

Welcome to the
2012 North American Belgian Championships VII
July 17 – 21, 2012
Keystone Centre, 1175-18th St.
Brandon, Manitoba, Canada

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HORSE SHOW JUDGES

Wes Gordeyko - Ohaton, Alberta
Mark Sparrow - Colo, Iowa
Jim Westbrook - Schulenburg, Texas
Steve Gregg - Cargill, Ontario
Sherald Joynt - Virden, Manitoba
Roger Stahl - Bruno, Saskatchewan

Ring Steward	Darryl Horn – Virden, Manitoba
Announcer	Everett More – Virden, Manitoba
Official Photographer	Lynn Cassels-Caldwell, Lakefield, Ontario

Over \$152,000 in prize money will be paid out!

Saturday, July 14, 2012

8:00 A.M. Arrival of horses

Sunday, July 15, 2012

5:00 P.M. Exhibitor Welcome

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

Morning Junior Foal Filly (born April 1 or later)
Senior Foal Filly (born Jan 1 – March 31)
Yearling Filly
2 Year Old Filly
Junior Champion Mare
3 Year Old Mare
4 Year Old & Over Yeld Mare

Brood Mare
Senior Champion Mare
Grand Champion Mare

Afternoon.

Mens Cart
Ladies Team
Registered Mare Cart
Heavy Draft Team

Evening.

Opening Ceremonies
Under Saddle - English
RCMP Musical Ride (tentative)
Registered Mare Team
Open Four-Horse Hitch

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Morning

Yearling Gelding
2 Year Old Gelding
3 Year Old Gelding
Registered Gelding
Light Draft Gelding
Heavy Draft Gelding
Champion Gelding
Junior Stallion Foal (born Apr 1 or later)
Senior Stallion Foal (born Jan 1 – March 31)
Yearling Stallion
2 Year Old Stallion
Junior Champion Stallion
3 Year Old Stallion
4 Year Old & Over Stallion
Senior Champion Stallion
Grand Champion Stallion
Progeny of Dam
Get of Sire
Stallion & Three Mares
Best Three Horses Owned by One Exhibitor

Afternoon

RCMP Musical Ride (tentative)
Registered Mare Four-Horse Hitch
Junior Team (combined age of 4 or 5 years)
Youth Team (7 – 13 years)

Evening

RCMP Musical Ride (tentative)
Open Six-Horse Hitch
Registered Mare Unicorn

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Morning	Youth Decorating 14 – 18 Years Youth Showmanship 14 – 18 Years Youth Decorating 7 – 13 Years Youth Showmanship 7 – 13 Years
Afternoon	RCMP Musical Ride (tentative) Registered Mare Six-Horse Hitch Light Draft Team Youth Cart 14 – 18 Years
Evening	Open Six-Horse Hitch Youth Cart 7 – 13 Years Ladies Cart Horse Pull Sponsor Auction

Friday, July 20, 2012

Morning	Youth Judging 7 – 13 Years Youth Judging 14 – 18 Years Horse Pull
Afternoon	Champion Team 2-Year Old Cart Class Under Saddle – Western Registered Mare Six-Horse Hitch Gelding Unicorn Horse Pull
Evening	Exhibitors Reception

Saturday, July 21, 2012

Morning	Horse Pull
Afternoon	Open Six-Horse Hitch Combination Class Youth Team 14 – 18 Years Open Tandem
Evening	Registered Mare Six-Horse Hitch Amateur Four-Horse Hitch Dream Team Geldings Dream Team Mares

