

2019 Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival

RURAL OLYMPICS

General Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations are agreed to by participants and team members will be upheld by the judges and officials for all events.

A. REGISTRATION

- a. Entries will not be accepted at “check in gate” on the day of the event.
- b. All entries not received in the Administration Office by 5:00 pm on August 2nd will not be included in the program.

B. CHECK-IN GATE

- a. Gate opens on the North side (Avenue G-8) of the arena at 3:00pm.
 - i. **Contestants ONLY will be permitted to enter the arena at the check in gate prior to or during the event. All others will NOT be permitted on the infield at any time.**
 - ii. Contestants will be offered 4 (four) admission tickets per contestants for friends or family to use to gain access to the grounds the day of the event. Tickets will be mailed to the address listed on entry form.
- b. **Gate closes 60 minutes (5:00pm) prior to start of the event. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- c. All equipment will be inspected at the check-in gate prior to entering the arena.
- d. Equipment that has been checked in will not be permitted to exit the arena prior to their event.
 - i. Violation of this rule will result in automatic disqualification – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- e. To qualify for “Best Appearing Truck”, truck must be entered in an event, checked in and on the grounds no later than 1 hour prior to start of the event. Trucks checked in after this time will not be judged.

C. CONTESTANTS

- a. **All contestants must be 16 years of age or older (High school “Tug-of-war” team members can be 14-18 years old) – NO EXCEPTIONS FOR ALL OTHER EVENTS**
 - i. Proof of age may be required at check-in.
 - ii. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older for all events except tractor races.
- b. **All contestants must attend the mandatory contestant meeting inside the infield tent 30 minutes prior to start of opening ceremonies.**
- c. Any contestant whom the judges feel is unable to compete at any time and for any reason may be disqualified and forfeit all entry fees.
- d. **No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed on the grounds or in the infield at any time. Contestants will not be allowed to enter events and will be disqualified if these conditions are not strictly adhered to.**
- e. **No knives, guns or other weapons are permitted in vehicles or on the infield.**
- f. Contestants will be responsible to be in the arena and in position at the time their event is called. Anyone not in position will be disqualified for delay of event. Do not wait for personal notification.

g. All contestants **MUST** be at start line or other designated location as directed by judges.

i. Contestants not present at the starting area when their event is called will **be disqualified and their entry fee will not be refunded**

h. All contestants must remain with their equipment prior to and until the finish of the event.

D. COMPETITION and PROTESTS

a. All events will be started by the dropping of the “green flag.”

b. All events will be a “standing start” format.

c. All events will be run against the clock except the “Tug-of-War”.

d. All judges’ decisions are final. Once decisions are reached by committee, they will be made public and announced.

e. All protests must be filed at the timing desk no later than fifteen (15) minutes past the end of the posting of the results for the event in question. All protests must be accompanied by a \$100.00 **CASH** deposit that is non-refundable if the protest is denied by the Board of Directors.

All contestants are to remove their vehicles and equipment from the infield immediately after their event. **Vehicles and equipment must be parked at the far west end of the arena.** Vehicles and/or equipment not removed immediately will be towed at the owner’s expense, due to set-up for the fireworks event immediately following the Rural Olympics.

EVENT 1- HAY LOADING – MECHANICAL FIELD LOADER

- A. Equipment
 - a. 1075, 1085, 1095 BW28 or H-9980 wagons to be used
- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of four (4)
 - b. Be inside the cab with engine running
 - c. Start at the same time
- C. Race
 - a. 64 three-wire bales
 - i. Last bale on ground will be flat and turned on edge mechanically or by hand
 - b. 1st and 4th tier on edge
 - c. **Minimum of two ties**
 - d. Each bale out of place will be penalized
 - e. Contestant must stay in proper lane and position
 - i. No cutting corners
 - f. Dismounting equipment
 - i. Hydraulics must be off
 - ii. Machine must be in neutral
 - g. Un-load stack at designated location
 - i. Time stops when bale wagon clears stack
- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. One Judge per loader
 - b. Two timers per loader
- E. Penalties
 - a. 10 seconds for each violation

