

A photograph of a rider in a blue jacket and brown chaps leading a black calf on a brown horse in an arena. The horse is wearing a saddle with a red and white patterned blanket. The scene is set in a dirt arena with a white wall in the background. The text "NRCHA Show Management During Horse Show" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

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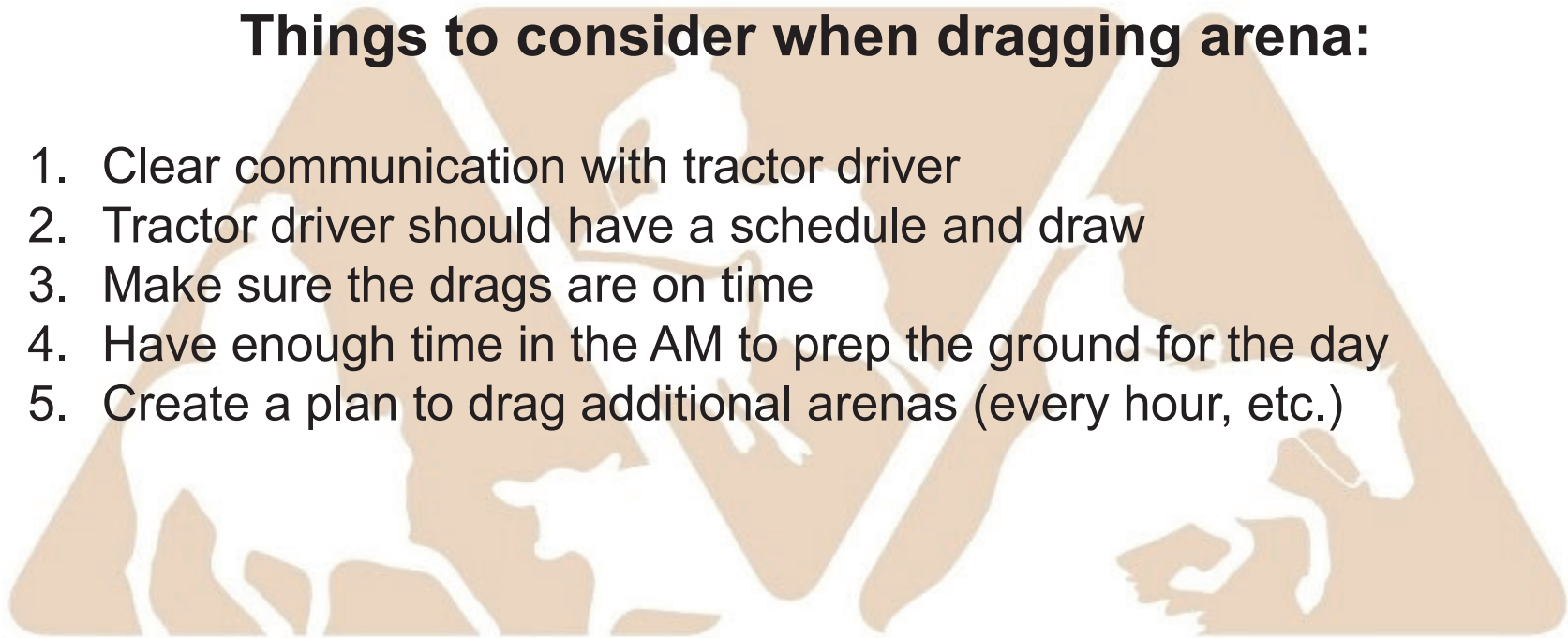
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During Show - Drags

Things to consider when dragging arena:

1. Clear communication with tractor driver
2. Tractor driver should have a schedule and draw
3. Make sure the drags are on time
4. Have enough time in the AM to prep the ground for the day
5. Create a plan to drag additional arenas (every hour, etc.)



During Show - Cross Drags



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During Show - Bit Checker

What does the Bit Checker do?

- Bit checker should be a judge or a qualified person
- As exhibitors exit the arena, the bit checker will ask them to drop their bridle and/or hackamore for inspection
 - After EVERY run
- Magnet
 - Used to check for metal inside hackamore
 - Used to check for metal inside chin strip
- Bit gauge
 - Used to check the width of the mouthpiece
- Illegal equipment
 - If illegal equipment is found, notify exhibitor and judge
- Blood
 - If blood is found, notify exhibitor and judge

12.2.1.1 Show management must see that a judge or a qualified person inspects each contestant's bridle or hackamore after each individual work, the bit checker must have a magnet available to check the hackamores and chin straps for metal objects (inside) or cores. Bit checker guidelines: if the bit checker finds a violation (blood in mouth, illegal equipment) they will notify the exhibitor. If the exhibitor does not concur, the bit checker should have the exhibitor remain with them and ask for assistance from either the NRCHA Rep or an NRCHA Judge, if someone is available. If the situation is still not resolved, then the show judge must be called to rule on the infraction and their ruling will be final. The judge(s) has the sole authority to disqualify the contestant.

During Show - Blood

Horses will be zeroed for blood in the mouth.

What to do?

When blood is found in the mouth of a horse when checking the bit, notify the exhibitor.

Once the exhibitor has been made aware, notify the judge.

The judge will zero the horse.

Do not touch mouthpiece of bit, if possible.

Keep in mind, horses will not be zeroed for blood on the hackamore or on the sides of the horse. ONLY in the mouth.

Blood Kit

Create your own blood kit to keep at the back gate with the Bit Checker

- White index cards to wipe blood with
- Have exhibitor sign index card
- Put card in zip lock bag