

## **2022 BISHOP MULE DAYS CELEBRATION COMPETITION SHOW HANDBOOK**

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

These rules become effective January 1, 2022 and apply to the 2022 Mule Days Equine Competitions, scheduled for May 24 through May 29 2022. All participants, owners and trainers agree to abide by the rules and regulations herein.

Any rules and regulations not covered by the 2022 Mule Days Celebration Official Competition Handbook will be determined by Mule Days Show Management.

Upon entry, every exhibitor, owner, trainer, person in care, custody or control of an equine and all other Mule Days Show participants accept the facility and grounds, including but not limited to, the arenas, barns, stalls and track areas on an "as is" basis.

All participants agree to abide by the decisions/instructions of Mule Days Show Management, the Mule Days Show Manager, Tri- County Fairgrounds officials; and local, state and federal officials.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION & SHIPPING ADDRESS**

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### **EVENT PHYSICAL LOCATION**

Tri-County Fairgrounds

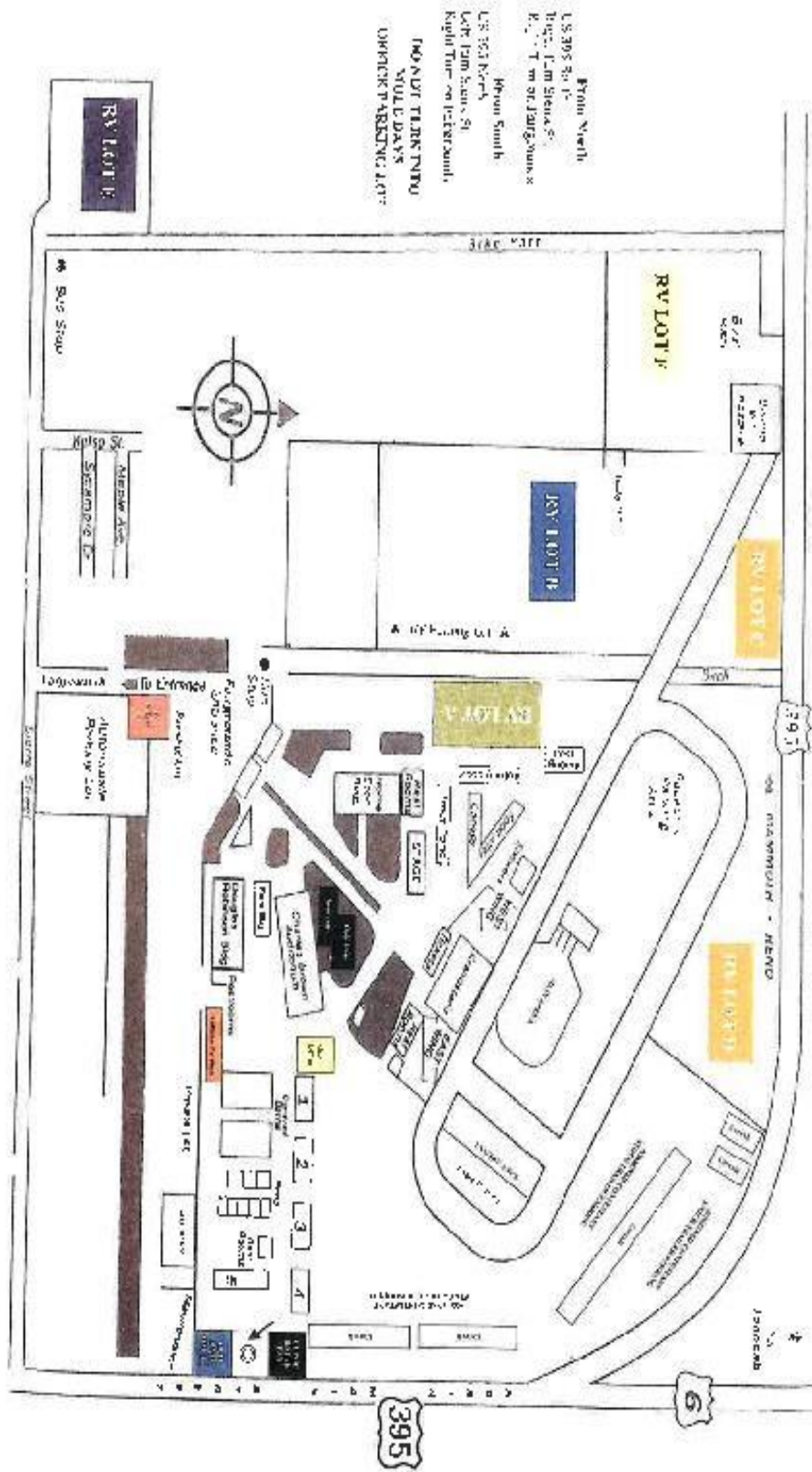
475 Sierra Street

Bishop, California 93514



# TRI-COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

MUSUP, CALIFORNIA



## **SHOW SCHEDULE**

- The 2022 Bishop Mule Days tentative schedule of classes/events is listed online at [www.Muledays.org](http://www.Muledays.org)
- Show Management reserves the right to change the schedule of classes before or during the Show for the purpose of benefitting the overall operation of the Event. Every effort will be made to maintain the schedule of classes as is published in January of 2022. Should it become necessary to make any changes, Show Office will make every effort to notify exhibitors promptly. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the Show Office for changes.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Bishop Mule Days Board members, staff and volunteers are not expressly prohibited from owning, showing or otherwise being involved in competitive events at our event. Board members, staff or volunteers who may have a vested interest in the outcome of any event at Mule Days are required to follow all policies, rules and regulations as set forth in the 2022 Mule Days Celebration Official Competition Handbook and Show Management for all contestants. The Mule Days Board of Directors will only become involved in the event Show Management is unable to resolve a conflict or dispute and requests their assistance. If Board assistance is requested, it will be done so in the form of selecting one or more Board member that have no personal interest in the outcome of the dispute.
- Show Manager, Results Data Manager and relatives thereof are prohibited from owning, showing or otherwise being financially involved with any competing equine at Bishop Mule Days Celebration.

## **EQUINE HOUSING**

- Stalling on site is optional. If you plan to keep your equine on-site overnight at any time during our event, you must purchase equine housing.
