



## 2026 Chore Team Competition Pioneer Acres - Irricana, AB

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chore Team Competition hosted by Pioneer Acres Plowmen and Threshermen's Club of Alberta. This year's event features two days of competition. It is open to all breeds of draft horses and all ages of drivers. Competitors enter in the Novice Class or Open Class to demonstrate the amazing abilities and practical uses of their draft horses.

Date: June 20 & 21 Saturday and Sunday

Competitors can enter either or both dates (entries are limited).

In the event package, you will find the registration form and guidelines for entering the competition. The course plan and rules for the Chore Team Competition will be sent out three weeks prior to the event.

Competitors have the option of camping on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> on park. Accommodation for horses will be provided. Entry fee covers access to the park and camping.

A supper will be planned following Saturday's competition and will be a great opportunity to get to know your fellow competitors. Cost TBD.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hopp 403-874-7258

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Mike Hopp  
Horse Committee Co-Chair & Event Planner



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### Event Guidelines

**Competition Dates** – Saturday & Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

#### **Novice Class**

June 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am – Teamster orientation & course walk through 10:00 am – Competition
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 am – Teamster orientation & course walk through 9:00 am – Competition

Registration is limited to 6 Novice competitors each day. Prizes & prize money awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place and will be presented after the class is completed on Saturday & Sunday. Novices compete on the same course as the Open Class but with the obstacles & scoring plan modified.

#### **Open Class**

June 20 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm – Teamster orientation & course walk through 1:00 pm – Competition
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	11:30 am – Teamster orientation & course walk through 12:00 noon – Competition

Registration is limited to 14 Open competitors each day. Prizes & prize money awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place and will be presented after the class is completed Saturday and Sunday.

\*\*Day money will be paid out both days.

\*\* Buckles will be presented June 21 to the Novice & Open Class competitors who are registered for both competition days. The top competitor in each class with the highest combined score for day 1 & 2 will be awarded the buckle.

### **General Obstacle Scoring System & Event Rules/Regulations**

1. Each Team will consist of a Teamster, Helper, and breed of mid size to large size draft horses.
2. Total of nine obstacles: Gate, Stone Boat, Keyhole & Wagon Hook-up, Bale Drop, Alley, Mailbox, Wagon Circle, Loading Dock, Keyhole & Wagon Un-hook/Finish. Each competitor is timed, and time starts when the neck yoke crosses the gate opening and time stops when the wagon pole is placed on the ground to finish. There will be two arenas, and competitors will run one after the other. While one arena is being used the other will be reset. Three judges, one Chief Judge & two Assistant Judges will be in each competition arena to ensure a close eye on all obstacles and two separate timers for accurate timing.

3. The highest score is the winner. In the event of a tie, the fastest time will decide our placings. In other words, skill and precision driving is key with efficient movement throughout the course. Choose a good helper; penalties will be given if the helper breaks pattern. Judging and scoring will be strictly pass or fail. There will be no subjective judging by the judges. Competitors will receive their score sheets a few days after the competition and know exactly how they placed.
4. Entry Fee is \$100 for the two-day competition and \$65.00 for Sat or Sun. Entry per Team includes admission to the Acres for Teamster & Helper, overnight camping one or two nights with accommodation for horses. No power hook-ups available, flush toilets and shower on site.
5. Team can enter once in the Novice or Open Class for one or both competition days. A draft horse team is permitted to be used with different competitors in the Novice & Open Class.
6. Deadline to enter and pay fees is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Register soon as space is limited and first come, first served.
7. Neck Yokes & Eveners will be supplied and in place on equipment.
8. Harness must be in good repair. In the event of a harness piece breaking the team will be disqualified, asked to unhook, and leave the arena. This is strictly a safety call.
9. Pioneer Acres Plowmen and Threshermen's Club of Alberta - Horse Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse entries.
10. All horses must be sound and fit to compete. If you have a sick or injured horse you will be asked to leave the event.
11. If horses are not acting properly and pose a risk to you or anyone, you will be disqualified at the organizers and judges' discretion. Zero tolerance with regards to horse mishandling & abuse.
12. Conduct will be strictly professional, and zero tolerance will be given to harsh behavior towards judges, organizers, volunteers, and other competitors. In the event this occurs, you will be asked to leave the event.
13. Entry fees non-refundable after May 31st.
14. Course pattern and scoring details sent to all competitors by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

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## Registration

A completed registration includes Teamster & draft team information, Entry Fee paid, valid AEF or proof of liability insurance covering you and your draft team, signed registration form and Assumption of Risk document. Return by email to Mike Hopp no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Entry Fee, **\$100.00 (2-day)** or **\$65.00 (1-day)** Circle if you'll compete in the 2-day or 1-day event  
Payments by eTransfer to [treasurer@pioneeracres.ab.ca](mailto:treasurer@pioneeracres.ab.ca) **Note:** be sure to add competitor's name & chore team in the message when eTransferring to identify who has paid.

Payments by phone to Pioneer Acres of Alberta – Chris Wood, call 403-560-5164 Monday - Friday

Please fill out this information for our announcer to properly introduce you and your horses to the audience.

How long have you been competing in Chore Horse Competitions or is this your first time?

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What is your occupation/profession? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your helper for the Chore Team Competition? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the names, ages, breed & sex of your team? \_\_\_\_\_

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How long has your team been together? \_\_\_\_\_

Any other interesting facts about you, your team?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

AEF # \_\_\_\_\_ Or, Insurance Policy # & Provider \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated arrival date & time? \_\_\_\_\_ 1-day competitors, circle Saturday or Sunday

Will you be camping over 1 or 2 nights? \_\_\_\_\_ Supper Saturday evening? Yes / No & Qty \_\_\_\_\_

Competitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (if competitor under the age of 18)