

# 2017 SCHEDULE



## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

2:00pm-ish Course Open for Limited Practice Runs  
6pm-9pm Skijor Team Matching & Registration at  
The Grill at the Lift House  
8:30pm Live Music with William Clark Green at Motherlode Saloon  
8:30pm Live Music with Sam Riggs at Bull O' The Woods Saloon

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

10:00am—11:00am Course Inspection for Competitors  
12:00pm Skijor Races!  
Novice Division  
Sport Division  
Open Division  
3:30pm "Race the Face" Snowmobile Hill Climb at the Red River Ski & Summer Area  
7:00pm Torchlight Parade & Fireworks and Rail Jam at the Red River Ski & Summer Area  
8:00pm Skijor Party at the Bull O' The Woods Saloon  
Saturday Competition Payouts  
Live Music by Shane Smith & the Saints  
9:00pm Live Music by Cooder Graw at the Motherlode Saloon

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

9:00am—10:00am Course Inspection for Competitors  
10:00am—11:00am Fundraiser Event at Brandenburg Park Pavilion -- "Buy" Teams for Sunday Competition  
(Proceeds benefit Wheeler Peak Fire District)  
12:00pm Skijor Races!  
Novice Division  
Sport Division  
Open Division  
Exhibition Division (*kids & adults—everyone welcome to try it out!*)  
5:00pm—9:00pm Skijor Party at the Motherlode Saloon  
New Mexico Rodeo Queens Meet n' Greet  
Sunday Competition Payouts  
Fund Raiser Payouts  
Overall Awards  
Live Music by Dix Hat Band and Saints Analogue

*\*\*Schedule is subject to change\*\**

# DIVISIONS



## DIVISIONS

- ❄️ OPEN (PRO) – Ski Joring America Sponsored
- ❄️ SPORT (AMATEUR) – Ski Joring America Sponsored
- ❄️ NOVICE (BEGINNERS) -- Locally Sponsored
- ❄️ EXHIBITION (KIDS & ADULTS) -- Locally Sponsored

## DIVISION CRITERIA

- ❄️ **OPEN:** Teams are considered to be the highest skilled competitors with the fastest horses. Competitors who join Skijoring America prior to racing, will accumulate points for the Skijoring America Point Series Award. Points will accumulate throughout the year to determine the Northern and Southern Open Champions.
- ❄️ **SPORT:** Teams are considered to be intermediate level competitors riding horses that may not be fast enough to be in the open division. Competitors who join Skijoring America prior to racing, will accumulate points for the Skijoring America Point Series Award. Points will accumulate throughout the year to determine the Northern and Southern Sport Champions. Any horse meeting the following criteria at the 2016 Red River event, must move up to the open division at the 2017 Red River event:
  - Finished in the sport division, twice in 2016, with a time that is within five tenths of a second off of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest run time in Red River’s open division. (*Amazon, Rage, Sam*) ❄️
- ❄️ **NOVICE:** Teams are considered to be beginning level competitors riding horses that may not be fast enough to be in the sport division. Any horse meeting the following criteria at the 2016 Red River event, must move up to the sport division at the 2017 Red River event:
  - Finished in the novice division, twice in 2016, with a time that is within five tenths of a second off of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest run time in Red River’s sport division.
- ❄️ **EXHIBITION:** This is a non-competitive division for beginners who just want to try out the sport. This division is free for horses and riders. Skiers will pay a nominal fee to participate and may register for a maximum of two runs. For skiers to register in this division, skiers cannot have previously competed in the novice, sport or open division at any skijoring venue. This division is open to adults and children. Skiers can choose if they would prefer to be pulled by a horse or snowmobile, though horse availability cannot be guaranteed.

