



NATIONAL NMDA & DONKEY/MULE SHOW

AUGUST 30-31, 2025

SUPERINTENDENTS:

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Entry Deadline	August 20, 2025	
Barns Open (Check In & Class Changes)	August 29, 2025	Noon---6PM
Show	August 30-August 31, 2025	9AM
Awards	August 31, 2025	Conclusion of the show

ALL ENTRIES TO BE MAILED TO:

**State Fair of Texas
Livestock Department
PO Box 150009
Dallas, TX 75315**

****NO ONLINE ENTRIES FOR DONKEY/MULE SHOW**

+++ ALL ANIMALS MUST LEAVE THE FAIR GROUNDS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW ON SUNDAY.

****MINI MULES** are eligible to enter the appropriate mule halter, showmanship, in-hand trail and driving classes
(1,2,4,5,6,32,33,43,44 & 45)

*******WHEN CHECKING IN ON FRIDAY MAKE SURE YOU DOUBLE/TRIPLE CHECK YOUR DIVISIONS AND ALL CLASSES ENTERED. IF YOU ARE IN THE WRONG DIVISION OR CLASSES ONCE THE BOOKS CLOSE, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. NO CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE BOOKS CLOSE.**

*******CHECK OUT the VERSATILITY CHALLENGE JACKPOTS*******

SHOW REQUIREMENTS

- RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the General Rules and Regulations as published in this premium list. The current Texas rulebook will be used as a guide for the large donkey and mule classes (with exceptions). The current **NMDA Rulebook** will govern **ALL NMDA classes**. ALL miniature donkeys MUST be registered prior to the show. Registration papers must be present.
- EXCEPTIONS TO THE TEXAS RULEBOOK:**
 - Exhibitor ages as of January 1 of current year:
 - Adult 20 years and over
 - Youth 19 years and under
 - NO Sub Youth classes. Sub Youth will show in youth classes under youth rules.
 - ADULT WALK/TROT CLASSES:** Open to GREEN and/or TRAINING LEVEL Donkeys/Mules and ANY other Donkey/Mule with a RIDER that prefers not to LOPE. ****A Donkey/Mule entered in this Division **CAN NOT** be entered in ANY other Adult Division, with the same Rider.****
 - Trail may be 6--10 obstacles.
 - Halter points will be equalized for each division--(example 6 jennets, 4 geldings & 2 jacks--all 1st places will get 6 points, 2nd place 5 points, etc.) (LARGE ANIMALS ONLY)
 - In Hand (NO RIDER) Trail classes for large Donkeys & Mules are open to any age animal. All animals must wear a properly fitting saddle and halter for this class. **(EXCEPTION; animals 2 years and under may be shown in a halter with NO saddle, provided they are not entered in any riding or driving classes).** Class will be timed and judged. **THERE WILL BE A TIME LIMIT (to be determined the day of the show)** if you go

over the time you will be disqualified. Must be lead by lead rope. No whips or quirts nor use of rope as a whip.

