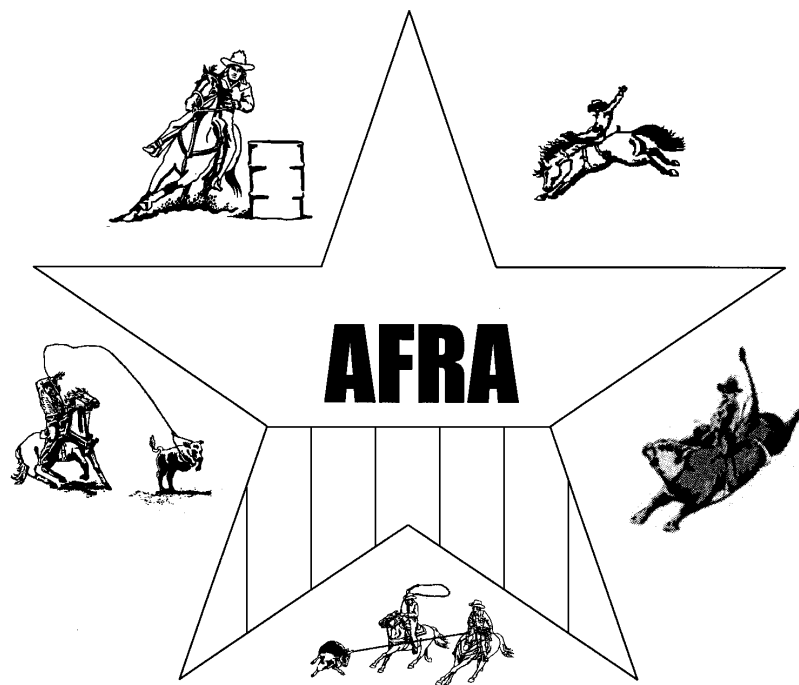


# American Family Rodeo Association



## Rule Book 2010

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## **RULES & BY-LAWS**

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1. All terms for officers and directors will be 2 years with the turnover as follows: Vice President, Pee Wee/Jr/Open Bulls, Pole Bending, Chute Dogging/Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Bronc Riding. Following year election will include President, Mutton Busting/Calf Riding, Barrel Racing, Breakaway/Calf Roping/Ribbon Roping, Goat tying.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the A.F.R.A. and Board of Directors.
3. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his/her duties.
4. Officers of the Association will have the authority to represent any event or contract.
5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes and other official reports of the Association and shall conduct it's official correspondence. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all books, documents and papers relating to the Association at such place as shall be designated by and available to the Board of Directors.
6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by him/her and shall deposit it in the name of the Association. He/she shall not pay out or disperse any money of the Association, except by check and only for the members, and shall make a statement of the current financial condition of the Association and a detailed report of its condition for the preceding fiscal year.
7. Secretary-Treasurer must be bonded. The cost of the bond to be borne by the Association.
8. All officers and Directors shall serve without salary, except the Secretary, who shall receive an amount, to be determined by the Board for expense. Expenses other than meeting attendance, incurred by Officers or Directors directly concerned with Association business may be turned in and if approved by the Board, will be paid.
9. Officers and Directors may be removed at any time by a majority of the general membership for infraction of rules.
10. All Officers and Directors shall be contacted through A.F.R.A. office before all board meetings for time and place. Any votes conducted by the board by telephone for emergency purposes, shall be performed and recorded by the secretary. All officers and directors must be contacted.
11. Officers and Directors who miss two (2) consecutive meetings without good cause are automatically dropped from the Board.
12. Resignation of Officers and Directors must be presented to the Board of Directors. The Board may fill any vacancies among officers or directors by vote of a majority of directors attending a meeting where and when a quorum is present.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

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1. Any member in good standing may nominate officers.
2. Officers and Directors will be voted on by a majority vote at the annual fall meeting.
3. All terms for officers and directors will be 2 years with the turnover as follows: Vice President, Pee Wee/Jr/Open Bulls, Pole Bending, Chute Dogging/Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Bronc Riding. Following year election will include: President, Mutton Busting/Calf Riding, Barrel Racing, Breakaway/Calf Roping/Ribbon Roping, Goat Tying.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be hired by the Board and shall have no vote at Board of Directors meetings.
5. Two family members cannot hold an elected or paid position in the AFRA in the same year

## **MEMBERSHIP & DUES**

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1. Dues shall be set by the Board and approved by members each year.
2. Members shall carry same membership card number each year. A number will be retired if member does not continue membership.
3. Any person becoming a member of this Association shall comply with all of its rules and decisions, and shall be bound by it.

4. Each member/contestant will be issued a 1/2 Price Buddy Pass. All rodeo committees may not recognize the use of this Buddy Pass. Contestants shall not have to pay a gate fee at the performance in which they are competing as a paid contestant. However, the Buddy Pass, which may be used by a family member, friend, etc. must be presented while the contestant is present as they enter through the admission gate. The buddy pass will only be valid on the night that particular contestant will be competing.
5. Memberships can be sold at all rodeos, with one \$2.00 (two-dollar) office charge added.
6. If the stock contractor anticipates producing only one rodeo there will be a \$300.00 Association Fee which can be applied to full memberships if additional rodeos are produced in the same year. This includes chute help, judges, bull fighters and announcers which are provided by the stock contractor. Full memberships for all the above will be required at the second rodeo.
7. The contractor will pay a fee of \$100.00 to cover up to 5 chute helpers or laborers for one year. The bull fighters, judges, announcers and rodeo secretary can pay a \$20.00 association fee at the first rodeo in which they participate. If they work any other sanctioned rodeos in the same year full memberships will be required. The \$20.00 will be applied to full membership.
8. There will be an associate membership available for \$30.00 youth and 40.00 adult. This will enable the associate to a newsletter and 1 ticket to the finals. They will not have a vote, get points or work at a sanctioned rodeo without full membership.

## **MEETINGS**

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1. Directors meetings shall be held each month during rodeo season, place to be designated by Board of Directors.
2. All officers except the President and Secretary have a vote during the directors' meetings. The President, however, will be called to vote in order to break a tie.. Directors, President & Secretary will have vote at all general membership meetings provided they meet the General membership voting requirements.
3. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request of two or more Directors.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages used directly before or during any business meetings.
5. Directors meetings are open to any bonafide member of A.F.R.A. The member has no voice and no vote. A Director's meeting can be closed in cases of reviewing a suspension.
6. There shall be a minimum of two general membership meetings with one in the fall and one in the spring.
7. All decisions regarding rule adaptations, amendments or deletions must be approved by the general membership before said rule shall take effect.
8. A quorum must be present at all meetings, which will be defined as:
  - A. Board of Directors: 60% plus 1 (Majority)
  - B. General Membership: 25% of paid members
9. Board of Directors may call an Emergency General Membership meeting during the rodeo season, with one-week prior notification to members. This notification may be written or phone notification through the A.F.R.A. secretary's office.
10. AFRA will award scholarships that will be divided equally between and awarded to the 15-19 year old all around cowboy and cowgirl at the awards banquet. The amount and method of distribution will be determined by the board of directors.
11. The AFRA board of directors will appoint a public relations person to be in charge of the awards, advertising, and sponsorships.

## **GENERAL RULES**

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ALL CONTESTANTS SHALL OBSERVE THE GENERAL RULES SET BY THE A.F.R.A. BOARD THAT ARE PRINTED IN THIS RULEBOOK.
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1. A contestant must be a paid member of the AFRA, in good standing, attend 5 or more sanctioned rodeos and be in the top 15 in any event to be eligible for the AFRA finals and year end awards.

