

2019 -2020  
Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon  
Rodeo Royalty Contestant Packet

Royalty Reign Begins in May 2019 and  
Ends the last day of Fair in April 2020



*Application Deadline:*  
*Monday, March 18th, 2019*

*Mandatory Parent Meeting*  
*Tuesday March 19th, 2019 6:00pm*

*Tryouts: Sunday March 24th, 2019*  
*1:00pm*

*This application can be downloaded at*  
<http://www.asotincountyfairandrodeo.org/> submitted via email to:  
[countyfair@yahoo.com](mailto:countyfair@yahoo.com) or [lsbonson@cableone.net](mailto:lsbonson@cableone.net)

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Applicant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Thank you for your interest in the Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Tryouts. Our tryout is held annually to select a young person who has the maturity, talent, desire and enthusiasm to serve as a promoter of the Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo. It is an amazing year of community events, travel, public speaking, parades, luncheons and rodeos!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shan Bonson at 509-552-9810 or [lsbonson@cablone.net](mailto:lsbonson@cablone.net)

On behalf of the Fairboard, we welcome your participation in the 2019-2020 Royalty Tryouts, and look forward to meeting you at the **MANDATORY candidate and parent / legal guardian meeting, which will be held in Floch Hall on the Asotin County Fairgrounds, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

*Initial* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Rules and Regulations**

1. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age as March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 but not older than 20 years of age as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. A birth certificate may be requested.
2. Royalty Candidates must live within the boundaries of the following Counties: Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Walla Walla, Whitman, Nez Perce, Latah, Idaho, Lewis, Clearwater and Wallowa County.
3. Candidates must be single, never have been married, pregnant, or given birth to a child, nor committed any crime and must agree to remain so for the duration of her reign on court.
4. Candidates shall not live with their boyfriends/significant other, and must agree to remain not living with them for the duration of their reign.
5. Candidates must be honest and reliable with good moral standards and integrity.
6. Candidates must not have engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to the candidate's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo or Royalty Program. Any concerns about the applicability of this provision should be discussed with the Royalty Committee prior to signing the application.
7. Candidates that have been previously dismissed, disqualified or resigned from the Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty program, and would like to be considered for an opportunity to compete in FUTURE Royalty tryouts, must submit a request to the Asotin County Fairboard. The Decision to be considered for an opportunity to tryout will be at the discretion of the Asotin County Fairboard and the Royalty Committee.
8. Candidates must have reliable transportation for themselves and their horse.
9. If a person has already held the title of Asotin County Fair and Rodeo Queen, they cannot tryout for future Asotin County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Courts.

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## Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Rules and Regulations

1. Court duties will come FIRST throughout the season, before work, school events, or other events or vacations. Excused absences must be approved by the Royalty Committee.
2. Girls on the court may not compete for, or hold any other honorary positions that will interfere with the Royalty Court activities.
3. Candidates must conduct themselves in a professional manner and portray high moral standards. Candidate will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use any tobacco products or use foul language at any time during the tryout and/or during their reign.
4. Candidates must furnish a horse, back-up horse and equipment that is acceptable to the Royalty Committee. If NOT acceptable, she must be willing to ride and/or provide a horse and equipment that is acceptable. The horse the candidate tries out should be the same horse she rides throughout the year of her reign (unless unforeseen circumstances dictate otherwise). If candidate is using a leased horse, a signed lease agreement must accompany this application. Lease must specify lessee has "full access" to horse throughout year of reign.
5. All Royalty funding will be at the discretion of the Fairboard.
6. Candidates must provide their own clothing for the horsemanship, interview, and speech portions at the tryouts.
7. Candidates **must be prompt and on time to all functions**. Please plan ahead.
8. From the time the Tryouts begin and throughout the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty reign, Royalty and parents/guardians must respect the Royalty Committee, Chaperone, Fair and Rodeo members, judges, volunteers and fellow candidates, and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at any time during tryouts and during their reign. Any candidate or parent/guardian failing to do so, will cause automatic **disqualification / dismissal** and the contestant will forfeit any prizes or titles to be awarded to her.

