



**Battle of the Breeds
Equifest 2020**
Tony's Pizza Events Center and
Saline County Expo Grounds.
Salina, Kansas
Application Form
March 6th, 7th and 8th 2020



Rider Info:

Rider Name: _____ DOB: _____
Mailing Address (Street) _____ (City) _____
(State) _____ (Zip) _____
Email Address _____
Phone () _____ Discipline Circle One: (English/Western)

Equine Info:

Equine Barn Name: _____
Equine Registered Name: _____
Breed: _____ Age: _____
Sex: _____

Please check the following:

- I have read and understand the basic rules for Battle of the Breeds 2020
- I understand my horse will need a current Proof of Negative Coggins sent two weeks prior to event, to participate in event.
- I have attached the required information outlined below:

Please include:

1. A copy of your horse's registration papers. *Exceptions: Mules and Mustangs. Mustangs must be branded.*
2. A two-minute **CONTINUOUS** video of you and your horse walk, trot/jog, canter/lope and jumping video must be of horse/rider combo that will be participating in Battle of the Breeds.
3. A brief bio of yourself and your horse and why you want to compete in Battle of the Breeds Equifest 2020

Deadline for entries is Oct 1st, 2019

Please send the completed form and attachments to: pioneerhorsemanship@gmail.com

Entry fee of \$275 will be collected after the exhibitors are chosen. Entry fee covers stalls and one bag of shavings per stall. No fee due at this time.



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Classes, Schedule Prizes, Basic Rules, Selection Process

Classes

Classes: Pattern Class | Jumping | Driving | Freestyle

Schedule

Rough Schedule: **MANDATORY** Riders Meeting 8:00pm Thursday March 5th.
One event Friday March 6th. Two Events Saturday March 7th. Freestyle Event on
Sunday March 8th.

Prizes/Scoring

Each class will be scored and placed individually. However, overall placings will be given based on the cumulative placings for the weekend. The horse and rider team with the highest cumulative score for the weekend will be considered the winner. \$2000 prize money and a Capo Customs Trophy Saddle will be awarded to the winner. \$500 and prizes will be awarded to 2nd place. Other prizes will be given out as well. Ribbons will be awarded through fourth place in all classes.

Basic Rules

*Final Rules will be distributed after riders have been selected.
Every horse must compete in every event.*

Tack/Equipment: English or western equipment is allowed for any of the events. Riders may change tack between events if desired. **Illegal equipment: martingales, tie downs, gag bits, draw reins. A more complete list of illegal equipment will be included with the final rules.** Any age horse may be ridden in a snaffle.

Pattern Class: The pattern will be given out at the riders meeting 8:00pm Thursday March 5th. It will consist of a variety of maneuvers. Lateral maneuvers, circles, straight lines, change of bend (inside bend vs counter bend) and extension and collection of the following gaits: walk, trot/jog, canter/lope, halt/stop, back. These are just examples of possible maneuvers. Additional maneuvers may be required. A sliding stop will not be rewarded more than a good square stop. Judges will be looking for a willingly guided horse. The goal is to present seamless communication between horse and rider, creating an overall pleasing picture, good rider balance and rhythm with minimal visible cueing.



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Jumping: This will be timed and judged. Riders will be able to choose their course. They will be given two minutes to jump as many jumps as they want. Jump height will range from 1'6" to 2'9". Riders will be judged on their approach to jumps, rider position over jumps, how well their course was planned out (flow) and the jumps themselves will have points allocated to them. More challenging jumps will score higher. Judges will be looking for a willingly guided horse, overall pleasing picture, good rider balance and rhythm with minimal visible cueing. **Helmets are REQUIRED in the jumping class regardless of the tack chosen.**

Driving: This will be a timed and judged class with a set course. While speed is a factor this is a walk trot only event. Horse and rider teams will be penalized for cantering or loping on course. Either single or double axle carts and carriages are accepted. One will not be favored over the other. Judges will be looking for a willingly guided, balanced, confident horse and efficient driver equine team.

Freestyle: Riders will have seven minutes to perform their freestyle. (includes set-up time and performance time) There will be mandatory maneuvers. Mandatory maneuvers could include but will not be limited to: walk, trot/jog, canter/lope, halt/stop, lateral movements, simple or flying lead changes, creative use of a prop etc...Creativity, choreography, riders/handler's ability to showcase what sets their breed apart from the rest will also be judged.

Potential penalties in ALL classes: Penalties will be given for gaping mouth, throwing of head, break of gait, excessive use of spurs/whip etc. The goal is to present seamless communication between horse and rider, creating an overall pleasing picture, good rider balance and rhythm with minimal visible cueing.

Riders: Any equestrian 16 years and older may apply. See application form for what MUST be included with application.

Equines: All registered breeds will be considered. Mules and Mustangs are the only exception. Mustangs must be branded. The goal of this event is to have a wide variety of equines to showcase in competition at Equifest. Donkeys will not be accepted. All equines must have a current Proof of Negative Coggins paper sent to Battle of the Breeds organizer two-weeks prior to the event.



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Rider Etiquette: Any rider at any time may be excused from the competition for unsportsmanlike behavior. This is a competition but more importantly all of the riders chosen are representing Equifest of Kansas and need to be good examples to all of the spectators whether in the competition arena or out. Unsportsmanlike behavior is defined as the following:

- 1) Abuse of equine (excessive spurring, yanking of reins repeatedly, bloody saliva in equines mouth or spur marks on equine etc).
- 2) Mistreating judges/fellow exhibitors/Battle of the Breeds Staff (Swearing at or threatening judges, other exhibitors or Battle of the Breeds staff will not be tolerated.)

MORE DETAILED RULES TO FOLLOW.

Selection Process

One horse and rider make up a "team". Eight horse and rider teams will be selected based on their ability to showcase their competence in their application video and whether the breed of horse adds variety to the line-up. The goal is to provide the spectators at Equifest a unique experience of watching a diverse group of equines compete in the same events.