

Northwest Junior Rodeo Association

RULEBOOK



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Northwest Junior Rodeo Association Rule Book

Article I: Name

Section 1:

This organization shall be known as the NORTHWEST JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION and the duration shall be perpetual. Its colors will be Blue and Gold.

Section 2:

The Northwest Junior Rodeo Association may herein be referred to as NJRA.

Article II: Objectives

Section 1:

To establish a non-profit organization interested in the promotion of junior rodeo.

Section 2:

To elevate the requirements and standards of junior rodeo.

Section 3:

To develop within the youthful contestants a spirit of fair competition and appreciation of good sportsmanship.

Section 4:

To safeguard the interests of sponsoring agencies and protect the health and welfare of the contestants in competition.

Article III: Membership and Dues

Section 1:

Membership shall be open to all persons and individuals of good character.

Section 2:

In order to vote on rule changes the parents and contest must attend two (2) meetings during the calendar year prior to the vote.

Section 3:

Membership and fee shall be as follows: a) Membership shall be charged per year and include all the contestant's immediate family; b) Club, organization, corporation, or partnership sponsoring an NJRA rodeo will pay a sanctioning fee for each rodeo sponsored, and be entitled to one vote in general membership meetings. NJRA will furnish two (2) rulebooks to said organization. Each participating rodeo sanctioned by NJRA will be allowed one voting seat on the Board of Directors. All memberships will be voted upon upon written Application and will include associate memberships. (Associate memberships will be \$5.00 per year and will include immediate family. Associate members will not compete at any rodeos. c) \$25.00 To be paid at time of joining for fundraising. Member may seek donations or sell raffle tickets for the current year fundraiser, to cover the cost. A fee may be charged for the contracted association newspaper. A late fee may be charged for late membership fees.

Section 4:

Membership expiration shall be December 31 of each year and dues for the current year must be paid by the date given on the membership form.

Section 5:

Any discontinued membership in NJRA is subject to a five (5) dollar penalty upon reinstatement.

Section 6:

Officers shall belong to NJRA.

Section 7:

All pertinent paperwork must be to NJRA secretary before contestant competes to receive any NJRA points to ride at finals and to get year end awards.

Article IV: Officers and Duties

Section 1:

Officers of NJRA shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Rodeo Secretary.

Section 2:

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings; to call special meetings when necessary; to appoint all committees necessary in the conduct of NJRA, subject to the Board of Directors; and sit as an ex-officio member on said committees. He shall not vote on motions except in the case of a tie, when he shall be the deciding vote. The president shall appoint a Safety Director subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to officiate for him in his absences. He shall be the chairman of the finance committee, which shall be responsible for the annual audit of the books, and any other duties requested by the President.

Section 4:

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep accurate record of minutes of NJRA and to keep correct account and records between NJRA and the members; to maintain a correct mailing list of all members; to notify membership of any pertinent information, changes, special meeting, and elections; to assist and advise the presiding officers in matters of parliamentary procedure and to assist the Rodeo Secretary in maintaining files and records of the rodeos. Upon her retirement she shall immediately surrender all records and files to her successor of whomever the Association may direct.

Section 5:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report all monies received and dispersed by NJRA; along with the President or Vice President (two signatures) sign all checks, pay all bills against the Association as directed; present an annual summary of the financial position of NJRA, along with an audit of the books at the November meeting. Upon his/her retirement, He/She shall immediately surrender all records and files to their successor or whomever the Association may direct. An annual Audit by an independent service prior to January.

Section 6:

It shall be the duty of the Rodeo Secretary to maintain a current record of each member's accrued points throughout the year; to receive and record all entries from each approved NJRA rodeo and the Finals Rodeo; maintain the files along with the Recording Secretary. Upon her retirement, He/She shall immediately surrender all records and files to His/Her successor or whomever the Association may direct.

Section 7:

All officers shall serve without pay.

Section 8:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the five (5) NJRA officers, the proceeding president, one contestant from each division, and six district representatives elected annually by the general membership, with full voting powers. One director shall come from each district; however, if there should be no member from a particular district willing to act as a director, an alternate may be selected from another district. Districts, by counties are as follows:

District 1: KITSAP, MASON, GRAYS HARBOR, JEFERSON, and CLALLAM

District 2: SKAGIT, WHATCOM, ISLAND, and all areas North

District 3: SNOHOMISH, KING and all areas east

District 4: THURSTON and PIERCE

District 5: LEWIS, PACIFIC, KLICKITAT, and all areas South

District 6: All areas East of the CASCADE MOUNTAINS

Section 9:

The Board of Directors shall transact all routine and minor business of NJRA, making a full report to the membership at the next regular meeting. Routine and minor includes authorization of paying expenditures not exceeding \$500.00. Seven (7) Board members shall constitute a quorum. All major policy decisions and expenditures shall be referred to the membership at a regular business meeting. The Board shall have the power to suspend a rodeo or a contestant competing in a disapproved rodeo for a period of up to one (1) year. Members shall be notified of suspended rodeos.

Section 10:

In any matter involving interpretation of rules the Board of Directors shall have the final decision.

Section 11:

No proxy voting or absentee ballots will be permitted in general membership voting.

Section 12:

The Youth Board is composed of one representative of each of the four divisions, and an adult rep to serve for Pee Wee and Buckaroo divisions. In the event of the absence of a youth representative at any rodeo, the elected alternate shall serve at that rodeo. The purpose of the Youth Board is to provide a liaison between the main contestant body and the management of each NJRA rodeo; they shall have no policing powers, no authority in management, and no jurisdiction in the matter of rodeo personnel. They are designated representatives to arbitrate and negotiate matters of the entire contestant body, or members thereof, they are privileged to request application of rules, as written, and communicate with officials in regard to practice and safety and the welfare of the contestants. They may, with good and sufficient proof, request a contestant to be declared ineligible as prescribed by the rules. It is presumed a friendly relationship between Youth Board representatives and rodeo management will result in a better through eliminating many of the individual problems often arising. Rodeo committees and officials should be encouraged to set meetings with the contestant body to explain the ground rules and other local rules pertaining to the competition. In each of the five (5) youth divisions a representative and an alternate will be voted on. The alternate will take the rep's position when the rep is not present any given function. Rep. must notify alternate prior tot that function He/She cannot attend if at all possible. The Youth alternate shall be the 2nd place vote during elections of officers, rep's and rule changes.

Section 13:

Event Directors: The winners of this year's events will be next year's Event Directors if they are still members and willing to take the position. If they are not willing or able, the contestant with the next highest number of points in the event will be offered the position and so on down the line until someone is willing to accept the position.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1:

At the first of each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee who shall nominate at least one (1) member in good standing for each vacancy at the regular meeting in August of each year. Nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting. Fitness, ability, and the willingness to serve should be considered qualifications for nominations.

Section 2:

Officers to be nominated at last rodeo, with ballots sent with Finals Rodeo entry forms to each member, to be returned with entry. New officers shall take office when the year's business is over. This should be after the Finals Banquet.

Section 3:

Any officer may be removed by a vote of (70) percent of the membership present at a special meeting. Any Director may preside at the meeting, especially for this purpose. The meeting must be requested by at least (5) members and all members must be given notice of the meeting at least (10) days in advance. Notice will be given by U.S. Mail to the last given address of each member.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1:

Meetings shall be held monthly, date to be set by the Board of Directors; except just prior to the Finals Rodeo at which time they may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

Twenty-five (25) members of NJRA shall constitute quorum, and two (2) members of the quorum must be officers including the President or the Vice President. If a quorum of Board members (7) is present, a general membership meeting will be held regardless of the number of members present. All actions taken at the meeting will be valid.

Section 3:

Twenty (20) members or more may petition the President in writing to have a special meeting, or the President may call a meeting at any reasonable time. No business other than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted at the meeting. All members shall be notified if possible as to the time and purpose of the special meeting.

Section 4:

All meetings of the NJRA shall be conducted under general and accepted parliamentary rule of order, and under the specific by-laws of NJRA, except where these may become inconsistent with county, state, and federal decree.

