

YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION

**RULES
2016-2017**



***WELCOME
TO THE
YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION!***

We are pleased to have you as a member.

We are striving to furnish the youth of this area with a series of youth rodeos where they can compete in a consistent program.

STUDY THIS RULEBOOK.

If you have a question or problem,
please contact a director.
Each one is listed in this book.

**BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL
YEAR!**

YRA Officers and Board of Directors

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1:

The name of the association is YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION (YRA).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1:

This association is organized to promote the sport of rodeo among young Americans and to improve the image of rodeo through improved cooperation of youth rodeo contestants, parents and adults interested in the youth rodeo movement.

Section 2:

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II-Sec.1 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Section 3:

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to a local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE III - OFFICE

Section 1:

Registered office: The registered office of the corporation shall be the current YRA secretary's mailing address.

Section 2:

Other offices: The corporation may have other offices at such other places both within and without the State of Texas as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Classes of membership shall be as follows:

- a. **Peewee Contestant Members:** Boys or girls 8 years of age or under as of September 1 of each year.
- b. **Sub-junior Contestant Members:** Boys or girls 9-12 years of age or under as of September 1 of each year.
- c. **Junior Contestant Members:** Boys or girls 13-15 years of age as of September 1 of each year.
- d. **Senior Contestant Members:** Boys or girls who are not

married (this refers to and includes both actuarial marriage and common-law or declared marriage, or previously married, having obtained annulment or a divorce) and are 16-19 years of age as of September 1 of each year.

- e. **Associate/Parent Members:** Comprised of anyone who is interested in the promotion of the youth rodeo movement by their support spiritually, physically, and financially of the YRA. **Associate/Parent Members who pay their annual dues each year have voting privileges at the annual General Membership meeting.**

Section 2:

Dues: The annual dues for the Contestant Members shall be \$75.00 for the first family member; each additional child shall be \$50.00. Contestant Members of the YRA must pay their dues by the declared deadline of each year or pay a \$25.00 penalty per contestant after that date. New members are accepted at any time without penalty. The annual dues for Associate/Parent Membership shall be \$10.00 for man and wife or a single person.

Section 3:

Expulsion: Members may be expelled by the two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for cause. For any cause other than nonpayment of dues, expulsion shall take place only after the member complained against has been given notice of the complaint lodged against him, by whom the complaint was filed, and has been given a reasonable opportunity for defense.

ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT

Section 1:

The management of the association shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of:

Adult members who are nominated and approved by the board.

Section 2:

Term of Office for all members of the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board.

Section 3:

All members of the Board of Directors will be elected at a board meeting. Each will be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting and voted on by all board members present and in good standing. Should a director decline his/her position after the meeting, the Board of Directors shall then elect a replacement at their next meeting. If a director misses three meetings, the Board of Directors can then elect a replacement.

Section 4:

The Board of Directors may hold their meetings both regular and special, either within or out of the State of Texas with notices as to such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the board.

Section 5:

The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors at any time upon five (5) day notice to each director, or upon the written request or email of one-third of the directors to the president.

Section 6:

One or more board members will meet with the sponsoring

rodeo workers and judges prior to the start of the first performance to guarantee that all events will be run according to YRA rules.

Section 7:

It will be the policy for each YRA director to check in with the rodeo show secretary each night that he/she is present at that rodeo. The secretary will then have a list of officials to call upon in the event that a problem arises. If the board is called, they will also call the president of the sponsoring rodeo to meet with them.

Section 8:

*If a contestant feels he/she has a legitimate complaint, he/she will be required to file a PROTEST FEE of one hundred dollars (\$100) with the director in charge before the end of the performance in which the incident occurred. The Board members present will then meet and rule on the complaint. Ruling on the complaint is never to be based on video viewing. If the complaint is ruled “valid”, the protest fee will be refunded. If the complaint is ruled “invalid”, the protest fee will be put into the YRA general fund and regarded as a donation. **Judgement calls cannot be protested.***

ARTICLE VI - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1:

Election: From the Board of Directors the officers of the corporation shall be elected, herein after referred to as the Executive Board. The Executive Board members will be elected at the first (1st) meeting of the Board of Directors. The Executive Board will be composed of six (6) members consisting of president, three (3) vice-presidents, corporate secretary and treasurer/ accountant.

Section 2:

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers and

agents to serve on the Executive Board, as shall be deemed necessary, who shall be appointed for such terms, shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

Term of Office: Members of the Executive Board will serve for a term of one or more years.

Section 4:

Removal of Officers: Each officer of the corporation shall hold office until his successor is chosen and qualified or until his death, resignation, or removal from office. An officer or agent, elected or appointed, may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

Section 5:

President: The president shall be chief executive officer of the corporation. He/she shall preside at all meetings, have general and active management of the business affairs of the corporation, see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors and Executive Board are carried into effect, and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 6:

Vice-President: The elected vice-presidents shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe, or as the president may delegate. One of the vice-presidents shall preside at legally called meetings of the association in the absence of the president.

Section 7:

Corporate Secretary: The secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all general membership

meetings and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. She/he shall give, or cause notice to be given of all board meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the Executive Board of Directors. She/he shall keep in safe custody, the Seal of the Corporation, and when authorized by the board, affix the same to any instrument requiring it, and when so affixed, it shall be **attested by his signature or by the signature of the treasurer or assistant secretary.**

Section8:

Treasurer/Accountant: The treasurer shall have custody of the corporate funds and shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements of the corporation and shall deposit all money and other valuable affects in the name and to the credit of the corporation and in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Board. She/he shall disburse funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Executive Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the president and Executive Board, at the regular meetings the board or whenever they may require it, an account of all transactions as treasurer and to the financial condition of the corporation, and shall preform such duties as the Executive Board may prescribe. The association shall entrust its treasurer in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the board for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the corporation in case of his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office: of all books, papers, vouchers, monies, and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the corporation, if so required by the Board of Directors or the Executive Board of Directors

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS of GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Meeting Location: All meetings of the membership may be held at such time and place, within or without the State of Texas, as stated in the notices of the meeting or in a duly executed Waiver of Notice.

Section 2:

Annual Meeting: Annual meeting of the membership shall be held on Saturday morning at the year end finals or at a place and time designated by the Board of Directors. Any-one proposing to bring up new motions or proposals to the body must be on the agenda. To be placed on the agenda, one must request so in writing. Requests must have the same postmark as stated on the finals' entry blank. **Voting privileges are for paid Associate/Parent members only.**

Section 3:

Special Meeting: Special meeting of the membership may be called at any time upon request of the president, one-third of general directors, or written request signed by at least 25 association members in good standing.

Section 4:

Notices: Written notices/ email of all meetings of the membership stating the time and place of the meeting shall be mailed to each director entitled to vote.

Section 5:

Quorum: 2/3 of the Board of Directors in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business for annual meeting or special meeting.

