

PENDLETON ROUND-UP®

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LADIES & CHIEFS INDIAN RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Two Lap Race)

2023 entries open July 18th, 2023.

Entries must be paid to the Pendleton Round-Up Administrative office prior to Thursday, September 14th at 10:00 to guarantee a spot in the race. First come first serve entries for 6 racers will be accepted and **confirmed payment must be received to ensure the racers spot. Accepted methods of payment include cash, credit card, or money order.** NO EXCEPTIONS. Please contact 541-612-3426 to enter or with questions. Up to three extra racers will be accepted for the waitlist with no fees collected until a spot becomes available. This list will be formed based on date/time of contact after the first 6 paid entries have been received.

Confirmed payment receipt by the Pendleton Round-Up Association will be considered acknowledgement and acceptance of these race rules and regulations.

Team/horse owner or designated representative will be required to provide on-site contact (cell phone number) information for each team entered.

I. Entries

1. Each entry must be from a Federally recognized tribe. All entries are subject to providing proof of tribal affiliation.
2. All entries must wear ribbon shirts to identify the rider.

II. Rider

1. Neck rope is allowed. No saddles.

III. Horses

1. Horses must be Indian owned.

IV. Disqualification (Disqualification will occur in the following cases)

1. Entry fee is not paid before the race starts or by the designated deadline.
2. No entry will be allowed more than one false start; riders must enter the track on the west end and turn right (toward south grandstands) and walk up to the starting line. **The race is started when the gun is shot, if you start before the gun is shot, this is considered a false start.**
3. **Ladies Race is a mounted start. Chiefs race is a standing start. A holder is**

allowed up to the start line but race will start at gunshot and holders must be clear.

4. Racers must be ready to race. Delaying start by crossing starting line or slow entry onto track may be grounds for disqualifications by the judges.
5. If rider is dismounted from horse. No disqualification results if a rider does not release the horse and is able to remount the horse and complete the race.
6. If any rider is visibly intoxicated or under the influence of intoxicating substances on the racetrack.
7. Any rider not completing the race.
8. Striking another rider or her/his horse.
9. Wearing any clothing that is gang affiliated.

V. **ALL JUDGES DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL**

1. Video recordings will not be allowed to be viewed by the judges.

VI. Conflicts

1. Harassing, fighting, intimidating or arguing with the judges, starters, timers, association members or other participating entries will not be allowed and may be grounds for disqualification.

VII. Penalty

1. If the rules are not strictly adhered to, racers may be disqualified from race and possibly the following year.

VIII. Accidents and Injuries

1. All riders will be required to sign a release form stating the following:
“For and in consideration of being permitted to enter and participate in the contests of the Pendleton Round-Up held September 13th thru 16th, 2023, I hereby release the Pendleton Round-Up Association from any and all claims for damages on account of injury either to persons or my stock. I further agree to conform to rules designated by the management governing contests, cruelties to animals and others. I further agree to compete when called regardless of existing weather conditions.”

IX. Refunds

1. Absolutely no entry fee refunds to any entry after 9:00 a.m. on Thursday of Round-Up Week. Any non-refunded entry fees will be added to the race purse.

X. Championship

1. The Ladies and Chief Champion will be determined by the first horse completing two laps and crossing the finish line in front of the judges. In the case of a tie the judges have the authority to determine the champion.

XI. Prize Money Payout

1. **Total Prize Money** - Total prize money paid out for the Ladies Race or the Chiefs Race will be the sum of all entry fees plus that amount of added prize money for each race approved by the Pendleton Round-Up Board of Directors.
2. The Ladies/Chief race prize money will be paid for placings in each heat as follows. Should a racer(s) be disqualified in a race the prize money for the placing that is disqualified will be equally divided among the racers that placed in the race (not disqualified).

1st Place in Heat = 40%

2nd Place in Heat = 30%

3rd Place in Heat = 20%

4th Place in Heat – 10%

XII. Other

1. In the event a paid entry withdraws from competition another entry may enter by paying entry fees at the Round-Up Office by 9:00 a.m. on Friday (day of the race).
2. All racer associated spectators must be wearing their racers colors to be allowed into the Pendleton Round-Up arena. Round-Up officials will ask individuals not wearing racer colors to sit in the stands.
3. Children under the age of 18 will be asked by Round-Up officials to sit in the stands during the races.
4. **ABSOLUTELY NO PRIZE CHECKS WILL BE CASHED BY THE ROUND-UP ASSOCIATION.**