



OF NORTH TEXAS

Official Rulebook

"Building Champions In and Out of the Arena"

Official Rodeo Rulebook

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- This rulebook contains the official rules, regulations, membership requirements, contest procedures, and policies governing the Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas (KJRA) for the 2026–2027 rodeo season.
- All members, contestants, parents, guardians, volunteers, and spectators are expected to read and abide by these rules. Participation in any KJRA event constitutes acceptance of these rules and any decisions made by the KJRA Board of Directors.
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Supersedes all previous editions and amendments. This handbook incorporates all approved revisions through the start of the 2026–2027 rodeo season, including the revisions reflected in the amended rulebook and your marked-up revision document.

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Welcome to KJRA

Welcome to the Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas! KJRA is dedicated to providing a safe, family-oriented environment where youth can compete, grow in sportsmanship, and preserve the western way of life. We encourage every contestant and family to read this rulebook carefully and wish everyone a successful rodeo season.

KJRA Pres. Tallaney Nilson

KJRA Vice Pres. Stephanie Hutchison



Quick Reference Guide

- Membership

Membership must be completed before points can be earned.

Required documents:

Completed Membership Application

Minor's Release

Copy of Birth Certificate

Membership Fees

Members must remain in good standing throughout the season.

Members with unpaid balances or unresolved disciplinary actions are not eligible until those matters are resolved. This reflects the proposed revision noted in your markup.

- Entries

Entries close each Monday before the rodeo.

A late fee applies after the entry deadline.

Entry cutoff each rodeo weekend is 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Turnouts must be completed by the published turnout deadline.

Turnouts are final and may not be reversed after submission, consistent with your revision notes.

Slack will be offered both Saturday and Sunday.

- Volunteer Requirement

Each family is expected to complete the required volunteer assignment during each rodeo.

Failure to satisfy the volunteer requirement may result in:

Loss of points for that rodeo

Payment of the applicable volunteer buyout fee (when offered)

Other actions as determined by the Board

Volunteer opportunities will be posted before each rodeo.

- Finals Eligibility

To compete at the KJRA Finals, contestants must:

Be a current member in good standing.

Meet the minimum rodeo attendance requirement.

Meet volunteer requirements.

Meet sponsorship requirements, if applicable.

Pay all required fees by published deadlines.

Medical and veterinary exceptions will be handled according to KJRA rules.

Quick Reference Guide Cont.

- Sponsorship Program

Each contestant must satisfy the annual sponsorship requirement to be eligible for Finals and Year-End Awards, as adopted by the Board.

The contestant selling the highest dollar amount in sponsorships will receive a Finals entry award as outlined in the official rules. This reflects the handwritten revision changing the previous wording.

- Dress Code

- **Regular Rodeos**

Long-sleeve western shirt

Long pants

Western boots

- **KJRA Finals**

Long-sleeve collared western shirt

Long pants

Western boots

Western hat (required when beginning an event)

Failure to comply with the dress code may result in disqualification where applicable.

- Important Reminders

✓ Read the complete rulebook before competing.

✓ Contestants are responsible for knowing current rules.

✓ Parents are responsible for helping younger contestants comply with all requirements.

✓ Board interpretations and decisions are final when a situation is not specifically covered by the rulebook.

- Need Help?

Questions regarding entries, membership, rules, sponsorships, or events should be directed to the appropriate KJRA Board Member or Event Director before competition begins.

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ARTICLE I — ADMINISTRATION

Section 1.01 — Purpose of the Association

The Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas (KJRA) is organized to promote the sport of rodeo while providing a safe, positive, and family-oriented environment where youth contestants can develop their skills, character, and leadership abilities.

KJRA is dedicated to preserving the traditions and values of the western way of life by encouraging honesty, integrity, responsibility, good sportsmanship, and respect for fellow contestants, livestock, volunteers, officials, and spectators.

The Association exists to provide fair competition for contestants of all ages while emphasizing personal growth, education, and community involvement. Through rodeo participation, KJRA strives to prepare young people for success both inside and outside the arena. This expands on the purpose reflected in the existing rulebook while preserving its intent.

Section 1.02 — Objectives

The objectives of KJRA are to:

Promote youth rodeo throughout North Texas.

Provide safe, organized, and fair rodeo competitions.

Encourage sportsmanship, honesty, and integrity.

Foster leadership, responsibility, and respect among youth.

Preserve the traditions of the western lifestyle and agriculture.

Encourage family participation and volunteerism.

Provide educational opportunities through rodeo and horsemanship.

Recognize achievement through awards, scholarships, and year-end recognition programs when available.

Section 1.03 — Business Year

The official KJRA business year shall begin on August 1 and conclude on July 31, unless otherwise established by the Board of Directors.

The rodeo season, membership period, officer terms, and financial reporting shall follow the official business year as approved by the Board.

Section 1.04 — Nonprofit Status

The Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas operates as a nonprofit organization for the benefit of its members and the advancement of youth rodeo.

All funds received by the Association shall be used to support the operation of KJRA, including but not limited to rodeo production, awards, scholarships, equipment, facility expenses, livestock, insurance, administrative costs, and other programs approved by the Board of Directors.

No individual member, officer, or director shall receive financial benefit from Association funds except for reimbursement of authorized expenses or compensation approved by the Board in accordance with applicable laws and Association policies.

Section 1.05 — Authority of the Board of Directors

The KJRA Board of Directors shall govern the affairs of the Association.

The Board is responsible for:

Establishing and enforcing Association rules.

Interpreting rules when questions arise.

Approving the annual schedule and event locations.

Managing the Association's finances and budget.

Approving contracts and expenditures.

Appointing committees and event directors as needed.

Resolving disputes, protests, and disciplinary matters.

Making decisions in situations not specifically addressed by this rulebook.

Unless otherwise provided in this rulebook, decisions of the Board of Directors are final.

Official Interpretation

The KJRA Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, suspend, or clarify any rule when circumstances arise that are not specifically addressed in this rulebook. Any approved amendments shall become effective on the date established by the Board and will be communicated to the membership.

Administrative Notice

Participation in any KJRA-sponsored event constitutes acknowledgment and acceptance of the rules, policies, and decisions of the Association as published in this rulebook and any officially approved amendments during the season.

Section 1.06 — Officers of the Association

The elected officers of the Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas shall consist of:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Additional officer positions may be created or eliminated by action of the Board of Directors as the needs of the Association require.

Officers shall perform the duties assigned to their office by this rulebook and any additional responsibilities approved by the Board.

Section 1.07 — Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall serve as the governing body of KJRA and shall be responsible for conducting the business of the Association.

The Board shall consist of the elected officers and board members approved in accordance with the Association's bylaws.

Board members are expected to:

Attend scheduled board meetings.

Act in the best interest of the Association and its membership.

Support and enforce KJRA rules and policies.

Conduct themselves professionally and respectfully.

Assist with the planning and operation of KJRA events.

Section 1.08 — Duties of Officers

President

The President shall:

- Preside over all membership and Board meetings.
- Serve as the chief executive officer of the Association.
- Enforce the Constitution, Bylaws, and Official Rulebook.
- Appoint committees, event directors, and other positions as approved by the Board.
- Represent KJRA in official business matters.
- Vote only when necessary to break a tie unless otherwise provided by the bylaws.

Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- Assist with the administration of Association business.
- Coordinate projects as assigned by the President or Board.
- Perform additional duties as directed by the Board.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings.
- Maintain official Association records.
- Handle official correspondence when directed.
- Maintain membership records as assigned.
- Preserve copies of amendments, policies, and official notices.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Maintain accurate financial records.
- Receive and deposit Association funds.
- Pay authorized expenses.
- Present financial reports to the Board.
- Assist in preparing the annual operating budget.
- Ensure financial records are available for review when requested by the Board.

Section 1.09 — Vacancies

Should an officer or board member resign, become unable to serve, or otherwise leave office before the expiration of their term, the vacancy shall be filled according to the Association's bylaws and Board procedures.

The appointed individual shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term unless otherwise determined by the Board.

Section 1.10 — Committees

The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, may establish committees as needed to conduct Association business.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

Event Directors

Awards Committee

Sponsorship Committee

Scholarship Committee

Committee members serve at the direction of the Board and may include both board members and Association volunteers.

Administrative Policy

All officers, directors, committee members, volunteers, and event personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, courteous, and respectful manner while representing KJRA. Their actions should reflect the mission and values of the Association and promote a positive experience for members and guests.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.01 — Eligibility for Membership

Membership in the Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas (KJRA) is open to eligible youth contestants who meet the age requirements established by the Association and agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Official Rulebook, and policies adopted by the Board of Directors. Membership is a privilege and may be denied, suspended, or revoked by the Board of Directors for failure to comply with Association rules or standards of conduct. This section is based on the membership provisions in the current rulebook and incorporates your revision document where applicable.

Section 2.02 — Membership Requirements

Before competing for points, each contestant must submit:

A completed KJRA Membership Application.

A signed Liability Release and Waiver.

A copy of the contestant's birth certificate (Age of August 1, 2026).

All required membership fees.

Any additional forms required by the Association.

No contestant shall receive season points until all membership requirements have been satisfied.

Section 2.03 — Membership Fees

Annual membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors before the start of each rodeo season.

Membership fees are:

\$125 Individual Membership

\$200 Family (Immediate) Membership

Non-refundable.

Non-transferable.

Valid only for the current rodeo season.

Additional event fees, office charges, late fees, sponsorship obligations, and other assessments are separate from the annual membership fee unless otherwise stated by the Board.

Section 2.04 — Member Responsibilities

Each member is responsible for:

Knowing and following all KJRA rules.

Demonstrating good sportsmanship at all times.

Treating livestock humanely.

Showing respect toward judges, timers, arena personnel, volunteers, board members, fellow contestants, sponsors, and spectators.

Keeping membership information current.

Paying all fees and balances owed to the Association.

Completing required volunteer obligations.

Following arena safety rules.

Parents and guardians are expected to assist younger contestants in meeting these responsibilities.

Section 2.05 — Good Standing

A member shall be considered in good standing when:

Membership requirements have been completed.

