

Jackson County Youth Rodeo Association

Contestant Rules

GENERAL RULES

A contestant or member may be disqualified from any or all rodeos, receive a no-time in an event or be reprimanded for any of the following violations: If you can't find the rule please refer to www.yratx.com for their rules (NEW rules and changes are HIGHLIGHTED)

1. Falsification of name, age, signature of parent or failure to comply with rules.
2. All members and parents are responsible for knowledge of these rules. Rule changes made during the season will be communicated to the membership before implementation. Rule changes must be communicated before the beginning of the first rodeo for which the changes will apply.
3. Any unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to follow the code of conduct or harassment by either a parent or contestant may result in loss of points for the rodeo in which the incident occurred and disqualification from the remainder of the rodeo. Entries in future rodeos after such incident will be at the discretion of the board of directors. Should a decision be made by the board of directors to suspend family members due to a contestant or parents conduct the contestant or parent will be informed in writing. The parent may appeal the decision to the board through the appeals process set forth in these rules.
4. Birth certificates required for all new members. No money or prizes will be released without the certificate on file. A notarized minors release is required before contestants are allowed to participate and a copy must be on file with JCYRA. A current's coggins paper is required on all horses brought to JCYRA event and a copy must be on file with JCYRA
5. In order to change positions because more than one contestant is riding the same horse the contestant must indicate this on EACH entry blank. There is no guarantee this change will be made, the order will be as it appears in the draw.
6. No alcoholic beverages allowed in the arena during the rodeo.

7. The same judges/flagmen/timekeepers will be used throughout the entire age group of an event unless the judge/flagmen/timekeeper is excused because of sickness or emergency. Exceptions may be made if sufficient timekeepers are not available to work an entire event.
8. Member must work 1 event at each Rodeo they attend. Junior and Senior contestants may work for themselves or have an adult work for them. Peewee and sub-junior contestants may have an adult work for them. A contestant found not to have obtained a work point for a rodeo may make up work points at a future rodeo only with special permission of the board. Make up work points must be made up with 2 work points for each missed work point. A buy out may be made of \$25 per work point. It is not the responsibility of J.C.Y.R.A. to inform the member that he or she does not have a work point. Signing up to work and not appearing to actually work will not result in a work point. Failing to sign up to work an event prior to the member competing his/her events for the day is not an excuse for not obtaining their necessary work points. Members should only sign up for their 1 event so others can obtain their necessary work points, however, this does not mean the Association does not want and appreciate contestants and parents helping beyond their required work points. Failing to obtain a work point for a rodeo may result in loss of points earned for that rodeo for that member. All work points requirements must be met by AUGUST in order to receive year end awards.
9. Abuse of livestock may be caused for disqualification and possible loss of membership. If a director witnesses a member, parent, or non-member abusing livestock at any time during the weekend the director may report to the board of directors and the board of directors may levy a fine up to \$25 per instance of abuse. In instances where a contestant receives a no-time for dragging or abusing livestock, the Board of Directors may levy a fine up to \$100 per incident. Fines may be withheld from the contestant's winnings. Any unpaid fine must be satisfied within 14 days of notification or the member will forfeit his or her membership. Non-members will not re-enter until their fine is paid.
10. Non-members may compete in any scheduled rodeo and must complete a non-member release and provide a copy of their birth certificate before eligible to compete. Non-members must pay a \$10.00 permit fee for each rodeo entered. Non-members must obtain a work point. Failure to receive a work point may result in a forfeiture of any winnings for that rodeo.
11. Contestants schooling their horse during an event (E.G. repeating a broken pattern or making a training run after the pattern is compete) may be fined a \$25 fee per occurrence. A contestant competing a pattern slowly is NOT considered schooling a horse. Contestants with an unruly

horse that causes difficulty entering the arena or roping box should inform the judge or director prior to the beginning of that event.

12. Any protests must be submitted in writing to the board with a payment of \$250 for review. Upon review if the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded. If the protest is denied JCYRA will retain the protest fee. A judge's call cannot be protested. The board will set a meeting as soon as practical to review any protests received, rodeo will not be stopped to review/decide on a protest. A protest may be reviewed by three or more board members as a protest committee. Judge's decision is final .
13. Entry forms must be postmarked 10 days prior to an 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.** Call ins will be the Wednesday before the rodeo from 6-8 p.m. There will be a \$10 credit card fee per entry. Do not leave entry information on the voice mail must talk to Jamye Muegge 361-782-1701.
14. The announcer will call the name of each upcoming contestant 3 times. If the contestant does not come forward and begin the event after the 3rd call the contestant will receive a no time.
15. An open gate will be maintained. If the parent/guardian desired a closed gate, he/she may request to close it. A person must be a director or designated adult to operate the gate while event is going on.
16. Event Placing will be awarded as follow:

1 st place	10 points
2 nd place	9 points
3 rd place	8 points
4 th place	7 points
5 th place	6 points
6 th place	5 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 points
9 th place	2 points
10 th place	1 point

