



63rd ANNUAL NAVAJO NATION FAIR OPEN MASTER RODEO GROUND RULES



GENERAL RULES:

- Contestants may be fined and/or disqualified for not abiding by said rules during slack or regular performances. Extreme circumstances will result in immediate expulsion from rodeo arena and/or grounds.
- All contestants must wear western attire, meaning jeans or slacks, long sleeve collar shirt, western hat and boots;
- Extend good sportsmanship at all times and not inflict verbal and/or physical abuse at any time;
- All contestants, sponsors, contractors, announcers and any other persons directly involved in the rodeo will not be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- All contestants shall treat all animals and/or stock with due humane treatment and shall not mistreat any animal in or out of the arena;
- Treat the CES and other rodeo personnel with utmost respect;
- All entry fees must be fully paid before competing in events.
- Respect Arena Director's direction and guidance;
- Once Rodeo starts, keep arena clear at all times;
- Contestants must be ready when their event is called'
- To avoid unnecessary delays, third call TO's will be enforced;
- JUDGES' decisions are final.

Entry Eligibility

Contestants who are entered to compete in the 63rd Annual Navajo Nation Fair Open Master Rodeo shall be open to all. The Open Master Rodeo Committee reserves the right to request for proof of age. Failure of a contestant to show proof of age when requested may be cause for disqualification of the contestant, and forfeiture of entry fees and any money won at the rodeo.

Entry information

Mail-in Entries will be open August 2009 and **MUST** be postmarked before or on August 21, 2009. Only Money Order and Cashier Check will be accepted and payable to Navajo Nation Fair-Open Master Rodeo. The mailing address is as follows:

Navajo Parks & Recreation Department
Open Master Rodeo
Post Office Box 2370
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Walk-in Entries will be on September 2, 2009 at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds-Gorman Hall in Window Rock, AZ from 9am to 3pm.

Bareback/ Saddle Bronc

Wearing protective vest and mouthpieces is mandatory; animal ridden for 7 seconds; time will commence when inside shoulder of horse leaves chute; mark out not required but 5 points will be deducted for each side animal not marked out; only leather or rawhide handhold can be used for rigging; 1 inch thick padding to be used for rigging; rigging or saddle shall have a leather latigo only; only PRCA approved specified saddle can be used; riding spurs shall have blunt 5 point star rowel and spur shank no longer than 1 ½ inches; for safety reasons, stock contractor will provide suitable, seasoned and experienced horses for the age categories; stock contractor will provide qualified pick up men; contestant must immediately declare themselves if fouled at the gate or chute, if animal falls or flank falls off for a rered, and rered awarded at the discretion of the judges; and contestant will be disqualified for touching animal or equipment during ride, loosing a rein or stirrup or being bucked off.

Bull Riding

Protective riding vest and mouth piece is mandatory; animal will be ridden for 7 seconds; for safety reasons, stock contractor must provide suitable bulls and not ranked, mean tempered or trashy bulls; bulls will be ridden using one hand; only copper bull bells will be allowed and any homemade or steel bells will be disallowed; time will commence when the outside shoulder of the bull leaves the chute; stock contractor must provide a qualified bullfighter; normal disqualification rules will apply.

Tie Down Roping

All calves must be uniformed in weight (minimum 180 lbs, maximum 250 lbs); roper must completely leave roping box before throwing loop; ten (10) seconds penalty assessed for broken barrier; 35 seconds time limit to rope a calf; 2 loops will be permitted if contestant carries a 2nd rope; horse must have a neck rope to prevent dragging calf; contestant must throw calf and tie any 3 feet; if calf goes down, calf must be picked up and re-thrown except for 50+, contestant may proceed to tie calf; contestant will receive a no time if calf gets up before 6 second time limit, retouches calf after signaling for time or if horse intentionally drags calf more than 3 feet or runs off with calf.

Chute Dogging

If fresh steers to be used, they must be thrown prior to show; contestant will hold steer by the horns in the chute; 15 feet score line used; time starts when inside shoulder of steer leaves the chute; 35 seconds time limit; time given when steer laying flat with all 4 legs extended and head is straight; and no time will be given if steer not thrown or escapes, or if contestant kicks or mistreats animal after time taken.

Barrel Racing

Approved cloverleaf pattern and specifications used; arena and alley way clear at all times; 5 second penalty assessed for each barrel knocked down; and disqualified if breaking pattern, not being ready when called the 3rd time or not completing run.

Break Away Roping

Three (3) categories (40+, 50+, Ladies); there must be a minimum of two (2) female ropers in order to contest in ladies category otherwise, they can contest in the men's 40+ or 50+ category; all calves must be uniformed in size and weight; roper must completely leave roping box before throwing loop; ten (10) seconds penalty assessed for broken barrier; 35 second time limit; 2nd loop allowed if carrying 2nd rope; must have clean catch around the neck only for time; end of rope must be tied to saddle horn by cotton string; bright colored cloth or flag must attached to the end of rope; contestant must declare themselves immediately if fouled by barrier and re-rope may be provided at discretion of judges.

Co-Ed Ribbon Roping

Calves must be uniformed in size and weight; the male is the roper and the female is the runner; runners may run twice in either age category but only once in each age category if splitting categories; roper must completely leave roping box before throwing loop; ten (10) seconds assessed for broken barrier; 1x12 inches ribbon must be tied to calf's tail 6 inches below tail head with #16 rubber band; roper must dismount and mug the calf before runner takes ribbon off tail; runner must run back to designated box with ribbon in hand; and a re-rope may be given if ribbon comes off before runner reaches and touches calf; runner may wear western tennis shoes or lace-ups but not regular tennis shoes.

Team Roping

2 categories for team roping (40+ and 50+); contestants can enter 2 times with different partners; contestants must stay in their age category; 50+ and ladies can tie off on only one end; the header must completely leave roping box before throwing loop; ten (10) seconds penalty assessed for broken barrier; there are three legal head catches (head or both horns, half a head or around neck); 5 second penalty will be accessed for catching one leg; contestants must have roped, dallied, rope stretched tight and both horses facing each other to be flagged; steer must have a change of direction before

heeler throws their loop but if steer is roped before that, it will be considered a crossfire and receive no time.

Payoff

All contestant who have receive any winnings from the Open Master Rodeo will be required to provide W-9 to the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department-Special Events Section. All contestants must show a valid ID/SS card to complete the W-9.

# of Entries	# of Places	Percentages
1-4	1	100%
5-9	2	60-40%
10-14	3	44-33-23%
15-21	4	40-30-20-10%
22-31	5	30-25-20-15-10%
32-50	6	29-24-19-14-9-5%
51+	7	24-21-17-14-11-8-5%

All Around

Award will be given to the following categories: Ladies, Rough Stock, 40+ and 50+. The All Around will be awarded to the most money won for the contestant who has competed and place in two or more events. If no one places in two or more events, then the contestant who has compete in two or more event with most money won will be awarded the All Around award.