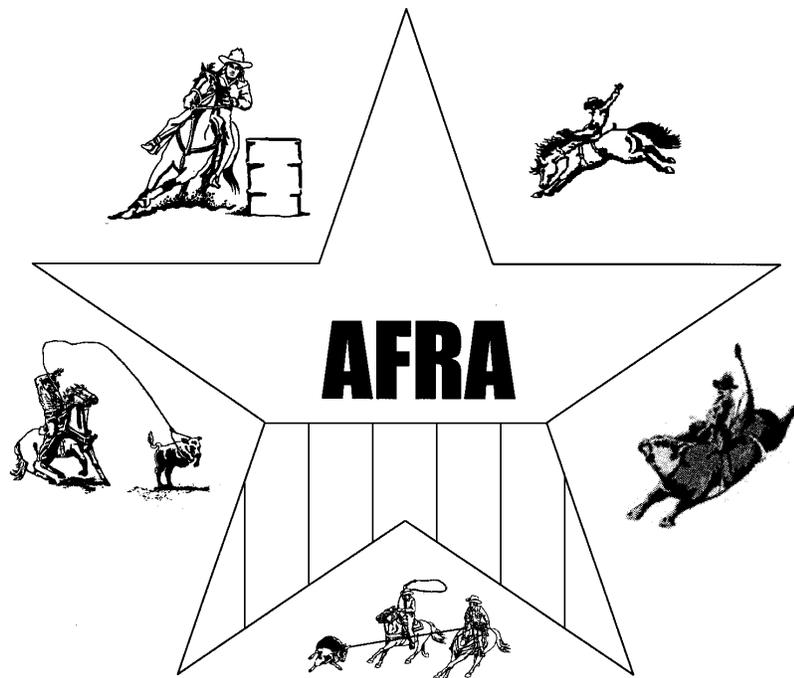


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RULES & BY-LAWS

- 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, and Goat tying.**
- 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the AFRA 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 its 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 AFRA 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

- 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, and 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

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.**

MEETINGS

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 and 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 AFRA. 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:
 - Board of Directors: 60% plus 1 (Majority)
 - 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 AFRA secretary's office.
10. AFRA will award two (2) scholarships, one to a 15 - 18 year old cowboy, and one to a 15 - 18 year old cowgirl, that are current members in good standing and have competed in five (5) or more AFRA sanctioned rodeos. 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

ALL CONTESTANTS SHALL OBSERVE THE GENERAL RULES SET BY THE AFRA BOARD THAT IS PRINTED IN THIS RULEBOOK.

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

Rodeo Sanctioning

1. 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.
2. No host can have more than 5 sanctioned events per season.
 - To be an AFRA Rodeo all sanctioned events must be included with the exception of a co-sanctioned rodeo according to the board's decision.
 - All AFRA rules, regulations and contracts must be upheld at all AFRA sanctioned events.
 - A copy of the AFRA rulebook will be mailed to any club, committee or organization sponsoring an AFRA sanctioned rodeo if requested.
3. To be an approved AFRA rodeo, the stock contractor must submit sanctioning forms to the AFRA 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 AFRA board.

4. **Contractors and Saddle Club/arena's/land owners must provide proof of insurance equal to AFRA coverage. A certificate of Insurance shall be provided to the AFRA 10 days prior to the AFRA sanctioned rodeo naming "American Family Rodeo Association, its officers, directors, volunteers, employees, and agents as additional insured."**
5. **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.**
6. **Any Sunday only rodeos would have to be pre approved by board members.**
7. **Emergency medical service will be readily available during rough stock events 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 cannot be dispatched to the site but can be readily available, the rodeo may continue at the discretion of the stock contractor and the AFRA board members present. If another emergency responder crew cannot be readily available the rodeo must be postponed.**

Rodeo Secretary

8. **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.)**
9. **The rodeo secretary will have ten (10) 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.**
 - **The rodeo secretary must turn in all points, places, times, and monies paid to all contestants for each rodeo to the AFRA point tabulator within ten working days of that rodeo.**
10. **Due to the number of AFRA 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.**
11. **Any contestant may review the records of all contestants in any event in which he/she participates in at the end of each go-round at a reasonable time so the secretary and/or judge may be present.**
12. **Rodeo Secretary will post order of events 1 hour before rodeo starts.**

Dress Code

13. All AFRA rodeo contestants and helpers must follow dress code:

- long sleeved western shirt tucked in with sleeves rolled down, (women can wear long sleeve western shirt without button up or a collar, tucked in)
- cowboy hat or protective headgear
- western boots
- This dress code will be enforced starting 1 hour prior to performance, during the performance, and including through the end of slack.
- Dress code is enforced when contestant (or anyone) is in the arena (arena to be specified as the area within the arena fence including the bucking chutes and alleyway to the arena gate).
- 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 if a medical reason exists.
- You will be fined \$25.00 and may be disqualified from that rodeo at the discretion of the official rodeo judge for not complying with dress code.
- 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.

