

# 2021 National Forging & Horseshoeing Competition in Arlington, TX



Elevate your education to new heights and compete this year at the 2021 National Forging & Horseshoeing Competition! The contest will be conducted in rounds of 20 AFA provided forging stations which means competitors have opportunities to take in a lot of the convention lectures, demos and other activities. Competitors do not need to haul a station to compete.

The Intermediate Division is open to farriers who have never won the Intermediate Division or competed in the Open Division (2-Person Draft excluded) at a prior convention competition.

Open Division competitors wishing to be considered for the American Farriers Team must have attained the AFA CJF certification, have previously qualified during 2021 Team Trials, be a citizen of the United States (or have attained permanent resident status), and must have a valid passport.

**The contest will be conducted in rounds of 20 AFA provided forging stations.  
The Top 20 will be determined by the overall average of all 3 individual classes.  
Please see all of the competition rules at the end of this document.**

## Competition Judges

### Open Division:

Bryan Osborne, CJF  
Tom Petersen, CJF  
Bob Slansky, CJF  
(Pictured left to right)



### Intermediate Division:

### 2021 American Farriers Team:

L to R: Caleb Swarr, CJF,  
Sawyer Spradling, CJF,  
Patrick Dutton, CJF,  
Adam Fahr, CJF,  
Daniel Jones, CJF,  
Travis Smith, CJF (Team Manager)



## Rules Committee

**Chairman:** Justin Fry, CJF **Members:** Conrad Trow, CJF, DipWCF; Phillip Box, CJF; Andrew Wells, CJF; Bryan Osborne, CJF; Travis Smith, CJF; Dusty Franklin, CJF, AWCF

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## Journeyman Class

### Sponsored by Kahn Forge, Inc.

Forge a full set of shoes, one pair of front shoes and a pair of hind shoes.

Time Limit: 45 minutes

#### PAIR OF FRONTS

12" x 3/8" x 3/4" fullered & toe clipped;

Punched for six Kahn Forge 5 city slim nails; Hammer finished;

Measures 5 3/16" wide x 5 3/16" long



#### PAIR OF HINDS

11 1/2" x 3/8" x 3/4" fullered with quarter clips

Punched for six Kahn Forge 5 city slim nails; Hammer finished;

Measures 4 3/4" wide x 5 3/16" long



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## Roadster Class

The Roadster Class, open to all open division competitors, requires competitors to forge two shoes: a Fullered Front Shoe and a Hind Roadster.  
Time Limit: 45 minutes

### 1. FULLERED FRONT SHOE

12" x 3/8" x 3/4"

Fullered, toe clipped

Punched for six 5 City or 5 Slim Nails

Measures 5 3/16" wide x 5" long



### 2. HIND ROADSTER

11" x 1/2" x 1"

Hammer drawn toe clip

Punched for six 6 ESL nails

Measures 5" wide x 5 5/8" long



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## Specialty Forging Class

### Sponsored by Mustad USA

The AFA Rules Committee will select 3 shoes from a list of 6. Competitors will learn during the on-site competitors meeting which shoes they will make.

Time Limit: 90 minutes

#### 1. CAULK AND FEATHER

12-1/2" x 3/8" x 3/4"

Punched for six Mustad E4 Nails

Measures 4-7/8" wide x 6" long



#### 2. FRENCH HIND

10" x 3/8" x 1-1/4"

Punched for seven Mustad E5 Nails

Measures 5" wide x 5-1/2" long



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### 3. HIND PREVENTER

10 1/2" x 1/2" x 1"

Bob punch toe clip

Punched for six Mustad E6 Nails

Measures 4 7/8" wide and 5 1/2" long



### 4. CROSSFIRE HIND

11" x 3/8" x 3/4"

Punched for six Mustad 5 Combo Nails

Measures 4-3/4" wide x 6-1/8" long

(Toe grab to outside heel)



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## 5. REVERSE SHOE

12" x 3/8" x 3/4"

Punched for six Mustad E4 Nails

Measures 5 1/4" wide x 5 1/4" long



## 6. HUNTER FRONT

12-1/2" x 1/2" x 3/4"

Masselotte Toe Clip

Punched for six Mustad E5 Nails

Measures 5 1/2" wide x 5 1/2" long



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## Live Shoeing Class

### The Capewell North American Challenge Cup Sponsored by Mustad USA

**The Live Shoeing Class**  
**Time Limit: 60 minutes**



The top twenty from the high score averages of the Journeyman Class, the Roadster Class and the Specialty Forging Class will compete in The Capewell North American Challenge Cup Live Shoeing Class in reverse order, with the competitor in 20th place competing first and the competitor in 1st place competing last. You will forge the same shoes as made in the Roadster Class. Contestants will be allowed a striker; the striker may not rasp or hold the hammer and tongs at the same time.

