

## Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Contestant Packet 2025-2026

Royalty Reign Begins September 20th, 2025 - Ends September 20th, 2026



Application Deadline Saturday September 13th, 2025

Mandatory Parent & Royalty Contestant Meeting

Wednesday September 17th, 2025, at 6pm in the Fair Office  
Lower Level

Royalty Tryouts Saturday September 20th, 2025, at 11am  
Bennett Building & Rodeo Arena-Upper Level

This application can be downloaded at <http://www.asotincountyfairandrodeo.org>

or email [hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com](mailto:hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com) to request an application.

Submit Your Completed Application by **Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, via email to:  
[hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com](mailto:hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com)

# Royalty Application **2025-2026 Queen And Princess**

Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Contestants must be at least 16 years of age as of September 13th, 2025, but no older than 20 years of age as of September 20th, 2026. A birth certificate may be requested.

**Applicants Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mothers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name where Mother Works: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fathers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name where Father works: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants Information:**

Years lived in this area: \_\_\_\_\_

Lived any other places: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants Educational Information:**

Education-High School Attended, College Attended, Special Training:

Scholastic Honors & Other Accomplishments Past and Present:

Hobbies and Special Interest:

Community Involvement, Participation in Community Activities, Clubs, Organizations,  
Charitable or Non-profit Organizations:

Why is Community Involvement Important?

List any Scholastic and Life Goals:

Why would you like to become Royalty of the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo?

Have you previously held or hold any rodeo royalty titles on a royalty court?

If so, Please List Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Royalty Advisor/Chaperone Name: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your Advisor/Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a brief description of your job duties and experience:

Please list any name of groups past and present you have been involved with: Clubs, Equestrian, Agriculture, 4-H, FFA Organization etc.:

Please list any of your family's involvement in Past or Current Rodeo's or Fairs:

Please list any other information you would like to add:

**Please email the following by Saturday September 13th to Peggy Hansford at:**

[hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com](mailto:hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com)

4"x6" or 5"x7: colored head shot photo

Electronic copy of Biography about yourself 1-page typed double spaced

Royalty Application Completed and Initialed

Copy of Last Years or Current High School Grade Transcripts

Two Letters of Recommendations-Optional

Royalty Contract for Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo

By signing my signature on this contract/application, I certify that I have read and do 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, jewelry, and other items received should my reign as royalty be terminated, or I choose not to complete my royalty reign, or I am dismissed from my royalty reign. I will return the items in a timely manner to the Asotin County Fairboard.

I hereby release Asotin County, Asotin County Fairboard, 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/Fairboard 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 accoutrements at the official end of my reign.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon rodeo and their volunteers, agents, or employees from and against all loss of expense by reason of liability imposed 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 to any negligence.

Royalty Candidates that have been previously dismissed/disqualified or resigned from the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Program and would like to be considered for another opportunity to compete in future royalty tryouts will be required to submit a request/letter to the Asotin County Fairboard for consideration. The decision to be considered for an opportunity to tryout again will be at the discretion of the Asotin County Fairboard and Current Royalty Committee.

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

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian agree to/by my signature attesting to the above without reserve.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Peggy Hansford at:

208-791-1451 or [hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com](mailto:hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com)

Application deadline to be turned in by: Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Email to: [hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com](mailto:hansfordpeggy@yahoo.com)

On behalf of the Royalty Committee & Fair Board, we welcome your participation in the 2025-2026 Royalty Tryouts, **Mandatory royalty contestant and parent/legal guardian meeting, which will be held at the fairgrounds in the Fair Office-Lower Level on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

**Royalty tryouts will be on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11am** at the fairgrounds, Interview's will be first and then riding.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) support. Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) should be prepared for a private interview with the Judges and Royalty Committee.

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

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age as September 20th, 2025, but no older than 20 years of age as of September 20th, 2026. A birth certificate may be requested.

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.

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.

Candidates shall not live with their boyfriends/significant other and must agree to remain not living with them for the duration of their reign.

