

## **2017 Calgary Stampede Blacksmith Classic**

### **Rules & Prizes**

#### **Cash & Prizes: Total \$15,500**

1st Place Overall Team: \$8000.00

2nd Place Overall Team: \$3000.00

3rd Place Overall Team: \$2000.00

4th Place Overall Team: \$1000.00

Best Shod Horse: \$1000

Day Prize for Class 402 Overall Winner: \$250

Day Prize for Class 412 Overall Winner: \$250

Ribbons for Individual Classes

## **GENERAL RULES**

All items made during the competition become property of Calgary Stampede Blacksmith Classic (CSBC). Safety glasses are not mandatory but are strongly recommended. Exhibitors must also be aware of the Calgary Stampede General Rules and Exhibitor Agreement.

### **TIME LIMITS**

Time limits listed in the Prize List will be adhered to without exception. In horseshoeing competitions, contestants exceeding the time limit will not qualify for judging but will be required to complete the shoeing. Immediately upon expiration of time, finished shoes must be placed on anvil. No fitting of nails is allowed after time has expired. Any contestant contact with finished products after this time will result in disqualification. Contact with finished products by any persons not authorized by the CSBC Committee may result in disqualification of the contestant who made said products and the second person (if that person is a contestant in the CSBC).

## BARSTOCK

All measurements will be given in metric (millimeters). All barstock dimensions will be given in metric but due to the fact that the barstock is made to Imperial measures, there may be small variances in actual barstock sizes stated.

The following chart will demonstrate the comparison between the Imperial barstock used and the metric measurement given.

$1/4'' \times 3/4'' = 6 \text{ mm} \times 20 \text{ mm}$   
 $1/4'' \times 1'' = 6 \text{ mm} \times 25 \text{ mm}$   
 $1/4'' \times 1 1/4'' = 6 \text{ mm} \times 33 \text{ mm}$   
 $5/16'' \times 1'' = 8 \text{ mm} \times 25 \text{ mm}$   
 $3/8'' \times 3/4'' = 10 \text{ mm} \times 20 \text{ mm}$   
 $3/8'' \times 1'' = 10 \text{ mm} \times 25 \text{ mm}$   
 $3/8'' \text{ square} = 10 \text{ mm} \times 10 \text{ mm}$   
 $3/8'' \times 1 1/4'' = 10 \text{ mm} \times 33 \text{ mm}$   
 $1/2'' \text{ square} = 13 \text{ mm} \times 13 \text{ mm}$   
 $1/2'' \times 1'' = 13 \text{ mm} \times 25 \text{ mm}$   
 $1/2'' \times 1 1/4'' = 13 \text{ mm} \times 33 \text{ mm}$

One piece of marked barstock per shoe per contestant will be issued just prior to each class. Use of supplied barstock is mandatory. Use of barstock not supplied by the CSBC will result in a disqualification from that class.

If barstock is burned, additional stock may be issued only at the CSBC stewards' discretion.

All classes start with cold barstock. Any placement of barstock in forge prior to class time will result in disqualification.

No marking of barstock prior to class time is permitted. Marking of barstock prior to the class will result in disqualification.

Barstock may be cold cut to length prior to start of each section.

## COMPETITION AREA

All classes take place within a marked area. At the time of each class, only the contestants competing in the specific section are allowed in this area.

The CSBC Committee must authorize other people within this area.

If a non-competing contestant has any contact with a currently competing contestant, both contestants face disqualification.

During horseshoeing classes, one horse handler is allowed. The horse handler may not aid, assist, advise or in any way become involved with contestant.

## HORSES

Horses are selected and trimmed approximately two months prior to the competition. Horses are screened for foot suitability just prior to the competition by the judges and the judging stewards.

Contestants will draw for horses from a selected group of horses.

The contestant will be allowed 10 minutes from the commencement of the class to request a replacement horse, in case of the horse's unreasonable behavior. In this situation the contestant's time will be restarted and new barstock issued.

## EQUIPMENT

CSBC supplied shearing device is available to cut cold barstock prior to section start. Device use is not mandatory.

No mechanical or power devices are allowed.

Cleansing tools are allowed, however, no cleansing substances other than water may be used on shoes or hooves. Prior to each class, contestants will be assigned a blacksmith unit. They are required to compete on the assigned unit unless otherwise authorized by stewards. Use of supplied equipment (blacksmith unit) is compulsory.

Blacksmith units will be set up by authorized CSBC personnel.