Section 6:

Voting: Each association member as herein defined shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the membership of this association. When a quorum is present at any legally called meeting, the vote of the majority of the members present in person shall decide any question brought before such meeting. The membership present at a duly authorized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum. All classes of individuals, memberships in good standing and present, may vote.

ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR

Section 1:

The fiscal year of the association shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st of each year.

ARTICLE IX - BANK ACCOUNTS

Section 1:

All checks and demands for money and cost of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Section 1:

The Board of Directors may designate one or more committees of the board. Each of the committees shall consist of two or more directors. Such committee or committees shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors, in the management of the corporation to the extent provided in such resolution by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI - **RODEO SECRETARY**

Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall elect a person to be called rodeo secretary. It shall be the duties of the rodeo secretary to send and receive all rodeo entries. She/he shall collect all entry fees and make all contestant paybacks. She/he shall send a detailed report of the rodeo to the sponsor, YRA president and YRA treasurer/accountant. She/he shall be present at all performances of each rodeo and be in charge of all official rodeo books.

ARTICLE XII - **INDEMNITY**

Section 1:

The corporation shall have the power to indemnify any director or officer of the corporation for the expenses and cost (including attorney's fees) actual and necessarily incurred by him, in connection with any claim asserted against, by action in court or otherwise by reason of his being or such officer or director, except in relation to matters as to having been which he shall have been guilty of misconduct or negligent in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought.

ARTICLE XIII - **AMENDMENTS**

Section 1:

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the voting members present at any annual or special meeting of the association duly called and regularly held, thirty (30) days notice of such proposed changes having been presented in writing to the Executive Board of Directors presiding over such meeting.

Section 2:

These rules may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the voting members present at any Board of Directors meeting of the association duly called and regularly held, thirty (30) days notice of such proposed changes having been presented in writing to the Executive Board of Directors presiding over such meeting. Rules duly recorded in the meeting minutes and posted at the next rodeo will take precedence over any previous rule.

“ALL CONTESTANT’S RULES”

To participate in a YRA approved rodeo a contestant must send to the YRA secretary the following:

1. A **properly filled out membership application** (obtained from the YRA secretary).
2. **Dues** (see Article IV-Membership, Section 2).
3. A **picture of yourself** (school type preferred).
4. A **copy of your birth certificate**. (*The picture and the birth certificate will be required only one time for the purpose of placing contestants in the correct age group and for positive identification.*)
5. The **properly completed application and dues are required each year from all contestant members before** they will be eligible to participate in any competition.

Any of the following infractions will automatically disqualify anyone from YRA competition and membership:

1. Being married as stated in Article IV Section 1.
2. Having reached your 20th birthday by September 1st.

A contestant member may receive a *no time/no score* in an event *and/or* be disqualified from the current rodeo *and/or* following rodeo(s) for the following:

1. Falsification of name, age, or signature of parents, or failure to comply with YRA rules.
2. Contestant is not present and ready when called to compete. After contestant’s name is called there will be a 2 (two) minute time limit to nod for stock or cross timer line. After contestant's name is called 3 times, it will be assumed that contestant is not present.
3. Cheating or attempting to cheat. The attempt to fix, threaten, bribe or harass the judges at any time between opening and closing dates of the rodeo, in or out of the arena.

4. Smoking in the arena.
5. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the sport of rodeo in or out of arena, including motels/hotels, restaurants, etc., such as profanity, drinking alcoholic beverages, fighting or quarreling, failure to pay bills, bad checks, vandalism, theft, mistreatment of stock or being boisterous.
6. Entering pens of drawn stock without consent or presence of judges.
7. Contestant's parents or family cause any unnecessary disturbance, such as quarreling with officials, using profanity, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc. at the rodeo.
8. Failure to wear his/her number on his/her back attached with two (2) pins and fully visible to judges (applicable only when numbers are issued). Back numbers are to be worn by contestants at finals while in public.
9. Failure to comply with the YRA dress code. (See PAGE 15.)
10. Contestant and/or parents of contestants call the rodeo secretary or YRA secretary to see how and if a contestant placed at a show. Points and times of rodeos are to be posted at the next YRA rodeo. Contestants and/or parents of contestants are welcome to call or write the secretary at the address in the front of this book regarding any discrepancies of points or show results.
11. Any electrical device attached to animal.
12. Contestant receives assistance of any kind during the run.
13. Contestant or any person uses an object to whip or strike the contestant's horse in the arena in an abusive manner. **(Alley and boxes are part of the arena.)**

DRESS CODE:

1. Strictly western attire in the arena at all times. (Belts **are not** required.)
2. Shirts must have a collar and full length buttons, snaps, or zipper in the front or back. Shirts must be long sleeved and cuffed and be worn with sleeves down and cuffs buttoned or snapped with no rolled up sleeves. **Exception:** Bareback, bull and steer riders may roll up the riding sleeve.
3. Shirts must be tucked in pants at the beginning of the run or ride.
4. The wearing of western hats shall be left to the discretion of the sponsoring rodeo and stated on entry blank. **WHEN HAT RULE IS IN EFFECT, HAT MUST BE ON HEAD WHEN ATTEMPTING TO START THE RUN. Helmets are permitted and shall qualify as hats.**
5. No caps, curlers, or curler caps are to be worn.
6. Western boots must be worn in all events. Lace up tennis shoes with a riding heel are not considered western boots.

INHUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK:

Deliberate inhumane treatment of livestock WILL NOT BE TOLERATED ANYWHERE on the rodeo grounds.

A minimum fine of \$25 will be assessed for each offense, not to exceed \$100 per offense and/or disqualification from the current and/or following rodeos and may receive a no time in that event. Contestant will be notified of the fine immediately, if possible. If fine is issued, the judge will give the rodeo secretary the amount of the fine and the reason for the fine. Secretary will keep a log of all fines issued, by contestant name and amount of fine.

EVENT: BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

CONTESTANTS:

Senior boys may participate. Junior boys, age 15 as of September 1, may participate. Any points earned by Junior boys will count towards the Junior Boys All-Around.

SCORING:

1. Animal will be ridden for eight (8) seconds. Time to start when animal's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the gate.
2. Ride and animal to be marked separately. Each judge to mark the ride according to how much the rider spurs the animal. (0-25 score on rider, 0-25 score on animal)
3. Judges will use stopwatches to verify the buzzer/whistle at the end of the ride is correct. Judges' stopwatch time is official. Judges are to sign all score sheets.
4. Rider must have spurs' rowels over the break of the shoulders and touching the horse when horse's feet hit the ground on the first (1st) jump out of chute.
5. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first jump qualifications will then be waived.
6. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate, at the judges' discretion, a reride may be given or the spurring rule may be waived.
7. **If any part of the animal hits the fence while a ride is in progress and the contestant touches the fence, not to aid his ride, he should not be disqualified.**

STOCK:

1. Stock contractor may call judges to pass on whether rigging is objectionable and/or is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt horse's back. Judges are to decide on all rigging.
2. Contestant must compete on stock drawn.