3. **ENTRY APPLICATION/FEE:** An entry application and fee of **\$15 per class** along with a **MANDATORY OFFICE/SHOW FEE of \$25 per EXHIBITOR** and all stall fees must be submitted by mail on or before August 23, 2025. All fees must be mailed in with applications and signed W-9 and release of liability. Late entries will be accepted until 6 PM, August 30, 2024, at check in. Late entry fees will be equal to two times the regular class entry fees. Classes may be added on an animal that is already entered for \$15 per class.
4. **NO SMOKING** allowed in any barn, judging pavilion or coliseum.
5. **STALLS:** Stall fee of \$30/night per stall (including tack stalls). Limit one large animal or 2 miniatures per stall.
6. **STALLS ARE NOT REQUIRED (you can tie to your trailer at no charge if you are not spending the night). NO OVER NIGHT TIE OUTS. All class changes MUST be made by 6:00 pm on Friday, August 29, 2025.**
7. **ALL ANIMALS MUST LEAVE THE FAIR GROUNDS by 10 AM on Monday, September 1, 2025.**
8. **BEDDING:** Shavings may be purchased at check-in, or on your entry form. **NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS MAY BE BROUGHT ONTO THE GROUNDS.**
9. **DRESS CODE:** Western attire must be worn in the large Donkey and Mule classes. Western attire includes long sleeved shirt and pants, hat and boots. The hat must be on the exhibitor's head when entering the arena. Protective headgear is acceptable. **Miniature donkey exhibitors will follow the NMDA Rulebook.**
10. **YOUTH CLASSES:** Any exhibitor under the age of 13 must have an adult (wearing show dress code) in the arena for all classes. Youth exhibitors may show in Youth exhibitor classes, and any Halter Class, including mixed gender class where adults are showing Jacks.
11. **If both an adult and a youth are showing the same animal, you must declare at check-in who is going to show at halter for points. You cannot wait until after the show starts.**
12. **BITS:** To prevent abusive or illegal bits in the arena, bits will be subject to check by the Judge during each class. The following is a list of illegal bits: bicycle chain bits; prongs inside or outside; snaffle with high port; curb with shanks longer than 8-1/2"; welding to or changing bit surface from smooth to bumpy or sharp; wire wrapped bit. No blood will be tolerated inside or outside the mouth.
13. **DRUGS:** All animals are subject to drug testing. No person shall be permitted to administer internally or externally to any animal, either before or during an event. Any medication, drug, mechanical device or artificial appliance which is of such character, as it could affect its performance or appearance in that event is prohibited.
14. If at any time during the show an animal appears to be lame, sick, etc. (by the show committee or judge). It will be disqualified for the remainder of the show.
15. **No personal practice obstacles are allowed on the grounds.**
16. **TIES:** High point ties will be broken by the number of first places, then by number of animals placed over, then by number of classes placed in, then by highest placing in the Pleasure Riding class or Pleasure Driving for NMDA.
17. **HIGH POINT CALCULATION:** For classes of six or more animals, first place will receive 6 points, with the remaining places receiving one less point in descending order. For classes of less than six animals, first place will receive points equal to the number in the class, with the remaining places receiving one less point in descending order. Maximum points for NMDA classes are 5.
18. ******IF YOU "DRAW OUT" OF A CLASS ONCE THE SHOW STARTS, POINTS WILL BE CALCULATED AS A DISQUALIFICATION (You will get NO points for the class/classes that you draw out of, BUT all other entries will get points for the original TOTAL number of animals entered in each class). ANY exceptions will be handled by the Show Committee.**
19. **AWARDS:** Premiums will be paid out post event, see schedule below. Special Awards will be given to High Point and Reserve High Point Champions in all divisions and for the Champions and Reserve Champions in the Halter divisions and for Best of Breed NMDA.
20. Miniature Mules are encouraged to enter the appropriate mule halter, showmanship, in-hand trail, driving classes and miniature versatility jackpot.
21. **VERSATILITY CHALLENGE JACKPOT RULES;**
 - Divisions offered Donkey, Mule and Miniature Donkey/Mule**
 - State Fair of Texas will start each pot at \$100.00**
 - \$30.00 entry fee with 1/2 the entry fee going back to the pot**
 - Pay outs will be determined by the number of entries**
 - Open to ALL ages of animals and exhibitors**
 - MUST enter before the books close on Friday, August 29, 2025**
 - Do NOT have to be entered in any other classes at the Show**
 - Once everyone has entered the arena you cannot exit without being disqualified**
 - Each exhibitor may have one helper in the arena for tack changes. There will be a 10-minute time limit for Tack changes**
 - Judges' discretion to disqualify any exhibitor that does not maintain complete control of their animal at all Times**
 - There will be 4-7 events in the Challenge--- examples---Pleasure Riding/Pleasure Driving Miniatures, Reining/Mini Reinsmanship, Donkeymanship/Mulemanship, Trail/Obstacle Driving Miniatures, Barrels,**

Stakes, Poles, Showmanship, Halter, etc.

