

Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Contestant Packet 2026-2027 Royalty Reign

Begins September 26th, 2026 - Ends September 25th, 2027



Application Deadline Monday September 14th, 2026

Mandatory Parent & Royalty Contestant Meeting

Monday September 21st, 2026, Time TBD

Royalty Tryouts Saturday September 26th, 2026, at 11:30am

Bennett Building-Upper Level & Rodeo Arena-Upper Level

Submit Your Completed Application by **Monday September 14th, 2026, via email to:**
phansford.asotincofb@gmail.com

Or Drop off at the mailbox on the side of the Fair Office on the lower level of the fairgrounds.

Royalty Application 2026-2076 Queen and Princess

Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Contestants must be at least 14 years of age as of September 26th, 2026, but no older than 20 years of age as of September 25th, 2027. 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

Applicants Educational Information:

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

Scholastic Honors & Other Accomplishments Past and Present:

Hobbies and Special Interest, Life goals:

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

Why do you think Community Involvement is Important?

Applicants Information Continued:

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

Have you held any previous royalty titles or hold any 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 or Drop off the following information to

Peggy Hansford at phansford.asotincfb@gmail.com **or** Drop off at the mailbox on the side of the Fair Office on the lower level of the fairgrounds.

by: Monday September 14th, 2026

3-inch x 5-inch or 4-inch x 6-inch : colored head shot photo

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

Royalty Application Completed and Initialed with the
Royalty Contract for Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo

Copy of Last Years or Current High School Grade Transcripts

Letters of Recommendations are [Optional](#)

Any Questions contact Peggy Hansford: 208-791-1451 or
phansford.asotincfb@gmail.com

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 Coordinator.

I hereby grant permission to the Royalty Coordinator 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 Coordinator, 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 people 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 Coordinator/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 Coordinator.

Applicant, I hereby affix my signature attesting to the above without reserve. Parent/Guardian

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

Applicants' Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 phansford.asotincofb@gmail.com

Application deadline to be turned in by: **Monday September 14th, 2026.**

On behalf of the Royalty Coordinator & Fair Board, we welcome your participation in the **2026-2027** Royalty Tryouts, **Mandatory royalty contestant and parent/legal guardian meeting, which will be held at the fairgrounds in the Fair Office-Lower Level, time will be scheduled once application has been turned into Peggy Hansford. Royalty tryouts will be on Saturday, September 26th, 2026, at 11:30am** at the fairgrounds upper & lower levels, Interview's will be first and then riding.

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

Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty Rules and Regulations

1. Candidates must be at least **14 years of age as September 26th, 2026**, but no older than **20 years of age as of September 25th, 2027**. A birth certificate may be requested.
2. Royalty Candidates must live within the boundaries of the following Counties: Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Whitman, Nez Perce, Latah, Idaho, Lewis, Clearwater, and Wallowa.
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.
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 dependable with good moral standards and integrity.
6. 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 Coordinator prior to signing the application.
7. If a person has already held the title of Asotin County Fair and Rodeo **Queen**, they cannot try out for future Asotin County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Courts.
8. 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 Coordinator.
9. Candidates must have reliable transportation for themselves, or parent/guardian can drop off & pick up.
10. **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 Coordinator
11. Girls on the court may not compete for or hold any other honorary positions that will interfere with the Royalty Court activities.
12. Candidates must conduct themselves in a professional, courteous 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.
13. All Royalty funding & spending will be at the discretion of the Royalty Coordinator 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, set up and take down at the fundraiser and royalty luncheon.
14. Candidates must provide their own clothing for tryouts, interviews/speech, and riding portions at the tryouts.
15. 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 Coordinator, 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.
16. Judges and Royalty Coordinator 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.