A front or hind foot will be shod with a hand-forged shoe made from 14" X 3/8" X 3/4" bar stock (provided). 14" X 3/8" X 1" bar stock will also be available for bigger feet should the 3/8" X 3/4" not be appropriate. The toe-clipped shoe will be fullered and punched with 6 nail holes for appropriate Capewell city head or slim nails, which will be provided by the stewards. Competitors must use the nails provided and the required number of nails per shoe.

The roadster shoe will be forged for the same side as in the Roadster Class and will be made from 11" X 1/2" X 1" bar stock. The shoe will be punched with 6 nail holes for Mustad E6 slim nails. The specimen shall be 5" wide (tolerance +/- 1/8 of an inch), with the width measured on the ground surface.

If the horse has a shoe on, the competitor may remove the shoe and pick the foot before the start of the class. Otherwise, the competitor may not pick up the foot to clean or otherwise inspect it before the start of the competition. The competitor will notify the steward when the foot is ready to be judged.

A time limit of 15 minutes is set for hoof preparation, and to facilitate the judging process competitors will begin at specific intervals. The first judge will score the dressed foot. The next judge will score shoe quality and fit. Stewards will notify the judge when this portion is ready to be judged. Competitors should allow enough time to nail and finish. After time expires, the third judge will score nailing and finish.

A finished job is defined as a foot with nails clinched which by definition means the nails are at least bent down against the hoof wall. A competitor will be disqualified if the time limit is exceeded. The competitor must still complete the horse, even if time has expired.

A scoreboard will show names and scores of the competitors; however, specimen shoe scores will be kept confidential until the Grand Finale Banquet. Score sheets will also be available at the banquet for competitor review.

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## Awards

**Awards** In addition to the awards mentioned with the specific classes, other awards include the Overall High Point Award, a National High Point Award, and a Reserve National High Point Award.

### Overall High Point Award

**Sponsored by Diamond Farrier Co.**



### National High Point Award

**Sponsored Texas Professional Farriers Association**

### Reserve National High Point Award

**Sponsored by Well Shod**



## Two-Person Draft Class

### Sponsored by Anvil Brand

**In memory of Edward Martin, MBE**

#### Time Limit: 70 minutes

Farriers who have been members of a national team (any nation) past or present may not work together in this class. Draft partners who have not competed on a national team at the time of entry may compete together. One farrier will make a pair of front shoes; the other farrier will make a pair of hind shoes. The shoes to be made by the first farrier are not specified. Points are awarded equally to each farrier.



One competitor will make one pair of front shoes from 17" x 1/2" x 1 1/4" bar stock, hammer-drawn toe clip, scotch heels, fullered, and punched for eight E-10 nails.

The other competitor will make a pair of hind shoes from 16" x 1/2" x 1 1/4" bar stock, hammer-drawn toe clip, scotch heels, fullered, punched for seven E-10 nails. No filing and sanding, flatters and bob punches are allowed.



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## Intermediate Journeyman & Bar Shoe Classes

**Sponsored by FPD, Inc.**

The Intermediate Division will run during the first round of classes. Competitors in this division can stay in this division until they have won the Overall award or have competed in a division other than the Intermediate Division (Two-Person Draft excluded). The Intermediate Division will have open judging by the 2020 American Farriers Team.

### Kerckhaert-Liberty Intermediate Journeyman Class

Time Limit: 45 minutes

#### 4 PLAIN STAMPED SHOES

3/8" x 3/4"

Front 11½" – Punched for six Liberty 5 Slim Nails, toe clips

Hind 11" – Punched for six Liberty 5 City Slim Nails, quarter clips



### Kerckhaert-Liberty Intermediate Bar Shoe Class

Time Limit: 45 minutes

#### PAIR OF FRONT STRAIGHT BARS

14" x 3/8" x 3/4" Fullered

Punched for six Liberty 5 Slim Nails



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## Intermediate Specialty Forging Class

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### Kerckhaert-Liberty Intermediate Specialty Forging Class

The AFA Rules Committee will select 2 of the 3 shoes. Competitors will learn during the on-site competitors meeting which shoes they will make.

