

The Best Little Derby in the West &



NAMPA, IDAHO

May 1-9, 2026

FORD IDAHO HORSE PARK

\$350,000

**TOTAL ADDED
MONEY & PRIZES**

\$270,000

TOTAL ADDED MONEY

4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Derby

4 YO Only Derby

4 YO Red Shirt Futurity

Amateur NP Derby

**Youth, NP Prime Time
& Masters Derby Classes**

**2 Slates of Ancillary Classes
and a 3rd Slate (of TKO) Classes**

**2 NP, 2 Rookie I and II, & 2 Youth
THE-RUN-FOR-A-MILLION
Semi-Final Qualifiers**

**Rookie 2 Shootout
for Saddle & Top Ten Buckles**

**Maturity still open to 7YO and Up
(see restrictions on competing in Derby & Maturity)**



**A FUN-FILLED WEEK
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**NEW!
IN 2026**

**8 Year Olds Eligible
for Derby Classes**

**Youth TREAM
semi-final qualifier classes
now available**

**\$130,000 Category 1
Classes from the TKO
now at this show!**

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GREAT WESTERN REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

SS Supa Fly, ridden by Matthew McDowell,
owned by Matthew & Amber McDowell and Janyce Hoyt,
2025 Open Derby Champion Level 4 & 3, L2 CO-CHAMP

ELIZABETH
KNIGHT



DATES & SCHEDULE:

Event Dates: Friday, May 1st, 2026 through Saturday, May 9th, 2026

Entries Due: Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 (late entries add \$25/horse—[click for entry form](#))

SEE SHOW SCHEDULE FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASS LISTINGS

Thursday – April 30th, 2026:

8:00 am Move In Day

11:00 am Open Arena - Main Arena (tonight only closes around midnight, reopens 5 am)

Friday – May 1st, 2026:

6:00 am Paid Warmups - Main Arena

6:00 am Open Arena Outdoor - Coverall Arena

10:00 pm Main Arena Open thru evening (closed 2-4 am each night for ground prep)

Saturday – May 2nd, 2026: First Day of Classes-ARENA START TIMES EACH DAY

8:00 am Main Arena

8:30 am Coverall Arena

Sunday – May 3rd, 2026:

5:00 pm Novice Horse Non Pro TKO Draw Party (South end of Vendor Row)

7:00 pm Cowboy Church (Sunday Night, Corral Dining Hall)

Monday – May 4th, 2026:

8:30 am Coverall Arena-Walkup Paid Warmups (6 minutes each)

5:00 pm Novice Horse Open TKO Draw Party (South end of Vendor Row)

Tuesday – May 5th, 2026:

8:30 am Coverall Arena-Walkup Paid Warmups (6 minutes each)

Thursday – May 7th, 2026:

5:00 pm NP Derby and NP/INP TKO Draw Party (South end of Vendor Row)

Friday – May 8th, 2026:

8:00 am NRHA Non Pro Derby & Non Pro/Intermediate Non Pro TKO Classes
Rookie 2 Clean Slate Finals "Shootout"

5:00 pm Open Derby & Open/Int Open TKO Draw Party (South end of Vendor Row)

Saturday – May 9th, 2026:

8:00 am Open Derby & Open/Intermediate Open TKO Classes

VENUE:

Ford Idaho Horse Park ("FIHP")

16300 Idaho Center Blvd., Nampa, ID 83687

Phone: (208) 442-3335

ADDED MONEY:

\$270,000 in added prize money as follows:

\$65,000 Open Derby, 4 Year Old Derby, Novice Horse Derby, "Red Shirt" Futurity

\$47,000 Non Pro Derby—Amateur—4 Year Old Derby—Novice Horse Derby—
"Red Shirt" Futurity

\$1000 Open Maturity (7 & UP)