EQUIPMENT:

1. One hand rigging will be used.
2. Rider may use own rigging if rigging is not over ten (10) inches in width at hand hold and not over six (6) inches "D" ring, or not a freak.
3. Only two (2) persons are allowed in arena to help contestant.
4. Rigging must lie flat on horse's back while rigging is being cinched.
5. No rigging may have metal, fiberglass, or other objectionable material protruding underneath rigging.
6. All riggings must have enough sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath to cover the bars.
7. Contestants may pull riggings from either side.
8. All cinches must be at least 5 inches wide. Rigging must be secured with leather latigos only.
9. Contestants will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly flanked and cinched.
10. No hotshots shall be used until animal turns his head out of the chute, unless requested by contestant.
11. Finger tucks or wedges are not allowed. Anything not stationary on the handhold or glove will be considered a wedge. No wedges sewn inside of bareback riding glove; plain glove only, no gimmicks.
12. Rider must use a mouthpiece and a protective vest and helmet.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO SCORE”:

1. Committing any offense listed under “ALL CONTESTANTS”.
2. Not following judges’ instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute.
3. Rigging comes off horse.
4. Contestant is riding with rowels too sharp in the opinion of judges.
5. If, after being advised that he is next to go, rider is not above animal with his glove on when previous animal leaves the arena.
6. Contestant is bucked off.
7. Contestant’s free hand/arm touches animal, equipment or person before the required riding time (6 or 8 seconds depending on the event).

RERIDE:

1. It will be the responsibility of the contestant to ask for a reride immediately after dismounting and before next contestant rides.
2. In the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate.
3. If a flank comes off or breaks, rider may have the option of a reride, or of accepting the marking from the judges, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride on the animal. The rider will only have the option of a reride if the flank comes off or breaks and rider did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off or breaking.
4. If rider is knocked off at chute or when an animal falls out of the chute.
5. NO rerides will be given due to default or breakage of contestant’s equipment. (Borrowed equipment

is accepted as contestant equipment.)

6. ALL rerides are at the discretion of the judges.
7. If the judge offers a reride on a qualified ride, the contestant has the option to take the reride or accept the scoring of the first ride.
8. For a reride, the judge will use:
 - a. First animals to be turned out.
 - b. Undrawn stock, if any.
 - c. If none, contestant will draw from previously drawn stock.
9. In the event that animal stops completely during ride, contestant will be given the option of a reride.
10. If bucking horse comes in contact with pickup man, announcer, personnel, etc., contestant must declare himself or complete a qualified ride. He will have the option of the score or a reride.

EVENT: SENIOR BULL RIDING

CONTESTANTS:

Senior boys may participate. Junior boys, age 15 as of September 1, may participate. Any points earned by Junior boys will count towards Junior Boys All-Around. Once a Junior boy moves up to Bull Riding, he **may not** move back down to Steer/Junior Bull Riding.

SCORING:

1. Same as #1, 2, 3, 6, & 7 on BAREBACK “SCORING”.
2. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off animal when rider leaves him.
3. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

EQUIPMENT:

1. No hotshots will be used after a rider sits down on the animal, unless rider requests such use.
2. Contestants may pull riggings from either side.
3. No more than two men may be on chute to pull contestant’s rope.
4. Rope must have bell and must be under belly of animal.
5. Rider not to use sharp spurs.
6. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not animal is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
7. Rider **must wear a protective head gear** in addition to a mouthpiece and a protective vest.

STOCK:

See PAGE 57.

DISQUALIFICATION and “NO SCORE”:

1. Committing any offense listed under “ALL CONTESTANTS”.
2. If, after being advised he is next to go, contestant is not above the animal with his glove on when previous animal leaves the arena.
3. No bell or bell falls off.
4. Contestant’s free hand/arm touches animal, equipment or person before the required riding time (6 or 8 seconds depending on the event).
5. Touching animal with free hand.
6. Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.

RERIDE: Same as stated under BAREBACK.

EVENT: STEER /JUNIOR BULL RIDING

CONTESTANTS:

Sub-junior boys (ages 10 & over as of September 1) may participate. Junior boys (ages 15 & under as of September 1) may participate.

SCORING:

1. Steer must be ridden for six (6) seconds. Time to start when animal's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the gate.
2. Same as stated in #2, 3, 6 & 7 in BAREBACK "SCORING".
3. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off animal when rider leaves him.
4. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Same as stated under BULLS.

STOCK:

See PAGE 57.

DISQUALIFICATION and "NO SCORE":

See BULL RIDING "DISQUALIFICATIONS".

RERIDE:

Same as stated under BAREBACK.

EVENT: CALF RIDING

CONTESTANTS:

PeeWee boys may participate. Sub-junior boys (9 as of September 1) may participate.

SCORING:

1. Calf must be ridden six (6) seconds. Time to start when animal's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the gate.
2. Same as stated in #2, 3, 6 & 7 in BAREBACK "SCORING".
3. Riding to be done with one hand or two hands and loose rope, with or without handhold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off animal when rider leaves him.
4. Contestant must declare before leaving the chute if he is using one hand or two. If he uses one hand, touching the calf with the free hand is disqualification.
5. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Same as stated under BULLS.

STOCK:

Calves should weight 300 to 500 pounds and will be flanked.

DISQUALIFICATION and "NO SCORE":

See BULL RIDING "DISQUALIFICATIONS".

RERIDE:

Same as stated under BAREBACK.

EVENT: CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE

CONTESTANTS:

1. Peewee boys and girls may participate in Peewee competition.
2. Sub-junior boys and girls may participate in Sub-junior competition.
3. Junior girls may participate in Junior competition.
4. Senior girls may participate in Senior competition.

ARENA: See GENERAL RULES.

BARRELS:

1. The barrels may be placed by the management at distances at least 15 feet from fences but will conform **with the arena and arena conditions as decided by the Judges and Arena Director.** Location must be permanently marked for the entire rodeo.
2. Barrels must be **metal** and painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
3. All barrels must be placed **inside** of stake.

OFFICIALS & EQUIPMENT:

See GENERAL RULES.

PATTERN:

1. Contestants will start from behind the starting line, run around barrel number 1, then around barrel number 2, and continue around barrel number 3, finishing by crossing the starting line on the way back. This pattern may be altered by starting with the number 2 barrel, then to number 1, and continue around barrel number 3, and the back to the finish line. **Pattern run must be all in forward motion.**
2. **If the contestant backs up,** it is considered a broken pattern.

3. The time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when she/he crosses it on the way back after running pattern.
4. Contestant must handle his or her own horse. **NO lead line can be used.**

PENALTIES:

A five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a barrel and it stands up again on its other end, it will be the same as knocking it over.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO–TIME”:

1. He/She commits any offense listed under “ALL CONTESTANTS”.
2. He/She breaks the pattern.
3. Contestant does not remain mounted for entire run.
4. Contestant crosses the starting line while running the pattern other than crossing to start or to finish the run.