Section 5:

Introduce all adult NJRA certified hazer's at the first membership meeting of the year. A list will be kept of all adult hazer's and the list will be available at every rodeo during sign up.

ARTICLE VII: DISBANDMENT

Section 1:

In the event that NJRA should disband, all assets shall be converted into cash and donated to the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, Seattle Washington.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

Proposed amendments to the by-laws or rule changes shall be submitted in writing to the Rules Committee, noting proper article and section number, at any regular meeting.

Section 2:

Each year, prior to the last regular scheduled rodeo, a general membership meeting will be called to collect rule changes or additions that members would like to submit. Rule changes must be submitted in writing by the deadline announced each year by the Board, which shall be prior to the last regular scheduled rodeo. Rule changes and Elections shall be voted on at the last scheduled regular rodeo by ballot, and must be turned in by the date & time announced by the Board. If you are unable to vote at the last rodeo, you may contact the Rodeo Secretary and request a ballot prior to the last rodeo of the year.

ARTICLE IX: ANNUAL AUDITS

Sections 1: The President shall appoint a fiscal auditing committee by the October of each year of at least two (2) people. The committee shall audit all financial transactions of NJRA. The committee shall present the Board with a report of the audit by the January and an annual audit by an independent service prior to January's first meeting.

ARTICLE X: GENERAL RULES

Section 1:

Rodeo dates must be approved so there is no conflict with one another in local communities. Rodeos must be approved by the Board not less than one (1) month prior to the date of the rodeo and dues must be paid before approval.

Section 2:

Any rodeo found to be violating NJRA rules will be put on probation for one (1) year and then if no effort is made to improve, they will be suspended. No NJRA member will be allowed to compete or participate in a disapproved rodeo. A disapproved rodeo is a rodeo in which the Board has taken specific and direct action by vote, to designate "disapproval". A rodeo that is not sanctioned is not the same as a disapproved rodeo. Contestants may ride without jeopardy in any non-sanctioned rodeo, but that privilege does not extend to disapproved rodeos. All NJRA contractors, judges, and secretaries must be provided with a current NJRA rulebook. All rodeos must have rule book posted at office for contestants to look at, at anytime.

Section 3:

Boys and girls must compete in their own age group, except junior members working their last junior year may change to senior group at the beginning of the rodeo season and work senior events all year. They may not change back to the junior group or work both groups, regardless of ability, parent's permission, or any other reason.

Section 4:

All contesting members of NJRA must purchase insurance through NJRA before entering the first rodeo.

Section 5:

All members must have a signed release from parents or guardians to participate in NJRA approved rodeos. All contestants entered at a NJRA approved rodeo must have a parent or guardian sign them in and be present at the rodeo.

Section 6:

The current rodeo year is recognized as January 1 of every year through December 31 of the same year, with reference to ages. **THE AGE OF EVERY CONTESTANT IS DETERMINED AS OF HIS OR HER AGE ON JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.** Those five (5) and under shall compete as Buckaroos. Those six (6) years old to eight (8) years old shall compete as Peewee. Those nine (9) years old to thirteen (13) years old shall compete as a Junior. Those fourteen (14) years old through eighteen (18) years of age of the current year shall compete as a Senior. If nineteen (19) years old on or before January 1, they are ineligible. Proof of age must be on file with NJRA secretary in order to be allowed to compete.

Section 7:

All NJRA approved minimum prize lists shall be equal to 60% of the total entries. The Board shall approve the awards before each rodeo. When a rodeo is jackpotted for money, each event will be paid off separately. Pay off as follows: 3 or less = 1 place, 4-5 = 2 places, 6-10 = 3 places, 11-15 = 4 places, 16-20 = 5 places, 21 -25 = 6 places, 26 -30 = 7 places, 31 and up = 8 places; points to 6 places. Placing for the year-end awards will be determined by the amount of entries in a specific event at the rodeos. If there are an average of 3 or less contestants entered = 1 place, 3-5 = 2 places, 6-8 = 3 places, 9-12 = 4 places, 13-15 = 5 places, 16-22 = 6 places, 23-29 = 7 places, 30 and up = 9 places.

Section 8:

Any member may lose points or be suspended or both from the Association for any of the

following offenses:

- a) Failure to pay hotel/motel bills.
- b) Non-payment of entry fees. There shall be a fine of \$25.00 for entering and failing to appear and pay fees and suspension from entering in any other NJRA rodeo until these are paid.
- c) Attempting to trade stock and/or entry fees.
- d) Fighting in the arena.
- e) Parent being in the arena or behind the chutes without the OK of management.
- f) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce the judges at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena. Violators will be reported to Board.
- g) Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of NJRA and the sport of rodeo.
- h) Failure to abide by or disobedience of the Article, By-Laws, and or rules of NJRA.
- i) Any contestant found under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or to have in his or her possession such substance at any NJRA function.
- j) The Board will expect the cooperation of any member when called upon regarding enforcement of rules.

Section 9:

Any time a check is returned for insufficient funds and not taken care of by the next rodeo, the contestant will not ride in that rodeo and will lose all points from previous rodeo. If a check is returned when membership fee is paid, the family will not be members of the Association until the check is taken care of. Anyone writing bad checks will be on a cash basis for the remainder of the calendar year.

Section 10:

When specific NJRA rules do not apply, and no approved ground rules are posted, the appropriate NPRA, PRCA, or WPRA ruling, as interpreted by the contest judge shall apply. The judge's decision shall be final.

Section 11:

A contestant may appeal a judge's decision on a technical application of the rules. Announcer, chute help, or contractor interference would be examples.

Section 12:

Any protest must follow the following procedures:

- a) Contestant must take their protests to their Youth Representative, who will take it to the judge before the performance is over.
- b) Appeals from the decision of the judge must be made by the contestant in writing with the alleged violation detailed in a concise manner. A \$25.00 fee must accompany the protest. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- c) Protests must be filed with the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or in the event of both being absent, a member of the Board, within one (1) hour after performance of the alleged violation but before the next performance starts.
- d) The board will determine the validity of the protest.
- e) An upheld protest may result in, but not limited to the following corrective actions: 1) forfeiture of all awards and points; 2) suspension for any given length of time from NJRA sanctioned rodeos; 3) where possible, corrections made and event re-run.
- f) The following are not protest able; 1) judge's decision unless in violation of rules; 2) soundness of horse determined by a judge or veterinarian.
- g) At no time can a parent interfere with a judge's decision concerning a contestant. There will be a fine set by the Board of Directors.

Section 13:

All rodeos that collect \$15.00 finals fee and \$25.00 non-member fee will turn money into

the NJRA within two (2) weeks after the rodeo, along with all pertinent paperwork (i.e., judge & timer sheets). If rodeo co-approved, only members of either organization are exempt from non-member fee.

All rodeos that are sanctioned NJRA are to have paperwork and approval form along with \$35.00 fee turned in to NJRA two (2) weeks prior to rodeo date. If not, a letter will be sent to that committee advising them. Non-members are not required to pay this fee. All non-members entered in a NJRA approved rodeo will pay a \$25.00 permit fee. Contestant results must be turned in at the same time. All rodeos should receive a copy of the final results from their rodeo.

Section 14:

NJRA provides its own rules for rodeo contestants and will insist that the rodeo management adhere to them. Any member who does not observe above rules is liable to a fine, loss of points, prizes, suspension or at the time of the infraction.

Section 15:

The management assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the personal property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant by act of his entry and signature in any NJRA rodeo waives all claims against management for his or her injuries or any damages, which his property may sustain.

Section 16:

NJRA has no set prices for salary of judges, timers, arena secretaries, contestant performers, announcer, etc.; but NJRA expects the rodeos to pay fair salaries in keeping with the size of the rodeos for those positions.

Section 17:

The management of each NJRA sanctioned rodeo shall be required to provide an ambulance and adequate first-aid facilities.

Section 18:

All rodeos are required to use watches in the tenths or hundredths of a seconds. There shall be two (2) timers for all game and roping events. Only one is necessary for riding events. Electronic devices are to be backed up with a manual watch. If the electronic device fails in any go-round and cannot be re-started, you shall revert to hand time for the entire go-round. After malfunction on any given run, a decision for a re-run shall be given at once. Rider may request to go last if desired. Two sets of timer sheets must be recorded, one electronic and one hand time. Electronic devices are recommended for all events where applicable.

