

SADDLE CONTEST

*MPEC, Wichita Falls, Texas — Awards Ceremony Program
October 2–3, 2026*

Awards Begin @ 4:00 PM Saturday

Contestants must register/pay to enter the Boot and Saddle Maker Tradeshow Convention Hall.

If you have any questions concerning the rules, feel free to contact me:
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BASIC RULES

- Saddles must be checked in at the table by end of day Friday to be entered in the contest.
- Each contest is limited to ONE entry per category and saddle made since last year's contest.
- All work must be done by the individual entering the saddle and no one else.
- All categories will be judged by saddlemakers who have been in the business for years and whose work is considered Master quality. To eliminate any “conflict of interest”, no judge will have a saddle or a student whose saddle is entered in the contest.

CONTEST CATEGORIES

BEGINNER: In this category, the saddlemaker cannot have made more than five saddles.

NOVICE: For this category, the saddlemaker can have no more than 4 years experience.

WORKING COWBOY SADDLE: Saddle can be roughside out or slick side out, with border tooling only.

OPEN GEOMETRIC: Saddle can be roughout or slick, with no floral, acorn, oak leaf tooling, or decorative swivel cut at all.

OPEN FLORAL: Saddles in this category can be roughout or slick, but must have tooling, partial or full (floral, oak leaf, etc.).

**All Saddles Entered In Any Category Must
Have Been Started After Last Year's Contest**

Please Bring Your Own Saddle Stand.