EVENT 2- GRAVEL TRUCK AND TRANSFER

- A. Equipment
 - a. Gravel truck and transfer
 - b. Two sets of chutes
- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of eight (8)
 - b. Seated inside truck with engine running
- C. Race
 - a. Heats of two trucks lined up abreast at starting line
 - b. Drive through chutes
 - i. Cross line with all tires
 - c. Stop and unhook trailer
 - i. Back rear set of drive wheels across the line
 - ii. Dump box
 - 1. Ram must clear top stage
 - 2. Tailgate must open
 - d. Proceed to trailer
 - i. Roll transfer into truck box
 - ii. Back rear set of drive wheels across the line
 - iii. Dump box with transfer
 - 1. Ram must clear top stage
 - 2. Truck gate must be open
 - e. Reconnect transfer box to trailer
 - f. Reconnect trailer to truck
 - i. Both gates must be latched
 - g. Back through chute without touching chute
 - h. Time stops when front bumper clears the rear of chute
- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. Two each per chute
- E. Penalties
 - a. 20 seconds for each violation
 - b. Disqualification for touching chute at any point

EVENT 3- TUG-OF-WAR – PRELIMINARY HEATS

- A. Equipment
 - a. 175 feet of hay truck tie-down rope (supplied by Rural Olympics Committee)
 - b. Gloves and boots or baseball/football type cleats (provided by the contestants)
 - i. pine tar or stick-um on the gloves or hands will be allowed
 - ii. no ice or tree climbing spikes will be allowed
 - c. Anchor belts supplied by the Rural Olympics Committee

- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of ten (10) pullers
 - b. One (1) team captain
 - i. Captain calls out “pull and rest” pace for the team from the side
 - ii. Captain can only touch the rope when setting up the team for the start of the pull

- C. Race
 - a. Anchor puller can have the rope attached to a belt
 - b. Teams line up on either side of the rope inside the 20-foot-wide pull chute
 - i. team is disqualified if one or more pullers step outside the "pull chute" lines
 - ii. no side pulling - only straight line pulling is allowed
 - c. Starter sets center marker of the rope on the start line
 - i. raises flag while holding center marker over start line
 - ii. drops flag to start contest
 - d. Finish line is marked 15 feet on either side of the start line
 - e. Winner is determined when center marker is pulled past a finish line

- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. Five judges (1 at each end of rope, 1 at the middle of each team and one at the finish line)
 - b. No timers

- E. Penalties
 - a. Disqualification for any violation of the rules

EVENT 4- TRUCK AND TRAILER BACKING

A. Equipment

- a. Truck and trailer
 - i. Minimum of 60' in length and 8' wide
 - ii. Two sets of chutes

B. Contestants

- a. Maximum of eight (8)
- b. Inside truck cab at all times

C. Race

- a. Each contestant has one attempt
 - i. Second attempt only if all contestants fail to complete first trial
- b. Approach and pass chute from the right side only
- c. Back through chute without touching chute
- d. Time stops when front bumper clears the rear of the chute

D. Judges/Timers

- a. Two each per chute

E. Penalties

- a. Contact with chute or approaching from left side results in disqualification

EVENT 5- ANTIQUE CAR POTATO RACE

A. Equipment

- a. Two classes of vehicles
 - i. Class I – pre 1956 vehicles must be stock with original running gear, body, fenders, and doors (except vehicles originally manufactured without fenders and/or doors)
 - ii. Class II – 1956 or newer and minimum of thirty-five years old. Vehicles must be stock or have modified engine. (i.e.: hot rods) Body year determines year for entry.
- b. Doors must remain closed at all times
- c. Five potatoes per lane, per heat
- d. Spears to be provided by the Fair the day of the event
 - i. Shaft will be painted red the first twenty-four inches above spike, the rest of the shaft will be black