Membership fees have been paid.

All outstanding balances owed to KJRA have been satisfied.

Volunteer requirements have been fulfilled, when applicable.

The member is not under disciplinary suspension.

All Board-imposed requirements have been met.

Only members in good standing may:

Earn season points.

Qualify for Finals.

Receive year-end awards.

Vote, if otherwise eligible under the bylaws.

Participate in Association activities requiring good standing.

Section 2.06 — Membership Discipline

The Board of Directors reserves the right to suspend, revoke, or deny membership when a contestant or family:

Violates Association rules.

Displays unsportsmanlike conduct.

Fails to meet financial obligations.

Provides false or misleading information.

Refuses to comply with Board decisions.

Engages in conduct detrimental to KJRA.

Before disciplinary action becomes final, the Board may review the circumstances and provide the member or parent/guardian an opportunity to be heard, unless immediate action is necessary for the safety or integrity of the Association.

Membership Reminder

Membership in KJRA is more than the payment of dues—it represents a commitment to uphold the values of honesty, sportsmanship, respect, responsibility, and western heritage. Every member and family contributes to the success of the Association.

✓ Member Checklist

Membership Application

Birth Certificate

Liability Waiver

Membership Fee Paid

Volunteer Information Reviewed

Read the Rulebook

Enter First Rodeo

Section 2.07 — Age Divisions

A contestant's age division shall be determined according to the official KJRA age date established by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season.

Contestants shall compete only in the age division for which they are eligible unless otherwise permitted by KJRA rules.

Age divisions for the 2026–2027 season are:

- 4 & Under
- 6 & Under
- 10 & Under
- 11–14
- 15–19
- Open Events

Specific event eligibility and age restrictions are found in Article IX – Age Divisions.

Section 2.08 — Membership Records

Members are responsible for notifying the Association of any changes to:

- Mailing address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Emergency contact information
- Legal name changes
- Other information required by KJRA

Failure to maintain current information shall not excuse a member from complying with deadlines or official notices.

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- Other information required by KJRA

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Section 2.9 — Parent or Legal Guardian Responsibility

Because many KJRA contestants are minors, parents or legal guardians play an important role in the success of the Association.

Parents and guardians are expected to:

- Ensure contestants comply with Association rules.
- Supervise younger contestants during events.
- Maintain appropriate conduct at all KJRA functions.
- Complete volunteer assignments when required.
- Pay all required fees by published deadlines.
- Support judges, volunteers, stock contractors, and arena personnel through respectful conduct.

The conduct of parents, guardians, or immediate family members may be considered when determining disciplinary action involving a contestant.

Section 2.10 — Code of Conduct

All members and their families are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on KJRA.

The following behaviors are prohibited:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Harassment, intimidation, or bullying.
- Profanity directed toward officials, volunteers, contestants, or spectators.
- Threatening behavior.
- Physical altercations.
- Abuse or mistreatment of livestock.
- Destruction of property.
- Conduct that brings discredit upon KJRA.

Violations may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, loss of points, suspension, or removal from Association activities as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.11 — Acceptance of Membership

By submitting a membership application and participating in KJRA events, each contestant and parent or legal guardian acknowledges that they:

Have read and understand the Official Rulebook.

Agree to abide by all Association rules and policies.

Accept the authority of the KJRA Board of Directors.

Agree to follow future rule amendments approved during the season.

Understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Participation in any KJRA-sponsored event constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

Member Promise

As a member of KJRA, I will compete with honesty, integrity, and respect. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, care for my horse and livestock, support my fellow contestants, and represent the western way of life with pride both inside and outside the arena.

ARTICLE III — GENERAL RULES

Section 3.01 — General Rules

These rules govern all KJRA-sanctioned rodeos, jackpot events, finals, and Association-sponsored activities. Every contestant, parent, guardian, volunteer, and spectator is expected to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes fairness, safety, sportsmanship, and respect for the western way of life.

Participation in any KJRA event constitutes acceptance of these rules and all decisions made by the KJRA Board of Directors.

Section 3.02 — Responsibility of Contestants

Each contestant is responsible for:

Knowing and following all KJRA rules.

Reporting to their event(s) on time.

Being prepared to compete when called.

Maintaining proper western attire throughout competition.

Exhibiting good sportsmanship at all times.

Treating horses and livestock in a humane manner.

Respecting judges, timers, arena personnel, volunteers, fellow contestants, and spectators.

Failure to comply with these responsibilities may result in penalties or disciplinary action.

Section 3.03 — Responsibility of Parents and Guardians

Parents and guardians are expected to support the mission of KJRA by:

Supervising minor contestants.

Encouraging good sportsmanship.

Respecting judges and event officials.

Completing volunteer assignments when required.

Helping maintain a safe and positive environment.

Parents and guardians should remember that KJRA exists for the benefit of the youth contestants.

Section 3.04 — Authority of Event Officials

Judges, timers, arena directors, gate personnel, and other event officials are responsible for conducting each event according to KJRA rules.

Contestants shall follow the instructions of event officials while competing.

Unsportsmanlike conduct toward any official may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.05 — Board Interpretation

Section 3.07 — Sportsmanship

KJRA is committed to promoting good sportsmanship and positive competition. Contestants, parents, guardians, coaches, volunteers, officials, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner at all KJRA events.

Every participant represents not only themselves, but also their family and the Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas.

Good sportsmanship includes, but is not limited to:

- Respecting judges' decisions.
- Congratulating fellow contestants.
- Encouraging younger competitors.
- Demonstrating honesty and integrity.
- Winning and losing with dignity.
- Showing respect for livestock and equipment.

Section 3.08 — Unsportsmanlike Conduct

The following actions are considered unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in disciplinary action:

- Arguing with judges, timers, or event officials.
- Using abusive, threatening, or profane language.
- Harassing contestants, volunteers, sponsors, or spectators.
- Intentionally delaying an event.
- Creating unnecessary disruption in the arena or warm-up areas.
- Damaging Association, arena, or private property.
- Any conduct that reflects negatively on KJRA.

Depending on the severity of the offense, disciplinary action may include:

- Verbal warning.
- Removal from an event.
- Loss of points.
- Disqualification.
- Suspension of membership.
- Additional action as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.09 — Humane Treatment of Animals

The welfare of horses and livestock is a priority at every KJRA event. Contestants shall handle all animals in a humane and responsible manner. Abuse, neglect, or unnecessary roughness toward any animal is strictly prohibited.

Any contestant observed mistreating livestock or horses may be subject to immediate disciplinary action, including disqualification or suspension, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.10 — Alcohol, Tobacco, and Controlled Substances

The possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances without a valid prescription is prohibited by contestants during any KJRA event.

The use of tobacco products, vaping devices, or similar products by youth contestants while participating in KJRA activities is prohibited.

Adults are expected to comply with all facility rules and applicable laws regarding these products.

Section 3.11 — Arena Courtesy

To ensure the safety of everyone involved:

- Contestants should be prepared when their event is called.
- Only authorized individuals may enter restricted arena areas.
- Horses should be controlled at all times.
- Riders shall exercise caution in warm-up areas.
- Arena gates shall remain clear unless instructed otherwise by arena personnel.
- Contestants should exit the arena promptly following completion of their run unless otherwise directed.

Section 3.12 — Rule Violations

Any person violating KJRA rules may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

Penalties shall be based on the severity of the violation and may include warnings, fines (if authorized), loss of points, disqualification, suspension, or removal from KJRA events.

The Board reserves the right to investigate any reported violation and render a final decision.

KJRA Core Principle

Respect the Arena. Respect the Livestock. Respect Each Other.

Every member shares the responsibility of maintaining a safe, fair, and enjoyable rodeo environment.

ARTICLE IV — ENTRIES, TURNOUTS & VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Section 4.01 — Rodeo Entries

All entries must be submitted using the official entry system designated by KJRA.

Entries shall open and close on dates established by the Board of Directors. Entry deadlines will be published through official KJRA communication channels.

It is the responsibility of each contestant or parent/guardian to verify that entries have been submitted correctly before the published deadline.

Failure to enter by the deadline may result in the contestant being placed on the late entry list or being ineligible to compete, as provided by KJRA rules.

Section 4.02 — Entry Deadline

Regular entries close at the time and date established by the Board of Directors.

Late entries may be accepted only when permitted by KJRA and shall be subject to the published late fee. Once the draw has been completed, no additional entries will be accepted unless specifically authorized by the Board.

Section 4.03 — Late Entries

Contestants entering after the official deadline shall:

Pay the established late fee.

\$30 Late fee

\$50 late fee is added to entry after Call-ins

Be placed in the draw according to KJRA procedures.

Receive no special consideration regarding draw position.

Late entries are accepted only if space and event procedures allow.

Section 4.04 — Contestant Responsibility

Each contestant is responsible for:

Entering the correct events.

Entering the correct age division.

Reviewing the draw before competition.

Reporting any entry errors immediately.

Failure to verify entry information does not guarantee corrections after the draw has been finalized.

Section 4.05 — Entry Errors

Errors discovered before the draw is finalized should be reported to the Rodeo Secretary immediately.

Once the draw has been posted, corrections will only be made when permitted under KJRA rules or approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.06 — Returned Payments

Any check, electronic payment, or other payment returned for insufficient funds or otherwise declined shall be subject to the Association's returned payment policy.

A contestant with an outstanding balance may become ineligible to compete or earn points until the balance and any applicable fees have been paid in full.

Important Reminder

Entering a rodeo is the contestant's responsibility. Always verify your entries before the deadline.

ARTICLE IV — ENTRIES, TURNOUTS & VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS (Continue)

Section 4.07 — Turnouts

A turnout is the cancellation of a contestant's entry after entering a rodeo.

Contestants who are unable to compete are expected to notify the Rodeo Secretary by the published turnout deadline using the method approved by KJRA.

Failure to properly turn out may result in the contestant remaining responsible for entry fees and any applicable penalties as outlined in this rulebook. Turnout procedures shall follow the current KJRA policy and any Board-approved revisions.

