

General Terms & Conditions

The North American Belgian Championship 10 Show Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all Rules and Regulations, Terms and Conditions, contained in any and all parts of the Premium and Rule Book and to unilaterally settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the North American Belgian Championship 10. They further reserve the right to resolve unforeseen matters not covered by Rules and Regulations, Terms and Conditions published in the Premium and Rule Book, to amend or add to these terms and conditions as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings for the North American Belgian Championship 10 should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.

Exhibitors' Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors are at all times required to give the necessary personal attention to their horses and equipment. All horses shall be securely fastened in their stalls. When horses are removed from the stalls or moved about the show grounds, they shall be haltered, bridled, or fastened by leads and shall be constantly attended by competent attendants.
2. Every exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by or arising from any horse exhibited by him/her.
3. All exhibitors shall indemnify the North American Belgian Championship 10 and its sponsors and hold them harmless from any loss, cost, or expense caused by his/her exhibit.

Animal Health Requirements:

1. All equines entering Illinois State fairground, from outside the state of Illinois, must have a valid health certificate with the inspection having been conducted within 30 days of entry.
2. Exhibitors must obtain an entry permit number from the Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare through their on-line permit system. Please visit [OPS Login \(illinois.gov\)](#) to obtain an entry permit number. For more information visit [Animal Import Instructions \(illinois.gov\)](#).
3. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.
4. All equines must have a negative USDA approved EIA (Coggins) test (AGID or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus and EEE and WNV within one year of the event.

Arrival of Horses:

1. Exhibitors may begin arriving Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 12:00 pm.
2. Exhibitors are encouraged to stay the entire event.
3. If an exhibitor leaves early, they must wait until the nightly show is over.
4. Hitch and Halter Horses must be stalled before 7:00 am on Wednesday, September 25th.

5. Farm Horses must be stalled by 7:00 am on Thursday, September 26th.
6. Riding Horses must be stalled by 7:00 am on Friday, September 27th.
7. Pull Horses must be stalled by 7:00 am on Friday, September 27th.

Loading & Unloading:

1. Trucks are to be unloaded and parked in a timely manner in designated areas.
2. Vehicles are not to be parked in or around barn areas and will be subject to towing.

Stalling:

1. By completing the entry form, an exhibitor agrees to accept the stalls assigned to him or her. All stalls will be assigned by the NABC X Show Committee.
2. Nails, staples, bolts screws are prohibited from being fastened to stalls. Exhibitors may be liable for any damages.
3. The Show Committee requests that all exhibitors decorate in an attractive manner.

Fire & Safety Regulations:

The following regulations must be adhered to in accordance with the Illinois State Fairgrounds Fire Regulations and Public Safety code.

1. No smoking allowed in barns or coliseum.
2. No open flames allowed at any barn.
3. No vehicles or generators may be located in the barns or coliseum.
4. Exhibitors cannot block fire alarms, fire extinguishers, etc.
5. Exhibitors cannot block fire lanes and exits. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense and be fined.

Feed and Bedding:

1. Department has an exclusive contract with Rex Evans, d/b/a Evans Cartage, Springfield, IL for onsite feed and bedding sales for Non-Fair Events. Evans Cartage (217-899-6001) is located on the Fairgrounds in Building #81.
2. Outside feed and bedding of your choice is permitted on the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Golf Carts:

1. Golf carts are permitted on the Illinois State Fair grounds if operated in a safe manner. There is no permit required to bring your personal golf cart to the fairgrounds.
2. If renting a golf cart, rentals must be arranged 5 days prior to the event by phoning Battery Specialist (217-824-3943).

Show Photographer:

1. Summit Professional Services of Middlebury, Indiana is the official photographer.
2. Any other commercial photographer, video recording, or advertisement thereof, taken of subjects within confines of the show ring without prior written consent of the Show Committee is expressly forbidden. Violation of this rule will be grounds for removal from the show premises.

Attendants & Proper Attire:

1. Each Exhibitor as well as helpers will be required to be in proper dress (no denim jeans) when in the show ring. This rule will be enforced by the Show Committee.

Judging:

1. No Exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.

Appeals:

1. Exhibitors may file an appeal if they feel a rule has been violated.
2. An appeal must be presented in writing, verified and accompanied by a \$500 cash or money order made out to the NABC10.
3. The appeal must state the name of the exhibitor, the exhibit and class in question, and the specific reason for the appeal.
4. The \$500 will be returned if the appeal is upheld. The \$500 will be forfeited to the NABC10 if the grievance is not sustained.

