



SASKATCHEWAN
EQUINE EXPO

PRAIRIELAND PARK, SASKATOON

February 16-19, 2017

BATTLE OF THE BREEDS

**PrairieLand
Park**

EARLY BIRD ENTRY DEADLINE: November 30, 2016

ENTRY DEADLINE: December 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS(** all times subject to change**)

Date	Time	Compulsory	Judge
Friday, Feb. 17	8:00 pm	Barrel Racing	
Saturday, Feb. 18	9:00 am	Compulsory Pattern	
Sunday, Feb. 19	4:00 pm	Trail Pattern	

Date	Time	Optional	Judge
Saturday, Feb 18	8:00 pm	Jumping	
Saturday, Feb 18	8:00 pm	Reining	
Saturday, Feb 18	8:00 pm	Ranch Riding	

** Please note that there will be minimum entrance numbers for each of the optional components. Committee reserves the right to run any portion at specified times other than prime time during the Equine Extravaganza**

Please visit www.saskatchewanequineexpo.com for complete schedule information & possible time changes.

STABLING

Stabling is from Friday, February 17 to Sunday, February 19 inclusive. Any horse arriving prior to Friday, February 17 will be subject to an early stabling fee of \$20 per night + GST (\$21.00) per horse. Shavings will be available for purchase upon arrival.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

1. The Equine Expo Committee reserves the right to decide any point not covered by the rules and to correct any error or make any necessary alterations in the rules or program.
2. It is the objective of the Equine Expo committee team to run this competition on the highest level of sportsmanship. The officials have been selected based on their knowledge and experience. The event is meant to showcase various horse breeds at their absolute best.

LIABILITY

Neither Prairieland Park nor the Equine Expo committee nor any of its staff or agents or board committee members shall be in any way liable for any accident, injury, damage, loss or for any other matter that may happen from any cause or circumstances whatsoever to exhibitors, competitors or members or their agents or to anyone on the grounds or to any animal exhibited or to any property brought on the grounds for any other loss, claim, matter, circumstance or event whatever in connection with or arising out of or attributable to or from the event, and you agree to indemnify and save harmless Prairieland Park, its agents and employees from and against any and all liability arising out of any such loss, damages, claims or costs.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All horses entered in the Battle of the Breeds must be registered with the entering Breed Association. A copy of the animal's registration papers must be provided with the entry. (A veterinarian's breed confirmation will suffice for a horse that does not have registration papers.)
2. Breed entries will consist of a minimum of 3 horse/rider teams OR a maximum of 4 horse/rider teams. Competitors and horses can compete for one breed team only.
3. If three (3) horse/rider teams are entered one horse/rider team may compete in two components.
4. If four (4) horse/rider teams are entered, one horse/rider team must compete in one each of the 4 components.
5. Each breed/team must compete in all of the three compulsory events (Compulsory pattern, Barrel Racing & Trail) and at least 1 optional events (Jumping, Reining, Ranch Riding) totaling 4 of the 6 events offered.
6. The order of go will be drawn prior to the first competition and will be rotated for the remaining components.
7. Entry forms, registration papers and rider biographies must be received by November 30, 2016.
8. Fee per team is \$400 plus GST for a total of \$420.00 for November 30th deadline. \$450 plus GST for a total of \$472.50 for December 30 deadline.
9. Shavings (no straw allowed) are available for purchase as well as additional passes and may be pre-ordered. A weekend pass will be issued to all competitors. Stalls are included in this fee, please bring water buckets.
10. In the case of veterinary related injuries, horses may be substituted up to 2 hours before start of a class. Substitutions must be approved by Expo committee and require a vet certificate.
11. Horses may be ridden with Western or English tack and attire, but not a combination.
12. In all competitions, the judges' decisions are final.
13. Martingales, tie-downs and splint boots are permitted in all competitions, except the compulsory pattern.
14. The Saskatchewan Equine Expo Committee adheres to standards of Equine Health and Welfare and requires all exhibitors use responsible care in the handling and treatment of horses in their care, both inside and outside the competition arena.
15. The Equine Expo committee team reserves the right to excuse any competitor or horse they feel is unfit/unsafe to compete in any event or has exhibited abuse.
16. The Battle of the Breeds guidelines requires all exhibitors to know and follow standard rules and regulations that pertain to the particular event in which they are competing. Events will be judged according to NRHA, EC and/or SHF rules.
17. In the event of injury or illness to either horse or rider, the Committee reserves the right to review options for substitutions. Decisions of the Committee will be final.

PLACING & CHAMPIONSHIP

Contestants will be placed in each competition for points toward the championship. Champion team will be determined using a point system. In the case of a tie, the breed team which placed first in the most events will be declared champion. In the event that there is a tie for the number of first places, the team with the highest number of first place placings will be declared the champion. Payouts will be determined once final entry numbers are determined.

DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAIN

Following is a list of duties the Team Captain must adhere to:

1. Provide a proof of coaching designation or provide a letter of equivalent experience.
2. Coordinate all information with team & muster team to each event on time.
3. Attend Battle of the Breed event briefings Friday afternoon (specified time to be announced)
4. Responsible of ensuring safety of team members and horses during events.

COMPULSORY EVENTS (one horse/rider per team must compete in each event)

COMPULSORY PATTERN (pattern to be supplied to teams after entry deadline)

This is an event that will be judged under the same principles as outlined in the rules of standard dressage tests (Equine Canada and Western Style Dressage Association of Canada). The pattern will be completed in a modified dressage ring. Patterns for all competitors will be read by a reader provided by the show committee.