*For Novice, Open & Sport divisions: A team consists of a horse, rider and skier. Entrants may be male or female. Entrants must be 14 years of age or older. For all divisions, entrants under the age of 18, must have parent/guardian sign waivers and provide proof of medical insurance*

# REGISTRATION



## TEAM FORMAT – MATCH & DRAW RULES

- ❄ Competitors for Novice, Sport and Open Division will register for “run sets” which consist of 1 Match and 1 Draw.
- ❄ There will be different draws for Saturday and Sunday.
- ❄ If a draw team is the same as a match team it will be redrawn.
- ❄ Riders and Skiers will register separately, but will be required to identify their “match” team before or at the Friday night Team Match & Registration session.
- ❄ If you do not already have a match, visit our website for a list of competitors looking for a match. Or, attend the Friday night on-site registration to find your match. There are plenty of skiers – we need more horses and riders, so spread the word about this exciting event!

## REGISTRATION CRITERIA

- ❄ A **Horse** may compete in only one division and may not run more than two times in a day.
- ❄ A **Rider** may compete in more than one division. A rider may ride up to two horses in each division in a single day.
- ❄ A **Skier** can choose their division, but may only compete in one division. A skier may compete up to four times in a day. A skier can only run once behind the same horse and rider in one day.

## REGISTRATION METHODS

### Early Registration

There are discounted entry fees for early, mail-in, registration postmarked no later than January 4<sup>th</sup>. Payment can be check or money order. You will still need to attend the Friday night registration to sign a waiver and get Match-Draw tickets (if you did not identify your match on your early registration form).

### On-Site Registration

Onsite registration and team matching will be available on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6pm to 9pm at The Grill at the Lift House. Payment by cash or credit/debit card.

### Exhibition Registration

No early registration available. Must register on-site.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Cost shown is per competitor per day for one “run set” (one match and one draw):

DIVISION	EARLY REGISTRATION	ON-SITE REGISTRATION
Open Rider or Skier	\$55	\$65
Sport Rider or Skier	\$45	\$55
Novice Rider or Skier	\$35	\$45
Exhibition Rider	Free!	
Exhibition Skier (max 2 runs)	Not Available	\$15 per run

## COMPETITOR SWAG

The first 60 competitors to register for Novice, Sport or Open will receive a commemorative event bag and t-shirt. Early, mail-in, registration gives you the best chance of getting your competitor t-shirt in the size you want. T-shirt sizes and availability cannot be guaranteed for on-site registrants.

## REFUNDS

Early registration fees are refundable less a \$15 processing fee with written request mailed to Red River Skijoring / PO Box 515 / Red River, NM 87558 and postmarked no later than Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. *No exceptions!* Refunds may take up to 30-days to receive.

## SKIJOR AMERICA MEMBERSHIP FEES

Red River Skijoring is a member race of Ski Joring America. Competitors may also join the organization and get the following benefits:

- ❄ Personal Profile on SkijoringAmerica.com
- ❄ Accidental Insurance Coverage at all Ski Joring races during the 2017 Season (competitors 19+ years old)
- ❄ Access to images, videos and resources to allow you to find personal sponsorships
- ❄ Eligible for end of year Ski Joring America points standings awards
- ❄ Top Skier & Rider in Sport & Open divisions are awarded 2017 Ski Joring America Champion Embroidered Carhartt Jackets & Custom Belt Buckles
- ❄ Otterbox Gift Card

Annual Competitor Fee	\$55 per skier or rider
Lifetime Horse Membership Fee	\$15 per horse (one-time fee)

Join online at [www.SkiJoringAmerica.com](http://www.SkiJoringAmerica.com) or at our on-site registration location.

## FUND RAISER EVENT

This year there will be a fund raiser event to benefit the Wheeler Peak Fire District. Open teams can be “bought” for Sunday’s competition. The event begins promptly at 10:00am under the pavilion in Brandenburg Park on Sunday morning. Cash only! All money will be pooled, 50% will be donated to the Wheeler Peak Fire District, the other 50% will be paid out to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place “owners”.

## HORSE BOARDING

Red River Stables is providing boarding for horses for a donation. Your donation can be deposited in a bucket at the on-site registration, at the fund raiser event or awards ceremony. Pens are available first-come, first-serve for reservations. Call Jodee at 575-754-6263 to make a reservation. Once the pens are all reserved, competitors will be asked to bring their own panels – there is lots and lots of space to put up your panels. Water is available at the stables. Bring your own feed.