FOR GATE/TIME LIMIT/RERUN:

See PAGE 51.

EVENT: POLE BENDING

CONTESTANTS:

1. Peewee boys and girls may participate in Peewee competition.
2. Sub-junior boys and girls may participate in Sub-junior competition.
3. Junior girls may participate in Junior competition.
4. Senior girls may participate in Senior competition.

ARENA: See GENERAL RULES.

POLES:

1. The first pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line and each of the six (6) poles shall be 21 feet apart.
2. Location must be permanently marked for the entire rodeo.
3. Horse and rider must easily see Poles.
4. Poles must be mounted on a flexible base.
5. Poles must be 6 feet from base to top of pole.
6. **Poles are to be to the side of stake.**

OFFICIALS & EQUIPMENT:

See GENERAL RULES.

PATTERN:

1. Contestants may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. **Pattern run must be all in forward motion.**
2. **If the contestant backs up**, it is considered a broken pattern.

3. If contestant's horse breaks the plane by stepping across anywhere between the first and last pole while going from the start line to the last pole or from the last pole to the start line, it is considered a broken pattern.
4. Contestant must handle his or her own horse. **NO lead line can be used.**
5. **A contestant may touch a pole with his or her hand in Pole Bending. If the original course is altered by a rider grasping a pole, a 5 (five) second penalty for each pole grasped will be assessed.**

DISQUALIFICATION and "NO-TIME":

Same as CLOVERLEAF "DISQUALIFICATIONS".

PENALTIES:

A five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a pole and it stands up again, it will be the same as knocking it over.

FOR GATE/TIME LIMIT/RERUNS:

See PAGE 51.

EVENT: FIGURE-8 BARREL RACING

CONTESTANTS:

1. Peewee boys and girls may participate in Peewee competition.
2. Sub-junior boys and girls may participate in Sub-junior competition.
3. Junior girls may participate in Junior competition.

ARENA: See GENERAL RULES.

BARRELS:

1. The first barrel is a minimum of 21 feet from the starting line and the three barrels are spaced 60 feet apart.
2. No barrel may be closer than 20 feet from any arena fence.
3. Location must be permanently marked for the entire rodeo.
4. Barrels must be metal and painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
5. **All barrels are to placed on the timer side of the stake.**

OFFICIALS & EQUIPMENT:

See GENERAL RULES.

PATTERN:

1. Contestants will start from behind the starting line, run to the left or the right of the first barrel then continues the figure eight (8) pattern. **Pattern run must be in all forward motion.**
2. **If the contestant backs up,** it is considered a broken pattern.

3. The time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when he/she crosses it on the way back after running pattern.
4. Contestant must handle his or her own horse. **NO lead line can be used.**

PENALTIES:

Five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a barrel and it stands up again on its other end, it will be the same as knocking it over.

DISQUALIFICATION and “NO-TIME”:

Same as CLOVERLEAF “DISQUALIFICATIONS”.

FOR GATE/TIME LIMIT/RERUN:

See PAGE 51.

EVENT: GOAT TYING

CONTESTANTS:

1. Peewee boys and girls may participate in Sub-junior competition.
2. Sub-junior boys and girls may participate in Sub-junior competition.
3. Junior girls may participate in Junior competition.
4. Senior girls may participate in Senior competition.

ARENA:

1. Stake is to be driven into ground so that none of it is visible.
2. Goat is to be staked 105 feet from timer line (starting line).
3. See GENERAL RULES.

RUN:

1. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from starting line to goat, dismount, throw goat by hand and tie any three (3) feet together with leather string or pigging string, and stand clear of goat.
2. Goat must remain tied for at least six (6) seconds. Time will begin when contestant has moved at least 3 feet away from goat and rope.
3. Legs must be crossed and tied. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one or more wraps around all three (3) feet, then a half hitch, or tied.
4. If goat is down when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be let up to a vertical position with at least three feet dangling underneath and then be thrown by hand.
5. Time will start when the mounted contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when flag judge signals the completion of the tie.

STOCK:

1. Goat shall be staked with a rope 10 feet in length.
2. Goat is to be held at the end of the rope facing the starting line and released when contestant crosses starting line (when flag is dropped).
3. Goat is to be changed after every five (5) contestants. Contestant will compete on goat drawn regardless of no-shows and/or draw outs. When less than five (5) contestants are in any performance, the same goat will be used in the next performance until that goat has been used five (5) times.
4. During the Finals, the rule of not competing on the same head of stock twice in the same event will take precedence over the above “five (5) run” rule. During the Finals, the “five (5) run” rule may be altered by the Timed Event Director and Judges as necessary to provide an even draw.
5. Minimum of two (2) goats per age group are to be used during the rodeo and must be selected from those provided for the rodeo at least one hour prior to the first performance, or they will be drawn by the secretary. **This rule does not apply at the YRA Finals.** Minimum goats per age group to be used at the finals:
 - a. three (3) goats for the first ten (10) contestants; then,
 - b. one (1) goat for every five (5) contestants, there-after.
6. See GENERAL RULES.

OFFICIALS:

1. Two (2) or more timekeepers.
2. One (1) judge on start line.
3. One (1) field judge to flag tie.

PENALTIES:

Contestant will receive a ten (10) second penalty if the

contestant's horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope prior to the contestant signaling for time.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. Contestant commits any offense listed under “ALL CONTESTANTS”.
2. Contestant fails to get off the goat immediately after finishing the tie and calling for time.
3. Goat does not remain tied for six (6) seconds.
4. Goat breaks loose from stake, she may receive a “no-time” or a rerun, at the judge's discretion.
5. Tie is ruled illegal as stated in # 3 under “RUN”.

TIME LIMIT: Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: STEER WRESTLING

CONTESTANTS:

Junior and Senior boys may participate.

RUN:

1. Steer must be caught from horse.
2. If steer gets loose, contestant may take no more than one (1) step to catch steer.
3. Contestant must furnish his hazer and horses.
4. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer.
5. Contestant and hazer must use the same horse they leave chute with.
6. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change directions and twist down.
7. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop, or thrown by putting animal's horns in the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown down.
8. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side or back with all feet and head straight.
9. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
10. Wrestler is allowed only one (1) jump. **Wrestler cannot remount.**
11. Wrestler must compete on steer drawn.

STEERS:

1. Cattle used for roping and other events will not be used for Steer Wrestling in the same rodeo.
2. All fresh steers must be thrown at least once prior to competition.
3. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn.
4. If contestant jumps at steer, he accepts him as sound.

STOCK:

See PAGE 57.

OFFICIALS:

1. Two (2) or more timekeepers.
2. A field judge.
3. A barrier judge.

TIME TAKEN:

Between barrier flag and field judge flag.

DISQUALIFICATION and “NO TIME”:

1. Wrestler commits any offense under “ALL CONTESTANTS”.
2. Hazer renders any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer.
3. The judge rules the catch or throw illegal.
4. Wrestler does not have hand on steer when flagged.
5. Wrestler fails to throw the steer.
6. Person pushing steer follows cattle out of chute in the act of tailing cattle.