Camping:

1. Camping is available on the Illinois State Fair Grounds. Spots are available for \$25/night. More information for reserving spots will be available by visiting our website www.belgiancorp.com/nabc10/

Horse Show Rules & Regulations

1. All stallions, mares, and registered geldings competing as Belgians in the halter classes, and designated registered only hitch classes must be registered or eligible to be registered with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America. The entry of stallions and mares under one year of age must carry the name of the animal, date of foaling and name and number of sire and dam.
2. All horses entered in the Farm Event Classes and Horse Pull must be a registered or grade Belgian.
3. Exhibitors will be expected to furnish copies of registration papers (front and back) verifying ownership upon request of the horse show committee.
4. Entries MUST be made in the same exact entity as the animal is owned on its registration certificate except classes where multiple owners are accepted (see Halter and Hitch rules & regulations). Example: IF the registration certificate shows ownership as John Doe the entry must be submitted as that entity. The entry cannot be made as John Doe and John Smith or J & S Farms.
5. Exhibitors making entries under two names must be able to prove joint ownership of horses by furnishing a copy of the registration paper showing joint ownership if asked do so by the horse show committee.
6. Exhibitors must have ownership of horses by September 1, 2024.
7. All entries must be submitted online by August 1, 2024. Late entries will be accepted until September 1, 2024 for an additional fee of \$150 per horse plus a stall fee of \$100 if additional stalls are required. Late entries will not be featured in the program.

8. Online entries are highly encouraged and can be completed at <https://showman.app/#/>.
9. Horse Pull entries will be accepted up to weigh in with applicable late fees. After September 15th trailer in only. We cannot guarantee stall accommodations after September 15th. If stalls cannot be provided, horses will NOT be permitted to be tied to the side of the trailer for the day or night.
10. All payments are due at time of entry. Canadian Exhibitors must pay in US Dollars and your check or money order must be written on a US Dollar Account. Credit cards are accepted with online entries. A penalty of \$50 dollars will be charged for returned checks. No refunds will be given.
11. Regardless of the number of entries in each class, by any one exhibitor, only 2 premiums will be awarded in any class (except for youth classes).
12. Substitutions will be allowed within the same class providing the number of entries is maintained.
13. Costume Class – A horse may be driven, ridden or walked. All ages. Ribbons only.

Halter Classes:

1. A Yeld mare is defined as a mare which did not produce a foal or did not nurse a foal for 30 days in the given calendar year.
2. A Broodmare is defined as a mare which has nursed a foal for at least 30 days in the given calendar year.
3. A mare which was the donor of an embryo is to be shown in either her correct age class or the Yeld mare class. This mare and her embryo transfer foal may be shown in the mare and foal class.
4. Gelding halter classes are registered geldings only.
5. Do not enter Champion classes. First and second animals are eligible.
6. All horses entered in a group class must have shown previously in an individual halter class.
7. The exhibitor making the entry must own at least one horse in the Produce of Dam and the Get of Sire Classes.
8. The mare and foal class is defined as a mare and her 2024 foal. A mare and her embryo transfer foal may be shown in the mare and foal class.
9. Stallion and 3 Mares Class- at least one owner must appear the same on all horses and that owner must be the exhibitor.
10. Bred and Owned Classes- Entries are to be made under the original owner and the original owner must be the owner listed as of September 1, 2024. The original owner need not be continuous. However, no new owners can be added.
11. Premier Halter Exhibitor will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest premium amount awarded in halter classes.

Hitch Classes:

1. Heats will be assigned for all hitch classes. Exhibitors are required to show in the assigned heat. Failure to show in the assigned heat may result in expulsion from the class
2. All horses must be owned by the same exhibitor making the entry in the team classes and the unicorn hitch class.