- ---Each event judged separately. Cumulative points of all events will determine the Versatility Champion.
- ---Specific events and patterns will be posted in the Pattern Book that you will receive on Saturday
- Versatility points DO NOT count towards SFT show high point. They count for the jackpot only

22. **PREMIUMS:** PAYBACKS IN ALL CLASSES. PAYMENTS WILL BE AWARDED ON A SLIDING SCALE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN EACH CLASS.

PAY BACKS;	1 ENTRY -----	1ST PLACE \$10
	2 ENTRIES -----	1ST PLACE \$15
		2ND PLACE \$10
	3 OR MORE ENTRIES -----	1ST PLACE \$20
		2ND PLACE \$15

23. **CLASSES OFFERED:**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025 ----- 9 AM

1. MULES @ HALTER -----WEANLINGS & YEARLINGS (MUST BE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS OLD)
2. MULES (2 YEARS & OVER) @ HALTER (58" & UNDER)
3. MULES (2 YEARS & OVER) @ HALTER (58.01" & OVER)
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION MULES @ HALTER
4. SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER---MULES----- ADULT(20 & OVER)
5. SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER---MULES----- YOUTH (19 YEARS & UNDER)
6. SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER----- WALK/TROT MULES (ADULT 20 & OVER)
7. NMDA 2 YEARS & UNDER JENNETS @ HALTER (MUST BE BORN BEFORE 3-11-2021)
8. NMDA 2 YEARS & UNDER GELDINGS @ HALTER (MUST BE BORN BEFORE 3-11-2021)
9. NMDA 2 YEARS & UNDER JACKS @ HALTER (MUST BE BORN BEFORE 3-11-2021)
NMDA JUNIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION @ HALTER
10. NMDA 3-5 YEAR OLD JENNETS @ HALTER
11. NMDA 6 YEARS & OVER JENNETS @ HALTER
 - i. NMDA CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION JENNETS @ HALTER
12. NMDA 3-5 YEAR OLD GELDINGS @ HALTER
13. NMDA 6 YEARS & OVER GELDINGS @ HALTER
 - i. NMDA CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION GELDINGS @ HALTER
14. NMDA 3-5 YEAR OLD JACKS @ HALTER
15. NMDA 6 YEARS & OVER JACKS @ HALTER
 - i. NMDA CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION JACKS @ HALTER
 - ii. NMDA BEST OF BREED (CHOSEN FROM CHAMPION JENNET, GELDING & JACK)
16. NMDA SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER -----PRE GREEN ADULT (DONKEYS 2 & UNDER)
17. NMDA SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER -----GREEN ADULT
18. NMDA SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER -----YOUTH (17 & UNDER)
19. NMDA SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER---OPEN ADULT
20. DONKEYS @ HALTER (OVER 36")----- WEANLINGS & YEARLINGS (MUST BE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS OLD)
21. DONKEY JENNETS (2 YEARS & OVER) @ HALTER (36.01" & OVER)
22. DONKEY GELDINGS (2 YEARS & OVER) @ HALTER (36.01" & OVER)
23. DONKEY JACKS (2 YEARS & OVER) @ HALTER (36.01" & OVER)
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION DONKEYS @ HALTER
24. SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER---DONKEYS -----ADULT(20 & OVER)
25. SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER---DONKEYS -----YOUTH (19 YEARS & UNDER)
26. SHOWMANSHIP @ HALTER---WALK/TROT DONKEYS -----ADULT (20 & OVER)
27. NMDA PLEASURE DRIVING WORKING SINGLE -----GREEN ADULT
28. NMDA PLEASURE DRIVING WORKING SINGLE -----YOUTH(17 & UNDER)
29. NMDA PLEASURE DRIVING WORKING SINGLE -----OPEN ADULT
30. SINGLE HITCH PLEASURE DRIVING---DONKEYS (36.01" & OVER)-----ADULT (20 & OVER)
31. SINGLE HITCH PLEASURE DRIVING---MULES -----ADULT (20 & OVER)
32. SINGLE HITCH OBSTACLE DRIVING---MULES--ADULT (20 OVER)
33. SINGLE HITCH OBSTACLE DRIVING---DONKEYS (36.01" & OVER)-----ADULT (20 & OVER)
34. NMDA OBSTACLE DRIVING WORKING SINGLE -----GREEN ADULT
35. NMDA OBSTACLE DRIVING WORKING SINGLE -----YOUTH (17 & UNDER)
36. NMDA OBSTACLE DRIVING WORKING SINGLE -----OPEN ADULT
37. NMDA PLEASURE: DRIVING (TEAMS)
38. NMDA OBSTACLE: DRIVING (TEAMS)

