

# **INDIAN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION**



## **RULE BOOK**

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### IJRA Mission Statement

“Enhancing our native youth’s lives through the sport of rodeo.”

*\*Rules not found in this guide will default to the National High/Junior High School Rodeo Association*

### **Article 1 - Association Name**

The Indian Junior Rodeo Association, hereinafter referred to as "IJRA" shall be the name of the Association.

### **Article 2 -Mission Statement**

The mission statement of IJRA shall be "Enhancing our native youth's lives through the sport of rodeo."

### **Article 3 - Schedule of Events**

The grand entry will begin at 8:45 am with the midget division events to immediately follow.

1. Midget Wooly Riding
2. Midget Barrel Racing
3. Midget Flag Racing
4. Midget Goat Tagging
5. Pee wee Goat Tying
6. Junior Co-Ed Goat Tying
7. Senior Girls Goat Tying
8. Senior Boys Bareback Riding
9. Senior Boys Saddle Bronc Riding
10. Junior Co-Ed Bull Riding
11. Senior Boys Bull Riding
12. Senior Girls Bull Riding
13. Pee wee Steer Riding
14. Senior Boys Chute Dogging
15. Junior Co-Ed Chute Dogging
16. Senior Boys Steer Wrestling
17. Junior Co-Ed Breakaway Roping
18. Senior Girls Breakaway Roping
19. Pee wee Breakaway Roping
20. Senior Boys Tie Down Roping
21. Pee wee Barrel Racing
22. Junior Co-Ed Barrel Racing
23. Senior Girls Barrel Racing
24. Pee wee Pole Bending
25. Junior Co-Ed Pole Bending
26. Senior Girls Pole Bending
27. Senior Boys Team Roping
28. Senior Girls Team Roping
29. Junior Co-Ed Team Roping

### **Article 4 - Goals and Objectives**

1. To prepare and teach our youth for the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship in rodeo for future levels of competition, such as junior high school, high school rodeo, college rodeo, and professional rodeo.
2. To be good role models.
3. To ensure fairness in the sport of rodeo, to abide by the rules and expectations set by IJRA.
4. To encourage and promote sportsmanship among contestants, officials, and parents.
5. To provide a healthy and trustworthy environment.
6. To keep our culture and western heritage alive.
7. To promote responsibility to their animals and themselves.
8. To promote courtesy, consideration and respect to their parents, people who surround them, people who support them.
9. To promote the humane treatment of animals.
10. To work for the betterment of conditions in and around the rodeo arena for the safety of the

contestants, officials, rodeo livestock, and spectators.

11. To increase awareness and maintain the best interest of the Indian Junior Rodeo Association.
12. To promote the growth of the Association and its members.
13. To ensure competent, honest judges, timers, and officials.
14. To work for the centralization and coordination of all association activities for the convenience of its members.
15. To maintain accountability and transparency of the Association records.
16. To promote drug and alcohol awareness and prevention.

#### **Article 5 - Membership and Dues**

1. Membership in IJRA is open to any American Indian youth with at least one fourth (1/4) degree blood quantum. Documents of age (Birth Certificate) and verification from the Tribe or Indian Agency (Certificate of Indian Blood) which the person is enrolled must be provided to IJRA administration.
2. A participant whose birthday falls before July 1<sup>st</sup> must compete in that division for the entire season. IJRA administration must see the original birth certificate and then parents must provide a copy to accompany the member and/or non-member application for correct placement in age division category. This copy shall remain in the confidential files of the Association. A participant must not be 19 years of age by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current rodeo season year.
3. Participation in the established age groups will be as follows:
  - A. Midget Division (Co-ed): 6 years old and under
  - B. Peewee Division (Co-ed): 7 to 10 years old
  - C. Junior Division (Co-ed): 11 to 14 years old
  - D. Senior Girls Division: 15 to 18 years old
  - E. Senior Boys Division: 15 to 18 years old
4. All applications for membership must be accompanied by a notarized permission and liability release signed by the parents of the legal guardian. Any falsification or misrepresentation shall result in immediate nullification of membership status.
5. Annual membership fee is hereby set at \$50.00 to be valid through the IJRA Finals of that year.
6. A \$25.00 participation fee shall be paid by all members regardless of the number of events entered - no additional speed event eye and/or stock fees will be applied.
7. Non-member participants may compete in any IJRA rodeo without IJRA membership upon paying a \$35.00 participation fee and all applicable speed event eye, and/or stock fees associated with each event.
8. Non-Indian participants may compete only in open IJRA approved rodeos. They must abide by the IJRA rules and regulations.

#### **Article 6 - Adult Board of Directors, Event Directors and Coordinators**

1. There shall be adult officers, event directors and coordinators. The President shall be elected by the same method and according to the same timeline as the student officers and student representatives.
2. The adult officers, event directors and coordinators shall be appointed by the elected President. Director positions are: rough stock director(s), timed event director(s), judge coordinator(s), timers coordinator(s), queen coordinator and PR/Marketing coordinator (s)..
3. The adult board members must be parents/guardians of the active or alumni student membership.
4. Adult board members who fail to show up for three meetings without showing just cause to the board president prior to the meeting will be dismissed and the position filled by board president appointment.
5. The term of office of the adult officers and event directors shall be two (2) years, unless a member

must leave office or resign.

6. IJRA adult officers and event directors will receive honorary membership to be honored at all approved rodeos.
7. A member may resign by submitting a written letter to the IJRA Board of Directors.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

1. The Association President is responsible for overseeing the proper functioning of the Association and each approved rodeo. He/she shall ensure that officers and directors carry out their duties and responsibilities. He/she shall be the liaison between the Association and other organizations. The president shall preside at board meetings. In the absence of the president, the vice president shall preside and perform the duties. The president shall be elected by majority vote to serve a term of two (2) years.
2. The vice president(s) shall assist the president in carrying out his/her duties and responsibilities. He/she will not sit in for any director who is unable to attend a scheduled meeting. He/she will preside at all meetings in the absence of the president. He/she shall be appointed by the president.
3. The secretary shall keep minutes of all minutes and distribute such minutes to all officers and directors. He/she will arrange the agenda for all meetings; keep all records of correspondence and documents pertaining to the Association. The secretary shall keep the members/public informed of the Association activities through appropriate news releases, newsletters, media, etc. He/she shall be appointed by the president.
4. The treasurer shall provide financial reports at each meeting; keep records and accounts of all income in the bank designated by the officers and directors. The treasurer shall not pay out or disburse any monies of the Association except by check bearing required signatory completion and authorization. He/she will be responsible for collecting the five percent (5%) of the total amount of entry fees at each IJRA host rodeo. He/she shall be appointed by the president.
5. Rough stock and timed event directors will be responsible for overseeing his/her particular events at each rodeo. They will properly prepare, inspect and install barrier equipment prior to the beginning of the rodeo in coordination with the judges; assure adequate and worthy stock is available for contestants and for the safety of the contestants; assure that timed event equipment such as *pole bending* poles, flag *racing equipment*, and barrels are available and in good condition and accessible during their respective events; assure that the safety vest and mouthpiece ruling is enforced; enforce humane treatment of rodeo animals; and ensure a smooth running rodeo performance.
6. IJRA Queen is responsible for *grand entry flags and flag poles* to and from sanctioned rodeos, coordinating grand entry with fellow IJRA contestants, will assist in and out of the arena when possible, and will promote IJRA at public events and will seek queen applicants for the upcoming queen pageant. 0