B. Contestants

- a. Maximum of ten teams per class
- b. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older
- c. Must remain inside vehicle at all times
- d. Cannot enter multiple times
 - i. Only one entry per vehicle per contestant
- e. Only two persons permitted in vehicle

C. Race

- a. Five potatoes placed 50' apart
 - i. 300' total distance of the race
- b. Approach potatoes on the passenger side of the vehicle
 - i. Passenger spears each potato and places potato inside vehicle
 1. **DISQUALIFICATION will occur if passenger's hand touches the red area on shaft while spearing a potato or for touching the potatoes on the ground.**
- c. Time stops when the front of vehicle crosses finish line
- d. All five potatoes must be inside the vehicle at the conclusion of the heat
- e. Spear to be returned to start line and potatoes counted at same time

D. Judges/Timers

- a. Two each per lane

E. Penalties

- a. Missed or lost potatoes – 20 seconds for each
- b. **Any exhibition of speed will result in a disqualification- NO EXCEPTIONS**

EVENT 6 - TRUCK AND SEMI-TRAILER BACKING

F. Equipment

- a. Truck and semi-trailer
 - i. Minimum of 42' in length and 8' wide at top & bottom
 - ii. Must be a three-axle trailer
 - iii. Two sets of chutes

G. Contestants

- a. Maximum of six (6)
- b. Inside truck cab at all times

H. Race

- a. Each contestant has one attempt
 - iv. Second attempt only if all contestants fail to complete first trial
- b. Approach and pass chute from the right side only
- c. Back through chute without touching chute
- d. Time stops when front bumper clears the rear of the chute

I. Judges/Timers

- a. Two each per chute

J. Penalties

- a. Contact with chute or approaching from left side results in disqualification

EVENT 7- HAY STEALING CONTEST

A. Equipment

- a. Pickup truck
 - i. Maximum 8' bed
 - ii. No stake side beds
 - iii. No flatbed trucks
 - iv. No hooks

B. Contestants

- a. Maximum six (6) teams
- b. Two persons per team
- c. Driver must be 18 years old and must have a valid driver's license

C. Race

- a. Each team standing in front of vehicle
 - i. ENGINE OFF – NO EXCEPTIONS/Will result in DQ**
 - ii. Each member has one hand in the air to signal when ready
- b. Team members enter vehicle
- c. Back to assigned 24 bale stacks – turn off truck – engine off – no exceptions
- d. Load all 24 bales onto the **PICKUP TRUCK BED ONLY**
- e. Proceed to finish line with 24 bales

D. Judges/Timers

- a. One judge per stack
- b. Two timers per stack

E. Penalties

- a. 10 seconds per lost bale
- b. DQ for engine running prior to start, and while loading

EVENT 8- SKID STEER LOADER

A. Equipment

- a. Skid Steer Loader
 - i. Manual connections only
 - ii. No hydraulic connections

B. Contestants

- a. Maximum eight (8) contestants
- b. Driver must be 16 years old and must have a valid driver's license

C. Race

- a. 3-minute total time allowed per contestant
- b. Loaders enter track and place tire into "tire box" then remove bucket into "bucket box"
- c. Loaders line up at the start/finish line lining up with bucket in box 50 feet from start/finish line
 - i. Line with buckets in box fifty (50) feet from starting line
- d. Move to bucket box/line and install bucket
- e. Move 8' x8' tire box fifty (50) feet from bucket box
 - i. Pick up tire with bucket and move to tire dump line fifty (50) feet from tire box
- f. Dump tire out of bucket and stand tire upright so that it is capable of rolling
- g. Roll tire back to tire box and set/move into tire box and lay down flat
 - i. Tire must be completely inside of tire box
- h. When tire is in box, race across start/finish line

D. Safety

At any point that the operator has to get out of the skid steer to manipulate the tire or bucket, the machine must be throttled down to idle setting and bucket and arms must be as close to the ground as possible. No standing or entering under raised bucket. Seat belt and safety latch must be latched and in down position.