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## Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo - Royalty Rules and Regulations

9. Judges and Royalty Committee have the final say on all scoring decisions. During the Tryout or any Tryout-related functions, there may be a silent judge(s) present. Any individual with the intent to influence or harass a judge or candidate will be subject to **disqualification**.

10. Tryout winner(s) and their parent(s) and/or guardian(s) will be required to sign a contract for the year of reign and abide by its rules. A copy of the contract is included in this packet for your review.

11. The Tryout winner(s) must attend rodeos and events selected by the Royalty Committee and appear in parades and other civic and social activities. The Royalty Committee will prepare an itinerary. Great care will be taken in providing as much advanced notice as possible for all events; however, please keep in mind that some invitations are received by the Committee with short notice. Royalty members are never to attend an event representing Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo without prior Royalty Committee authorization.

12. Any candidate being coached by the audience members during tryouts will be subject to disqualification.

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## **Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo - Royalty Rules and Regulations**

I understand that if I am selected for the title of Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty, I will be an official representative and be responsible to represent the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo in a professional manner. I will strive to represent sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and humane treatment of animals.

I understand that the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Program is not a beauty contest. Rather, it is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes (i.e., horsemanship, public speaking, personality, and appearance). Therefore, it is my responsibility, as Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo official representative, to act, speak and dress according to the esteem my title deserves anytime I am in the public eye. Public speaking is an essential part of the position of royalty and, as such, I will continue to grow in my public speaking abilities so as to professionally represent the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo.

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## **Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo - Royalty Rules and Regulations**

Riding and horsemanship skills are essential to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills in order to better promote the sport of rodeo.

I understand that during official Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty activities, an advisor/chaperone will be designated for me and that I will abide by my advisor/chaperone.

I agree that during the term from my entry as a candidate and through my reign as Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty, I shall remain unmarried and shall observe a high standard of moral and ethical behavior befitting my title and set a good example to the public, to future competitors, and the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Program.

If I possess a personal website, social media account, or profile (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc.), I agree that all material contained therein will be maintained to reflect a positive image of me and I will not participate in, nor promote any form of bullying throughout my reign representing the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty.

I agree that the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty commitment will be my first priority over any other activities that I may be involved in (i.e., rodeo, softball, track, etc.) throughout the year of my reign.

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## **Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo - Royalty Rules and Regulations**

I agree to follow the chain of command if any issues arise. The chain of command is as follows: Chaperone, Royalty Committee, Fairboard. If I cannot get resolution at a step, inform the Fairboard President that you would like to move on to the next step.

If I become Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty, I will:

- Attend all events as requested by the Royalty Committee (with a Royalty Committee approved chaperone), and be prepared to promote the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo.
- Be fully dressed in Royalty attire, as assigned, before arrival to an event (unless other arrangements have been made by the Royalty Chaperone).
- Make sure clothing is kept clean and pressed and any hats are neat and clean, for all appearances.
- Good hygiene, bathe before each event, unless facilities are not available. Keep fingernails clean and manicured with polish recommended by advisor/chaperone.
- Be careful when choosing attire when not in uniform, remembering I constantly represent the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo.
- Agree to sign a contract with the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo with respect to my duties as Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty.
- Uphold the title of Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty while fulfilling the provisions of my reign.
- Encourage others to participate in future Tryouts, act as a hostess to contestants in future Tryouts, and assist in the promotion and conduct of the Tryout in every way.

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## Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Tryouts

There will be two or more judges. Each contestant will be judged in: formal interview; speech presentation; impromptu question; and horsemanship competition. There may be other activities deemed appropriate by the Royalty Committee or judges. Criteria within each major area of judging include the following:

### **HORSEMANSHIP DIVISION:**

The purpose of this division is to select the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Horsemanship ability:** Includes pattern and presentation wall run. Judges will also look for showmanship: posture, poise, style and flair; how well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback. **Competition pattern is attached with the application.**

**INTERVIEW DIVISION:** The purpose of this division is to select the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Application:** Information, appearance, grammar and spelling.
- **Intelligence and knowledge of:** The Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo and the Sport of Rodeo.
- **Conversational abilities:** The ability to answer questions in a confident and thorough manner and proper use of the English language.
- **Showmanship:** The ability to present herself in a gracious manner, and demonstrate the ability to promote the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo in public events as our Royalty spokesperson.
- **Knowledge test:** General knowledge of fair, rodeo, and horses.
- **General:** Personality, attractiveness, poise, and proper behavior.
  
