

PRETTY AND PUNCHY COWGIRL
Contest Packet
Thursday June 27, 2024

Thank you for your interest in the Pretty and Punchy Cowgirl Contest.

Contestants will be divided into two age divisions:

- a. Top Hand Junior Cowgirl: ages 11-15
- b: Top Hand Senior Cowgirl: ages 16-21

Contestants must be able to ride their own horse independently.

Contestants must be at least the minimum age for their division, and not exceed the maximum age for their division on or before June 27, 2024.

This Packet includes the following:

Contest Details

Contest Rules and Requirements

Contest Entry and Disclaimer Forms

Sponsor Information Sheet

Horsemanship Details

Blackfoot Ranch Rodeo Rules (can be found on official Facebook and website)

The completed Contest Entry, Disclaimer Forms, and Sponsorship Money is due by **JUNE 1, 2024**. Entries received after this date will not be eligible to compete. Return completed packet to Nichole Steffler at 1382 E Wolverine RD Firth, IDAHO 83236. Contact Nichole 208-390-9974 with any questions. Contestants are required to obtain \$50.00 in sponsorship money. This could be one sponsor or multiple to meet the \$50.00 minimum, but additional sponsor support is encouraged to help make our contest a success!

PRETTY AND PUNCHY COWGIRL CONTEST DETAILS

Contest Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024

Entry Deadline: Saturday June 1, 2024

Location: Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds Grandstands and arena (times and location are approximate and subject to change depending on weather and or unseen circumstances).

Check in: 9:00 a.m. – Meet at the announcer booth by the arena

Flag practice with horses: 9:30 a.m.*

Modeling and speeches: 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Horsemanship: 5:30 p.m. until finishes

Awards ceremony: to follow horsemanship.

*Arena is open to the public to ride in before 9:30 a.m. After 9:30 a.m. Arena is Closed

Ranch Rodeo:

Friday, June 28, 2024:

Clinic 8:00 a.m.

Horse Show 11:00 a.m.

Rodeo Preshow 5:30 p.m.

Rodeo perf. 6:00 p.m.

Concert following Rodeo (Free with entry into Rodeo)

Saturday June 29, 2024:

Ranch Hand Breakfast 8:00

Team Branding 9:00 a.m.

Rodeo Preshow 5:30 p.m.

Rodeo perf. 6:00 p.m.

Stalls available at the fairgrounds ask for details

THE CONTEST WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

Personal Appearance & Public Speaking: All contestants will be scored on their appearance and speech. Contestants will have up to 2 minutes to speak on “What does the Blackfoot Ranch Rodeo mean to You?”, and then will be asked several impromptu questions.

Horsemanship: All contestants will be judged on horsemanship, precision, transitions, fluidity with which they execute the assigned ranch horse patterns designated to them. They will also be required to participate in a Rail Equitation Class, starting with the Jr’s followed by the Sr’s. ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PACK A FLAG TO SHOW THEY HAVE THE HORSE, ABILITY, HORSEMANSHIP, AND SKILLS THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO PERFORM IN

RANCH RODEO GRAND ENTRY! **** (SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY)**. All contestants must be approved by ALL Judges to carry a flag for the rodeo.

There will be ceremonies and Indian Relays at each rodeo performance and a Top Hand Cowgirl MUST and ALWAYS be CAPABLE, and STAY in perfect control of her horse at all times!!**

Cowgirl Congeniality: Contestants will vote during the contest for another contestant they feel has been the most friendliest, likable, and kind. This award does not contribute to the contestant's overall score.

PRETTY AND PUNCHY COWGIRL CONTEST RULES

Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all females, ages 11-21
2. Contestants will be divided into two age divisions:
 - a. Top Hand Junior Cowgirl: ages 11-15
 - b. Top Hand Senior Cowgirl: ages 16-21

***Safety is our #1 priority!!** At any given time if the ranch rodeo committee, contest coordinator, or judges deems you and or your horse a risk or safety at any given time has been compromised you will be asked to step aside. Not negotiable!!!*

*Contestants must be approved by ALL judges to participate on horseback at Rodeo Contest Activities

Contestants must be able to ride their own horse independently and safely.

Contestants must be at least the minimum age for their division and not exceed the maximum age for their division or before June 27, 2024

3. Winners from last year's 2023 contest are eligible to compete in 2024 contest.
4. Contestants must never have been married, lived with a man, had a child or currently be pregnant, and winners agree to maintain their status during their reign.
5. Contestants, contestant's family, trainers, coaches, etc. must conduct themselves in a sportsmanship-like manner during the contest, and at all sanctioned events following the contest. Any of the above not behaving in a manner acceptable to the Contest Coordinator will cause for disqualification.
6. No trainers, groomers, parents, coaches, friends, siblings, ect., are allowed on the contestant's horse at the completion site. No coaching from the sidelines. Only judges, contestants, and contest coordinator and assigned volunteers are allowed inside the arena and modeling areas once the contest starts @ 9:30 a.m. **Any other riders or horses are not allowed in the arena. If so, it will result in disqualification of the contestant who is related.**
7. Contestants are required to execute with precision the patterns designated for their age groups. Patterns will be posted ONE WEEK before contest on Thursday June 20, 2024.
8. Contestants will abide by AQHA/Stock Horse of Texas Rules and Regulations and Idaho 4-H horse show rules for all Equitation, Ranch Horse Tack and Trail Riding.