2012 North American Belgian Championships VII General Rules & Regulations

1. Belgian exhibitors are required to carry their own liability insurance. The exhibitor assumes all risk of loss, injury or damage of every kind or nature to property of any kind belonging to or brought upon the premises by the exhibitor however caused, including the negligence of the 2012 North American Belgian Championship VII Show Committee or the Manitoba Percheron Belgian Club or any of its members, employees, or agents. The exhibitor also assumes any personal injury to himself or any of his employees, and agrees to save and keep harmless the 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII from any and all claims or suits growing out of any such loss, injuries or damage. The exhibitor is urged to keep attendants at their exhibits at all times and carry insurance for their protection against any losses which might be incurred and to protect themselves from risks assumed under this clause.
2. Please indicate the number of box stalls required (including tack stalls) on the entry form. Every effort will be made to comply with all reasonable requests.
3. The ages of horses shall date from January of the year in which they are foaled. No stallion, two years of age or older, may be exhibited unless he has two testicles down and showing.
4. All exhibits must be owned by and registered as purebred in the name of the exhibitor or accompanied lease registered with the Canadian Belgian Horse Association or Belgian Draft Horse Corp of America (or country of residence registry) in the name of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must have a registration paper issued in the exhibitor's country of residence. The exhibitor is the name identified on the registration paper or lease. Grade horses are the exception.
5. No substitution fee shall apply to a brood mare entered whose foal has died after the late entry closing date. Such a mare may be transferred to another mare class.
6. Exhibitors cancelling their entries shall forfeit their entry fee, except when a certificate of disability is issued by a qualified veterinarian. The certificate of disability must be received at the entries office by July 15, 2012.
7. Brood Mare – the exhibitor is required to show a mare visibly nursing a current year foal or provide the registration paper for its current year foal.
8. Get of Sire – Three animals the get of one sire. The registered name and number of the sire must appear on the entry form at the time of entry. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section if offered. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name. Multiple entries are acceptable. Registered geldings are eligible.

9. Progeny of Dam – Two animals the progeny of one dam. The registered name and number of the dam must appear on the entry form at the time of entry. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section if offered. Both animals must be owned by the exhibitor and registered as purebred in the exhibitor's name. Multiple entries are accepted. Registered geldings are eligible.
10. Stallion and Three Mares – Each animal must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name. Each animal must have been shown in its appropriate single section if offered. Maximum one entry per exhibitor.
11. No stallion may be used in any youth or ladies class. Drivers in the Youth Cart and Youth Team Classes must be accompanied by an adult.
12. Should a class have insufficient entries when entries close, the entries may be combined at the discretion of the 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII Show Committee.
13. All foals must be exhibited on the halter. Mares may not accompany foals into the ring for the foal class. Neither may foals accompany a mare in the brood mare class.
14. Registered names and numbers must accompany all purebred entries other than foals. Original papers must be produced for pedigree checking prior to the show. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Copies of registration papers must accompany entries.
15. All horses eligible for a championship must be presented in the ring when the class is called, otherwise the exhibitor will forfeit any prize money won by said animal. This rule will be strictly enforced.
16. The exhibitor must own both horses shown in a team or single tandem. Multiple hitches may be combined.
17. A registered mare six horse hitch cannot be exhibited in both the registered mare six horse hitch and the open six horse hitch.
18. The same horse may not be used in the mens cart, ladies cart, or mare cart.
19. All classes will be placed to 20 (twenty) positions.
20. Unmanageable horses will be asked to leave the ring.
21. It is the tradition of the show ring that an exhibitor be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses properly presented. The management may in its discretion bar the entry of any person from the show ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.

22. Judging – Exhibitors must ascertain at what time judging will take place; and no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judges have overlooked exhibits will be considered by the 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII committee.
23. Time of Showing – The 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII schedule will be published in the official show program. Exhibitors are required to act accordingly. Any animal not presented in the ring at the time the class is called will be barred from showing in that class. Barn runners will not be used.
24. Excessive use of a long whip in the marshalling/hitching area and/or show ring will not be tolerated and could result in being barred from showing in that particular class.
25. No animals may be removed early from the 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII site without a certificate of disability from a qualified veterinarian. Failure to comply will result in prize money being forfeited.
26. Under Saddle Western – Western horses to be ridden stock seat. Any western headstall without a nose band with any standard western bit. The use of whips, tie downs, or martingales strictly prohibited. Rider to be dressed in western attire.
27. Under Saddle English – English horses to be ridden basic seat and shown in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle with a nose band and balance seat saddle. The use of whips and martingales strictly prohibited. Rider to be dressed in English attire.
28. Combination Class - To be shown first in harness as a rail class and then under saddle as Western or English pleasure. To be driven and ridden by the same person. To be judged 50% in harness and 50% under saddle. Up to two helpers allowed assisting the tack change. Removal of the bridle while horse is still put to a vehicle will incur immediate elimination from this class. The judge shall NOT request entries to be re-harnessed after being ridden. Horse must enter the ring under harness and proceed with the judging of a rail class, line up in the center of the ring for inspection, then upon completion of judging of the rail portion and with the help of one or two assistants who bring the riding tack to the center of the ring, the driver must unhook the cart and proceed to un-harness the horse, and re-tack with saddle and riding bridle and when ready, take to the rail under saddle. The assistants will remove the cart and harness from the ring. The remainder of the class will be judged as a saddle class. Top combined score of both divisions is determined the winner. English or Western equipment.
29. Youth Hi-Point 13 & under – Winner to be determined by the cumulative score in each of the showmanship, judging, decorating, team driving, and cart classes.