- A. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.
- 2. There will be no limit to the number of AFRA sanctioned events per weekend, however all AFRA sanctioned events must be approved by the board of directors.
- 3. No host can have more than 5 sanctioned events per season.
  - A. To be a AFRA Rodeo all sanctioned events must be included with the exception of a co-sanctioned rodeo according to the boards decision.
  - B. All AFRA rules, regulations and contracts must be upheld at all AFRA sanctioned events.
- 4. No A.F.R.A. sanctioned events to be held on Sundays, with the exception of a re-scheduled performance or holiday weekend and also finals. An order of events will be posted 1 hour before rodeo starts.
- 6. There will be no exhibition runs/rides before actual contestant competition run/ride.. Exhibitions will only be allowed when a performance is not full or during slack. (If contestant would exhibition before actual competition run/ride this will result in disqualification. And no refund of entries.)
- 7. Fees and money distribution are as follows.

A. The number of contestants will determine payback in all youth events. Payback in youth events are as follows.

# of contestants:	Monies:	Percent:
1-3	1	100%
4-6	2	60-40%
7-10	3	50-30-20%
11-20	4	40-30-20-10%
21-30	5	35-30-20-10-5%
31 or more	6	30-24-18-13-10-5%

B. The number of contestants will determine payback in all open events. Payback in open events are as follows.

# of Contestants	Monies	Percent:
1-4	1	100
5-8	2	60-40
9-12	3	50-30-20
13-16	4	40-30-20-10
17-20	5	35-30-20-10-5
21 or more	6	30-24-18-13-10-5

C. Association fees are distributed as follows.

- 1. Ground money will be put into Finals Fund in that event.
- 2. Awards fund receives \$2.00 of the \$6.50 collected.
- 3. Judges are paid \$2.00 of the \$6.50 collected.
- 4. Rodeo secretary \$.50 of the \$6.50 collected.
- 5. Association secretary is paid \$1.00 per entry of the \$6.50 collected.
- 6. Added money for finals fund receives \$1.00 of the \$6.50 collected.

D. All non-members will be charged a fee of \$5.00 to be distributed to the awards fund.

8. The Board of Directors will set membership dues for the current rodeo year by Feb.1<sup>st</sup> or at the first board of directors meeting for the current rodeo year, and all paid members have a vote.
9. Age divisions are as follows: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, and open events are not considered an "age division" are open to everyone.
10. ALL AROUND POINTS will be awarded as follows.
  - A. 6 & under mutton busters, 9& under and 10-14 age division contestants must compete two or more events. This includes 19 & Under events.
  - B. 15-19 Boys and Open Men's all around events are Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Chute Dogging, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping.
  - C. 15-19 Girls and Open Women's all around events are Barrels, Poles, Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying, and Team Roping
  - D. All around points will be accepted from events with 2 or more entries. The contestant may receive points for that event, but no all around points will be awarded unless there are 2 or more entries in said event.
11. All non-member contestants must meet the above fee of \$5.00 and the following criteria before they may compete:  
YOUTH DIVISION:
  - A. Submit a release form notarized or signed in the presence of two A.F.R.A. Board Members or Stock Contractor and a parent or legal guardian.
  - B. Submit proof of age (example: birth certificate, etc.) to the rodeo secretary.
12. For points to count at an A.F.R.A. rodeo:
  - A. All contestants must pay their membership dues prior to competition at that rodeo in order to receive points.
  - B. Youth contestants (existing members and new members) must submit an application form notarized or signed in the presence of two A.F.R.A. Board Members or Stock Contractor and a parent or legal guardian to the A.F.R.A. secretary at that rodeo, or to the point tabulator before he or she can participate and receive points.
13. Contestants should check in with the rodeo secretary and pay fees one hour prior to the start of the rodeo (the Grand Entry specifies the start of a rodeo). The rodeo secretary at her/his discretion may assess a fine of \$5.00 per contestant for paying fees after the rodeo has started. (Fine may be avoided by notifying the rodeo secretary you will be late prior to the performance.)
14. The rodeo secretary will have seven (7) working days to mail rodeo winnings to the contestants if not collected at that rodeo; and, the association fees must also be paid within those ten working days.
  - A. The rodeo secretary must turn in all points, places, times, and monies paid to all contestants for each rodeo to the A.F.R.A. point tabulator within ten working days of that rodeo.
15. If a contestant wishes to move up in an age division, he/she must give the rodeo secretary or point's tabulator a notarized approval form signed by his or her parents prior to competition in that rodeo and must meet the approval of the A.F.R.A. Board. This decision cannot be reversed. If the decision is made to participate in that senior event, he/she will no longer be able to participate in that junior event. NO contestant may participate in two different age groups in the same event.
16. If an A.F.R.A. member, member's parent, member's legal guardian or any other participant has had intoxicating beverages and/or illegal drugs at any time prior to, during, or after the performance, on the rodeo grounds, the member will not be allowed to participate in or receive points for that rodeo and will be asked to leave the rodeo grounds. In addition, their membership may be terminated subject to the Board's discretion.
17. All A.F.R.A. rodeo contestants and helpers must follow dress code: long sleeved western shirt tucked in with sleeves rolled down, cowboy hat or protective headgear and western boots in the arena (arena to be specified as the area within the arena fence including the bucking chutes and alleyway to the arena gate) during the performance, starting 1 hour prior to performance, and including through the end of slack; or be disqualified from that rodeo at the discretion of the official

- rodeo judge. The only exception will be rough stock riding, when the rider may roll up his sleeve, on his riding arm not to exceed the elbow, when he is competing, or another medical reason. It is the announcers, the rodeo secretary's, and the local arenas responsibility to inform local contestants of dress code. Dress code will be posted at all the entry offices.
18. Protective gear must be worn in events as per the guidelines of the association.
  19. If in the opinion of the official rodeo judges, a contestant, parent, and or legal guardian is harassing the judges or rodeo personnel at any rodeo, he/she will not be permitted to compete in the remainder of that rodeo nor receive points or prize money. Entry fees and stock charges will not be refunded when a contestant is not allowed to compete, due to an infraction of this rule.
  20. Only contestants will be allowed to register complaints or disputes with the judges before the end of the performance. Any dispute during an event must be presented to the Arena Director whom will present it to the judge. Any dispute must be brought up at the performance at which it occurs and may be settled no later than immediately following the performance. Formal written grievances (grievances specified as a rule infraction and not a judges call) must be signed by at least three people, reference the rule number and page number in the A.F.R.A. rule book and mailed to the A.F.R.A. secretary within seven (7) days of the grievance or no action will be taken. The A.F.R.A. board will respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of the grievance.
  21. The point system shall be:
    - 10 points for first place
    - 9 points for second place
    - 8 points for third place
    - 7 points for fourth place
    - 6 points for fifth place
    - 5 points for sixth place
    - 4 points for seventh place
    - 3 points for eighth place
    - 2 points for ninth place
    - 1 point for all contestants whom participated but did not place in the top nine.The member's event position points will remain the same even if non-members place within the top nine, members points will not be moved up.
  22. Any two go-round rodeo will have points given on each go-round and on average. The high point winner who earned points in two or more events will be named the all-around champion.
  23. Rough stock events will have a draw that shall be done by the judges. All timed events will have stock and positions drawn except for roping events which will draw for positions only. The draw and position should be posted no later than one hour prior to the rodeo.
  24. Emergency medical service and transportation will be readily available at the start of each rodeo performance. Should emergency services be required during the rodeo, the responders are free to perform their duties to assure the injured get the most prompt and best medical care available. The rodeo may continue if another emergency responder crew/ambulance is in route to the arena. If another crew can not be dispatched to the site but can be readily available, the rodeo may continue at the discretion of the stock contractor, the AFRA officers present, and the AFRA board members present. If another emergency responder crew can not be readily available the rodeo must be postponed.
  25. No re-run will be awarded due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant in any event, and no action by the helper or contestant will constitute a re-ride or re-run.
  26. There shall be two (2) competent A.F.R.A. approved judges, one (1) arena director (to be appointed by the stock contractors and agreed upon by the Directors), two (2) timekeepers and at least one (1) bullfighters at each rodeo. The rodeo secretary may be a backup timer. All rodeo personnel must be experienced and qualified. Arena directors will be the go between for contestants, contractors, judges and secretaries.
    - A. All sanctioned contractors are required to use A.F.R.A. approved judges. Safety issues may be addressed from time to time as the Board sees fit.