### **Article 7 - Student Officers and Student Representatives**

1. There shall be student officers and division representatives of the IJRA membership.
2. The following student event representatives shall be elected by the IJRA membership, senior boys division representative, senior girls division representative, junior co-ed division representative, peewee co-ed division representative, and midget co-ed division representative.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

**The student officers and student representatives shall be elected at the first rodeo by majority vote of the student membership of IJRA.**

1. All student representatives elected shall begin their term in office immediately upon election.
2. Vacancies of student representatives shall be filled by the membership.
3. Division representatives shall assist the adult board members at all rodeos in their designated divisions and events.
4. The five (5) student division representatives shall serve on the student board and shall work to carry out the objectives of IJRA and express concerns of the general membership.
5. IJRA student division representatives will be refunded one half of their membership at the year-end Finals.

#### **Article 8 - Rules Governing Members General Rules**

1. All members shall be familiar with and agree to abide by these rules, regulations and ground rules of an approved sanction rodeo.
2. All members will compete in their respective divisions for the entire season.
3. Members or their parents/guardians shall not refuse to pay entry fees; shall not quarrel and/or fight on the rodeo grounds; shall not attempt to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges at any time in or out of the arena; shall not be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, narcotics or non-medical drugs while participating; shall not allow a non-member partner to disregard IJRA rules and regulations.
4. **There will be zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, tobacco and smoking at any approved sanctioned rodeo.**
5. All participants, participant helpers, officials or any other arena help must be dressed in western attire with a cowboy hat with a covered crown western shirt that has wrist length sleeves with a collar and cuff, sleeves of the shirt must not be rolled up above elbow; and western boots with a heel, must be worn and sneaker type "sport shoes" are not acceptable footwear. **Dress code/western attire is required for all contestants from start of rodeo to end of rodeo, both in and out of the arena along with their IJRA assigned back number pinned visible on their back. Members must be in dress code when paying your entry fees to the CES.**
6. All members must cooperate in making any correction in mistakes in any pay-offs made by the CES Secretary. Members shall be required to reimburse the CES secretary for any over payments and the CES secretary shall be required to make up the difference on all short payments.
7. All contestants who have horses available are expected to participate in the Grand Entry.
8. All members must keep clear of the arena except during the time of his/her performance.
9. Members entered at approved rodeos shall participate as entered unless they cannot due to sickness/injury/concussion in which contestant must provide a doctor's or veterinarian's statement; emergency in family in which contestant must provide documentation at least one hour before start of rodeo. In case of a riding event, members must provide documentation before stock is drawn. The contestant is responsible for obtaining clearance to compete in upcoming IJRA sanctioned rodeos.
10. In case of an on-site injury to a participant or to his/her competition animal and cannot continue rodeo, decisions will be made at the discretion of the judges.
11. Any member who initiates litigation against the Association and does not prevail in the litigation by recovery of all relief requested shall be liable to the Association for all its attorney's fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and other expenses incurred by the Association arising from or in connection with such litigation. These fees shall be paid in full to the Association before continuation of membership.

#### **Complaints or Charges**

1. Any suspension or revocation of membership shall be by majority vote of the IJRA board. Violators must be notified in writing, and he/she shall be given one week to appeal the action if so desired. If

not appealed, the action shall be final.

2. Any complaint shall be in writing, signed by the complainant and submitted to the board of directors. The adult president shall schedule a hearing and must notify all adult board members of the hearing. A decision shall be by a majority vote of the adult board of directors.
3. Any corrective action by the IJRA board shall be classified into the following categories:
  - a. Warning – to be given for the first offense for being in the arena during a performance when not competing; using profanity, vulgarity or any inappropriate action detrimental to the best interest of IJRA or rodeo; mistreatment of animals; or misconduct of parent/s.
  - b. Forfeiture of points – second offense on the above infractions shall warrant automatic forfeiture of points earned from the rodeo following the date of board action.
  - c. Suspension from rodeo(s) – third offense on the above infraction shall be automatic suspension for the remainder of season.
  - d. Revocation of membership – to be given for striking any rodeo official; any other infraction considered of serious consequence and detrimental to IJRA or the sport of rodeo and participants.
  - e. There will be zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and smoking. Any violation of this rule will result in an automatic revocation of membership and forfeiture of points. Further suspension from any IJRA sanctioned events will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors; the minimum will be one calendar year.
4. Complaints or harassment made by parents will not be tolerated during the rodeo and may subject their participant to disqualification at the rodeo.
5. Complaints and discrepancies during rodeo events will be addressed and resolved at the discretion of the judges.
6. All pre-existing bills must be cleared before a new membership will be issued.

#### **General Rules for Events**

1. Contestant shall not ride or rope two animals in the same event during a performance except for re-rides and re-ropes, with the exception of team roping when entered twice.
2. Contestant shall not compete on the same animal when animals are drawn.
3. Stop watches with 1/10 of a second will be used for riding events and 1/100 of a second for timed events. An electric eye timing device will be used when available.
4. Draw-outs and entry fee refunds will not be allowed after stock is drawn without a doctor's statement and must be cleared with the judges.
5. If contestant participates on one animal in a two go-round event and is unable to compete on the second, no refund will be given.
6. If injured, entry fees shall be refunded in the events he/she has not competed in.
7. Trade-outs or buy-outs will not be permitted. If a contestant draws out from an event without total justification he/she must draw out from other events.
8. In order for a contest to occur, there must be a minimum of two contestants entered in an event.
9. Timed/Speed Events: No whipping of horse into the arena or out of the roping box by your helper either with a whip, hands or rope, you will be disqualified.
10. Contestants must be ready when called upon to compete. A contestant will be given three calls, five seconds apart by the rodeo judge, thereafter a turn out will be assessed. Readiness of the livestock will be taken into consideration.
11. No training of any kind is permitted in or around the arena during a sanctioned rodeo.
12. All contestants shall observe ground rules set by the Association.
13. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted.

14. The Association will not be held liable for excessive use of one's animal. Performance horses utilized at rodeos must be deemed safe for the event. When an animal is observed and deemed unsafe for contestants and other members, contestant will receive a verbal warning. The second occurrence will be the suspension of animal.
15. Contestants must not have their sleeves rolled up during competition with the exception of rough stock riders who may have their sleeve rolled up on their riding hand only.