Finals Information

14. The AFRA Board will decide the date and location of the finals. The location will provide proper facilities to appease the entire association and all spectators.

- 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.
- Top 20 will be sent notification; it is the responsibility of the members/contestants to contact secretary to fill events.
- Each qualified contestant must submit a sponsorship fee of \$50.00 per event to association secretary 30 days prior to the finals.
- To receive year-end awards, you must compete at the Finals. (Exception: medical or emergency condition, approved by the Board)
- All competitors must compete in the first round to be eligible for second round, and must compete in both rounds to be eligible for year end awards.
- Points awarded for each go round and average at the Finals will count towards year end point standings. (Per event and all around)
- 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.
- Judges for the finals will be nominated by the top 15 contestants or qualifying contestants and voted on by the board of directors.

- Pickup men and bullfighters for the finals will be voted on by the top 15 contestants or qualifying contestants.
- Timed event stock and sheep for the final will be bid on by the contractors and chosen by the board of directors
- Announcers, timers and chute help for the finals will be chosen by the board of directors.
- At finals, there will be the same number of stock as contestants per event, per division with no less than 2 extra. This includes rough stock and timed events.
- Any cowboy or cowgirl who is in the top 15 in said event who is a member of the any 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.

15. No contestant or stock contractor may participate in the finals if any fines that are owed to AFRA 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.

Disqualifications

16. Contestants may be disqualified from a particular event or rodeo for any of the following infractions listed below:
- Having any association with alcoholic beverages, narcotic or other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved AFRA sanctioned event.
 - Rowdiness, quarreling or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Mistreatment of any rodeo livestock or contestant's horse, including excessive whipping.
 - Not being ready to compete when called upon after the third and final call.
 - 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 of contestants.
 - Tampering with the chutes or livestock in any way.
 - Vandalism on the rodeo grounds.
 - Contestant may be disqualified by the judges for any listed offense in this rulebook.

- Contestant shall be notified as soon as possible by the person or persons disqualifying them.

Rule Changes

17. Rule change procedure shall be as follows:

- Change presented to and discussed with the event director of effected event or contestant's event.
- The event director must identify all of the rules in the current rulebook that are affected by the change.
- The event director must write the clarification with the member who presented the proposed change.
- The event director must present the proposed, clarified rule change to the board of directors.
- The board of directors will then make the determination of where to place the proposed rule change on the next ballot.

Fines

18. If a contestant doesn't attend a rodeo he/she has entered, they will be assessed the entry fees in each event they had entered. When the contestant pays his fees to the AFRA Secretary, she will forward stock fees to the stock contractor of that rodeo. Once a rodeo has begun and stock is drawn, if a contestant turns out, fees and stock charges will not be refunded.
19. Exceptions to having to pay fees:
- If a contestant goes to the rodeo they entered and has a visible injury or illness that would keep them from competing and it is approved by a judge and the stock contractor, there will be no need for a written Doctor excuse and no fees will be collected.
 - A contestant may also turn out if an injury or illness occurs at the rodeo prior to rodeo and judge and stock contractor ok the turn out.
 - If contestant has doctor release or vet release they can turn out without paying fees or fines. These can only be used twice each during a rodeo season.
20. All delinquent fees must be paid before a contestant can compete in the next AFRA 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.
21. 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.