Section 4.08 — Turnout Deadline

Official turnout deadlines shall be established and published by the Board of Directors before each rodeo.

Turnouts received after the published deadline shall be considered late unless approved by the Board under an allowable exception.

Section 4.09 — Medical and Veterinary Exceptions

A contestant requesting relief from turnout penalties due to illness, injury, or a horse injury may be required to provide documentation acceptable to the Board of Directors.

Documentation may include:

Physician's statement

Veterinarian's statement

Other documentation approved by the Board

The Board reserves the right to approve or deny any request based upon the information provided.

Section 4.10 — Entry Fees Following a Turnout

Unless otherwise approved under an official exception, contestants remain responsible for all applicable entry fees, office fees, stock charges, and other published fees after the turnout deadline.

Any refunds shall be issued only in accordance with KJRA policy.

Section 4.11 — No Shows

Contestants who fail to appear for their event without properly turning out may be considered a No Show.

A No Show may result in one or more of the following:

Loss of entry fees

Loss of points for that rodeo

Ineligibility for refunds

Additional disciplinary action if deemed necessary by the Board

Section 4.12 — Draw Changes

After the draw has been finalized:

Contestants may not change positions within the draw.

Event changes will not be permitted except as specifically allowed by KJRA rules.

The Board may authorize adjustments when necessary because of administrative error, contestant safety, livestock welfare, or circumstances beyond the Association's control.

Turnout Reminder

If you cannot attend a rodeo, notify the Rodeo Secretary as soon as possible. Timely communication helps the Association, stock contractors, volunteers, and fellow contestants.

Situation What You Should Do

Unable to attend > Submit a turnout before the published deadline.

Horse injured > Notify the Rodeo Secretary and provide veterinary documentation if required.

Contestant ill or injured > Notify the Rodeo Secretary and provide medical documentation if requested.

Missed your event without notice> You may be considered a No Show and subject to applicable fees or penalties.

ARTICLE V — VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Section 5.01 — Volunteer Program

The success of the Kids Junior Rodeo Association of North Texas depends on the participation and support of its member families. To help provide a safe, efficient, and enjoyable rodeo experience, each member family is expected to participate in the KJRA Volunteer Program. Volunteer assignments are an important part of membership and help ensure that rodeos operate smoothly while keeping costs affordable for all members. This article reflects the volunteer requirements in the current rulebook and incorporates your revision notes where applicable.

Section 5.02 — Volunteer Requirement

Each member family shall complete the required volunteer assignment(s) as determined by the Board of Directors.

Volunteer assignments may include, but are not limited to:

Arena Gate
Chute Help
Barrel Setting
Pole Setting
Goat Holding
Ribbon Handling
Arena Cleanup
Leadline

Other duties assigned by the Board

Volunteer assignments may vary depending on the needs of each rodeo.

Section 5.03 — Assignment of Volunteer Duties

Volunteer schedules shall be prepared by the designated Board Member before each rodeo.

Families are responsible for:

Signing up

Reviewing the posted volunteer schedule.

Reporting to their assigned location on time.

Completing the assigned duty unless excused by the designated Board Member.

If a conflict exists, families should notify the designated Board Member before the start of the rodeo.

Section 5.04 — Substitute Volunteers

If a family is unable to fulfill its assigned volunteer duty, it is the responsibility of that family to arrange for an acceptable substitute, subject to approval by the Board.

The original assigned family remains responsible until the substitute has been approved.

Section 5.05 — Failure to Volunteer

Failure to complete a required volunteer assignment may result in one or more of the following:

Loss of points for that rodeo.

Loss of eligibility for year-end awards or Finals, if required by KJRA policy.

Assessment of an approved volunteer buyout fee, when applicable.

Other action as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.06 — Volunteer Expectations

Volunteers are expected to:

Arrive on time.

Perform assigned duties to the best of their ability.

Treat contestants, officials, and spectators with courtesy and respect.

Follow the directions of event directors and Board Members.

Maintain a safe environment for all participants.

Volunteer Reminder

Every family plays an important role in the success of KJRA. By volunteering, you help create a safe, organized, and enjoyable rodeo experience for every contestant.

Volunteer Check-In

Before each rodeo:

- ☐ Check the volunteer schedule.
- ☐ Know your assigned duty.
- ☐ Arrive at your station on time.
- ☐ Stay until your assignment is complete or you are released by the Event Director.
- ☐ Ask questions if you are unsure about your responsibilities.

ARTICLE VI — POINTS & AWARDS

Section 6.01 — Purpose of the Point System

The KJRA point system is designed to recognize consistent participation and performance throughout the rodeo season.

Points earned during the regular season determine qualification for year-end awards, Finals eligibility (where applicable), and All-Around standings.

Only current members in good standing are eligible to earn season points. Contestants must compete in the appropriate age division and event to receive points.

Section 6.02 — Awarding Points

Points shall be awarded in each sanctioned event based on the contestant's official placing.

If an event does not have enough contestants to fill all point-paying positions, only the places earned shall receive points.

No points shall be awarded for contestants who receive a No Time (NT), No Score (NS), Disqualification (DQ), or who fail to compete, unless otherwise provided by KJRA rules.

Section 6.03 — Official Point Schedule

Unless amended by the Board of Directors, points shall be awarded as follows:

Place	Points
1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

Section 6.04 — Earning Points

Contestants earn points only in:

The event entered.

The age division entered.

Rodeos officially sanctioned by KJRA.

Points earned in one age division or event may not be transferred to another event or division unless specifically authorized by KJRA rules.

Section 6.05 — Point Corrections

Contestants are responsible for reviewing posted results and point standings.

Any questions concerning points should be reported to the Rodeo Secretary or designated Board Member within the timeframe established by the Board.

Once point standings become official, corrections will be made only in cases of verified clerical or calculation errors.

Section 6.06 — Official Results

The results announced by judges, timers, and the rodeo office shall be considered unofficial until verified.

Official standings shall be posted after verification of times, scores, and placings.

Any protest concerning results must follow the protest procedures outlined in Article XI – Protests.

Points Reminder

Every rodeo matters. Consistent participation throughout the season is just as important as winning individual events.

Section 6.07 — Tied Placings

When two or more contestants tie in an event, points and payouts shall be awarded in accordance with the official KJRA event rules.

If a tie cannot be broken by the event rules, the contestants shall split the points and/or payout applicable to the tied positions unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.

Example:

If two contestants tie for 2nd Place:

Both contestants receive the points assigned to 2nd Place.

The next contestant shall receive the next applicable placing in accordance with KJRA policy.

Section 6.08 — Season Point Standings

Season point standings shall be maintained by the Rodeo Secretary or another Board-appointed official.

Updated standings should be made available to members throughout the season using the Association's official communication channels.

Contestants are encouraged to review their standings regularly and report any clerical errors within the timeframe established by KJRA.

PAYOUT BY RODEO:

Payoff for all age groups will be based on the number of contestants

Event	Entry Fee	Stock Charge	75% Payout	KJRA
Breakaway Roping	\$70	\$25	\$33.75	\$11.25
Ribbon Roping	\$70	\$25	\$33.75	\$11.25
Double Mugging	\$70	\$25	\$33.75	\$11.25
Calf Roping	\$70	\$25	\$33.75	\$11.25
Team Roping – Header	\$75	\$35	\$30.00	\$10.00
Team Roping – Heeler	\$75	\$35	\$30.00	\$10.00
Chute Dogging	\$75	\$35	\$30.00	\$10.00
Goat Tying	\$50	\$11	\$29.25	\$9.75

a.) Payout will be paid with checks.

20. Pay out, charges and fees.

a.) There will be an office charge of \$25 per contestant per rodeo for both members and non members.

b.) Late Fees are \$15.00 per family per rodeo if turned in before Call-in Monday- \$50 Late Fee per family after Call-in Mondays Excluding the Open Events. There will be no late fee assessed for Open Events.

Section 6.09 — All-Around Awards

The All-Around Championship recognizes contestants who demonstrate excellence across multiple (2 or more) events throughout the rodeo season.

All-Around points shall be calculated using the contestant's accumulated season points.

The contestant with the highest qualifying point total shall be declared the All-Around Champion for that division.

6 & Under Girls/Boys All- Around Saddle will be presented to the contestant with the highest qualifying points combined.

Specific calculations or event limitations adopted by the Board shall govern All-Around standings.

ARTICLE VI — POINTS & AWARDS (Continued)

Section 6.10 — Year-End Awards

Year-end awards are presented to recognize outstanding achievement, dedication, and participation during the KJRA season.

To be eligible for year-end awards, contestants must:

Be members in good standing.

Meet the minimum rodeo attendance requirement.

Meet volunteer requirements.

Meet sponsorship requirements, if applicable.

Satisfy any additional eligibility requirements established by the Board of Directors.

Awards may include, but are not limited to:

Event Champion - Saddles (Average 6 contestants in event to be awarded Year-End Saddle)

Event Reserve Champion - TBD

All-Around Champion - Saddle

All-Around Reserve Champion - TBD

Top 10 Contestants - TBD

Other awards approved by the Board

Section 6.11 — Official Standings

Official season standings become final only after:

All rodeos have been completed.

Points have been verified.

Outstanding protests have been resolved.

The Board of Directors has approved the final standings.

Once approved, the standings shall determine year-end placings and awards.

Awards at a Glance

Award Determined By

Event Champion Highest official season point total

Reserve Champion Second-highest official season point total

All-Around Champion Highest qualifying combined point total

Finals Awards Performance at the KJRA Finals (where applicable)

POINT SYSTEM

The system will be based on ten (10) points.

- The point system will be as follows:

First Place -----10 points

Second Place-----9 points

Third Place -----8 points

Fourth Place-----7 points

Fifth Place -----6 points

Sixth Place-----5 points

Seventh Place-----4 points

Eight Place-----3 points

Ninth Place----- 2 points

Tenth Place-----1 point

First (1st) place will receive ten (10) points **REGARDLESS** of the number of entries.

If first (1st) place is a non-member, points will not be awarded to non-members, points will be awarded to first member in the results in a consecutive order.