#### **Article 9 - Rules Governing Approved Rodeos**

1. The IJRA board of directors by majority vote, shall consider and approve the IJRA rodeo schedule.
2. Rodeo sponsors seeking approval shall be put on a tentative rodeo schedule during a meeting called for that purpose. When the schedule is completed, it shall be presented to the IJRA board for approval. Additional rodeo requests must be made in writing before June 1<sup>st</sup> of that season.
3. Rodeo sponsors are allowed the option of the same dates they had in previous years. If those dates are not claimed by the previous sponsors, dates will become open for other requesting sponsors. New rodeo sponsors seeking approval must choose from vacant or unclaimed dates.
4. The sponsoring rodeo committee shall abide by all IJRA rules and regulations as a condition of sanctioning their rodeo. The IJRA rodeo sponsor shall pay a sponsor's fee of \$75.00 prior to sponsor's scheduled rodeo.
5. Sponsors are expected to fulfill all contractual obligations as their own responsibility. IJRA will not be liable for any contracts or agreements the rodeo sponsor entered into to produce their show.
6. The sponsoring rodeo committee shall provide an arena which must not present safety hazards to rodeo participants, rodeo stock, and spectators.
7. The IJRA rodeo sponsor is mandated to provide an emergency vehicle and adequate first-aid personnel at the sponsor's expense.
8. The IJRA president, Vice President or Board of Directors as appointed by the President will evaluate the rodeo arena and facilities and make recommendations for improvements (if needed) to the rodeo sponsors prior to the scheduled rodeo. Upon review, the rodeo sponsors must have a return approval statement before the actual rodeo.
9. Sponsors must provide adequate toilet facilities.
10. Sponsors must provide water for horses and rodeo stock.
11. Any IJRA rodeo officer and/or director, by showing proper identification, shall be admitted free of charge to all IJRA sanctioned rodeos.
12. All entry fees except deducted for administrative cost shall be included in the pay-off. Entry fees shall not be used to defray rodeo committee expenses. Pay-off shall be determined by the number of entries, entry fees, and go- rounds. Any added monies will be 100% pay-back.
13. Timers and judges for IJRA approved rodeos shall be certified by IJRA. Certified timers and judges will be assigned by IJRA. Sponsors are responsible for minimum payment for services of timers will be-- \$100.00 and \$125.00 for judges.
14. Sponsors are responsible for obtaining a junior rodeo announcer and Stock Contractor. Stock Contractors will be responsible for the following; two bull fighters and two pick up men, stripping chute help, loading help and be responsible for payment to said personnel.
15. Stock used for all approved rodeos shall be of regular rodeo stock. The IJRA event directors shall have the right to declare stock unacceptable for use on the basis of fairness to and the safety of the participants.
16. Rodeo sponsors must obtain a minimum of 5 personnel helpers to assist during sponsored rodeo.

#### **Article 10 - Central Entry System**

1. The Central Entry System (CES) is established by IJRA to improve the production of sanctioned rodeos and for the convenience of its membership. The CES will be utilized at all sanctioned

- rodeos. The CES secretary shall be responsible for rodeo entries.
2. Call-in / Text-in entries will be taken on Monday and Tuesday from 6:00-9:00 pm. Call-backs are on Wednesday between 6:00-9:00 pm for confirmation or drawouts.
    - Midget Woolly Riding, Sr. Boys Bareback/ Saddle Bronc, Jr. Co-Ed Bull Riding, Sr. Boys Bull Riding and Pee-Wee Steer Riding, Sr. Boys Chute Dogging / Steer Wrestling and Tie-down, must call in on Monday.
    - Team ropers MUST declare if he/she is a header or heeler and MUST declare a partner when calling in / text in. Failure to declare, CES will draw a team.
  3. Entries walk-in will open at 7:30am and will be closed at the conclusion of the Midget events. After the books are closed the CES secretary **SHALL NOT** accept any entries at that rodeo. Entries for the Midget division will be closed before the Midget events begin.
  4. It is the contestant's responsibility to pay their entry fees before competing. Failure to pay the entry fee will result in disqualification from such event. All business conducted with the CES; a contestant must be in mandatory western attire.
  5. Failure to utilize the central entry system (call-in/ text in) shall result in the loss of entry privileges and subject to a fine(s).
    - **Walk in Fee-- \$10.00**
    - **Turn out Fee-- \$10.00**
  6. Each member shall be required to show their membership card when entering or paying entry fees. Membership number must accompany entries.
  7. Absolutely no personal checks will be accepted for entry fees and a receipt shall be given for each entry received.
  8. All pay-offs shall be made in cash immediately after the rodeo or completion of each event. The CES secretary shall make every effort to compute the pay-offs well in advance and have the pay-offs ready as specified above.
  9. If there are awards, the average winner will be determined by most points won in go- round events. If there is no average, the award(s) shall go to the winner of the most points in each event. The all-around winner will be determined by the most points won in two or more events in a division.
  10. If there should be ties for awards it will be decided by points, the flip of a coin by an IJRA official to the awarded recipient.
  11. The payment for services of the CES secretary shall be the responsibility of the IJRA. The CES secretary will be paid \$150.00 per rodeo, and if there is an assistant the CES will pay out of the above amount.

### **Central Entry Secretary Duties**

1. Responsible for rodeo entries, set-ups, and collection of entry fees.
2. Assist judges, Board of Director (s) and stock contractor(s) with draws and post the draw for each event before the start of the performance.
3. Deduct six percent ( 6%) from entry fees and submit it to the IJRA treasurer immediately following each rodeo for deposit.
4. Submit rodeo results, standings and other pertinent IJRA information to the news media.
5. Develop and maintain individual current standings of each member. Unofficial standings shall be made available every two rodeos. Standings will be approved by the board.
6. Develop and complete summary table of each rodeo with the following information: standings, total entry fees collected for each event, total entry fees collected for each rodeo, total amount of six percent (6%) deduction, total amount of rodeo fees.  
\$25.00 from members and \$35.00 from non-members collected, and total prize money paid out and to whom paid out.

## Article 11 - Events and Entry Fees

1. Senior Boys Division (15-18): Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Chute Dogging, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping, Team Roping - \$20.00
2. Senior Girls Division (15-18): Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping - \$20.00
3. Junior Co-ed Division (11-14): Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Bull Riding - \$15.00
4. Peewee Co-ed Division (7-10): Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, Steer Riding - \$15.00
5. Midget Co-ed Division (6 and under): Flag Race, Barrel Racing, Goat Tagging, Woolly Riding - \$15.00

## Pay-Off Schedule

1. Pay-off shall be determined by the number of entries, entry fees, and go-rounds. Any added monies will be a 100% pay back.

| Number of Entries | Pay-off                |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Up to 3           | Jackpot                |
| 4-7               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> monies |
| 8-12              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> monies |
| 13-18             | 4 <sup>th</sup> monies |
| 19-29             | 5 <sup>th</sup> monies |
| 30-38             | 6 <sup>th</sup> monies |
| 39 & over         | 7 <sup>th</sup> monies |

