

2019 Montana Winter Fair

Department 12 - Skijoring

Saturday, January 26

Fergus County Fairgrounds

Schedule:

** This event is dependent on snow and will be canceled if adequate snow cover is not present.

12:00 noon - Team check-in

1:00 pm - Races begin

Superintendents:

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Registration: Deadline January 15, 2019

Do not send payment with registration in case of cancellation. Payment will be made at check-in.

Registration is required for planning purposes.

Mail to:

Jennifer Saunders, Fergus County Extension, 712 W Main St, Lewistown, MT 59457

Fees:

Pay per team at check-in

Pro-Open – \$25

Sport and Novice – \$20

Youth – \$10

Pee Wee – \$5

Spectators:

Bring lawn chairs and blankets

14 and older – \$5 per person

13 to 6– \$3 per person

5 and under free

Jackpot Payout – per division

10% retained by Montana Winter Fair

50% – 1st place

30% – 2nd place

10% – 3rd place

RULES:

- 1) Five divisions – Teams consist of 1 rider, 1 horse and 1 skier
 - a. Pro/Open (Adults 18 and older as of day of event) – Highest skilled skiers with competitive skijoring experience.
 - b. Sport (Adults 18 and older as of day of event) – Intermediate skilled skiers with practice skijoring experience.
 - c. Novice (Adults 18 and older as of day of event) – Beginner skiers with no skijoring experience.
 - d. Youth (Youth ages 13 – 17 as of the day of the event)
 - e. PeeWee (Youth ages 12 to 9 as of the day of the event) – must be pulled by an adult (18 or older) rider.
 - 2) One rider may be entered in each division up to four times.
 - 3) A skier may only enter in one division. A skier may enter twice with different riders in the same division.
 - 4) Rigging that is attached to the saddles D Rings and lays behind the cantle will be provided. The pulling rope (no more than 50 foot long) will also be provided.
 - 5) The course will be a minimum of 500 feet long, minimum of 2 jumps and 8 gates.
 - 6) From the time a team is called to the start they have five minutes to be in the starting box and begin the race.
 - 7) Time starts when the skier crosses the starting line and ends when the skier crosses the finish line.
 - 8) The skier must be in an upright position and on at least one ski with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skiers boots must cross the finish line.
 - 9) There is a 5 second penalty for each gate or jump missed. Both tips of ski's and both boots must go around the gate or it is considered missed.
 - 10) Prior to the race the teams may examine the course on foot.
 - 11) Written parental consent is required for any skiers or riders under that age of 18. Parents must be present at registration and during the event.
 - 12) Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
 - 13) The on-site veterinarian may disqualify a horse for lameness or injury.
 - 14) Any protests from a competitor must be made verbally to the Chief of Race prior to the commencement of the next competitors run.
 - 15) Judges decisions are final.
 - 16) Unsportsmanlike behavior is grounds for immediate disqualification. Your registration signature pledges your word to the humane treatment of your horse and respectful relationships to all fellow competitors and volunteers hosting this exciting competition.
- *no skiers or riders under the age of 9 as of the day of the event