1st Non-Member ----- 0 Points

2nd Member ----- 10 points

3rd Non-Member ----- 0 points

4th Member ----- 9 points

Members are responsible for checking the accuracy of the points.

All points will become final, with no adjustments made, two weeks after the day of the rodeo.

Points will be posted no later than Tuesday at 10:00 pm following a weekend performance.

ARTICLE VII — KJRA FINALS

Section 7.01 — Purpose of the KJRA Finals

The KJRA Finals is the championship event of the rodeo season and recognizes contestants for their dedication, participation, and accomplishments throughout the year.

The Finals provides eligible contestants the opportunity to compete for Finals awards, year-end awards, and championship titles in accordance with the Official Rulebook.

Section 7.02 — Finals Eligibility

To be eligible to compete at the KJRA Finals, a contestant must:

Be a current KJRA member in good standing.

Meet the minimum rodeo attendance requirements established by the Board of Directors.

Meet all volunteer requirements.

Meet sponsorship requirements, if applicable.

Pay all outstanding balances owed to KJRA before the published Finals deadline.

Submit Finals entries and fees by the established deadline.

Failure to satisfy any eligibility requirement may result in forfeiture of Finals eligibility unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. This section is based on the existing Finals requirements and your revision notes.

Section 7.03 — Membership in Good Standing

Only contestants in good standing shall be eligible to compete for Finals awards and year-end championships.

A contestant is considered in good standing when:

Membership requirements have been completed.

All required fees have been paid.

Volunteer obligations have been fulfilled.

The contestant is not under suspension or disciplinary action.

All other Board-established requirements have been satisfied.

Section 7.04 — Finals Entries

Eligible contestants must submit their Finals entries using the official method designated by KJRA.

Entries received after the published deadline may be refused unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors.

Finals draw procedures shall be announced prior to the event.

Section 7.05 — Finals Fees

All Finals entry fees, office fees, stock charges, and any additional required fees shall be paid by the published deadline.

Failure to pay required fees may result in removal from the Finals draw unless prior arrangements have been approved by the Board.

Section 7.06 — Conduct During Finals

All rules contained within this handbook remain in effect during the KJRA Finals.

Contestants, parents, volunteers, and spectators are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and respect throughout the championship event.

Unsportsmanlike conduct during the Finals may result in disciplinary action, including disqualification or forfeiture of awards, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Finals Reminder

Qualifying for the KJRA Finals is an accomplishment. Competing at the Finals is both a privilege and a responsibility.

Finals Checklist

Before arriving at the KJRA Finals, confirm that you have:

- ☐ Current KJRA Membership
- ☐ Qualified for Finals
- ☐ Submitted Finals Entry
- ☐ Paid All Fees
- ☐ Completed Volunteer Requirements
- ☐ Met Sponsorship Requirements
- ☐ Verified Draw Information
- ☐ Proper Western Attire

ARTICLE VIII — SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Section 8.01 — Purpose

The KJRA Sponsorship Program helps support the operation of the Association and contributes to the funding of year-end awards, Finals, arena expenses, equipment, and other programs that benefit the membership. The success of the Association depends upon the support of sponsors, local businesses, families, and community partners.

Section 8.02 — Sponsorship Requirement

Each contestant shall meet the annual sponsorship requirement established by the KJRA Board of Directors to remain eligible for applicable year-end awards and Finals participation.

The sponsorship amount, deadlines, and procedures shall be published before the beginning of each rodeo season. Any changes approved by the Board shall be communicated to the membership before taking effect.

Section 8.03 — Sponsorship Deadline

All sponsorships and required paperwork must be submitted by the deadline established by the Board of Directors. Sponsorships received after the published deadline may not be counted toward eligibility unless specifically approved by the Board.

Section 8.04 — Eligible Sponsors

Sponsors may include:

- Individuals
- Local businesses
- Corporations
- Agricultural businesses
- Ranches
- Farms
- Community organizations
- Other Board-approved supporters

Section 8.05 — Recognition of Sponsors

KJRA values the generosity of its sponsors.

Sponsors may be recognized through:

- Association website
- Social media
- Rodeo Finals programs
- Arena banners
- Announcements
- Finals recognition

Other promotional opportunities approved by the Board

Contestants are encouraged to personally thank their sponsors and represent KJRA professionally throughout the season.

Section 8.06 — Sponsorship Incentives

The Board of Directors may establish incentive programs to encourage sponsorship participation.

Examples may include:

- Awards for top sponsorship sales.
- Finals entry incentives.
- Special recognition.
- Additional prizes approved by the Board.
- Specific incentive details shall be announced annually.

Sponsor Checklist

Before the deadline, make sure you have:

- ☐ Met the required sponsorship amount.
- ☐ Completed all sponsorship forms.
- ☐ Submitted sponsor information.
- ☐ Thanked your sponsors.
- ☐ Verified your sponsorship has been received by KJRA.

ARTICLE IX — AGE DIVISIONS & EVENT ELIGIBILITY

Section 9.01 — Purpose

KJRA offers multiple age divisions to provide fair and competitive opportunities for youth contestants. Age divisions are established to promote safe competition while encouraging skill development at every level. Contestants shall compete only in the age division for which they are eligible, unless otherwise authorized by the Official Rulebook or approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.02 — Official Age Divisions

The official KJRA age divisions are:

4 & Under

Girls/Boys Combined

6 & Under

Girls/Boys Combined

10 & Under

Girls - Boys

11–14

Girls - Boys

15–19

Girls - Boys

Open Events

Each division shall compete only in the events approved for that division.

Section 9.03 — Age Determination

A contestant's competition age shall be determined by the official KJRA age date established by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season.

Once a contestant's age division has been established for the season, it shall remain the same throughout the rodeo year unless otherwise provided by official KJRA policy.

Section 9.04 — Event Eligibility

Each age division is eligible to compete only in the events designated for that division.

The Board of Directors may modify, add, or remove events as needed to promote contestant safety, participation, or the continued success of the Association.

Current approved events shall be published before the beginning of each rodeo season.

Section 9.05 — Competing in the Correct Division

Contestants are responsible for entering the correct age division and events.

Entries submitted in an incorrect division may be corrected before the draw when possible. After the draw has been finalized, corrections will be made only when permitted by KJRA rules or when the error resulted from an administrative mistake.

Section 9.06 — Safety

Certain events may require additional safety equipment or special procedures based on the contestant's age and the nature of the event.

Contestants and parents are responsible for ensuring that all horses and equipment are appropriate for the contestant's age and ability.

The Board of Directors may prohibit participation if conditions present an unreasonable safety risk.

Important Reminder

Always verify your age division and events before entries close. Entering the wrong division may affect eligibility, points, and payouts.

ARTICLE IX — 4 & UNDER DIVISION

Section 9.07 — Purpose of the 4 & Under Division

The 4 & Under Division is designed to introduce the youngest contestants to the sport of rodeo in a safe, encouraging, and family-oriented environment. The emphasis is on learning, building confidence, and having fun while developing basic horsemanship and arena skills.

Good sportsmanship and positive encouragement should always take priority over competition.

Section 9.08 — Eligibility

Contestants must meet the official KJRA age requirements for the 4 & Under Division as established by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season.

Proof of age may be required before participation.

Section 9.09 — Approved Events

The 4 & Under Division may compete only in events approved by KJRA.

Approved events may include:

Lead Line Barrels
Girls/Boys Combined
Goat Slapping
Girls/Boys Combined

Section 9.10 — Adult Assistance

Adult assistance is permitted in the 4 & Under Division by leading the horse with a lead rope through the entirety of each event.

The assisting adult shall:

Maintain control of the horse using the lead rope throughout the entire event.

Follow the directions of the Event Director and Judge(s) at all times.

Conduct themselves in a safe and sportsmanlike manner.

Section 9.11 — Safety Requirements

Safety is the highest priority in the 4 & Under Division.

The following expectations apply:

Horses should be gentle and suitable for young riders.

Contestants must wear appropriate western attire.

Event Directors may remove any contestant or horse from competition if participation presents an unsafe situation.

ARTICLE IX — 6 & UNDER DIVISION

Section 9.12 — Purpose of the 6 & Under Division

The 8 & Under Division is designed to provide young contestants with opportunities to develop horsemanship, rodeo skills, confidence, and sportsmanship in a safe and encouraging environment. Contestants begin competing more independently while continuing to build the fundamentals needed for future competition.

Section 9.13 — Eligibility

Contestants must meet the official KJRA age requirements for the 8 & Under Division as established by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season.
Proof of age may be required before participation.

Section 9.14 — Approved Events

Contestants may compete only in events approved for the 8 & Under Division.

Approved events may include:

Barrel Racing
Girls/Boys Combined
Pole Bending
Girls/Boys Combined
Ribbon Goat
Girls/Boys Combined
Breakaway Dummy Sled Roping
Girls/Boys Combined

Other events approved by the Board of Directors
The official event list shall be published each season.

Section 9.15 — Adult Assistance

Unless specifically permitted by the individual event rules, contestants in the 8 & Under Division shall compete without physical assistance from an adult.

Section 9.16 — Safety Requirements

Safety remains a priority for all contestants.

The following requirements apply:

Horses must be suitable for youth competition.
Contestants must wear the required western attire.
Boots with heels are required while mounted.
All tack and equipment must be in safe working condition.
The Judge or Event Director may stop a run if an unsafe condition exists.

Section 9.17 — Event Procedures

Contestants shall compete according to the official rules for each event as outlined later in this handbook.

Failure to follow event procedures may result in a:

No Time (NT), No Score (NS), or Disqualification (DQ), depending on the event.

ARTICLE IX — 10 & UNDER DIVISION

Section 9.18 — Purpose of the 10 & Under Division

The 10 & Under Division provides contestants with opportunities to develop advanced rodeo skills while competing in a safe, fair, and sportsmanlike environment. Contestants are expected to compete independently and demonstrate responsibility, horsemanship, and respect for fellow competitors, livestock, and officials.