Candidate Initial: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Initial _____ Date: _____

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

17. 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.
18. The tryout winner(s) must attend rodeo, parades and any social & civic events selected by the royalty coordinator. The royalty coordinator 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 coordinator 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 48-hour notice of the changes or additions to the schedule.
19. Royalty Members and their horses must all travel together with the Chaperone/Royalty Coordinator in the county truck & horse trailer when going to royalty events. Parents/guardians are responsible for their own travel and expenses to & from royalty events.
20. Candidates must be prompt and on time to all functions. Please plan ahead.
21. Royalty members may not attend any event without their chaperone or a royalty coordinator while representing the Asotin County Fair & Rodeo.
22. Any candidate being coached by the audience members during tryouts will be subject to disqualification.
23. 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 for representing 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. I understand that during official Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty activities, a chaperone will be designated for me and that I will abide by my chaperone.
27. 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.
28. 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.

Candidate Initial: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Initial _____ Date: _____

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

29. 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.
30. I understand that it is my responsibility to go out with my chaperone/Royalty Coordinator 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.
31. I agree to follow the chain of command if any issues arise: The chain of command is as follows: Chaperone, then the Royalty Coordinator, 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.
32. Be on time and attend all events as requested by the Royalty Coordinator and Chaperone, and be prepared to promote the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo
33. Be fully dressed in Royalty attire, as assigned, before arrival to an event (unless other arrangements have been made by the Royalty Coordinator).
34. Make sure clothing is kept clean and pressed and any hats are neat and clean, for all appearances.
35. Good hygiene, bathe before each event. Keep fingernails clean and manicured with polish recommended by chaperone or royalty coordinator.
36. Be careful when choosing attire when not in uniform, remembering I constantly represent the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo.
37. 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.
38. Uphold the title of Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty while fulfilling the provisions of my reign.
39. 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.

Candidate Initial: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Initial _____ Date: _____

Tryouts (Candidates will be chosen to Represent the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo

This will be Determined by Royalty Coordinator & Fairboard, and Judges

There will be one 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 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 Coordinator 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.
4. **Showmanship/Modeling:** 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)
- 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 made for using notes/note cards. Props are not permitted. Speech topic will be given to the candidate by the Royalty Coordinator 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 Coordinator during your interview on the day of tryouts.

Impromptu Question: The Same question about the fair, rodeo and royalty 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 interview.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 brief time span, 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.