Section 19:

Management must provide a place for office timers and announcer to work without obstruction or interference.

Section 20:

Any rodeo with ground rules contradictory or in addition to NJRA rules, must have said rules approved by Board.

Section 21:

Parents may time or judge events in which their own child is participating.

Section 22:

All rodeos must have no less than three (3) events that count for points in each division.

Section 23:

Timers shall fill in and post sheets after the last performance of each day.

Section 24:

Electronic devices or timers should be permanently marked by a stake in the ground and with a flag for the duration of the rodeo.

Section 25:

An accurate description of the location of all markers (barrel, goat, poles, and score line) shall be recorded on paper and given to the arena director, secretary and in judge's books. This knowledge should be in the possession before the first performance begins. At all times, there should be enough measuring tapes, new markers, rakes, and shovels available.

Section 26:

Arena ground cannot be altered to affect physical condition between performances, except if the safety of the contestants is in question.

Section 27:

Members and Non-members may not contest on a stallion two (2) years old or older, with the exception of rough stock.

Section 28:

Contestants must compete on the day drawn for them. Changes will only be made by approval of judges and said rodeo secretary, a medical slip and/or vet slip. Trade outs are up to the consideration of judge's (2), however, it must be an actual trading out of contestants. It is the responsibility of each contestant to make sure they have entries and fees in before the date due. It is the individuals' responsibility to make sure they have received the entry form from each rodeo.

Section 29:

Co-approval must be with a rodeo association maintaining a valid non-profit status, otherwise it is not considered to be co-approved and NJRA rules will take precedence.

Section 30:

Three (3) call rule in effect for slack and performance.

Section 31:

A qualified person/parent may haze for any contestant if the person/parent is a member of the NJRA in good standing, and has two letters of recommendation from a member of the following associations (NJRA, PWRA, PRCA, or IPRA). The letter must be turned into and be on file with the secretary before the rodeo in which the hazer is participating, the letter of recommendation will be renewed each year.

Section 32:

The NJRA Queen and Princess will attend a minimum of one half of approved NJRA rodeos and conduct themselves by all the rules of the NJRA.

Article XI: NJRA Points System

Section 1:

The NJRA has been organized for the purpose of establishing its own point awarding system to determine Champion Cowboys and Cowgirls. If a non-member places in a rodeo the points will go to the next member in the placing order and continue moving members up for point's purposes only. Even if a rodeo only awards prizes to three (3) places; points will be given to six (6) as follows:

FIRST	18	POINTS
SECOND	15	POINTS
THIRD	12	POINTS
FOURTH	9	POINTS
FIFTH	6	POINTS
SIXTH	3	POINTS

At rodeos with two go-rounds points to be awarded as follows:

FIRST	6	6	6
SECOND	5	5	5
THIRD	4	4	4
FOURTH	3	3	3
FIFTH	2	2	2
SIXTH	1	1	1

That is: Two (2) goes and the average.

Section 2:

Points start counting when dues are paid and membership is received by NJRA secretary.

Section 3:

The high-point winner in each event will be named the champion.

Section 4:

Points count for all-around champion at the end of the season only from approved rodeos in which contestants have entered and competed in not less than two (2) NJRA approved events. Any contestant who is unable to compete in the Finals Rodeo and still feel he/she should receive the year's award must present reason for not competing to the Board prior to the Finals Rodeo. If reason is accepted as valid, the awards may then be presented.

Section 5:

The judge's points on bucking events will go on rider first then animal to determine the winner. If this does not break the tie, then a coin will be tossed. When possible, ties in times events will be a run off. In either case, the points will be split and a tie run off to determine who will receive the prize. (Example: 18+15 then divides by 2. There are no second place points.)

Section 6:

Finals rodeo contestants may compete only in events in which they have earned points.

Section 7:

For year-end awards, a tiebreaker to prevent duplicate all-around awards shall be determined by the most first places throughout the year. If a tie still exists, then the most second places, etc., until the tie is broken.

Section 8:

If an event is offered at only one rodeo, it will not be offered at Finals, nor will year-end awards be presented for that event (regardless of how many members have qualified.) Points will count towards year-end all-around. If an event is offered at two or more rodeos and a minimum three (3) contestants have qualified, the event will be offered at the Finals. If less than three (3) contestants qualified, it will not be offered at Finals, and points will count towards the year-end all-around.

Section 9:

Events, which shall count for points are as follows:

SENIOR BOYS

Open Team Roping
Bareback Riding
Bull Riding
Tie-Down Calf Roping
Wild Cow Milking
Chute Dogging
Bulldogging
Saddle Bronc Riding

SENIOR GIRLS

Open Team Roping
Ribbon Bulldogging
Barrel Racing
Goat or Calf Tying
Breakaway Roping
Pole Bending
Cow Riding

JUNIOR BOYS

Open Team Roping
Bareback Riding
Steer Riding
Breakaway Calf Roping
Steer Daubing
Goat or Calf Tying

JUNIOR GIRLS

Open Team Roping
Steer Daubing
Barrel Racing
Goat or Calf Tying
Breakaway Roping
Pole Bending
Steer/bull Riding

PEE WEE

Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tail Tying
Dummy Roping

BUCKAROO

California Stake Race
Goat Tail Undecorating
Dummy Roping

ARTICLE XII: CONDUCT OF RODEO

Section 1:

If less than three (3) contestants are entered in any event the management can cancel the event and return the entry fee for that event.

Section 2:

If an event was offered at only one rodeo, it will not be offered at Finals, nor will year-year awards be presented for that event (regardless of how many members have qualified.) Points will count towards the year-end all-around. If an event is offered at two or more rodeos the event will be offered at the Finals, even if only one (1) contestant has qualified.

Section 3:

If numbers are furnished by the management, contestants must wear them on the back of their shirts so as to be visible to the judges and the spectators. The penalty for not wearing numbers will be disqualification in that event.

Section 4:

NJRA members must dress "western" at all times while in the arena, at roping or bucking chutes and while competing in events. This means log sleeve shirts, sleeves rolled down, tails tucked in, long pants, western hat/helmet, and boots with a 1" heel and above the ankle. If not, there will be a penalty of disqualification in that event. Horses being ridden in events like goat tying, barrels, dogging, roping, etc., are to be saddled.

Section 5:

All contestants who have horses at NJRA rodeos are encouraged to ride in parades or grand entry if the management desires them to do so.

Section 6:

No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless he has a signed waiver releasing the management and producers from liability. The arena director should enforce this rule.

Section 7:

If the management provides satisfactory seats for the contestants, the NJRA will urge the contestants to stay out of the arena when they are not scheduled to compete.

Section 8:

The decisions of the judges, flagmen, and timers, who have been passed on by the NJRA shall be final. Pickup men, chute help, stock contractors, and announcer cannot influence the judges. This is all subject to the provisions of Article X Section 12.

Section 9:

All contestants are required to read all the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the events in which they enter. **FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND RULES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.**

Section 10:

Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should call the NJRA office for instructions if no director or representative is present.

Section 11:

No rodeo shall be responsible for the returning of a contestant's entry fees.

Section 12:

The management reserves the right to refuse the entry of any contestant who has violated the general rules, who has been dishonest in competition, or has proven undesirable in any recognized event.

Section 13:

Contestant must be on hand to answer the call of the arena director and must comply with all other rules of the management of each particular contest held under the auspices of NJRA. When, in the opinion of the arena director, sufficient numbers of contestants are present for an event, there will be no delay because others are not present.

Section 14:

Requests for withdrawal from any contest or event and return of entrance fee are up to the management of the rodeo.

Section 15:

Each contestant may have one (1) contestant and/or authorized person help him or her in the chutes.

Section 16:

Contestant must have hat/helmet on head when he or she calls for stock or run in all timed events. Failure to do so carries a five (5) second penalty, girls and boys alike.

Section 17:

Moving of stock during a performance or event should be kept to a minimum. Only required personnel will be allowed in the rodeo arena.