\$3,500 Non Pro Maturity (7 & Up)—includes Prime Time & two Youth Classes

\$14,700 Slate #1 NRHA Ancillary Classes

\$8,700 Slate #2 NRHA Ancillary Classes

\$130,000 Slate #3 TKO (Category 1) Classes

CLASS LIST:

To view the latest [Show Schedule/Class List](#), [click here](#) or

go to [BestLittleDerby.com](#)

NRHA JUDGES:

Ed Bricker—Evans City, PA

Ben Ballow—Wickenburg, AZ

Dean Latimer—Marietta, OK

Mark Turner—Evansville, IN

Pierre-Luc Phaneuf—Whitesboro, TX

Matt Livengood—Nampa, ID

Shawn McClurg—Absarokee, MT (Show Steward)

SHOW MANAGER:

George King: phone: (208) 524-3115; e-mail: kinghorses2013@gmail.com

GROUND:

Jackson Porath

SHOW SECRETARY:

Jana Day, 4215 E 550 N Rigby, Idaho 83442

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Entry forms at: www.BestLittleDerby.com

STALLS/SHAVINGS/RESERVATIONS: Please contact the Ford Idaho Horse Park at www.fordidahocenter.com or 208-442-3335 for stall maps, premium [stall pricing information](#), and to make all stall reservations. Standard stall rate is \$250/ea (Thursday April 30th—Sunday May 10th)—collected by FIHP. Horses

entered in youth classes only can receive a \$75 credit in the show office (see show secretary for details). Premium placement stalls are \$25 or \$50 extra. Single day stall rentals are available for \$65/day through FIHP (all overnight horses must be in a stall). Shavings, pellets, and hay are available from FIHP. FIHP does not permit the use of outside shavings or pellets. Local horses not stalled at the FIHP shall pay a \$30/horse haul-in fee (one fee for entire show), payable to the show secretary. **NOTE**—Stalls NOT canceled by Monday April 20th, 2026 will incur a \$125 cancellation fee per stall plus a restocking fee for preordered shavings. RV hookups are available on-site through the FIHP (please book early); additional overnight camper/trailer parking may be available on-site for self-sufficient units through the FIHP for a small fee.

HOST HOTELS:

Hampton Inn and Home 2

5750 E. Franklin Rd., Nampa, ID 83687

208-442-0037

Reservations due by April 10th, 2026

& Home 2 Suites Nampa

5860 E Franklin Rd., Nampa, ID 83687

208-468-4866

PAID WARMUPS / ARENA OPEN HOURS: Open riding in the indoor arena will be available from approximately 11:00 am to midnight on Thursday (April 30th), from 5 AM to 6 AM Friday (May 1st), and periodically during paid warmups. Paid warmups will run on Friday, May 1st from 6 AM–10 PM. Following completion of paid warmups, and every subsequent evening following each day's classes we expect the arena to stay open throughout the night; however, the arena will close from 2:00–4:00 AM each day to prepare the ground for the next day's classes. The outdoor Coverall Arena will be open all day Thursday, April 30th and Friday, May 1st, and after each day's classes in that arena. **WALK-UP PAID WARMUPS** will be offered in the Coverall Arena on Monday and Tuesday (May 4th and 5th) starting at 8:30 am. The Stampede outdoor arena (warm up pen) will be open every day.

NRHA APPROVED CLASSES: All NRHA classes, including aged events and ancillary classes, will be awarding trophies based on NRHA guidelines—Lawson, Morrisons, Morgans, and Plaques. All Aged Events and \$2,000 added ancillary classes will pay-out using NRHA payback schedule "B" (deeper payout); all other classes will use schedule "A" (normal schedule).