- Our facility offers box stalls, shaded corrals and unshaded corrals. Requests for equine housing must be submitted on the 2022 Equine Housing Reservation form found in the "Contestant" section of our website, [www.muledays.org](http://www.muledays.org). Each stall/corral is reserved for the period from noon on May 22 through 8am on Tuesday, May 31.
- Housing for Jacks - All effort will be made to isolate Jacks. If stalls become sold out and a need arises for Jack isolation, first priority will be given to forfeit a tack stall to accommodate.
- Corrals are all of pipe corral construction, measure 12'x12' and are connected with no solid walls in between. Map of stalls/corrals is available in Contestant section at [www.muledays.org](http://www.muledays.org).
- Packer Pens - Large, secure metal corrals of various sizes for housing multiple equines.
- Our event recognizes a seniority process when assigning equine housing. The seniority process identifies and gives priority to requests made by consistent, yearly attendees starting with their first year attending. A one-year non-attendance exception may be made for illness or other valid reason at the discretion of Show Management.

- To be considered in this process, requests must be submitted either by postal, email or fax using the 2022 form shown above. Forms must be received by the Show Office no later than 11:59pm on March 7, 2022. Payment must be included with the form (either check or valid credit card #).
- All other housing requests will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis.
- Should stalls & corrals become sold out, priority will be given to competing equines. Nonshowing equines may be asked to forfeit housing to accommodate showing equines.
- If you are in a group, choose one person to list and submit the housing request form. It is recommended that all stalls are listed and purchased on one form to ensure the group is housed together. Multiple payments will be accepted as long as they are submitted together with the housing request form.
- Bring a hose and bucket for watering. Plan for both hot and cold temperatures. Periods of rain and snow are not uncommon.
- Mule Days provides large, roll-off containers for the exclusive disposal of manure and bedding. **DO NOT PUT TRASH in roll-offs.**
- You may NOT leave your equine overnight in trailers. Insurance mandates that all equines must remain in stalls/corrals except when being worked, groomed/cared for or when showing and participating.
- Equines may not be tied to the outside of corrals or be hobbled in the barn/corral area.
- TACK STALLS - Box stalls are limited and priority will be given to housing of equines, however tack stalls may be requested on housing forms that include a minimum of three equines.
- 2022 Equine Housing will be charged as follows:  
Box Stalls = \$200    Tack Stalls = \$250    Shaded Corrals = \$185    Shaded Cattle Pen = \$190  
Shaded Open Corrals = \$165    Unshaded Corrals = \$160    Packer Pens = \$75

