



## POTTER VALLEY SPRING FESTIVAL AND RODEO

# Axe Throwing Contest

Saturday, May 26th, 2018 · Entries open after conclusion of parade

### Divisions and Awards

#### Open Division:

**Fee:** Ten dollars (\$10) per turn (four [4] throws).

**Awards:** First place – a trophy belt buckle  
Second place – TBA

#### Women's Division:

**Fee:** Five dollars (\$5) per turn (four [4] throws).

**Awards:** First place – a trophy belt buckle

### Event Rules

**Premise of Competitive Axe Throwing:** A double-bit axe is thrown at a wooden target and scored for accuracy.

**Rule 1:** The axe must be double-bitted, weigh at least two and a half pounds, and have an overall length of no less than twenty-four (24) inches and no greater than forty (40) inches, as measured from the top of the eye to the end of the handle. The blade width should not exceed six (6) inches.

**Rule 1a:** If you bring your own axe, you must present your axe to the secretary PRIOR TO your turn to make sure it is appropriate for use. NO AXES WITHOUT COVERS ON BOTH BLADES WILL BE ALLOWED PAST THE GATES TO THE RODEO GROUNDS. By bringing your own axe, you agree to keep the blades covered at all times other than while you are throwing in the competition.

**Rule 2:** The distance from the throwing (foul) line to the bull's eye of the target is to be twenty (20) feet.

**Rule 3:** The center of the bull's eye is to be five (5) feet, or sixty inches (60") from the ground. A can of beer will be placed in the center of the target.

**Rule 4:** The blade only needs to nick the line separating two scoring areas to win the points of the higher scoring area. Throws will be scored by the innermost point on the leading edge of the axe. A bull's eye is worth six (6) points, inner ring worth five (5) points, next ring worth four (4) points and so on.

**Rule 5:** A throw is considered a bull's eye only if the competitor punctures the beer can and the axe sticks.

**Rule 6:** The thrower must not step over the throwing (foul) line before the axe has been released. This will be monitored by a judge. A thrower who steps over the line prior to releasing the axe will receive zero (0) points for that throw.

**Rule 7:** The leading edge is the blade facing the target at the moment when the thrower releases the axe in their throw at the target. If both blades stick into the target, then only the leading edge will be scored.

**Rule 8:** Each competitor will get four throws per turn. The best three throws will be added together to get that person's score. A competitor may enter as many times as they wish while the competition is still going.

**Rule 9:** The winner is the person with the highest points at the end of the round. Any ties will be resolved with a throw-off between the tying participants. Turns will be taken, in the same manner as the initial round, until there is a victor.

**Rule 10:** Throwers practicing on the competition target on the day of the competition will be disqualified from the competition.

**Rule 11:** Whatever decision the judge makes is final. Any arguments with the judge will be grounds for disqualification.

**Rule 12:** All participants must be eighteen (18) years old, or older, to enter.

**Rule 13:** All participants must sign a release of liability prior to throwing the axe.



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## POTTER VALLEY RODEO COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION, INC.

### PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

#### At the Potter Valley Rodeo Arena and Parade Areas

I, the undersigned, agree as a condition of my participation in any activity in this arena, to release and save harmless, defend, protect, and indemnify any persons and/or organization (including, but not limited to, to Potter Valley Community Parks and Recreation, Inc., the directors of any of those corporations, all committees and sponsors, their representatives and successors) in any way associated therewith and their agents, members, officers, and directors from loss, damage, or liability of any sort arising out of, or in any way, relating to my participation in said Parade, Rodeo, Roping, Drill Team, Woodcutting, Axe Throw, or Gymkhana activity.

If the participant is a minor, the undersigned parent or guardian acknowledges that he/she has read this Agreement and agrees to be bound by its terms as a releaser and as a guarantor and indemnitor of said persons and/or organizations and their agents, members, officers, and directors, for the minor and in the minor's place and stead.

I WAIVE ALL RIGHTS which I have now or may have in the future by virtue of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads, "A general release does not extend to the claims which a creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which, if known by him, must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I know that being in a rodeo can be a potentially hazardous activity. I assume all risks associated with this event, including, but not limited to, falls, injury to myself, my child, or my horse, etc. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself or for my child, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Potter Valley Community Parks and Recreation, Inc., a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation, the directors and all sponsors, the representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation or my child's participation in the rodeo and other activities, even though that liability may arise out of negligence, or carelessness on the part of the persons/groups named in this waiver.

Contestant/Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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