

# Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo Court

## Contract and Regulations

1. The age limit for contestants are 10-17 and must be a resident of Baker County. All contestants 12 and under must be accompanied by parent or guardian to all riding events.
2. When trying out, all contestants must wear a long sleeved western shirt, jeans, boots, and a western hat. No accessories such as previous court attire are allowed. During **All** rodeos, parades, and events, court members will be required to wear their designated outfits for the duration of the entire event. There is a set budget of \$500.00 for each court member and any costs incurred above the limit will be at the expense of the court member and their family. The court adviser will have **Final Say** on all outfits. The outfits will consist of at least 1 cowboy hat, 1 pair of boots (no lug soles), 2 shirts, 2 pants, a luncheon outfit if needed, flowers, a buckle, and a crown. **Crowns are property of the Hells Canyon Riders** with the option to purchase at the end of the reign. If crown is damaged reimbursement by court member and/or her parents or guardians will be required. Any other person than the court member may not wear issued attire **at any time**. Hells Canyon Riders reserves the right to ask for any or all outfits to be returned that were paid for by said organization .
3. All court members must ride the horse they try out on **throughout the entire year**. The rider must own the horse or provide a signed long term lease contract for horse for the full term of reign. All health care of horse including vaccinations, supplies, shoes, and feed during events are the responsibility of the court member. The rider must have complete control of the horse during all events and parades **without** assistance. The only exception to this rule is the court member provides a completed licensed veterinary check with recommendation that the horse is no longer able to be used. **We do not want any accidents!** If at any time the court adviser deems the horse unsafe for the court member riding it or to the other horses, any bystander, or event, the court adviser will reserve the right to have the horse removed and ground the court member for the duration of the event. You must have a veterinary certificate and board approval before bringing another horse to an event or you will not be allowed to participate in the event. **This is a safety issue!**
4. All court members are required to help in all fundraising activities and events sponsored by the Hells Canyon Riders. Court members are responsible for selling program ads and will not receive budget allowance until ads are completed. This includes previous or new ads. Parents are expected to help with ad responsibilities. Ads must be sold in person and the only exception is if a court member has attempted to sell as in person and has received a call back. Court members must wear clean western attire while selling ads. Outside personal sponsorship is allowed if all ads are sold first and court adviser approves it.
5. You will arrive at each event in court attire that is clean and ironed. Horses must be cleaned and groomed and all tack must be clean and in good working order. Outfits are not to be worn for anything other than rodeos or other related functions until after the rodeo season. Hats must be secure when doing run-in and no court attire is to be worn while competing in other rodeos.

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6. Transportation and expenses (food, hotel, etc) are your responsibility. There is a horse trailer available to use as long as you fill out waivers, release forms, and insurance forms. If you choose to use the horse trailer you will be responsible for your portion of fuel costs to and from events. You will not hold Hells Canyon Riders, Queen's Court, or person towing the trailer responsible for any damages incurred by or to horses or yourself while being towed, or tied to trailer at events. Using the trailer means that the inside and outside will be kept clean at all times by Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo Court members.
  
7. Court members are under the direction of the Court Adviser and must do as they are asked without complaint. **Court members are to never argue with chaperons, board members, parents, friends, or amongst themselves at any event they are participating in.** Court members should ride alone on horses during events as this is a safety issue. You shall be poised, friendly, and display appropriate behavior at all times while representing Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo. Court members friends and family must watch from grandstands or may observe from crowd during parades and shall not be in the way during lineup as court members and adviser prepare for events. If a court member is under the age of 12 years old one parent or guardian must accompany during event lineup to prepare. It is the responsibility of the court member to tack up horse and prepare for events. In the event they need assistance the court adviser shall assist or someone of her choosing may step in to assist. Court members siblings or friends must remain in the grandstands or crowd as to ensure no injury to child, horse, or court member during preparation. During events where the court is representing Hells Canyon Riders court members must remain together and in contact with the adviser throughout the event. We are a team and need to work together and remain in contact as things often change during events. If friends or family become a problem the court member or family will receive one warning only. If this does not resolve the issue the complaint will be brought to the Hells Canyon Riders Board of Directors by the court adviser and a hearing may be held. **All decisions will be final.**
  
8. Friends and court adviser approved chaperons must at all times be supportive of the Hells Canyon Riders organization, members, court members, court adviser, and other parents. Any issues or opinions of court members or the organization should be expressed in good taste and at a time that will not interfere with the execution of the court members duties. Court members and parents must conduct themselves in a responsible, positive and appropriate manner at all times. Examples including but not limited to; school functions, during scheduled events and outings, during fundraising, and any public interaction that you may encounter. Complaints made by a member of the public, other courts, parents, event hosts, and community members will be investigated immediately and a hearing set with the Hells Canyon Board of Directors. If complaints are found to be true, court members may face immediate dismissal of her duties and required court items shall be returned within 5 days in clean condition.

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9. The illegal use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, commission of a crime, abuse of a horse or trailer, assigned court attire, or people will be cause for immediate dismissal from the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo Court. This includes all events as well as off time. Offenses involving minors using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco will be reported to law enforcement immediately. Upon immediate dismissal the court member will be required to return their crowns, buckles, and attire to the court adviser.
  
10. The Court member will be required to attend at least 5 events during the rodeo season.  
Eagle Valley Days in Richland Oregon  
Haines Stampede in Haines, Oregon  
Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo in Halfway, Oregon  
Miner's Jubilee in Baker City, Oregon  
Baker County Panhandle Rodeo in Halfway, Oregon  
Optional Events: Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, John Day Junior Rodeo, Lagrande Junior Rodeo, Chief Joseph Days, Elgin Stampede, Grande Ronde Rodeo, Baker Broncs and Bulls, Pendleton Round Up, Shriners Parade, Baker Christmas Parade  
Required events must have priority over activities such as FFA, 4H, State Fair, School Sports, and other Rodeo Sports.

Signature of Contestant\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of **Both** Parents or Guardians

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

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