22. 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 for their children.
23. Anyone calling in after the designated call in times will be assessed a one time \$10.00 fine at the discretion of the rodeo secretary.
24. Fines - Any member who breaks the rules shall be fined and notified of said fine by association secretary via certified mail.
- Anyone harassing, threatening, disturbing judges or trying to fix draw, will be subject to a \$100.00 fine. If physical force is involved i.e., pushing, shoving or striking judge, during or after the rodeo, there will also be a 30-day suspension from competing in any AFRA Rodeo and all other AFRA events. 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 AFRA 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 first section under #24-Fines- in regards to harassment which is immediate suspension.)
 - Any member appearing on the suspended list will forfeit their points accumulated that season.
 - Any fine may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
 - Any member receiving overpayment of prize money must repay amount of overpayment within 10 days. If not paid in the 10 days a \$25.00 fine plus amount of the overpayment will be due and contestant will be ineligible to compete in any AFRA rodeo or any other AFRA event until the amount of the overpayment is paid in full. Members will be notified by certified letter.

- Where a specific fine is not fixed for the violation of the Articles, by-laws or AFRA 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 AFRA, its members and the sport of rodeo, the Board of Director's, by three-fourths majority vote, may expel such member from the AFRA 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.
 - Any member appearing on a suspended list will not be allowed to compete at any rodeo until suspension is cleared.
25. If an AFRA 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.
26. 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.
27. 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" defined as a rule infraction and not a judge's call) must be signed by at least three members, the rule reference by number and page number in the AFRA rule book; and mailed to the AFRA secretary within seven (7) days of the grievance or no action will be taken. The AFRA board will respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of the grievance.
28. After a formal hearing presented to the AFRA Board, any stock contractor, judge, employee, director, AFRA personnel, members or appointed helper found guilty of being physically or verbally abusive to any AFRA members; abusive to any stock; or consuming or distributing alcohol or drugs on the rodeo grounds may be fined \$100.00 for the first offense. 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.

Age Divisions

29. Age divisions are as follows: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-18, 50 & over and open. Open events are not considered an "age division" and are open to everyone regardless of age or gender.

- 30. ALL AROUND POINTS will be awarded per age division as follows.**
- **9 & under which includes Mutton Busting, Calf Riding, Goat Tying, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Breakaway (These include 18 & Under events).**
 - **10-14 age division Pee Wee Bulls, Goat Tying, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending Breakaway (These include 18 & Under events).**
 - **15-18 Boys all around events are Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Jr. Bull Riding, Calf Roping (These include 18 & Under events).**
 - **15-18 girls all around events are Barrels, Poles, Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying (These include 18 & Under events).**
 - **50 & over and Open events are Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Ribbon Roping, Breakaway Roping, Chute Doggin, Team Roping, Barrels, Poles & Goat Tying.**
 - **18 & Under events are Team Roping, Chute Doggin, Steer Wrestling.**
 - **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.**
 - **Boys 14 and under competing in Tie Down, Goat Tying and Breakaway may only count Goat Tying and Breakaway or only Tie Down and must declare before first rodeo they compete in.**
- 31. 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 AFRA 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.**

Stock charges and entry fees

AGE GROUP	EVENT	ENTRY FEE	STOCK / TIMER CHG.	ASSOC. FEE	PAY BACK
6-UNDER	MUTTON BUSTING	25.00	7.00	7.00	11.00
7 to 9	CALF RIDING	35.00	15.00	7.00	13.00
9-UNDER	GOAT TYING	25.00	7.00	7.00	11.00
9-UNDER	BARREL RACING	23.00	4.00	9.00	10.00
9-UNDER	POLE BENDING	23.00	4.00	9.00	10.00
9-UNDER	BREAK AWAY	25.00	12.00	7.00	6.00
10-14	PEE WEE BULLS	40.00	17.00	7.00	16.00
10-14	GOAT TYING	29.00	9.00	7.00	13.00
10-14	BARREL RACING	26.00	4.00	9.00	13.00
10-14	POLE BENDING	26.00	4.00	9.00	13.00
10-14	BREAK AWAY	29.00	12.00	7.00	10.00
BOYS 15-18	JR. BULLS	50.00	23.00	7.00	20.00
BOYS 15-18	BAREBACK	50.00	23.00	7.00	20.00
BOYS 15-18	SADDLE BRONC	50.00	23.00	7.00	20.00
BOYS 15-18	CALF ROPING	36.00	12.00	7.00	17.00
GIRLS 15-18	BREAK AWAY	33.00	12.00	7.00	14.00
GIRLS 15-18	GOAT TYING	33.00	7.00	7.00	19.00
GIRLS 15-18	BARREL RACING	30.00	4.00	9.00	17.00
GIRLS 15-18	POLE BENDING	30.00	4.00	9.00	17.00
18-UNDER	TEAM ROPING	46.00/TEAM	13.00/TEAM	14.00/TEAM	19.00/TEAM
18-UNDER	CHUTE DOGGING	36.00	12.00	7.00	17.00
18-UNDER	STEER WRESTLING	36.00	13.00	7.00	16.00
OPEN- 50 & Over	BULL RIDING	55.00	25.00	7.00	23.00
OPEN- 50 & Over	SADDLE BRONC	55.00	13 25.00	7.00	23.00
OPEN- 50 & Over	BAREBACK	55.00	25.00	7.00	23.00

32. PAY OUT

Fees and money distribution are as follows.

