







# Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee

## Youth Stampede Events



### Event Details:

-  **Date:** May 14, 2026. 12pm
-  **Location:** Calaveras County Fairgrounds – Frogtown Arena
-  **Entry Fee:** \$25. (Fee covers all 5 events)

-  **Division 301 (Ages 5-8)** – Champion & Reserve Champion Buckles
-  **Division 401 (Ages 9-13)** – Champion & Reserve Champion Buckles
-  **Division 501 (Ages 14-17)** – Champion & Reserve Champion Buckles

### Events:

Cowboy Roundup  
Barrels  
Poles  
Big T  
Keyhole

#### Arena Committee Members:

Ace Anderson, Clinton Brownlie, Joe & Suzanne Butler, Aaron Cole, Krista Delgado, Tim Folendorf, Shane Lucore,  
Chris Markus, Kelsey Markus, Nikole Tippit, Lyle Vandeburgh.  
Arena Director: Tillie Mann

MaryBeth Ospital – Calaveras County Fair Board of Directors  
Laurie Giannini - CEO

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For additional information contact [tillie.frogtown@gmail.com](mailto:tillie.frogtown@gmail.com) or visit [frogtown.org](http://frogtown.org).

## General Guidelines:

**Residency Requirements:** Open to Calaveras, Amador, Tuolumne and Alpine counties.

Residency shall be determined by a valid Driver's License, physical address, address of brand registration, or address of property used for grazing cattle.

**Entry Deadline:** May 1, 2026.

**Entry Limit:** Each Division will be limited to 12 contestants.

A release of liability signed by the contestant or contestant & parent/guardian is required.

**Admission:** (Stampede Contestants) The entered contestant will be allowed free admission to the Fair on Thursday, May 14, 2026. All other individuals in the vehicle will need admission passes. Contestant names will be on a list at the lower gate.

**Age Restrictions:** Age is determined by the contestant's age on January 1, 2026. To compete in the **Stampede Events**, a contestant must be at least 5 years old as of January 1, 2026.

By entering, the contestant is entering all 5 events. Accumulation of points throughout the competition will determine the Champion and Reserve Champion in each division.

All contestants are encouraged to wear a helmet during the competition.

All contestants must wear a cowboy hat or helmet and long-sleeved western style shirt or blouse.

Once a team or individual is called to enter the arena, they have one minute to get into the arena. If they do not respond, the team/individual will be disqualified.

Buckles will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

No outside alcohol is permitted past the holding area. Violation may result in disqualification.

The judge's decisions are final.

## Event Rules:

### #1) Cowboy Round Up - Div. 1 (5-8yrs.), Div. 2 (9-13 yrs.), Div. 3 (14-17 yrs.)

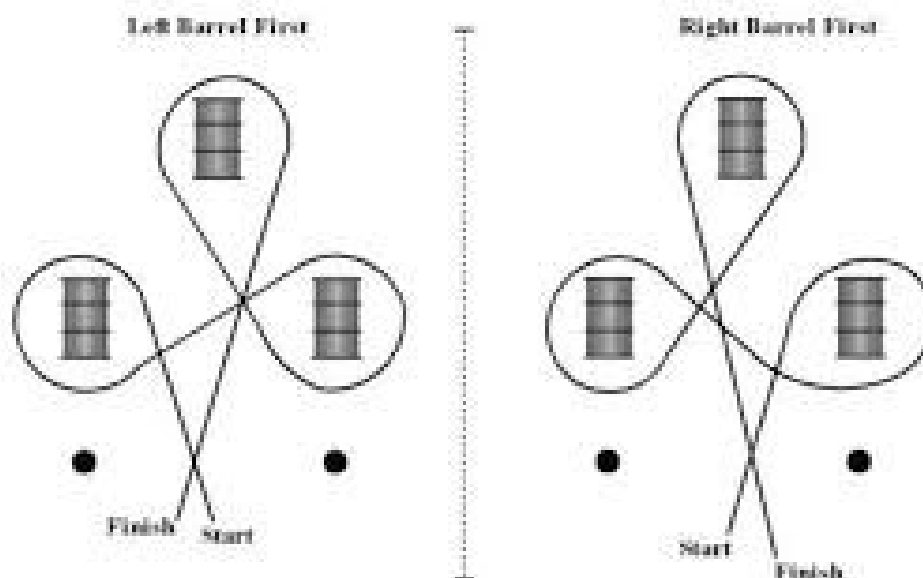
Riders must be between the ages of 5 and 17 as of January 1, 2026. Contestant mounts horse and proceeds around a series of obstacles and rides back to the start/finish line. Time begins and ends when rider crosses the start/finish line. The pattern will be available on the morning of the event.

### #2) Barrel Racing (Clover Leaf) - Div. 1 (5-8yrs.), Div. 2 (9-13 yrs.), Div. 3 (14-17 yrs.)

Riders must be between the ages of 5 and 17, as of January 1, 2026. This is a learning experience, and the riders are encouraged to finish. Time will begin and end when the horse's nose breaks the plane of the start/finish line. All riders must run the approved clover-leaf pattern and may start on either the right or left barrel. Arena gate will be closed once the rider has entered the arena and will remain closed until the run is completed. Riders will not be allowed to run out of the arena into the adjacent areas for safety reasons.