2. The following percentage shall be used in pay-offs to the nearest dollar.

|                        |                                                                                                                  |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> monies | 1 <sup>st</sup> place 60%<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place 40%                                                           | 5 <sup>th</sup> monies | 1 <sup>st</sup> place 30%<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place 25%<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> place 20%<br>4 <sup>th</sup> place 15%<br>5 <sup>th</sup> place 10%                                                           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> monies | 1 <sup>st</sup> place 50%<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place 30%<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> place 20%                              | 6 <sup>th</sup> monies | 1 <sup>st</sup> place 29%<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place 24%<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> place 19%<br>4 <sup>th</sup> place 14%<br>5 <sup>th</sup> place 09%<br>6 <sup>th</sup> place 05%                              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> monies | 1 <sup>st</sup> place 40%<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place 30%<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> place 20%<br>4 <sup>th</sup> place 10% | 7 <sup>th</sup> monies | 1 <sup>st</sup> place 25%<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place 21%<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> place 17%<br>4 <sup>th</sup> place 14%<br>5 <sup>th</sup> place 11%<br>6 <sup>th</sup> place 08%<br>7 <sup>th</sup> place 04% |

3. In two (2) go-round events, pay-off shall be determined by the number of entries in each go-round.
4. Should there be a tie, monies will be totaled and split equally. The number of winners will equal the number of places in case of ties.
5. Ground money will be utilized if there are no qualified scores or times.
6. In the event of one qualified time/ride with more than one payout, that contestant shall receive the whole pot. No ground money will be paid.

## Article 12 - Points Award System

1. The IJRA points award system is established for the purpose of determining the champions in each

event and the all-around champion in each of the five (5) divisions.

2. Only points earned at approved IJRA rodeos will be counted toward the standings.
3. The points award system to be used is that there will be at least one hundred (55) points awarded in each go-round event. In case of a tie for points and place, points will still be given to the tying member for the highest tying place and the next placing will be eliminated. Points will not be split in ties. (i.e. If two contestants tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place they will each receive 9 points, since 3<sup>rd</sup> place was taken it will be eliminated and the next placing contestant will receive 7 points.)

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place  | 10 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place  | 09 points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place  | 08 points |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place  | 07 points |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> place  | 06 points |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> place  | 05 points |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> place  | 04 points |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> place  | 03 points |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> place  | 02 points |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> place | 01 points |

4. Points will be awarded upon purchase of membership and must be paid in full before the beginning of that rodeo for points to be counted, towards the year end standings. Any points received by a non-member will default to the next member placing.
5. In the event there is only one award, it shall go to the highest point winner.

### **Article 13 – Rough Stock Riding Events**

1. The senior boys bareback riding, senior boys saddle bronc riding, senior boys bull riding, and junior bull riding shall be timed for eight (8) seconds. The peewee steer riding and midget wooly riding shall be timed for six (6) seconds. The time is to start when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
2. In all senior boys riding events, one hand must be free at all times. If a contestant begins the ride with one hand, it must be completed with one hand during the course of the ride.
3. The contestant may not intentionally use his free hand against foreign objects that obstruct his ride, i.e. fences, pick-up men, etc.
4. To qualify, a bronc rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on his first move out of the chute.
5. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge shall tell the rider to take his feet out the horse's neck and the spur out rule shall be waived. Rider shall be disqualified for not following the judge's instructions.
6. Judges will use yellow flags to indicate violation of the spur out rule and other disqualification violations.
7. The rider must tell one judge, flagman, or stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with a hotshot and no re-ride will be given if the animal stalls or runs off.
8. One (latch side) judge shall serve as a back-up timer.
9. Judge may disqualify the rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal and ready to go when the previous animal leaves the arena.
10. Flanks are mandatory for junior and senior bull riding and peewee steer riding.
11. All Midget wooly riders, Pee-wee Steer riders, and Jr/ Sr. Bull riders are mandated to wear a helmet, safety vest, and a mouth piece.
12. Should a rough stock rider refuse to wear the helmet, safety vest, and a mouthpiece, his stock will be turned out.
13. Bareback and saddle bronc riders have the option to wear a helmet, however are mandated to wear a safety vest and mouthpiece.

## **Re-rides**

1. A re-ride may be given if the animal fails to break, stops, fouls the rider or if the stock contractor's equipment fails. The contestant cannot take the same animal. Contestant must take the animal that has been drawn for the re-ride.
2. Judges shall inform the contestant of his marking and an option for a re-ride. Contestant may take the option of a re-ride and take marking.
3. If, in the opinion of the judge, a rider makes three honest efforts to get out on a chute- fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.
4. If the pick-up man or horse comes in contact with bucking horse before the qualified time has elapsed, a no score will be given.
5. No re-ride shall be given if the contestant's own equipment breaks. If the contractor's equipment breaks, the contestant may have a re-ride.
6. A rider shall be given a re-ride if the flank comes off or breaks provided that the rider makes a qualified ride.

## **Senior Boys Bareback Riding**

1. Riding is to be done with a one-handed rigging.
2. Rigging shall be less than two inches (2") in width at handhold and not over six inches (6") at the "D" ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in the "D" ring. Riggings will use a standard "D" ring to be set to sit flat on horse's back when cinched.
3. Rider may have a single layer of leather, not be skived, under hand hold, which will extend at least one inch (1") on both sides of the center of the hand hold. It shall be glued down.
4. No fiberglass or metal in rigging will be used as hand holds. Only leather or rawhide are allowed for the hand hold. Flathead rivets and/or screws, and "t" nuts will be allowed to secure hand hold; only other metal allowed will be in the "D" rings.
5. Cinches for bareback riggings shall be made of mohair.
6. Required bareback pads are to completely cover the underside of the rigging and to extend a full two inches (2") behind the rigging. Pads used under riggings must be leather covered on both sides. If they are hair pads, they must be at least one inch (1") thick and if a foam, at least one and one quarter inches (1 ¼") thick.
7. Stock contractors will have the right to have Rough stock Director and judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Rough stock Directors and judges are to decide on all riggings and pads.
8. The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges or gimmicks.
9. There will be no adhesive material other than dry rosin used on riggings or on rider's glove. Benzoin may be used.
10. Five point star rowels, no longer than one and one half inches (1 ½") shall be used. Spur shank from one and three quarter inches (1 ¾") to two and one quarter inches (2¼") may be used. The spur shank can be offset one (1) to fifteen (15) degrees.
11. Rider may not take any kind of finger tuck, finger wrap, or shall not use finger tape. Violators will be disqualified.
12. Judges shall disqualify a bareback rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above his animal with his glove on when the previous horse leaves the arena.
13. If, in the opinion of the judge, a bareback rider does not release his hand from the rigging or does not dismount at any point after the eight second whistle, he shall be penalized. The judges are required to report the offense.
14. The bareback rigging shall not be cinched down while the rider's hand is in the hand hold after the horse is cinched. The stock contractor may request the judge(s) to take such action.

15. Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider: riding with too sharp or locked rowels; being bucked off; touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand; rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking; not having spurs above the break of the shoulders and touching horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on his initial move out of the chute; and failure to wear safety vest, and mouthpiece.

### **Senior Boys Saddle Bronc Riding**

1. Riding to be done with a saddle specifically for this event.
2. Riggin –  $\frac{3}{4}$  double – front edge of "D" ring must not pull further back than directly below the center point of the swell.
3. Swell undercut – not more than two inches (2"), one inch (1") on each side.
4. Gullet – not less than four inches (4") at the center of the fork or covered saddle.
5. Tree – must be built on a PRCA approved tree.
6. Fork – fourteen inches (14") wide, nine inches (9") high
7. Cantle – five inches (5") maximum height, fourteen inches (14") maximum width, stirrup leathers must be hung over bars, and front cinch must be mohair at least eight inches (8") wide at center.
8. Standard halter to be required unless agreement is made by both contestant and the stock contractor, to notify judges for approval of halter and stock contractor on fitness of halter. Halter must have adjustable nose bands.
9. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side. Riding Rein must be attached to the halter.
10. Horse to be saddled in the chute and only one helper will be allowed, helper must be in western attire.
11. Saddle shall not be set too far ahead on the horse's withers. Either stock contractor or contestant has the right to call rough stock director or judges to pass whether or not a horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank behind the curve of the horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.
12. If, in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc horse deliberately throws himself, the rider shall have a horse drawn for him from the re-ride horses.
13. Any of the following offenses shall disqualify the rider: being bucked off; changing hands on rein; losing or dropping rein before pre-designated time; if halter breaks; touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand; wrapping rein around hand; pulling leather; losing stirrup or spurs; using any foreign substance on saddle or chaps other than dry rosin will subject contestant to disqualification and declared ineligible for the next rodeo he enters; and failure to wear a safety vest and mouthpiece.

### **Senior Boys Bull Riding**

1. Head-fighting bulls having bad horns must be tipped to at least a quarter size or kept out of the draw.
2. Riding will be done with one hand and loose rope with or without handhold.
3. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off the bull when the rider leaves the bull.
4. If a safety ring is used on the bull rope the rider may not wrap his hand.
5. Rope must have a bell, and the bell must be under the belly of the bull.
6. Rider is allowed to use dry rosin and saddle soap on bull rope and riding glove.
7. Riders who are knocked off at the chute or if the bull fails will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
8. If the rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand, he is to be marked.
9. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back a reasonable distance at least the diameter of a quarter.
10. There shall be no interference of any kind with the bull during the rider's performance from the pickup men, stock contractor or contestants. This includes the use of hotshots after the bull is

released from the chute and after the rider sits down on an animal while in the chute.

11. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not the bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability.
12. No more than two men may be on the chute to pull the contestant's rope, and all chute help shall be in western attire.
13. Rider shall be disqualified for the following offenses: losing a spur or bell; being bucked off; using sharp spurs and/or locked rowels, rowels must have a one half (1/2) turn; touching animal, equipment, or person; with free hand and failure to wear a helmet, safety vest and mouthpiece.
14. The Senior bull riding will be an eight (8) second ride.

#### **Junior Bull Riding**

1. The rules for junior bull riding shall apply as the same rules required for the senior boys bull riding.
2. The Junior bull riding will be an eight (8) second ride.

#### **Peewee Steer Riding**

1. The rules for the peewee steer riding shall apply as the same rules required for the senior bull riding except that steer riding will be a six (6) second ride.
2. Flanking is mandatory for peewee steer riding.

#### **Midget Wooly Riding**

1. The wooly ride will be a six (6) second ride.
2. A helmet, safety vest, glove and mouthpiece are mandatory.
3. Riders will use a rope or braided rope.
4. Riders will compete using one hand and must complete the ride in the same manner.
5. Ropes must have a bell. The bell must be under the belly of the sheep.
6. If the sheep falls, contestants are entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges, if the rider's hand is still in the rope.
7. If the rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand, he is to be marked.
8. No sheep may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back to a reasonable size.
9. There shall be no interference of any kind with the sheep during the rider's performance from parents, stock contractors, or contestants.
10. Riders shall be disqualified for the following offenses: not wearing a helmet, safety vest, or mouthpiece; being bucked off; touching the animal with their free hand; if the contestant is not ready after three consecutive calls; and if there is interference from parents, stock contractors, or other unofficial people in the arena.
11. Spurs are not allowed.

#### **Article 14 - Timed Events and Equipment**

1. IJRA will have barrier equipment on hand.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the adult event director and officiating judges to properly prepare and install barrier equipment prior to the beginning of the rodeo.
3. A sixteen foot (16') tape must be on hand for the barrier judge.
4. The height of the barrier shall be from thirty-two inches (32") to thirty-six inches (36") measured at the center of the box. The score line will be determined by the size of the roping box. Tie down/breakaway score line shall be the length of the box minus four feet minus eighteen inches for the neck rope. Team roping score line will be the length of the box minus two feet minus twenty-four inches for the neck rope. A visible flag will be attached to the barrier. Steer Wrestling score line will be the length of the box minus six feet minus 24 inches for the neck rope.
5. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier and time to be taken between two

drops of flags.

6. A barrier will be considered broken if the pigtail of the barrier drops within ten feet (10') of the post.
7. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If the equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
8. Should the barrier break at any point other than the designated breaking point, the ten (10) second penalty does not apply. The contestant is entitled to a re-run if he declares himself or makes a qualified time.
9. The barrier flag shall operate before the time is official. A re-run shall be awarded only if a qualified time is made.
10. Only the barrier judge shall determine whether or not the barrier properly worked.
11. Judges shall clear the arena of all unauthorized personnel before the start of the events.
12. If a roper's rope is caught in any part of the barrier system (neck rope or barrier rope), it is considered interference and re-rope shall be awarded **only** if the contestant declares himself immediately by pulling up. Interference cannot be claimed after the completion of his/her run. No rerun will be granted if the roper's rope is caught on the permanent structure of the roping box.
13. Once the contestant calls for the release of the animal, the animal belongs to the contestant. The gate man shall immediately open the gate.
14. All animals used in each event shall be approximately the same size and of the same quality. The IJRA judges and event directors shall have the responsibility of removing any unfit or unsatisfactory animal.
15. If a participant gets the wrong animal, he/she shall receive a rerun or re-rope after the performance providing the barrier judge or participant notifies the field judge before the next animal comes out.
16. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the flag shall be dropped immediately. The participant shall get the animal back with a lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the participant shall get a re-run.
17. Once a participant has been flagged out, he/she will not receive an animal back.
18. The decision of the field judge and/or flagman shall be final and no protest by contestant will be permitted except first through the contestant event director. Such a protest shall be made before the end of the event.
19. If an animal escapes the chute or pen before it is called for by the participant or if it is a rerun or re-rope in events where the animal stalls the animal shall be brought back with a group of animals, it shall not be roped and dragged back to the chute, it shall not be re-penned by itself, nor shall it be given enough time to rest before being used again.
20. All chain, metal and wire tie-downs, nosebands and bosals must be completely covered where it comes into contact with the horse's skin.
21. Assistant helping barrel racers, pole benders and goat tyers will not be allowed to go past the plane of the main arena gate when they are entering the arena. Contestants will be disqualified if their helper goes past the plane of the main arena gate.
22. Contestant must have their cowboy hat/safety helmet on their head when they pass the plane of the entrance gate into the arena; failure to do so will result in a penalty of 5 seconds. **Intentionally knocking off of the hat in any way will result in no time for that event.**
23. The helper shall have no contact with the horse once the contestant calls for the animal. If the helper starts the horse or holds the horse in any way, the contestant will be disqualified.
24. During roping/speed events no horse or rider shall be in the unused roping box(es).
25. Judges will use penalty flags to signal any and all penalties in the arena.