- B. A judge's decision that is made within the guidelines of the current AFRA rulebook and not in violation of and/or in malicious conflict with the current AFRA rulebook is final and the board of directors will support the decision/ruling of the judge. If a judge's decision is found by the board to be in violation of and/or in malicious conflict with the current AFRA rulebook consequences will be levied by the board against the judge.
27. Contestants are allowed one helper only. The helper may consist of one person on horseback or on foot. If helper is on horseback, he/she may not proceed any farther inside the gate of the arena more than one horse's length. Helper must then exit the arena. All others must remain off the chutes and out from in front of the chutes. No stock may be loaded into the chutes during barrel racing and pole bending.
28. No contestant or spectators will be allowed in the arena during a performance except when competing in their events with the exception of one designated helper, arena director and rodeo officials. With the exception of calf roping rule #14.
29. No contestant shall be allowed to tamper with the rodeo livestock prior to and/or during any rodeo performance. Contestants will be disqualified for being in a pen with livestock at any time except when accompanied by a stock contractor, arena director, judge or when assigned to work in those pens.
30. No hot shot will be used inside the arena.
31. After a formal hearing presented to the A.F.R.A. Board, any stock contractor, judge, employee, director, A.F.R.A. personnel, members or appointed helper found guilty of being physically or verbally abusive to any A.F.R.A. members, abusive to any stock, consuming or distributing alcohol or drugs on the rodeo grounds may be fined \$100.00 for the first offense and any further offense will be taken before the Board of Directors with the possibility of losing sanctioning and/or being banned from the association depending on the offense.
32. The A.F.R.A. Finals Rodeo will be held during the fall months. The A.F.R.A. Membership will decide the date and location of the finals. The location will provide proper facilities to appease the entire association and all spectators.
- A. In order to compete in the Finals, you must be a paid member in good standing.
- B. Youth AND Open members must be in the top (15) in A.F.R.A. point standings in that event/events that they wish to qualify for finals in.
- C. To be eligible to participate in the A.F.R.A. Finals, a contestant must be a member in good standing, and this includes rodeo personnel.
- D. Top 20 will be sent notification; it is the responsibility of the members/contestants to contact secretary to fill events.
- E. Each qualified contestant must submit a sponsorship fee of \$30.00 per event to association secretary 30 days prior to the finals.
- F. Points awarded for each go round at the Finals and for the average.
- G. All competitors must compete in the first & second round to be eligible for yearend awards.
- H. NO EXHIBITIONS AT THE FINALS.
- I. To receive year-end awards, you must compete at the Finals. (Exception: medical or emergency condition, approved by the Board)
- J. A contestant must be a paid member of the AFRA, in good standing, attend 5 or more sanctioned rodeos and be in the top 15 in any event to be eligible for the AFRA finals and year end awards.
- K. All rough stock for the finals will be voted on by the top 15 or the qualifying contestants but the event director reserves the right to make the final decision based on what he or she believes to be the best stock and in the best interest of the AFRA.
- L. Judges for the finals will be nominated by the top 15 contestants or qualifying contestants and voted on by the board of directors.
- M. Pickup men and bullfighters for the finals will be voted on by the top 15 contestants or qualifying contestants.
- N. Timed event stock and sheep for the final will be bid on by the contractors and chosen by the board of directors

- O. Announcers, timers and chute help for the finals will be chosen by the board of directors.
  - P. At finals, there will be the same number of cattle as contestants per event, per division with no less than 2 extra. This includes calf roping, team roping, breakaway roping and ribbon roping.
  - Q. Any 10-19 year old cowboy or cowgirl who is in the top 15 in said event who is a member of the high school or wrangler junior high rodeo association and is competing at a high school or wrangler rodeo same weekend as the AFRA finals may receive their awards if they pay their sponsorship and finals entries and compete Friday during the performance. They will have their second go after Friday's performance is over. This rule will also apply to legal guardian who is transporting the member of Wrangler or High School rodeo.
  - R. To qualify stock for the finals the contractor must buck the stock in question at least 4 times in an AFRA sanctioned event in the particular age division.
33. If a contestant fails to show up at an A.F.R.A. rodeo he/she has entered in without notifying the rodeo secretary with-in 24 hours or approval by the entire board members, the entire entry will be assessed for each event by the A.F.R.A. The A.F.R.A. will forward the stock fees to the stock contractors. A contestant with a visible injury or illness may turn out of any event at a rodeo without a doctor's written excuse provided notification of such turn out is authorized by a judge and the stock contractor at that rodeo. A contestant may also turn out with no fine assessed with a judge's approval due to an injury or illness occurring at that given rodeo. Once the rodeo begins and stock is drawn, if the contestant turns out, fees and stock charges will not be refunded.
- A. A doctor release and vet release may only be used twice each during a rodeo season.
  - B. All delinquent fees must be paid before a contestant can compete in the next A.F.R.A. sanctioned rodeo. A "Black List" will be posted at rodeo entry office at all rodeos and will show all members and non-members with outstanding fines. Those with names on list are not eligible to compete until fines have been paid to the Association secretary.
  - C. Any contestant, member's parent, or member's legal guardian who writes a bad check to the A.F.R.A, stock contractor or rodeo committee will be subject to the following fines and penalties.
    1. FIRST OFFENSE: Amount of bad check plus expenses incurred.
    2. SECOND OFFENSE: Amount of bad check plus expenses incurred, contestant will not be allowed to compete until paid in full. Points acquired at that rodeo will be forfeited. After second offense Association will only accept cash from contestant for the remainder of season.
  - D. The person calling in entries to the rodeo secretary will be allowed to call in their family and one other family's entries; however, the caller will be responsible for all fees and stock charges pertaining to those called in. The same penalties apply to that person or their children.
  - E. Anyone calling in after the designated call in times will be assessed a \$10.00 fine at the discretion of the rodeo secretary.
34. In all rough stock events, one judge will carry a stopwatch to be used to time all rides from start to the time that, in the judge's opinion, the rider disqualifies himself in any manner. In the case of a dispute between the sound of the timer's signal and the judge's watch as to whether or not the contestant successfully completed the six (6) or eight (8) second ride, the judge's watch shall be the official time. The watch used must go down to one hundredth of a second. A contestant will not be penalized, however, if an infraction occurs after the horn sounds.

