



2023 RULES & REGULATIONS: NEW PARTNER RACE

November 1-5, 2023
Glen Rose, TX

PURPOSE:

The mission of the Mustang Heritage Foundation is to increase the placement of BLM-housed American Mustangs through innovative gentling competitions and awareness programs. In keeping with this mission, the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) and the Extreme Cowboy Association (EXCA) are working together to offer the New Partner Race, a unique division exclusively for newly adopted mustangs at the EXCA 2023 World Championship in Glen Rose, Texas.

OVERVIEW:

The New Partner Race is produced by the Mustang Heritage Foundation in partnership with the Extreme Cowboy Association.

- Interested competitors must send in completed entry forms before October 20, 2023. Entry forms are available at: <https://extremecowboyassociation.com/world-program-2023>. All entries must be received by October 20, 2023.
- Eligible animals are wild, branded horses from the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse & Burro program ages **3-years-old or older** adopted or purchased directly through the BLM or a Mustang Heritage Foundation program between the dates of November 1, 2022 and October 1, 2023. For a list of BLM locations/events, visit: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/adoption-and-sales/events>.
- Competitors must meet all adoption/purchase requirements for hauling and stabling their mustang and must complete all required adoption/purchase paperwork to finalize the adoption/purchase and to be eligible for this competition. This paperwork will be completed onsite at the BLM Wild Horse & Burro event or corral, or Mustang Heritage Foundation event.
- After the adoption/purchase is complete, competitors must send in the official PMACA or Bill of Sale to proceed with participation in the competition.
- Competitors will have from the day they adopt/purchase their mustang until the day they arrive at the event to train and work with their mustang.
- This New Partner Race event will be held at the Somervell Expo Center in Glen Rose, Texas, on November 1-5, 2023.
- The competition will be based on the Extreme Cowboy Race format with a level of difficulty similar to that of the non-pro division. The Top 3 competitors will return for a finals run to determine the champion.
- Approximately \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to the Top 10 competitors.
- Competitors will have adopted or purchased their mustangs prior to the competition, therefore an adoption auction will **not** be held at the conclusion of the event.

Not adhering to the Regulations and Competition Rules listed in this document may result in disqualification from current and/or future Mustang Heritage Foundation competitions and programs.

REGULATIONS:

Participation in this event is by invitation only; therefore, the Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove an applicant or contestant from a Mustang Heritage Foundation program and/or competition for any reason or for no reason.

1. All interested competitors must send in a complete New Partner Race Entry Form to EXCA prior to the deadline. All entries must include membership dues for MHF and EXCA, as well as the \$250 entry fee.
2. All competitors must adopt or purchase an eligible wild mustang from the BLM Wild Horse & Burro Program or a Mustang Heritage Foundation event or program between November 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023.
 - a. Competition eligible mustangs include any mares and geldings adopted between November 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023, based on BLM inventory. This also includes mustangs adopted for Extreme Mustang Makeovers, TIP Challenges and TIP trainers.
 - b. Eligible animals are wild horses that have not previously been adopted or placed into a training program. Mustangs must be adopted/purchased from BLM corrals or adoption events.
 - c. Competitors will adopt/purchase straight from a BLM facility or event. Competitors are responsible for making all necessary adoption/purchase arrangements, including scheduling appointments to adopt/purchase, etc.
 - d. Competitors are responsible for paying all required BLM adoption/purchase fees.
3. Competitors must be 18 years of age or older at time of mustang adoption/purchase.
4. Only the named adopter/purchaser is eligible to enter and compete, except in the case of horses adopted through the Mustang Magic Trainer's Challenge (January 21, 2023) or the Extreme Mustang Makeover Tennessee (June 24, 2023). Horses adopted through these named events may be shown by the original Mustang Magic Trainer's Challenge or Extreme Mustang Makeover trainer OR the named adopter/purchaser. No additional substitution or replacement of competitor will be allowed.
5. Competitors are required to be registered members of the Mustang Heritage Foundation to compete. Mustang Heritage Foundation membership applications can be found online at www.mustangheritagefoundation.org/join/. The membership fee is \$35 annually. Membership supports mustang adoption and awareness and provides a membership card, a member's only bumper sticker and event ticket and merchandise discounts.
6. Competitors are required to be registered members of the Extreme Cowboy Race Association to compete. Extreme Cowboy Race Association membership applications can be found online at <http://www.extremecowboyraces.com/membership.htm>.
7. BLM and MHF employees (full or part-time) and their immediate family are not eligible to compete.
8. Any applicant or competitor may be removed from the competition at any time if found to have any alleged history of cruelty to animals or humans. Competitors must meet all BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption/purchase requirements. Removal of any competitor from the competition is at the discretion of the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Board of Trustees.
9. The Mustang Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees may at any time conduct a criminal background check on applicants or remove any applicant from the process for any reason or for no reason.
10. **Trailer requirements:** You must provide transportation for your mustang from the BLM facility to your facility. While someone else may transport the animal, all trailers must meet these minimum standards: covered top, sturdy walls/floors, and a smooth interior free from any sharp protrusions; ample head room; removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by size and sex, if necessary; floor covered with a non-skid material; and

adequate ventilation. The BLM requires stock-type trailers with a rear swing gate to transport animals. Drop ramp, two-horse trailers and trucks with stock racks are not acceptable.