### **Feed and Bedding**

- Alfalfa/grass mix hay is provided throughout the stall/corral area and is included in the housing cost. **Do Not Use Hay For Bedding.** Hay is only to be used to feed equines on site. Bales are available for purchase in the Show Office for the trip home, otherwise, **all hay on the grounds is property of Mule Days and is not free to remove from the grounds.**
- Stalls and shaded corrals will have shavings installed upon arrival. Shaded corrals on asphalt will have rubber mats and shavings installed upon arrival. Additional shavings are available for purchase on site. Hours and location of shavings vendor will be posted at Show Office. Exhibitors may bring their own bedding and/or feed. Shavings on dirt or grass areas **Is Not Allowed.**

### **ARRIVAL & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

- Equines entering State of California are required to show proof of Certificate of Veterinary Inspection completed within 30 days of entry OR an extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Also must show evidence of negative Equine Infections Anemia Test (COGGINS or ELISA) performed at a USDA approved lab within 12 months prior to entry.

- Exhibitors will be allowed access to the Tri-County Fairgrounds beginning on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 12:00pm. No equines will be stalled, nor persons allowed on the grounds prior to this time.
- Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, all competitor campers, trailers & vehicles should unload equines in your assigned stall/corral then proceed to their assigned camping/parking spaces. Parking in the barn/corral areas will be allowed for a short period of time while equines & tack etc. are unloaded/loaded. Barns/Stalls Manager will make contact within 24 hrs to identify and mark vehicles assigned to your space(s). To avoid being towed, your on-site phone number must be visible on dashboard during entire event.
- Once your trailer(s) and equines are settled, go to the Show Office to check-in and receive our packet. Packet includes entry numbers, wristbands, copies of statements and liability release forms. You must pay any balance due OR leave a valid credit card number or blank check to receive your packet.
- Mule Days requires the proper care, handling and treatment of animals while at Mule Days. Owners are responsible for their animals and keeping them under control. All equines and livestock that enter the grounds are subject to examination by Mule Days officials/designated representative and/or state officials for determination of possible infection or inhumane treatment. Officials may examine for determination whether such animals are, have been infected/exposed or are likely to be infected with an infectious or contagious disease. If after examination, officials have reason to believe that an animal's health condition places other animals at risk, such officials at their own discretion, may quarantine such animals or, if appropriate, require that such animals be transported off the grounds. Intentional or negligent treatment of any animal deemed by a Mule Days Official to be inhumane or abusive may require that person to be removed from the grounds for a time period determined by the Executive Committee including but not limited to a permanent ban from all future Mule Days events. All participants agree to fully cooperate with the officials and abide by their decisions/instructions. Failing to do so shall be grounds for the participant's immediate expulsion from the grounds, disciplinary action by Mule Days Organization and/or possible action by local/state/federal officials/agencies.

## **FACILITY INFORMATION**

### **Operation of Vehicles**

- Vehicles must be operated within a safe and reasonable speed limit on the fairgrounds.
- Fire lanes and access roads must always remain clear, along with any marked areas in which vehicular traffic is prohibited and other posted traffic and vehicle control regulations.
- No golf carts, recreational vehicles, rhinos, etc. may be operated in the barns & stalls area, arena areas, track or contestant camping areas, unless written permission is given by the Barns/Stalls Manager. Mobility devices for handicapped persons must be operated at walking speed only.