#### Key Rules/Guidelines and Pattern:

- **The Pattern:** A cloverleaf pattern is mandatory, consisting of one right-hand turn and two left-hand turns, or one left-hand turn and two right-hand turns.
- **Starting/Ending:** The timer begins when the horse crosses the start line and stops when the horse returns across it after completing the pattern.
- **Knockdowns:** A 5-second penalty is assessed for each knocked-over barrel.
- **Off-Pattern/Disqualification:** If a rider fails to complete the pattern, misses a barrel, or runs out of order, they receive a "no time" or disqualification.
- **Touching Barrels:** Touching a barrel with your hand or the horse's body without knocking it over is allowed.



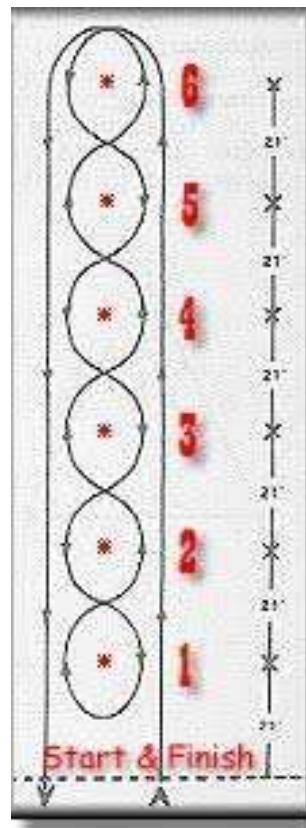
## Event Rules Continued:

### #3) Pole Bending - Div. 1 (5-8yrs.), Div. 2 (9-13 yrs.), Div. 3 (14-17 yrs.)

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#### Key Rules/Guidelines and Pattern:

- **The Course:** Six poles are placed in a line, 21 feet apart from each other, with the first pole 21 feet from the start-finish line.
- **The Pattern:** The rider crosses the start line, runs straight to the last pole, makes a 180-degree turn, weaves through the poles, turns around the first pole, weaves back to the last pole, and runs straight back across the finish line.
- **Direction:** The rider may start on either the left or right side of the poles.
- **Penalties:** A 5-second penalty is added for each pole knocked down.
- **Disqualification:** A broken pattern (e.g., missing a turn or not weaving correctly) or losing control of the horse results in disqualification.
- **Touching:** A rider may touch a pole with their hand to prevent it from falling.



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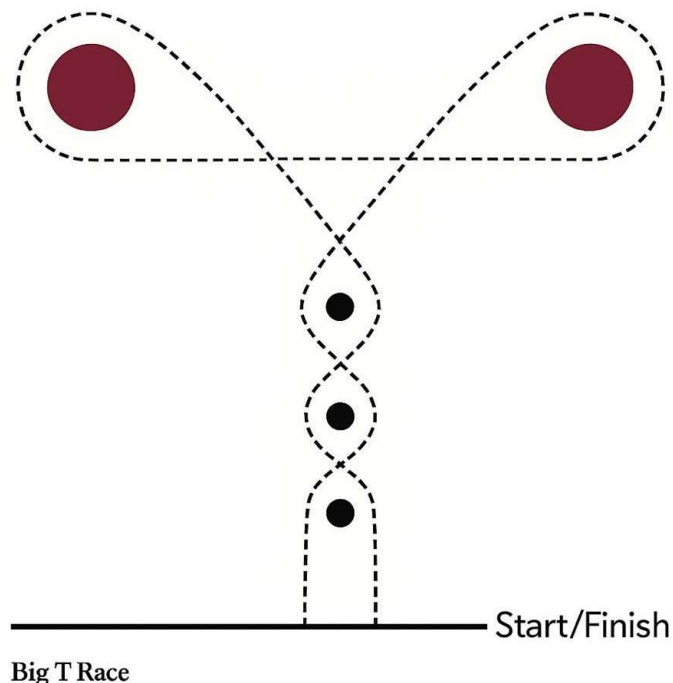
### #5) Big T - Div. 1 (5-8yrs.), Div. 2 (9-13 yrs.), Div. 3 (14-17 yrs.)

Riders must be between the ages of 5 and 17, as of January 1, 2026. This is a learning experience, and the riders are encouraged to finish.

The Big T gymkhana pattern requires riders to weave through three poles, execute a 180-degree turn around two barrels, and weave back through the same three poles to the finish line. Key rules include a 5-second penalty for knocking over a barrel or pole and a no time for breaking the pattern, such as skipping a pole or reversing direction.

#### Key Rules and Guidelines:

- **Pattern Structure:** The course involves a weave-turn-weave structure, featuring 3 poles, then 2 barrels and 3 poles back.
- **Penalties:**
  - **Knockdown:** A 5-second penalty is added for each knocked-over barrel or pole.
- **Disqualifications:**
  - Off-course/Broken Pattern
  - Failure to pass on the correct side of the markers (poles/barrels).
  - Losing control of the horse.
  - Failure to cross the start/finish line correctly.



