

# NW Montana Fair & Rodeo Championship Relay Races 2018

**ENTRY FEE:** \$150.00 per team, \$100.00 per Chiefs or Ladies rider

**Entry deadline:** Thurs. August 16 @ Noon- No entries for any race will be accepted beyond this time.

**Location – Flathead County Fairgrounds**

**Race Time- Approximately 8:30 pm August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> during rodeo half time**

**Race Coordinator: Karla Fitzpatrick 406-450-2894**

## **RACE:**

1<sup>st</sup> qualifying heat & Chiefs Race

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifying heats & Ladies Race

Consolation & Championship Races

## **DATE:**

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

## **RACE INFORMATION**

- **Unless previously submitted, bring entry form, fees, and all release forms directly to Fairgrounds Office upon arrival.**
- Check in with race coordinator and show your paid entry receipt to be added to heat draw list.
- Announcement will be made 30 minutes prior to races to have horses on track and ready to race
- Final call made 10 minutes prior to race start
- Teams not prepared to participate by start will be disqualified (no refunds).
- Chiefs and Ladies races will be run based on participation- minimum of 5, maximum of 8.

## **AWARDS**

**Prize payouts (50/30/20 split for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>):**

**Each heat = \$1500 + \$150 per team entry**

**Chiefs race = \$750 + \$100 per entry**

**Ladies race = \$750 + \$100 per entry**

**Consolation = \$2000**

**Championship = \$5000**

1<sup>st</sup> place team members will receive belt buckles and race jackets

1<sup>st</sup> place Chiefs and Ladies winners will receive belt buckles

## **TEAM ENTRY**

4 team members- 1 rider, 1 mugger, 2 holders

# **RULES**

## **RIDERS**

1. No help can be given to the rider.
2. Riders must dismount with both feet on the ground before mounting the next horse.
3. Riders must ride all three horses for one complete lap around the course.
4. Designated riders cannot be changed after the race has started.
5. All team members must wear ribbon shirts or team colors, utilizing traditional dress elements. No hats, jeans, sweats, athletic pants, etc.

## **HORSES**

1. Horses must be owned by the participants, except in the chief/ladies race.
2. There is a four horse maximum, and they can't be replaced after the start of the race.
3. Loose horses will result in automatic disqualification.
4. Horses must be painted in traditional patterns for all the races.

## **ENTRIES & DRAW**

1. Maximum of 18 teams with the top 2 finishers from each heat qualifying for the Championship race. If less than 12 teams participate, only 2 heats will run with the top 3 finishers from each heat qualifying for the Championship race.
2. Each team may participate in one heat only.
3. Teams that do not qualify for the Championship race compete in the Consolation race.
4. The relay coordinator blind draws for heats after the Thursday noon entry deadline.

## **JUDGES**

1. Three judges monitor each race (chosen by Fair management and the Race Coordinator).
2. Judges' decisions are final.
3. Races may be videotaped for review.

## **FLAGGER**

1. The Official Flagger has the right to disqualify for false starts.
2. After 1 false start, everyone will dismount and start the race from the ground.

## **PRIZES**

1. The designated team member must collect any prize and must have a valid, current picture ID and a completed W9 (or W8 BEN for Canadian residents).
2. Awards can be picked up at the Fair Office after official results are released.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Reasons for disqualification not already mentioned above include but are not limited to: acting inappropriately towards Judges or Flagger, tampering with horses to enhance their performance, purposefully blocking or running into another team during a race, or breaking any rules listed in this document.



