

**National Finals Skijoring Races
Team Registration**

Division

- OPEN \$175
- SPORT \$150
- NOVICE \$100
- SNOWBOARD \$75
- SWITCHAROO \$75
- JUNIOR \$50
- PEEWEE \$25

OFFICE USE ONLY

Rider Paid Skier Paid

Payment Method (check)

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

ONLINE CREDIT CARD

Team Information

Team Name (Optional) _____

Team Sponsor (Optional) _____

Rider Name (primary) _____

Horse Name _____

Horse Owner Name _____

Skier/Boarder Name (Primary) _____

Office Use:

Rider: Individual Waiver Individual Registration

Skier/Boarder: Individual Waiver Individual Registration

COMPETITOR National Finals Ski-Joring, Red Lodge MT WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

By signing and initialing this waiver and release form for the National Finals Ski-Joring Event at Red Lodge Montana, Rodeo Grounds, PARTICIPANT(S) (undersigned participant(s) or undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s)) agree(s) and fully understand(s) the following:

Rider/Skier (please initial where indicated)

_____ I fully understand that my entry fee is non-refundable.

_____ I fully understand that engaging in the sport of ski-joring is a hazardous, dangerous and unpredictable activity, which could result in personal injury and/or death. I am voluntarily participating in this event with knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury and/or death, and I agree that I am solely responsible for any injury to myself or any other person due to my participation in this event. I agree that I am solely responsible for my own safety while participating in this event, and I am free to refuse to participate in this event for any reason.

_____ I hereby certify that I am physically fit and have trained to participate in this event. I agree that all decisions I make and actions I take are my own. I further agree that I will pay for any and all medical or other expenses incurred as a result of injury to myself by participating in this event, and that I will not seek indemnification from Red Lodge Ski Joring Association, its Board Members, Sponsors, Land Owners, Race Directors, Volunteers, Spectators, or insurers, or from any Municipalities, the State of Montana, Carbon County, or any City, County and State Agencies, Partners, Employees, or Agents or their insurers.

_____ I understand that horseback riding, racing and skiing and/or snowboarding behind a horse will expose me to extreme health risks. I agree to assume and accept the risks that occur in the activity of horseback riding, skiing, snowboarding, racing and/or skiing and/or snowboarding behind a horse.

_____ I hereby waive and release for myself, my heirs or assigns, executors and administrators all rights or claims for damage which I may have now or in the future against the Red Lodge Ski Joring Association, its Board Members, Sponsors, Land Owners, Race Directors, Volunteers, Spectators, or insurers, or from any Municipalities, the State of Montana, Carbon County, or any City, County and State Agencies, Partners, Employees, or Agents or their insurers from any and all claims relating to or pertaining to personal injuries, including death, or damages to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of my involvement in this event.

_____ I fully understand that I am responsible for the health and safety of the horse. I waive and release all rights or claims against Red Lodge Ski Joring Association, its Board Members, Sponsors, Land Owners, Race Directors, Volunteers, Spectators, or insurers, or from any Municipalities, the State of Montana, Carbon County, or any City, County and State Agencies, Partners, Employees, or Agents or their insurers in case of injury and/or death of the horse. I also understand I am fully responsible and personally liable for any expenses incurred if the horse is injured or for any actions the horse may take causing injury or damage to humans, livestock or property, and I agree that I will not seek indemnification for any such injuries from Red Lodge Ski Joring Association, its Board Members, Sponsors, Land Owners, Race Directors, Volunteers, Spectators, or insurers, or from any Municipalities, the State of Montana, Carbon County, or any City, County and State Agencies, Partners, Employees, or Agents or their insurers.

_____ I agree to allow Red Lodge Ski Joring Association Officials, Race Organizers and Media representatives the use of my name, photos, video recordings, comments or commentaries to help publicize and promote Red Lodge Ski Joring Association and the sport of Ski-Joring.

_____ Good sportsmanship is required at the National Finals Ski Joring Races. I acknowledge that the Red Lodge Ski Joring officials may disqualify any person or team they deem is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner at any time including, but not limited to registration, Calcutta, and awards ceremonies. If I am disqualified, I understand and agree that I will surrender my entry fees as well as forfeit event and Calcutta winnings.