35. Stock charges and entry fees will not exceed: (ASSOC. FEES distribution on page 5)

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>STOCK / TIMER CHG.</b>	<b>ASSOC. FEE</b>	<b>PAY BACK</b>
6-UNDER	MUTTON BUSTING	18.50	6.00	6.50	6.00
9-UNDER	CALF RIDING	26.50	10.00	6.50	10.00
9-UNDER	GOAT TYING	18.50	5.00	6.50	7.00
9-UNDER	BARREL RACING	17.50	4.00	6.50	7.00
9-UNDER	POLE BENDING	17.50	4.00	6.50	7.00
9-UNDER	BREAK AWAY	21.50	8.00	6.50	7.00
10-14	PEE WEE BULLS	30.50	12.00	6.50	12.00
10-14	GOAT TYING	22.50	5.00	6.50	11.00
10-14	BARREL RACING	21.50	4.00	6.50	11.00
10-14	POLE BENDING	21.50	4.00	6.50	11.00
10-14	BREAK AWAY	25.50	8.00	6.50	11.00
WOMEN / BOYS 14-UNDER	BREAK AWAY	31.50	8.00	6.50	17.00
WOMEN / BOYS 14-UNDER	RIBBON ROPING	40.50/TEAM	8.00/TEAM	12.50/TEAM	20.00/TEAM
BOYS 15-19	JR. BULLS	42.50	18.00	6.50	18.00
BOYS 15-19	BAREBACK	42.50	18.00	6.50	18.00
BOYS 15-19	SADDLE BRONC	42.50	18.00	6.50	18.00
BOYS 15-19	CALF ROPING	29.50	8.00	6.50	15.00
GIRLS 15-19	BREAK AWAY	29.50	8.00	6.50	15.00
GIRLS 15-19	GOAT TYING	26.50	5.00	6.50	15.00
GIRLS 15-19	BARREL RACING	25.50	4.00	6.50	15.00
GIRLS 15-19	POLE BENDING	25.50	4.00	6.50	15.00
19-UNDER	TEAM ROPING	38.50/TEAM	8.00/TEAM	12.50/TEAM	18.00/TEAM
19-UNDER	CHUTE DOGGING	29.50	8.00	6.50	15.00
19-UNDER	STEER WRESTLING	29.50	8.00	6.50	15.00
OPEN	BULL RIDING	50.50	20.00	6.50	24.00
OPEN	SADDLE BRONC	50.50	20.00	6.50	24.00
OPEN	BAREBACK	50.50	20.00	6.50	24.00
OPEN	STEER WRESTLING	31.50	8.00	6.50	17.00
OPEN	CHUTE DOGGING	31.50	8.00	6.50	17.00
OPEN	TEAM ROPING	40.50/TEAM	8.00/TEAM	12.50/TEAM	20.00/TEAM
OPEN	CALF ROPING	31.50	8.00	6.50	17.00
OPEN	BARREL RACING	27.50	4.00	6.50	17.00
OPEN	POLEBENDING	27.50	4.00	6.50	17.00
OPEN	GOAT TYING	28.50	5.00	6.50	17.00

36. All brands and ear tags must be clearly readable on all stock prior to rodeo.

37. All roping and timed event stock will be run through prior to the first performance at each rodeo.

38. Any non-movable obstacle cannot foul contestant.

39. Judges must turn in a diagram to the rodeo secretary of all stakes placed in the arena.

40. A copy of the A.F.R.A. rulebook will be mailed to any club, committee or organization sponsoring an A.F.R.A. sanctioned rodeo if requested.
41. A contestant on his or her horse may use no electrical devices.
42. Rodeo judges and/or arena directors may inspect any contestant's equipment before, during or after a rodeo performance for safety or rule infractions.
43. Due to the number of A.F.R.A. members, not all contestants will be able to compete at the performance that is their first choice. The rodeo secretary will advise a contestant which performance needs to be filled. NO verbal phone abuse will be tolerated before, during or after call in. If the secretaries feel they are abused or harassed by any member or his or her family during call in, or at another time, the rodeo secretary has the right to deny entry into that rodeo or future rodeos put on by that stock contractor.
44. Any contestant may review the records of all contestants in any event in which he or she participates in at the end of each go-round at a reasonable time so the secretary and/or judge may be present.
45. Scores will not be changed once they are turned in, except for an obvious mathematical error. Markings must be totaled and checked by the rodeo secretary.
46. No barrier judge, field flag judge, riding judge or timer may be changed during the course of a go-round, except in the case of sickness or injury.
47. Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the rodeo books.
48. The judges will record penalties. All times will be written down whether or not the contestant was disqualified.
49. Contestants may be disqualified from a particular event or rodeo for any of the following infractions listed below:
  - A. having any association with alcoholic beverages, narcotic or other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved A.F.R.A. sanctioned event.
  - B. rowdiness, quarreling or unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - C. mistreatment of any rodeo livestock or contestant's horse, including excessive whipping.
  - D. not being ready to compete when called upon after the third and final call.
  - E. attempting to cheat, fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce the judges at any time between opening and closing of a rodeo, by contestants or parents.
  - F. tampering with the chutes or livestock in any way.
  - G. vandalism on the rodeo grounds.
  - H. contestant may be disqualified by the judges for any listed offense in this rulebook.
  - I. contestant shall be notified as soon as possible by the person or persons disqualifying them.
50. Fines - Any member who breaks the rules shall be fined and notified of said fine by association secretary via certified mail.
  - A. Anyone harassing, threatening, disturbing, judges or trying to fix draw, will be subject to a \$100.00 fine and if forcible attempt, i.e., pushing, shoving or striking judge, during or after the rodeo, also there will be a 30-day suspension from competing in any A.F.R.A. Rodeo and all other A.F.R.A. events, effective immediately or until he appears before the board at a normal scheduled board meeting. Guilty party will be subject to fine and suspension immediately, and without written notification. Verbal notification by any secretary when calling to enter, or by A.F.R.A. secretary, judging representative or officer is considered proper notification. Any further offense will be taken before the Board of Directors with the possibility of losing sanctioning and/or being banned from the association depending on the offense.
  - B. Any officer or rodeo official that is aware of any infraction pertaining to judging that does not turn guilty party in, will be subject to a \$50.00 fine, subject to impartial Board of five people.

- C. Any judges found to be in violation of and/or acting in malicious conflict with the current rules of the AFRA shall be fined as little as \$50.00 and as much as \$500.00 depending on the severity of the infraction. Said fine shall be determined and assessed by the current board of directors. Within 5 days of the said infraction, a current paid member must request a review, in writing to the board of directors.
  - D. Long sleeve shirts rolled down and western hats must be worn at all times when in the arena. A \$25.00 fine will be assessed for non-compliance.
  - E. If above offenses are not taken care of within ten days (10) of notification by the secretary, the members name shall appear on the suspended list. Exception would be rule 1A, which is immediate suspension.
  - F. Any member appearing on the suspended list will forfeit their points accumulated that season.
  - G. Any fine may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
  - H. Any member receiving overpayment of prize money must repay amount of overpayment within 10 days following notification or shall pay a \$25.00 plus amount of the overpayment and shall be ineligible to compete in any A.F.R.A. rodeo or any other A.F.R.A. event until the amount of the overpayment is paid in full. Members will be notified by certified letter.
  - I. Where a specific penalty is not fixed for the violation of the Articles, by-laws or A.F.R.A. rules, the Board of Directors by majority vote, may issue a reprimand; impose a fine not to exceed \$500.00, declare the members ineligible for a period of not more than five years or any combination of such penalties. In the event that the Board of Directors finds the conduct of the accused to be severely damaging to the A.F.R.A., its members of the sport of rodeo, the Board of Director's by three-fourths vote may expel such member from the A.F.R.A. indefinitely. Any member accused of an act or conduct for which he or she may be expelled shall be given the opportunity to have a hearing before the Board, in which that member may refute, deny, defend against, or oppose any and all charges.
  - J. Any member appearing on a suspended list will not be allowed to compete at any rodeo until suspension is cleared.
51. To be an approved A.F.R.A. rodeo, the stock contractor must submit sanctioning forms to the A.F.R.A. secretary thirty (30) days prior to the rodeo. If any emergency situation exists, sanctioning forms received less than thirty (30) days in advance may be approved at the discretion of the A.F.R.A. board.
  52. No contestant or stock contractor may participate in the finals if any fines that are owed to A.F.R.A. are not paid in full two weeks prior to the finals. This also includes contestant's parent or contestant's legal guardian. Fines also include but are not limited to: insufficient funds checks or violation fines for any rule printed in this book. If the fines are not paid by the start of the next rodeo season, that contestant may not join.
  53. RAINOUT RULE: In the event of rainout: Rodeo cannot be cancelled, only postponed no more than 48 hours from the first night scheduled performance. To be held at the contractors discretion on Saturday or Sunday.
  54. Rule change procedure shall be as follows:
    - A. Change presented to and discussed with the event director of effected event or contestant's event.
    - B. The event director must identify all of the rules in the current rulebook that are affected by the change.
    - C. The event director must write the clarification with the member who presented the proposed change.
    - D. The event director must present the proposed, clarified rule change to the board of directors.
    - E. The board of directors will then make the determination of where to place the proposed rule change on the next ballot.
  55. The board of directors recognizes that situations may arise, not discussed in this rulebook, and reserves the right to make decision in the best interest of the AFRA.