## **Re-runs**

1. Re-runs must be taken after that performance if the contestant is taking the same animal. If a rerun animal has been drawn, the contestant shall take that one. In team roping, re-runs will be taken immediately.
2. If the animal turns before crossing the score line or does not break the neck rope, the contestant shall get a different animal.
3. If the contestant gets the wrong animal, time is not official. The contestant shall get the right animal before the time is official. This rule applies to Senior Boys tie-down roping, Senior Boys steer wrestling and Senior Boys chute dogging.

## **Midget Division**

1. For safety reasons, parents (or helpers) can assist in the timed events from start to finish completing the pattern and contestant will still receive a time if it is within the time limit.

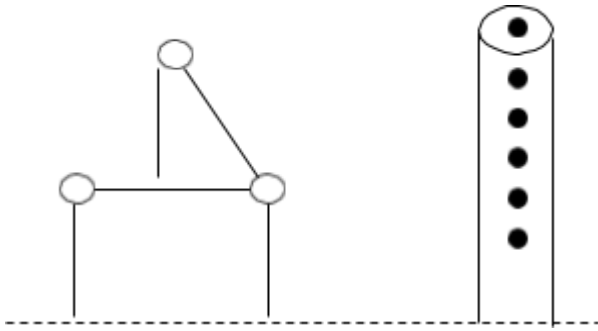
## **Senior Girls Barrel Racing**

1. Barrel racing is a timed event with a limit of sixty (60) seconds.
2. The distance between each barrel and the finish line should be standard if at all possible. The distance of forty-five (45) feet from the finish line to the first and second barrel and ninety (90) feet between the first and second barrel and one hundred five (105) feet to the third barrel. From barrel one (1) and two (2) should be the standard distance where the size the arena permits. Size of the pattern shall be determined by the size of the arena. Under normal situations/conditions, the following standard distance shall prevail on pattern size. Barrel one (1), two (2), and three (3) must be at minimum eighteen (18') away from the fence enclosing the arena. At discretion of arena conditions.
3. The designated event director(s) will mark the distance between each barrel and finish line before the start of each rodeo and must make sure the same measurements are used throughout the entire rodeo.
4. Flag is to be dropped and time shall begin and end when the horse's nose touches the start and the finish line.
5. A clover leaf pattern shall be used. Contestant can start either to the left or right to complete the pattern.
6. There is no penalty for touching a barrel in any manner while making a turn.
7. A five second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked down.
8. The flagman shall remain at his/her designated location from the beginning to the end of the go-round. All arena gates will be closed during a contestants run.
9. Raking will be done after every seven (7) runs (by sponsors and parents) or more often at discretion of the judges.
10. Disqualification: disobeying any order given by judge; not following pattern by the association; re-crossing starting line before entering and finishing pattern; circling horse before run or causing unnecessary delay before beginning pattern; intentionally knocking off hat with hand; and not being ready when called to compete.

## **Junior, Peewee, and Midget Barrel Racing**

1. The rules for the junior, peewee, and midget barrel racing shall be the same rules required for the senior girls barrel racing.

## Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Patterns



### Senior Girls Pole Bending

1. Pole bending is a timed event with a time limit of sixty (60) seconds.
2. Each participant will begin from a running start, and the time shall begin and end as the horse's nose touches the start and finish line. In an event that a contestant ends their run outside the electric eye finish line, we will consider the "wall to wall" finish with a correct pole bending pattern.
3. A clearly visible start and finish line shall be provided.
4. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six (6) poles. Each pole is to be twenty-one feet (21') apart, and the first pole is to be twenty-one feet (21') from the starting line.
5. The poles shall be even in size and should not be more than two inches (2") in diameter and the poles should be painted for easy identification.
6. The poles shall be set on top of the ground. Each pole shall be six feet (6') in height and the base shall be no more than fourteen inches (14") in diameter.
7. A pattern may be started by either going to the right or to the left of the first pole and the remainder of the pattern must be run accordingly.
8. A five (5) second penalty will be added to the racer's time for each pole knocked down. However, contestant must complete staked pattern for a qualified time.
9. All arena gates will be closed during a contestants run.
10. Touching of poles is permitted by the contestant or horse.
11. Raking will be done after every seven (7) runs (by sponsors and parents) or more often at discretion of the judges.
12. Disqualification: disobeying any order given by the flagman; not following pattern by the association; re-crossing the starting line before entering and finishing pattern; circling horse before run or causing unnecessary delay before beginning pattern; intentionally knocking off hat with hand; and not being ready when called to compete.

### Junior and Pee wee Pole Bending

1. The rules for the junior and pee wee pole bending shall be the same rules as required for the senior girls pole bending.

### Senior Girls, Junior, and Pee wee Breakaway Roping

1. There will be a thirty-five (35) second time limit.
2. This event shall be performed following the same general rules as the senior boys tie down roping event with exceptions of there will be no dismounting from the horse, and there will be no tying necessary.
3. For PeeWee division only, the calf's head must pass through the loop, the loop must draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head. **Two loops will be allowed.**
4. For Jr. co-Ed and Senior girls only **one loop** will be allowed with a bell collar catch when there is a one

performance rodeo. **Two loops** will be allowed for Jr and Senior girls only for rodeos with a two day average and only if two are carried. Ropes must be fastened to the saddle horn by a string provided by IJRA. No plastic or mechanical honda will be used. **Only a bell collar catch is allowed. The loop must pass over the nose, behind the ears, with no appendages.**

5. Time will start from the drop of the barrier flag and end at the break of the nylon string from the saddle horn. The string must be broken by motion of the calf. Breaking the string by hand shall be a no time.
6. A visible cloth NOT ribbon must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn so the judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn.
7. If the calf gets out of the arena, flag will be dropped and the roper will get the calf back with a lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the calf left the arena plus any barrier penalties or in cases of mechanical failure.
8. If, in the opinion of the line judge, the contestant is fouled by a barrier, the contestant shall get their calf back, providing the contestant declares himself by pulling up.
9. Rope must be tied to the saddle horn with a string provided by IJRA and may not be run through the bridle, tie down, neck rope, or any other device and will be inspected by a designated official before each contestant competes.
10. The second rope must remain tied until used and must not be broken away from the saddle horn. No loops are to be rebuilt. Two loops will be allowed if two ropes are carried. If the second loop falls, it cannot be rebuilt and used.
11. The first loop must clear from the horse or calf before the second can be used.
12. Rope must be released from the contestant's hand to be a legal catch.
13. In case the field judge flags out a roper who still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same calf back with a lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalties.
14. Ropers must be mounted when time is taken.
15. Roper's horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown.
16. Contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him/her.
17. If any part of the pusher breaks the plane of the chute gate before the calf releases the barrier, the contestant shall receive a no time.