Competitor Signature

Date

Ski-Joring Rules 2023

Open – Sport – Novice – Junior – Snowboard - Pee Wee Divisions

1. The Ski-Joring Races will have 2 go-rounds. Competitors compete for day payouts and overall.
2. The course length will be a minimum of 600 feet, 12 gates and 3 jumps.
3. In an effort to allow riders to develop up and coming horses for Ski-Joring, riders will be permitted to compete in more than one division. However, no horse or skier will be allowed to compete in more than one division. Exceptions apply for Snowboard and Switcharoo divisions.
4. A rider is limited to four (4) entries for the entire event (a 5th entry is allowable for switcharoo). A skier is limited to four (4) entries, but may only compete in one division (a 5th entry is allowable for switcharoo). Each horse is limited to two (2) entries and may only compete in one division with the exception of Snowboard and Switcharoo divisions. A horse may run a third time if the third run is in snowboard, junior, or switcharoo. A Rider/Horse/Skier team may only enter once in that combination. Exceptions apply for Snowboard and Switcharoo divisions.
5. If you (horse, rider or skier) have won two or more times overall in a division you must bump up a division. The organization rules state “All entries are subject to Board Approval and competitors will be urged to compete in the appropriate division.” If your team is subject to the bump rule and you wish to appeal you may make the request in writing in advance of registration night or by notifying race organizers at registration. The appeal should provide reasons for justification as to why Rule #5 is inappropriate for your team.
6. Time starts and stops when the Skier crosses the start and finish lines.
7. The skier must be in an upright position and on at least one ski with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skier’s boots must cross the finish line.
8. A “DNF” will be issued to a skier/boarder who is dragged in the designated horse racing track.
9. There is a five (5) second penalty for each gate or jump missed. Both tips of skis and both boots must go around the gate, otherwise it is considered missed.
10. If the horse or rope displaces a gate prior to skier negotiating it, the gate is considered missed.
11. If the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second run, a replacement exhibition run may be considered but requires board approval. **The Board may in its discretion deny the exhibition run in order to keep the pace of the event moving along.**
12. Written parental consent is required for participants under 18 years of age. Parent must be present at registration.
13. Prior to race time, participants will be allowed to examine the course from inside perimeter of the track only.
14. Rope length shall not exceed 50 feet. **A single knot is permitted at the end of the rope, but no loops or handles are permitted.**
15. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended. Helmets are required for all competitors under the age of 18.
16. Any protests from a competitor must be made verbally to the Chief of Race prior to the commencement of the next competitors run.
17. Unsportsmanlike behavior is grounds for immediate disqualification. Furthermore, good sportsmanship is important to the success of the event and the image of the community of Red Lodge. Your registration signature pledges your word to the humane treatment of your horse and respectful relationships to all fellow competitors and volunteers hosting this exciting competition. Failure to comply with the spirit of

friendly competition at any of the scheduled events may result in the disqualification of your team or your banishment from future events.

18. Competitors under the age of 18 are required to compete in the junior or peewee division. Exceptions to this rule can be made, with parental consent proof of prior race experience within the current season.
19. A junior aged competitor may not compete a junior and a higher division unless they are competing in a different role. Example. A junior age competitor who rides a horse in Sport but does not ski in Sport is able to compete in the junior division as a skier. These roles may be reversed or in any combination. The entry is subject to RLSJA approval and the decision of appropriateness is final.
20. All entries are subject to Board Approval and competitors will be urged to compete in the appropriate division.
21. The decision of the Judges is final.

Switcharoo Division

The Switcharoo division is a unique division where the skier and rider must trade places for one go round. Times are collected daily and combined for overall. A horse that has entered in Snowboard, Novice, Sport and Open timed divisions is eligible to run a third run in the Switcharoo Division. All applicable rules from the prior section apply (Rules 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 18).

1. A horse that has entered in the Open, Sport, Novice, or Snowboard timed divisions is eligible to run a third run if it is entered in the Switcharoo Division.
2. A Rider/Horse/Skier team may only enter once in any combination.
3. If the rider, skier, or horse is unable to complete their second run, they may not find a replacement. They are disqualified from the combined (Saturday, Sunday) competition.
4. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
5. The decision of the Judges is final.

Additionally:

1. All horses must exit through the gate by the timing shack.
2. Competitors will have the opportunity to walk the course prior to the start of the first day's competition. Teams choosing not to participate and advising a Red Lodge Ski-Joring Association (RLSJA) committee member or the event organizer, prior to the start of any competition, will be given a full refund of fees. Once the first competitor starts a run no further refunds will be given.
3. Money will be added to the purse. Purse amounts for each division will be announced at the event.
4. There will be a veterinarian on site who has the authority to disqualify an animal for medical reasons.
5. Judges reserve the right to invoke THE SPARBY RULE, WHEREIN: Competitors will be allowed 2 minutes from the time they enter the arena to stage their horse for a start. First infraction will result in that team being moved back in the start order. In the event they are unable to start their horse a second time, within the 2-minute time frame, that team will be disqualified for that go-around.
6. Alcohol consumption prior to competition is grounds for disqualification for that competitor, and ultimately that team! (Including Horses)

7. No refunds of entry fees or Calcutta monies will be given if horse, rider or skier is not able to compete due to injury or other reasons. This also applies to later runs on same day.
8. Calcutta monies are paid to the top 3 finishing "Purchased" teams.
9. A DNF will be issued if a skier or snowboarder drops the rope AND the horse is required to stop forward motion in order for the skier or boarder to regain control of the rope
10. Completing an online registration form does not guarantee would-be competitors entry. RLSJA reserves the right to review and approve or disapprove registrations at its discretion, and further reserves the right to refuse entry to the competition to any person who has registered at any point in time, for any reason RLSJA determines proper. If registrants are denied entry in the competition, RLSJA will refund the entry fee within 10 business days.
11. RLSJA reserves the right to amend these rules at any point, for any reason RLSJA determines proper in its sole discretion. Any additions or changes to existing rules will be made available during registration and competitor meeting.
12. RLSJA offers several divisions, some of which are subject to age restrictions. RLSJA reserves the right to waive the age restrictions for any division on a case-by-case basis as it determines proper, in its sole discretion.
13. RLSJA needs to be able to run the race as efficiently as possible to accommodate all divisions and teams. In effort to do so, horse saddle changes in the PeeWee and Junior divisions is prohibited. Example. A peewee or junior rider who may be riding two horses is not permitted to change saddles during the race. The two horses will need to be outfitted with proper tack as to not slow the race.