- **Parent(s)/guardian(s) support.** Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) should be prepared for a private interview with the Judges and Royalty Committee.
  
- **A tie breaker** in overall tryout scores will be settled by taking the highest score in the Speech category, if a tie still exists, the tie breaker will be determined by the highest Arena Wall Run Score, if there is still a tie, the tie breaker will be determined by the highest Horsemanship score, if there is still a tie, the tie breaker will be determined by an Impromptu speech.

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## Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Tryouts

- **Grooming:** Appearance must be neat; cleanliness is expected in every detail (hands, hair, nails, fragrance, and clothing).
- **Fashion Sense:** Outfits should be fashionable and tasteful clothing. Outfits should be proper for the occasion, coordinated and enhance the natural coloring and figure of the candidate. Meticulous care and condition of clothing worn is expected. Royalty Committee has final say of contestant's selected clothing.
- **Posture and Poise:** Candidates should stand tall and project self-confidence and poise. Grace and dignity are expected in all situations.
- **Photogenic:** Based on the picture submitted. Quality will be included in this division.

Judges will observe a candidate's posture, how she sits, walks, models, the style she projects and her overall appearance and behavior. Judges will be looking for personality, individuality, imagination, versatility, creativity, and how the contestant presents a complete image and appearance.

**SPEECH DIVISION:** The purpose of this division is to select the young woman who scores the highest in:

- **Speech/Presentation:** Candidate will deliver a 2-3 ½ minute speech. Deductions may be taken for using notes/note cards. Props are not permitted. Speech topic will be provided by the Royalty Committee on the night of the Mandatory parent and contestant meeting.

- A hard copy of the candidate's speech (or heavy outline) must be submitted to the judges during your formal interview.

- **Impromptu Question:** Same question to be asked of each candidate. Judges will score on candidate's ability to clearly state their opinion, delivery and timeliness of response. Question will be presented at conclusion of candidate's speech presentation.

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## Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Tryouts

**GENERAL:** Judges will also look for candidates who:

- can conduct themselves in situations that require maturity, diplomacy and leadership (ability to adapt to most situations).
- Have a happy outlook on life, general sense of humor.
- Demonstrate promptness in keeping Tryout schedules.
- Possess the ability to:
  - Relate to people of all ages and abilities.
  - Show genuine interest in other people and noticeable courtesy in all situations.
  - Present herself to people in a positive manner.
  - Project her personality to people she may meet in a short time span, in formal situations, in a riding arena, and/or before an audience in other activities.

### **SCORING:**

Candidates must meet a minimum scoring standard of 75% (of the total overall score) to be considered for a position on the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty.

**Candidates should realize they could be judged at any time during the Tryout whether formally or informally.**

### **Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Tryout TRYOUT CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS**

#### **HORSEMANSHIP:**

Western style, jeans and long-sleeved western shirt, boot, and hat. No gloves, jackets, chinks, or chaps permitted.

#### **INTERVIEW:**

Western clothing, hat, and boots.

#### **Speech/Impromptu:**

Western dress outfit, hat, and boots

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# Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo ROYALTY APPLICATION

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTS/GUARDIAN:

*FATHER:* \_\_\_\_\_ *OCCUPATION:* \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS LIVED IN THIS AREA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WHERE ELSE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS OF RIDING:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HORSE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BREED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:** (High School, College, Special Training)

**SCHOLASTIC HONORS AND OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** (Present and High School)

**HOBBIES AND FAVORITE SPORTS:**

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** (List your participation in charitable, non-profit and community activities or organizations)

**WHY IS COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT IMPORTANT TO YOU?** (50 words or less)

**SCHOLASTIC AMBITIONS AND LIFE AMBITIONS:**

**WHY I WANT TO BECOME ASOTIN COUNTY FAIR & HELLS CANYON RODEO  
ROYALTY: (150 words or less)**

**HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD A RODEO ROYALTY TITLE ON A COURT AS QUEEN OR PRINCESS, CURRENTLY HOLD A TITLE, OR HAVE INVOLVEMENT THROUGH EQUESTRIAN OR AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS (4H, FFA, WAHSET, ETC.)? IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

