

Gary J. Daniels

Sunbelt Rodeo

September 11 and 12, 2025 Parsons, Kansas
COACHES' INFORMATION

Thank you for showing interest in the 44th Annual Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo. Enclosed you will find:

- a. REGULAR COMPETITION entry forms (yellow and green divisions)
- b. OUTSTANDING COMPETITION entry forms (red division)
- c. PURPLE CHARIOT DIVISION entry forms (purple)
- d. Team registration form
- e. Team registration fee/housing form
- f. Rules and regulations
- g. Assumption of Risk Agreement/Release forms
- h. Tentative 2-day schedule
- i. Outstanding Division Rider Bio
- j. Top Hand Nomination Form
- k. Legends Award Nomination Form
- l. Yellow Event Schedule

Any questions may be directed to Justin Hermreck 620-448-3267 OR 620-282-2981 (Cell) (Arena/Horse Issues) or Marlys Shomber-Jones 620-448-3091 or Marlys.ShomberJones@ks.gov (all other needs).

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee will be **\$20** for each participant, coach, chaperone, or sponsor. Fee includes: Thursday noon meal, Friday noon meal, Thursday dance fee, Housing at PSH (Limited this year), T-Shirt, and Awards.

ENTRY DEADLINES: Fees should be sent along with all forms to Parsons State Hospital and Training Center **BY AUGUST 22, 2025**. Please submit one check or money order per team, made payable to the PSHTC Endowment Fund - Rodeo. Please send to:

Marlys Shomber-Jones
Parsons State Hospital & Training Center
2601 Gabriel - Box 738
Parsons, KS 67357-0738
EMAIL: marlys.shomberjones@ks.gov

REFUND POLICY: FEES ARE TO BE PAID AT THE TIME ENTRY FORMS ARE RETURNED. Requests for refunds may be made up to September 8. After that date, contestant substitutions may be made but no refunds will be given.

ENTRY FORMS: Please note we have OUTSTANDING COMPETITION (Red) entry forms, REGULAR COMPETITION (Green & Yellow) entry forms, and PURPLE CHARIOT (Purple) entry forms. Please note, it will be the discretion of the Rodeo Committee if the participant remains in that color division. At any time, committee members can change a color division for safety reasons. **Due to our aging horses, your entrant, and volunteer safety, riders must be under 250#.** Please keep this in mind when registering your people in events to avoid any issues the day of the rodeo.

The Grand Entry will BEGIN at 9 a.m. on Thursday. Team pictures will be taken before and during entry and throughout the event. **PLEASE START LINING UP AT 8:30 A.M.** so we are ready to start at 9 a.m. There will be a person there that will assist you with line-up.

REGULAR DIVISION (YELLOW): Contestants may choose up to three events within their color division. Total score of both go-rounds in each event will be combined, and the top 5 in both male and female will receive medals. **THERE ARE NO FINALS THIS YEAR ON THE 2ND DAY.** Scores will be used to determine buckle award for Top Cowgirl and Top Cowboy. Yellow events will be ran ALL DAY (or as long as necessary) on Thursday with AWARDS AFTER ALL go-rounds are completed and before breaking for supper. You will do your events ONCE in the a.m. and ONCE in the afternoon.

OUTSTANDING DIVISION (RED): Both go-rounds of riding will consist of three events: Pole Bending, Barrels and Flag Race and/or other events as decided by the Rodeo Committee. ALL GO ROUNDS WILL BE ON FRIDAY with awards given at the end of the competition. The accumulated times of these events will be used to rank finalists and determine the buckle for Top Cowboy/Top Cowgirl.

REGULAR DIVISION (GREEN): **MAY BE DIVIDED INTO TWO DIVISIONS THIS YEAR – Trot Only Riders and Walking Riders** - if there are enough entries to warrant two divisions. HOWEVER, as we will not know how many entries there

are, **PLEASE MARK WHETHER THE ENTRANT WILL WALK OR TROT ON THE ENTRY FORM.** Contestants may choose up to three events within their color division.

Total score of both go-rounds in each event will be combined, and the top 5 in both male and female will receive medals. THERE ARE NO FINALS THIS YEAR and GREEN EVENTS WILL ONLY BE ON FRIDAY. Scores will be used to determine buckle award for Top Cowgirl and Top Cowboy.

PURPLE CHARIOT DIVISION (PURPLE): This division has been designed to give those who are unsteady on their feet or use wheelchairs an opportunity to experience the thrill of the rodeo. Riding will occur on Friday. Rides will be scheduled at 20 minute increments throughout the day. No scores will be given in the events; however, a participation award will be given to each contestant.

You will be ON YOUR OWN for supper each night. There will be DJ Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. AGAIN, there are no "FINALS" this year. Yellow Events on Thursday. Red, Green, and Purple on Friday. There will be BARNYARD OLYMPICS going on throughout the arena and area for those not participating should you wish to participate.

RODEO HOSTS: Parsons State Hospital and Parsons State Hospital Endowment Association

FACILITIES/AMENITIES:

- Showers will be available if needed.
- There will be LIMITED concessions this year. Water will be available in coolers around the arena.
- There will be NO Food Trucks this year.
- We will provide tickets for two beverages. There will always be plenty of water each day around the arena.
- A complete first-aid tent staffed by registered nurses will be present throughout the weekend
- Security will keep an eye on all activities

BANNER: Each team is asked to have a walking banner with their team name. Teams will carry their banner during the Grand Entry Friday morning. Banners will be displayed during the rodeo.

Arrangements for special diets may possibly be provided if coaches submit requests prior to the registration deadline.

MISC.: Coaches might want to consider shade canopies for teams to use during down time, as shade at the arena is limited. Remember the Kansas wind -- please bring the necessary items to anchor the canopy should it be needed.

UPON ARRIVAL: For those staying Wednesday night, please check-in at the Parsons State Hospital Administration Building switchboard. Packets will be given to those teams at the switchboard. Those driving in Thursday morning will receive their packets at the Secretary's tent at the arena or you may pick them up Wednesday Evening in the Administration Building Conference Room.

ALL TEAMS PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE SECRETARY'S TENT BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING TO LET US KNOW OF ANY SCRATCHES YOU MAY HAVE.

HOUSING: Limited housing will be provided for teams and their coaches at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center free of charge on a first come first served basis. Housing has a rustic flavor (although we do have indoor plumbing!), therefore you may wish to bring a few comforts from home. We will provide a mattress/cot, sheets, blankets, and towels/washcloths. You may want to bring sleeping bags, camp cots, pillows, toiletries, etc.

Teams may choose to arrange accommodations at one of the local motels. Teams are encouraged to call early for reservations.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites 1500 Cattle Drive Parsons 620-820-6140	Best Western Parsons Inn 101 E. Main Parsons 620-421-0303	Guesthouse Canterbury East Main Parsons 620-421-5000	Quality Inn US 400 and Hwy 59 Parsons 620-421-6126	Express Inn Parsons 229 Main Street Parsons 620-421-8000
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Pittsburg (35 miles), Independence (25 miles) and Coffeyville (45 miles) have several motels available. Also, an RV park is available in Marvel Park; please call Parsons city offices (620) 421-7000 for more information.

Breakfast **will NOT** be provided for those who are housed at PSH&TC Thursday and/or Friday night(s).

CHECKLIST OF FORMS TO RETURN:

- ___ Team Registration Fee & Housing Arrangements form
- ___ Entry forms for each division (Red, Green, Yellow and/or Purple)
- ___ Outstanding rider bio, Legends nominations, Top Hand nominations
- ___ Team roster
- ___ Check made payable to PSH&TC Endowment Fund – Rodeo