56. In events where stock is drawn, it will be the contestant's responsibility to make sure they compete on the correct animal which will be the animal, that has been drawn for them. No score and no re-run will be given if contestant competes on in-correct stock. Only exception will be an error in posted draw vs. official judges sheet.
57. Any new stock contractor wishing to be accepted in the AFRA will go on a 1 year trial basis and post a \$1500.00 bond, to be refunded or forfeited at the end of the year by the board's approval or disapproval.
58. New contractors coming into the AFRA can not take a present AFRA approved rodeo away from a present AFRA contractor for 5 years.
59. Any AFRA rodeo committee wishing to change contractors must do so by written request to the board of directors, stating for requesting change.
60. Board of Directors will decide if contractors on a trial basis will bring stock to AFRA finals.
61. If we don't have a covered rule for a set event refer back to PRCA rules.

## **GENERAL ROUGH STOCK RULES**

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1. Any exhibition rider must be on the judge's sheet prior to their event.
2. The A.F.R.A. Board has the right to disallow any stock they feel are undesirable for youth.
3. A.F.R.A. require all youth under the age of 15 the use of protective vests and a protective helmet with full face guard. A.F.R.A. will not provide any of this equipment for the contestants use.
4. Open and Junior Bull riders who are fouled must immediately declare themselves or accept the foul. In other rough stock divisions judges may be asked for a re-ride before a contestant leaves the arena. Re-rides may be requested for the following reasons:
  - A. Failure to get out of the chute on a chute-fighting animal after two honest attempts.
  - B. Stock is marked twelve (12) or less by both judges.
  - C. Rider is fouled on the chute. (Judge's discretion)
  - D. Stock falling on it's side
  - E. Stock stopping (half second or more is classified as a stop, anything else is hesitation)
5. Re-rides are never given because of broken equipment furnished by the contestant.
6. Re-rides: If an animal drawn for a re-ride is already drawn for another contestant in the same go, the contestant with the animal drawn will take his turn before the contestant who drew the animal for a re-ride.
7. All bulls, steers, heifers, and calves horns must be tipped to the size of a quarter.
8. Jr. & Open bulls, Jr. & Open Bareback & Saddle bronc riders must be out in reasonable time providing stock cooperation and at the judge's final discretion. If deemed to be unreasonable, a judge may disqualify.
9. No stock may be loaded into the chutes during barrel racing and pole bending events.

## **BAREBACK RIDING**

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AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN: ALL AGES
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1. Contestants are required to ride eight (8) seconds.
2. A one-handed rigging is to be used. Judges will have the final decision of legality of riggings. Nylon or Leather latigo may be used.
  - A. Riders may use their own rigging if it is not less than ten (10) inches in width at the handhold and not over a six (6) inch O-Ring or not a freak.
  - B. All bareback riders must use padding under their rigging and padding must extend two (2) inches behind rigging. The pad used must be a regulation pad. Senior riders may not use 3/4" foam pads.
  - C. A rider may cinch his own rigging and examine it to determine if it is satisfactory before the horse is released into the arena.

3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. A rider who is fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes, judge will declare. A rider must be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks, provided the rider completes a qualified ride.
4. Judges will decide on re-rides.
5. Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
6. Any horse requiring a neck rope or its head to be fastened in the chute, may have the mark out but rule waived at the discretion of the judges. The use of a neck rope will be decided by the contractor and contestant.
  - A. If the mark out rule is waived, the rider is to immediately take the horse as is.
7. There will be no tape or any other adhesive materials or substances other than dry rosin and/or benzoin used on the rigging or riders glove, which will be a plain glove.
8. The rider may not pull the rigging with the hand already placed in the hand hold.
9. The rider must have his riding hand visible to the judge after the rigging is set and pulled. If a re-pull is needed, the riding hand must be removed and made visible to the judge.
10. To receive a qualified ride, the rider must have his spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and his rowels touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
11. The rider must mark the horse out. The mark out rule may be waived at the discretion of the official rodeo judge if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
12. The rider is disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - A. Rigging comes off before the time limit.
  - B. Rider is bucked off before the time limit.
  - C. Rider's rowels are too sharp.
  - D. Riding with locked rowels.
  - E. Rider touches the animal, self, or equipment with his free hand.
  - F. Wedges, gimmicks, finger tucks, palm tucks, etc. are used.
13. No hot shot shall be used.
14. If a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging at any point he shall be disqualified at the discretion of the judges. This may be brought to the judges' attention by the stock contractor or pick-up men.
15. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

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AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN - ALL AGES
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1. Contestants are required to ride eight (8) seconds.
2. A plain halter, one rope rein, and standard Association Bronc Saddle must be used. (See rule 5 for specifications)
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Judge declare a re-ride when a rider is fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes. The rider will be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks provided the rider completes a qualified ride.
4. Judges decide on re-rides.
5. Saddle specifications:
  - A. Rigging: 3/4 double front edge of "D" ring must not pull further back than directly below the center point of the swell. Standard E-Z at ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed five and three quarter inches (5 3/4") on the outside width measurement.
  - B. Swell undercut: No more than two inches (2") one inch (1") on each side.
  - C. Gullet: Not less than four inches (4") wide at the center of the fork on the covered saddle.

- D. Tree: Saddles must be built on a standard tree. Specifications: Fork - fourteen inches (14") wide, Height - nine inches (9") maximum, Gullet - five and three quarters inches (5 3/4") wide.
  - E. Cattle: five inches (5") maximum height, fourteen inches (14") maximum width.
  - F. Stirrup leather must be hung over the bars.
  - G. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.
  - H. No freaks allowed.
  - I. The front cinch on the bronc saddle must be mohair and shall be at least eight inches (8") in width at the center but may be tapered to accommodate a cinch "D" or rings.
6. Contestant may pull riggings and cinch saddle from either side.
  7. Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
  8. Dry rosin may be used on chaps and saddle.
  9. Riding rein and riding hand must be on the same side.
  10. To receive a qualified ride, rider must have spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and his rowels touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
  11. The rider must mark the horse out. The mark out rule may be waived at the discretion of official rodeo judge if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
  12. Rider is disqualified when:
    - A. The saddle comes off before the time limit.
    - B. The rider is bucked off before the time limit
    - C. Riders' rowels are too sharp.
    - D. Riding with locked rowels.
    - E. The Rider touches the animal, self or equipment with his free hand.
    - F. Losing one or both stirrups.
    - G. Wrapping the rein around the hand.
    - H. Changing hands on the rein.
  13. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **BULL RIDING**

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AGES: 15 - 19, OPEN ALL AGES
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1. Contestant's are required to ride eight (8) seconds.
2. Contestant's are required to ride with one hand and wrap with or without handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent the rope from falling off the animal when the rider leaves him. Ropes must have a bell. The bell must, be under the belly of the bull ONLY. No bell - No marking.
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Riders who are fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes must declare immediately. The rider must be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks, provided the rider completes a qualified ride.
4. Judges will decide on re-rides. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on bull ropes. No hot shots will be used on an animal.
5. The rider will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - A. Getting bucked off.
  - B. Touching the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
  - C. Sharp spurs.
  - D. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
  - E. For intentionally placing spur/spurs in knots in rope.
6. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **CALF RIDING**

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AGES: 9 and under

1. Calf riding will be scored:
  - A. Full 5 second ride, 1 hand, 50-30 points from each judge with total 60-160 points possible.
  - B. No full ride, 1 hand 29-1 points from each judge with total 58-2 points possible.
  - C. No 2 handed rides allowed and any 2 handed ride will result in a no score.
2. Contestants are required to ride with one handed wrap with or without a handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent rope from falling off. Judges may not approve a rope wrap and the rope must have a bell.
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
4. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **PEE WEE BULL RIDING**

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AGES: 10 TO 14

1. Contestants are required to ride for six (6) seconds and will be scored as bull riding.
2. All Pee Wee Bulls must be flanked.
3. Contestants are required to ride with one hand and wrap with or without handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent rope from falling off the animal when the rider leaves him. The rope must have a bell. The bell must be placed under the belly of the animal.
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Riders who are fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes may ask for a re-ride before leaving the arena. The rider must be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks, provided the rider completes a qualified ride.
4. Judges will decide on re-rides. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on bull ropes. No hot shots will be used on an animal.
5. Rider will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - A. Getting bucked off.
  - B. Touching the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
  - C. Sharp spurs.
  - D. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
  - E. Intentionally placing spur/spurs in a knot in the rope.
6. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **MUTTON BUSTING**

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AGES 6 & UNDER

1. Mutton Busting will be scored:
  - A. Full 5 second ride, 1 hand 50-40 points from each judge, total 100-80
  - B. Ride with 1 hand, but does not make full 5 second ride 39-29 total 78-58
  - C. Full 5 second ride, 2 hands 28-18, total 56-36
  - D. No full ride, 2 hands, or with help 17-10, total 34-20
2. No ropes will be tied hard and fast around the sheep. No contestants will be tied on the sheep. Only ropes similar to bull and steer riding may be used. Judge may disapprove wrap.
3. Re-rides will be at the judge's discretion:
  - A. If the sheep stops within the first two (2) seconds the attempted ride, prohibiting the contestant a fair chance at a competitive score.

- B. If the contestant is fouled on the chute gate.
- 4. Sheep must weigh 195 lbs.
- 5. Sheep must have feed or another sheep ½ way down the pen in hopes that when the sheep is let out of the chute it will run straight.
- 6. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **BARREL RACING**

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AGES: 9 & under girls & boys, 10-14 girls & boys, 15 to 19 girls only, OPEN ALL AGES men & women, 50 & Over men and women. (note 50 & over will not count for all around points.)

- 1. Barrel racers cannot enter two horses in the same age division or open.
- 2. No two contestants in the same age division or open may ride the same horse with the exception of 9 & under.
- 3. Prior to first performance of all A.F.R.A. approved rodeos, measurements shall be made with a tape measure only, written down, given to each judge and rodeo secretary for future reference. Barrels must be staked. If stakes are not visible after first performance, they must be re-measured according to first performance measurements.
- 4. The contestant may be allowed a running start. The arena gate must be closed immediately after the contestant enters the arena and kept closed until the pattern is completed and his/her horse is under control.
- 5. Time will begin when the horse's nose reaches the start line and will be stopped when horse's nose reaches the finish line. The flagging judge will not move from the start/finish line during the entire event.
- 6. Judges are responsible for marking off barrels before the beginning of first performance of rodeo and checking of such prior to beginning of each rodeo performance thereafter with a tape measure.
  - A. Judges are responsible for placing barrels to inside of the stakes prior to the event.
- 7. No obstacles may be set up to run through for the starting line.
- 8. Flagman's starting line must be a visibly marked place. Once a section has begun, flagman cannot move from position.
- 9. Barrels shall be placed at least fifteen (15) feet from fence whenever possible.
- 10. There should be a minimum of 40 feet to the scoreline, should be lengthened to 60 feet and the barrel pattern should be centered after the scoreline to get maximum use of space available.
- 11. The barrels used in any approved barrel race must be metal, closed- end, fifty five (55) gallon size. It is required that barrels be painted or covered with a visible uniform color.
- 12. Contestants may start on either the right or left barrel. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one (1) right turn and two (2) left turns. When starting on the left barrel, there will be two (2) right turns and one (1) left turn.
- 13. No lead-ins past the timer or the contestant will be disqualified.
- 14. A rider will be allowed legitimate time while making an honest effort to enter the arena before third call is announced. If it is determined an honest effort is not being made for prestart and a legitimate amount has been given for prestart, the judge will make the decision to make third and final gate call.
- 15. Barrel racers who are entered in rodeo shall not time at same rodeo.
- 16. Barrels are to be placed in a cloverleaf pattern, not staggered.
- 17. Contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel.
- 18. There shall be no tires on barrels.
- 19. In case of two (2) or more go-rounds in a regular rodeo, positions will be drawn each go. This does not apply at finals.
- 20. It is the barrel racers responsibility to know their position and notify the judge if they have been called out of order.

21. If the electronic timer fails on one-third (1/3) or more barrel racers, back up times will be used for all contestants. Anything less than 1/3 will receive back-up times while rest of contestants receives timer times.
22. Electric timers must be used at all rodeos and finals.
  - A. Contractors may be charged a fine of twenty-five dollars for a non-working timer. This will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - B. Electronic timers will be staked inside the arena. The judge will stand directly behind the timer.
23. Arena must be dragged and/or raked before rodeo & during the performance and slack after every fifteen- (15) contestants weather permitting.
24. Barrel racers will not be permitted to work their horses around the stakes or barrel closer than ten (10) feet from the stakes used in A.F.R.A. competition. Noncompliance of this rule can result in disqualification.
25. If contestant knocks barrel over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If barrel is knocked over and it stands up again on its other end, this will be considered as knocked over and the five (5) second penalty charged.
26. Contestant will be disqualified if after crossing line and being flagged at the beginning of the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of a true clover leaf pattern.
27. If re-run is granted: If timekeeper or flagman fouls the contestant, she will make her re-run during or after that performance of the rodeo, at a time decided on by the judges and contestant.
28. If for any reason, a re-run is needed, any penalty from first run will not carry.
29. If whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.
30. If event director or director does not approve of barrel pattern, judge will change stakes to director's approval.
31. A five second penalty will be assessed for every hat that falls to the arena ground during barrel racing events.
32. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **POLE BENDING**

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AGES: 9 & under girls & boys, 10-14 girls & boys, 15 to 19 girls only, OPEN ALL AGES men & women, 50 & Over men and women. (note: 50 & over will not count for all around points.)

1. Pole benders cannot enter two horses in the same age division or open.
2. No two contestants in the same age division or open may ride the same horse with the exception of 9 & under.
3. Prior to first performance of all A.F.R.A. approved rodeos, measurements shall be made with a tape measure only, written down, given to each judge and rodeo secretary for future reference. Poles must be staked. If stakes are not visible after first performance, they must be re-measured according to first performance measurements.
4. The contestant may be allowed a running start. The arena gate must be closed immediately after the rider enters the arena and kept closed until the pattern is completed when the horse is under control.
5. Time will begin when the horse's nose reaches the start line and will be stopped when horse's nose reaches the finish line. The flagging judge will not move from the start finish line during the entire event.
6. Judges are responsible for marking off poles before the beginning of first performance of rodeo and checking of such prior to beginning of each rodeo performance thereafter with a tape measure.
  - A. Judges are responsible for placing poles to inside of the stakes prior to the event.
  - B. Judges are responsible for placing poles after one is moved or knocked down during a run.
7. No obstacles may be set up to run through for the starting line.

