

**DEPARTMENT 3 – DIVISION 8**  
**WESTERN IDAHO FAIR DRILL TEAM COMPETITION**

**Thursday, Aug. 23, 5:00 p.m. D&B Arena**

**Show Chairperson:**  
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**Judge:**  
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**ENTRY: Entries close Aug. 3.** Entries must be postmarked by this date. **Any late entries are subject to double entry fees and prior approval of the Superintendent.** You may submit your entries online. **Online deadline is Aug. 7.** Payment must be made with entry. Only Visa and MasterCard accepted online. [www.idahofair.com](http://www.idahofair.com). A \$2 per exhibitor convenience fee applies.

- PASSES:** Each rider, alternate, and coach needs to purchase an Exhibitor Pass (**\$5 each**) to enter Fairgrounds. Two additional helper's passes may be purchased per club.
- PARKING/LOAD IN:** Contestants will be issued a vehicle parking permit. For more information about parking see page 4 of General Rules & Regulations (website).
- RELEASE:** All exhibitors must obtain a **"Release"** permit from the Department Superintendent for transportation of livestock from the grounds.
- HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** See page 23 Reg. Light Horse Show.
- MUSIC:** Competitors email each song to Chairperson and bring on separate CDs or USB drive.
- BY AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>:** send to chairperson: list of your Short/Required maneuvers, in order. And a short bio we can read before the team's first performance.
- JUDGES MEETING:** meet at the announcer's booth at 4 p.m. to provide backup music, make declarations, receive final order of go and review arena use instructions.
- Entry is deemed acceptance of the Rules.**

**Class 1: Short/Required Maneuvers**

**Entry Fee: \$50 – Starts at 5:00 p.m.**

The Western Idaho Fair will provide a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> and Rosettes for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place and:

**Premiums:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$125    2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100    3<sup>rd</sup> - \$75    4<sup>th</sup> - \$50

**Explanation:** Any number of riders is allowed with a time limit of SIX minutes. This theme-less routine showcases the 12 specific maneuvers in an interesting and precise manner to show the judge the technical abilities of the team. Each of the 12 maneuvers is scored separately.

**Required Maneuvers each year:**

1. Change of Pace
2. Single File Cross
3. Circle
4. Maneuver by Pairs
5. Maneuver by Fours
6. Company Front

Drawn examples and explanations of the maneuvers are available from chairperson. Please request!

**Additional Maneuvers this year:**

1. 270 degree Turn
2. Pole Bend
3. Shoot the Moon
4. Heart
5. Reversing Circles
6. Liberty Gate

**Class 2: Free/Open**

**Entry Fee: \$75 – Starts around 6:30 p.m.**

The Western Idaho Fair will provide a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> and Rosettes for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place and:

**Premiums:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$150    2<sup>nd</sup> - \$125    3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100    4<sup>th</sup> - \$75

**Explanation:** Any number of riders is allowed, time limit is EIGHT minutes. The emphasis on this routine is on crowd

appeal, showmanship and excitement. Halts, salutes, props, announcers and crowd interaction are encouraged.

Perform to the music of choice and coordinated attire and take advantage of this unique venue to show some real pizzazz: **be bold!**

**Class 3: Quad**

**Entry Fee: \$25 - Starts around 8:00 p.m.**

The Western Idaho Fair will provide a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> and Rosettes for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place and:

**Premiums:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75    2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50    3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40    4<sup>th</sup> - \$25

**Explanation:**

FOUR minutes and four riders are to perform a typically fun, themed routine with costumes for both horse and rider. Music is key and sets the tone for these very entertaining routines.

Just before beginning your routine, please take an actual parade lap so the crowd and judge can enjoy the great costumes.

**Scoring**

**Emphasis** will be placed on performance of the drill, **NOT** on uniforms, tack, or matching of horses. Please note: horses' muzzles and whiskers do NOT need to be trimmed. Bridle paths and fetlocks at the most, neat and tidy is all that is required.

**Execution of Drill:** Most important is alignment, spacing, timing & coordination. Were the lines straight, were the circles evenly round? Was the spacing consistent side-by-side or in a line; or were there gaps? Was the timing coordinated, or was it haphazard? Does the drill look solid, planned and smooth?

**Originality, Variety, and Attractiveness of Patterns:** Were original and varied patterns used and presented well? Are there different groups of riders, leaders, approaches and exits of maneuvers?

**Spectacularity and Crowd Appeal:** Was the drill designed to please an audience in its tempo, maneuver placement, flag usage and overall energy? This is scored higher in the Freestyle/Open routine.

**Degree of Difficulty:** more difficult routines with complex maneuvers receive more credit than a simpler routine with easier maneuvers and more set-ups, etc.

**Performance and Manners of Horses:** Were they well-mannered, did they maintain the proper gait?

**Theme, Costume & Flags:** This category provides points for any props, special costuming or theme for the Freestyle/Open and the Quad routines (Quads more than Free/Open). Not applied to Short/Required.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Specific score sheets the judge will use for each routine are available for review, these are slightly different than other local competitions. Contact chairperson to receive a copy.
- Each team will be allowed to a minute or so to warm up and then take a lap inside the arena before each routine.
- Routines will be started inside the gate. Whistle blow will start time and double whistle to stop time.
- Arena warm-up times determined after the August 7<sup>th</sup> registration date. These half-hour reserved times for each team will be noon to 4:00. The arena is also open for your general use from early morning until noon.
- Award ceremony estimated to be around 9:30 p.m.
- Judge will be available for review and questions immediately following awards.