# AWARDS & PAYOUTS



## THE PURSE

The purse for the Novice, Sport and Open divisions will consist of a percentage of division entry fees plus designated sponsorship money:

- ❄ Open: 60% of added sponsorship purse money plus 100% of the division entry fees.
- ❄ Sport: 30% of added sponsorship purse money plus 80% of the division entry fees.
- ❄ Novice: 10% of added sponsorship purse money plus 60% of the division entry fees.

Award money will be paid out for each division at 50% for Day 1 and 50% for Day 2.

There is no prize purse for the Exhibition Division. This is an untimed, non-competitive division.

## PLACEMENT SPLIT

Day money for each division will be divided for placement as follows:

- ❄ 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team = 50%
- ❄ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team = 30%
- ❄ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team = 20%

## TEAM SPLIT

Team payouts will be split as follows:

- ❄ Rider 45%
- ❄ Skier 45%
- ❄ Horse 10%

## OVERALL CHAMPIONS

Overall non-cash prizes will be awarded to the fastest skier, fastest rider and fastest horse in the Novice, Sport and Open divisions. The calculation will be each competitor's fastest time (including penalties) from Saturday and fastest time from Sunday added together. To be eligible, a competitor must compete on Saturday and Sunday in the same division.

## FASTEST HORSE OF THE DAY

There will be a prize for the fastest horse (not including penalties) for each day.

# COMPETITION RULES



## SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship is important to the success of our event and the image of the community. Your registration signature pledges your word to the humane treatment of your horse and respectful relationships to all fellow competitors, race organizers 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, without a refund, or your banishment from future competitions.

## SAFETY

- ❄️ **General:** If a skier, horse, rider or equipment are deemed unsafe they could be asked to leave at any time by the Starting Gate Judge, Ski Joring America Ambassador or Race Director.
- ❄️ **Skiers:** All skiers must wear approved snow sport helmets. Eye protection is recommended. It is strongly recommended that bindings be tested by a professional prior to skiing.
- ❄️ **Riders:** Helmets and protective vests are recommended for riders. Riders 18 and under are required to wear a helmet and protective vest during competition.
- ❄️ **Horses:** Must use a standard western bit with a maximum shank length of 8 ½". Shanks may be fixed or loose. If curb bit is used, it must be free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard western bit. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, which must be at least ½" in width, lie flat against the jaw and be free of barbs, wire and/or twists. Horse should be in physical shape to participate in an extreme sport. The on-site veterinarian will have the authority to scratch a horse for health reasons or concerns pertaining to the safety of the horse. Any member of the organizing committee can require a horse to be examined by the veterinarian prior to racing.
  - **Protective Legwear & Shoes:** Leg protection (boots or polo wraps) and bell boots are strongly recommended. Horses should have a shoe that will increase traction (borium, calks, etc.).
  - **Veterinarian:** Should vet services be needed, the rider will be charged.
- ❄️ **Alcohol & Drugs:** Alcohol consumption prior to competition is grounds for disqualification for that competitor, and ultimately that team. No refund. All performance-enhancing drugs are prohibited and will not be tolerated – the Skijoring America Ambassador and Race Director have the final say in related matters and refunds will not be given.
- ❄️ **Ambulance:** An EMT crew will be on site. Service, if needed, will be charged to the benefactor of the service.
- ❄️ **Spectators:** The course, staging area and run out area will have barriers to keep spectators out of these areas. Volunteer crossing guards will be staged along the course to allow spectators to safely cross as needed between runs.
- ❄️ **Dogs:** No dogs allowed on or near the track, except for a service dog by a person with disability.

## THE COURSE

- ❄ **Length:** Approximately 800 feet from start to finish gates.
- ❄ **Run Out:** The horse run out will be approximately 550 feet in length.
- ❄ **Gates:** There will be two sets of breakaway style gates.
- ❄ **Jumps:** There will be three jumps. Open division jumps will be 6-8 feet high. Sport division jumps will be 4-6 feet high.
- ❄ **Rings:** There will be two sets of rings to collect with three rings in each set.
- ❄ **Inspection:** During course inspection, skier's must be on skis and will not ski off the top of the jumps. Riders will be allowed to walk their horse down the track one time only and must stay in the middle. Inspection will not be allowed outside of the scheduled inspection time. This is necessary to preserve optimal and safe course conditions. Please be respectful of this rule!

