

# Jackson County Youth Rodeo Association Rule Book

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO HIGHLIGHTED AREAS. THESE ARE THE 2011 CHANGES.

(JCYRA will default to YRA rules if current JCYRA rules do not cover a situation.)

SAFETY OF THE CONTESTANTS IS JCYRA'S TOP PRIORITY. JCYRA directors or officers have the authority to stop a run if it is deemed unsafe for the contestant.

ALL RULES WILL BE ADHEARED TO WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS.

1. All Contestants must supply a copy of their birth certificate to show age as of January 1st. Family or individual memberships are available to contestants who are over seventeen years old. Membership fee is \$50.
2. A notarized minors release is required before contestants are allowed to participate and a copy must be on file with the JCYRA.
3. Current coggins papers are required on all horses brought to a JCYRA event and a copy must be on file with the JCYRA.
4. Entry forms must be postmarked 10 days prior to event day. All late entries will be charged a \$30 late fee. All entry fees must be paid before the contestant will be allowed to participate. Exceptions will only be made if it is the contestants' first rodeo with JCYRA.
5. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at a JCYRA event.
6. JCYRA Contestants Dress Code: PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION!

Anyone entering the arena MUST follow dress code.

-Jeans must be worn.

-Only button or snap style shirts with collars are allowed. (short or long sleeve only, no polo style shirts allowed) Shirts must be tucked in.

-Boots or shoes with defined heels must be worn – regular tennis shoes are not allowed. No FAT BABY boots are allowed.

-A cowboy hat is preferred but not required. No caps or visors are allowed.

- No restraints will be allowed to hold a rider on his/her horse.

ANY contestant who participates in any event and is in violation of the JCYRA dress code will receive a no time for that event. There will be no exceptions. Please make sure your child is properly attired to avoid an undesirable situation. No refund will be given in the event that a contestant is deemed improperly clad to participate.

7. Age groups are as follows: Age as of January 1st.

Speed Events: Roping Events:

2-6 assisted (lead line) 9-12 Sub Jr.

2-8 unassisted (Pee Wee) 13-15 Junior

9-12 sub junior 16-19 Senior

13-15 Junior

16-19 Senior

8. Once an event has started, the books will be closed for that event and no one will be allowed to enter. The announcer will call the name of each upcoming contestant three times. If the contestant does not come forward and begin the event after the 3rd call contestant will receive a no time.

9. An open gate will be maintained. If the parent/guardian desires a closed gate, he/she may request to close it. A person must be a director or designated adult to operate the gate while an event is ongoing.

10. A flagman or electric eye may be used. If an electric eye is used, once the eye is broken, the event time will start. If the eye is re-broken before the pattern or event is complete, the contestant will receive a "no time". In the event of a malfunction with the electric eye, a flag man and stop watch will be used as a backup system.

11. An arena judge will be present at each event. If the contestant breaks the pattern or disqualifies him/herself in any way, the arena judge will make it known to the timekeeper and announcer. Arena judges are the Directors and/or Officers in the arena at the time and they have the final say.

12. A person must be a director or designated adult to operate the gate while an event is ongoing.

13. LEAD LINE – contestants in Lead Line may be assisted only by a family member over the age of 18.

A. NO TIMER WILL BE USED IN LEAD LINE.

B. No more than 2 foot of line shall be between the leaders hand and the horse's head.

C. No restraint devices may be used to hold a rider on his/her horse.

D. A 50% payout WILL NOT BE AWARDED in the Lead Line division but instead buckles will be awarded to all qualifying contestants at the yearend banquet. Each participant will receive a prize at the end of each rodeo.

E. In order to receive year end prizes contestants must attend 5 out of the 6 rodeos and participate in all three events at each rodeo.