❖ The number of contestants will determine payback in all youth events.

Payback in youth events is as follows:

<u># of Contestants:</u>	<u>Monies:</u>	<u>Percent:</u>
<u>1-3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>100%</u>
<u>4-6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60-40%</u>
<u>7-10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>50-30-20%</u>
<u>11-20</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>40-30-20-10%</u>
<u>21-30</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>35-30-20-10-5%</u>
<u>31 r more</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>30-24-18-13-10-5%</u>

❖ The number of contestants will determine payback in all open events.

Payback in open events are as follows.

<u># of Contestants</u>	<u>Monies</u>	<u>Percent:</u>
<u>1-4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>5-8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60-40</u>
<u>9-12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>50-30-20</u>
<u>13-more</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>40-30-20-10</u>

Barrel Racing Only:

<u>14-50</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>40-30-20-10</u>
<u>51-70</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>35-30-20-10-5</u>
<u>71-more</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>30-24-18-13-10-5</u>

❖ Association fees are distributed as follows.

- Ground money will be put into Finals Fund in that event.
- Awards fund receives \$2.00 of the \$7.00 collected.
- Judges are paid \$2.00 of the \$7.00 collected.
- Rodeo secretary \$1.00 of the \$7.00 collected.
- Association secretary is paid \$1.00 per entry of the \$7.00 collected.
- Added money for finals fund receives \$1.00 of the \$7.00 collected.

- Barrels, Poles the \$9.00 Assoc. fee reflects an additional \$2.00 that will go to the finals fund.

Points and Requirements

33. 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

One (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-member places within the top nine, members points will not be moved up.

34. For points to count at an AFRA rodeo:

- All contestants must pay their membership dues prior to competition at that rodeo in order to receive points.
- B. Youth contestants-anyone under 18 years of age (existing members and new members) must submit an application form notarized or signed in the presence of two AFRA Board Members and signed by a parent or legal guardian, submitted to the secretary at that rodeo before he or she can participate and receive points.

Non Member Requirements

35. All non-member contestants must pay a fee of \$5.00 per event. The following criteria must be met before they may compete:

- All contestants must sign a release form.

Youth Division Must:

- Sign and submit a release form that is notarized or signed in the presence of two AFRA Board Members or Rodeo Secretary, by a parent or legal guardian.
- Submit proof of age (example: birth certificate, etc.) to the rodeo secretary.
- \$5.00 non-member fee will go to the association.

36. 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.
37. No hot shot will be used inside the competition arena.
38. A contestant on his or her horse may use no electrical devices.
39. 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.
40. 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.
41. 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.
42. In events where stock is drawn, it will be the contestant's responsibility to make sure they compete on the correct animal (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.
43. There will be no exhibition runs/rides before actual contestant competition run/ride. Exhibitions will only be allowed after the performance of the entire rodeo or during a performance at the board's discretion.
44. Event director shall have option of taking stock charge away from contractor for poor stock not meeting rule requirements.
45. 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.

Judges-General Rules

1. There shall be two (2) competent AFRA approved judges, one (1) arena director (to be appointed by the stock contractors and posted with the schedule of events at each rodeo), 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.
 - All sanctioned contractors are required to use AFRA approved judges. Stock Contractors cannot judge their own rodeo unless emergency arises & they have passed the AFRA Judging test.
 - 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.

2. In order to judge an AFRA rodeo, Judges must read and be knowledgeable in the AFRA rule book and pass a written test given by the AFRA Judging Committee.
3. Judges will meet with the arena director before the rodeo to discuss the events and judging procedures.
4. No barrier judge, field flag judge, or riding judge may be changed during the course of a go round, except in the case of sickness or incompetence and then only if approved by an association official.
5. Judges must check all equipment (2) hours prior to the first Rodeo performance.
6. Judges must be present and supervise drawing of stock and changing of positions.
7. Judges must remain available at all times and to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the rodeo books.
8. A judge shall conduct himself in a manner fitting and proper to one afforded the honor of officiating at any AFRA Rodeo.
9. If one judge is injured and cannot score a ride the other judges score (times x 2) will be used as the score.
10. Rough stock events will have a draw that shall be done by the judges.
All timed events will have stock and positions drawn by judges.
The draw and position should be posted no later than one hour prior to the rodeo.