3. At least two horses which make up the 4 horse hitch must be owned by the exhibitor making the entry.
4. At least four horses which make up the 6 horse hitch must be owned by the exhibitor making the entry.
5. Only registered mares are eligible for the Mare Cart class.
6. Only registered geldings are eligible for the Gelding Cart class.
7. A registered or grade stallion, mare or gelding is eligible for the Ladies Cart class and the Men's Cart class.
8. The same horse cannot be driven in the Ladies Cart class and the Men's Cart class.
9. Only registered mares are eligible for the Mare Team class.
10. Registered or grade geldings are eligible for the Gelding Team class.
11. Pleasure Driving Class– Does not require show harness, shoes or braids.
- 12. Children under the age of 10 are not permitted on the wagons in the coliseum.**

Youth Classes:

1. Participant must be a son or daughter of any exhibitor, or of their immediate family, or in the employment of an exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors in Youth Classes (10-14 years of age) must be at least 10 years old at some point during the 2024 calendar year.
3. Exhibitors in Youth Classes (15-18 years of age) are eligible as long as he/she is 18 years old during the 2024 calendar year.
4. Decorating Classes- Youth must furnish their own horse, holder, equipment, and decorations. Youth must roll a mane and tie a tail in 30 minutes. Contest will be judged on neatness and tightness of main roll and tail, and overall appearance of horse.
5. Showmanship- exhibitors shall be judged on showmanship and the animal is not to count. Trailers will not be provided for this class. Trailers will only be used as the animal is tracked to and from the judge. Trailers will not be permitted to stand in the lineup.
6. Judging Classes- Youth will be presented a class of four horses to judge. Participants will place the class on a score card. Participants must give a brief reason supporting their score card. Participants will not be allowed to touch the horses.
7. Youth Driving Classes- Stallions are not permitted in Driving classes. All Youth Drivers must be accompanied by an adult.
8. Entries are highly encouraged by the August 1st deadline. Late entries will be accepted up until the Monday prior to the show, September 23rd. Late entries will not be featured in the program.
9. Grand Champion Youth Exhibitor (10-14 years of age)- Will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest premium amount (based on placing) from Decorating, Judging, Showmanship, Cart, and Team.
10. Reserve Grand Champion Youth Exhibitor (10-14 years of age)- Will be awarded to the exhibitor with the second highest premium amount (based on placing) from Decorating, Judging, Showmanship, Cart, and Team.
11. Grand Champion Youth Exhibitor (15-18 years of age)- Will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest premium amount (based on placing) from Decorating, Judging, Showmanship, Cart, and Team.

12. Reserve Grand Champion Youth Exhibitor (15-18 years of age)- Will be awarded to the exhibitor with the second highest premium amount (based on placing) from Decorating, Judging, Showmanship, Cart, and Team.
13. Amateur 4-Horse Hitch (18 years and over)- To qualify, a participant cannot have driven a 4-horse hitch in any show at the Belgian Alliance Hitch Program level of the current year.

Riding Classes:

Bareback Pad and Harness Bridles Prohibited

Western:

1. Must use Western tack and dress in Western attire.
2. Riding helmets are allowed.
3. Spurs are optional.
4. No restrictions on bit type. A crop is permitted to be carried.
5. Two hands are permitted to be used with bit.
6. Three western gaits will be used. Walk, jog, and lope. Horse is required to be on correct lead.
7. Horse and rider are both judged.
8. Each horse will be required to back.

English

1. Must use English tack and dress in English attire.
2. A riding helmet is required.
3. Spurs are optional.
4. A crop is permitted.
5. No restrictions on bit type.
6. Riders are required to ride with two hands.
7. Three English gaits will be used: walk, trot, and canter.
8. Horse and rider are both judged.
9. Each horse will be required to back.

NABC10 Breeders Challenge

***Only Nominated Animals are Eligible to Show in Breeders Challenge Classes.

1. There are no Class Entry Fees
2. Stall fees are same as the open show. Animals showing in both divisions only have to pay one stall fee per animal.
3. All Registration papers and Breeders Challenge entries must be in order and up to date. The exhibitor entry name must be the same as the current owner on the registration paper.
4. Weanling and Yearlings will be shown in a traditional halter class format and judged by two (2) separate judges. One judge will be determined before the class begins as a tiebreaker judge.
5. Two-year-olds will show in two divisions for this class. The first division will be a traditional halter class format and judged by 2 separate judges. One judge will be determined before this division begins as a tiebreaker judge. The second division will be a rail – driving (hitch) class. This will consist of a walk, trot, reverse, lineup and backup procedures. This will also be judged by 2 separate judges and a tiebreaker

judge for this division will be determined before the class begins. The halter and hitch division will have a combined score to determine final placings. In the event of a tie in these final placings the halter portion will serve as the tiebreaker for this two-year-old class.