### Senior Girls Goat Tying

1. There will be a thirty-five (35) second time limit.
2. Time to be taken between the flags. Starting line will be one hundred feet (100') from stake with fifteen (15) yards starting. A two goat system will be utilized allowing the contestant to turn or position their horse.
3. The goat shall be tied around the neck with a ten foot (10') long rope. The goat shall be tied at one end of the arena opposite the starting line. The loose end of the rope shall be tied to a buried stake to hold the goat. Stake should be completely underground so that any part of it is not visible or above the ground.
4. A designated official shall hold and untie the goat. As the participant begins the run toward the goat from the starting line, the official shall release the goat. The participant shall approach, dismount and without further assistance, run down the rope, throw the goat, cross and **tie any three bone legs** with at least one complete wrap. When the tie is completed, contestant signals time by throwing both hands in the air and clearing the goat three feet away.
5. The tie shall be made with either a leather/goat/piggin string. The tie must hold for five (5) seconds with three legs remaining crossed until passed by the judge. The flagman shall begin the time with a stopwatch as soon as the contestant has cleared the goat. Contestant must clearly move away from the goat before legal tie can be declared. **If the contestant gets the rope that is holding the goat, wrapped**

around their leg, she/he may ask the judge if she/he can remove it. After getting permission from the flagger to remove the rope, the contestant will back away three feet and start the five (5) second time limit.

6. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches the goat, the goat must be let up to its feet and then thrown down again.
7. A contestant shall receive a no time if she touches the goat after the completion signal has been made. The tie must remain until the flagman has declared a legal tie before untying. Contestant shall not intentionally kick the goat at any time.
8. If the contestant's horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope at any time, a five (5) second penalty will be assessed to said contestant between flags.
9. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will receive a no time between flags.
10. Spurs are optional.

### **Junior and Peewee Goat Tying**

1. The rules for the junior and peewee goat tying shall apply the same rules required for the senior girls goat tying. The goats should be three different sizes in height and weight. The senior girls division using the largest goat, the junior division using the middle size, and the peewee division using the smallest size.

### **Midget Goat Tagging**

1. The rules for the midget goat tagging shall apply the rules required for senior girls goat tying with exceptions. Instead of a tie, the contestant will pull the ribbon that is tied on the goat's tail. Contestants must signal time by throwing hands in the air with the ribbon.
2. \*No spurs allowed in this event, the contestant will receive a no time.

### **Senior Boys Tie Down Roping**

1. There will be a forty-five (45) second time limit.
2. All roping calves should be numbered and drawn for by the stock contractor and at least one judge or chute run.
3. Two loops will be permitted. No loops can be rebuilt. If a roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes. If a second rope falls from the saddle before being used, it cannot be rebuilt.
4. The first loop must clear from the horse or calf before the second loop can be used.
5. Rope horse must have a neck rope.
6. A roper cannot make a loop once he crosses the score line.
7. No assistance from the outside will be permitted after the calf leaves the roping chute.
8. Participants must rope the calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw the calf by hand and cross and tie any three legs.
9. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be let up on its feet and must be thrown by hand.
10. If the roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand.
11. Rope must hold the calf until the roper gets a hand on the calf. The roper cannot run the calf down. If the rope should come off the calf after it has been roped, the roper is allowed only one step to catch the calf.
12. A roper must not touch the calf or rope after giving the finish signal. The finishing signal will be given by throwing up both hands. Roper will be disqualified for: touching calf, piggin string or rope to train his horse after giving finish signal; signaling his horse to back up before remounting or by dragging calf after he remounts horse.

13. The rope must remain slack until the judge passes a legal tie.
14. The tie must hold for six (6) seconds with three (3) legs remaining crossed until passed by the judge.  
In the event the contestant's rope is off a calf as roper starts to work with tie, the six (6) seconds time will start when the roper clears calf signaling time using a stopwatch.
15. Rope will not be removed and rope must remain slack until the field judge has passed the tie.
16. The field judge or flagman shall time the roper six (6) seconds from the time the roper's horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted.
17. Only horses which are trained for this purpose shall be used.
18. If a roper has difficulty getting his horse in the roping box, he is permitted to have assistance.
19. Causing undue delay shall constitute a disqualification.
20. Any intentional dragging of the calf regardless of distance will result in disqualification. Intentional dragging shall be defined as caused by the contestant. Excessive dragging of the calf will result in disqualification. Excessive dragging shall be defined as moving the calf six or more feet after the contestant has called for time. However, if in the opinion of the judge, the dragging was caused by something outside the control of the contestant, the judge may give the contestant his time. Dragging the calf while the contestant is tying the calf will not be considered excessive dragging. If a calf is kicked intentionally, the roper shall receive a no time.
21. If a horse runs off with the calf, the roper shall receive a no time.
22. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps and a half hitch with any three legs crossed.
23. Tie down roping calves shall weigh a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) pounds and a maximum of two hundred fifty (250) pounds.
24. Contestant may not have the chute/gate rattled.
25. If any part of the pusher breaks the plane of the chute gate before the calf releases the barrier, the contestant shall be disqualified.
26. If the neck rope hangs on or hangs up the animal and the contestant tries the animal, he accepts the animal. If the contestant pulls up, he will receive a rerun on the same animal.

### **Senior Boys Chute Dogging**

1. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit.
2. Once the score line has been set it will not be changed.
3. The score line will be parallel to bucking chutes. It will be set at ten (10) feet in front of the bucking chute. The measurement will be made with a chute gate in the closed position.
4. The line (barrier) judge will flag the start when the animal's nose crosses the score line.
5. Steer belongs to the 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 the flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive the original animal back with a lap and tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to the time used to complete the qualified run.
  - ii. In cases of mechanical failure.
  - II. If in the opinion of a line judge contestant is failed by chute, contestant shall get his steer back providing contestant declares himself.
6. Time shall be taken between two flags.
7. It shall be the arena director's responsibility to see that the 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 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.
10. With steers loaded in bucking chute, the dogger gets beside the steer, right hand in front of or

behind right front shoulder. When the dogger calls for the steer the chute gate will be opened.

Dogger must keep right hand in front of or behind their shoulder until the steer's nose crosses the score line. If a dogger moves into throwing position or touches either horn before the steer's nose crosses the score line there will be a ten (10) second penalty added to their time. If a steer is thrown before crossing the score line the dogger will be disqualified.