Section 9.19 — Eligibility

Contestants must meet the official KJRA age requirements for the 10 & Under Division as established by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season.

Proof of age may be required before participation.

Section 9.20 — Approved Events

Contestants may compete only in events approved for the 10 & Under Division.

Approved events may include:

- * Barrel Racing
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Pole Bending
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Goat Tying
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Walk Up Goat Tying
Girls- Boys Separated
- * Breakaway Roping
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Double Mugging
Girls/Boys Combined
- * Ribbon Roping
Girls/Boys Combined
- *Team Roping
Girls/Boys Combined

The official event list shall be published annually by KJRA.

Section 9.21 — Competition Requirements

Contestants in the 10 & Under Division shall compete independently unless assistance is specifically authorized within the rules of an individual event.

Each contestant is responsible for:

Reporting to their event when called.

Competing in the correct age division.

Following all event rules.

Maintaining proper western attire.

Exhibiting good sportsmanship.

Section 9.22 — Safety Requirements

Contestants are responsible for ensuring that:

Horses are suitable for competition.

Tack and equipment are safe and in good working condition.

Required western attire is worn during competition.

They follow all directions given by Judges, Arena Directors, and Event Officials.

The Judge or Event Director may stop any run or remove a contestant from competition if an unsafe condition exists.

Section 9.23 — Event Rules

Each event shall be conducted according to the official KJRA Event Rules found in Article X of this handbook.

Contestants are responsible for understanding the rules that apply to each event before entering competition.

ARTICLE IX — 11–14 DIVISION

Section 9.24 — Purpose of the 11–14 Division

The 11–14 Division provides contestants with opportunities to further develop their rodeo skills while competing in a fair, safe, and competitive environment. Contestants are expected to demonstrate good horsemanship, personal responsibility, sportsmanship, and respect for officials, volunteers, fellow contestants, and livestock.

Section 9.25 — Eligibility

Contestants must meet the official KJRA age requirements for the 11–14 Division as established by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season.

Proof of age may be required before participation.

Section 9.26 — Approved Events

Contestants may compete only in events approved for the 11–14 Division.

Approved events may include:

- * Barrel Racing
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Pole Bending
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Goat Tying
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Walk Up Goat Tying
Girls Only
- * Breakaway Roping
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Ribbon Roping
Girls/Boys Team
- *Team Roping
Girls/Boys Combined
- *Chute Dogging
Boys Only
- *TieDown Roping
Boys Only

The official event list shall be published annually by KJRA.

Section 9.27 — Competition Requirements

Contestants shall compete independently and are responsible for:

- Entering the correct events.
- Reporting to the arena when called.
- Following all event rules.
- Wearing the required western attire.

Competing in a safe and sportsmanlike manner.

Failure to report when called may result in a No Time (NT), No Score (NS), or Disqualification (DQ) as provided in the event rules.

Section 9.28 — Equipment & Safety

Contestants shall ensure that:

- Horses are suitable for competition.
 - Tack and equipment are properly fitted and in safe working condition.
 - Required western attire is worn throughout competition.
 - Event-specific equipment complies with KJRA rules.
- The Judge, Arena Director, or Event Director may stop any run if an unsafe condition exists.

Section 9.29 — Event Rules

All events in the 11–14 Division shall be governed by the official event rules found in Article X – Event Rules.

Contestants are responsible for understanding the rules for each event before entering competition.

ARTICLE IX — 15–19 DIVISION & OPEN EVENTS

Section 9.30 — Purpose of the 15–19 Division

The 15–19 Division is designed for advanced youth contestants preparing for collegiate, amateur, and professional rodeo competition. Contestants are expected to demonstrate a high level of horsemanship, sportsmanship, responsibility, and knowledge of rodeo rules.

Section 9.31 — Eligibility

Contestants must meet the official KJRA age requirements for the 15–19 Division as established by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season.

Proof of age may be required before participation.

Section 9.32 — Approved Events

Contestants may compete only in events approved for the 15–19 Division.

Approved events may include:

- * Barrel Racing
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Pole Bending
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Goat Tying
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Walk Up Goat Tying
Girls Only
- * Breakaway Roping
Girls - Boys Separated
- * Ribbon Roping
Girls/Boys Combined (Team)
- *Team Roping
Girls/Boys Combined
- *Chute Dogging
Boys Only
- *TieDown Roping
Boys Only

The official event list shall be published annually by KJRA.

Section 9.33 — Competition Requirements

Contestants are expected to compete independently and are responsible for:

- Entering the appropriate events.
 - Reporting to the arena when called.
 - Knowing and following all event rules.
 - Wearing the required western attire.
 - Conducting themselves in a safe and sportsmanlike manner.
- Failure to comply with KJRA rules may result in penalties, disqualification, or disciplinary action.

Section 9.34 — Open Events

Open Events are offered at the discretion of the KJRA Board of Directors.

Approved events may include:

- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending
- Goat Tying
- Breakaway Roping

Participation, eligibility requirements, entry fees, payouts, and event rules shall be announced before each rodeo. Unless otherwise stated, Open Events shall be governed by the same general rules, safety requirements, and conduct standards contained in this rulebook.

Section 9.35 — General Responsibilities

Contestants in the 15–19 Division and Open Events are expected to:

- Demonstrate leadership and sportsmanship.
- Serve as positive role models for younger contestants.
- Respect judges, volunteers, and event personnel.
- Care for horses and livestock in a humane manner.
- Help maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all participants.

ARTICLE X — GENERAL RACING EVENT RULES:

1. The arena drag will be done after every 5 names have been called. Unless deemed necessary by the judge for safety reasons.
2. There will be a 60 Second time limit.
3. Once the contestant has crossed the starting line, he/she can not attempt to “start again” or “rework a horse” for any reason. (with the exception to the 6 & Under age division)
4. A contestant will have 90 seconds to enter the arena once their name is called. If a contestant cannot enter the alley in such time, the contestant may be disqualified and receive a “no time”.
5. Tractor for speed events. The event directors will consider safety, the time element, and other conditions before deciding where a tractor or tractors may be parked during the speed events.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. If a contestant and/or horse crosses the starting line during the run.
2. If the contestant breaks the pattern. (judges call)
3. If the contestant does not remain mounted during the timed section of the run.
4. If the contestant does not enter the arena by the 3rd call. (judges call)

ARTICLE X — BARREL RACING

1. The barrels may be placed by the arena management at distances that conform to their arena. Barrels may also be placed considering the arena conditions as decided by the Arena Director or the Barrel Racing Director. No barrels may be placed closer than fifteen (15) feet from any fence. Location must be permanently marked for the entire rodeo. The suggested distance between barrels one and two is thirty (30) yards and thirty-five (35) yards between barrels two and three.
2. Barrels must be painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
3. All barrels must be placed INSIDE of the stake.
4. Barrel times can be carried over from the OPEN event to the contestant's corresponding age group by designating on the Entry form either OPEN 1 or OPEN 2 and entry fee is paid prior to the run.

PATTERN:

1. Contestants will start from behind the starting line, go around barrel one, then around barrel two, and continue around barrel three. The contestant will complete the run by crossing the starting line on the way home. This pattern may be altered by starting with the number two barrel, then to the number one barrel and then the number three barrel. ALL FORWARD MOTIONS.
2. Pattern must be run in a cloverleaf pattern.
3. The time starts when the contestant crosses the starting line and stops when he/she crosses it on the way back after completing the pattern.

PENALTIES:

1. 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 considered the same as knocking it over.

ARTICLE X — POLE BENDING

1. The first pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet from the starting line and each of the six (6) poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet apart.
2. Poles stakes must be permanently marked.
3. Poles must be painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
4. Poles must be uniform.
5. If pole is knocked down and bounces back up, it is still plus five (5).
6. Pole times can be carried over from the OPEN event to the contestant's corresponding age group by designating on the Entry form and entry fee is paid prior to the run.

PATTERN:

1. Contestants may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. ALL FORWARD MOTION.
2. If the contestant backs up, it is considered a broken pattern.
3. The judge has the final call on if a pattern is deemed broken.

PENALTIES:

1. Five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over.

ARTICLE X — GOAT RIBBON PULL

1. This event is for 6 & Under only.
2. Must ride his/her horse into the arena in the general area of the staked goat.
3. May be assisted by a parent so long as the parent is five feet behind the flag judge.
4. Contestant MAY NOT be assisted in dismounting from horse in any shape or form.
5. Contestant should go to the goat; pull ribbon and run across the designated line to the flag judge. If there is no ribbon on the goat's tail, hair should be pulled.
6. Must immediately present the ribbon or hair to the judge.

STOCK:

1. Goat shall be staked with a rope ten (10) feet in length.
2. Goat is to be held tight at the end of the rope facing the starting line for the entire run.
3. Goat is to be changed upon the decision of the director.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If the contestant does not present the ribbon or hair that was pulled to the judge.
2. If a contestant is assisted in dismounting from horse in any shape or form.

PENALTIES:

1. Should the horse come in contact with the goat, the stake, the rope, or cross the plane of the rope - with or without the rider - the contestant will receive a ten (10) second penalty.

TIME LIMIT: Sixty (60) seconds.

1. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount, throw the goat by hand and tie any three (3) feet together with leather string, or "goat tying" string, and stand clear of the goat.
2. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be "day-lighted" off the ground before the tie is made (except for 7 - 9 contestants). If the contestant's hand is on the goat when the goat falls, the goat is considered thrown by hand.
3. The goat must remain tied for at least six (6) seconds. The six seconds will start when the contestant declares time and steps away from the goat.
4. Contestants can not touch a goat or string after declaring time. This will result in a "no time".
5. Three legs must be crossed and tied, and there must be at least one wrap around all three legs, to qualify as a legal tie.
6. Time will start when the mounted contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when contestant declares time and the flag judge drops the flag.

Boys Goat Tying:

Refer to Goat Tying Rules with the following addition:

1. The ALL Boys must tie the goat using a piggin string.
2. Contestants must string front leg first and then cross and tie any three legs with a piggin' string . There must be at least one wrap around all three legs and finished with a half hitch or hooley . A hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly, or all the way pulled through.