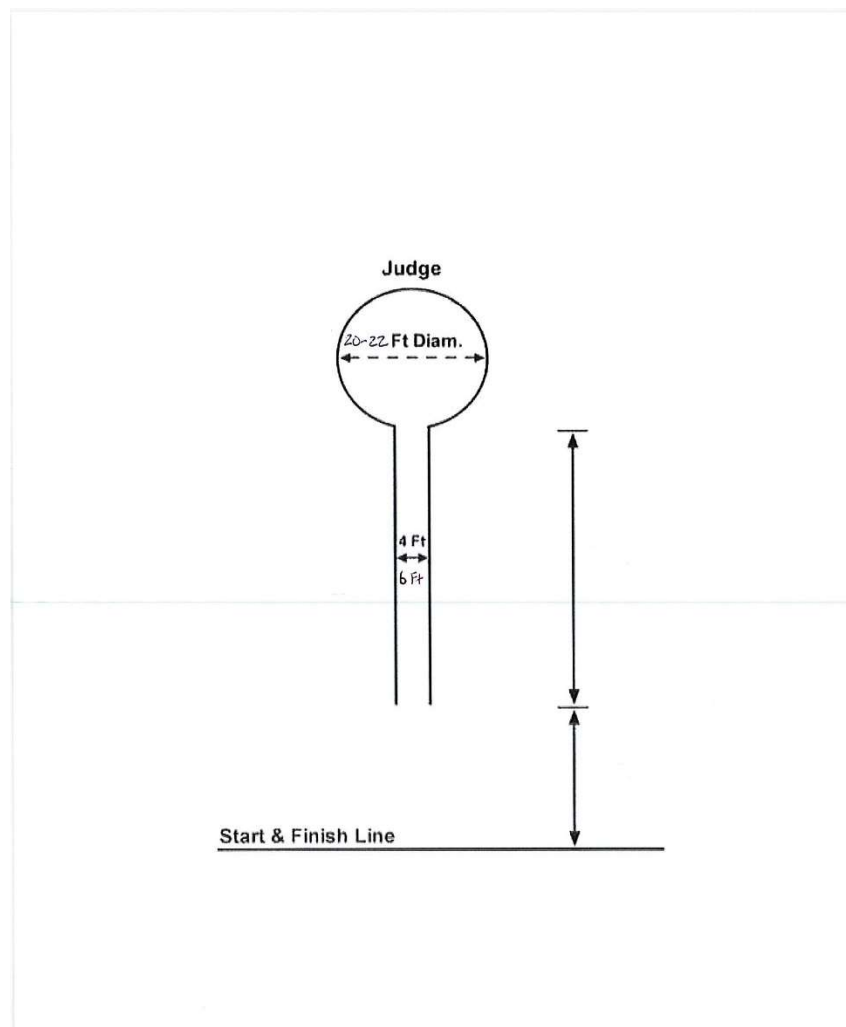
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### #4 Keyhole - Div. 1 (5-8yrs.), Div. 2 (9-13 yrs.), Div. 3 (14-17 yrs.)

Riders must be between the ages of 5 and 17, as of January 1, 2026. This is a learning experience, and the riders are encouraged to finish. Keyhole is a timed gymkhana event requiring the horse to enter a marked keyhole-shaped area (approx. 20'-22' circle with a 4'-6' wide neck), turn around inside, and exit without stepping on or over the lines. A 100'-105' distance is typical from the start line to the neck.

#### Keyhole Rules:

- **Pattern Setup:** The keyhole is marked with chalk on the ground, featuring a neck (throat) and a circle.
- **Procedure:** The rider crosses the start/finish line, enters the neck, turns the horse (all four feet must be inside the circle), and exits through the neck.
- **Disqualifications (No Time):**
  - Stepping on or over the chalk line (including the neck).
  - Failing to enter or exit through the neck.
  - Failure to complete the pattern.
  - Crossing the finish line before the pattern is finished.
- **Timing:** The rider is timed from the moment they cross the start/finish line until they recross it after completing the pattern.



# Youth Stampede Entry Form

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Divisions (Choose One)

Division 301 (5-8) \_\_\_\_\_

Division 401 (9-13) \_\_\_\_\_

Division 501 (14-17) \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee \$25**

Contestant Name	
_____	Age _____ DOB _____
	Address _____
	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
	Phone _____
	Email _____

## **RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ A YOUTH STAMPEDE ENTRANT ("PARTICIPANT") ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE VOLUNTARILY APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE 39TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. **(CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS) (FROGTOWN) – YOUTH STAMPEDE EVENTS.**

**I AM AWARE THAT THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in this program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The fair management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property. I certify that these entries comply with Local, State and Department Rules contained in these rules. I certify that I have read the statement listed above.

As consideration for being permitted by the Fair and the State of California to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Fair or the State of California or any of their affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in the activities described above. I forever release the Fair and the State of California and any of their affiliated organizations from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now or hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described above.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE FAIR, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

**EXECUTED AT ANGELS CAMP, CA ON**

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**ALL PARTICIPANT SIGNATURES:**

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**CONTESTANT SIGNATURE**

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, YOU AND YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.**