



CALGARY STAMPEDE 2026 FIRST NATIONS RODEO & RELAY EVENT

RELAY RACE RULES

JUNE 13th RACE FORMAT:

- On-line Entries.
- Entries open May 8, 2026. Close May 15, 2026.
- No phone entries accepted.
- Entry fee \$400. This includes five stalls including two bags of shavings/stall, an RV parking spot.
- Number of teams will be capped at 28.
- Teams who have already secured an invitation to race at the 2026 Calgary Stampede Enmax Relay Races are eligible to enter and race at the June 13th event.
- Four spots will be awarded to race at the 2026 Calgary Stampede's Enmax Relay Races:
 - Top two overall teams (based on time, including penalties) will receive an invitation to the 2026 Calgary Stampede. (Teams who have not already qualified for the 2026 Calgary Stampede)
 - Top two Treaty 7 teams will (based on time, including penalties) will receive an invitation to the 2026 Calgary Stampede. (Teams who have not already qualified for the 2026 Calgary Stampede)
 - Team owners may only own one team that races at the Calgary Stampede.
- Teams will be randomly drawn for which heat they will race in once entries close.
- Each team will race once.
- Each team will be timed in each heat. Times will be recorded to determine a team's total running time, including penalties.
- Any and all time-penalty seconds that are assessed to a team during a race will be added to the team's total running time.
- Daily results (1st-8th) will be determined from all heat's combined, from fastest to slowest total time, including penalties.
 - If there is a tie, monies will be evenly split amongst the placings. Any awards will be at the discretion of Stampede officials.

COMPETITION RULES

- Any and all team members of a Relay team are subject to and must adhere to the Relay Team Participant Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, and Assumption to Risks, Calgary Stampede Code of Conduct, Relay Race Animal Care Code, and these Relay Racing Rules.

- Significant violations identified by Calgary Stampede Officials include, but are not limited to: unsportsmanlike conduct, animal welfare breaches and non-adherence to the racing rules. Teams with such violations may be penalized or disqualified from participation in the current Calgary Stampede Event and/or future Calgary Stampede events and may result in forfeiture of prize money.
- All team members may be breathalyzed. If any team member violates the legal limit, that team member's eligibility to be on that team or any other team will be revoked immediately. On the first violation, that team affected will be permitted to replace that member with a member from another Stampede Relay team that is not competing that day.
- If the same team has a second violation, they will be disqualified for the remainder of the Calgary Stampede and will forfeit any money won.

MODIFICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Stampede Officials shall in their sole and unfettered discretion have the right at any time to add, delete or modify a Rule or Rules in order to clarify or address a circumstance or action not previously outlined or contemplated in the existing Calgary Stampede Relay Race Rules, or as otherwise Stampede Officials may deem appropriate in their sole and unfettered discretion.

Teams:

- Three (3) horses.
- Four (4) team members on the track for each team: 1 rider, 1 mugger and 2 holders.
- No persons, other than teams and officials, will be allowed in the arena or on the track.
- Teams must have matching attire.
- Team owners/managers will be held responsible for anyone associated with their team.
- Riders, muggers and holders **must** be 16 years of age or older. Proof of age may be requested.
- All team members participating on the track must sign waiver forms.

Riders:

- **No** use of crops or whips.
- Riders must ride all horses bareback.

Horses:

- Three (3) horses per race.
- All horses must pass pre-race vet check.
- No horse substitutions permitted after the race begins.

Race Start:

- No jumping or sitting on horse by team members once the team enters the arena onto the track. This will result in a two (2) second penalty.
- No test jumping on horses. This will result in a two (2) second penalty.
- Riders must be at starting line on time or can be disqualified.
- After sufficient time has been allowed to get all teams to the starting line, the judges may start the races if three of the four horses are on the starting line.
- Races will be started with the sound of a horn.
- Riders must wait to mount horses until the horn goes.
- The races will be started as a **Swing Start**.
- False starts will be penalized 2-10 seconds at the Judges' Discretion.

Exchange / Box:

- Teams will be assigned a box by draw. They must operate out of this box.
- The Rider must dismount, touch ground with both feet, before mounting their next horse.
- There will be no use of fences, walls or any assistance mounting. This will result in disqualification.
- No outside assistance or touching horses outside of team (such as grabbing tails) resulting in, at judges' discretion, penalties or disqualification.
- Any rider that cuts off another rider on the track or interferes within the exchange zone will be penalized 2 - 25 seconds or be disqualified, at the Judges' discretion.

During the Race:

- After the race has started any loose horse interfering with another team will result in disqualification at the judges' discretion.
- If a rider falls off his horse; does not release the horse, and is able to remount again, no disqualification will occur.
- All penalty infractions will be at the Judges' discretion.

OFFICIALS

Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four (4) Judges shall adjudicate penalties and signal the start of the race
Field Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two (2) Field Officials shall line up the teams at the start of the races
Timers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four (4) Timers shall record official times
Race Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) Race secretary shall take the official times and add in any assessed Penalty seconds and keep such records to tally total time to determine placings

PAYOUTS, PRIZE MONEY

- Five Custom Trophy buckles

Prize Money Payout Chart (CAD\$)

Total \$35,000.00

June 13, 2026	Prize Money
*Based on times, including penalties	<i>*All Heats combined</i>
1	\$10,000.00
2	\$8,000.00
3	\$6,000.00
4	\$4,000.00
5	\$3,000.00
6	\$2,000.00
7	\$1,250.00
8	\$750.00

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