**NAME OF TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADVISOR'S CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR'S EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR QUEEN/COURT OR HORSEMANSHIP/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE(S):**

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**MAY WE CONTACT YOUR ADVISOR FOR A REFERENCE: YES, or NO? IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN DETAIL ANY CONFLICTS:**

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**ADVISOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADVISOR'S CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR'S EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANY OTHER INTERESTING FACTS:**

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**FAMILY MEMBERS INVOLVED IN FAIR/RODEO - PAST AND PRESENT (Please provide details of involvement)**

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**\*\*A second sheet of paper may be used for further information on any of the above questions\*\***

Please email the following items to Shan Bonson at [lsbonson@cableone.net](mailto:lsbonson@cableone.net)

- 1) 5 x 7 colored headshot with Cowboy Hat
- 2) Electronic copy of Biography

# ROYALTY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- MUST BE AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, BUT NO OLDER THAN 20 YEARS OF AGE AS OF MARCH 1, TO APPLY.**
  
- FULLY READ AND INITIALED RULES AND REGULATIONS BY APPLICANT AND PARENTS / GUARDIAN**
  
- SIGNED ROYALTY CONTRACT**
  
- COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRED**
  
- 5X7 HEAD SHOT IN WESTERN ATTIRE WITH COWBOY HAT (SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION AND EMAILED TO [COUNTYFAIR@YAHOO.COM](mailto:COUNTYFAIR@YAHOO.COM) OR [LSBONSON@CABLEONE.NET](mailto:LSBONSON@CABLEONE.NET) )**
  
- ONE (1) PAGE TYPED DOUBLE SPACE BIOGRAPHY (SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION AND EMAILED TO [COUNTYFAIR@YAHOO.COM](mailto:COUNTYFAIR@YAHOO.COM) OR SHAN BONSON [LSBONSON@CABLEONE.NET](mailto:LSBONSON@CABLEONE.NET))**
  
- TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:**

**MARCH 18th, 2019**

# Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Contract

By my signature on this application, I certify that I have read and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations established by the Asotin County Fairboard and Royalty Committee.

I hereby grant permission to the Royalty Committee to verify any information on my application and attest that the information I have provided is true.

I hereby agree to return all clothing and jewelry received by the Asotin County Fairboard should my reign be terminated; I choose not to complete my reign or I am dismissed.

I hereby release Asotin County, Asotin County Fairboard and Rodeo Committee/Directors, Royalty Committee, and Royalty Chaperone from responsibility of injury or loss to person or property involving myself related to my appearance in the Royalty tryouts and subsequent reign; this also applies to persons related to me.

I hereby certify that I have never been married, pregnant, or given birth to a child.

I hereby certify that I do not have a criminal record.

I hereby release title, claim, and rights to photographs, and/or public relations materials involving myself to the Royalty Committee for use in Tryout promotion.

In the event I receive the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty title, I will complete the tenure of my title in accordance with aforesaid regulations and in the best interest of the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Program and I will relinquish all claims and accouterments relating to the title upon the naming of my successor.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo and their volunteers, officers, agents, or employees from and against all loss of expense by reason of liability impose by law for damages due to bodily injuries. This includes death at any time resulting from/or sustained by any person or persons and/or damages to property, including loss of use thereof arising out of/or in damages to property due any negligence.

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I hereby affix my signature attesting my agreement to the above without reserve.