Judges-Scoring

1. Judges are required to keep a record book and mark all penalties, no times and any change or working order of contestants in all events they are judging.
2. After each performance, judges will check their records with the recording secretary and make necessary changes if error has occurred.
3. Judge's score sheets will be turned into the Rodeo Secretary and post after each performance.
4. Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges.
5. Scores will not be changed once turned in, except for an obvious mathematical error, and judges only will make these changes.
6. Judges and secretaries shall make exact copies of each judge's book and post at the end of each go-round.
7. Judges are required to mark on their books any turned out stock and report it to the rodeo secretary.

GENERAL ROUGH STOCK RULES

1. Any exhibition rider must be on the judge's sheet prior to their event.

2. The AFRA Board has the right to disallow any stock they feel are undesirable for youth.
3. AFRA require all youth under the age of 15 the use of protective vests and a protective helmet with full face guard. AFRA 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:
 - Failure to get out of the chute on a chute-fighting animal after two honest attempts.
 - Stock is marked twelve (12) or less by both judges.
 - Rider is fouled on the chute. (Judge's discretion)
 - Stock falling on its side
 - 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. and Open bulls, Jr. and Open Bareback and 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.
10. 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 contestant successful completed the 7 or 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.

BAREBACK RIDING

AGES: 18 & UNDER, 50 & OVER & OPEN

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.
 - 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.

- 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.
 - 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. Judge may declare a re-ride when a rider is fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes. 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 rule on whether riggings are illegal.
 6. Any horse requiring a neck rope or its head to be fastened in the chute may have the mark out rule waived at the discretion of the judges. The use of a neck rope will be decided by the contractor and contestant.
 - 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:
 - Rigging comes off before the time limit.
 - Rider is bucked off before the time limit.
 - Rider's rowels are too sharp.
 - Riding with locked rowels.
 - Rider touches the animal, self, or equipment with his free hand.
 - Wedges, gimmicks, finger tucks, palm tucks, etc. are 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.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

AGES: 18 & UNDER, 50 & OVER & OPEN

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 may 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:
 - 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.
 - Swell undercut: No more than two inches (2") one inch (1") on each side.
 - Gullet: Not less than four inches (4") wide at the center of the fork on the covered saddle.
 - 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.
 - Cante: five inches (5") maximum height, fourteen inches (14") maximum width.
 - Stirrup leather must be hung over the bars.
 - Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.
 - No freaks allowed.
 - 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 rule on whether riggings are illegal.
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:

- The saddle comes off before the time limit.
- The rider is bucked off before the time limit
- Riders' rowels are too sharp.
- Riding with locked rowels.
- The Rider touches the animal, self or equipment with his free hand.
- Losing one or both stirrups.
- Wrapping the rein around the hand.
- Changing hands on the rein.

MUTTON BUSTING

AGES 6 & UNDER

1. Mutton Busting will be scored:

- Full 5 second ride, 1 hand 50-40 points from each judge, total 100-80
- Ride with 1 hand, but does not make full 5 second ride 39-29 total 78-58
- Full 5 second ride, 2 hands 28-18, total 56-36
- 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:

- If the sheep stops within the first two (2) seconds of the attempted ride, prohibiting the contestant a fair chance at a competitive score.
- If the contestant is fouled on the chute gate.

4. Sheep must approximately 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.

CALF RIDING

AGES: 7 - 9

1. Calf riding will be scored:

- Full 6 second ride, 1 hand, 50-30 points from each judge with total 60-100 points possible.
- No full ride, 1 hand 29-1 points from each judge with total 58-2 points possible.

- 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.

PEE WEE BULL RIDING

AGES: 10 TO 14

1. Contestants are required to ride for 7 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.
4. 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.
5. Judges will decide on re-rides. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on bull ropes.
6. Rider will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
 - Getting bucked off.
 - Touching the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
 - Sharp spurs.
 - Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
 - Intentionally placing spur/spurs in a knot in the rope.