39. NMDA IN HAND TRAIL---PRE GREEN ADULT (DONKEYS 2 & UNDER)
40. NMDA IN HAND TRAIL---GREEN ADULT
41. NMDA IN HAND TRAIL---YOUTH (17 & UNDER)
42. NMDA IN HAND TRAIL---OPEN ADULT
43. IN HAND TRAIL---MULES---ADULT (20 & OVER)
44. IN HAND TRAIL--MULES---YOUTH (19 & UNDER)
45. IN HAND TRAIL---WALK/TROT MULES---ADULT (20 & OVER)
46. IN HAND TRAIL-- DONKEYS---ADULT (20 & OVER)
47. IN HAND TRAIL-- DONKEYS---YOUTH (19 & UNDER)
48. IN HAND TRAIL—WALK/TROT DONKEYS--ADULT (20 & OVER)
49. TRAIL---MULES---ADULT (20 & OVER)
50. TRAIL---MULES---YOUTH (19 & UNDER)
51. TRAIL---WALK/TROT MULES---ADULT (20 & OVER)
52. TRAIL---DONKEYS---ADULT (20 & OVER)
53. TRAIL---DONKEYS---YOUTH (19 & UNDER)
54. TRAIL---WALK/TROT DONKEYS---ADULT (20 & OVER)

55. SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 - 9 AM

56. VERSATILITY CHALLENGE JACK POT ----- MINIATURE DONKEY &/OR MULES
57. VERSATILITY CHALLENGE JACK POT ----- MULES
58. VERSATILITY CHALLENGE JACK POT ----- DONKEYS
59. NMDA LEADLINE RACE—TIMED----- PRE GREEN ADULT (DONKEYS 2 & UNDER)
60. NMDA LEADLINE RACE—TIMED----- YOUTH (17 & UNDER)
61. NMDA SCRAMBLE---TIMED ----- PRE GREEN ADULT (DONKEYS 2 & UNDER)
62. NMDA SCRAMBLE---TIMED ----- GREEN ADULT
63. NMDA SCRAMBLE---TIMED ----- YOUTH (17 & UNDER)
64. NMDA SCRAMBLE---TIMED ----- OPEN ADULT
65. WESTERN PLEASURE---MULES -----ADULT (20 & OVER)
66. WESTERN PLEASURE---MULES -----YOUTH (19 & UNDER)
67. WESTERN PLEASURE---WALK/TROT MULES (ADULT 20 & OVER)
68. WESTERN PLEASURE---DONKEYS ----- ADULT(20 & OVER)
69. WESTERN PLEASURE---DONKEYS ----- YOUTH(19 & UNDER)
70. WESTERN PLEASURE---WALK/TROT DONKEYS ----- ADULT(20 & OVER)
71. MULEMANSHIP---MULES ----- ADULT(20 & OVER)
72. MULEMANSHIP---MULES ----- YOUTH(19 & UNDER)
73. MULEMANSHIP -----WALK/TROT MULES (ADULT 20 & OVER)
74. DONKEYMANSHIP---DONKEYS-----ADULT(20 & OVER)
75. DONKEYMANSHIP---DONKEYS-----YOUTH(19 & UNDER)
76. DONKEYMANSHIP---WALK/TROT DONKEYS -----ADULT(20 & OVER)

AWARDS PRESENTATION

CLASSES COUNTING FOR HIGH POINT & RESERVE HIGH POINT