STOCK:

1. Goat shall be staked with rope ten (10) feet in length.
2. Goat is to be held at the end of the rope facing the starting line and released when the contestant crosses the starting line (when the flag is dropped).
3. Goat is to be changed after every 2 to 5 runs upon the decision of the director & stock producer.
4. Fresh goats must be tied at least 3 times before rodeo.

ARENA:

1. Stake is to be driven into ground so that none of it is visible.
2. Goat is to be staked at about one hundred (100) feet from the starting line.
3. Arena must be drug before each goat tying age group starts and/or as deemed necessary by a judge for safety reasons. Tractors should be removed from the arena after dragging is complete.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If the goat does not remain tied for six (6) seconds.
2. If a tie is ruled illegal.
3. If the goat breaks loose from the stake, a NO-TIME or a RERUN may be received at the discretion of the judge.

PENALTIES:

1. Should the horse come in contact with the goat, rope, or cross the plane of the rope - with or without the rider - the contestant will receive a ten (10) second penalty.

TIME LIMIT: Sixty (60) seconds.

ARTICLE X — WALK UP GOAT TYING

1. Goat is staked 40-45 feet from the start line.
2. Start line is placed in designated location in arena.
3. Time started by the electric timer and stopped by the flag judge at goat.
Flag judge will start and stop time when contestant crosses the line as backup.
4. Once time has started, regular Goat tying rules apply as stated above

ARTICLE X — GENERAL ROPING EVENT RULES:

1. Barrier: A 10 second penalty will be assessed for breaking the barrier. If the pigtail from the barrier lands further than 10 feet from the pin, the judge has the discretion to waive the penalty.
 2. Livestock Abuse: Any contestant who abuses the livestock will be disqualified and will receive a “No Time”.
 3. Time Limit: There will be a 60 second time limit in all roping events.
 4. Barrier Foul: IF, in the opinion of the line judge, a contestant is fouled by the Barrier (neck rope or strap) the contestant shall be entitled to Re-run on his original stock, provided the contestant declares by pulling up immediately.
 5. Closed Gate: If there is a closed gate rule in effect, and a contestant's animal (calf or steer) escapes the arena for whatever reason, the judge will call time, and the contestant will get that animal brought back “lap and tap”. The roper will combine this time with the time that was stopped when the animal left the arena. If the contestant broke the barrier prior to the animal escaping, the barrier penalty will remain added on the time. **If in the calf roping events, the calf enters the header's box, he will be considered out of the arena.
 6. Ropers may NOT carry two loops, including the finals.
 7. Contestants may choose anyone to push his/her calf.
 8. If a contestant ropes the animal before the barrier neck rope comes off, it will be considered a “No Time”.
 9. Contestants will start from behind a barrier. The calf/steer belongs to a roper after he/she calls for it regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure or if the animal gets out of the arena.
 10. Roping an animal without turning loose of the loop will not be considered a catch.
 11. Any livestock can be removed at the judge's discretion.
 12. All roping stock should be healthy and fit. If the judge deems any roping livestock to be either sick, or unfit due to illness, the judge has the right to cull that animal and give the contestant a rerun.
- JUDGESCALLS ARE FINAL.

ARTICLE X — BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. The loop must go over the calf's head (passing over the ears and poll). This motion cannot be reversed (waived off of the calf's head). Rope may draw up any place on the animal past the calf's ears. The horse can not be in or on the rope when the string breaks from the saddle horn.
 2. The time will stop when the string breaks from the saddle horn.
 3. The rope must be tied with string to the saddle horn. String will be supplied by the WTRA.
 4. A rag/handkerchief of contrasting color must be tied or attached to the rope at the rope's point of attachment to the saddle horn.
 5. Contestant must stay mounted until the calf breaks the string.
 6. Calf must break the string with no assistance from the roper.
 7. BACK GATE IS OPEN
 8. The “Open Breakaway” will be Bell Collar Catch.
- DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:**
1. If roper fails to rope the calf.
 2. If roper breaks the string with his/her hand.
 3. If the contestant is not mounted when the calf breaks the string.
 4. Lost or broken rope.
 5. If rag/handkerchief is not attached as required.
 6. If rope does not go over the calf's head.

ARTICLE X — CALF ROPING

1. CATCH AS CATCH CAN with rope from horse, but rope must hold calf until roper has his hands on the calf.
 2. Contestants must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.
 3. Rope must be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn.
 4. After roping the calf, the roper must dismount, go down rope and throw the calf by hand and cross and tie any three (3) of the calf's feet.
 5. A legal tie shall consist of one or two wraps and a half hitch. Any three legs must be tied together.
 6. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, it must be cleared to the satisfaction of the judge and be thrown by hand. The only exception is in the 10-12 boys, who will be assessed a ten (10) second penalty if they do not get the calf up before tying it.
 7. If the roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand.
 8. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge and until after the judge has completed his examination. Roper CAN NOT touch the calf after giving the finished signal, or declares time.
 9. The field judge will pass on the tie, timing six (6) seconds from the time the roping horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted and put slack in the rope. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off the calf after completion of the tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when the roper clears the calf.
 10. Rope will not be removed from the calf, and rope must remain slack until the judge has passed on the tie.
 11. BACK GATE IS OPEN, except for the 10-12 age group.
- DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":**
1. If a tie comes loose or the calf gets up before the time is ruled fair.
 2. If the tie is ruled illegal.
 3. NO NECK ROPE USED.
 4. Intentional dragging or touching rope after the flag is dropped.

ARTICLE X — 8 & Under Dummy Sled Roping

1. Time Limit: 30 seconds or dummy making a full pass down the arena.
2. A 4-wheeler will be used to pull a commercially manufactured breakaway dummy.
3. Ropers must have a flag tied to the rope where the string is tied to the saddle horn.
 - a) String will be available from the rodeo judges.
 - b) Rope must be tied onto the saddle horn.
4. Contestants must back their horse into the roping box and nod for the driver to start. The timer will start when the horse's nose breaks the plane of the roping box.
5. Driver will operate the 4-wheeler in the same gear and approximate rpm level for each contestant. Roping the calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.
6. Contestant's horse must clear the roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
7. Contestant must rope dummy.
- a) Loop must be a clean, bell collar catch, passing completely over the calf's head. b) Catch must carry slack out of rope.
- c) Contestants will receive NO TIME for breaking string by hand.
8. Time will be flagged when rope breaks at the saddle.
9. The contestant is limited to 1 throw.

ARTICLE X — DOUBLE MUGGING

I. General Rule:

1. It will be up to the roper to secure a mugger.
2. CATCH AS CATCH CAN with rope from horse but rope must hold calf until mugger has his hands on calf.
3. Rope must be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn.
4. After roping the calf, the roper must dismount and wait for the mugger to throw the calf by hand; the mugger holds the foreleg and gives the foreleg to the roper. At this time, the mugger can assist in holding the calf down in a way that the calf is unable to get up. Roper must then cross and tie any three (3) of the calf's feet.
- Muggers may not assist in the tie. If the calf gets up before time is called for, the procedure is repeated with the mugger throwing the calf and holding the foreleg and giving the foreleg to the roper.
5. A legal tie shall consist of one or two wraps and a half hitch. Any three legs must be tied together.
6. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge and the roper must not touch the calf after giving the finished signal until after the judge has completed his examination.
7. The field judge will pass on the tie, timing six (6) seconds from the time the roping horse takes his first steps forward after the roper has remounted and put slack in the rope. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off the calf after completion of the tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears the calf.
8. Rope will not be removed from the calf and rope must remain slack until the field judge has passed on the tie.
9. A NECK ROPE IS REQUIRED. ANY CONTESTANT NOT USING A NECK ROPE WILL RECEIVE A "NO TIME".
10. The gate will be CLOSED.

II. MUGGER:

1. If the calf is down when the mugger reaches it, it must be cleared to the satisfaction of the judge and be thrown by hand.
2. If the mugger's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand.
3. Muggers may remove rope from the calf (before the roper has finished the tie) if necessary for safety reasons. This will not disqualify the run, however after roper has signaled for time the rope may not be removed until the judge has expired the six (6) second tie rule.

III. DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If a tie comes loose or the calf gets up before the time is ruled fair.
2. If the tie is ruled illegal.
3. NO NECK ROPE USED.

ARTICLE X — RIBBON ROPING

10 & Under ONLY

I. General Rules:

All Junior High School Division - Ribbon Roping rules will apply
 EXCEPT - There will be NO TEAMS - Roper will Run Their own ribbon.
 Boys or Girls can enter - this is a combined event
 It is the responsibility of the roper to secure a mugger.

II. Mugger:

Once the calf is roped, Mugger must reach the calf and hold it to where the roper is able to pull ribbon.
 Mugger then is to help with ropers horse while roper runs ribbon to line.
 Once flag drops roper is to proceed back to his or her horse

ARTICLE X — RIBBON ROPING

11-14 & 15-19 Age Events

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION) RIBBON ROPING

I. General Rules:

- 1 . The point system in the ribbon roping will follow the same criteria as the team roping .
- 2 . This is a mixed event only, one boy and one girl . Either can be the roper or runner .
- 3 . Roping Box shall be part of the arena during the roping events .
- 4 . Once score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed in that go nor, can the length of the box .
- 5 . Lap and Tap- No barrier to be used . If barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line .
- 6 . It is always the decision of the barrier judge whether the barrier is broken .
- 7 . Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge . If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten second fine . Otherwise, this will be considered a broken barrier .
- 8 . If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier .
- 9 . If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock qualified on in the field, entitling contestant to a rerun without penalties .
- 10 . If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance .
- 11 . If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, he/she accepts the animal . If contestant pulls up, he/she will receive the same animal back .
- 12 . Calf belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
 - a . In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped . Contestant will receive original animal back with the 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 barrier, contestant shall get his calf back, providing contestant declares himself/herself by pulling up .
- 13 . In the ribbon roping a horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown .
- 14 . The finish line will be marked 30 feet in front of the roping box . Flag judge stands on this line
- 15 . Time to be taken between two flags .
- 16 . It shall be the judge's responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them . In the event of a mistake, stock drawn for must be run during that performance and only that time or score taken .
- 17 . This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo .

ARTICLE X — RIBBON ROPING CONT.

II. Time Limit:

There will be thirty (30) second time limit with a one-minute time limit option at state/provincial finals rodeos .

There will be a one (1) loop limit in all go-rounds at all rodeos .

III. Event Rules:

- 1 . A neck rope must be used . Contestants must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf .
- 2 . Calves may be pushed out by contestant's assistant providing they are ready .
- 3 . Catch as catch can . Any catch that holds the calf is legal .
- 4 . Rope must be tied on .
- 5 . Runner can stand anywhere they choose in the arena, on the opposite side of the 30 ft . finish line from the roping box .
- 6 . Roper must rope calf, dismount and be in contact with the calf when the Runner removes the ribbon or team will receive a no time .
Calf does not need to be flanked .
- 7 . Runner must cross finish line to get time .
- 8 . Flag judge will flag time when runner crosses finish line with ribbon in hand and give to judge or team will receive a no time .
- 9 . Ribbon – flagging tape shall be approximately 1/2 inch in width and 12 inches long .
- 10 . The ribbon itself must be fastened to the top of the tail with a rubber band .
- 11 . The runner removes the ribbon and runs across the finish line in either direction for time .
- 12 . Ribbon must be removed by runner .
- 13 . Any part of the ribbon is legal .
- 14 . Rope must hold calf until roper touches calf .
- 15 . A contestant will receive a 5 second penalty for the run if they bring the animal over backwards (between 10 and 2 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air .
- 16 . OPTIONAL AT STATE/PROVINCE LEVEL: A Ribbon Roping contestant with no partner may request a partner be supplied as a draw partner from a volunteered list of entered Ribbon Roping contestants . This option is available only four times . Thereafter, the Ribbon Roping contestant must enter with a partner . No points will be awarded to the drawn partner . No draw partners will be allowed at State/Province Finals Rodeos . They must however use the partner with which they qualified at the State/Province Finals to enter the National Junior High Finals Rodeo unless his or her partner cannot attend the National Junior High Finals Rodeo than he or she can pick a new partner, provided the new partner had competed in their State/Province Finals in Ribbon Roping .
- 17 . At the National Finals, after the required contestant check in deadline, a partner may be chosen from a state/province team member, provided chosen member participated at said state/ province finals and is on ground, and team has not competed .

IV. Scoring and Penalties:

- 1 . In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate .
- 2 . Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded .
- 3 . Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal .
- 4 . There will be a ten-second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier .
- 5 . Roping calf without releasing loop from hand will disqualify catch .
- 6 . Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of calf or his horse .
- 7 . If any part of the pusher breaks the plain of the chute gate before the calf releases the barrier, the contestant receives a no time .
- 8 . No rattling of chute . A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him/her . This applies in both the performance and the slack . The contestant and/or person rattling the chute shall be disqualified .
- 9 . Time should be taken with the average of two (2) times at all rodeos .

ARTICLE X — RIBBON ROPING CONT.

V. Reruns:

- 1 . In any timed event if animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped . Contestant will get animal back with the lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying plus barrier penalties, if any .
- 2 . No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant .
- 3 . If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena .
- 4 . A calf must be rerun before it is used by another contestant .
- 5 . When both the digital clocks malfunction and no time was recorded from digital watches, if stock was qualified on in the field, contestant will be given a rerun at a time designated by the Judges and the Arena Director, plus any barrier penalties . If barrier penalties, then lap and tap start .
- 6 . In ribbon roping, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant . However, if time is started by the animal and the roper remains behind the plain of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure, at judge's discretion .
- 7 . If the roper has legally roped the calf and there is no ribbon on the calf when the runner reaches the calf the team will get a rerun .

VI. Optional Rules:

- 1 . Electric timers are optional at State/Province level .

VII. Livestock Requirements:

- 1 . Weight Recommendations:
 - a . BeefCattle—MinimumWeight180lbs-----MaximumWeight210lbs .
Dairy Cattle – Maximum Weight 300 lbs .
- 2 . Calves horn size: Tipped to a dime and no longer than two inches .

VIII. Officials:

- 1 . There shall be two or more timers, a field judge, and a barrier flag judge .
- 2 . Field judge may be mounted in order to keep up with the run . Barrier flag judge is to watch the barrier and step to the 30-foot line to flag the time .
- 3 . Barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of the next contestant .
- 4 . Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope each performance to assure the same start for contestants each performance .
- 5 . Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event . If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced .
- 6 . Barrier judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same .
- 7 . Height of barrier in timed events shall be from 32" to 36" measured at the center of the box .

ARTICLE X — CHUTE DOGGING

I. General Rules:

- 1 . Chute shall be part of the arena during dogging events .
- 2 . Once score line (gypsum line) has been set it will not be changed in that go .
- 3 . Score line will be parallel to chute . It will be set at ten (10) feet in front of chute or ten (10) feet in front of straightaway chute . The measurement will be made with chute gate in the closed position .
- 4 . The line (barrier) judge will flag the start when the animals' nose crosses the score line .
- 5 . 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 watches 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 .
- 6 . Time shall be taken between two flags .
- 7 . It shall be the judge's responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them . In the event of a mistake, stock drawn for must be run during that performance and only that time or score taken .
- 8 . This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo .
- 9 . All steers shall be turned out in the same direction and the same chute will be used .

II. Time Limit:

There will be a thirty (30) second time limit with optional one (1) minute time limit at state/province rodeos . There will be a mandatory thirty (30) second time limit at the National Junior High Finals .

III. Event Rules:

- 1 . This event is open to boys only .
- 2 . At all junior high rodeos, a straightaway chute may be used in lieu of a bucking chute . The chute must have a gate with at least thirty-six inch (36") clearance . It should be at least six foot in length (6') . Ideally it will also have a side entrance gate for dogger to enter . The straightaway chute will be used at all National Junior High Finals Rodeos . If bucking chute is used it must be left delivery and all chute dogging runs must be made from the same chute .
- 3 . With steer loaded in chute, dogger gets beside steer with hand and arm in front of shoulder of steer, or behind shoulder if dogger desires, and can wrap under neck . When dogger calls for steer the chute gate will be opened . Dogger must maintain his arm and hand position without impending forward progress of steer . If forward progress is impeded by choking or any other means, dogger will receive a no-time . Should dogger grab horn or ear, a 10- second penalty will be assessed . Steer must cross score line before being thrown or starting to slow the steer's forward progress to start throwing process . If steer is thrown before crossing line, it will result in a disqualification since time has not started . Dogger cannot do anything to start throwing process until time has started in the field .
- 4 . It is the contestant's responsibility to check for broken horns.
- 5 . There will be a designated helper assigned by the Arena Director . The helper cannot pass the plane of the chute gate .
- 6 . Contestant is considered working the steer when the steer leaves the chute .
- 7 . If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch steer .
- 8 . After crossing the start line, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change its direction and twist it down .
- 9 . If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then thrown .
- 10 . Steer will be considered thrown down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight .
- 11 . Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged .
- 12 . Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up .
- 13 . A steer falling in the opposite direction the steer wrestler is attempting to throw 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 .

ARTICLE X — CHUTE DOGGING CONT.

IV. Scoring and Penalties:

- 1 . In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate .
- 2 . Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded .
- 3 . Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal .
- 4 . Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer .
- 5 . Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chute .
- 6 . Time should be taken with the average of two (2) times at all rodeos .
- 7 . Dogger will be disqualified if animal is thrown before start line .
- 8 . If steer falls on its own before nose crosses line, steer must be let up and not thrown until steer's nose crosses line .
- 9 . There will be a 10 second penalty added if dogger moves right arm to the right horn (throwing position) before start line . This will be referred to as breaking the barrier .

V. Reruns:

Refer to Steer Wrestling section of NHSRA Rulebook with the following change: 1 . A steer must be rerun before it is used by another contestant . Fresh steers may be added to the herd after they have been released from the chute and thrown down . It is the responsibility of the steer wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor .

VI. Optional Rules:

- 1 . A whistle may be used to signal when the steer has crossed the start line .
- 2 . The same judge can be used to flag the start and the finish .

VII. Equipment:

E . Chute Dogging: Refer to NHSRA Steer Wrestling Rulebook with the following exceptions:

- 1 . Chute will be used to release steers .
- 2 . Gypsum, baby powder, chalk, etc . will be used to mark start line in front of chute .

VIII. Livestock Requirement:

- 1 . Refer to the NHSRA Steer Wrestling Rulebook with the following exception:
 - a . Fresh steers added to bunch that have not been used must be bull-dogged from the chute and thrown down . It is the responsibility of steer wrestlers to throw the cattle at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor .
 - b . Chute Dogging Cattle Weight Recommendations:
 - a . a minimum weight of 350 lbs .
 - b . a maximum weight of 475 lbs .

IX. Officials:

- 1 . There shall be two or more timers, a field flag judge, and a barrier judge .
- 2 . The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision will be final .
- 3 . Field flagger is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose .
- 4 . Barrier judge will stand on the start line on right side of the steer and flag when the animal's nose crosses the line indicating the start of the run .
- 5 . Field flagger will flag when the animal is legally thrown indicating the end of the run .

ARTICLE X — 10 & UNDER (STEER STOPPING) TEAM ROPING

HEADING

The contestant will rope the steer while an adult assists by hazing the steer. The adult may assist only as necessary to keep the steer moving and positioned for the contestant.

The run will be timed until the contestant has turned and is facing the steer.

HEELING

An adult may either place the head loop on the steer in the chute or rope the steer in the arena. The adult will turn and position the steer for the contestant. The contestant will then rope the steer by the heels. The run will be timed until both the header and heeler have turned and are facing the steer.

ARTICLE X — TEAM ROPING

1. Eligibility and Team Formation

Each youth contestant will rope with a parent or legal guardian.