Time Limit: 90 minutes

#### 1. FISHTAIL BAR

18" x 1/2" x 3/4"

Punched for eight Liberty E4 Nails  
Measures 4-3/4" wide x 7-1/4" long

Toe thickness 7/16"

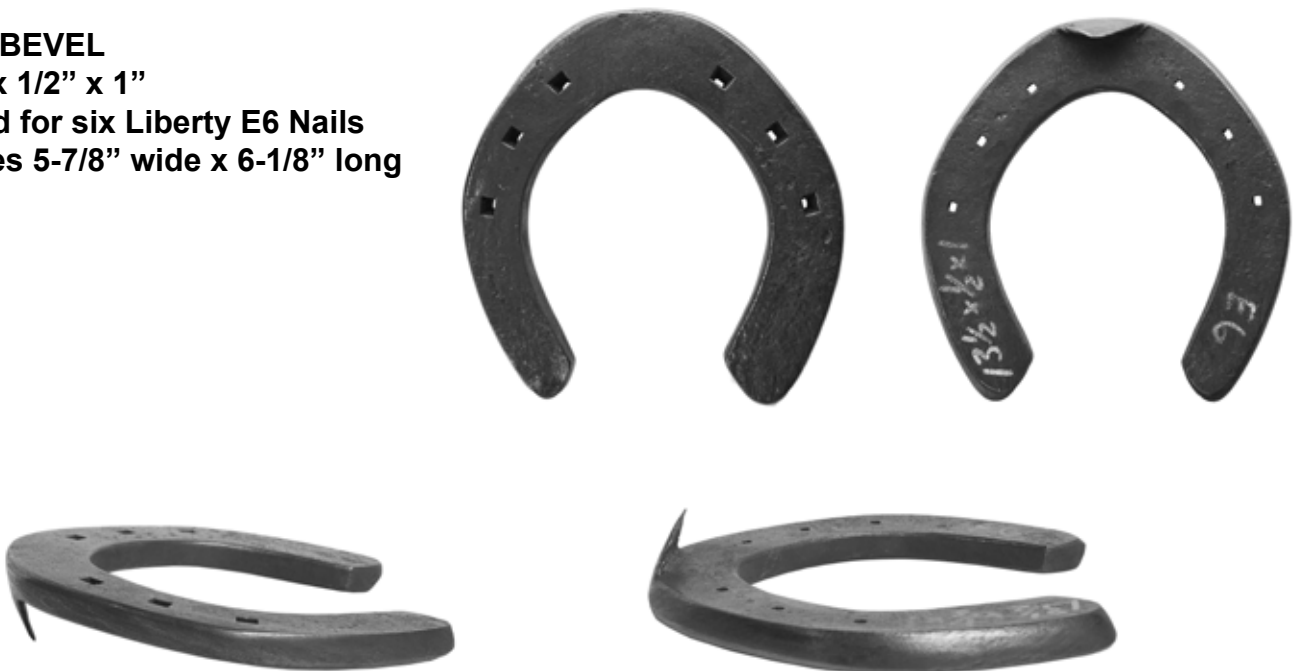
Bar thickness 5/16"



#### 2. HIND BEVEL

13 1/2" x 1/2" x 1"

Punched for six Liberty E6 Nails  
Measures 5-7/8" wide x 6-1/8" long



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Intermediate Specialty Forging Class

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## 3. SUSPENSORY HIND SHOE

11" x 3/8" x 1"

Punched for six Liberty City 5 Nails

Measures 5-1/8" wide x 5-1/2" long

Toe width 1-3/16"



## Vern Hornquist Memorial Class

Judge - Eldon Boyington, CJF

Winner of the 2020

Vern Hornquist Memorial Class

Time Limit: 60 minutes

## PAIR OF OXEN SHOES

5" x 1/4" x 1-1/2"