8. Flagman's starting line must be visibly marked place. Once a section has begun, flagman cannot move from position.
9. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six (6) poles. Each pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet apart and the first pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet from the starting line. Poles shall be set on top of the ground in a straight line. The poles will be six (6) feet in height with a base no more than fourteen inches (14") in diameter. Poles shall be regulation in size 1 1/2" PVC, 6 foot tall with 12" no more than 14" rubber base.
10. There should be a minimum of 40 feet to the scoreline, should be lengthened to 60 feet and the barrel pattern should be centered after the scoreline to get maximum use of space available.
12. No lead-ins past the timer or the contestant will be disqualified.
13. The contestant may start either to the right or left of the poles, run beside the poles, to last pole, then weave back to the first pole, rounding the first pole, weaving back to the last pole, and run home. A contestant will be disqualified for not following the pattern. Crossing the time line before pattern is finished will result in disqualification. A five (5) second penalty shall be added for each pole knocked over to the ground (top of pole must touch the ground before 5 second penalty applies) even if the pole stands back up. While one horse is running, no other horses will be allowed in the arena. Touching a pole is permitted by horse or rider.
14. Should for any reason, the poles not be placed on the marks or the flagman not be in the correct place, things must be put in correct order. All contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be re- run with no penalty after allowing sufficient time to correct any error. Judges will make all decisions concerning correct setting of poles.
15. Pole benders who are entered in rodeo shall not time at same rodeo.
16. Contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a pole.
17. In case of two (2) or more go-rounds in a regular rodeo, positions will be drawn each go. This does not apply at finals.
18. It is the pole benders' responsibility to know their position and notify the judge if they have been called out of order.
19. If the electronic timer fails on one-third (1/3) or more pole benders, back up times will be used for all contestants. Anything less than 1/3 will receive back-up times while rest of contestants receives timer times.
20. Electric timers must be used at all rodeos and finals.
  - A. Contractors may be charged a fine of twenty-five dollars for a non-working timer. This will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - B. Electronic timers will be staked inside the arena. The judge will stand directly behind the timer.
21. Arena must be dragged and/or raked before rodeo & during the performance and slack after every fifteen- (15) contestants weather permitting.
22. Pole benders will not be permitted to work horses around the stakes or poles closer than ten (10) feet from the stakes used in A.F.R.A. competition. Noncompliance of this rule can result in disqualification.
23. If contestant knocks a pole over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over.
24. Contestant will be disqualified if after crossing line and being flagged at the beginning of the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of a pattern.
25. If re-run is granted: If timekeeper or flagman fouls the contestant, he/she will make his/her re-run during or after that performance of the rodeo, at a time decided on by the judges and herself.
26. If for any reason, a re-run is needed, any penalty from first run will not carry.
27. If whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.
28. If event director does not approve of pole pattern, judge will change stakes to director's approval.
29. A five second penalty will be assessed for every hat that falls to the arena ground during pole bending events.

30. A rider will be allowed legitimate time while making an honest effort to enter the arena before third call is announced. If it is determined an honest effort is not being made for prestart and a legitimate amount has been given for prestart, the judge will make the decision to make third and final gate call.
31. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **BREAKAWAY ROPING**

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YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS - 9 & under, 10-14, GIRLS -15 TO 19, OPEN - All women, boys under the age of 14 and men over 60
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1. Breakaway roping shall require a regulation loop. The contestant's rope will be tied to the saddle horn with NYLON string. All contestants MUST use at least #150 weight NYLON string. Contestants are responsible for furnishing their own string.
2. The barrier judge will inspect the tie to the horn and the flag on the rope. All flags must be a twelve-inch (12") by twelve-inch (12") flag.
3. Each roper will be allowed one (1) loop, except at finals or at an average roping. If using two loops, a roper must carry two loops. Rebuilding a loop is not allowed.
4. The contestant must make a clean catch; that is, the loop must pass completely over the animals' head; then, catch-as-catch-can. The flag judge will signal for time to stop when the rope breaks from the saddle horn by the motion of the calf or horse.
5. The contestant will receive no time should he/she break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand; however, if the rope should daily around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope and then stop the horse to make the rope break away from the saddle horn.
6. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before the roper may rope.
7. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. The calf will not be tied.
8. If the calf escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The roper will begin in the roping box, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding the first time to the additional time required to rope the calf. The roper will only be allowed his/her remaining, unused loop. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears the gate.
9. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit. "Time" will be signaled when the thirty (30) seconds have elapsed. Catch pen to remain open.
10. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier.
11. If the barrier is broken at any place other than the designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within ten feet (10') of the post.
12. If the barrier equipment fouls the horse, rider, or equipment, the contestant must declare himself/herself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run.
13. The score line will be six (6) to ten (10) feet, at the discretion of the judge. Two (2) hazers will be allowed one on score line and other may not stand beyond 25 feet from front of the box. Hazer must not come in physical contact or throw objects at the calf, under penalty of disqualification of the roper.
14. The calves must be uniform in size. Calves should not exceed 350 pounds. Calves horns should not exceed two (2) inches in length. Contestants will draw for positions.
15. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
16. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.
17. The contestant must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if the calf is ready. The contestant may be disqualified for loping the horse around the arena when the calf is loaded and ready.
18. Catch pen will be left open.
19. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## CALF ROPING

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AGES: - 19 & under, Over 50, & OPEN

1. The contestant shall ride from behind a barrier. A ten (10) second penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.
2. The contestant must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if calf is ready. The contestant may be disqualified for loping the horse around the arena when the calf is loaded and ready.
3. If the barrier is broken at any place other than designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within ten feet (10') of the post.
4. If the barrier equipment fouls horse, rider, or equipment, the contestant must declare himself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run. If barrier equipment stops calf or turns calf back, calf will be brought back and decision of judge will determine if calf is re-run or re-drawn.
5. The contestant shall have a neck rope or equivalent equipment adjusted in such a manner that will keep the horse from dragging the calf. If the horse excessively drags the calf, ten feet (10') or more after dismount and before remount the roper will be disqualified.
6. Each roper will be allowed one (1) loop at a rodeo, except at Finals or at an average roping. If two loops are allowed roper must carry two loops, rebuilding a loop is not allowed.
7. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.
8. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
9. Calves must be uniform in size. Calves are not to weigh less than 175 pounds and not to exceed 250 pounds. Calves horns should not exceed two inches (2") in length. Contestants will draw for positions.
10. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
11. Contestants must rope the calf, dismount, go down the rope, throw the calf by hand, and cross and tie any three (3) feet. The time will stop when both of the contestant's hands are clear of the calf. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be day-lighted (meaning, the calf must be stood on at least three feet Calf may be helped by roper but at least three feet must be dangling straight underneath the calf and calf must be re-thrown.). If the roper's hand is on the calf when it falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold until the roper gets his hand on the calf. When contestant calls for time you can not touch your tie or your rope but you can unlatch your jerk line. The contestant must then remount and ride forward to allow slack in the rope. The field judge will examine the tie. The calves feet must remain crossed and tied for five (5) seconds after the roper has remounted and ridden forward allowing slack in the rope. The field judge shall use a stopwatch to assure equal timing for all contestants. If disqualified roper has the right to see watch. If judges clears clock before roper sees it contestant gets time.
12. If the tie comes loose or the calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked "no time". The roper will be disqualified for removing the rope from the calf before the field judge has passed on the tie. The un-tie man must not approach the calf until the judge signals time.
13. Calf roping timed only to the 1/10 of a second.
14. At roper's discretion, roper will be allowed (2) hazers, one on score line and one not over 25 feet from the front of the box. Hazer must not come in physical contact with or throw objects at calf under penalty of disqualification of roper.
15. No barrier will be less than six (6) feet in length and no more than ten (10) feet in length.
16. Catch pen gate must remain open.
17. No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.
18. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## TEAM ROPING

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AGES: 19 & UNDER - OPEN - ALL AGES