DERBY/MATURITY (7 & UP) ENTRIES & DRAWS: Derby horses may be shown either one handed in a bridle or shown two handed in a snaffle bit or a hackamore. Maturity horses are to be shown one handed. All Derby/Maturity entries must enter up one level (e.g. Level 1 entries must also enter a Level 2, 3 or a 4 class, Level 2 entries must also enter a Level 3 or a 4 class, Level 3 entries must also enter one of the Level 4 classes offered). The 4 Year Old, Novice Horse Derby, Red Shirt Futurity, Prime Time, Youth and Masters classes are all considered a Level 4 class and constitute leveling up if you want to cross enter into an additional Level 1, 2, or 3 class. The "Red Shirt" Futurity classes are run concurrently with the Open and Non Pro Derby classes and entries in this class are restricted to four year old horses who were never shown in a futurity their 3 Year Old year; Novice Horse Derby entries are limited to horses earning less than \$2,500 LTE as of the beginning of the year. A Draw Party for the Non Pro Derby and the Open Derby will be held at 5:00 PM on the night before the classes will be run (Thursday for NP Derby and Friday for Open Derby). The Non Pro and Open Maturity draws will be done in conjunction with the appropriate ancillary class it is being concurrently run with (computer drawn the night before). Additional entries will continue to be accepted in all classes until 1 hour before the start of the classes; however, once drawn, late additions will be the first to show. **CONTINUED IN 2026**—The Derby classes will be run in 2 Sections. The second section will be for those horses that are entered in the Level 3 or Level 4 Derby or All Ages TKO Classes (Open, Intermediate Open, Non Pro, or Intermediate Non Pro TKO classes) The first section will comprise of horses entered in the Level 1, 2, Amateur, Novice Horse Derby, 4YO, Youth, Prime Time, Masters, and Red Shirt Futurity classes only. Horses cross entered in the Level 3 and/or Level 4 Derby and/or All Ages TKO Classes will go in the second section. Details will be discussed at the draw party.

7 AND 8 YEAR OLD HORSES: You are eligible to enter the Derby and the Maturity; however, you cannot enter both. You may enter the Non Pro Maturity or the Non Pro Derby and you may enter the Open Maturity or the Open Derby but you are NOT allowed to enter BOTH Non Pro Aged Events and NOT allowed to enter both Open Aged Events. Just to be clear, the horse may be entered in the Non Pro Maturity and Open Derby or entered in the Non Pro Derby and the Open Maturity. If you need additional clarification, contact Show Management or the Show Office.

ADDITIONAL CLASS INFORMATION: Show entries should be submitted to the office by 3:00PM on the evening before each show day. The office will close from approximately 3:00PM to 4:00PM each day to prepare the draws for the following day. We anticipate the classes and schedule will be posted at approximately 6:00PM on the evening before each show day (except those classes with specific draw parties which will be determined at the draw party

and posted within approximately 2 hours after completion). Class entries will continue to be accepted until 1 hour before the start of the classes; however, once drawn, late additions will be the first to show. Note that NRHA regulations prohibit refunding of entry fees once drawn. All NRHA class draw orders must be followed as closely as possible. The draw schedule for the main arena will take precedence over the draw schedule in the outdoor arena. Management, in its sole discretion, may alter the draw order to accommodate timing conflicts arising where a horse and/or rider is scheduled to show in both arenas. **IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT TO ARENA #2 AND NOTIFY THE GATE STEWARD OF ANY CONFLICTS OR RISK BEING SCRATCHED FROM THE CLASS.** "Drag" periods are tentatively scheduled and may be altered from time-to-time after postings as deemed appropriate. Management reserves the right to alter the show, the arena and schedules at any time as circumstances may dictate or as may be deemed appropriate.

LEADLINE CLASS: A special GWRHA "Pee Wee Reiner"/Leadline class for children aged 7 and under will be held on Monday (May 4th) in the Main Arena immediately following the Youth classes. Contestants will be required to enter in the Show Office by 3 PM on Sunday (May 3rd) and to submit a short story line in writing ([click here for form](#)). Riders must be accompanied in the class by an adult who will lead the horse and rider at a walk. No "reining" maneuvers will be performed.