11. If the steer gets loose, the dogger may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
12. After crossing the start line, the wrestler must bring it to a stop or change its direction and twist it down.
13. If a steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown before being brought to a stop or is thrown by a wrestler putting an animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then thrown.
14. 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.
15. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
16. 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.
17. Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer.

### **Senior Boys Steer Wrestling**

1. Sr. Boy contestants will need to declare if they will enter Chute Dogging or Steer Wrestling.
2. Contestant must have a designated hazer and horse (Hazer can be a parent or IJRA member).
3. Only one Hazer is allowed.
4. Steer must be caught from horseback and thrown with all four legs extended in the same direction and flat on its side.
5. Contestants must have hand contact with the steer when the steer is thrown and on its side with all legs extended in the same direction.
6. Hazer must not render any assistance to the contestant while the contestant is working with the steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the contestant.
7. When a contestant misses or loses the steer, he may make another attempt if he wishes. If the contestant does not respond quickly, he will be flagged out.
8. The hazer is required to retrieve the steer wrestling horse.
9. During the dog fall, a contestant may turn the steer's head to correspond with the leg position to make this legal fall. "Dog Fall" refers to steer falling in the opposite direction the contestant is attempting to throw the steer.
10. Durling Houlihan (hoo-la-han), a contestant must stand steer up on all four legs and throw it down. "Hullahon" refers to the contestant and the steer making a complete somersault.
11. During a knock down, a contestant must stand steer up on all four feet and throw it down, "Knock Down" refers to a steer being knocked to its front knees or hind hocks when caught.
12. Any of the following will disqualify a run:
  - a. A contestant misses the steer and calls off the run.
  - b. Required time lapsing (35 seconds)

### **Senior Boys Dally Team Roping**

1. There will be a thirty-five (35) second time limit.
2. Team roping members must rope with any partner of their choice within their own division. Partners must be an entered contestant in the same day rodeo.
3. **Both team roping members, header and heeler, must pay their fees and declare their partner by**

**the completion of Senior Girls barrel racing, failure to do so will result in a drawn partner.**

4. A team roping contestant may enter twice, however, she/he must enter with a different partner, or switch ends if roping with the same partner.
  - a. If there are not an even amount of entries to make complete teams, a contestant in that division may enter a third time after they have paid the entry and rope for prize money only; points will not count for the partner in which this is their third entry.
5. Each team will be allowed only two (2) loops unless there is more than one (1) go- round, then three (3) loops will be allowed. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one (1) rope.
6. Time recorded and points won shall be awarded to each member of a team who has been declared prior to beginning of rodeo. No time or points shall be awarded if the declaration is not made.
7. Roping steers without turning loose of loop will be considered no catch.
8. Time will be taken when the steer is roped and both ropers dallied. Both ropers must hold their dally until time is signaled by the flagman. Both horses must be facing each other with the ropes tight. **The horse's front feet must be on the ground and ropers must be mounted when time is taken.** Failure to hold dally for inspection by the flagman shall result in a no time.
9. If a member of a team loses a rope, it is a no time. Loop must be released from the hand before a catch is legal.
10. All changes in the list of roping order to split horses, etc., must be made before the start of that event. Once that event has started, ropers must rope in order listed.
11. Steers must not be handled roughly at any time. Ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
12. If the header accidentally jerks steer off its feet or steer trips or falls, the header must not drag steer over eight feet (8') before the steer regains his feet or the team will be disqualified. The steer must be standing on its feet when being roped by the head or the heels.
13. If the heeler ropes the front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is an illegal catch. Neither contestant may remove the foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
14. In case the field flag judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back with a lap and tap.
15. There will only be three legal head catches: head or both horns; half a head; and around the neck. A figure eight in any of the listed catches will result in a no time. If a hondo passes over one horn and loops over the other, catch is legal.
16. Any heel catch that will hold until the flagman drops his flag for time is legal, however, the heel loop must go up from under the hind feet catching one or two hind feet or legs only. A figure eight in the heel loop is legal.
17. Catching only one hind foot or leg will result in the assessment of a five (5) second penalty.
18. Catching both hind feet or legs shall be a clean catch.
19. A heel catch is legal if the loop goes up and over the flank of the steer or if the heel loop results in a belly catch.
20. **Cross fire catches will receive a no time. If, in the opinion of the field flagger, a heel loop is thrown before the header dallied and changed the directions of a steer, the team shall receive a no time.**
21. Broken or dropped rope will be considered a no time.
22. Each contestant must rope with the same partner in a two (2) go-round.
23. If the neck rope hangs on or hangs up the animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts the animal. If the contestant pulls up, he will receive a rerun on the same animal.

### **Senior Girls and Junior Team Roping**

1. The rules for the junior and senior girls team roping shall be the same as the rules for the senior boys

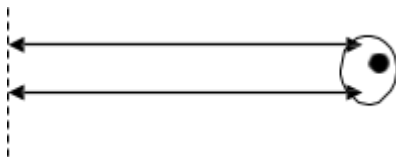
team roping with the following exceptions.

2. Junior and senior girl team ropers shall have the option to either dally rope or tie on their rope to the saddle horn, however, only the heeler has this option.
3. Senior girls may rope with any contestant entered in that same day rodeo.

### **Midget Flag Race**

1. There will be a thirty-five (35) second time limit.
2. This is a timed event using one flag that the contestant shall retrieve. The flag shall be about six inches (6") by eight inches (8") in size and should be on stocks about fourteen inches (14") long.
3. The flag shall be placed in an ordinary tin coffee can filled to the top with sand. The bucket shall be placed on top of a fifty-five (55) gallon barrel at the opposite end of the starting line at the back edge of the barrel.
4. The participant will begin from the starting line with time beginning as the horse's nose crosses the line. Contestant will ride down the arena and around the barrel while at the same time taking the flag out of the bucket and carrying the flag back across the finish line.
5. The rider can make the circle from either the left or right from right to left.
6. If the rider misses the flag, the rider may attempt to get the flag, but he must circle the same direction that he/she started out on.
7. Participants will be disqualified for: crossing the finish line without the flag; using the flag as a whip; knocking over the barrel; and reversing the pattern.
8. Participants will be assessed five (5) seconds for knocking over the sand bucket.
9. Contestants that have helpers will be flagged at the pass of the contestants horse and not the helpers horse/helper. Five (5) seconds will be assessed for the helper.

### **Flag Race Pattern**



### **Article 15 - Queen Contest**

1. Must be a member of the Indian Junior Rodeo Association.
2. Must assume financial responsibility of the queen throughout the reigning year.
3. It will be the reigning queen's responsibility to host the year-end queen pageant. This will include all awards, saddle, buckle, banner, flowers, crown, etc. All awards will be present at the contest/crowning.
4. Membership fee/card for the current IJRA queen shall be waived.

(Refer to Queens Packet (additional addendum, for additional details.)

Notes: