



Department 3D

WIF DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

Thursday, August 27 – 5:00 p.m. D&B Arena

2026

Show Chairperson: Cathy Jo Ayotte wifdrill@gmail.com

ENTRY: Entries close Aug. 7. 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. 10.** Payment must be made with entry. Only Visa and MasterCard accepted online. www.idahofair.com.

1. **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.
2. **PARKING/LOAD IN:** Contestants will be issued a vehicle parking permit. For more information about parking see page 4 of General Rules & Regulations (website).
3. **RELEASE:** All exhibitors must obtain a "**Release**" permit from the Department Superintendent for transportation of livestock from the grounds.
4. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** See page 21 Reg. Light Horse Show.
5. **MUSIC:** Competitors must send music via email (attachment or link to online storage is fine) **BEFORE August 18th.**
6. **BY ENTRY DEADLINE AUG 9th:** email chairperson a short team bio and introduction for each routine.
7. **Entry is deemed acceptance of the Rules.**
8. The Western Idaho Fair will provide a trophy for 1st and Rosettes for 2nd – 4th place

DIVISION 1 - FREESTYLE

Class 1 - Freestyle

Entry Fee: \$75 – Starts around 5:15 p.m. – right after opening flag ceremony.

Premiums: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$100 3rd - \$75 4th - \$50

Explanation: Any number of riders is allowed. This should be your "long program" and time should be no less than 6 minutes. The emphasis on this routine is on crowd appeal, showmanship and excitement. Halts, salutes, props, announcers and crowd interaction are all 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 2 – Freestyle – Novice/Youth

Entry Fee: \$25

Premiums: 1st - \$75 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

Rules as in Class 1

DIVISION 2 – THEME ("Eras")

Class 3 – Theme

Entry Fee: \$50 – Starts around 6:15 p.m.

Premiums: 1st - \$100 2nd - \$75 3rd - \$50 4th - \$25

Explanation: The 2026 theme is "Eras". You are free to interpret the theme in any way you would like. Any number of riders is allowed.

Class 4 – Theme – Novice/Youth

Entry Fee: \$25

Premiums: 1st - \$75 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

Rules as in Class 3

DIVISION 3 - QUAD

Class 5 – Quad

Entry Fee: \$25 – Starts around 7:00 p.m.

Premiums: 1st - \$100 2nd - \$75 3rd - \$50 4th - \$25

Explanation: The time of this drill should be around 5 minutes, and four riders perform a fun, quick routine with costumes for both horse and rider. Music is key and sets the tone

Class 6 – Quad – Novice/Youth

Entry Fee: \$25

Premiums: 1st - \$75 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

Rules as in Class 5

Miscellaneous:

- **Arena warm-up times** are determined after the registration date. These half-hour reserved times for each team will be 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The arena is also open for your general use before 11:00 a.m.
- **Judge/Coach meeting** at 4:15 p.m. at announcer's booth for final order of go and arena use instructions.
- Flag entry diagram will be shared to competitors ahead of time.
- Each team is asked to take a casual warm-up lap before each routine to show off their costumes and introduce each team and routine. The entire team must come to a complete stop and wait for the music to start playing before they can begin their drill.
- Routines will be started inside the gate. A whistle blow will start a routine's measured time, and a double whistle will stop the time.
- Award ceremony is expected to be around 8:30 p.m.
- Judge's criteria and blank score sheets for each class are available for pre-competition review. Please reach out to the chairperson to obtain a copy.

The 2027 Drill Team competition is scheduled for Sunday August 15