

### **HORSES – ARRIVAL:**

Thursday, April 25: 6:00am – 10:00pm

Friday, April 26: 6:00am – 7:30am

Any trailers/horses arriving after hours must contact the Horse Barn Manager for instructions.  
Horse Trailers should enter the fairgrounds from Como Avenue at Canfield.

### **Important things to know if you are bringing a horse to the MN Horse Expo**

- NEW SUNDAY HOURS: The Expo will not open until 10:00am on Sunday.
- Sunday morning Church service will be held in the DNR Building at 8:30am. This is for Expo exhibitors only and not open to the general public.
- Please clean up after yourselves and your horse. Although we are used to horse manure, the general public is not, and we want to present a clean barn and Expo grounds. There should not be droppings left behind in walkways or on sidewalks.
- Stall decoration contest again! The best decorated stalls will win a cash prize!
- Although sales of products and services are not allowed in the barn, horse farm/organizations and associations are allowed to sell clothing and other approved items ONLY IF it is logo merchandise that is promoting their association, barn, farm or breed.
- No coffee pots, heaters, crock pots or dogs allowed in the barn. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Do NOT ride horses in the barn. Hand walk horses through the barn.
- DOGS are NOT allowed in the Horse Barn or Coliseum (service dogs are allowed) and will be enforced. This is a STATE FAIR policy, not just a Horse Expo policy.
- Spray all stall decorations with a **Fire Retardant** spray prior to hanging in the horse barn.
- Warwick Schiller master class participants may check in their horses on Wednesday. Contact Darrell Mead at 612-860-4645 to schedule a time.
- There are two separate offices: One in the horse barn for everything related to the stalls and one in the Coliseum for getting your vendor packet of information and wristbands. This office is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday and at 6:00 a.m. on Friday. However, if you arrive on Friday morning, a wristband is required to enter the Expo grounds, so you will need to stop by the Will Call Booth at the corner of Carnes and Liggett to check in.
- All horses must have a negative 2024 Coggins test. Out-of-State horses require a health certificate (except Wisconsin) in addition to the Coggins. A paper copy of these items needs to accompany your horse – digital copies are NOT accepted. If your horse shows any visible signs of illness it will be put in quarantine and inspected by the vet at your expense.
- Horses must remain in their trailers until a representative of the Expo has looked at them, their paperwork and given the approval to unload.
- Camping is on a first come-first serve basis at a charge of \$75 per camping vehicle for the weekend. Drive to the camp area on the midway and a camping attendant will assist you in finding a spot and handling your payment. The campground opens on Wednesday at 8:00am.
- A schedule of open riding times in Compeer, the Coverall and the Coliseum will be posted in the Horse Barn and Expo offices.
- Stallion and Breed Demo narratives and music must be sent **by April 1** to John Dahl (see contact info below). All music needs to be in a transferable file format.
- **If you plan on riding in the Parade of Breeds or be part of the Breed Demo's you MUST make arrangements ahead of time with the Breed Representative. Contact the Barn Manager as early as possible to find out who is the Breed Representative.**
- **As always, STALLIONS are NOT allowed in the Parade of Breeds and is strictly enforced. They are allowed in the Breed Demonstrations.**

- Remember that all horse owners should have proof of liability insurance. This can be obtained through the Minnesota Horse Council membership. Contact Jenny Buskey at [eventoffice@mnhorseexpo.org](mailto:eventoffice@mnhorseexpo.org) for more information.
- Please do not leave early on Sunday – the public that comes on Sunday is disappointed to find many of the horses have left before 5pm. With shorter Sunday hours this is even more important than in the past. The Barn staff will be documenting all horses that leave early on Sunday.

## **Opportunities for your horses at the Expo:**

**Vendor Product Demonstrations:** There will be 3 vendors at the Expo that are looking for horses for demonstrations of their products. There will be a Bemer Rep (Equinimity), Magnawave of MN, and CP Saddle Fitting. If you would like to schedule your horse for use in one or more of these demos during the Expo, please contact Jenny at 612-240-2435 or [eventoffice@mnhorseexpo.org](mailto:eventoffice@mnhorseexpo.org) to get on the list, which will then be given to the vendors to contact you to schedule. They will be in the Cattle Barn, so you can always stop by their booths to inquire.

**Extreme Obstacle Challenge:** If you are interested in participating in a Midwest Extreme Obstacle Association clinic/competition of a timed obstacle event Friday or Saturday in Compeer Arena from 9 to 10:30am or Sunday from 10 to Noon, please contact Natalie Chapman at [meoa.director@gmail.com](mailto:meoa.director@gmail.com) Looking for 3-5 horse/riders each day. No charge for participating. Must sign liability waiver.

**Garrocha Pole Demonstrations:** Christine Drentwett will be doing a demonstration/clinic on horsemanship using a garrocha pole Friday and Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 in the Cattle Barn arena during Expo. If you have experience riding one handed with or without a garrocha pole and would like to be considered as a demo rider, please send an email to [kathy@mnhorseexpo.org](mailto:kathy@mnhorseexpo.org) with a brief description of your past experience with garrocha, or why you would be a good candidate to try. No charge for participating. Must sign liability waiver.

Stallions & Breed Representatives Email your music and narratives by April 1 to:

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