Section 18:

Curfew for contestants will be 1 AM or one (1) hour after the last sanctioned event in any rodeo, or whichever is later.

Section 19:

Two or more contestants within the same family may compete on the same horse. This rule applies to all age groups and all events.

ARTICLE XIII: CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION

Section 1:

The management may withdraw any contestant name and entry, disbar him or her from any and all events, and withhold any prizes due to him or her for violation of the current rule of the judges or for any of the following offenses:

- a) Refusing to contest on an animal drawn or selected for him or her.
- b) Being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. 1st offense: any contestant caught drinking at a NJRA approved rodeo will lose 50 points. 2nd Offense: any contestant caught drinking a second time at a NJRA approved rodeo will have his/her membership revoked along with all the points earned for that year.
- c) Rowdiness or quarreling on actual domain of the arena.
- d) Mistreatment of stock.
- e) Altercation of quarreling with judge or officials.
- f) Failure to give assistance when requested to do so by the arena director, or for any reason deemed sufficient by management of the rodeo.
- g) Cheating or any attempt to cheat or falsify age. This carries the penalty of loss of all points acquired up to that time and suspension for not less than one (1) year.
- h) Any attempt to trade stock or entry fee.
- i) Insisting on set-up.
- j) No contestant shall be allowed to compete while wearing a cast (digital or toe accepted).
- k) Any contestant deliberately removing hat in any manner before time is called shall be disqualified for that event.

Section 2:

If stock is turned out during a limited entry event, contestant turning out stock will not be allowed to enter that event at the next approved rodeo. It is required that somebody be put on all stock at the expense of said contestant except in the case of injury. Stock so turned out will not be brought back.

Section 3:

No contestant may be disqualified from a rodeo for a period to exceed one (1) year without the express consent of the board.

Section 4:

Contestant can be disqualified only by the agreement of the rodeo judges and the arena director. A majority decision of the three (3) will decide.

Section 5:

The NJRA President or delegate may require the management to replace anyone who is working chutes, cattle, or anywhere in the NJRA rodeo where they feel that person is not capable of doing the right kind of work.

Section 6:

Contestants are not allowed to smoke on the rodeo grounds regardless of age.

ARTICLE XIV: RODEO LIVESTOCK

Section 1:

Stock contractors may be required to have enough stock for go-around in each event. One-third (1/3) of stock per contestant, per go-round, shall be furnished by stock contractor for timed events only. At NJRA finals all bids from stock contractors must be in writing at least 2 weeks prior to finals. Written bid must include all expenses; no additional expenses may be added after bid is accepted. All sub-stock contractors must be included in this bid.

Section 2:

Any stock declared by NJRA as unsatisfactory must be replaced. Stock contractors shall have stock, as even as possible for all events.

Section 3:

If a re-ride is given an animal three (3) times in a row, the animal will automatically be declared unsatisfactory and be replaced.

Section 4:

All boys' bucking stock must be flanked.

Section 5:

All timed events stock shall be run through the event chute and through the arena prior to the start of the rodeo. Animals should be ear tagged or branded with numbers prior to the beginning of the rodeo.

Section 6:

A list of all stock contractors shall be made available to sponsoring organizations as well as judges and timers.

ARTICLE XV: JUDGES

Section 1:

Judges, timers, flagmen, clowns, pick-up man, and announcers must be men of experience. If the NJRA does not consider the men chosen by a given rodeo to have adequate experience, they will expect cooperation from the management in replacing the unsatisfactory individuals. NJRA is to maintain a list of qualified personnel.

Section 2:

Qualified flagger to start all rough stock events. Flagger can be appointed by the judge. Must be same person throughout entire rodeo.

Section 3:

NJRA Board approved judges and timers will officiate NJRA Finals and rodeos throughout the rodeo season.

Section 4:

A judge's list should be written and submitted to the NJRA for approval. The list should contain the names of people who volunteer to judge through their district representative. This list would be sent to each rodeo secretary who would contact the judges to set who is available. The names of available judges would be pulled from a hat for each rodeo, as well as, two (2) back-up alternates.

Section 5:

At all NJRA rodeo's, the judge will record all penalties on his/her own timer sheet. All

judging sheets will be turned in to the secretary of the rodeo to confirm that all penalties are recorded correctly.

ARTICLE XVI: DRAWING OF STOCK

Section 1:

All stock events must be drawn by the rodeo officials. There must always be as many as three (3) copies made of the draw, one copy will be for the secretary's records, and one for each of the judges. Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the judges' head and the numbers shaken between each number drawn. In all riding events, a complete go-round and must be drawn at one time. Stock for re-ride will be designated before go-round of stock and be posted. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice in the same event. All drawing of stock will be done at a designated time and place, to be open to all members. Time is included on rodeo entry forms.

Section 2:

Re-rides may be given in all riding events. If an animal that runs off is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant must take the animal already drawn. If the stock contractor and contestant agree, such animal may be taken immediately before or after the performance. If that is the third consecutive time the animal had run off he must be taken out of the draw and an animal drawn for the second contestant out of the re-rides. If a re-ride is given because an animal hits the rider in the chute or falls, it is to be brought back except on the last performance of the rodeo. If in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two (2) honest efforts to get out of the chute on a fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him. When a final head is to be ridden in the riding events, at least two (2) head of stock will be available for re-rides to draw in case one (1) fails. After drawn re-rides used up, all stock out that go-around, except feature animals already doubled back, will be put in hat and additional re-rides for the go-round drawn.

ARTICLE XVII: DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEE REUND

Section 1:

There will be no drawing out after position of stock is drawn unless contestant has a doctor's release.

Section 2:

If a contestant is unable to compete at a rodeo because of sickness or injury away from any rodeo, his/her entry fee will be refunded if action is approved by the rodeo committee, the judges, and the arena director.

ARTICLE XVIII: JUDGING

Section 1:

Riding events: Rider and animal to be marked separately. Mark the rider accordingly to how much spur the horse received. Mark the ride from one (1) to twenty five (25) and use the full spread. The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25) and use the full spread.

Section 2:

To qualify, the rider must have spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and touching the horse until after horse's front feet hit the ground, first jump out of the chute.

Section 3:

Contestant may pull riggings, cinch saddles, and pull ropes from either side in all riding events. Middle flank belongs to the bronc rider.

Section 4:

Barriers and scoring: A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.

Section 5:

Score line shall be clearly marked and visible.

Section 6:

Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed.

Section 7:

Animal to be flagged out when crossing, or deadline, in front of the flag judge.

Section 8:

Flag judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier to tamper with barrier equipment.

Section 9:

If contestant is fouled by any moving part of the barrier or barrier assembly, the contestant will receive a rerun providing that they qualify on their stock or they declare themselves.

If the barrier tail breaks from the barrier rope and is still in the pin assembly that will not be considered as breaking out.

If the automatic barrier doesn't work but time is recorded, contestant or team will get the time, but there will be no penalty for broken barriers. Stock will not be brought back if stock is missed.

Section 10:

If stock is drawn and automatic barrier does not work, the stock is brought back; contestants must take the same animal over during the performance or immediately after.

Section 11:

Field: In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get same stock back with lap and tap start; the time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final. If rope is on an animal, roper will get the animal back, lap and tap, with the rope on, in the chute. A field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or jump.

Once a person has been flagged out, he/she will receive no stock back.

Section 12:

Any judge failing to comply with these instructions will be declared ineligible.

ARTICLE XIX: RODEO SECRETARY AND OFFICE

Section 1:

Any member who intends to act as Secretary or Treasurer must notify NJRA of his intentions so that he/she can be sent the proper information.

Section 2:

All entry fees must be paid in advance.

Section 3:

Drawing stock and position: All roping events must be drawn for at each rodeo.

If stock is to be drawn for, all stock is to be numbered and drawn by numbers. Positions are to be drawn for in all events. If stock is not drawn, chute positions will be drawn for after chutes are loaded with stock (this is considered a chute draw for timed and rough stock). If a contestant is injured at the rodeo, he may be held back at the same rodeo until later in the go-around with consent of both judges and the stock contractor. Set-ups shall be at the discretion of the rodeo management.