## EQUIPMENT

- ❄ **Baton:** Skier must use a baton to pick up rings. Batons will be provided. Skiers may use their own baton, subject to inspection and approval by officials.
- ❄ **Tow Ropes:** Regulation ropes will be provided, though competitors can bring their own ropes, but must have the rope certified by race official prior to competition. Ropes cannot exceed 33 feet in length and must be 3/8" or larger in diameter. Handles are not permitted on the ropes, but ropes will have a loop on each end.
- ❄ **Rope Attachment:** Ropes can be attached via one of two methods and is the rider's choice.
  - Method 1: Attach to saddle horn on front of saddle by braided loop and run on either side of rider. Rope cannot run under the saddle.
  - Method 2: Attach behind the saddle, secured directly to the primary rigging rings of the saddle by a non-elastic attachment so that the pulling rope is within 6 inches of the cantle, carabineer included. The horse rider must provide their own rigging and carabineer to which the supplied competition rope will be attached. Prior to the race, the Start Master or designee must approve any attachment to the saddle. Quick release shackles are highly recommended.
- ❄ **Horse Shoes:** Horses should, but are not required, have a shoe that will increase traction (borium, calks, etc.) If horse is sharp shod, then bell and splint boots are highly, highly recommended.
- ❄ **Breast Collars:** A breast collar on your horse is highly recommended.

## THE RACE

- ❄ **Substitutions:** No substitutions are allowed for any team member (horse, rider or skier). If any team member cannot compete for any reason, the team will be disqualified. No refunds will be given.
- ❄ **Staging between runs:** (The Sparby Rule) Each team is allowed four minutes to complete staging and begin the race. After this allotted time has expired, the competitors will be asked to leave the staging area. The team will be allowed one more attempt to race at the end of the Division. If the staging time is again exceeded, that team will be disqualified from that day's competition. No refunds will be given. The allotted four-minute time period will begin at the declaration of a clear track. If a rider chooses, they may leave the start area before the four minutes has elapsed to calm their horse; in this event, the team will be allowed one restart when their name is called again.
- ❄ **Restart—or Not:** If the Skier drops the rope before crossing the start line, he/she will be allowed a restart immediately. The four-minute rule restarts upon the arena judge's determination of a clear

course. If a delay or the skier drops the rope on the second attempt to start, that team is disqualified for that run. If the horse runs the course, the team should be dropped down in the order at the official's discretion, to allow for reasonable recovery time.

If a skier "jumps" the start gate, and does not start the clock, the team will not be allowed to re-start and is DQ'd.

- ❄ **Finishing the Race:** The Skier must finish in an upright position and on at least one ski, with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skier boots must cross the finish line. Rider must be on horse when skier crosses the finish line.
- ❄ **Gates:** Both ski tips and both boots must go around a gate, or the gate is considered missed.
- ❄ **Rings:** A baton must be used by the skier to collect the rings. The baton must be held in hand and not secured to arm or placed under clothing. Batons will be provided at the event or competitors may bring their own subject to inspection by the race committee.

## PENALTIES

Penalties will be added to the running time as follows:

- ❄ **Missed Jump:** 1 second per jump
- ❄ **Missed Gate:** 1 second per gate
- ❄ **Missed/Dropped Ring(s):** 1 second per ring
- ❄ **Dropped Baton:** 1 second
- ❄ **Rings Knocked Off by Rider:** 1 second per ring

There is no penalty for rope or horse hitting jump marker or gate marker. Skier will be given credit for rings not in place on stand during his/her run, i.e. wind, snowball from horse or any other natural cause to make ring fall.

Note: Rider hitting ring is not a natural cause!