Candidates must be honest and dependable with good moral standards and integrity.

Candidates must not have engaged in any act, which if made public, would be 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.

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.

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.

Candidates must have reliable transportation for themselves

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Court duties must come first please**, throughout the season, before work, school events, or other events or family vacations. Excused absences must be approved by the Royalty Committee.
- Girls on the court may not compete for or hold any other honorary positions that will interfere with the Royalty Court activities.
- 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.
- All Royalty funding & spending will be at the discretion of the Royalty Committee and Fairboard. Tryout winners will be required to go out and ask for donations for the fair, rodeo, and royalty fundraiser. Tryout winners and their families will be required to help with decorations, setup and take down at the fundraiser.
- Candidates must provide their own clothing for tryouts, interview, and speech portions at the tryouts.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The tryout winner(s) must attend rodeo, parades and any social & civic events selected by the royalty committee. The royalty committee will prepare a royalty event schedule. Great care will be taken in providing as much advanced notice of an event change or event add on. Please keep in mind that some event invitations are received with short notice. The chaperone or royalty committee member will contact the parents/guardians as well as the royalty member of any changes or additions to the royalty schedule. We will try our best to give at least a 48-hour notice of the changes or additions to the schedule.

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- Candidates must be prompt and on time to all functions. Please plan ahead
- Royalty members may not attend any event without their chaperone or a royalty committee member while representing the Asotin County Fair & Rodeo.
- Any candidate being coached by the audience members during tryouts will be subject to disqualification.
- 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 several attributes (i.e., public speaking, personality, and appearance, maturity). 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 to professionally represent the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo.
- I understand that if I am selected for the title of Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty, I will have to return the Fairboard property of the royalty pass down items. Such as the serape, name tag, etc. A Full list will be given out to the tryout winners.
- 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 the fair & rodeo, and I will not participate in, nor promote any form of bullying throughout my reign representing the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty.

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- I agree that the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty commitment will be my priority over any other activities such as family vacations, holidays, camping trips, rodeo, school sports, softball, track etc. that I may be involved in throughout the year of my reign.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to go out with my chaperone and contact business and obtain donations for the Asotin County Fair & Rodeo Annual Fundraiser. I will receive a list from the Fairboard of the business I will need contact. I also understand I can add other businesses to the list with Fairboard approval.
- I agree to follow the chain of command if any issues arise: The chain of command is as follows: Chaperone, then the Royalty Committee, then The Fairboard, If I cannot get resolution at any of these steps, then I would need to inform the Fairboard President that you would like to move on to the next step.
- Be on time and 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. 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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## Tryouts (Candidates will be chosen to Represent the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo-This will be Determined by Royalty Committee & Fairboard, and Judges)

There will be two or more judges. In case of a tie, the same question will be asked to all candidates, the candidate that answers the question correctly and receives the highest score will be Queen. Each contestant will be judged in formal interview, speech presentation, impromptu question, & modeling (if you need additional information on modeling contact Peggy Hansford 208-791-1451). There may be other activities deemed appropriate by the Royalty Committee or Judges. Criteria within each major area of judging include the following:

### Interview Division

#### Appropriate apparel for Interview: Dress or Knee Length Skirt with Long Sleeve Western Shirt.

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

1. **Application:** Information, appearance, grammar, and spelling.
2. **Intelligence and knowledge of:** The Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo, Events, Dates, Exhibitor Handbook etc.
3. **Conversational abilities:** The ability to answer questions in a confident and thorough manner and proper use of the English language.
3. **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.

### Personality and Grooming

- General: Personality, attractiveness, poise, and proper behavior.
- A tie breaker in overall tryout scores will be settled by taking the highest score in the Speech category.
- Grooming: Appearance must be neat; cleanliness is expected in every detail (hands, hair, nails, fragrance, and clothing).

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- **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-to-3-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 Royalty Committee during your formal interview on the day of tryouts.

**Impromptu Question:** The Same question about the fair & rodeo will be asked of each candidate. Judges will score on candidate's ability to clearly state the information of the topic chosen. This will be done after the formal interview.