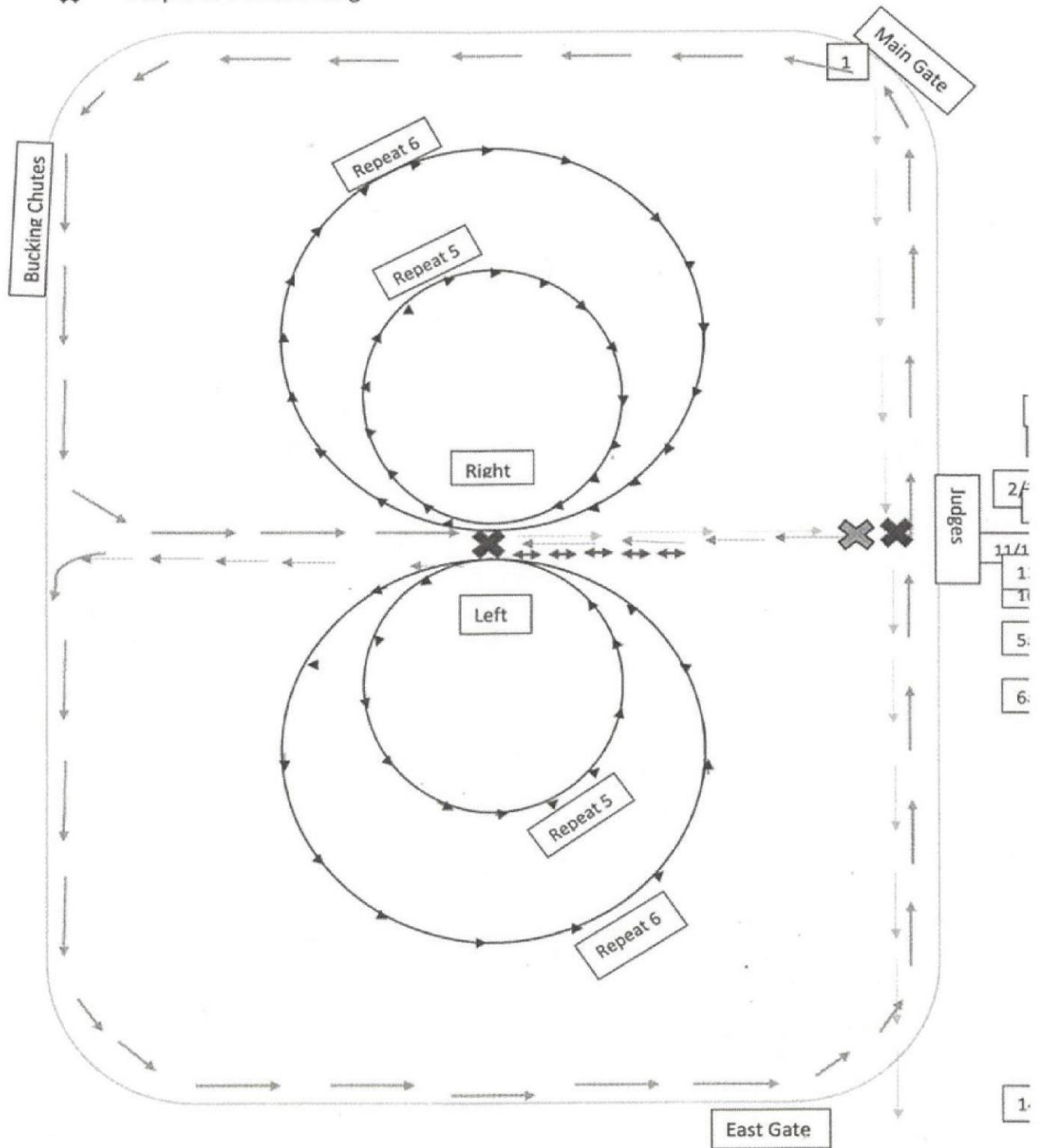
Riding & Wall Run: Long sleeve Western Shirt, Jeans, Belt, Western Hat, & Boots.

***** NO CHAPS. No Snaffle Bits of any kind, No Bit-less bridles, and no split reins for the riding portion of the judging.**

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 inspecting 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 at a **slow** lope, making a **small** circle
- 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 2026 -2027

These events can be subject to change; advanced prior notice will be given if a change occurs

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

September Events 2026:

Royalty Tryouts Application Due

October Events 2026:

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

Asotin Lions Club Trick r' Trunk Oct 31st, 2026

November Events 2026:

Asotin Fair & Rodeo Fundraiser

Lewiston Veterans Day Parade – depending on date of fundraiser

December Events 2026:

City of Clarkston Christmas Parade December 5th, 2026

City of Asotin Christmas Parade December 12th, 2026

January Events 2027:

February Events 2027:

March Events 2027:

Walla Walla Queen Clinic

Lewiston Roundup Horseman's Ball Fundraiser

April Events 2027:

All Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo Events.

Asotin County Dog Show April

May Events 2027:

Riggins Parade Sunday May 2nd

Asotin County Fair 4-H/FFA Horse Show

Waitsburg Parade May 15th

Theon Flag Raising Memorial Day May 29th

June Events 2027:

Anatone Day June 26th

July Events 2027:

Grangeville Border Days Parade & Rodeo

Chief Joseph Days Parade & Rodeo

August Events 2027:

Horse Heaven Roundup Parade & Royalty Luncheon

Walla Walla Fair Parade & Rodeo August/September

September Events 2027:

Walla Walla Fair Parade & Rodeo August/September

Lewiston Roundup September

Pendleton Roundup & Happy Canyon Parade & Rodeo Sept

April Events 2028:

Queen Carry American Flag for Hells Canyon Rodeo