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Signature of Candidate Date

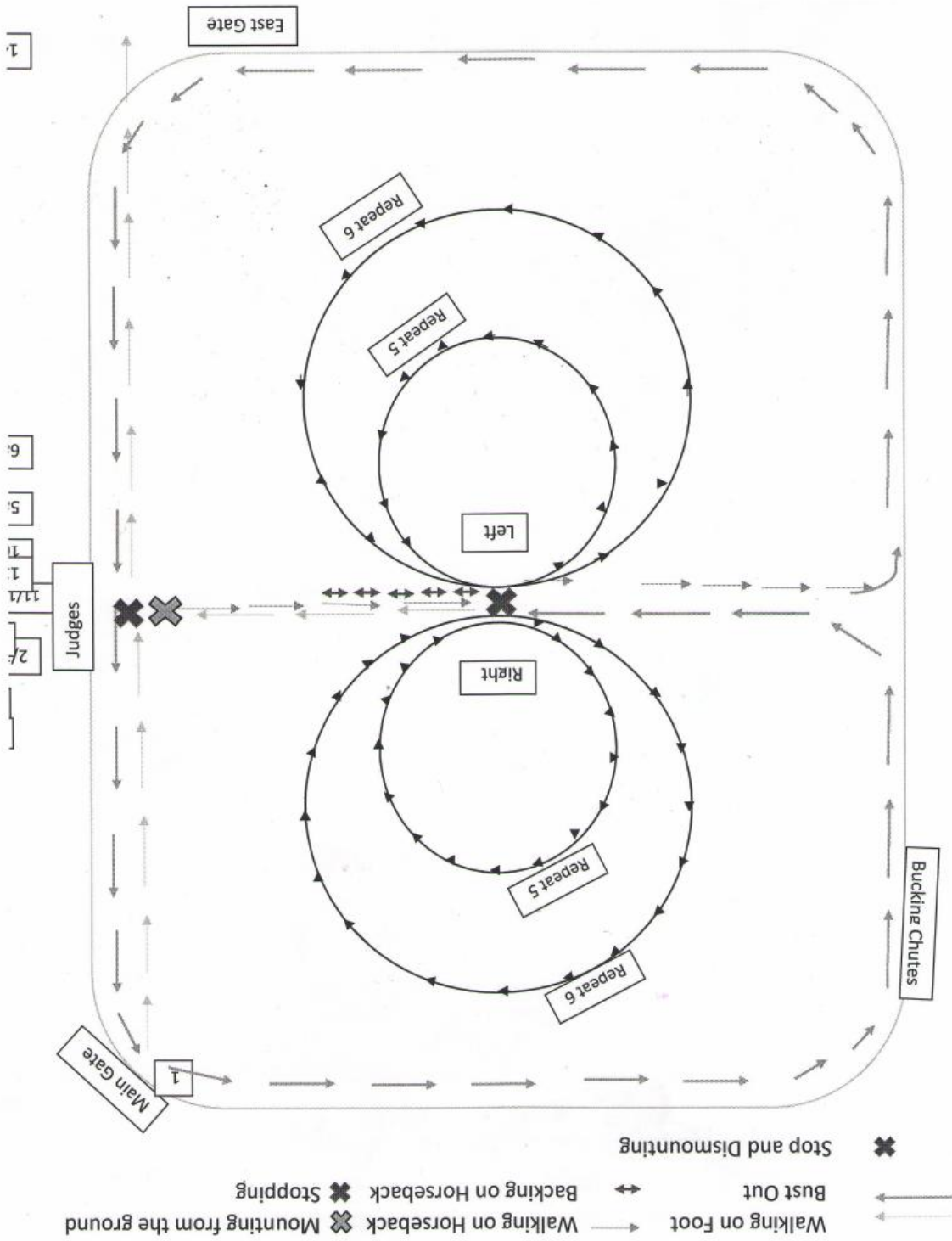
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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date

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# TRYOUT PATTERN



1. Enter arena at gate by announcers' booth on foot.
2. Walk on foot to in front of grandstands stop in front of the Judges. →
3. Mount, walk to center of the arena. ✂ ←
4. Once in the center of the arena, start figure '8' to the right at a lope. ○
5. First figure '8' to the right is smaller and slower.
6. Second figure '8' is larger and faster
  - a. Then switch leads and go to the left, same as #5 & #6. ○
7. Stop on the middle. ✂
8. Back 5 steps. ↔
9. Walk to the opposite side of the arena than you started at. ←
10. Begin bust out to the left. →
11. Complete a full bust out, completing by stopping in the middle of the arena facing the judges. ✂
12. Dismount your horse, and walk to the judges. →
13. Wait for the judges to dismiss you. ✂
14. Leave the arena on the East end of the arena. →