Section 4:

No contestant will ride two (2) head in the same event during a performance, except for re-rides.

ARTICLE XX: POSTING MARKINGS

Section 1:

Judges shall make exact copies of each judge's book and post the copies on the bulletin board at the end of each performance. Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the rodeo secretary in the presence of the judges.

Section 2:

Contestants are privileged to see the records of all contestants in any event in which he/she partakes at the end of each go-around at a reasonable time, with secretary and judges present.

ARTICLE XXI: LOCAL RODEO ALL-AROUND'S

Section 1:

One all-around: divisions must have equal number of events.

Section 2:

Two all-around (Junior and Senior): Senior boys and senior girls must have equal number of events; and junior boys and junior girls must have an equal number of events.

Section 3:

Two all-around (Boy and Girl): senior boys and junior boys must have equal number of events; and senior girls and junior girls must have equal number of events.

Section 4:

In the event there is a tie for all-around in any division, a tiebreaker to prevent duplicate all-around awards shall be determined by the contestant with the most event placing for that particular rodeo. If a tie still exists, then the most first placing received for that particular rodeo, then the most second placing and so on (applies to finals rodeo also). If this does not break the tie the rodeo committee and judge may decide on an event to run to break the tie, that both contestants can do.

ARTICLE XXII: FINAL RODEO ALL-AROUND'S

Section 1:

Contestants must compete in at least two (2) events to qualify for all-around. All events shall count towards all-around.

Section 2:

Junior & Senior divisions may jackpot for money; the terms and conditions being entirely theirs and arranged at each rodeo. Rodeo sponsors will not be responsible for administrating senior jackpots.

Section 3:

Bids for finals rodeo will be in writing in a sealed envelope mailed to NJRA secretary no later than two (2) weeks before the rodeo. Sealed bids will be opened only at board meeting (special meeting for bid opening, if necessary).

EVENT RULES

If a rodeo is double sanctioned by the NJRA, we will follow that rodeo's ground rules. The events will be sanctioned as long as they are NJRA approved events.

Section 1

Rough Stock events:

All contestants must wear vest, helmet and mouth guard when riding rough stock.

When a tie in rough stock events you go by judges marks on contestant then animal.

Section 2

When riding in your event, you must compete and finish that event at same speed. If you go off course, you must continue at the speed and pick up and finish the pattern. Do not go back and school your horse or slow horse down.

OPEN TEAM ROPING

Open to all divisions (Sixty second time limit)

As an open event, contestants may enter only one time. Partner can be junior and/or senior, boy and/or girl. Full points to be given to each partner. When a team enters a rodeo, they must do so as a team, each one giving the secretary his/her partner's name.

In the event one roper does not have a partner they may request a draw by the judge: must draw first ropers who don't have a partner then move to ropers with partners to complete the draw in that performance. The roper drawn may compete for prizes or money but not year end points. (If partner drawn already has a partner)

Arena conditions will determine start and deadline rules; penalties for violations of these rules are matters for local determination. Each team is allowed three (3) throws total. A roper roping a steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch.

1. Each contestant will carry one rope. Header must throw first loop.
2. Roper must dally to stop or turn steer. No tie ropes allowed.
3. Steer to be roped first by head or horns or head and one horn.
4. Steer to be roped by one or both hind feet.
5. Straight time for two (2) hind leg catch. Five seconds added to time for one hind leg catch.
6. The steer's body must be turned and moving forward before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered crossfire and no time will be recorded.
7. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer, with ropes dallied tight. Horse's feet must be on ground and ropers must be mounted to be flagged. Steer must be up when roped by head and heels.
8. Steer must be kept stretched until inspected by field judge.
9. The following catches are legal: around both horns, around the neck or a half head.
10. There will be a (10sec) penalty if the header breaks the barrier.

Team Roping Contestant Disqualification

1. Roper roping steer without turning loose the loop will be considered no catch
2. Any catch by header except both horns, half-head or neck catch.
3. Allowing steer to back into heel loop.
4. Dropping rope at any time.
5. The following shall be illegal head catches: if Hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other; if loop crosses itself in a head catch; if loop is in the steer's mouth.
6. A catch declared a crossfire
7. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.
8. Illegal catches will be flagged when the ropers declare themselves by dallying, and facing. Then, the team will be flagged out for the illegal catch.
9. Handling the steer roughly at any time.
10. Exceeding the 60 second time limit.
11. Loss of rope at any time and ropers must be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.

The judge will decide any questions as to catches in this contest. Both ropers must be in the chute area at the same time, header must leave the chute first. When contestant asks for stock, gate is to be opened and stock belongs to the roper regardless of bad breaks, such as horse wheeling in barrier, horse beating an animal out of the barrier, etc.

SENIOR BOYS BULLDOGGING:

Time will stop when steer reaches the flag line, three-fourths (3/4) of the way down the arena.

Animals used will be closely inspected for broken horns or injury and those removed from competition.

Contestants must furnish their own hazer and horse. Only one hazer allowed. Hazer must be a contestant, but will receive no points. Hazer must not render any assistance while contestant is working steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping the steer. Both contestant and hazer must use the same horse they leave the chute with, and contestants will be disqualified if he attempts on any way to tamper with steer or chutes.

Steer must be caught from the horse. When contestant jumps at a steer, he accepts him as sound. If steer get loose, dogger may take no more that one step to catch a steer.

After catching steer, dogger must bring it to a stop and twist the animal down to the ground. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by the dogger putting horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four (4) feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on its side, all four (4) feet and head straight. Dogger must have one hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.

A ten second penalty will be imposed when a flag judge rules that the dogger's feet touch the ground before the flag line is crossed. If a dogger misses or loses steer, flagman must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must decide at once or will be immediately flagged out. When horn or horns of steer are considered to have been hanging in the chute, no re-run will be given. There is no penalty for breaking horn.

SENIOR BOYS MOUNTED WILD COW MILKING:

Sixty second time limit

Judges must stand at the chute to flag the start of the cow milking.

There will be allowed one milker and one helper to each team. Milker will be allowed to leave starting place lap and tap with cow. Any of the following offenses will disqualify: catching cow by the tail; milking cow when she is not on all four (4) feet; roper ties rope instead of dallying; rope is dropped by both mugger and roper before cow is milked; all ropes must be off cow before milker crosses the line (completely off and not touching cow); must be clean head catch, half head, or horn catch; milk must drop from the bottle (flag judge must count to five (5) before declaring there is no milk in the bottle); rope must be free of horse and saddle when roper comes in contact with the cow.

When a contestant asks for stock, gate is opened and stock belongs to roper regardless of bad breaks, such as horse wheeling in the chute. If a contestant knowingly get fouled and compete at stock anyway, runs are final. If stock is missed contestant gets a no time. If the cow gets out of the arena, flagman is to stop time and contestant and contestant will get the same animal lap and tap with the time he spent before the animal got out added to his total time.

SENIOR BOYS SADDLE BRONC RIDING

Eight second time limit

Riding to be done with standard halter and one rope, rein, and saddle. Contestants are permitted to use their own saddle approved by judges and management. To be approved, saddle must be double-rig with two (2) cinches, or approved by NJRA standards. Contestants can use dry resin on saddle and chaps only. Rider and animal to be judged separately. Time begins when horse breaks the chute. Horse must be scored over break shoulders (touching horse) as animal makes first jump leaving the chute. Rider to be given credit for spurring over the point of the shoulder. One arm must be free at all times. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side. If judges decide a horse has deliberately thrown himself, they may award a re-ride in the same horse or a re-ride horse at their own discretion. If saddle, halter, or rein comes off or should break during the ride, contestant may, as judge decides, be awarded a re-ride.

Animal cannot be hot-shotted until gate is completely open. Contestants will be disqualified for being bucked off; pulling leather, changing reins, wrapping rein around hand; losing stirrup; touching animal, saddle, or rein with free hand; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called.

SENIOR BOYS BAREBACK BROCK RIDING

Eight second time limit

Horse must be spurred over the break of the shoulder (touching horse) as animal makes first jump leaving the chute. Rider to be given credit for spurring over the point of the shoulder. One arm must be free at all times. Time begins when horse breaks the chute. If horse falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. Animal cannot be hot-shotted until gate is completely open. A rider may be disqualified for the following; sharpened or locked rowels; taking finger tucks; being bucked off; touching horse with free hand; and not being ready when called.