Contestants are expected to ride a mount equal to their ability to control and ride independently.

9. No stallions may be used for the competition or rodeo performances.

******* FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES SET IN PLACE WILL BE GROUNDS FOR FORFEITURE OF TITLE AND PRIZES AWARDED FROM THE CONTEST AND COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF CONTESTANT! *******

PRETTY AND PUNCHY COWGIRL CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

Requirements

1. Western attire (appropriate ranch wear) will be worn during all portions of the competition including western hat, belt, long sleeved western shirt with cuffs and collar, blue or black western jeans, and cowboy boots.
 - a. All clothing must be clean, well-cared for, and in good condition. A top hand cowgirl is well groomed.
 - i. Hat should be clean and well-shaped. It should be securely fastened in the arena.
 - ii. Boots should be polished and in good condition.
 - iii. Tack should be clean and in working condition. Horses should be clean, properly groomed, in good health and soundness condition.
 - iv. **NEW RULE** - Contestants are required to have their hair in a low ponytail for horsemanship
2. Each contestant must provide a minimum of \$50.00 sponsor or cash donation. Each sponsor will be recognized.
3. Contestants will be required to "Introduce the Audience to the Blackfoot Ranch Rodeo", no longer than 2 minutes.
4. Contestants will be judged on Introduction, Modeling, Appearance, Impromptu Question, Horsemanship, Ranch Rodeo rules.
5. Top hand senior, Top Hand junior, 1st and 2nd runner-ups will be required to assist during the Ranch Rodeo and associated events.
6. If a contestant or contestant's parents /guardians disagrees with the coordinator, rodeo committee, or judges, comments must be made in a polite and private manner and pay a \$45.00 grievance fee to coordinator.
7. Scores and results will not be discussed with parents/guardians or contestant directly after contest and awards are given out. If you wish to discuss scores or results, please arrange a time to meet at a later date.
8. Any contestants or parents/guardians who display un-sportsmanship-like conduct during the contest or after contest and awards are passed out will not be allowed to enter future Pretty and Punchy Cowgirl Contests. **ALL JUDGES MUST GIVE APPROVAL FOR CONTESTANTS TO BE SAFE TO RIDE IN THE RODEO. THIS IS NOT NEGOTIABLE. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!!**

PRETTY AND PUNCHY COWGIRL CONTEST
ENTRY FORM AND DISCLAIMER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Top Hand Cowgirls winners will receive a western shirt to be worn at the rodeo performances

Grade/school: _____ Age as of June 27,2024: _____

Please write a brief introduction of yourself including hobbies, interests, accomplishments etc..
Write it as such to be read during the Personal Appearance & Public Speaking portion of the
competition.

By signing this form contestants and parents agree to participate in the Pretty and Punchy Cowgirl Contest and related events. They also agree to abide by all contest rules and requirements as stated in the Contest Rules and Requirements. They also release The Blackfoot Ranch Rodeo and contest coordinator from any liability occurring during said contest, and travel to and from Contest related events.

Contestant _____ Date _____

Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

PRETTY AND PUNCHY COWGIRL CONTEST
SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Contestant Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Donated: _____ Email _____

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Pretty and Punchy Cowgirl Contest Horsemanship

Patterns: All horsemanship patterns will include the following;

1. Walk, extended cowboy walk, jog, extended cowboy trot, lope, extended cowboy lope and or gallop.
2. Soft solid stop on the hind quarters.
3. Back up through an "L"
4. Open and close gate horseback
5. Swing and rope bale of hay or roping dummy, dally, coil and tie rope on saddle.
(Seniors must swing rope while jogging their horses).
6. Drag pole
7. Pick up and carry flag, return flag to holder
8. Bridge
9. Side pass and turn on the forehand full turn
10. Simple lead changes both directions
11. Circles
12. Dismount, drop bridle, re-bridle, and re-mount

NEW – After Horsemanship pattern each division will be judged on Equitation/Rail class.

Patterns for all divisions will be posted ONE WEEK before contest. Thursday June 20 ,2024.

Contestants must wear western attire, helmets are optional. All contestants are required to wear hair in a low ponytail.

Western tack must be used. Tie downs, martingales, draw reins, ext., nose bands, cavessons, get down ropes, bosalitas, rope reins, mechanical hackamores, twisted mouthpieces are NOT ALLOWED for the contest. Contestants must ride horses with shank bit and either leather or flat chain chin strap, and one handed with split reins or romal reins. Contestants can ride horses 5 years old and younger two handed with smooth snaffle bit or bosal hackamore. Protective footwear is allowed. Contestants must have a rope and means to tie rope onto saddle. Western tack should be clean and in working order.

Horses should be clean, healthy, and in good body condition.

Pretty and Punchy Equitation Rail Class

Western Tack & Attire Rules Apply

Contestants are to be judged on their equitation skills on the rail.

1. Walk, Jog, Lope both directions on the rail
2. Backup
3. Any optional maneuvers at Judges request

