

98th Annual Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair

Whip Cracking Contest Rules

Contest Date & Time: Sunday, February 27th, 6pm

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 18, 2022

1. The Whip Cracking Contest will be held on Sunday, February 27th at 6:00 pm in the Horse Arena.
2. Age Divisions are Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18), and Adult (19 and over).
3. Youth Contestants must be a registered Exhibitor of the Fair.
4. Pre-Registration is required, and the deadline is Friday, February 18th by midnight.
5. Pre-Registration forms are to be emailed to fcrone@leeciviccenter.com prior by the deadline.
6. Contestants will have a maximum of two (2) minutes to perform as many tricks/pops as possible. A whistle will sound at the end of the two-minute time period.
7. Contestants must wear long pants or leg coverings, safety goggles, and closed toe shoes (boots and jeans are recommended).
8. Contestant Conduct: Any unbecoming behavior of a contestant will disqualify them from the contests, and all awards/premiums will be forfeited.
9. Contestants will be disqualified from the contest and removed from the Fairgrounds if found cracking or popping whips at any time before or after they enter the arena or during the Fair.
10. Check-in is Sunday, February 27th at 5:30pm at the Horse Arena. Whips can be brought to the arena at that time and must be removed from the grounds immediately following the contest.
11. There will be a 'warm up' session with a committee member from 5:40pm to 5:50pm prior to the contest beginning.
12. In case of a tie, there will be a pop-off to determine the winner.
13. Judges will score on the 1 to 10 scale with 10 being the highest score. Contestants will be judged on the most original, sharpness, loudness, and best overall performance.
14. Final interpretation and administration of the rules will be vested in the judges provided by the management of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association and their decision is final.
15. Contestants may compete in only one (1) division.
16. All contestants must sign the waiver that is part of the registration form.
17. Cash premiums will be paid by check and mailed at the close out of the Fair.

Awards:	1 st Place in each age category:	\$75, Belt Buckle
	2 nd Place in each age category:	\$50
	3 rd Place in each age category:	\$25

Whip Cracking Registration Form

Form must be delivered to the Fair Office or emailed to fcrone@leeciviccenter.com by Friday, February 18, 2022.

Contestant Name: _____ Age: (as of 9/1/21) _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Competing Age Division: _____ Junior (8-10) _____ Intermediate (11-13)

_____ Senior (14-18) _____ Adult (19 and over)

I certify that the above information is correct and the I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and regulations governing the Whip Cracking Contest as established by the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair. I agree to Indemnify and Hold Harmless with Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, it's Directors, Officers, and Agents, Staff, Volunteers, and Judges, the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, it's Directors, Officers, and Agents, from any self-inflicted injuries arising from my participation in the Whip Cracking Competition at the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(If Contestant is competing as a Junior, Intermediate or Senior)