30. Youth Hi-Point 14 – 18 years – Winner to be determined by the cumulative score in each of the showmanship, judging, decorating, team driving, and cart classes.
31. All persons making entries agree to accept and abide by the judge's decision. Protests on any ground must be made in writing on the same day in which the protested action was taken and given to the Show Committee. ALL PROTESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT OF \$500 WHICH WILL BE FORFEITED IF THE PROTEST IS NOT SUSTAINED.
32. Any items not covered by the above will be ruled up on by the 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII show committee.

**2012 North American Belgian Championships VII
Horse Pull Rules**

1. Teams will be divided by weight into three classes:
 - a) Lightweight: 2200 – 3000 lbs
 - b) Middleweight: 3001 – 3500 lbs
 - c) Heavyweight: over 3500 lbs
2. Starting weight is 3000 lbs. Then weight added in 500 lb. increments. Lightweight must start at 4000 lbs.; Middleweight must start at 5000 lbs.; Heavyweight must pull on 6000 lbs., however, a team may start at any weight but must continue from that weight.
3. Draw to be made hitched to a skid over a distance of 14 feet. Sidelines to be 16 feet apart. There will be two tries to draw the load the 14 feet. Each time the boat is moved is counted as a try. An extra pin will be set behind the boat each time it is moved. The team must not be intentionally unhooked during these tries.
4. A teamster will be allowed 3 minutes from the time his/her name is called to hook up or will be eliminated. If the team refuses, teamster will be allowed 3 minutes rest and 1 minute to try the load again. If the team refuses again, it will be allowed another 3 minutes rest and 1 minute to complete the try. Ringmaster is to time.
5. While hooked to the boat, the team must stay within the sidelines. If team steps on or over the lines, it will be eliminated, and allowed the last complete pull. Teamster may ask the judge or ringmaster to center the boat before hooking. If there is no means available to center the boat, judge may waive the sideline rule on the line nearest the boat.
6. First initial pull of every contest, if team steps on or over the line, you may unhook and restart load.

7. If team becomes accidentally unhooked, the teamster must back up to the boat to re-hook, staying within the sidelines. If the team steps over the sideline while re-hooking, disqualification will result.
8. Only the teamster and two evener men/women allowed with each team. No header is allowed except during a harness break. Helpers are not allowed to talk to the horses. Disqualification will result.
9. Teamster may ride the boat or walk beside it at his own discretion. No one is required to ride the boat.
10. If boat moves accidentally up to 3" while not commanding team, pin will be moved to starting position again.
11. After team starts load, the teamster must stay behind the eveners except during the 3-minute rest period allowed after refusal, or a harness break. At these times, the teamster may move to the head of his /her team. Evener men/women are not allowed ahead of the eveners at any time, except in a potential emergency. If during an equipment break a horse steps over the line it will not result in disqualification.
12. Teamster will not be allowed to slap, slash or swing lines at the horses at any time. Jerking the load is prohibited. The use of spring loaded eveners is prohibited. The judge will make the final ruling.
13. If a break in harness or equipment occurs there will be a time limit of 5 minutes to fix the break and hitched back to the load. If a teamster forfeits the pull at which a breakage occurs, he must pull the next weight the full distance or weight goes back to the previous complete pull.
14. Teamsters are allowed to use neck yolks and to offset eveners.
15. The pin and rope laid cut flat must measure 14 feet. The pin must be pulled completely out to quality as a completed pull.
16. There will be two lines men/women and a pin man/woman to assist the judge.
17. Judges decisions are final. Teamsters are not to argue with or harass the judges. To do so will result in instant disqualification and forfeiture of all prizes.
18. Teams are required to complete at least one pull to qualify for prizes.
19. Teams must definitely be under control at all times. Any abuse of horses by teamster or helpers before, during or after the show shall immediately disqualify contestant and all prizes won shall be forfeited.

