leads and transitions. Other instructions will be issued by the judge during the show.

24. **GAITED PLEASURE:**

- A) All mules must exhibit a saddle gait other than a trot - such as a smooth, easy gait such as a single-foot, a running walk, a rack, a stepping pack, Paco Fineo, Foxtrot, etc. Other instructions will be issued by the judge during the show.
- B) Abusive treatment and/or training techniques to produce alteration of the gaits shall not be tolerated.

25. **COSTUME CLASS**

- A) Mules and/or exhibitor are to be shown in some costume. Other instructions will be issued by the judge during the show.
- B) Costume will be judge on judge appeal.
- C) Show management will reserve the right to rule on dress which may be inappropriate or offensive to the spirit and nature of the show.

26. **BARREL RACING:**

- A) Will consist of the standard pattern setup according to the discretion of the judge. Riders choose to circle either the right or left barrel first. Knocking over a barrel carries a 5 second penalty. If the mule fails to follow the pattern, the entry will be automatically disqualified.

27. **POLE BENDING:**

- A) Will consist of the standard pattern setup according to the discretion of the judge. Six poles will be used spaced approximately 21 feet or seven steps apart as measured by a person designated by the judge. A 5 second penalty is added for each pole knocked down. If the mule fails to follow the pattern, the entry will be automatically disqualified.

The Missouri State Fair will furnish plaques to the first two places in each class, plus five rosettes in each class.

Class 1	Suckling Saddle-Type Mule
Class 2	Yearling Saddle-Type Mule
Class 3	Jumping Mule 52" & under
Class 4	Horse Mule & Mare Mule 52" & under, 2 yrs. & over
Class 5	Leadline, rider 6 yrs. & under
Class 6	Jumping Mule over 52"
Class 7	Mare Mule over 52", 2 yrs. & over
Class 8	Horse Mule over 52", 2 yrs. & over
Champion Mule (1st place mules from classes 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 will show back)	
Class 9	Men's Gaited Mule Pleasure Class
Class 10	Egg & Spoon Class (Open)
Class 11	Women's Gaited Mule Pleasure Class
Class 12	Men's Riding Pleasure Class (18 Yrs. & over)
Class 13	Youth Pleasure (12 Yrs. & under)
Class 14	Youth Pleasure (13 - 17 Yrs.)
Class 15	Women's Riding Pleasure (18 Yrs. & over)
Class 16	Bat-N-Barrel
Class 17	Pole Bending
Class 18	Flag Race
Class 19	2-Person Sack Race
Class 20	Barrel Race
Class 21	Costume Class