Riders may choose English or Western tack. Riders in Western tack may use any type of western headstall, including bit-less bridles, bosals, snaffles and curb bits. A curb bit can be used with one or two hands, but may not go from one handed to two handed during the pattern. English riders may only use standard snaffle bits such as a loose ring, egg butt, d-ring, full cheek. No twisted snaffle bits are allowed under either English or Western tack. A breastplate may be used. Whips are not permitted. Illegal equipment: any type of martingale, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, tie-downs, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.) any kind of boots or bandages (including tail bandages) and any form of blinkers, earmuffs or plugs, ear covers, nose covers, seat covers, hoods will result in elimination.

BARREL RACING

This is a speed event using the traditional pattern around 3 barrels. Time penalties will be 5 seconds for each barrel knocked down. Disqualification will result if competitor goes off pattern or if rider dismounts between start and finish lines.

TRAIL PATTERN (pattern to be supplied to teams after entry deadline)

Up to 14 obstacles will be set. Each obstacle carries a value from 5 to 60 points according to difficulty. Each obstacle may be negotiated only once, however, it is not necessary to negotiate all obstacles. Horses may be ridden English or Western.

OPTIONAL EVENTS (choose 1 of 3 events)

JUMPING

The jumping portion of the Battle of the Breeds will be run as a 'Gambler's Choice' class. The course will consist of a maximum of twelve fences (no combinations) with each fence jumped clear to be credited with 10-120 points, depending on the degree of difficulty. Obstacles may be jumped in both directions, and in any order. If an obstacle is knocked down, it scores no points, and may not be jumped again. The height of the obstacles will range from .5m – .9m. Riders will be given the opportunity to walk the course ½ hour prior to the competition.

Headgear: Approved ASTM helmets with safety harness permanently affixed to the helmet must be worn by all riders. Boots with heel are mandatory, martingales and equine boots are permitted.

REINING

For this event we will be using NRHA Pattern #7.

RANCH RIDING (pattern to be supplied to teams after entry deadline)

This is an event showcasing the versatility of the ranch or cow horse. The pattern will be judged similar to reining on penalty & maneuver scores.

Compulsory Pattern - English Version

		TEST	DIRECTIVE IDEAS	MARKS
1	A X	Enter at working trot Halt, Salute Proceed working trot	Straightness on centreline and in halt; immobility; quality of gait; willing balanced transitions	10
2	C MXK K-F	Track right Lengthen stride in trot. Working trot.	Bend and balance in turn; moderate lengthening of frame and stride; quality and consistent tempo of gait; willing, balanced transitions; straightness.	10
3	F-X	Leg yield left	Quality and consistent tempo of trot; alignment of horse, balance and flow in leg yield.	10
4	X	Circle right 10m	Shape and size of circle; quality of gait; bend.	10
5	X	Circle left 10m	Shape and size of circle; quality of gait; bend.	10
6	X-M	Leg yield right	Quality and consistent tempo of trot; alignment of horse, balance and flow in leg yield.	10
7	C	Working canter left lead	Willing, calm, balanced transition; quality of gait.	10
8	C	Circle left 15 m	Quality of gait; shape and size of circle; bend.	10
9	HXF X	Change rein Simple change of lead through trot	Willing, calm, balanced transitions; quality of gait; straightness.	10
10	A	Circle right 15 m	Quality of gait; shape and size of circle; bend.	10
11	K-H	Lengthen stride in canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; quality and consistent tempo of gait; balance; straightness.	10
12	H-C	Working canter	Willing, balanced transition; quality and consistent tempo of gait.	10
13	C	Working trot	Willing, balanced transition; quality of gait.	10
14	MXK K	Lengthen stride in trot Working trot.	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; quality and consistent tempo of gait; willing, balanced transitions; straightness.	10
15	A X	Down centreline Halt, Rein back 3-4 steps Halt 3-4 seconds Salute Leave arena in working trot.	Straightness on centreline and in halt; immobility; quality of gait; willing balanced transitions	10

Compulsory Pattern - Western Version

		TEST	DIRECTIVE IDEAS	MARKS
1	A X	Enter at working jog Halt, Salute Proceed working jog	Straightness on centreline and in halt; immobility; quality of gait; willing balanced transitions	10
2	C MXK K-F	Track right Lengthen stride of jog Working jog	Bend and balance in turn; moderate lengthening of frame and stride; quality and consistent tempo of gait; willing, balanced transitions; straightness.	10
3	F-X	Leg yield left	Quality and consistent tempo of trot; alignment of horse, balance and flow in leg yield.	10
4	X	Circle right 10m	Shape and size of circle; quality of gait; bend.	10
5	X	Circle left 10m	Shape and size of circle; quality of gait; bend.	10
6	X-M	Leg yield right	Quality and consistent tempo of trot; alignment of horse, balance and flow in leg yield.	10
7	C	Working lope left lead	Willing, calm, balanced transition; quality of gait.	10
8	C	Circle left 15 m	Quality of gait; shape and size of circle; bend.	10
9	HXF X	Change rein Simple change of lead through jog	Willing, calm, balanced transitions; quality of gait; straightness.	10
10	A	Circle right 15 m	Quality of gait; shape and size of circle; bend.	10
11	K-H	Lengthen stride in lope	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; quality and consistent tempo of gait; balance; straightness.	10
12	H-C	Working lope	Willing, balanced transition; quality and consistent tempo of gait.	10
13	C	Working jog	Willing, balanced transition; quality of gait.	10
14	MXK K	Lengthen stride of jog Working jog	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; quality and consistent tempo of gait; willing, balanced transitions; straightness.	10
15	A X	Down centerline Halt, Rein back 3-4 steps. Halt 3-4 seconds Salute Leave arena in working jog.	Straightness on centerline and in halt; immobility; quality of gait; willing balanced transitions	10



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