

Keystone Pony Pulling contest rules set

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remain at the gate in case of emergency. If a helper steps in front of the doubletree after the pull has started, a whistle will be blown and the trial is counted against the team and no credit for the distance pulled is allowed.

16. Fussing and Milling: Fussing the team while hitching will not be tolerated likewise for milling after the team has been hitched. A reasonable allowance will be made for time and movement of the team to get them set for an even pull. **Penalty:** The calling of a trial against the team.

17. Lunging into the leads: Pulling the team back against the doubletree and jumping or lunging them into the lead at the start does not help in moving the load and may cause injury to the

ponies. The harness tugs to the Sled must be reasonably tight when the pull starts. **Penalty:** The driver may be disqualified for the rest of the contest, the trial is counted against the team, and no credit is given for the distance.

18. Driving: The driver has the option of walking or sitting on the Sled while in motion. He cannot whip the team or carry a whip, shake or rattle a chain, can of pebbles, use a buzzer or any other device to frighten the team; hit the team with the free ends of the lines; swing the lines between the driver and the ponies back, slap the ponies with that portion of the hands while pulling; nor jump off over a slow pony when he is about to give up. The driver is not permitted to cross from one side of the sled to the other while the

pull is in progress. Also shortening tugs so single trees knock against the legs is prohibited. Driver may talk and shout to the team all they wish as long as language is proper. **Penalty:** The driver is disqualified for the rest of the contest, the trial is counted against the team, and no credit is given to the distance.

19. Handling Ponies Between Trials: Whipping, Slapping, Jabbing, or punishing the animals in any way between trials will not be tolerated. A competent official will be assigned to watch the teams that are not pulling. **Penalty:** Disqualification of driver or handler.

20. Outside Interference: Special effort will be made to keep the crowd quiet from the time the team comes up to hitch until the end of the pull; or trial is called. Whether the crowd interferes with the pull will be decided by the officials.

If another teamster or handlers interferes by yelling "Whoa" or in any other way, that individual will be removed from the pulling area. When interference is called the distance is credited to the team and the trial is not counted against them.

21. Location of Sled: The officials will be responsible for the position of the Sled on all pulls. Contestants will not be permitted to spot the Sled at any time. The third pull will be the drivers choice of direction, providing there is enough room to go the full distance. Drivers must file their protests before hitching.

22. Drivers: Competition is limited to teams owned by contestants residing in Pennsylvania and drivers

must also be Pennsylvania residents. The team may be driven by the owner and owners may change drivers at any time provided the officials are informed in advance.

23. Ponies shall not be tied together by neck yokes, straps, ropes or in any other way. They are to be held together only by the regular lines used in driving.

24. Any person defaulting by misrepresentation of ownership will be ineligible to pull the following year.

Protests: Ponies are subjected to a blood test and cost of a negative test borne by Complainant. Protests may be lodged only by another driver and must be lodged before the ponies leave the arena. Protests are to be made in writing and presented to the superintendent accompanied by \$35.00. If the blood test proves to be positive for the presence of any drugs, stimulant, sedative, depressant or medicine, the team will be disqualified and the driver and or owner will be ineligible to pull the following year. The identity of the complainant will be revealed on inquiry of the driver or owner of the team being protested.

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Name _____ Age _____

Color _____ Sex _____ Weight _____

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Name _____ Age _____

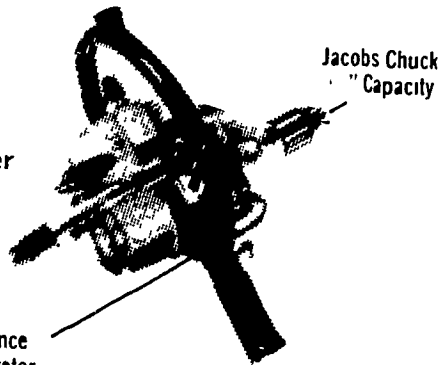
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Hearing slated on canning lids

HARRISBURG - Rep. Kenneth E. Brandt, R-Lancaster, announced today that a public hearing on the State's canning lid shortage will be held August 11 in Harrisburg by a special House panel of which he is a member.

"Many people are quite angry about the shortage of home canning lids which forces them to buy jar and lid sets selling for \$3.00 a dozen," Brandt said.

"Buying lids separately would be more economical as one-piece replacement lids retail for as little as \$.39 a dozen and the two piece lids sell for about a dollar a dozen.

"Because these lids cannot be found complete jar and lid sets must be bought and jars which consumers have from past seasons are useless."

Brandt said the special Committee will take testimony from consumers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers as well as spokesmen for the State Department of Agriculture

in an attempt to learn all facets of the shortage.

"This scarcity has generated a great deal of rumor, suspicion, and charges of market manipulation and I think it is about time the State finally begins to investigate reports of hoarding, disappearances from warehouses, and the general distribution of lids in Pennsylvania," he said.

"The fact that this probe is being started may, in itself, help resolve the problems by focusing greater public

attention on the issue.

"Anyone having information or comments relevant to the hearing should contact me as soon as possible."

The Lancaster County legislator added that the investigating committee is composed of members of the House Committees on Agriculture and Consumer Protection. Next Monday's hearing will be held in the House Majority Caucus Room, State Capitol Building.

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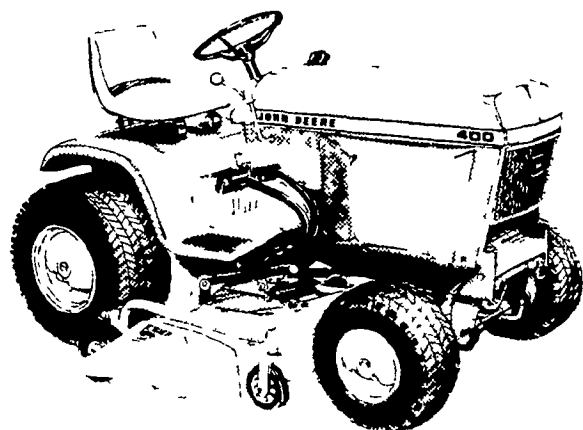
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