BULL RIDING

AGES: 15 – 18, 50 & OVER & OPEN

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.

5. 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.
6. The rider will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
 - Getting bucked off.
 - Touching the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
 - Sharp spurs.
 - Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
 - For intentionally placing spur/spurs in knots in rope.

Bull Riding Judging & Scoring

1. Ride and animal will be marked separately.
2. Mark the ride according to how much the contestant spurs the animal.
3. Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from 1 to 25 on both bucking animal and contestant and use the full spread.
4. No bell- no marking
5. If contestant makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
6. Contestants will receive no score for any of the following offenses.
 - Being bucked off.
 - Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.
 - Using sharp spurs.
 - Placing spurs or chaps under the rope when the rope is being tightened.
7. Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when the previous bull leaves the arena.

BARREL RACING & POLE BENDING

AGES: 9 & under girls & boys, 10-14 girls & boys, 15 to 18 girls only, OPEN men & women, 50 & Over men and women.

General Rules for Barrels and Poles

1. Contestants 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 (example same animal can't be ridden twice (2) in the same age division) with the exception of 9 & under.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. Judges are responsible for marking off barrel and pole prior to first performance of all AFRA approved rodeos, measurements shall be made with a tape measure only, written down, given to each judge and rodeo secretary for future reference. Barrel and Pole patterns must be staked, if stakes are not visible after first performance, they must be re-measured according to first performance measurements.
 - Judges are responsible for placing barrels and poles to inside of the stakes prior to the event.
 - Judges are responsible for placing barrels and poles after one is moved or knocked down during a run.
6. No obstacles may be set up to run through for the starting line.
7. Flagman's starting line must be a visibly marked place. Once a section has begun, flagman cannot move from position.
8. There should be a minimum of 40 feet to the score line, should be lengthened to 60 feet and the barrel pattern should be centered after the score line to get maximum use of space available.
9. 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.
10. Contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a pole or barrel.
11. 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.
12. It is the contestant's responsibility to know their position and notify the judge if they have been called out of order.
13. If the electronic timer fails on one-third (1/3) or more contestants, 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.
14. Electric timers must be used at all rodeos and finals.
 - 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.
 - Electronic timers will be staked inside the arena. The judge will stand directly behind the timer.
15. Arena must be dragged and or raked before rodeo and during the performance & slack after every fifteen (15) contestants weather permitting.
16. Contestants will not be permitted to work their horses around stakes for barrels or poles closer than ten (10) feet from the stakes used in AFRA competition. Noncompliance of this rule can result in disqualification.

17. If contestant knocks a barrel or pole over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel or pole knocked over.
18. 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.
19. A 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/ himself.
20. If for any reason, a re-run is needed, any penalty from first run will not carry.
21. If whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.
22. If event directors or any director does not approve of a barrel or pole pattern, judge will change stakes to director's approval.
23. 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.
24. Assistant helping barrel racers will not be allowed to go past the plane of the main arena gate when they are entering the arena or the contestant will be disqualified.
25. Barrel racers and Pole benders who are entered in rodeo shall not time at same rodeo.
26. No stock may be loaded into the chutes during barrel racing and pole bending events.

Barrel Racing Only

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Barrels are to be placed in a cloverleaf pattern, not staggered.
4. There shall be no tires on barrels.
5. Barrels shall be placed at least fifteen (15) feet from fence whenever possible.
6. There should be a minimum of 40 feet to the score line, should be lengthened to 60 feet and the barrel pattern should be centered after the score line to get maximum use of space available.
7. Not following the clover-leaf pattern will receive a no time. A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking their forward motion to retrace their tracks to finish the pattern and /or passing the plane of the barrel on the off side. Example: Should a contestant run by a barrel and have to back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern.

Judging:

1. Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded.
2. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
3. Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty, per barrel.
4. Should barrel be knocked over and sets up on opposite end, the five (5) second penalty will be assessed.

Pole Bending Only:

1. 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.
2. 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. Touching a pole is permitted by horse or rider.
3. 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.

Judging:

1. Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded.
2. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
3. Knocking over a pole over is a five (5) second penalty, per pole.

General Roping Rules:

Applies to all Calf Roping, Breakaway and Ribbon Roping events.