A contestant is not required to rope with another youth contestant.

The parent or legal guardian may compete as either the header or heeler.

The youth contestant may compete as either the header or heeler, unless otherwise designated by the event.

The youth contestant and parent/guardian will constitute one team for the Team Roping event.

Heading

The header is responsible for making a legal head catch on the steer.

A legal head catch consists of:

Around both horns;

Around the neck; or

Half head, with the loop around one horn and the head.

A catch around the neck that does not include the horns is considered a legal catch.

A catch around the body, front legs, or any other portion of the steer other than a designated legal head catch will be considered illegal.

The header must dally and bring the steer under control before the heeler attempts to complete the run.

The header may not intentionally jerk, drag, or otherwise mistreat the steer.

If the header is the parent/guardian, the parent/guardian must make a legal head catch for the team to receive an official time.

Heeling

The heeler may attempt a heel catch only after the header has made a legal head catch.

A legal heel catch consists of the loop catching both hind feet of the steer.

If the loop catches only one hind foot, the catch will be considered illegal.

A loop catching a front foot, hip, belly, or any portion other than both hind feet will be considered an illegal catch.

If the heeler is the parent/guardian, the parent/guardian must make a legal heel catch for the team to receive an official time.

The heeler may not intentionally catch or rope any part of the steer other than the designated heel catch.

3. Legal Catch Requirement

Both the header and heeler must make legal catches for the team to receive an official time.

If either the header or heeler makes an illegal catch, the team will receive a no-time.

If the youth contestant makes a legal catch but the parent/guardian does not, the team will receive a no-time.

If the parent/guardian makes a legal catch but the youth contestant does not, the team will receive a no-time.

5. Time

The run will begin when the steer breaks the barrier or leaves the designated starting area, according to the event's starting procedure.

Time will stop when both the header and heeler have completed legal catches and the team has fulfilled the event's requirements for stopping time.

Both ropers must maintain control of their ropes and turn to face the steer for time to be considered complete.

The official judge's determination of the completion of the run will be final.

The event may establish a maximum time limit. Any team failing to complete the run within the posted time limit will receive a no-time.

6. Barrier

The designated barrier will be used for all runs unless otherwise announced by the rodeo officials.

A contestant breaking the barrier before the steer is released will receive the applicable barrier penalty.

A broken barrier does not automatically result in a no-time unless otherwise specified by the event.

The barrier penalty, if applicable, will be added to the team's official time.

7. Rope and Equipment

Contestants and parent/guardian ropers must use legal roping equipment appropriate for the event.

Ropes must be used in a safe and responsible manner.

No equipment may be used in a manner intended to injure, unnecessarily stress, or intentionally mistreat the steer.

Judges may require any unsafe or inappropriate equipment to be removed or replaced before the contestant is allowed to compete.

8. Animal Welfare

The safety and welfare of the livestock will take priority over competition.

Any contestant or parent/guardian who intentionally mistreats, abuses, or unnecessarily rough-handles livestock may be disqualified.

Ropers must make every reasonable effort to control their horses, ropes, and equipment.

The rodeo officials may stop a run at any time if they determine that continuing would create an unsafe situation for the contestant, parent/guardian, horse, or steer.

Any decision regarding animal welfare or disqualification will be made by the designated rodeo official or judge.

9. Horse and Rider Safety

All contestants and parent/guardian ropers are responsible for maintaining control of their horses.

Unsafe riding or roping practices may result in disqualification.

Horses must be handled in a safe and humane manner.

Judges and rodeo officials may remove a contestant or parent/guardian from competition if their actions create an unsafe situation.

10. No-Time Situations

A team will receive a no-time for any of the following:

Failure to make a legal head catch.

Failure to make a legal heel catch.

Catching only one hind foot.

Catching an illegal portion of the steer.

Failure of either roper to complete the required legal catch.

Intentionally roping or mistreating the steer in an unsafe or prohibited manner.

Exceeding the posted time limit.

Any other violation specifically designated as a no-time under these rules.

ARTICLE X — TEAM ROPING CONT.

11. Judge's Authority

The judge's determination regarding legal catches, time, penalties, and the completion of the run will be final.

Contestants and parent/guardian ropers are expected to know and follow all event rules. Any situation not specifically addressed in these rules will be decided by the rodeo judge or designated event official.

The judge may consult with the rodeo producer or event director when necessary to determine the appropriate ruling.

12. Conduct

All contestants and parent/guardian ropers are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.

Disrespectful, abusive, or unsportsmanlike conduct toward judges, rodeo officials, volunteers, other contestants, parents, or livestock will not be tolerated.

Failure to follow the rules or directions of rodeo officials may result in disqualification.

13. Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Parents and legal guardians participating in the event are considered competitors and are expected to follow all safety, animal welfare, and competition rules.

The parent/guardian is responsible for making a legal catch when competing as the header or heeler. The youth contestant's performance will not make an otherwise illegal catch by the parent/guardian a legal catch.

14. Final Authority

The rodeo producer, event director, and designated judges reserve the right to interpret these rules and make final rulings when circumstances arise that are not specifically addressed herein. The safety of the contestants, parents/guardians, horses, and livestock will remain the highest priority.

One thing I would clarify before putting this in your official rulebook: whether you want the youth contestant required to be the header/heeler in a specific division, or whether the youth can freely choose heading or heeling with the parent. I can also make this into a clean one-page official rule sheet with your rodeo name, event title, penalties, and signature/approval section.

ARTICLE XI — PROTESTS & RULE INTERPRETATIONS

Section 11.01 — Right to Protest

Any contestant or parent/legal guardian of a minor contestant may file a protest regarding the application or interpretation of an official KJRA rule.

Protests shall not be accepted regarding a judge's judgment call unless specifically permitted by these rules.

Section 11.02 — Filing a Protest

All protests must:

Be submitted to the Rodeo Secretary or Event Director.

Be made before the conclusion of the rodeo performance whenever reasonably possible.

Clearly identify the rule believed to have been violated.

Include any supporting information available.

The Board of Directors may require a written protest.

Section 11.03 — Judge's Decisions

Judgment decisions made by judges during competition are considered final.

Judgment decisions include, but are not limited to:

Pattern deviations

Missed barriers

Stock handling

Horsemanship

Legal catches

Safety decisions

These decisions are not subject to protest.

Section 11.04 — Rules Interpretation

Questions involving interpretation of written rules shall be decided by the Event Director and Board of Directors.

The Board's interpretation shall be final.

Section 11.05 — Review Process

When necessary, the Board may review:

Official timing records

Judge reports

Event official statements

Video footage submitted at the request of the Board

Video evidence may be considered only for clarification of factual events and shall not replace a judge's judgment.

Section 11.06 — Final Decision

After review, the Board shall issue a final ruling.

Board decisions are final and binding.

ARTICLE XII — CODE OF CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Section 12.01 — Expected Conduct

KJRA members shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively upon the association, the sport of rodeo, and the western way of life.

All members are expected to demonstrate:

Honesty
Integrity
Respect
Good sportsmanship
Responsibility

Section 12.02 — Sportsmanship

Poor sportsmanship is prohibited.

Examples include:

Arguing with officials.
Unsportsmanlike language.
Threatening behavior.
Harassment.
Disruptive conduct.
Intentional interference with competition.

Section 12.03 — Humane Treatment of Animals

Contestants shall treat all horses and livestock in a humane manner.

Abuse or unnecessary roughness toward any animal may result in:

Disqualification
Removal from the grounds
Suspension
Additional disciplinary action

Section 12.04 — Parents & Spectators

Parents, guardians, coaches, and spectators are expected to support contestants in a respectful manner.

Unsportsmanlike conduct by family members or guests may result in disciplinary action against the contestant or removal of the offending individual from the rodeo grounds.

Section 12.05 — Social Media

Members represent KJRA both in person and online.

Posts that are threatening, defamatory, discriminatory, or damaging to the association may result in disciplinary review by the Board of Directors.

Constructive discussion is encouraged; personal attacks are not.

Section 12.06 — Discipline

The Board may impose disciplinary action including:

Warning
Probation
Loss of points
Loss of awards
Suspension
Expulsion from KJRA

Discipline shall be based on the severity of the violation.

Section 12.07 — Board Authority

The Board of Directors reserves the authority to investigate misconduct and determine appropriate disciplinary action.

Board decisions regarding discipline shall be final.

ARTICLE XIII — BOARD GOVERNANCE

Section 13.01 — Authority

The KJRA Board of Directors is responsible for managing the affairs of the association and ensuring the fair administration of all rodeos, programs, and activities.

Section 13.02 — Responsibilities

The Board shall:

- Establish association policies.
- Approve rodeo schedules.
- Maintain official rules.
- Manage finances.
- Approve sponsorships.
- Conduct meetings.
- Oversee awards and year-end standings.

Section 13.03 — Committees

The President may appoint committees as necessary to assist with:

- Finals
 - Sponsorship
 - Membership
 - Awards
 - Rules
 - Fundraising
 - Special events
- Committee members serve at the direction of the Board.

Section 13.04 — Conflicts of Interest

Board members shall disclose any conflict of interest before participating in decisions where a conflict exists.
The Board may require the affected member to abstain from discussion or voting.

Section 13.05 — Meetings

Regular Board meetings shall be conducted throughout the rodeo season.
Special meetings may be called by the President as needed.

Section 13.06 — Voting

Board business shall be conducted by majority vote unless otherwise required by these bylaws.
The President may vote as provided in the association bylaws.

Section 13.07 — Rule Enforcement

The Board is responsible for enforcing this rulebook consistently and fairly for all members.

ARTICLE XIV — AMENDMENTS

Section 14.01 — Rule Changes

These rules may be amended by approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 14.02 — Effective Date

Unless otherwise specified, rule changes become effective upon Board approval.

Section 14.03 — Annual Review

The Board shall review the rulebook annually and make revisions as necessary to improve safety, fairness, and the operation of the association.

Section 14.04 — Publication

The official KJRA Rulebook shall be published each rodeo season. Members are responsible for becoming familiar with the current edition.