**2012 North American Belgian Championships VII
Prize List**

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th - 20
Halter Classes	300	250	200	150	100	75	60	55	55	55	50
Youth Classes	100	85	70	55	40	40	40	40	40	40	30
Saddle Classes	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	40	40	40	40
Combination Class	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	40	40	40	40
Cart Classes	400	300	200	150	100	75	60	55	55	55	50
Tandem & Team Classes	600	500	400	300	200	150	125	100	85	75	50
Unicorn Classes	750	600	500	400	300	250	200	200	200	200	100
Four-Horse Hitches	1500	1200	1000	800	700	600	500	400	300	300	300
Six-Horse Hitches	2000	1600	1400	1200	1000	800	700	600	500	400	400
Amateur Four	600	500	400	300	200	100	50	50	50	50	50
Horse Pull	1000	800	600	400	300	300	300	300	100	100	

Breeding Classes

1. Junior Stallion Foal (born April 1, 2012 or later)
2. Senior Stallion Foal (born Jan 1 – March 31, 2012)
3. Yearling Stallion
4. Two-Year Old Stallion
5. Junior Champion Stallion and Reserve (Ribbons and Award)
6. Three-Year Old Stallion
7. Four-Year Old & Over Stallion
8. Senior Champion Stallion and Reserve (Ribbons and Award)
9. Grand Champion Stallion and Reserve (Ribbons and Award)
10. Junior Filly Foal (born April 1, 2012 or later)
11. Senior Filly Foal (born Jan 1 – March 31, 2012)
12. Yearling Filly
13. Two-Year Old Filly
14. Junior Champion Mare and Reserve (Ribbons and Award)
15. Three-Year Old Mare
16. Four-Year Old & Over Yield Mare
17. Brood Mare
18. Senior Champion Mare and Reserve (Ribbons and Award)
19. Grand Champion Mare and Reserve (Ribbons and Award)
20. Progeny of Dam
21. Get-Of-Sire
22. Stallion & Three Mares
23. Best Three Horses Owned by One Exhibitor

Gelding Classes

1. Yearling Gelding
2. Two-Year Old Gelding
3. Three-Year Old Gelding
4. Registered Gelding
5. Light Draft Gelding
6. Heavy Draft Gelding
7. Grand Champion Gelding and Reserve (Ribbons and Award)

Supreme North American Champion Belgian Horse

Youth Classes

1. Youth Showmanship 7 – 13 years
2. Youth Showmanship 14 – 18 years
3. Youth Decorating 7 – 13 years
4. Youth Decorating 14 – 18 years
5. Youth Judging 7 – 13 years
6. Youth Judging 14 – 18 years

7. Youth Cart 7 – 13 years
8. Youth Cart 14 – 18 years
9. Youth Team 7 – 13 years
10. Youth Team 14 – 18 years
11. Hi-Point Youth 7 – 13 years (Ribbon and award)
12. Hi-Point Youth 14 – 18 years (Ribbon and award)

Performance Classes

1. Two-Year Old Cart Class
2. Ladies Cart
3. Mens Cart
4. Registered Mare Cart
5. Open Tandem
6. Junior Team (combined age of 4 or 5)
7. Ladies Team
8. Team of Registered Mares
9. Light Draft Team of Geldings
10. Heavy Draft Team of Geldings
11. Champion Team (Ribbon and award)
12. Registered Mare Unicorn
13. Gelding Unicorn
14. Registered Mare Four-Horse Hitch
15. Open Four-Horse Hitch
16. Amateur Four-Horse Hitch
17. Registered Mare Six-Horse Hitch
18. Open Six-Horse Hitch

