

BONNER COUNTY FAIR RANCH SORTING ENTRY FORM

Wednesday August 16, 2023 - 6:00pm - Outdoor Arena

Make checks payable to Bonner County Fair ~ P.O. Box 47 Ponderay, ID 83852 ~

Registration Fees: \$45 for Open & Novice Classes, per individual rider

\$15 for Youth Class, per individual rider (*must be under the age of 18 on day of the event*)

Buckles awarded to the individual winners of each class

Entry is limited! *20 in each Class*

- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis with entry and fee paid beginning 6/20/2023
- Contestants have the option to pick one partner below and will be drawn either two randomly selected contestants, or three if a partner is not listed below.

CONTESTANT NAME: _____ Age 18 or Under? Y / N

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **STATE:** ____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL:** _____

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE _____
(Parent/Guardian signature if contestant is under 18 years of age)

SELECTED PARTNER FOR ONE ROUND (optional): _____

CLASS: **Open** ____ **Novice** ____ **Youth** ____

Waiver: I, as a participant in the Bonner County Fair Ranch Sorting activity, do hereby acknowledge that such participation presents risks, some of which are unknown. I agree to assume all risks associated with my participation. I do, on behalf of myself and all persons who may have an interest in my well-being or property, hereby release and forever discharge Bonner County Fair Board, and all of its agents and employees from any and all real possible claims for damages or other harm to my person or property, regardless of the manner by which any such claim may be brought. I accept the terms of this complete and total release and agree to be bound by it of my own free will. My approval of this release means that I cannot later bring a claim against Bonner County or Bonner County Fair Board. If the age of the person approving this release is less than 18 years of age, the undersigned parent or legal guardian approves the release on behalf of the minor and agrees to be bound in its entirety.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON APPROVING LEASE: _____
(Parent/Guardian signature if contestant is under 18 years of age)



WOOD V BAR X RANCH

DATE: _____



GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

A team will consist of two riders.

-All entries will go three times - contestants may pick one partner for one run, the other two partners will be selected from the entered class in a random draw. A contestant will draw all three partners if a specific partner is not named. *Draws are used to avoid highly skilled riders from dominating the competition.*

*Day-Of Entries are **NOT** accepted! Pre-registration by August 14, 2023 is required.*

Time available and cattle limit the maximum number of available spots as stated below.

Riders may only enter one class of the three listed below:

OPEN CLASS: More experienced Ranch Sorters on better horses must enroll in the OPEN division. Any rider who has won at least \$500 at any previous time in any Ranch Sorting competition should ride in the OPEN class. Any age contestant may enter in the OPEN class. Class will be limited to the first 20 riders who have submitted their entry form and payment.

NOVICE CLASS: Casual and infrequent Ranch Sorters who have not won \$500 or greater in any Ranch Sorting competition should enter the NOVICE class. Beginners are welcome! Class will be limited to the first 20 riders who have submitted their entry form and payment.

YOUTH CLASS: Riders who have not reached the age of 18 on the day of the event or prior, are welcome to enter in this class. Youth who wish to ride with the adults may ride in either NOVICE or OPEN; however, they may only enter into one class. Class will be limited to the first 20 riders who have submitted their entry form and payment.

*The maximum number of riders per class may be adjusted depending on the

number of entries received.*

SORTING RULES

There will be ten cows with numbers 0 - 9 on each side of their backs in the working end of a double round pen, resembling a figure 8. *Round pens are approximately 60' in diameter and connected at an opening measuring 12' to 16'.* Riders will enter the pen and await the judge's direction to begin.

-Clock starts when the first riders' horse's nose crosses the imaginary start/foul line running between the pens.

-Judge will announce the random number of the cow that must first be sorted. That cow must be sorted first from the herd and moved to the open pen and each sequentially numbered cow must be sorted from the herd and moved to the open pen.

-If a previously sorted cow reenters the working end of the pens, the team is disqualified and the round ends immediately.

-Each round will last 60 seconds (90 seconds for the Youth Class) or until all 10 cows are moved in order to the open pen. If no disqualified cows have crossed the start line by the end of the specified time, the highest number of cows will be counted for competitive placing.

- There may be times where less than 10 cows are sorted in order. If all 10 cows are sorted, the last cow will be timed and the winner and subsequent placers will be determined by the lowest time expired when the last cow crossed the line.
- Disqualified rides will result in no time, regardless of the number of cows sorted prior to the disqualification. For example, if a team has sorted 7 cows and then is disqualified with a wrong numbered cow within the time limit, that team would finish lower than a team that sorted 5 cows in order with no wrong numbered cows in the time period. It is permissible to stop sorting anytime and hold cattle already sorted until the clock runs out.
- If any part of a cow that is out of numerical order crossed the start/foul line, the team will be disqualified. If any part of a sorted cow re-crosses the start/foul line, the team will be disqualified.
- Two or more cows crossing the start/foul line will be counted in the order their noses cross the start/foul line and will be considered crossing when the entire body of the cow crosses the line regardless of order. If the entire cow has not crossed the line when time expires, that cow will not be counted. Dead heats will be considered to have crossed in the proper order.
- Abuse of cattle or horses will be cause for disqualification for the run without refund of entry fees.
- Contact with cattle by ropes, bats, hands, or equipment will disqualify the rider for that run. Shouting at the cattle is permissible.
- If a rider falls off of his or her horse, the rider may remount and continue but may not sort from the ground.
- In each class, winners will be determined by the highest number of cows sorted in all three rides with the three separate partners. In the event that 30 cows are sorted in all three rides by two or more contestants, the lowest cumulative time will be considered the winner. In the event there is a tie between two or more riders with less than 30 cows sorted the riders will share the prize money equally and will enter into a timed one cow "Shoot-Out" to determine who gets the Champion buckle for that class. The judge will appoint a single rider for all tied contestants and each contestant will sort one designated cow. The fastest time for a qualified sort of one cow will be awarded the buckle.

TIMES

The arena will be available for warm up at **5:00pm**. Only registered riders may enter the Arena on horseback. The event begins at 6:00 pm.

REPLACEMENTS

In the event that a registered rider is unable to compete at the event, they may find a replacement rider and apply his or her entry fee to that rider. The registered rider must notify the Fair Officials of the replacement at least one hour before the event begins. **There will be NO refunds.** A replacement rider must be in the class of the original registered contestant. If a contestant does not appear at the time of the run, the other team member may elect to sort alone or have the judge appoint a substitute teammate at the judge's discretion. The judge-appointed teammate will be of the same class as the replaced rider and that judge-replaced rider's time and cow count will not be considered for awards.

All rule revisions will be announced in the Arena before the event, all Judge's decisions are final