### **Overnight Camping**

There are designated areas for RV parking/camping/parking close to the barns/stalls/arena areas specifically for competitors/owners/trainers within the fairgrounds. Spaces are sold once for the entire length of the event. Site opens at noon on May 22 with departures no later than noon on May 31, 2022. Showers are available on site. Types and process to reserve are as follows:

- Dry camping spaces are available in Lots D and C measuring 20ftx40ft. These Lots allow for equines to be present during the day. These spaces go on sale at 12:01 a.m. on February 1, 2022 on a first-come-first-serve basis via phone or in person at the Mule Days Office in Bishop, CA. Vendors are available daily with water and sanitary dumping. Showers are available in the barn area. Generators are allowed between the hours of 6am to 10pm.
- Priority Overnight Exhibitor Camping is available for rent in the areas closest to the stalls/corrals. They are dry camping and vary in size and shape. Requests must be made using the Exhibitor Housing/Trailer form found on this website. This area is assigned by Show Office staff based on need and availability.

### **Tack-Up Trailer Parking**

- A limited number of parking spaces exist close to the barn/corral area for equine trailers intended for contestants who “tack up” from their trailer. They must be requested using the 2022 Exhibitor Housing/Trailer form. They are assigned by Show Office staff based on need, availability and size. Overnight camping in these spaces IS NOT ALLOWED. Violators will be cited, charged the overnight fee and removed.

### **Other Parking Options**

- Free parking for stock trailers is available in the grassy parking lot at the entrance to the fairgrounds. No equines are allowed in this parking area.

### **Haul-In Day Parking**

- Exhibitors who plan to enter fairgrounds daily with equine(s) in trailer, must obtain a designated parking location and permit from Show Office at a one-time fee of \$40. This should be requested in advance of our Event (using Exhibitor Class Entry Form). No overnight parking allowed with this type of parking pass.

### **Equines, Dogs & Pet Management**

- No equines should be turned loose in any arena on the grounds of the fairgrounds at any time.
- Round pens are available for exhibitor use in the barn area. Equines may be turned loose therein but cannot be left unattended. Please be considerate and limit your time so others can use it.
- Bring your own hose and buckets for watering. Plan for both hot and cold temperatures. Equines may not be tied to the outside of corrals or be hobbled in the barn/corral areas.
- Insurance mandates that all equines must remain in stalls/corrals except when being worked for practice, being groomed and cared for or when showing/participating.

- Dogs are not permitted on the fairgrounds unless they are under leash control of the owner or confined within their assigned camping space. Dogs are prohibited in and around all arenas while classes are showing.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE**

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## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **Membership Requirements**

- Bishop Mule Day exhibitors are NOT required to be members of the **American Mule Association**. Registration into AMA membership must be executed directly through that Association.

### **Amateur Division Eligibility**

- In order to compete in any "Amateur" class, exhibitors must first complete and submit the Amateur Declaration form found and listed as such on the Muledays.org website.
- Points towards World Champion Amateur must be one mule/one rider.
- An Amateur exhibitor may show in non-Amateur classes if specific class requirements are met.

### **Other Division Eligibility**

- Bridled and Green - Bridled mules must be shown in a bridle with a shank bit using one hand on the reins. A mule is considered GREEN at any age in its first two years of showing. Cannot have been shown in a bridle at any competitive event, including Mule Days. Green mules must be shown in a regulation snaffle or rawhide bosal hackamore using both hands on the reins. Bit descriptions and diagrams can be found on [Muledays.org](http://Muledays.org) or in Appendix A of American Mule Assn. Handbook (found on [americanmuleassociation.org](http://americanmuleassociation.org))
- Youth Division – Youth may ride or drive donkeys (no jacks) in this Division. One mule-or-donkey/rider. No rider cross entry between leadline, walk-jog, 6-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs and 6-17 yrs. Classes. Age qualifications are based upon exhibitors age as of January 1, 2022. All exhibitors age 17 & under are required to wear properly fastened, approved safety headgear whenever mounted or riding in wagon/cart. Rev. 4/20/22
- Gymkhana Division – Mules only. One mule/one rider. Rev. 4/20/22
- Reined Cow Mule Division – Mules only.
  - Intro-To-Boxing class is designed as an introduction to exhibiting in reined cow mule classes. Open to all exhibitors age 18 & over who are NOT entered in Cutting or Cow Working classes at Bishop Mule Days.