1. The contestant may enter twice by changing ends or partners. The header will start behind the barrier from the left side of the chute. A ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for breaking the barrier. The steer belongs to the team after it crosses the score line or breaks the barrier regardless of what happens with three exceptions:
  - A. If the steer gets out of the arena (roping box to be considered part of the arena), the flag will be dropped and the ropers get the steer back, lap and tap, with the time added to the first time. The team will only be allowed the remaining unused loops. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the animal's head clears the gate.
  - B. Mechanical failure
  - C. Catch pen gate will be closed.
2. Each contestant is allowed to carry only one (1) rope. Each team is allowed three (3) loops in the youth divisions; however, only two (2) loops will be allowed in the Open division. Any heeler 55 or older and all girls may use a quick release device in the open & 19 & under division. No ropes will be allowed to be tied on hard & fast. Under no circumstance will any header be permitted to tie an.
3. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.
4. If the barrier is broken at any place other than the designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within ten feet (10') of the post.
5. If the barrier equipment fouls the horse, rider, or equipment the team must declare themselves by immediately pulling up. The team will receive a re-run.
6. A Steer must change direction before healer can rope.
7. Time will be taken when the steer is stopped, both horses front feet are on the ground and facing the steer with ropes dallied and tight. The steer must be standing up when roped by the head or heels.
8. A broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time. No foul catches can be removed by hand. If either roper dismounts his horse before the flag is dropped, the team shall receive no time.
9. If the steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put the rope over the other horn or head with his/her hands. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is an illegal catch. Neither contestant may remove the front 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;
10. In case the field flag judge flags out a team that still legally has one (1) or more loops coming, the judge may give the steer back, lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
11. There will be two (2) timers, a barrier judge and field judge. Times are to be taken between two (2) flags. Arena conditions will determine the score line. The judges set the length of the score line. The judges will decide any questionable catches.
12. Legal catches: Head or both horns, half of head, or around the neck. A front leg catch is illegal.
13. If the Honda passes over one (1) horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if the rope goes up the heels. One (1) hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty. If the loop crosses itself on the head catch, it is illegal (this is called a "figure eight"). This does not include heel catches. No cross firing - the header must be dallied and the steer turned before the heeler throws his/her loop. (1 head-2 loops, average 3 loops)
14. The steer must not be handled roughly nor beat, whipped, kicked or run over by contestant or horse at any time. The ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.
15. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) Seconds have elapsed.
16. The contestants must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if the steer is ready. The contestants may be disqualified for loping their horses around the arena when the steer is loaded and ready.

17. Steers must have humane horn wraps. Wraps must be satisfactory to the team-roping director.
18. Ropers may enter twice at Finals, by switching ends or partners. Both ropers have to have qualified in the top fifteen (15).
19. No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.
20. For all around points in the team roping event both heading and heeling points will be used at each rodeo for the contestants total points. If a roper ropes the same end twice only the highest place catch points go to the all around. Year-end event points will take both sets of points.
21. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **CHUTE DOGGING**

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AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN: ALL AGES
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1. With the gate open on the bucking chute to 90 degrees, at that point, chalk a line parallel to the bucking chute three feet beyond the end of the open chute gate.
2. With the steers loaded in the chutes, the dogger gets beside the steer, places his/her left hand on the horn, right hand behind the right front shoulder. When the dogger is ready, the chute gate will be opened. The dogger must keep his right hand behind the steer's shoulder until the steer's nose crosses the white chalk line. Failure to do so will result in a ten (10) second penalty. At this point, time starts, and the dogger can move his/her right hand to the horn and throw the steer. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit.
3. Any deviation in the rules will constitute disqualification. The judge will decide this.
4. There will be two (2) judges, one line judge to start time and enforce the arm rule, and one flag judge to stop time. It is suggested that the flag judge be mounted on a horse.
5. There will be no tailing out of steers from the chute.
6. Only the contestant will be allowed in the chute with the steer.
7. The dogger must stop or switch the steer's direction and twist the steer down. If the steer gets loose, the dogger can take only one step to catch the steer.
8. Steers must weigh 600 lbs. or less/be uniform in size within 100 lbs. NO HORN WRAPS.
9. The steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on its side with all four (4) feet straight and the head turned back to steers' hip and on the same side. The contestant must have one hand on the steer when flagged. If the steer gets loose from the dogger, he may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
10. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **STEER WRESTLING**

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AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN: ALL AGES
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1. No roping cattle or cattle used for any other event will be used for steer wrestling.
2. The steer must be caught from a horse. After catching the steer, the contestant must bring it to a stop and/or change direction and twist it down. If the steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or if thrown by wrestler putting the steer's horn into the ground, the steer must be let up and all four (4) feet and then twisted down.
3. The steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on its side with all four (4) feet straight and the head turned back to steers' hip and on the same side. The contestant must have one hand on the steer when flagged. If the steer gets loose from the dogger, he may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
4. Only ONE (1) hazer is allowed and the hazer cannot help dogger in throwing the steer after it is caught. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the discretion of the judges. The decision of the judges is final.

5. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit. "Time" will be called when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
6. Time is to be taken between two flags. Ten (10) second penalty will be added to the time for breaking the barrier. If the barrier is broken at any place other than the designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within ten feet (10') of the post.
7. If the barrier equipment fouls the horse, rider, or equipment, contestant must declare himself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run.
8. The contestant must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box, if the steer is ready. The contestant may be disqualified for loping his horse around the arena when the steer is loaded and ready.
9. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## GOAT TYING

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AGES: 9 & under girls & boys, 10-14 girls & boys, 15-19 women, and OPEN WOMEN - ALL AGES

1. The goat will be staked at the end of a ten foot (10') tether at a permanent location as marked for the entire rodeo.
2. The stake shall be level with the surface of the ground, 100 feet from start line.
3. The goat should be held by the collar in a vertical position behind the stake until the time starts. Contestants cross the starting line, ride toward the goat, dismount, throw the goat, and cross and tie any three (3) feet. The contestant may go down the rope. If the goat is down, it must be elevated so that at least three (3) feet are straight underneath the goat, and the goat must be re-thrown. If one hand is on the goat when it falls, it is a legal throw. Contestant will be penalized ten (10) seconds if the horse hits the rope or the goat while the rider is still mounted. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse while the rider is mounted, she will receive a no time.
4. Contestant is still mounted until both feet have hit the ground.
5. No foreign materials such as wire will be used for tying materials. A thong, piggin string or rope will be used.
6. A contestant may enter the arena at the speed of her choice. The arena gate will be closed after she enters and will be kept closed.
7. When the tie is completed, the contestant signals the judge by throwing both hands in the air. The tie must hold for five (5) seconds after completion. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one (1) or more wraps with a half hitch, hoey, or knot.
8. Time will start when the horses' nose crosses the starting line. The goat's feet must remain crossed and tied for five (5) seconds after the contestant has signaled for time to stop and has stepped three (3) feet away from the goat. The judge will not flag the contestant out until the time is recorded. The judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if the tie is not legal. The tie will be passed on by a field judge, and if it is not secure for five (5) seconds, the contestant will receive no time. The contestant will receive no time for touching the goat or tie string after signaling his/her finish.
9. If the goat should break away, the contestant will get a re-run.
10. The judge and goat handler must stand directly behind the goat in order to give both the right and left-handed contestants the same advantage.
11. Goats will be drawn for running order and shall be tied for three (3) consecutive ties. Goats must be uniform in size. 9 & under, 10-14 not to exceed 50 lbs. 15-19 Girls, Open not to exceed 75 lbs. NO HORNS OR PIGMY GOATS WILL BE ALLOWED.
12. No more than three (3) consecutive runs on one (1) goat will be allowed.
13. Unnecessary roughness of the goat at the judge's discretion may result in disqualification.
14. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit on all age divisions and open.
15. Goats shall be withers or dry nannys; no billy goats will be used.

16. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

## **RIBBON ROPING**

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OPEN - ALL AGES
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1. You may enter only one time.
2. Points will count for event points only. No all-around points will be allowed.
3. Time starts when gate opens.
4. Judge will mark finish line in front of box.
5. Roper must have a hand on the calf when the runner takes the ribbon.
6. Judge will drop the flag to stop the time when the runner crosses the finish line with the ribbon.
7. Back gate will be left open.
8. One loop only including the finals.
9. There will be a 60 second time limit.
10. Runner may stand anywhere they choose in the arena.
11. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.