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## **GENERAL**

Judges will also look for candidates who:

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

**RIDING DIVISION:** The contestant will be judged on her riding ability, knowledge of horses, execution of the pattern, and following directions.

## **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.

## **\*\*\*\*\*CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS\*\*\*\*\***

**Interview & Speech/Impromptu Questions:** Dress or Knee length skirt with a Long Sleeve Western Shirt.

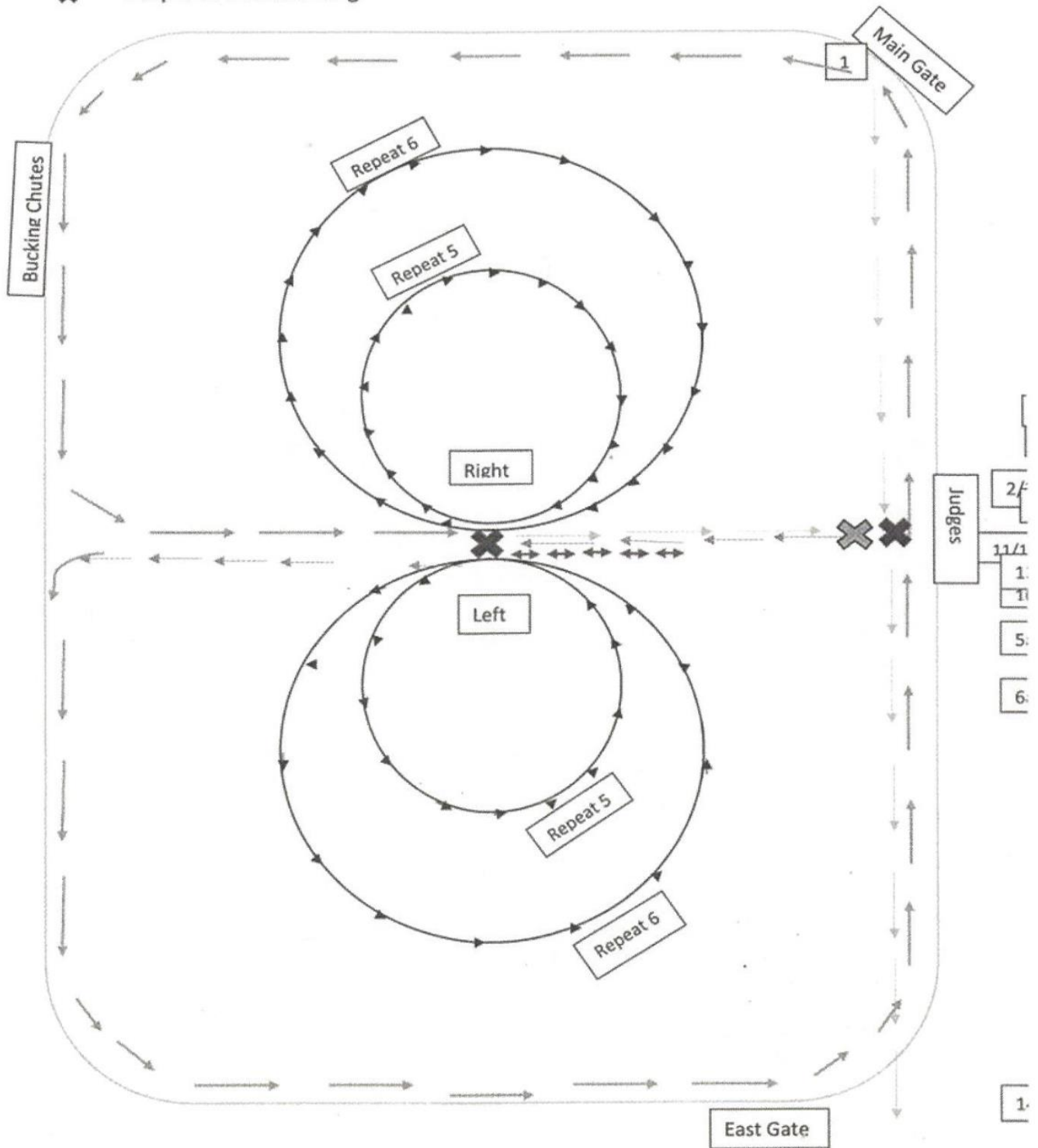
**Riding & Wall Run:** Long sleeve Western Shirt, Jeans, Belt, Western Hat, & Boots.  
**\*\*\* NO CHAPS.**