- Speed Driving Division – Mules only. Drivers and swampers must be age 18 & over and must wear protective headgear in all classes. Chariots must not have a seat and must be driven while standing.
- Roping Division – Mules only. Bridled and Green mules compete together. “Green” mules must still compete using an approved snaffle bit or they will lose their “green” status for all classes going forward. Show Management reserves the right to excuse any exhibitor from a class at the arena entry gate if, in the judgement of Show Official at the gate, the exhibitor and/or equine appears to be unruly or unsafe.
  - Team Roping - Ropers may enter Team Roping a maximum of five times. Must have a different roper partner each time. **Within the 5-times maximum, two ropers may switch places (header & healers) and be considered a new “team” (rev. 4/20/22)**  
Each Roping team will be considered one entry with regard to rules referring to entries in this Handbook.
    - a; If one partner (rider/mule) of a registered Team draws out after the first GO because of injury or illness, an alternate partner (rider/mule) can be allowed, if declared to Show Office prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> GO. Alternate must be an already-registered mule at Mule Days, meet all other event qualifications, and rider must already be registered as a roping exhibitor. Alternate rider does not pay added entry fee and does not qualify for GO money. Original rider can only win his half of GO winnings he may be entitled to. To qualify for Final-10, teams must have the same partner (rider/mule) in all three GOs.
  - Steer Stopping - Mules may enter only once. One mule-one rider for all 3 GOs to qualify for Finals-top10.
- Fun Division - Mules only. Bridled and Green mules compete together. Show Management reserves the right to divide Fun classes if class entries exceed 12. When split, will be done so by exhibitor age; 18 & Over will be split from 17 & Under. When not split, minimum exhibitor age will be 10 yrs.
- Packing Division – Mules will be the only animal allowed in any packing classes except for the lead animal. Each packer may enter each class only once. Non-Pro Packing exhibitor is a person who has not been compensated in any way to pack within the last two years. Non-Pros may show in Open Packing classes at any time but cannot then move back down. Youth Packing - Ages 17 & Under may ONLY show in Youth Division. Youths must have an adult swamper.

## ENTERING

### Class Entry Information

- **Entry forms are found in the “Contestant” section of [www.muledays.org](http://www.muledays.org).** Class entries will be open through **May 19, 2022**. Entries must be submitted either by postal to Mule Days office, email to Show Office or fax, and must be received by Show Office personnel on or before published deadlines, using the forms provided. Telephone entries will NOT be accepted.
- **Publishing Entry Deadline** - All competing equine/exhibitor/owner information received on or before April 15, 2022 will be published in the 2022 Souvenir Program.
- **Entry Deadline** - Equine entries will be accepted without penalties through **May 13, 2022** at 11:59pm, Pacific Time.
- **Class Entry Deadline** - Class entries will be accepted without penalties through **May 13, 2022**.



- **No equine entries will be accepted at the show.**
- **Late Additions** - Equines not entered before May 14 will be accepted from May 14 thru May 19, 2022 with added penalty fees.
  - \$25 penalty fee for equine entered during this time.
  - \$20 penalty fee per class entered during this time.
  - Exceptions to above class entry deadline are for Roping and Packing classes (see below for applicable entry information).
- **Class Changes** for pre-entered equines will be accepted through **May 19** without penalties.
- **Class Scratches** - From May 20 until 5pm the day before each class, we encourage scratches to be submitted to Show Office. If done so, Show Office will return \$10 for each class scratched.
- **No Shows & Unreported Class Scratches** are charged at full price. No refunds, no exceptions.
- **Roping Class Entry Deadline** - Last chance to enter Team Roping and Steer Stopping classes is at the Roper's meeting scheduled for 10:00am on Wednesday, May 25. No penalty fee.
- **Packing Class Entry Deadline** - Last chance to enter all Individual Packing classes is at the Packer's meeting scheduled for 10:00am on Friday, May 27. No penalty fee.
- If number of entries in any class exceeds available time allotted, additional entries will be placed on a waiting list. Class fee will not be charged if put on a waiting list unless and until space opens and class entry is secured.
- If you are unable to access any forms online, contact Mule Days Show Office at [showsec@muledays.org](mailto:showsec@muledays.org) or phone 760-872-4263 to request form(s) to be mailed or emailed.
- A registration number (back number) will be assigned by Show Office to every equine entering our event. For Packing classes, number will be assigned to either the Packer or the Pack Team.