PENALTIES:

1. **NO** penalties for breaking horn.
2. Ten (10) second penalty for breaking barrier.

RERUN: At discretion of judges.

ALL ARENA GATES ARE CLOSED

EVENT: CHUTE DOGGING

CONTESTANTS:

Sub-Junior and Junior boys may participate. A contestant who enters Steer Wrestling **may not** enter Chute Dogging.

RUN:

1. All steers shall be turned out in the same direction and the same chute will be used. Left chute delivery is preferred. Bucking chute shall be part of the arena during dogging events.
2. Score line will be parallel to bucking chutes. It will be set at ten (10) feet in front of bucking chute. The measurement will be made with chute gate in the closed position.
3. With steers loaded in bucking chute, dogger gets beside the steer, right hand in front of or behind right front shoulder. Left hand will be placed on the neck between shoulders and base of horns. When dogger calls for the steer, the chute gate will be opened. (SEE PENALTIES)
4. Contestant is considered working the steer when the steer leaves the chute.
5. After crossing the start line, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change its direction and twist it down.
6. Steer will be considered thrown down only when is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight.
7. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horn into the ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then throw.
8. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
9. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up.

10. A steer falling in the opposite direction the steer wrestler is attempting to through him (dog fall) the contestant may choose to turn the steer's head to correspond with the leg position to make this a legal fall.

TIME TAKEN:

Between line judge flag and field judge flag.

PENALTIES:

Dogger must not grab the horns or any part of the head, or move into throwing position before steer's nose crosses score line. If this occurs, a ten (10) second penalty will be added to his time.

OFFICIALS:

1. There shall be two timers, a field flag judge, and a line flag judge.
2. Field judge is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose.
3. Line judge will stand on the start line and flag when the animal's nose crosses the line indicating the start of the run.
4. Field flagger will flag when the animal is legally thrown indicating the end of the run.

TIME LIMIT: Sixty (60) seconds.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. Dogger commits any offense under "ALL CONTESTANTS".
2. The judge rules the throw illegal. Throwing steer before he has changed direction or come to a complete stop.

3. Dogger does not have hand on steer when flagged.
4. Dogger fails to throw steer.
5. Person follows cattle out of chute in the act of tailing cattle.
6. Dogger will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer.
7. Dogger will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to choke or hold the steers forward movement before the start line.
8. Dogger will be disqualified if animal is thrown before start line.

RERUNS:

1. Judges' responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock drawn must be run during that performance and only that time or score taken.
2. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
 - a. In any timed event, if animal escapes from the arena, field judge will drop flag and all catches will be stopped. Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap and tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run.
 - b. In cases of mechanical failure.
 - c. If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by chute, contestant shall get his steer back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up.

ALL ARENA GATES ARE CLOSED

EVENT: BREAKAWAY ROPING

CONTESTANTS:

1. Pee wee and Sub-juniors may participate in Sub-junior competition.
2. Junior girls may participate in Junior girls competition.
3. Senior girls may participate in Senior girls competition.
4. Junior boys may participate in Junior boys competition.

RUN:

1. A legal catch is a clean bell collar loop **when string breaks. Bell collar catch is** when loop passes over head of calf but not over head of tail. **NO** feet, tail, or part of head can be in the loop.
2. The rope must be tied with string to the saddle horn **at end of rope.**
3. A rag or handkerchief of contrasting color to rope's color must be attached to rope at rope's end.
4. Contestant must compete on calf drawn.
5. Contestant must stay mounted until calf breaks string.
6. **Only one (1) loop may be used.**
7. Contestant must use string provided by the YRA.

STOCK: See PAGE 57.

OFFICIALS:

1. Two (2) or more timekeepers.
2. One (1) barrier judge.
3. Two (2) field judges.
 - a. One flagging judge to flag when string breaks from the roper's saddle horn and observe the catch from his side of the calf.

- b. Other judge to be at the opposite side of the arena to observe the catch from the other side.
- c. Field judges must be mounted and in such position to be able to judge for clean catch immediately after string breaks.
- d. Either one can disqualify the contestant for an illegal catch.

TIME TAKEN:

Between barrier flag and field judge flag.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. Roper commits any offense listed under “ALL CONTESTANTS”.
2. Roper fails to rope calf.
3. Roper breaks string with his/her hand.
4. Catch is not legal as defined in “RUN #1”.
5. Any intentional hazing past the scoreline, except for mugger in ribbon roping.
6. Contestant is not mounted when calf breaks string.
7. Rope is not tied with string to the saddle horn at end of rope.
8. Rag/handkerchief is not attached to rope at rope’s end.
9. Roper loses or breaks rope.
10. Horse or rider or animal’s front feet enters gate at catch pen during run. In Breakaway, calf must break rope from saddlehorn before entering catch pen. Tiedown/ribbon calves or roping steers cannot be dragged out of catch pen. Ribbon muggers cannot enter catch pen to block calf.
11. Person pushing follows animal out of chute in the act of tailing cattle.
12. Rope goes over animal’s nose before neck rope comes off.

RERUN:

1. If rerun is given, any penalties incurred during original run will be added to rerun time.
2. If roper does not ask for calf, he/she must stop his/her horse as soon as possible without throwing his/her rope and rerun will be given. If contestant throws his/her rope, he/she will forfeit his/her rerun.
3. If roper competes on wrong stock, run will be disregarded and he/she will be given the correct stock with no penalties carried forward.
4. Roper can be fouled at barrier by (calf) neck rope or mechanical malfunction. If a roper is fouled, he/she must pull up immediately without throwing his/her loop.

PENALTY:

Ten (10) second penalty for breaking or beating the barrier.

TIME LIMIT: Sixty (60) seconds.

BACK GATE WILL BE OPEN

EVENT: TIEDOWN CALF ROPING

CONTESTANTS:

1. Sub-junior boys may participate in Sub-junior competition.
2. Junior boys may participate in Junior competition.
3. Senior boys may participate in Senior competition.

RUN:

1. Catch as catch can with rope while mounted on horse. Rope must hold calf until roper has his hands on calf.
2. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. If horse drags calf excessively, flag judge may give contestant a no-time and assess a fine for animal mistreatment.
3. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from anyone, except to start his calf.
4. Rope must be tied hard and fast.
5. After roping calf, roper must dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three of calf's feet.
6. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to a vertical position with at least three feet dangling underneath and then be thrown by hand. **EXCEPTION:** Sub-junior boys who do not get the calf to its feet will be given a **10 second penalty**.
7. If roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
8. A legal tie shall consist of one or more wraps and a half hitch, with at least one wrap around all three feet.
9. The field judge will pass on the tie, timing six (6) seconds from the time the horse takes his first step

forward after the roper has remounted and puts slack in rope. In the event a contestant's rope is off the calf after the completion of the tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears the calf.

10. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge, and roper may not touch pigging string after signaling for time during the six (6) second time period.
11. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed tie.
12. Contestant must compete on calf drawn.
13. Neck rope must be in use. Keeper is optional.

OFFICIALS:

1. Two (2) or more timekeepers.
2. One (1) field judge with stopwatch.
3. One (1) barrier judge.

STOCK: See PAGE 57.

TIME TAKEN:

Between barrier flag and field judge flag.

DISQUALIFICATIONS and "NO-TIME":

1. Same as #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, & 12 on BREAKAWAY "DISQUALIFICATIONS".
2. Tie comes loose, calf gets up before the tie is ruled fair, or tie is ruled illegal.
3. Roper touches rope or jerk line prior to remounting horse in an attempt to train the horse.

RERUN/PENALTIES/TIME LIMIT/GATE/SCORE:

Same as BREAKAWAY ROPING.

EVENT: TEAM ROPING

CONTESTANTS:

All may participate (Peewee, Sub-junior, Junior, Senior -- boy or girl).

RUN:

1. Contestant can obtain a replacement partner prior to the start of the event. The replacement partner must already be entered in the rodeo.
2. Roper is permitted one rope; each team is allowed two loops.
3. Contestants are not allowed to change the head catch by rubbing rope over horn or nose by hand to make a bad catch legal.
4. Loops may be changed by fishing only.
5. Header of the team must come from behind the barrier, arena conditions permitting.
6. Contestants may enter **once** as header and **once** as healer or enter twice as header or twice as heeler, but must have entered with different partners each run. Points will be kept separately for year-end awards. Since team roping is a partner event, contestant is able to keep all points toward all around.
7. Animals must be on their feet when roped by either end.
8. Contestant must compete on steer drawn.
9. **Either** header **or** heeler may be tied off.

LEGAL HEAD CATCHES:

1. Around the horns.
2. Around the neck.
3. Half a head.

LEGAL HEEL CATCHES:

1. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope comes on from around the heels.

2. Dewclaw catches are legal if rope holds for flagger inspection.

STOCK: See PAGE 57.

OFFICIALS:

1. Two (2) or more timekeepers.
2. One (1) field judge.
3. One (1) barrier judge.

TIME TAKEN:

Between barrier flag and field judge flag when steer is roped on both ends, in a direct line and horse is on all fours. Horses facing steer in “L” or better, with rope tight, dallied or tied.

DISQUALIFICATIONS and “NO-TIME”:

1. Either roper commits any offense listed in “ALL CONTESTANTS”.
2. Animal not on its feet when roped by either end.
3. Using more than two loops per team.
4. Failure to head steer before heeling.
5. Lost or broken rope.
6. Either contestant dismounts during contest run.
7. Front foot in heel catch.
8. **CROSSFIRING.** This consists of releasing the heel loop **before** the steer completes the “**switch**”. The direction of the steer and “**switch**” must be completed by the header.
9. See #9, 10, 11, & 12 under BREAKAWAY “DISQUALIFICATIONS”.

RERUN/PENALTIES/TIME LIMIT:

1. Same as stated on BREAKAWAY.
2. Five (5) second penalty for catching one heel.

BACK GATES WILL BE OPEN

EVENT: MUGGING RIBBON ROPING

CONTESTANTS:

1. Peewee and Sub-junior girls and boys may participate in Sub-junior competition.
2. Junior girls and boys may participate in Junior competition.
3. Jr./Sr. Girls may participate in Jr./Sr. competition.
4. Senior girls and boys may participate in Senior competition.

STOCK:

1. While calf is in the chute, a short length of ribbon about 1/2 inch wide and 10 inches or more in length must be fastened with a rubber band to the tailhead of the calf's tail.
2. See PAGE 57.

ROPER/RUNNER:

1. Only the roper will pay the entry and receive points.
2. It will be up to the roper to secure a mugger. (See #1 under "MUGGER".) Sub-junior contestants must use a Junior or Senior mugger.
3. After the calf is roped, only the roper/runner removes ribbon from calf's tail and runs back across the flag line for a time.
4. Ribbon flag line will be at the discretion of the judge, but no closer than the score line, and must be marked or staked.
5. If ribbon is removed on chute side of the flag line, runner must cross flag line. Stepping back across is not necessary.
6. Roper/runner must **hand** ribbon to the judge **immediately** after run.
7. Same as #4 & 6 on BREAKAWAY "RUNS".
8. Catch as catch can with rope while mounted on horse. Rope must hold the calf until the ribbon is removed or until the roper or mugger has his hands

on the calf. Roper or mugger must have his hands on the calf if rope comes off.

9. Neck rope must be used. Keeper is optional.

MUGGER:

1. Mugger must be a YRA member or a contestant in that rodeo.
2. Since the mugger pays no entry fee, that person can mug for any number of ropers.
3. Mugger will be on foot; see DRESS CODE.
4. Mugger must stand beyond the scoreline.
5. Mugger does not need to remove the rope from the calf before the roper/runner crosses the flag line.
6. Mugger will be responsible for removing roper's horse from the arena.

OFFICIALS:

1. Two (2) or more timekeepers.
2. One (1) field judge at flag line.
3. One (1) barrier judge.

TIME TAKEN: Same as BREAKAWAY.

DISQUALIFICATIONS and "NO-TIME":

1. Contestant receives assistance during the run from someone other than his mugger.
2. Mugger removes ribbon from the calf's tail and hands it to the roper/runner.
3. Same as #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, & 12 on BREAKAWAY "DISQUALIFICATIONS".
4. Rope does not hold calf until roper or mugger has his/her hands on calf and/or the ribbon is removed.
5. Roper/runner throws ribbon on ground or does not hand to judge as stated.

RERUN:

1. If there is no ribbon on the calf's tail, the roper/runner should call attention to that fact immediately.
2. Any penalties incurred during original run will be added to the rerun time.
3. Other reruns same as stated in BREAKAWAY.

PENALTIES/GATE/TIME LIMITS:

Same as stated in BREAKAWAY.

GENERAL RULES

Only **one (1) go** rodeos will be approved. The **only** exceptions to this will be the one go with a short round and Year-End Finals Rodeo. (See “FINALS” page.) **Each** rodeo **must be** for two (2) days. One (1) day shows will be allowed **only** if sponsored by the YRA itself. **A \$150 fine shall be assessed for any contestant that does not notify the Rodeo Secretary that contestant will not be performing in the short go round, no later than one hour after completion of event.**

CONTESTANTS:

1. Contestants must be a YRA member in good standing. Member contestants will receive prize monies, points, and year-end awards.
2. Nonmember contestants will receive prize monies (ONLY) as they place. Nonmember contestants may compete in rodeos as many times as desired during the regular rodeo season with a paid \$10 Nonmember Fee.
3. Every contestant must check the posted lists and be responsible for their time of contesting and stock drawn.
4. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the event in which they enter.
5. Approved YRA rodeo cannot limit its' contestants in any event whereby a current YRA member could be excluded from competing.
6. Contestants must have current negative Coggins papers with them on every horse brought to a YRA rodeo.

