BARRY COUNTY TEAM COMPETITION RULES

1. All participants and parents must sign an agreement form and return it with the money to the box in the announcer's booth by the first point show in May. If you are not attending the first point show, please get your completed form (with payment) to your leader prior to the May Horse Developmental Committee meeting. There will be a $5.00 fee per participant that must be paid at the time of registration. The fee helps to cover the cost of awards and the judge for the competition. No late entries will be allowed (unless to fill a team).

2. All participants and parents must attend the mandatory meeting on Monday of fair week at 8:00 a.m. at the announcer's booth. Rules will be reviewed at this meeting. Teams will be announced, as well as class assignments. If there is a conflict with class choice, you may change with a team member if they are in agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the team members can draw class choice from a hat. If class choice is changed from those given out, you must notify the team administrators with the new class choice. Once you have your team, spend some time throughout the week with your team members to encourage each other, help other members if they need help with their class, and get to know each other.

3. All participants must be able to ride in any of the classes: Hunt Seat Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Cloverleaf, and Reining. You MUST HAVE the proper tack for the class you are assigned. Participants MUST be able to walk, trot and canter. No walk/trot youth are allowed. Boots, jeans, Team Comp t-shirt are required, or you may choose to ride in show clothing appropriate to the class you are riding in. Costume and music is optional in reining. Costume must be an obvious costume, not just jeans and a t-shirt, and must be appropriate for a 4-H event. No weapons of any kind in the costume. If you are using music in your reining pattern, it MUST be on a CD and submitted to the team administrators by Tuesday of fair week to be sure that it is appropriate and that it is compatible with the equipment being used.

4. Teams will consist of 4 members (junior ages 9-11, intermediate ages 12-14, and senior ages 15-19). They will be drawn prior to the mandatory meeting.

5. NO changing of team members. The only exception to this rule will be if a horse comes up lame or a rider ill. At that time, it is the responsibility of the rider to find a replacement. All replacements must be approved by the team administrators, and they cannot have been pre-registered for the competition. If a replacement cannot be found, the team will forfeit the class in which the participant was to ride in.

6. If there are not enough participants to complete a team, the team administrators will try to find enough participants so everyone can compete.

7. Check-in at the announcer’s booth, on the night of the competition, will be from 5:00-5:45 p.m. OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 5:45 P.M. Anyone not checked in will forfeit points for that class.

8. Classes will run in this order: Hunt Seat Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Reining, and Barrels.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the team administrators:
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