## EXHIBITOR FEES

- An **Administrative Fee (office fee)** of \$50 will be charged to each equine/individual entry/registration number processed. Office Fee includes one wristband (two wristbands if a driving entry requires a swamper). Office fees are non-refundable, no exceptions.
- **Wristbands** - Wristbands are intended for persons that will be physically interacting with equines on the grounds (ie; exhibitors, trainers, owners). Every person receiving a wristband must first provide a signed liability release to the Show Office. They must be worn at all times by any person seeking access to the arena areas or who is working with or around equines. A wristband serves as a general admission ticket to all arena seating during the entire event. A maximum of two additional wristbands may be pre-purchased by owner/exhibitor prior to start of our event at a reduced fee of \$55.
- State of CA. **Drug Fee** will be charge to each equine entry number processed. If entry number is for a team, then two drug fees will be charged.
- **Class fee** is \$25 per class.
- **Cattle Fees** - Cattle fees will be in addition to the entry and will be charged each time a class is entered involving cattle. Cattle fees are:  
Team Roping, Steer Stopping, Cutting, Cow Working & Boxing - \$50 Using Ranch Mul
- **Jackpot Fees** - Jackpot fees are mandatory for each entry. All jackpots are 100% payback. Jackpot payouts will be issued to the equine owner on record at the time of the entry deadline.

- IRS W-9 form must be completed for all payees winning over \$650 before payouts will be issued.
- **No equine entries will be accepted at the show.**

## REFUNDS

- All Sales are considered final.
- In cases of injury/illness/emergencies that prevent participation in Mule Days, a partial refund may be considered, but only if request is made in written form to the Show Office (emails accepted to [showsec@muledays.org](mailto:showsec@muledays.org)). Requests must be specific as to circumstances, include any pertinent documents (ie; veterinarian or other medical documents). The Bishop Mule Days Board of Directors will review requests at their next available meeting. Decisions of the Board are final and will be communicated to requester within 30 days of decision.
- Administrative fees are non-refundable, no exceptions.

## PAYOUT SCALES

- Five Placings = 35% - 25% - 20% - 12% - 8%
- Four Placings = 40% - 30% - 20% - 10%
- Three Placings = 50% - 30% - 20%
- Two Placings = 60% - 40%

### Team Roping Payout Scale

- Each GO pays to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Finals Shootout pays to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Steer Stopping Payout Scale

- Each GO pays to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Finals Shootout pays to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place.

## PAYOUT PROCESS

- Team Roping and Steer Stopping payouts will be available in the Show Office no later than 10:00am Monday, May 30.
- All other payouts will be mailed within 30 days of the end of the Event.
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service regulations require Mule Days to withhold 24% for domestic and 30% for international of any earnings unless Mule Days has a completed current W9 form on file.
- Payouts will be issued to the equine owner on record at Mule Days at the time of entry.
- To receive a payout check during the Show, A valid government issued ID & signed check confirmation form will be required. ID must match the name of payee on file with the Show Office.
- Any balance due of show fees must be paid before any payout will be issued.

## POINT SYSTEM

- Classes are placed to 10<sup>th</sup> place.
- Classes with three or less entries may be canceled or combined with another class at the discretion of Show Management. Entry fees will be reimbursed if Management cancels a class.
- **Points will be earned as follows:** ○ 1<sup>st</sup> place = 20pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 18pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 16pts, 4<sup>th</sup> place = 14pts, 5<sup>th</sup> place = 12pts, 6<sup>th</sup> place = 10pts, 7<sup>th</sup> place = 8pts, 8<sup>th</sup> place = 6pts, 9<sup>th</sup> place = 4pts, 10<sup>th</sup> place = 2pts.

## POSTING RESULTS

- Class results will be posted in the Bulletin Board across from the Show Office. There will also be binder(s) located at the Show Office wherein class results and judging sheets will be posted. **DO NOT REMOVE PAGES.** You may take pictures of pages.
- Results from morning classes will be posted by 5pm of the same day. Results from afternoon classes will be posted by noon of the following day.
- Arena announcements of class results are unofficial. Results are not official until reviewed and approved by Results Management.