E. Judges/Timers

- a. Two each per contestant

F. Penalties

- a. 20 seconds for tire outside of box
- b. Disqualification for violation of safety rules

EVENT 9- TRACTOR STAKE RACE

- A. Equipment
 - a. Tractor
 - i. Length – center front axle to center rear axle – minimum 64”
 - ii. Width – rear wheels outside to outside – minimum 52”
 - iii. Equipment may be used by more than one contestant
 - b. 10 wooden stakes
 - i. 13’6” apart at center; 30’ to first stake
 - ii. Two lanes running in opposite directions from the center of the grandstands
- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of twelve (12)
 - b. Minimum of 3 contestants needed to run event
 - c. Women and Men drivers
 - i. Sixteen years or older
- C. Race
 - a. Start behind start/finish line
 - b. Proceed through stakes without knocking down stakes
 - c. Time ends when both front wheels cross the start/finish line
- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. Two each per lane
- E. Penalties
 - a. 10 seconds for each stake knocked down
 - b. Disqualification if 5 or more stakes are knocked down

EVENT 10- TRACTOR BARREL RACE

- A. Equipment
 - a. Commercial agricultural tractor
 - i. Must be stock with NO modifications
 - ii. No garden tractors
 - iii. No age parameters
 - b. Three 55-gallon barrels set triangular 65' apart

- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of ten (10)
 - i. Men or women drivers
 - b. Minimum of three contestants to run event

- C. Race
 - a. Leave the start/finish line
 - i. Located between two barrels
 - b. Proceed to barrel on his/her left
 - i. Make left turn around the barrel
 - c. Proceed to barrel directly across
 - i. Make right turn around barrel
 - d. Proceed to final barrel
 - i. Make a right turn around barrel
 - e. Return to start/finish line
 - f. Time ends when both wheels cross the start/finish line

- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. Two each per lane

- E. Penalties
 - a. 10 seconds for each barrel knocked over

EVENT 11- THE TOUGHEST FARMHAND

- A. Equipment
 - a. Six hay bales
 - b. Six 30' long irrigation pipes with sprinklers attached
 - c. Four 5-gallon buckets (or milk barrels) with lids filled with water
 - d. Two wheel barrows (one wheel)
 - e. Two 50-pound sacks of onions
- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of 10 men and 10 women
- C. Race
 - a. First stage
 - i. Men must stack three bales of hay on flat side in the marked area
 - ii. Bales must remain standing upright throughout event
 - b. Second Stage
 - i. Connect three 30' long lengths of irrigation pipe within the 100' box
 - 1. Sprinklers must be standing – penalty for each pipe on side
 - c. Third Stage
 - i. Pick up two five-gallon buckets of water, carry them 30' and place them upright on the ground – penalty for each bucket not upright
 - d. Fourth stage
 - i. Push wheel barrow 50' with 50-pound bag of onions in it to the next line
 - 1. Wheel barrow must touch/cross line
 - e. Fifth Stage
 - i. Carry onion sack from wheel barrow 50' to finish line
 - f. Time stops when contestant and bag of onions cross the finish line

WOMEN

 - g. Run the race opposite – deconstructing all stages that the men put together
 - i. Carry onion sack back to the wheel barrow
 - ii. Push wheel barrow back to water buckets
 - 1. Wheel barrow must touch/cross line
 - iii. Carry water buckets back to irrigation pipes
 - iv. Take irrigation pipes apart and put back three across inside the box with sprinklers standing. Women cannot just disconnect the pipes and leave in one straight line.
 - v. Knock over the three stacked bales of hay
 - vi. Time stops when bales hit the ground

- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. Two each per lane
- E. Penalties
 - a. 5 seconds for each rule violation

EVENT 12- HAY SQUEEZE

- A. Equipment
 - a. Hay Squeeze
 - b. Flatbed hay truck

- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of six (6)
 - b. Be inside cab with engine running
 - c. Turn on headlights to signal driver is ready
 - d. Start at the same time from behind the 50 ft. line (grandstand side of the line)
 - e. 60' between each stack

- C. Race
 - a. Pick up one of two small bale stacks that are loaded on the flat bed
 - i. Take stack to the contestants designated drop area
 - 1. 10' x 20' marked area
 - ii. Continue until both stacks are completely in drop area
 - b. Pick up big bale stack and proceed past the 100' line and drop stack
 - i. All tires of squeeze must cross the 100' line
 - ii. Turn tops of bale stack so that all bales of the stack are facing the same direction
 - iii. Re-load big bales onto the flatbed
 - c. Drive back to the small bale drop zone
 - i. Pick up one stack at a time
 - ii. Re-load onto the flat bed
 - iii. All three stacks must be straight and clean on the flat bed
 - 1. No bales hanging over the side
 - 2. Stacks must be "road worthy", with all three stacks touching each other and be able to be hauled down highway without tie downs
 - d. Proceed to start/finish line (50' line) with squeeze
 - e. Time stops when the steering axle crosses the start/finish line (50' line)

- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. One judge per squeeze
 - b. Two timers per squeeze
 - c. Panel of three judges will be used to judge each stack following the contest
 - i. No winner will be announced until all stacks are judged

- E. Penalties
 - a. 10 seconds for each additional violation
 - b. 30 seconds for loads deemed non-road worthy

EVENT 13- WOMEN'S TRUCK AND HORSE TRAILER BACKING

A. Equipment

- a. Two classes of vehicles
 - i. Class I - 5th Wheel/Gooseneck
 - ii. Class II - Bumper pull
- b. Truck and trailer
 - i. 2 axle trailer, minimum
 - ii. All trucks to be entered one time only, no multiple drivers
- c. Two sets of chutes

B. Contestants

- a. Maximum of four (4) per class
- b. Inside truck cab at all times
- c. Driver must be 18 years old and must have a valid driver's license

C. Race

- a. 1 minute 45 sec total time allowed per contestant
- b. Approach and pass **chute from the right side only**
- c. Back through chute without touching chute
- d. Time stops when front bumper clears the rear of the chute

D. Judges/Timers

- a. Two each per chute

E. Penalties

- a. Contact with chute or approaching through or from the left side of chute results in disqualification

EVENT 14- TUG-OF-WAR FINALS

First and second place finishers from preliminary heats will pull against each other accordingly.

All prize money awarded will be paid to the participating school's "Wrestling Booster Club".

1st Place: \$400

2nd Place: \$200

3rd Place: \$100

4th Place: \$50

EVENT 15- HAY LOADING

- A. Equipment
 - a. Mechanical truck loader
 - b. Flatbed truck
 - i. 42" high or over
 - ii. Truck bed surface may be of any material at the option of the contestants
 - iii. 2" limit on the right-side bed stud
 - c. 48 bale stacks
 - d. Stacks will be assigned the day of the Rural Olympics**
- B. Contestants
 - a. Maximum of ten (10) two-man teams
 - b. Third person may shut down mechanical loader**
 - i. Must be designated at time of entry on entry form**
 - ii. Must be identified by judges**
 - iii. Man on the truck bed at start of competition to place one hand in the air to signal when ready to start
- C. Race
 - a. Both contestants must be in working position
 - i. One on the stack of hay bales
 - ii. One on the truck bed
 - b. All bales must be moved from the stack to the truck bed using the mechanical loader
 - i. Four-high flat with third tier tied with three rail bales on each side
 - ii. Mechanical loader must be shut down before the truck backs across the field**
 - c. After hay bales have been loaded onto truck bed, both contestants must completely be inside the truck cab while backing across the infield
 - i. Doors must be closed
 - ii. One or both drive tires are to cross the line marked by delineators
 - d. Re-stack hay bales on ground
 - i. All bales must be unloaded by hand
 - ii. Four-high flat with third tier tied with three rail bales on each side
 - iii. All bales must be completely clear of truck bed
 - 1. Drivers may be required to pull truck away from stack
 - e. Time stops when both contestants are on the ground
 - i. Contestants may not return to or touch the stack once time stops
 - ii. Event of tie, best stack will be judged the winner
- D. Judges/Timers
 - a. Two each per stack
 - b. Panel of three judges will be used to judge each stack following the contest
 - i. No winner will be announced until all stacks are judged
- E. Penalties
 - a. Disqualification if loader is not shut down before truck is backed across infield
 - b. Disqualification if stack falls
 - c. Misplaced or broken bales – 20 second penalty each
 - d. 20 second penalty for any other rule violation

2019 RURAL OLYMPICS ENTRY FEES

Event No.	Maximum Contestants	Event	Entry Fee
1.	4	Hay Loading (1075, 1085, 1095, BW28, H-9880 wagon)	\$50.00
2.	8	Gravel Truck & Transfer	\$50.00
3.	10	Tug of War	\$50.00
4.	8	Truck and Trailer Backing	\$50.00
5.	20 Teams - Pre-1956 and 1956 & Newer	Antique Car and Potato	\$50.00
6.	6 Teams	Truck & Semi-Trailer Backing	\$50.00
7.	6 Teams 2 People/Vehicle	Hay Stealing	\$50.00
8.	8	Skid Steer Competition	\$50.00
9.	12	Tractor Stake Race	\$50.00
10.	10	Tractor Barrel Race	\$50.00
11.	20 Total 2 Classes – Men & Women	The Toughest Farmhand	\$50.00
12.	6	Hay Squeeze	\$50.00
13.	4 2 Classes Bumper & 5 th . Wheel	Women's Truck and Horse Trailer Backing	\$50.00
14.		Tug-of-War Final Heats	
15.	10 Teams 2 People/team	Hay Loading	\$100.00

RETURN THIS FORM TO ENTER – ONE ENTRY FORM PER EVENT!!

Event No. _____ Entry Fee _____ Receipt No. _____ Date _____

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH CONTESTANT. WINNER'S CHECKS WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

PLEASE PRINT

Name Address

City State Zip

Social Security # _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Year and make of Vehicle: _____

Facts about you for our announcers: _____

Name Address

City State Zip

Social Security # _____ Phone# _____

Year and make of Vehicle: _____

Facts about you for our announcers: _____

The undersigned hereby agrees to conform to and comply with all rules and regulations governing the Rural Olympics and any events entered by the below named contestant; and, said contestant agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless their officers, agents, servants, and employees from any damage, loss or injury to any person or persons, including, but not limited to the contestant, caused by, arising out of, or any way connected with the participation in the Rural Olympics by said contestant. I certify I am over 18 years of age. (Parent/guardian signature and certification of this release form is required if contestant is UNDER age 18).

Signature

Signature (2nd contestant or parent/guardian)

****ONLY CONTESTANTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE INFIELD BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE RURAL OLYMPICS. ALL NON-CONTESTANT PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXIT BEFORE VEHICLE MAY ENTER THE ARENA – NO EXCEPTIONS. IF YOU NEED TICKETS FOR YOUR PASSENGERS, PLEASE INDICATE ON THIS FORM HOW MANY TICKETS YOU WILL NEED. LIMIT OF 4 PER CONTESTANT. TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO ADDRESS LISTED ON THIS ENTRY FORM PRIOR TO EVENT.**

Contestant #1: _____ Tickets Needed Contestant #2: _____ Tickets Needed