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## Riding Pattern Directions for Tryouts

- On foot walking your horse enter the arena at the gate by the announcer stand. Walk Down the fence line to where the Judge stands. Stop in Front of the Judge.
- Let the Judge inspect for proper riding equipment & bridle etc. Answer any question the Judge may ask.
- When the Judge is done inspection your equipment, mount your horse and walk to the center of the arena. Look Back at the Judge for the ok to start.
- Start your first circle to the right at a slow lope, making a small circle.
- Next make your second circle to the right a bigger one and at a faster lope.
- At the end of your second circle on the right \*\* Switch leads\*\* and go to the left making your first circle a small circle at a slow lope.
- Next make your second circle to the left a bigger one and at a faster lope.
- After your second circle to the left \*\* stop in the middle of the arena\*\* and back your horse 5-steps.
- After backing look back at the Judge for the ok to start your wall run.
  - Once the Judge gives you the ok to start your wall run, \*\*Walk straight ahead\*\* to the opposite side of the arena from the Judge.
- Begin your wall run \*\*To the Left\*\* Don't forget to wave and smile, complete a full circle back to where you started stopping in the middle of the arena facing the Judge and Bleachers.
- Look at the Judge for the Ok to dismount. Once the Judge has given the ok to dismount walk your horse to the Judge and wait for the Judge to Dismiss you before leaving.
- Leave by walking your horse to the same gate you came in by the announcer stand.

- Walking on Foot      Walking on Horseback      Mounting from the ground  
 Bust Out      Backing on Horseback      Stopping  
 Stop and Dismounting



# Schedule of Events 2025 -2026

**(These events can be subject to change; prior notice will be given in case of an event change.)**

Dates to be Determined at a later time when events are scheduled

September Events 2025: Royalty Tryouts September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 11am

October Events:

Go out with the Royalty Committee to ask for donations for the fundraiser in \_\_\_\_\_.

Asotin County Fairboard & Asotin Lions Club Trick r' Trunk October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5:30pm-7:30pm

November Events: Lewiston Veterans Day Parade,

Go out with Royalty Committee to ask for donations for the fundraiser.

Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo & Royalty Fundraiser November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5pm

December Events:

City of Clarkston Christmas Parade December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

City of Asotin Christmas Parade December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Dates to be Determined at a later when events are scheduled**

January Events 2026:

February Events 2026:

March Events 2026: Lewiston Roundup Horseman's Ball Fundraiser, Walla Walla Queening Clinic

April Events 2026: All Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Events

May Events 2026: Asotin County Fair 4-H/FFA Dog Show May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Riggins Parade & Rodeo May,

Asotin County Fair 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Waitsburg Parade & Events, Asotin County Fair & Rodeo

Roy May Events 2025: Theon Flag Raising Memorial Day

June Events 2026: Anatone Day

July Events 2026: Grangeville Border Days Parades & Rodeo, Cheney Parade, Chief Joseph Days Parade & Rodeo

August Events 2026: Asotin Days, Weippe Parade & Rodeo, Benton Franklin Visiting Royalty Day & Rodeo, Walla Walla Fair Parade & Rodeo

September Events 2026: Continued Walla Walla Fair Parade & Rodeo, Lewiston Roundup, Pendleton Roundup & Happy Canyon Parade & Rodeo, 2027 Royalty Tryouts

April 2027, Carry American Flag for Hells Canyon Rodeo.