Standard supplied equipment:

- Kohlswa Blacksmith's anvil - 200 lb. or 91 kg. mounted on Tripod Stand
- Coke forge - electric blower
- Free standing vice
- Water bucket
- Coke
- Fire tools - shovel, poker
- Foot stand

Contestants are to use their own hand tools, and are completely responsible for their own tools and equipment.

A supply of nails will be available for contestants to use.

If any welding is required, contestants must supply their own filler and/or flux.

The use of Bottom Tools is prohibited in all sections. The CSBC defines the Bottom Tool as any tool used between the anvil and the stock. The use of flatters' is prohibited.

## DISQUALIFICATION

Failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations as stipulated by the CSBC Committee will result in immediate disqualification from that class. Contestants disqualified from any portion of the point classes will be allowed to compete in other classes for prize money and points. Any intentional mistreatment or abuse of a horse will result in disqualification of the contestant from all classes.

The stewards, the judges, any Blacksmith Committee member or any Calgary Stampede employee can report intentional mistreatment or abuse of livestock.

## ZERO SCORE

If a medical condition develops in a horse during a horseshoeing class, time for that contestant will be stopped and an examination conducted. If the contestant caused the medical condition, a zero score for that class will result. If the contestant did not cause the medical condition the contestant may continue without time penalty.

If a medical condition created by the contestant has resulted in a zero score for that contestant in that class that contestant will still be eligible to qualify for Final placing.

The determination for a medical condition will be made by the chief steward(s). If this decision cannot be made by the steward(s) the judges will make a determination. If the steward(s) or the judge cannot make a decision the Official Stampede Veterinarian or a Stampede Accredited Veterinarian will make the final decision.

## OFFICIAL PROTEST

An exhibitor may lodge a protest if they wish. In order for the Exhibitor to lodge a protest in connection with an Exhibition, the Exhibitor must submit such protest in writing to the Agriculture Administration Department of the Stampede before 10:00 a.m. the day following the cause of protest, and a receipt must be obtained. Any such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500 which shall be forfeited to the Stampede, if the said protest is not affirmed by the Stampede.

## TIE BREAKING

In the event of a tie in a class placing, the following method will be used to determine a winner:

Forging Classes - After Shoes are site judged and placed in descending order ties will be broken in descending order of priority.

- 1) Nail Placement and Nail Fit
- 2) Forging and Dimensions
- 3) Level and Finish

Horseshoeing Classes - Higher score awarded in descending order of priority:

- 1) Preparation
- 2) Fit of Shoe
- 3) Nailing and Finishing
- 4) Shoe

# RULES FOR FORGING AND SHOEING CLASSES

## FORGING CLASSES

The judging stewards will discard obviously incomplete shoes that fail to meet one or more of the specifications, for example:

- No nail holes
- Burnt to an obviously unusable state
- Missing or unfinished clips, heels, caulks, etc.
- Shoes which are out more than 3 mm from the specifications given will be submitted for judging, however, they will be scored zero in the dimensions scoring category. In most cases, the dimension category represents 20% of the shoe's maximum possible score.

# HORSESHOEING CLASSES

## **FIT**

Shoes are to be fit to the widest part of the frog (see diagram). Shoes are to be fit no more than 10 mm past the bearing surface of the heel. Unsafe nail holes should be brought to the attention of the judges and the stewards. A reduction of score will be made. If unsafe nail holes are used and a medical condition is created, a zero score from that class may result.

The CSBC has employed a fairly strict fit of shoe protocol for many years. There has generally been confusion surrounding the interpretation of the 10mm rule so here is the following explanation to clarify the issue:

The shoe is not to extend more than 10mm of FLAT BARSTOCK past the last bearing point of the heel of the foot. You can have as much boxing as you see fit to accommodate support. Over measured length results in a ZERO (0) score on your FIT mark. Being how FIT is worth 20% of your overall score, it becomes very important. The reason for this requirement is quite simple. We call it the GOLDILOCKS rule as it forces the competition to shoe the horse not too short, or not too long; the horse should be shod...JUST RIGHT. Following this example provides the best opportunity for personal interpretation and quality work to showcase your skills to the world.

## EXAMPLES:

Acceptable fit:



Unacceptable fit:



# COMPETITION FORMAT

## CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Points will be awarded in the Forging Classes and the Horseshoeing Classes as follows:

- 1st placing in any class 20 points
- 2nd placing in any class 18 points
- 3rd placing in any class 17 points
- 4th placing in any class 16 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> placing in any class 15 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> placing in any class 14 points