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WINNEMUCCA PREPARED FOR MASKED, DISTANCED SSIR COMPETITION

WINNEMUCCA, Nev—The Silver State International Rodeo’s 10th year in Winnemucca will be unique but safe, thanks to the efforts of local officials.

The competition, which caps off the regular rodeo season for high school athletes who finished their respective state, district or province finals in fifth through 25th place, will run from Sunday, June 28, through Sunday, July 5 at the Winnemucca Events Complex.

In all, 550 contestants and their families will descend on Winnemucca—masked and ready to maintain appropriate social distances and healthy hand hygiene.

“Our event staff have spent many months planning the protocols and policies that will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19,” said Humboldt County Manager Dave Mendiola.

“They have carefully followed livestock event guidance provided by the state; they also have worked closely with Humboldt General Hospital, our Humboldt County Health Officer and others to ensure a safe event.”

Mendiola said all contestant families will be required to sign an acknowledgement of the safety rules governing the event, including:

- Always wear a facial covering in public; contestants are permitted to remove their facial covering to compete;
- Always maintain a social distance of at least six feet from non-household members;
- Wash hands frequently, and use hand sanitizer liberally between hand washing;
- Do not gather with non-household members; and,
- Alert event staff immediately of any COVID-like symptoms or known exposures.

In addition, Mendiola said local businesses have been asked to do their part as well by adhering to known precautionary measures. Officials also have asked businesses to employ more frequent cleaning of high-touch areas, to add helpful signage designating six feet spacing, and to make sanitizing products available to the public.

“If both our visitors and our community exercise the appropriate precautions, we will be able to enjoy a welcome and positive week in our county,” said Mendiola.

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