



# NW Montana Fair & Rodeo Championship Relay Races 2019 Featuring the Leroy SkunkCap Memorial Championship Race

**ENTRY FEE:** \$200.00 per Relay team, \$100.00 per Chiefs or Ladies rider

**Entry deadline:** Entry forms, a check or money order for entry fees, and all signed release forms must be **postmarked by Monday, Aug 5th**. **No late entries for any race will be accepted.**

**Location – Flathead County Fairgrounds**

**Race Time- Approximately 8:30 pm August 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup> (during rodeo half time)**

**RACE:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying heats  
3<sup>rd</sup> qualifying heat & Chiefs Race  
Ladies Race & Championship Race

**DATE:**

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

*All races held rain, snow, or shine*

## RACE INFORMATION

- Upon arrival, check in with race/stall coordinator(s) and to receive your heat draw.
- Pre-race announcement made 30 minutes prior to race start 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 must have a minimum of 5 participants (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 + \$200 per team entry**  
**Chiefs race = \$1000 + \$100 per entry**  
**Ladies race = \$1000 + \$100 per entry**  
**Leroy SkunkCap Memorial Championship Race = \$6500**

1<sup>st</sup> place Championship Race team members will receive trophy saddles, 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 - (1 alternate may be listed per team)

# **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 21 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. The relay coordinator blind draws for heats after the entry deadline.

## **RACE**

1. All races will be started by flagger with riders mounted.
2. The Official Flagger has the right to disqualify for false starts.
3. Any team with two false starts will be disqualified. Flagger may call a ground start after two false starts.
4. Judges' decisions are final.
5. Races may be videotaped for review.

## **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.



## 2019 NW MONTANA FAIR RELAY RACES ENTRY FORM

*Please indicate entry type*

Team Race Entry: \$200

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Chiefs Race Entry: \$100

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Race Entry: \$100

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's or Representative's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read all rules and procedures that are included in this packet. Stalls are provided free of charge during the week of August 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. You must provide bedding, feed and water and must clean stalls.

The Fair will provide 3 wristbands per team member/rider for fair gate admission and Grandstand access just prior to race time. Anyone wishing to see the rodeo **MUST** purchase a ticket.

All entries are **not** valid unless they include:

- This form fully filled out
- Signed Release Forms for each participant
- Entry fee (*please make checks payable to NW Montana Fair*)

Mail items postmarked **by August 5** to: Flathead County Fairgrounds  
265 N Meridian Rd  
Kalispell, MT 59901



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**Grand Prize of a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer will be awarded to the highest point team during a five year period. (2019 – 2024) Team must be constant, without a name change, over the 5 years.**

**Teams will be awarded points each year as follows:**

**Heat winner: 15 points**  
**Heat 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 10 points**

**Championships:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> place 40 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place 20 points**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place 10 points**  
**Participation without placing: 5 points**