## PROTESTS

If a team member has a concern regarding his/her run, that concern must be brought to the attention of the Arena Judge as soon as possible after the run, but not later than the start of the next division. The protest must be submitted in writing with a \$20 protest fee. The fee is refunded if the protest committee finds in your favor. A Protest Committee consisting of 3 non-competing members, schooled in the rules and selected to have no conflict of interest, will consider the concern presented and make a decision not later than the start of the next division. The decision of that committee is final and all involved are ask to accept that decision in the spirit of friendly competition. All evidence is open to review but competitors must be ready to present all evidence for consideration at time of protest submission.

## RACE RESULTS

Race results will be announced and posted. Prize money for Saturday races will be distributed Saturday evening as noted on the schedule. Prize money for Sunday races will be distributed Sunday evening as noted on the schedule. Overall winners will be announced on Sunday evening with some prizes awarded that same evening, however jacket sizes will be gathered at the awards ceremony and custom embroidered jackets provided to competitors most likely at Silverton's race, but certainly no later than the end of the race season.

Result Services (timing) is provided by CJ Timing.



# RACE VENUE MAPS

## TOWN OF RED RIVER



Race Course (including staging and runout)



Horse Boarding



Friday Night Registration at  
The Grill at the Lift House



Horse Trailer Parking



Saturday & Sunday Registration at  
the Conference Center



Fund Raiser Event at Brandenburg Park

**RED RIVER STABLES** (reservations shown as of 12/27/16, updated map will be displayed at the stables at the time of the event – be sure to check it when you arrive to identify your assigned pen)



# *Red River Skijoring*

## 2017 EARLY REGISTRATION

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### BENEFITS OF EARLY REGISTRATION:

- 1) **Lower cost!**
- 2) **“Fast Lane”** at onsite registration for waivers and match/draw tickets.
- 3) Guaranteed competitor **swag bag**.
- 4) Best chance of getting your competitor **t-shirt** in the size you want.

### EARLY REGISTRATION STEPS:

- 1) Complete the Mail –In registration form. Call Jodee at 575-791-0112 if you have questions while filling it out.
- 2) If you are registering as a skier and a rider, please fill out two forms — one as a “skier” and one as a “rider”.
- 3) Mail the form with your payment (check or money order only) to:  
**Red River Skijoring**  
**PO Box 515**  
**Red River, NM 87558**
- 3) Payment and registration form must be post-marked no later than January 4th.
- 4) If you will be boarding horses, please feel free to include a separate donation payable to the Red River Stables. Call Jodee at 575-791-0112 for boarding reservations.

### TAKE NOTE:

- 1) If mailed in registration is postmarked later than January 4th, competitor will need to pay the difference of early bird prices to regular pricing at the onsite registration.
  - 2) If for any reason your mailed in registration form and payment are not received prior to January 13th, you must re-register and pay regular pricing at the onsite registration. When your mailed in registration is later received, your mailed in payment will be immediately returned to you.
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# Red River Skijoring

## 2017 Mail-In Registration Form



### Competitor Information:

Skier       Rider

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If Rider, provide horse name(s) & division: \_\_\_\_\_

### Skijoring Experience:

Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Skijoring Experience (years): \_\_\_\_\_

Fun Facts for the Announcer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration — Division(s), Day(s), Number of Sets, Match

*1 Run Set = 1 Match & 1 Draw*

Who is your match (enter name of rider & horse —or— skier): \_\_\_\_\_

	# of Sets Saturday		# of Sets Sunday		Total Sets in Division		<i>**This is early bird pricing &amp; ONLY valid if payment is postmarked nlt January 4th .</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open:	_____	+	_____	=	_____	x	\$55	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sport:	_____	+	_____	=	_____	x	\$45	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice:	_____	+	_____	=	_____	x	\$35	= \$ _____
<b>Payment: Check or Money Order. \$25 Returned Check Fee.</b>							<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

#### STAFF USE ONLY

Registration Form       Waiver       Payment       Tickets       Swag Bag

If under 18:       Exhibit A Waiver       Verify Medical Insurance

Notes: