



NW Montana Fair & Rodeo Championship Relay Races 2022 Featuring the Leroy SkunkCap Memorial Championship Race

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

Entry deadline: Entry forms, a check or money order for entry fees, and all signed release forms **must be in the Fairgrounds Office by Monday, Aug 8th by 5 PM (MST)**. No late entries for any race will be accepted.

Location – Flathead County Fairgrounds

Race Time- Approximately 8:30 pm August 18th, 19th, & 20th (during rodeo half time)

RACE:

1st & 2nd qualifying heats
3rd & 4th (if needed) qualifying heats
Chiefs Race & Championship Race

DATE:

Thursday, August 18
Friday, August 19
Saturday, August 20

All races held rain, snow, or shine

RACE INFORMATION

- Upon arrival, check in with race/stall coordinator(s) located inside the contestant gate to receive your stall assignment.
- Heat draws will be held Wednesday, August 17th, 5 PM, at the Race Office.
- Pre-race announcement made 30 minutes prior to 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 of race will be disqualified (no refunds).
- Chief's race must have a minimum of 5 participants (maximum of 8).

AWARDS

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

Each heat = \$1500 + \$200 per team entry
Chiefs race = \$1000 + \$100 per entry
Leroy SkunkCap Memorial Championship Race = \$6500

1st place Championship Race team members will receive belt buckles and race jackets

1st place Chiefs winner will receive a belt buckle

RULES

TEAM ENTRY

1. A team consists of 4 members- 1 rider, 1 mugger, 2 holders - (1 alternate may be listed per team)
2. No team member may participate on more than one team.

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. There is a four-horse maximum, and they cannot be replaced after the final call.
2. No horse may participate on more than one team.
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 32 teams, 8 per heat, with the top 2 finishers from each heat qualifying for the Championship race. Fair management reserves the right to adjust the number of heats, number of teams per heat, and championship race qualifiers per heat based on total number of entries.
2. Each team may participate in one heat only.
3. There will be a blind draw for heats as noted in the Race Information section.

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 for a ground start after two false starts.
4. Races may be videotaped for review by judges.
5. Judges' decisions are final.

PRIZES

1. A designated team member must collect any prize(s) and must have a valid, current picture ID and a completed W9 (or W8 BEN for Canadian residents) in their name.
2. Prize money can be picked up at the Fair Office after official results are submitted.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Reasons for disqualification not already mentioned above include but are not limited to: acting inappropriately toward Judges, Flagger, or other teams, and tampering with horses to enhance their performance.



2022 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: _____

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 from August 17th – 21st. You must provide bedding, feed and water and must clean stalls. Camping available on a first come, first served basis while space allows.

The Fair will provide 3 wristbands per team member/rider for fair gate admission (12 total per team) and Grandstand access just prior to race time. Anyone wishing to see the rodeo **MUST** purchase a rodeo ticket.

Entries are **not** valid unless all of the following are at the Fair Office by 5PM Aug 8 (MST):

- This form fully filled out
- Signed Release Forms (1 for each participant)
- Entry fee (*please make checks payable to NW Montana Fair or call with a credit card after documents are received*)

Mail, fax, or email items early enough to arrive before deadline to:

Flathead County Fairgrounds
265 N Meridian Rd
Kalispell, MT 59901

Fax: 406-758-2146

Email: nwmtfair@flathead.mt.gov

R E L E A S E

The undersigned, for and in consideration of the right to participate in the **RELAY RACES**, at the NW Montana Fair & Rodeo, Kalispell, Montana, conducted by the NW Montana Fair & Rodeo, **hereby release, waive, discharge** and agree to **hold harmless** Flathead County, Montana, and the NW Montana Fair Commission, as well as their officers and/or agents, from any and all liability and responsibility for any and all damages, bodily injury, or death which may result from preparations for, or participation in, the **RELAY RACES** at the NW Montana Fairgrounds, or any activities incidental thereto.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read and fully understands the foregoing instrument and signs this release as a free and voluntary act and further agrees that his/her heirs, executors, and administrators are bound thereby in the same manner and to the same effect as himself/herself. I **UNDERSTAND THIS IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS.**

It is further understood and agreed that *no one under the age of the age of 18 years of age will be allowed to participate unless **this release is signed by the parent or guardian of the participant.***

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Age: 18 or over Under 18 (parent or guardian must sign below)

Printed Name of Participant *Role on Team (mugger, holder, or rider)*

Signature of Participant

Mailing Address *City, State, Zip*

Phone

Parent or legal guardian must sign below if participant is a minor under the state of residence.
I declare that I am a parent or legal guardian of the above named minor. I have carefully read the foregoing Release. I know the representations made are true. I agree to be bound by the terms of the Release both personally and as a representative of the interests of the above named minor.

Date *Signature* *Relationship*

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Grand Prize of a 5th wheel trailer will be awarded to the highest point team during a five year period. (2019 – 2023) Team must be constant, without a name change, over the 5 years.

Trailer is sponsored by Clark Nissan/Hyundai/Mt Auto Marine

Teams will be awarded points each year as follows:

Heat winner: 15 points

Heat 2nd or 3rd place: 10 points

Championships:

1st place 40 points

2nd place 20 points

3rd place 10 points

Participation without placing: 5 points

Point leaders after year 3:

Black Rock Relay – Browning, MT	100
Two Medicine- Browning, MT	95
Carlson Relay- Browning, MT	65
Grizzly Mountain – Omak, WA	45
Counting Coup- Cusik, WA	40