## PROTESTS

- All judges decisions are final. Do not approach judges regarding decisions or questions without approval from ring steward (after a class has ended) or from Show Management during the event.
- Inquiries or perceived corrections regarding results must be submitted in writing to Show Office staff.
- Formal protests must be initiated at the Show Office during the event. A form will be provided and must be completed and submitted as soon as possible but no later than 10:00am Monday, May 30. \$100 must accompany the protest. If issue cannot be resolved by Show Manager, a committee of three or more (minimum: Show Manager, Results Chairman & Mule Days Board member) will be convened to review and render a decision within 24 hours of protest submission. Protest fee will be returned only IF the protest is successful.

## JUDGING/MONITORING PROCEDURES

- All competitive classes are monitored and judged using one of the following:
  - The American Mule Association (AMA) Official Rulebook found on their website [www.americanmuleassociation.org](http://www.americanmuleassociation.org).
  - Other equine association rules may be used and if so, it is identified in each specific class description found in the List of Classes.
  - Some classes will be judged/monitored according to the class descriptions & judging criteria described in the 2022 List of Classes found in the Contestant Section of [www.muledays.org](http://www.muledays.org).

- Mule Days employs judges that are approved by the American Mule Association and/or other major equine registries pertinent to the events that judge is employed to judge.

## **CLASS ROUTINE**

### **General Procedures**

- Bishop Mule Days Celebration Show Management reserves the right to change the order of classes before or during the Show. Every effort will be made by Show Office to notify exhibitors but it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the Show Office for possible changes.
- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check-in with Gate Officials at least five minutes before the scheduled start time of each class. Some classes will have a drawn Order of GO while others will have an Open Order of Go established by the Gate Official as the class proceeds.
- All persons in and around the arena area MUST be wearing a wristband and have signed the accompanying liability release for 2022. Anyone without a visible wristband will be excused from the area.
- Show Management can exclude equines from competition should there be any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing equine into the arena.
- Show Management reserves the right to excuse any exhibitor from a class at the arena entry gate if exhibitor and/or equine appears to be unruly or unsafe.
- Any exhibitor who refuses to obey the requests of the judge, ring steward, gate official or other arena official can be barred from further competition by Show Management and if so, forfeits any winnings, entry fees and other charges.
- At the opening of our Event, Show Office will post the Order Of GO procedure for all classes and have it available when you check-in. Any potential arena conflicts for an equine or exhibitor should be identified prior to the class day and brought to the attention of the Show Office for possible rescheduling.
- In the event that an equine or exhibitor is entered in two or more classes in separate arenas that have a potential to be showing at the same time, or for any reason cannot be ready at the arena gate at the start of a class, it is exhibitor's responsibility to notify Gate Official at both arenas. In order to avoid conflicts or holding of arenas, equines may be moved up or down in the draw by Show Management to accommodate both classes.
- Rail classes will take priority over pattern classes.

## **AWARDS/CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Placings/Ribbons**

- Classes are placed to 10<sup>th</sup> place.
- Ribbons are awarded to 10<sup>th</sup> place.

## ADULT AMATEUR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- Will be awarded to the adult amateur earning the greatest number of points in the eligible classes listed below while meeting the requirements specified below.
- Points will be compiled on a one-mule, one-amateur basis.
- An amateur may exhibit more than one mule, however, points earned by the amateur with each mule will be compiled separately.
- An amateur must enter and show (one-mule, one amateur) in a minimum of ten of the following eligible classes:
  - Amateur Showmanship
  - Amateur Western Pleasure
  - Amateur Mulemanship
  - Amateur Reining
  - Amateur Western Trail
  - Amateur Western Dressage
  - Amateur English Pleasure
  - Amateur Hunter Hack
  - Amateur Warm Up Hunter
  - Amateur Hunters
  - Amateur English Dressage
  - Amateur Ranch Pleasure
  - Amateur Ranch Riding
- An amateur may enter and show (one-mule, one-amateur) in the following classes to earn additional points towards Adult Amateur World Champion.
  - Cutting
  - Keyhole
  - Singles Pleasure Driving - Working
  - Hitch Class Driving - Working
- No formal entry is necessary for the Amateur Championship Award. Any amateur/mule that shows and places in these classes will be automatically entered.
- Each amateur must have a completed 2022 Amateur Declaration on file in Show Office no later than May 13, 2022.