TROPHIES & PRIZES: In addition to NRHA classes being awarded trophies based on NRHA guidelines, there will be prizes awarded for 1st through 5th places in all single-slatted classes and circuit prizes awarded for 1st through 5th in all the multi-slatted classes (Slate #1 and #2, see the class schedule). The Prizes for the Rookie 2 circuit are awarded based on placings in the corresponding Clean Slate Shootout Finals. See the complete list of all prizes for all classes.

BACK AGAIN IN 2026! —THE RUN FOR A MILLION QUALIFIER: Both slates #1 and #2 of the Rookie 1 and Rookie 2, slates #1 and #2 of the Non Pro ancillary class, and slates #1 and #2 of the Unrestricted Youth classes, have a concurrent TRFAM qualifier class. The cost to enter a class is now \$250. The top 5 placers (plus ties) in each TRFAM class will qualify to go compete at the semi-finals at the NRHA Derby to be held in Oklahoma City in the middle of June 2026. Qualification is for the rider; you are not required to ride the same horse at the TRFAM semi-final or final events. All NRHA ownership rules will apply. NOTE—Unrestricted Youth competitors are NOT required to own their horse and are open to riders 18 & Under as of the first of the year. Entry in TRFAM class does require entry in the concurrent Rookie 1, Rookie 2, Non Pro, and Unrestricted Youth ancillary class. TRFAM qualifier class has no payout; however, prizes are planned for the top 5 qualifiers. All specific TRFAM rules or conditions take precedence over any potential contradictions listed here. **NOTE—eligible Rookie competitors can now qualify in both the Rookie 1 and Rookie 2, by entering and finishing in the top 5 of both divisions.**

AGAIN IN 2026! —THE ROOKIE 2 SHOOTOUT CLEAN SLATE FINALS: The top ten circuit finalists (highest combined scores from Slates #1 and #2), plus ties, will be able to run in a CLEAN SLATE FINALS just after the Non Pro Derby on Friday May 8th. The draw order will be "seeded", meaning based on the outcome of the circuit; i.e. the 10th place horse will go first, 9th place will go second, etc. and the top finishing horse from the circuit standings will be the last horse to go in the finals; a clean slate means the previous scores do not carry over. There will be no entry fees or judges fees associated with the Finals run and no purse money. Winner will take home a trophy saddle sponsored by Equine Oasis, Buckles will be awarded to the top 10 Rookie 2 finishers, as well as other circuit awards. Money will be awarded according to the results from each slate (#1 and #2), along with an appropriate NRHA trophy/plaque to the winner of each slate.

VIDEO: [RainDancer Video](#) will provide video recording services and [live web casting](#) of the show over the internet. Their production trailer will be on-site and will offer free viewing and the ability to purchase videos of your runs. A delay video feed station will also be provided near the warmup area. An \$10 video fee will be added by the show secretary for each run performed.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Event photography services and promotional materials are being provided by [Elizabeth Knight Photography](#). For more information you can visit them on the web at www.elizabethknightphotography.com or you can contact Elizabeth via email at info@elizabethknightphotography.com or by phone at 208-691-9722.

VENDOR INFORMATION: Vendor spaces are available but space is limited so make reservations early ([click here](#)). Contact Leigh Latham (907-322-5992) or George King 208-524-3115 for information.

SPONSORS: We are very grateful for our sponsors without whose generous support we would not be able to host this event. Sponsorships are for the

entire year (both shows); for a list of sponsorship levels and benefits [click here](#). Please contact George King at (208) 524-3115 or Robyn King at (208) 521-9569 to find out more about how you can partner with us on these shows.