6. No awards will be given out during the classes. A separate awards time has been designated in the show schedule for all three age groups.
7. Premier Sire and Dam awards will be given out at the same time as the other Breeders Challenge awards. These will be determined based on the criteria that was outlined in Breeders Challenge information given to all stallion and mare owners upon time of nomination.
8. All open show rules apply to Breeders Challenge Participants in regards to Barn Management, Stall Assignments, Parking, Health Regulations, and Exhibitor Conduct.

Farm Classes:

1. Farm Team classes are open to any working Belgian farm team.
2. Horses/teams may be entered in the same class twice if they are entered properly and must have a different driver and different number.
3. No farm machinery or equipment.
4. All vehicles should be safe and sound for driving in a public setting.
5. Log skidding will be completed with a forecart pulling the log. Each team proceeds to the outside/rail guide first. Deductions will occur for pylons or poles moved and breaking to lop or canter. A broken pattern will equal disqualification.
6. Feed Team Race- Time starts on whistle and stop when neck yoke passes cones. Teams will be kept at a walk or trot, there will be a penalty for lope/gallop. Stop team, pick up 6 bales, proceed to end of ring. When returning, 2 bales must be placed completely on each of the 3 pallets. Teams must be stopped before handler leaves sled, and bales are added or removed. Deductions will occur for broken bales, not placing bale completely on plywood, disturbing an obstacle, and teamster getting off sled. A broken pattern will equal disqualification.
7. Farm Team- Obstacle- Each obstacle must be attempted once in the order given before repeating. Obstacles may not be done twice in a row. When time is called finish the obstacle started and receive points then exit. Points determine the winner and time breaks a tie.

Horse Pull: Illinois Pulling Association Rules

1. Rules consist for one or two class overload.
2. The distance for each pull is 27 1/2 ft. A distance less than 27 1/2 foot will determine the winner
3. The driver is entitled to 3 pulls. He or she may take their first pull, if they fail to pull the 27 1/2 ft. and wished to have 3 pulls they must leave the team hooked after the first pull. They will then have 2 minutes to try for the 2nd pull. If he or she unhooks from the sled after the 1st pull, he or she forfeits their 2nd pull, unless they are at the flag, in which case they can unhook and go the other way to complete their turn. After either pulling or forfeiting the 2nd pull, they can then unhook the horses and wait 3 minutes, choose the direction they want to pull, as long as the sled is inside the flag.

4. At the time of the contest there can be 2 drivers, as long as the team pulls through, if there is going to be a driver change it will be done between rounds and that driver will finish the contest, except in the case of an injury.
5. Drivers are NOT allowed to whip, prod, touch horses or use profanity in anyway. If so, the driver AND the team will be disqualified. Heading of horses is not allowed except in the case of a breakdown, headed horses must be unhooked and driven outside the ropes and driven back to the sled to rehook.
6. Each team will be weighed one time prior to the contest at a designated time and place by the weigh master and that will be the weight of record.
7. Drivers must be ready when his turn comes and will be given 3 minutes to come and hook to the sled after their name is called
8. 3 attempts to hook to the sled is considered one pull. 3 more tries is considered the 2nd pull, and 3 more attempts is considered the 3rd pull. If a driver cannot get hooked after 9 tries the team is disqualified.
9. If a horse gets out of the traces they can be unhooked and brought back to rehooked as long as it is in the allotted time.
10. Any unnecessary equipment on the horse such as ropes, gadgets, or tying horses together is not allowed
11. The same horse CANNOT be used in 2 different classes at the same contest
12. In the event of a tie the score keeper will go back to the next best distance pulled by the tied team to determine the tie breaker
13. Any command by the driver to go will be considered a pull and the measurement will be taken, except in the case of a breakdown, which will entitle the driver to another pull
14. Boundary lines are 15 ft. apart and horses must stay in between the ropes. Horses must be between ropes to be hooked to sled. If the driver hollers whoa to their team before stepping on the rope that will be teams' distance for that attempt.
15. The judge's decision will be final and any driver will be disqualified for arguing with the judges.
16. Any driver who during the event loses control of his horses or loses the line to horses is disqualified. The decision of the judge will be final.
17. Annual membership dues for the Illinois Horse Pullers Association must be paid to participate in this event.
18. When direction of travel is changed for the 3rd pull, that will become the direction of travel of the sled for the puller. Track distance permitting.
19. At time of weighing horses must be paired and an official representative of that pair must be present.