ENTRIES:

1. Contestants may enter an event in an older age group if the event is not offered in their age group. Points will count towards the All-Around in their age group.
2. All entries are to be postmarked the Monday, two weeks prior to the weekend of the rodeo. **ALL**

entries sent ***without fees*** will be charged a \$10 Late Fee if fees are not received by the postmark deadline. **NO** entries will be received after end of “CALL-IN” (See “CALL-IN” on PAGE 50.)

3. **ALL** contestants ***are responsible*** for calling in at “CALL-IN” time or checking website to make sure their entry was received and to verify their performance choice, or have returned postcard verification by “CALL-IN”.
4. There will be **NO** changes made regarding performance or events after “CALL-IN”. (See “CALL-IN” on Page 50.)
5. **NO** refunds will be given after “CALL-IN” unless sickness to contestant applies or contestant is injured in said rodeo. Secretary must have a written doctor’s excuse before refund can be given. Contestants are allowed one (1) vet release on contestant’s animal. **Illness to contestant’s family does not justify a refund.**
6. If after “CALL-IN” medical refund applies to contestant, it is **contestant’s responsibility** to notify secretary by the end of the last performance of the rodeo so the secretary will not count the contestant’s fees in payoff and monies can be refunded.
7. Local contestants **may pay only** by Cashier’s Check, Cash or Money Order.
8. **All fees** (entry, office, late, no-show, fines, etc.) must be paid to the rodeo secretary prior to the start of the contestant’s events. If the contestant misses an event and is in multiple events, he/she can pay prior to the start of any events remaining in the rodeo. Rodeos will not be delayed for contestant to pay fees.
9. Entry blanks not marked with specified night, will participate on Saturday night; Saturday night is the default.

10. Each event must have at least 3 entries in that event to be offered. Refunds of fees will be given to contestants that did enter if the entry requirement is not met. Rodeo Secretary will notify these contestants after call in.

“CALL-IN”:

NO ROUGH STOCK IS ALLOWED TO ENTER ON CALL IN NIGHT. All rough stock must be pre entered and only use call in to confirm entry.

1. CALL-IN is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Tuesday before the rodeo. All contestants entering at “CALL-IN” will be assessed a \$10 late penalty (*including nonmembers*). Late fees will not exceed \$20 per family. If you miss the Tuesday call-in, a **LATE CALL-IN** is available on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a \$50 per contestant fee. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 6 P.M.**
NO CHANGES IN ENTIES MAY TAKE PLACE
2. **On Tuesday Only**, Contestants may call YRA Office at this time to change events and/or performance or draw out completely; it is also their last chance to enter the next rodeo. No penalties will be charged to contestants who add/drop events if their entry was received “on time”. Contestants who draw out do not receive a refund for office charge.
3. Contestants entering at “CALL-IN” **but** not showing at rodeo **must pay** entry fee, office charge and late fee before they will be allowed to enter another rodeo. Medical draw-outs will be handled and applied as in “ENTRIES” #6.

POSITIONS:

1. All positions in which contestant is to run are to be drawn. **Exception:** In all roping events, positions are drawn for stock draw. Contestant is up when his/her animal is in the chute.
2. Position and stock draw is to be posted on arena bulletin board before each show.
3. To change the drawn running positions because more than one contestant is riding the same horse, contestant **must notify** rodeo secretary on entry blank or at "Call-in".

ARENA:

1. **NO** pets allowed around the arena or in the grandstands. **EXCEPTION: Companion animals assisting people with disabilities.**
2. Contestants not competing will not be allowed inside arena unless they are one of the two helpers allowed to assist.
3. During the poles and barrels, the drag will be after every five (5) names on the program regardless of no-shows, draw outs, and age group. **EXCEPTION: Arena conditions may warrant judges and director in charge to change the drag.**
4. The starting line for barrel racing and pole bending should be at least 15 yards from any fence and be permanently marked for the entire rodeo.
5. The position of all barrels and poles are to be permanently staked for the entire rodeo.
6. **NO leading of horses is allowed** (past starting line).

GATES:

Gates are to be open or closed as stated on respective events. Poles, cloverleaf barrels and figure 8 barrels do not state on event page but will be decided by sponsoring rodeo or judge(s). Contestant may request closed gate.

TIME LIMIT:

All events have a sixty (60) second time limit.

RERUNS:

Reruns are at the discretion of the judges. If rerun is given, contestant has the option of running immediately or after the event of that age group, even if person rerunning is last.

RAINOUT POLICY:

In the event that it is **impossible** (*by declaration of Board members present and Sponsor*) **to complete a rodeo** because of weather/etc. the entry fee of those who have competed will be jackpotted with no points given. Those who have not competed when a rainout is declared will have entry fee refunded. (Office Charge **will not** be refunded.)

MANAGEMENT:

The management of any YRA approved rodeo assumes **NO RESPONSIBILITY** or **LIABILITY** for injury or damage to any person or the stock of any owner, contestants or assistants.

RODEO SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Concession stand — *Kids love to eat and drink!!!*
2. Furnish arena, timer, poles and barrels.
3. Furnish an announcer.
4. Furnish one (1) time keeper (**primary time keeper** will be provided by Y.R.A.).
5. Arena conditions (water, tractor, drag, and tractor driver).
 - a. Check arena lighting.
 - b. Arena should be staked for barrels and poles.
 - c. Roping boxes and barriers should be checked. No electronic starts/barriers will be used.
 - d. Bucking/derigging chutes should be checked.
 - e. Goat rope, collar(s), and stake.
 - f. Ribbons for ribbon roping.

6. Furnish pick-up men.
7. Provide clowns/bull fighters who are not to use vulgar and/or suggestive jokes and acts.
8. Furnish arena labor for:
 - a. Gates.
 - b. Chutes.
 - c. Derigging.
 - d. Barrels/Poles.
 - e. Roping events.
9. **PROVIDE AN AMBULANCE OR the equivalent** with first-aid facilities where an ambulance is not available for all participants.
10. Sponsor **may not use or sell** alcoholic beverages during a YRA rodeo.

BOOKS:

At no expense to the sponsoring rodeo, the YRA will furnish a rodeo secretary. Rodeo secretary will accept entries, draw positions, draw stock, and be present at each performance and slack. Rodeo secretary will keep the official books of each rodeo. The sponsoring rodeo will get a check from YRA. The reimbursement is 30% of the entry fees for all events.

The following will be deducted from the reimbursement check:

1. YRA sanctioned judges (\$ 200.00 per judge).
2. Office expenses (entry blanks, programs, and judges' books).
3. Rodeo secretary will not be allowed to pay producer, clown, etc. for sponsoring rodeo unless approved by the YRA Directors present at the rodeo.
4. Primary Time Keeper \$125

OFFICIALS:

1. YRA sanctioned judges will be used at all YRA rodeos.
2. **ONLY** officials may occupy the judges' (announcers') stand.
3. **Timekeepers, barrier judge or field judge may not be changed** until the go round is completed, except in extreme emergencies.
4. Flagman is to sit on inside of timer.
5. Judges' decisions are never to be based on video viewing.
6. For rule interpretation or clarifications not covered by the rulebook, YRA will utilize the PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association) and WPRA (Women Professional Rodeo Association) rulebooks.

