

Dear Business Flag Sponsor,

The growth of our sponsor flag program the past several years has been phenomenal. The beauty and pageantry of all the flags flowing in the wind and winding throughout the arena has gotten us a very high number of favorable comments from fans. It is our belief that it is also of value to the flag sponsors, particularly considering that all flag sponsors get mentioned on a special page in the day sheet; and also get mentioned several times on the electronic scoreboard during each rodeo performance. This year will be our 86th Anniversary and we are gearing up for a great year!

The success of the flag program has been great and we are still asking for your help. Many of the riders carrying flags come from as far away as Loomis, Brewster, and Winthrop, Wenatchee & Western Washington. In order for this ceremony to be carefully choreographed it requires practices in advance of the rodeo. Most sponsors have helped their rider by giving them some money for gas and practice expenses and many have also helped purchase the outfits that the riders are wearing during the rodeo. In order for these volunteer riders to be fairly compensated for transportation costs and outfits, we are proposing that each sponsor pay a fee, **suggested amount is at least \$150.00**, per year to help the riders defray their costs.

In addition, all businesses will be required to pay their riders directly. These funds cannot be processed through our office.

Please direct your reply as soon as possible to: 421 Stampede Dr E, Omak WA 98841 or stampede@northcascades.net. You may also contact Amanda Knowles, (509) 429-5677 or Dan Salkawske, (509) 679-2000. Thank you again for your help in making the Omak Stampede one of the top family entertainment rodeos in the United States.

Sincerely,
Dan Salkawske
Amanda Knowles
Grand Entry Directors