14. TIMED EVENTS: Any participant going over 60 seconds will receive a no time for that event.

A. TIE – DOWN CALF ROPING – The roper can catch as catch can. After roping the calf, roper must dismount, go down the rope, throw calf by hand, cross and tie any three of the calf's feet. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to a vertical position with at least three feet dangling underneath and then be thrown by hand, resulting with a no time if not followed. EXCEPTION: Sub Junior boys who do not get the calf to its feet will be given a 10 second penalty. If ropers hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. A legal tie shall consist of one or more wraps and a half hitch, with at least one wrap around all three feet. The field judge will pass on the tie, timing six (6) seconds from the time the horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted and puts slack in the rope. In the event a contestant's rope is off the calf after the completion of the tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears the calf. Tie must hold until passed on by judge, and roper may not touch pigging string after signaling for time during the six (6) second time period. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed tie. Contestant must compete on calf drawn. (Amended 3/25/2010)

B. BREAKAWAY ROPING – A clean bell-collar catch (around the neck) must be made. The string attaching the rope to the saddle horn must be broken by the jerk of the calf hitting the end of the rope. If the string is broken by the roper, it will result in a "no time". The roper must be on his/her horse when the string breaks. Breaking the barrier will result in a ten second penalty.

C. RIBBON ROPING – the roper can catch as catch can. **The roper must provide a mugger. (mugger will not be provided)** The mugger must have a hand on the calf before the runner can get the ribbon. If the ribbon falls off the calf's tail, the runner must pull hair off the calf in place of the ribbon. Once the ribbon (or hair, as the case may be) is pulled off, the runner must cross the finish line. Breaking the barrier will result in a ten second penalty.

D. TEAM ROPING – ropers may team rope TWO (2) times only. Two paid entries will be allowed. **Courtesy ropers will be RANDOMLY drawn.** Partners may not enter on the same end twice. Ages for this event are 9-19 (age as of January 1st of the current JCYRA season). ONLY Sub Junior boys (12) and under and entered as a heeler may tie off. All girl heelers of any age group may tie off. A quick release device must be used for those who tie off. Illegal head catches result in a no time. Legal head catches are slick around horns, neck or half heads. A 5 second penalty will be awarded for a single leg catch and no cross fire. A crossfire will result in a no time. A barrel will be placed 30 feet off of the headers box. A steer cannot be turned until the roper is past the barrel. (amended 3/20/2010)

E. GOAT TYING – the goat must be tied by crossing any three legs and must have a minimum of one complete wrap around all three legs. Goat is to be held at the end of the rope facing the starting line and released when contestant crosses starting line (when flag is dropped). If the goat is down when contestant reaches it, the goat must be let up to a vertical position with at least three legs dangling underneath and then be thrown by hand. The goat must remain tied for six seconds once the tie is complete. If the contestant's horse makes contact with the goat or rope, or crosses the rope at any time, it will result in a 10 second penalty. **NO PARENTS ALLOWED IN ARENA DURING THIS EVENT.**

F. GOAT SLAPPING – the goat will be held for the contestant. The contestant must slap the goat. The timer will stop once the contestant has crossed the line. If the contestant's horse makes contact with the goat or rope at any time, it will result in a 10 second penalty. **Parents can hold horse but CANNOT assist in child dismount. If contact is made with child it will result in a disqualification. (DOES NOT APPLY TO LEAD LINE)**

G. CLOVERLEAF BARRELS – the pattern must be run according to either of the illustrations. (refer to last page) Failure to follow the pattern will result in a no time. Knocking over a barrel will result in a five-second penalty per barrel. A contestant may touch a barrel with his/her hand.

H. STRAIGHTAWAY BARRELS – the pattern must be run according to either of the illustrations. (refer to last page) Failure to follow the pattern will result in a no

time. Knocking over a barrel will result in a five second penalty per barrel. A contestant may touch a barrel with his/her hand.

I. POLE BENDING – the pattern must be run according to either of the illustrations. (refer to last page) Failure to follow the pattern will result in a no time. Knocking over a pole will result in a five second penalty per pole. A contestant may touch a pole with his/her hand. The last pole will always be set 21 feet from the electric eye or flagman. The arena will be dragged after every 10th contestant (or sooner, depending on the condition of the arena), with the exception of lead-line, during the barrel and pole bending events.

15. Disorderly conduct, quarreling, fighting or abusive language in or around the arena or grounds during a JCYRA event by any member will cause a disqualification.

16. Mistreatment of rodeo stock or a contestant's horse will cause a disqualification.

17. Members causing any property damage must report it to the Board of Directors or be disqualified from JCYRA permanently. This will include vandalism at any time or place.

18. PARKING – only park in the designated areas outside fenced-in areas.

19. No pets will be allowed in the Main Event Center.

**PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE HELP KEEP THE GROUNDS CLEAN AND KEEP HORSES IN DESIGNATED AREAS.**

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