SENIOR BOYS BULL RIDING

Eight second time limit

Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. Animal cannot be hot-shotted until gate is completely open. A rider may be disqualified for the following; illegal hand hold; touching animal with free hand; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!**

SENIOR BOYS TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING

60 second time limit

The weight limit on calves should be no less than 180 pounds and no more than 250 pounds. Arena conditions will determine start and deadline, but a short score of six (6) to fifteen (15) feet is desirable and should be used under most conditions. Two (2) loops will be permitted and should the roper miss with both, he must retire and no more time be allowed. The one minute (60 seconds) time limit is to include tying. A tie completed after one minute (60 seconds) is not legal.

Roping calf without releasing loop is not permitted. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf and horse must have a neck rope. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If horse drags calf, field judge may stop horse and any penalty for such offense can be assisted by the field judge, Catch as catch can, with any catch is considered legal. The rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast. Either is permissible. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hands on calf. If calf is drug by horse over 8 feet there will be a no time.

Contestant must dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie three (3) feet. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be allowed to get up to his feet, or be able to regain his feet and not just day lighted. Tie must hold for six (6) seconds until after the judge has completed examination. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a good tie, the roper will be marked no time. Under no circumstances must roper touch calf or remove rope from calf after signaling for time until the judge has passed on the tie. If roper intends to use two (2) ropes, loops cannot be made while roping.

If calf escapes arena, flagman will stop the time. Roper will begin in chute, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding first time to the additional time required to rope and tie the calf.

At all rodeos, all fresh calves, even though there is one for every contestant shall be tied down prior to the rodeo, with judges call. All stock will be drawn. Untie man must not touch calf until judge has passed on the tie. Roper must remount and put slack in the rope before the judge begins his count.

SENIOR BOYS CHUTE DOGGING

Thirty (30) second time limit

The events will be held in the bucking chute. Time starts as the inside shoulder of the steer crosses the plain or the chute. Contestant is to have one hand on shoulder and one on the horn of the steer, when leaving chute. Contestant cannot throw steer until dogger's feet break the eight (8) foot line. Dogger must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. A legal throw is all four (4) feet and head going in the same direction, lying flat on back or side. No dog falls. If steer gets loose, contestant has only one step to come in constant contact with steer. Contestant must have hand on steer when flagged. Steer for dogging should be of equal weight and may not have been used for roping. Weight shall be between 400-600 lbs. for steers.

SENIOR GIRLS BREAKAWAY ROPING

Thirty (30) second time limit

Two loops will be allowed if two loops are carried. The rope must be attached to the saddle horn in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf hits the end of the rope. The rope shall be tied securely enough to the saddle horn with cotton or nylon type string to allow a tug by the barrier judge and not break. Barrier judge shall check all ropes to ensure they are properly tied on. He/she can ask roper to re-tie her rope. String shall be tied at the end of the rope. Ribbon or flag shall be tied at the end of the rope. Once the calf is roped, roper shall not break the rope from the horn, if this is done, the roper shall be flagged out. If the ribbon tie string is not at the end of the rope, regardless if it was first missed by the judge, rope will be disqualified. The second rope must not be broken away from the saddle horn; no loops are to be rebuilt. If rope happens to dally home, or if rope is broken free before calf hits the end of the rope, the contestant will receive a no time. The rope must be tied to the horn and may not run through the bridle, tie-down, neck rope or other devices. A twelve (12) inch brightly colored cloth or ribbon must be attached to the end of the rope, so the judges can see when the loop breaks away from the saddle, to be provided by each individual rodeo. Rope shall pass over the head, and then catch as catch can. If the cattle are horned (longer than 2 inches) it is up to the contestant to verify with the judge as to what type of catch will qualify. (i.e., horn catch).

Roper must be clear of the chute before the loop must be thrown.

If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, (such as dropping the flag when contestant has another loop), he must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena. Re-run is to be lap and tap.

SENIOR GIRLS CLOVERLEAF BARRELS

The standard cloverleaf pattern is approved by the major, junior, and professional associations throughout the nation. With more than one go-around, it is essential barrels be placed in exactly the same position for each go-around. Rope should be buried to mark each barrel. A running start should provide at least fifteen (15) yards and if arena permits, twenty (20) yards from the front barrels. Distance between the two front barrels will be thirty (30) yards and the back barrel is thirty-five (35) yards distant. Barrels must be placed at least eighteen (18) feet from any wall or fence.

Contestant may start on either the right or the left barrel but when starting on the right barrel, there will be one right turn and two left turns and vice versa when starting on the left. There will be no excess jockeying of horses after entering the arena. Contestants will be allowed one (1) 360 degree turn, continue in a forward motion onto the pattern. Contestants circling more than once will be flagged out. Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty. Not following the pattern is disqualification. Should barrel fall after contestant crosses the finish line, time hold and run be considered qualified. When arena does not permit distances required in the standard pattern, these distances may be reduced to accommodate existing ground area, provided all the contestants run the course over the same distances.

If plastic barrels are provided, they shall have five (5) gallons of water in each of them.

Barrels will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request the rodeo committee to rake barrels at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

SENIOR GIRLS GOAT OF CALF TYING

Forty-five (45) second time limit

This event may be run on a track or in an arena; it is considered a arena event rather than a track event. Goats should not be less than forty (40) pounds and not over 70 pounds and must be of equal weight, height, and build.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered forty (40) yards distance. Contestant demounts, throws the goat by hand. And crosses and ties three (3) feet. Contestants may go down the rope. If the goat or calf is down, it must be brought to it's feet and then thrown. Pigging string, leather goat thong, or rope may be used to tie. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with tether of goat/calf, whether mounted or dismounted.

When tie is fast, contestant signals to judge by throwing both hands in the air. The judge will then start the six (6) second time limit on the tie. If tie comes loose or goat gets to their feet before the tie had been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time. Goats/calves cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile. Unusual roughness in handling animals will disqualify contestant. Goats/calves must not be released until judge passes a tie.

If a contestant is missing from the performance the goat/calf will be thrown and tied without competition. The draw will continue in order.

At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats/calves must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat/calf the first contestant in each of these events will receive. All fresh goats should be run at and tied down prior to the first performance, no more that two (2) times by a capable contestant(s). Tie should remain tied for a minimum is six (6) seconds. Judge needs a stopwatch and clears six (6) seconds for each contestant. If contestant touches the goat/calf before the six seconds, it will result in disqualification. Time and place should be posted.

Goats may be tied before the first show, by contestants, all goats need to be tied equal and a judge has to okay the tying before they are tied.

SENIOR GIRLS POLE BENDING

The pole bending pattern is to run around six poles. No flags are to be used on the poles. The distance from starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet and the spacing between poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet. The poles will be placed on the ground; six (6) feet in height, with no base larger than fourteen (14) inches in diameter and no smaller than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be in a straight line. Touching poles by a contestant is permitted, but knocking a pole down is a five (5) second penalty. Penalty shall apply even if pole resets itself. Not following the pattern is a disqualification. If a horse re crosses the start line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive a no time. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the pattern accordingly. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request the rodeo committee to rake poles at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

SENIOR GIRL STEER UNDECORATING

Time stops when the steer reaches the flag line three-fourths the distance of the arena, or fifteen (15) seconds.

Event will be started by allowing the steer at least eight (8) feet of head start. Ribbon must be 1-1/2 to 2 inches wide, 18 inches long, and glued in the center so it is doubled. Two (2) inches is glued so that there is eight (8) inches free on each side. Placed between the shoulder blades, across the steer crosswise. Time stops when undecorator raises the ribbon in the air. Hazer will not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working steer. Failure to observe these rules will disqualify contestant.

Contestant and hazer must have hats on heads when stack is called for. Failure to do so will carry a five (5) second penalty.

