



American Royal Youth Rodeo Craftmanship Contest

American Royal Competitive Educational Activity Coordinator:

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Pre-Entry Deadline: 11:59 PM CST on April 10, 2024

Drop-off and Postmark Deadline: April 15, 2024

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About

The purpose of the American Royal Youth Rodeo Craftmanship Contest is to encourage Youth Contestants to learn traditional cowboy arts and showcase their talents to grow public awareness and education of the craft. Youth can develop self-diligence, attention to detail, and patience through leather work, silversmithing, rawhide braiding, and other craftmanship opportunities.

Rules

1. Contestants must be a Youth Contestant of the Youth Rodeo, i.e. contestants must, or will, have competed in the American Royal Youth Rodeo Event from April 24, 2024-April 26, 2024, to be eligible. No outside entries will be accepted. Age divisions are listed below.
2. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA, and/or breed association(s).
3. The contest coordinator and the management of the American Royal reserve the right to rule on any question of eligibility not covered in the preceding rules.
4. All work must be that of the entrant.
5. Entries must be pre-entered online by 11:59 PM CST on April 1, 2024, through the registration link provided by the American Royal Association. Contestants must provide a photo and description of the item being submitted.



6. The item being entered in the Craftmanship Contest must be dropped off at the American Royal Complex or mailed to Regan Culp the American Royal Association at:
Regan Culp
1701 American Royal Ct.
Kansas City, MO 64102
7. Entries must be dropped off or post marked by April 10, 2024.
8. Entries must be shipped through FedEx or UPS. It is highly recommended entries be Certified Mail, a signature is required upon delivery, the package is insured, and high-quality sturdy packaging is used.
9. The American Royal Association is not liable for lost or damaged items or goods. All entries will be judged based on their condition upon arrival to the American Royal Association.
10. Contestants can pick up entries while they are attending the 2024 American Royal Youth Rodeo. Pickup policy will include checking your item out with Candy Bradley in the front office of the American Royal Complex before leaving the grounds. Entries will not be mailed back to contestants; items must be picked up.
11. Entry categories include:
 - a. Leatherwork
 - i. Entries must be made of authentic leather.
 - ii. Pieces can include belts, chaps, wallets, portfolio, jewelry, etc.
 - iii. Pieces can include leather tooling.
 - b. Silversmith
 - i. Pieces must be made of sterling or fine silver.
 - ii. Pieces can include jewelry, bits, spurs, belt buckles, etc.
 - c. Rawhide Braiding
 - i. Pieces must be braided with at least half of the item being rawhide.
 - ii. Four strands or more.
 - iii. Pieces can include reins, jewelry, bosal, hat band, etc.
 - d. Miscellaneous
 - i. Any pieces of art that do not fit in the above categories.
 - ii. These pieces need to relate to rodeo or the western lifestyle.
 - iii. Pieces can include paintings, drawings, pottery, paper mâché, etc.
12. A panel of qualified judges selected by the American Royal Association will score entries.
13. Entries will be critiqued based on the following.
 - a. Uniqueness of art created, quality of craftsmanship, level of difficulty, and overall appearance and relevance to rodeo.



14. In the event of a tie, judges will determine the tiebreaker.
15. A 1st-3rd place will be selected for each age division.
16. Only the top three winners from each category and age division will be notified of their ranking.
17. An overall craftsmanship winner will be selected that the judges select as the highest quality, most unique, and the level of difficulty, despite age or craftsmanship category. These winners will be recognized during the 2024 American Royal Youth Rodeo.

Age Divisions

Based on the age of the individual on April 24, 2024

- Junior: 13 and Under
- Senior 14-19