11. **Facility requirements:** Facility can consist of a corral/paddock/stall/round pen. The facility must be a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet x 20 feet) and have fences at least 6 feet high. Facility must be sturdy and constructed of materials such as poles, pipes or planks (minimum 1.5 inch thickness) without dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire, large-mesh woven, stranded and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing. You should not release the Mustang into a large open area, such as a pasture, since you may not be able to recapture the animal for training or to provide veterinary care. However, once the animal is gentled, you may release it into a pasture or similar area. You must provide shelter from inclement weather and temperature extremes for your mustang. Shelters must be a two-sided structure with a roof, well drained, adequately ventilated and accessible to the mustang. The minimum two sides need to block the prevailing winds and need to protect the major part of the bodies of the horse. Tarps are not acceptable. Contact your administering BLM office for shelter requirements in your area.
12. Mustang training must be humane and compassionate. "Least resistance" techniques are encouraged. At all times, the humane care and best interest of the horse are paramount. For Extreme Mustang Makeover events and Mustang Heritage Foundation programs, the competitor is responsible for the well-being and humane treatment of any mustang entrusted to their care. Contact Mustang Heritage Foundation staff or management to report any health issues with your horse so that proper veterinarian care can be administered. Any suspected inhumane treatment of horses should be reported to management immediately with potential consequences as outlined in our Humane Treatment Policy.
13. Competitors are required to submit a signed release with their entry so that all photos and filming may be used to promote the event and will be the property of the Mustang Heritage Foundation.
14. Competitors are responsible for all care-related costs for their animal. Expenses **will not** be reimbursed.
15. In the case of serious injury or death of your mustang, trainers are required to notify the MHF Director of Events & Programs within 24 hours of the occurrence. MHF will immediately relay this information to the appropriate BLM staff.
16. The purpose of this event is to showcase the talent and trainability of mustangs and to provide an opportunity for adopters/purchasers and horses to engage in safe competition for prize money and awards. Therefore, all horses entered in the competition should be gentle and safe to maneuver through the show grounds. Upon entry onto the show grounds, should a mustang be deemed unsafe by MHF and/or EXCA, that horse may be excused or uninvited to participate in the competition and adoption. The goal is for all competitors and horses to participate in the event if the horse is safe to do so. If there is a concern regarding the horse's training status, please contact MHF's Director of Events & Programs.
17. Upon entry onto the show grounds, all trainers must provide a current Health Certificate and Coggins paperwork for all competing horses.
18. Upon entry onto the show grounds, competing mustangs will be examined by a veterinarian or knowledgeable individual to determine the health and condition of the horse. Should a mustang be deemed in poor condition by a veterinarian or knowledgeable individual, that mustang may be excused or uninvited to participate in the competition.
19. Competitors will be responsible for all necessary stall, bedding, tack, feed, and supplies needs during the competition.
20. Winners will be announced following the competition.
21. **Conduct:** Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and **humane in the treatment of mustangs**, such as to promote the implementation of the event and fair competition. This includes but is not limited to: conduct while trainers have mustangs in their possession; conduct on the show grounds; conduct while trainers are wearing Mustang Heritage Foundation, EXCA or Extreme Mustang Makeover logo wear off the show grounds; and includes the conduct of individuals traveling with trainers, spectators or event managers and all other persons

being present on show grounds. Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent or profane, and **inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited** and shall be grounds for the disciplinary action against offending individuals. Further, event management may immediately expel offenders from the competition or show grounds to preserve the decorum of the show.

22. Mustang Heritage Foundation Humane Treatment Policy

Every mustang and all animals shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a mustang in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's horse enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents a horse with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs. **This policy is in addition to our event rules which are stated above. All trainers must agree to, sign, and return the Humane Treatment Policy.** The following list, while in no way exhaustive, includes examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques:

- No horse that appears to be emaciated, drawn, or injured may be exhibited.
- Use of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking horse with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- Any inhumane treatment that results in wounds.

COMPETITION RULES:

1. This New Partner Race competition will follow all standard EXCA rules and regulations. For the official Rulebook, visit <https://extremecowboyassociation.com/rulebook.htm>.
2. This New Partner Race will be based on the Extreme Cowboy Race format with a level of difficulty similar to that of the non-pro division. For competition details including obstacles, scoring, etc., reference the EXCA Rulebook at <https://extremecowboyassociation.com/rulebook.htm>.
3. Each competitor will have one "go" in the preliminary competition.
4. The Top 3 highest scoring competitors from the preliminary round will advance to a final round.

AWARDS: Eligible animals are wild branded horses that have been adopted or purchased between November 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023.

1. **Approximately \$10,000 in CASH & PRIZES will be awarded to the TOP 10 competitors:**
 - Champion: \$3,500 & Championship Buckle
 - Reserve Champion: \$2,000
 - 3rd Place: \$1,500
 - 4th – 10th Place: \$300
2. Payment of all earned money will be issued within 10 business days of the event conclusion.

For more information on the New Partner Race, please call (512) 869-3225.