17. Members must compete in 5 of the 6 rodeos to be eligible for Year End Event Awards. The best 5 runs per event will count toward the year-end points. For a rodeo to count towards qualification for year-end awards, the contestant must be a member in good standing, including sponsorship requirements. Rodeos which a draw-out is allowed for all events will not count towards qualification for Year End Awards.
18. **Year End All Around Prizes will be awarded to each age group that maintains at least 5 members in each event at least 5 rodeos. Any less than that will not be eligible for a saddle.** In speed events contestants must compete in the same 3 events in 5 out of 6 rodeos to be eligible for All Around Prizes. In roping girls must compete in the same 2 events and boys must compete in the same 3 events in 5 out of 6 rodeos to be eligible for All Around Prizes. **JCYRA does not allow Saddle Sponsorships for single age group all around saddles. The saddle sponsorships are an organization sponsorship only.**
19. **To qualify for participation prizes in the speed events the contestants must enter 5 of the 6 rodeos and they must enter 3 of the 4 events. To qualify for participation prize in the roping: Girls must enter 5 of the 6 rodeos and enter 2 of the 3 roping events, for boys they must enter 5 of the 6 rodeos and enter 3 of the 4 roping events. If you enter both speed and roping you will only get one participation prize.**
20. All Tie Breakers for events and prizes will be broken by placings for that event starting with the number of 1st places going on down to 2nd and then 3rd and so on until tie is broken.
21. No one is allowed in the arena to physically assist the contestant once the time has started.
22. Minimum sponsorships totaling \$100 per member or \$200 per family must be received by the deadline date for each contestant in order to qualify for Year End Awards. The deadline date is May 12, 2018. Members not meeting their total sponsorship requirements by May 11th will be subject to fine every 15 days after May 11th. Fees will be as follows:
 - member not meeting their total sponsorship requirements until 15 days after the deadline must turn a total sponsorship of \$200
 - member not meeting their total sponsorship requirements until 30 days after the deadline must turn a total sponsorship of \$300
 - member not meeting their total sponsorship requirements until 45 days after the deadline must turn a total sponsorship of \$400Sponsors will receive the benefits designated in the sponsorship form. Member will not be eligible for Year End Awards if sponsorship is not received by the deadline.

23. JCYRA will allow slack runs AT THE MAY rodeo for contestants and family members that made the HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS IN ABLIENE TEXAS. This is the only rodeo finals that we will allow slack runs for NO EXPECTATIONS.

Parents Code of Conduct

Prior to any member or non-member competing in a rodeo, the member or non-member's parent must have on file with the Association a signed "Parents Code of Conduct." In the case of members and non-members eighteen or older, that member or non-member participant may sign the Parents Code of Conduct. Parents may be fined up to \$250 or loss of membership for their child or children as determined by the judge and/or the Board of Directors.

The Parents Code of Conduct is as follows:

PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. Remember that children participate in rodeos to have fun and that the rodeos are for those children, not adults.
2. Know the rules of the association and follow them.
3. Present a positive role model for all contestants and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to other contestants and parents.
4. Demonstrate positive support for all contestants, judges, officials and spectators at every rodeo and every event with JCYRA.
5. Refrain from any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any judge, officials, contestant, or parent such as loosing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures during the rodeo.
6. Act to prevent any behaviors that could endanger the health and well-being of the contestants, or stock.
7. Encourage their child to follow the rules and resolve conflicts without hostility or poor behavior.
8. Encourage their child to treat other contestants, judges, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. Not ridicule or yell at their child or other contestants for making mistake or losing a competition.

10. Respect the judges and officials by following the rules for questions about calls or procedures and not confront judges or officials in the arena or from the grandstands during an event.
11. Adhere to the rules forbidding the use of alcohol in the arena during rodeos.
12. Remember that the primary purpose of youth rodeo is to teach responsibility, respect, and character that will serve the contestant well as they become young adults.

Checks

1. A fee of \$30 will be charged for each returned check to JCYRA. A contestant is not eligible to enter any future rodeo unless these fees and original check amount has been collected by JCYRA in cash, cashier's check or money order. If a second check is returned, all future rodeos must be entered by paying with cash, cashier's check or money order.
2. Checks issued by JCYRA must be cashed within 60 days of date issued or check will be voided.
3. A fee of \$30 will be charged to rewrite award checks for any reason other than an error on the part of the association.

Dresscode

1. Jeans must be worn
2. Only button or snap style shirts with collars are allowed. (short or long sleeve only, no polo type shirts or sleeveless shirts allowed) Shirts must be tucked in.
3. Boots or shoes with defined heels must be worn. Regular tennis shoes are not allowed. No FAT BABY boots are allowed.
4. A cowboy hat is preferred but not required. No caps or visors are allowed.
5. No restraints will be allowed to hold a rider on his/her horse.

Age Groups as of September 1st

Speed Events:

2-6 assisted (lead line)
2-8 unassisted (Pee Wee)
9-12 sub junior
13-15 Junior
16-19 Senior

Roping Events:

9-12 Sub Jr.
13-15 Junior
16-19 Senior

Leadline

*** Leadline will be ran with all 3 events in the arena at the same time starting with clovers , figure 8 then goats.

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 65% 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.

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 the rope comes off the calf before the mugger/roper has hands on the calf it will result in a no time** 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) If the rope comes off the calf before the mugger/roper has hands on the calf it will result in a no time.** 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 entering ONCE as a header and ONCE as a healer. Points will be kept separately for year-end awards. Two paid entries will be allowed. Courtesy ropers will be **RANDOMLY** drawn and will only receive day money but will not receive points. Partners may not enter on the same end twice. Ages for this event are 9-19. **ONLY** Sub Junior boys (12) and under and entered as a healer 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.

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. Parents cannot stop the horse. 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.

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

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