Specialty Classes

1. Under Saddle – English
2. Under Saddle – Western
3. Combination Class

Horse Pull

1. Lightweight Division - 2200 – 3000 lbs
2. Middleweight Division - 3001 – 3500 lbs
3. Heavyweight Division - 3501 and over

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The 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII show entries must be completed on official entry forms and must be received by the entries office by the specified dates. A photocopy of the registration certificate (front and back) MUST accompany entries. ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR PEDIGREE CHECKING AT THE TIME OF THE SHOW. The entry fee must accompany the entry

to be accepted. Entries not complying with the requirements will be rejected. Faxed entries will be accepted with credit card payment.

Class Entry Fees			
	Early	Late	Substitution*
All Classes	10% of first place prize money	20% of first place prize money	10% of first place prize money

- Substitution of one animal for another will be permitted until June 30, 2012. Notification and applicable fees must be received by the entries office on this date.
- Credit card entries will be charged 3% processing fee

Entry Closing Dates and Fees

Early entries must be received by May 15, 2012

Late entries must be received by June 15, 2012

Entries should be mailed or faxed to:

The 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII
c/o The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba
ATTN: Bonnie Campbell, Agricultural Coordinator
115 – 10th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 4E7

Ph 204-726-3590 ext 1004 Fax 204-725-0202

Email: bonniecampbell@brandonfairs.com

OR

Enter on-line at

www.nabcvii.com

Exhibitor Passes

Exhibitors will receive a free pass for each horse entered to a maximum of six. Additional passes can be pre-ordered for \$25.00 each. Please indicate requirements on your entry form.

NABC VII Reception

There will be a 2012 North American Belgian Championship VII exhibitor reception held on Friday, July 20. All exhibitors and guests are invited to attend. Details to be announced at a later date. Check the web site for updates.

Stall Fees

Box stalls only will be offered at a cost of \$100 each. Please be sure to include tack stalls and feed stalls on your entry form.

Note: If you require stabling beside another exhibitor, please include your request at time of entry.

Hay and straw will be available for purchase. Please indicate quantity required (if known) on your entry form. Shavings and bagged feed is also available from Feed-Rite. The order form is included in this booklet.

The 2012 North American Belgian Championships VII committee will do its utmost to ensure you receive your stalls as requested. (Refunds will be given for any stalls requested and not provided).

First priority for stabling will be given to early entries.

RV Parking

There is RV Parking available on-site. These sites will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. They are \$25/night/site. This includes electrical hook up only. Showers and washrooms are available inside the complex. Please indicate your requirements on the entry form.

Border Crossing

The three main border crossing entry points into Canada are at Portal 306-927-2255, Boissevain (Brandon) 204-726-7556, and Emerson 204-373-2346. Please call one of these Canadian Food Inspection Agency offices two weeks to a month prior to the show for details on making your border crossing smooth and worry-free. You will need to have horses Coggins tested to enter Canada, and please check with the USDA well in advance of your departure for any change in Canadian border crossing requirements.

List of Hotels & Motels

Below are a listing of hotels and motels located near the show site. For a more extensive listing or to book your accommodations on-line, please visit our web site at

www.nabcvii.com.

Canad Inns Brandon	1125 18 th St.	1-888-332-2623	www.canadinns.com
Colonial Inn	1944 Queens Ave	1-800-665-6373	www.colonialinnbrandon.ca
Days Inn	2130 Currie Blvd	1-888-213-2192	www.days-inn-brandon.com
Keystone Motor Inn	1050 18 th St	1-877-728-6620	www.keystonemotorinn.ca
Royal Oak Inn & Suites	3130 Victoria Ave	1-800-852-2709	www.royaloakinn.com
Victoria Inn	3550 Victoria Ave	1-800-852-2710	www.vicinn.com
Western Motel	1148 18 th St.	1-877-700-8989	www.westernmotel.ca