EQUIPMENT:

1. For poles and barrels: electric timers, flagman, and two timekeepers.
2. Electronic timers shall be between 36" and 42" above the ground.
3. In the event of a one-time malfunction of the electric timer, the contestant will be allowed to rerun or have the option of taking the flagged time. **All penalties incurred in the first run will be added to the rerun or manual time with a maximum of three (3) penalties on barrels and six (6) penalties on poles.**
4. In the event the electric timer breaks and cannot be repaired, the flagged time will be the official time for the go-round.
5. If timer stops during barrel or pole run, the judge will determine if contestant crossing the start line stopped timer. If so, contestant receives a no-time.

POINTS and MONEY:

1. Points will be given in all events as follows:

1st place	100 points
2nd place	90 points
3rd place	80 points
4th place	70 points
5th place	60 points
6th place	50 points
7th place	40 points
8th place	30 points
9th place	20 points
10th place	10 points

2. At a rodeo where there is a short go points are available in the long go, short go and in the average. A total of 300 points are available in each event.

3. Contestants will receive points as given regardless of local contestants' placings. Contestants placing behind a local will not move up in points
Contestant receives points earned.

4. All records of contestants accepting or refusing prizes are to be kept by rodeo secretary for one year.

5. A minimum of 65% of each entry fee must be paid back to contestants.

6. The following pay scale must be used:

<u># of Contestants</u>	<u>Places</u>	<u>% Payoff</u>
1- 4	1	100
5- 9	2	60-40
10-14	3	50-30-20
15-19	4	40-30-20-10
20-29	5	32-26-20-14-8
30 & Over	6	29-24-19-14-9-5

7. Should there be no qualifying times/scores in an event, the jackpot money will be put in the Y.R.A. award fund.

METHOD FOR DETERMINING ALL-AROUND COWBOYS & COWGIRLS IN YRA RODEO:

Contestants will earn points for only YRA events listed in the YRA rulebook.

BARRIERS:

1. A measuring tape must be on hand to measure barrier length.
2. The same type string must be used on barrier all the time. The barrier string should be changed if weakened or on request of next contestant.
3. Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope each performance to assure the same start for all contestants each performance.
4. Ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating barrier.
5. The judge before each timed event must inspect barrier equipment. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
6. Barrier judge shall be sure no one can stand close enough to tamper with barrier equipment.
7. Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed.
8. Barrier flag must be used in order for time to be considered official.
9. If automatic barrier does not work properly, the roper will receive his time unless roper obviously beats the barrier. This ruling is at the discretion of the barrier judge.
10. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant attempts to compete on animal, contestant will receive that time if time was taken. If he pulls up, he will receive that calf back. If no time was taken, he will receive calf back also.
11. If at any time a contestant or pusher is caught interfering with the barrier in any form, the contestant will be disqualified and receive a “no-time”.
12. NO electronic starts/barriers are to be used.

13. If Lap & Tap is used, barriers are not used and time starts when animal's nose crosses the score line established for that event. Judge will use his flag to signal when the animal breaks the plane.

SCORELINES:

Box:

Length of box is measured from center of the barrier straight to the back of the box.

Score/Neck Rope:

1. Steer Wrestling
 - a. The score may be no longer than the length of the box minus six (6) feet, unless arena director and judges approves other arrangements.
 - b. The neck rope length is the score minus two (2) feet.
2. Team Roping
 - a. The score may be no longer than the length of the box minus two (2) feet, unless arena director and judges approves other arrangements.
 - b. The neck rope length is the score minus two feet.
3. Calf Roping (Tiedown, Breakaway, & Ribbons)
 - a. The score may be no longer than the length of the box minus three (3) feet, unless arena director and judges approves other arrangements.
 - b. The neck rope length is the score minus one & one half (1 1/2) feet.

STOCK:

1. The YRA recommends weights as follows:
 - a. Sub-junior Ribbon Calves--150-160 lbs.
 - b. Junior Tiedown and Ribbon Calves--150-160 lbs.
 - c. Senior Tiedown and Ribbon Calves--170-200 lbs.
 - d. Breakaway Calves--170-250 lbs.
 - e. Steer Wrestling Steers--450-600 lbs.
 - f. Riding Steers or Junior Bulls--750 lbs. to 1000 lbs.

2. All stock used for tying must have been tied at least once before first show of rodeo.
3. All bulls must have horns tipped to the size of a half-dollar; steers to the size of a quarter; and goats to the size of a dime.
4. Billy goats should not be used.
5. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena (roping box and catch pen are part of the arena), the flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge will be final.
 - a. If rope is on animal, roper will get animal lap and tap with rope on it in chute.
 - b. If an animal escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestants, or if automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, that animal will be returned during or at the end of the performance in the same manner it was originally brought to the pens for contesting. At least three (3) head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be repenned by itself.
6. If an animal is not removed from the arena or escapes into the arena while the next contestant is competing on an animal, the contestant will get stock over if the judge rules interference. Decision to be made before contestant leaves the arena.
7. If an animal that is drawn in a riding event or a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, the judges and arena director must pass on animal's ability to be used before it can be skipped and/or replaced in draw.

8. All stock must be numbered and all stock must be drawn from the whole herd for that rodeo/round.
9. Stock draw is to be posted and run as posted.

TIES:

In the event of a tie, points will be added together and divided by the number of contestants involved in the tie. EXAMPLE: Three (3) contestants tying for 1st place will equally divide 270 points (1st, 2nd & 3rd totaled). Each will receive 90 points. Money will be divided the same way. The person placing directly after the above three contestants will receive 4th place points and money.

In the event of a year end or finals award tie, the contestant that accumulated the most amount of 1st,2nds,3rds, etc. shall be declared the winner.

Duplicating a year end or finals prize in the event of a tie shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

YRA FINALS AND YEAR END AWARDS:

1. The Board of Directors will determine the dates and place of the YRA Finals.
2. To receive year-end all-around awards, contestants must enter and compete at the YRA Finals. To receive year-end event awards, contestants must enter and compete at the YRA Finals in that event. Contestants must also be present at the Finals Banquet to accept finals, year-end, and all-around awards.
3. To qualify for the YRA Finals, a contestant must:
 - a. Be a member in good standing.
 - b. Have entered and paid their fees in the event they intend to enter in at least half of the scheduled rodeos for that year.
 - c. Have sold \$50 of raffle tickets per family.
 - d. Must enter and compete 6 times in each event to be eligible for finals
4. Awards may be changed by the Board of Directors for all events that do not have six (6) contestants qualifying for the finals.

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