SENIOR GIRLS COWRIDING

Eight second time limit

The stock to be a cow or heifer. Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one or two hands, and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Rope must come off when ride is completed. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. Animal cannot be hot-shotted until gate is completely open. A rider may be disqualified for the following; illegal hand hold; touching animal with free hand; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!**

JUNIOR BOYS BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

Six second time limit

Horse must be spurred over the break of the shoulder (touching horse) as animal makes first jump leaving the chute. Rider to be given credit for spurring over the point of the shoulder. One arm must be free at all times. Time begins when horse breaks the chute. If horse falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. Animal cannot be hot-shotted until gate is completely open. A rider may be disqualified for the following; sharpened or locked rowels; taking finger tucks; being bucked off; touching horse with free hand; and not being ready when called. It is recommended that the animals do not exceed 14.0 hands and a minimum of 12.0 hands. No yearlings.

JUNIOR BOYS BULL OR STEER RIDING

Six second time limit

Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Rope must come off when ride is completed. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. Animal cannot be hot-shotted until gate is completely open. A rider may be disqualified for the following; being bucked off; illegal hand hold;

Sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!** Animal should not exceed 800 pounds and a minimum of 450 pounds.

JUNIOR BOYS GOAT OR CALF TYING

Forty-five (45) second time limit

This event may be run on a track or in an arena; it is considered a arena event rather than a track event. Goats should not be less than forty (40) pounds and not over 70 pounds and must be of equal weight, height, and build.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered forty (40) yards distance. Contestant dismounts, throws the goat/calf by hand. And crosses and ties three (3) feet. Contestants may go down the rope. If the goat or calf is down, it must be brought to its feet and then thrown. Pigging string, leather goat thong, or rope may be used to tie. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with tether of goat/calf, whether mounted or dismounted.

When tie is fast, contestant signals to judge by throwing both hands in the air. The judge will then start the six (6) second time limit on the tie. If tie comes loose or goat/calf gets to their feet before the tie had been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time. Goats/calves cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile. Unusual roughness in handling animals will disqualify contestant. Goats/calves must not be released until judge passes a tie.

If a contestant is missing from a performance the goat/calf will be thrown and tied without competition. The draw will continue order.

At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat/calf may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats/calves must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat/calf the first contestant in each of these events will receive. Tie should remain tied for a minimum of six (6) seconds. Judge needs a stopwatch and clears six (6) seconds for each contestant. If contestant touches the goat before the six seconds, it will result in disqualification. Time and place should be posted.

Goats may be tied before the first show, by contestants, all goats need to be tied equal and a judge has to okay the tying before they are tied.

JUNIOR BOYS BREAKAWAY CALF ROPING

Thirty (30) second time limit

Two loops will be allowed if two loops are carried. The rope must be attached to the saddle horn in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf hits the end of the rope. The rope shall be tied securely enough to the saddle horn with cotton or nylon type string to allow a tug by the barrier judge and not break. Barrier judge shall check all ropes to ensure they are properly tied on. He/she can ask roper to re-tie her rope. String shall be tied at the end of the rope. Ribbon or flag shall be tied at the end of the rope. Once the calf is roped, roper shall not break the rope from the horn, if this is done, the roper shall be flagged out. If the ribbon tie string is not at the end of the rope, regardless if it was first missed by the judge, rope will be disqualified. The second rope must not be broken away from the saddle horn; no loops are to be rebuilt. If rope happens to dally home, or if rope is broken free before calf hits the end of the rope, the contestant will receive a no time. The rope must be tied to the horn and may not run through the bridle, tie-down, neck rope or other devises. A twelve (12) inch brightly colored cloth or ribbon must be attached to the end of the rope, so the judges can see when the loop breaks away from the saddle, to be provided by each individual rodeo. Rope shall pass over the head, and then catch as catch can. If the cattle are horned (longer than 2 inches) it is up to the contestant to verify with the judge as to what type of catch will qualify. (i.e.horn catch).

Roper must be clear of the chute before the loop must be thrown.

If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, (such as dropping the flag when contestant has another loop), he must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena. Re-run is to be lap and tap.

JUNIOR BOYS STEER DAUBING

Time stops when steer reaches the flag line 3/4 of the way down arena or fifteen (15) seconds.

Contestant may choose his own hazer as long as it is another contestant, or an adult from the approved hazer list. A circle twelve (12) inches in diameter shall be painted on side of steer, on the left shoulder and must be plainly visible. The daubing stick will be eighteen (18) inches long with tennis ball-like device on the end. The dauber and mustard furnished by management.

The event will be started by allowing the steer at least an eight (8) foot head start. Daub to be mostly in the circle. Daubing stick to be raised in the air to signify time. Judge's to verify if daub is legal.

JUNIOR GIRLS BREAKAWAY ROPING

Thirty (30) second time limit

Two loops will be allowed if two loops are carried. The rope must be attached to the saddle horn in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf hits the end of the rope. The rope shall be tied securely enough to the saddle horn with cotton or nylon type string to allow a tug by the barrier judge and not break. Barrier judge shall check all ropes to ensure they are properly tied on. He/she can ask roper to re-tie her rope. String shall be tied at the end of the rope. Ribbon or flag shall be tied at the end of the rope. Once the calf is roped, roper shall not break the rope from the horn, if this is done, the roper shall be flagged out. If the ribbon tie string is not at the end of the rope, regardless if it was first missed by the judge, rope will be disqualified. The second rope must not be broken away from the saddle horn; no loops are to be rebuilt. If rope happens to dally home, or if rope is broken free before calf hits the end of the rope, the contestant will receive a no time. The rope must be tied to the horn and may not run through the bridle, tie-down, neck rope or other devices. A twelve (12) inch brightly colored cloth or ribbon must be attached to the end of the rope, so the judges can see when the loop breaks away from the saddle, to be provided by each individual rodeo. Rope shall pass over the head, and then catch as catch can. If the cattle are horned (longer than 2 inches) it is up to the contestant to verify with the judge as to what type of catch will qualify. (i.e. horn catch).

Roper must be clear of the chute before the loop must be thrown.

If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, (such as dropping the flag when contestant has another loop), he must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena. Re-run is to be lap and tap.

JUNIOR GIRLS CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACING

The standard cloverleaf pattern is approved by the major, junior, and professional associations throughout the nation. With more than one go-around, it is essential barrels be placed in exactly the same position for each go-around. Rope should be buried to mark each barrel. A running start should provide at least fifteen (15) yards and if arena permits, twenty (20) yards from the front barrels. Distance between the two front barrels will be thirty (30) yards and the back barrel is thirty-five (35) yards distant. Barrels must be placed at least eighteen (18) feet from any wall or fence.

Contestant may start on either the right or the left barrel but when starting on the right barrel, there will be one right turn and two left turns and vice versa when starting on the left. There will be no excess jockeying of horses after entering the arena. Contestants will be allowed one (1) 360 degree turn, continue in a forward motion onto the pattern. Contestants circling more than once will be flagged out. Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty. Not following the pattern is disqualification. Should barrel fall after contestant crosses the finish line, time hold and run be considered qualified. When arena does not permit distances required in the standard pattern, these distances may be reduced to accommodate existing ground area, provided all the contestants run the course over the same distances.

If plastic barrels are provided, they shall have five (5) gallons of water in each of them.

Barrels will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request the rodeo committee to rake barrels at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

JUNIOR GIRLS POLE BENDING

The pole bending pattern is to run around six poles. No flags are to be used on the poles. The distance from starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet and the spacing between poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet. The poles will be placed on the ground; six (6) feet in height, with no base larger than fourteen (14) inches in diameter and no smaller than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be in a straight line. Touching poles by a contestant is permitted, but knocking a pole down is a five (5) second penalty. Penalty shall apply even if pole resets itself. Not following the pattern is a disqualification. If a horse re crosses the start line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive a no time. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the pattern accordingly.

Poles will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request the rodeo committee to rake poles at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

JUNIOR GIRLS STEER DAUBING

Time stops when steer reaches the flag line 3/4 of the way down arena or fifteen (15) seconds.

Contestant may choose her own hazer as long as it is another contestant, or a adult from the approved hazer list. A circle twelve (12) inches in diameter shall be painted on side of steer, on the left shoulder and must be plainly visible. The daubing stick will be eighteen (18) inches long with a tennis ball-like device on the end. The dauber and mustard furnished by management.