AFFILIATE CIRCUIT QUALIFIER: The NRHA Board of Directors has elected to run the 2026 qualification for the Affiliate Regional Championships slightly different than that of recent years; you can qualify to attend the North American Affiliate Championships in OKC via one of two means: (1) Performance Based Qualification: Competitors can qualify for the NAAC by competing in the designated ARC class (NW ARC is at the Low Roller) and place in the Top Ten, plus ties. Qualification is determined on a rider/horse combination per class. Zeros or no scores do not place. OR (2) Participation Based Qualification: Competitors can qualify for the NAAC by competing in a minimum of two NRHA approved affiliate hosted events within the same region prior to the region's ARC. The ARC will serve as the third and final participation qualifying event for each region. Qualification is determined on a rider/horse combination per class. Exhibitors must receive a score in the specific class at each event for it to count towards the three-event requirement. You are also required to be a member of an Affiliate in that region. Bring proof of membership to the NW ARC; if you don't have proof you can join GWRHA for a whopping \$10/year or \$100/lifetime. Any horse/rider combinations winning an ARC are not eligible to compete in another region's ARC in that particular class (with that particular horse and rider combination).

FORD IDAHO HORSE PARK RULES: Dogs are to always remain on a leash and under control. **NO DOGS** are allowed in the Arena, warmup area, or the Sports Center Concession and Office area **AT ANY TIME**. Please clean up after your animals. All horses to be washed in designated wash areas only (no washing in the stalls or alleyways). No horses allowed in the RV grounds. All overnight horses **MUST** be stalled (no stalling in or tying to trailers). No outside food, beverages or alcohol may be brought into any building without the consent of the FIHP. Speed limit 10 mph. Exhibitors and invitees must comply with all FIHP rules and management directives.

CHANGES: As always, the show schedule is tentative and subject to change. GWRHA reserves the right to make changes, cancellations or substitutions at any time. Show management may change, cancel, alter or re-schedule classes, arenas or any other show particulars due to weather or for any other reason, in its sole discretion, as may be dictated by circumstances at the time.

TEXT MESSAGING: Thanks to our sponsors, we will once again be offering text message alerts at the show. Go to the BestLittleDerby.com website and enter your horse's number and choose how many horses before you go that you would like to be alerted. We will send you a text message every time you show. Tell your family and clients at home to sign up; no excuse for missing your run anymore!

LIVE STREAMING & SCORING: Thanks to Caleb Tipton and Rain Dancer Video (Dan Browning) for live streaming the runs in both arenas so our friends, family, customers, and reining enthusiasts can watch us at home! We've had viewers as far away as Australia! You can watch on nrha.tv or via a link on our website: BestLittleDerby.com. **AGAIN IN 2026:** Not only can you view live scoring and individual class standings, but now you can also see the contestant payouts (and how they change when the class standings change)!

PRODUCTION TEAM: Thanks to our production team of 2 See Media (Justin Rickelman), Rain Dancer Video (Dan Browning), and your host Dusty Sagers, we've been able to capture all the behind-the-scenes fun and excitement here at the shows and then share it with the rest of the world during the commercial drags! **AGAIN IN 2026:** Justin will have a booth set up so you can watch him edit footage (like watching our other artisans down vendor row)! Stop by the GWRHA Lounge to sit and watch live runs in both arenas and all the latest video clips by this production team.

AGAIN IN 2026! COWBOY CHURCH!: Welcome back to Nampa! Start your week out right and come join us for some Live Music, and a Cowboy Church service on Sunday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm!

OUTWEST BIBLE CHURCH VENDOR BOOTH: Stop by the Outwest booth down vendor row and say hello to special author Colleen Anthony and pick up a free copy of her book "The Light Behind the Shadows". Drop off any prayer requests you might have in the box and a team of prayer warriors will be praying every day for you or those you have on your heart to lift up for prayer.

AGAIN IN 2026—TOP TEN WORLD FINALIST YEAR END AWARDS: As an incentive to encourage folks to run for a world title, GWRHA will be giving out special awards to ALL Top Ten World Finalists who utilize GWRHA shows to get there. Come join us this week as we celebrate their accomplishments! In 2025 we had 47 Top Ten World Finalists, including 5 World Champions and 7 Reserve World Champions!

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ELIZABETH KNIGHT

Xtra Ice Ice Wimpy, ridden by Jenna Kellmer, 2025 Level 3 & 4 Non Pro Derby Champion