Punched for ten Capewell 5 Platers Special

Measures 5-1/4" long x 1-3/4" wide



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## Competition Rules

**Judging Rules** Judging is based upon rules set forth here, rules and information provided at the on-site competitor's meeting, photos and drawings presented by the AFA Rules Committee, and by information forwarded in Chapter Nine(9) of the AFA Certification Study Guide. Forging and/or shoeing that fails to align with these rules and specifications will be disqualified immediately and will not be scored or judged. During judging, competitors are not allowed to talk to judges. Doing so will be grounds for disqualification. Spectators may watch the judging process, but may not interfere with or question the judges. When possible, horses and/or shoes will be available for inspection upon completion of judging. Judge's score sheets will not be available to competitors or spectators before the announcement of class winners.

**Entry Fees for Contest** Forging competitions are open to everyone on a first come, first served basis according to the date received in the AFA office. This will apply when contest space is limited.

**AFA Members:** \$350 plus the \$150 station and propane fee to enter all classes.

**Non-AFA Members:** \$500 plus the \$150 station and propane fee to enter all classes.

The Draft Class is a separate entry. All entries must be received in the office by September 1, 2021. Competitors sign an acknowledgment on the entry form agreeing to the Rules, Release and Waiver of Claims.

**Refund Policy** • Within 4 weeks (by October 5, 2021): 100% refund less a \$25 fee • Within 2 weeks (by October 19, 2021): 50% refund • Less than 2 weeks before the start of competition: No refund except in case of injury, then money is applied to next year. Email refund request to: [info@americanfarriers.org](mailto:info@americanfarriers.org)

**On-Site Veterinarian** A veterinarian will be present during all live shoeing activities. If a medical condition occurs during shoeing, time will be stopped and an examination completed. If the competitor causes such a condition, he/she will be disqualified. If the competitor does not cause such a condition, he/she may continue without penalty.

**Horse Handlers** Each competitor is responsible for supplying his or her own horse handler for the live shoeing classes. The handler will not aid, assist, advise, or in any way be involved with the competitor during shoeing. No restraining device, such as a twitch or war bridle, is permitted. The use of lip, mouth, nose or bar chain is allowed, provided no abuse to the animal is rendered by its use.

**Stewards** A steward will be assigned to each competitor. The steward shall ensure compliance with the competition rules by the competitor and notify the Chief Steward for any breach of rules. In live shoeing classes, the steward will bring the horse to the competitor's horse handler and return the horse to the holding area after competition.

**Propane and Safety Glasses** In the interest of safety, propane cylinders are rented at the competition site, and no outside cylinders are allowed. All persons on the competition floor will be required to wear safety glasses. Competitors who fail to do so will be immediately disqualified from the respective class. Handlers, stewards, or other persons on the competition floor who refuse to wear safety glasses will be asked to leave the competition floor immediately.

**AFA Team Membership** To be eligible for the American Farriers Team, a competitor must be an AFA member in good standing, an AFA Certified Journeyman Farrier, have previously qualified during 2021 Team Trials, be a citizen of the United States (or have attained permanent resident status), and must have a valid passport.

**Foreign Materials** All shoes and feet must be completely free of foreign material. Waxing, oiling or otherwise treating shoes or hooves will result in disqualification.

**Disqualification** Prior to judging, the Chief Steward has the final authority to disqualify competitors for non-compliance with stated rules and/or for other inappropriate actions, including but not limited to using abusive or profane language, evidencing general conduct unbecoming of a professional farrier, laming a horse during live shoeing, and/or abusing a horse during live shoeing.

**Bar Stock** All bar stock will bear the mark of the AFA and will be furnished to competitors just before the Chief Steward calls for the competition to begin. Bar stock may not be marked or cut by the competitor before starting the class.

**Tools and Devices** Hand tools and top anvil tools are allowed. No mechanical benders are permitted. A top anvil toe bender that is non-mechanical, non-hydraulic, or non-electric, or any other device powered by the competitor, is considered a top anvil tool and is permitted. Grinders, stall jacks, portable anvils or devices other than a stationary anvil are not allowed. A shoeing block or foot stand shall be used only to rest hooves.

**Site Information** For set up, competitors will be on rubber mats provided by the American Farrier's Association. All stations include an anvil, forge, vise and tray table provided by the American Farrier's Association.