The event will be started by allowing the steer at least an eight (8) foot head start. Daub to be mostly in the circle. Daubing stick to be raised in the air to signify time. Judge's to verify if daub is legal.

JUNIOR GIRLS GOAT TYING

Forty-five (45) second time limit

This event may be run on a track or in a arena, it is considered a arena event rather than a track event. Goats cannot be over thirty (30) pounds and must be of equal weight, height, and build.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered forty (40) yards distance. Contestant dismounts, throws the goat by hand. And crosses and ties three (3) feet. Contestants may go down the rope. If the goat is down, it must be brought to its feet and then thrown. Pigging string, leather goat thong, or rope may be used to tie. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with tether of goat, whether mounted or dismounted.

When tie is fast, contestant signals to judge by throwing both hands in the air. The judge will then start the six (6) second time limit on the tie. If tie comes loose or goat/calf gets to their feet before the tie had been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time. Goats cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile. Unusual roughness in handling animals will disqualify contestant. Goats must not be released until judge passes a tie.

If a contestant is missing from a performance the goat/calf will be thrown and tied without competition. The draw will continue in order.

At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat the first contestant in each of these events will receive. Tie should remain tied for a minimum of six (6) seconds. Judge needs a stopwatch and clears six (6) seconds for each contestant. If contestant touches the goat before the six seconds, it will result in disqualification. Time and place should be posted.

Goats may be tied before the first show, by contestants, all goats need to be tied equal and a judge has to okay the tying before they are tied.

JUNIOR GIRLS STEER RIDING

Six second time limit

Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Rope must come off when ride is completed. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. Animal cannot be hot-shotted until gate is completely open. A rider may be disqualified for the following; being bucked off; illegal hand hold;

Sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!** Animal should not exceed 800 pounds and a minimum of 450 pounds.

PEEWEE CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACING

Time limit is sixty (60) seconds plus a ten (10) second penalty for being lead through any part of the course

The standard cloverleaf pattern is approved by the major, junior, and professional associations throughout the nation. With more than one go-around, it is essential barrels be placed in exactly the same position for each go-around. Rope should be buried to mark each barrel. A running start should provide at least fifteen (15) yards and if arena permits, twenty (20) yards from the front barrels. Distance between the two front barrels will be thirty (30) yards and the back barrel is thirty-five (35) yards distant. Barrels must be placed at least eighteen (18) feet from any wall or fence.

Contestant may start on either the right or the left barrel but when starting on the right barrel, there will be one right turn and two left turns and vice versa when starting on the left. There will be no excess jockeying of horses after entering the arena. Contestants will be allowed one (1) 360 degree turn, continue in a forward motion onto the pattern. Contestants circling more than once will be flagged out. Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty. Not following the pattern is disqualification. Should barrel fall after contestant crosses the finish line, time hold and run be considered qualified. When arena does not permit distances required in the standard pattern, these distances may be reduced to accommodate existing ground area, provided all the contestants run the course over the same distances.

If plastic barrels are provided, they shall have five (5) gallons of water in each of them.

Barrels will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request the rodeo committee to rake barrels at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

PEEWEE GOAT TAIL TYING

Sixty (60) second time limit, plus a ten (10) second penalty for being led to the goat or any assistance to contestant

This event may be run on a track or in a arena, it is considered a arena event rather than a track event. Goats are encouraged to be small, but not required, and must be of equal weight, height, and build.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered forty (40) yards distance. At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat the first contestant in each of these events will receive.

All fresh goats should be run at and tied prior to the first performance, no more that two (2) times by a capable contestant(s).

Time is stopped when contestant signals to judge by throwing hands in the air. If the contestant signals for time and does not have goats tail tied they will receive a no time.

Goats will be turned loose after rider passes start line.

Ribbon will be furnished by rodeo committee, all of equal lengths of twelve (12) inches in length. Ribbon can not be pre-tied.

Goat must be standing when contestant crosses start line. Goat need not be standing when tail is tied.

PEEWEE POLE BENDING

A ten (10) second penalty for being lead through any part of course

The pole bending pattern is to run around six poles. No flags are to be used on the poles. The distance from starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet and the spacing between poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet. The poles will be placed on the ground; six (6) feet in height, with no base larger than fourteen (14) inches in diameter and no smaller than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be in a straight line. Touching poles by a contestant is permitted, but knocking a pole down is a five (5) second penalty. Penalty shall apply even if pole resets itself. Not following the pattern is a disqualification. If a horse re-crosses the start line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive a no time. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the pattern accordingly. Poles will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee to rake poles at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

CALIFORNIA STAKE RACE

Two minute time limit

The distance from the start line to the pole shall be sixty (60) feet. The pole will be placed on the ground six (6) feet in height, with no base larger than fourteen (14) inches in diameter and no smaller than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be in a straight line. Touching poles by a contestant is permitted, but knocking a pole down is a five (5) second penalty. Penalty shall apply even if pole resets itself. Not following the pattern is a disqualification. If a horse re-crosses the start line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and the run will receive a no time.

A ten (10) second penalty for being lead through any part of course.

Raking ground is up to the discretion of each rodeo committee.

BUCKAROO GOAT TAIL UNDECORATING

Sixty (60) second time limit, plus a ten (10) second penalty for being led to the goat or any assistance to contestant

This event may be run on a track or in a arena, it is considered a arena event rather than a track event. Goats are encouraged to be small, but not required, and must be of equal weight, height, and build.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered forty (40) yards distance. At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat the first contestant in each of these events will receive.

All contestants will have their goat held at the collar while the ribbon is being untied from the goat.

Time is stopped when contestant signals to judge by throwing hands in the air. If the contestant signals for time and does not have goats tail untied they will receive a no time.

Ribbon will be furnished by rodeo committee, all of equal lengths of twelve (12) inches in length.

Goat must be standing when contestant crosses start line.

RULES FOR DUMMY ROPING

Legal head catches:

Slick horns	2 points
Neck	1 point
1/2 Head	1 point

Rope must be pulled tight on steer head. There will be a 15 second time limit for any "fishing".

No full body catches- the steer can run through your loop- no fishing it after it's on the ground.

Must rope from behind the line. If you step on or over the line, it will be a warning, but will points be awarded for legal catch. If a second offense occurs it is considered a miss, even it is a legal catch.

The dummy should be available for ropers to practice on at least two events or 1/2 hour prior to the dummy roping.

The line is made six (6) feet from the front of the bale of hay for the first TWO rounds.

Each round thereafter the line is moved ONE foot back.

The contestants line up in their drawn order and throw one loop at a time. While waiting in line to rope, the ropers should be getting their loop ready.

The roper keeps roping and moving back until he/she has two (2) misses.

Placings are established first by DISTANCE, then by POINTS. Ties are taken care of just as they are for other events.

PEEWEE DIVISION

Peewee division is for members six (6) to eight (8) years old, boys and girls combined. Points for year-end awards can be earned in the following sanctioned events: Barrel racing, Goat tail tying, Pole bending and Dummy roping.

Peewee members become eligible for finals by meeting the same requirements as other divisions as stated in Article XI, section 6.

The value of the awards will depend on the overall fees collected for this division and are not required to be equal to the awards provided for other divisions.

BUCKAROO DIVISION

Buckaroo division is for members five (5) years and under, boys and girls combined. The events for buckaroo's are California Stake race, Goat Tail Undecorating, and Dummy roping.

The value of the awards will depend on the overall fees collected for this division and are not required to be equal to the awards provided for other divisions. The awards will be handled at the discretion of the awards committee.

For Buckaroo's class: a gate judge may rule that the contestant be lead through, due to lack of control of the horse or face disqualification. Safety is of the utmost importance. Safety helmets may worn (and are encouraged) in lieu of western hat.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

1. Every rule that is not in this book has been deleted.
2. If a dispute arises regarding the interpretation of any of these rules, the Board shall determine the correct interpretation. The decision of the Board of Directors interpreting any of these rules shall be final and not subject to appeal.
3. If any of these rules is found to be invalid as a matter of law, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining rules.