## ALL AROUND MULE/HI POINT MULE

- World Champion High Point Mule is a special award to highlight the versatility of the mule to excel in showing in a variety of divisions & types of classes.
- High Point Mule Will be given to the mule earning the greatest number of points in the eligible classes listed below while meeting the requirements specified below.
- Points will be compiled by the mule. Mule must display the same identification number in all eligible classes.

- Equines must show in their predetermined bit category throughout. Once an equine shows as a “bridled” competitor, it waives the ability to show as Green from that time forward.
- A mule must enter and show in a minimum of 18 of the following eligible classes.
  - Bridled or Green Western Pleasure
  - Bridled or Green Western Trail
  - Bridled or Green Reining
  - Bridled or Green English Pleasure
  - Bridled or Green Working Hunter
  - Bridled or Green Hunter Hack
  - Bridled or Green Jumpers
  - Bridled or Green English Dressage
  - Bridled or Green Western Dressage
  - Bridled or Green Cutting
  - Bridled or Green Ranch Riding
  - Bridled or Green Using Ranch Mule
  - Cloverleaf Barrels Prelims
  - Polebending Prelims
  - Pleasure Driving Singles – Turnout
  - Super Reinsmanship – Singles
  - Trail Driving
  - Steer Stopping - First GO
  - Big Balls in Muletown
  - 200 Yard Race
  - One of these Halter classes; Model Saddle Mule classes (130 thru 137).
- No formal entry is necessary for the All Around Mule Championship. Any mule that shows and places in these classes will be automatically entered.

#### **DIVISION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- World Champion and Reserve World Champion awards will be given to the one mule/one rider (or one donkey/one rider) earning the greatest number of points in the eligible classes listed within each Division while meeting the requirements specified below.
- Points will be compiled on a one-mule/one rider, one donkey/one rider, one driver/one mule, one driver/one team basis.
- A rider may exhibit more than one mule (donkey or team), however, points earned by the rider with each mule will be compiled separately.
- **World Championship Divisions are as follows:**
  - Western Performance Mule
  - Green Western Performance Mule
  - English Performance Mule
  - Green English Performance Mule

- Ranch Mule
- Green Ranch Mule
- Reined Cow Mule
- Green Reined Cow Mule
- Gymkhana Mule ★
- Fun Mule ★
- Pleasure Driver - Singles
- Speed Team Driver
- Teamster
- 6-13 Youth ★
- 14-17 Youth ★
- Packer
- Youth Packer
- Pack Team
- Interscholastic Pack Team
- Performance Donkey ★

- Above divisions with a symbol (★) are inclusive of both green and bridled equines. Equines must continue to show in their predetermined bit category. Once an equine shows as a “bridled” competitor, it waives the ability to show as Green from that time forward.

#### **HALTER/CONFORMATION CHAMPIONSHIP**

World Champion and Reserve World Champions will be chosen from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of each of the eligible classes listed within each category. Categories are as follows:

- Jack
- Donkey
- Model Saddle Mule

Buckles will be awarded to World Champions and Reserves in each category.

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

- Buckles will be awarded to the exhibitor earning the greatest number of points in the eligible classes listed in the groupings below while meeting the requirements specified below.
- Points will be compiled on a one-mule/one rider, one donkey/one rider, one driver/one equine, one driver/one team basis.
- A rider/driver may exhibit more than one mule (donkey or team), however, points earned by the rider/driver with each mule will be compiled separately.
- The categories & classes herein are as follows:
  - Champion 6-13 Youth Gymkhana - class numbers: 81, 82, 83 and 84
  - Champion 14-17 Youth Gymkhana - class numbers: 93, 94, 95 and 96
  - Champion Youth Singles Driver - class numbers: 100, 101, 102, 103 and 104
  - Champion Youth Teamster Driver - class numbers: 105, 106, 107, 108 and 109
  - Champion Adult Donkey Driver - class numbers: 182, 183, 184 and 185
  - Champion Gymkhana Donkey - class numbers: 178, 179, 180 and 181
  - Champion Racing Mule - class numbers: 168 and 169