1. 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.
2. The contestant shall ride from behind a barrier. A ten (10) second penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.
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. No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.
6. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
7. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.
8. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before the roper may rope.
9. The score line will be six (6) to ten (10) feet, at the discretion of the judge. Two (2) hazer's 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.
10. If calf fails to break the neck rope and the time is officially started by the contestant, that calf belongs to the contestant. If calf doesn't break neck rope and ropers sits in box approximately 10 seconds waiting for neck rope to break, this will be seen as a sulky calf and roper will draw another calf and take him at end of event.
11. 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. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears the gate.
12. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted, the loop must be thrown.
13. Calf Requirements:
 - Calves must be uniform in size.
 - Calves are not to weigh less than 175 pounds and not to exceed 250 pounds in Tie-down Roping and Ribbon Roping, not over 350 pounds in Breakaway Roping.
 - Calves horns should not exceed two inches (2") in length.
 - Calves will not be used if sick, blind or not healthy enough to be run.
 - All calves will be branded or numbered with ear tags.

- All fresh calves must be tied down and ran through prior to draw of performance.
14. Running Order of Ropers and Calf Number Drawn for Ropers must be posted one (1) hour before performance start time.
 15. If a Rodeo has a calf scramble; they must use different calves than used for any roping events.
 16. Catch pen gate must remain open.
 17. Event director shall have option of taking stock charge away from contractor for poor stock not meeting rule requirements.

Judging:

1. There shall be two or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge.
2. Barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on the request of the next contestant.
3. Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope during each performance to assure the same start for contestants during every performance.
4. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
5. Barrier judge shall be sure that no one can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with barrier and be able to watch the pusher to make sure he doesn't trip the barrier by hand.
7. The line judge must have a tape measure in his possession in case the short end of the barrier is carried. The tail of the barrier should not exceed 10 inches in length. The longer the tail on a barrier will often be carried when the barrier should have been broken. If the pigtail is carried more than 10 feet from the pin, the barrier may be waived, providing the contestant did not obviously beat the barrier. However, if the contestant has obviously broken the barrier you may still impose a 10 second penalty.
8. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts animal. If contestant pulls up, he will receive the same animal back before another contestant can compete on him.
9. Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
10. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena.
11. A calf must be re-ran before it is used by another contestant.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS - 9 & under, 10-14, 15 TO 18 (Girls only), 50 & OVER (men and women) & OPEN – (All men & women, boys under the age of 14)

1. Breakaway roping shall require a regulation loop. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail on rope. The contestant's rope will be tied to the saddle horn with NYLON string. All contestants MUST use at least #150 weight NYLON string and are responsible for furnishing their own string. All flags must be a twelve-inch (12") by twelve-inch (12") flag that is tied at knot and saddle horn and visible to the judge when it breaks loose.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The contestant will receive no time should he/she break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand; however, if the rope should dally 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.
5. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit. "Time" will be signaled when the thirty (30) seconds have elapsed.

Judging:

1. The barrier judge will inspect the tie to the horn and the flag on the rope of all contestants before they compete.
2. Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.

CALF ROPING

AGES: - 18 & under, Over 50, & OPEN

1. The contestant shall have and adjust a neck rope or equivalent equipment in such a manner that will keep the horse from dragging the calf. If horse drags calf more than ten feet (10') after the calf is roped and tied, the roper will be disqualified.
2. 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.
3. 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. Rope must hold until the roper gets his hand on the calf.**
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- **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.**
 - **When tie is complete the contestant must then remount and ride forward to allow slack in the rope.**
 - **When contestant calls for time they cannot touch their tie or their rope or they will be disqualified, however they can unlatch and coil up their jerk line after remounting.**
 - **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 calf kicks loose, the judge will stop watch and check time to determine if legal time.**
 - **If disqualified, roper has the right to see watch. If judges clears clock before roper sees it contestant gets time.**
4. **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. If roper's rope comes off calf as roper starts to work with tie, the 5 second time will start when roper clears the calf.**
 5. **Calf roping timed only to the 1/10 of a second.**
 6. **There will be a sixty (60) second time limit. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.**

RIBBON ROPING

OPEN – Points will count towards all around in age division declared at 1st rodeo contestant competes in.

1. **You may enter only one time.**
2. **One loop only including the finals.**

3. Runner may stand anywhere they choose in the arena.
4. Roper must rope calf and have a hand on the calf when the runner takes the ribbon off. Any piece of ribbon is considered legal, doesn't have to be entire ribbon.
5. If ribbon is not on calf when runner reaches calf they are to touch calf on hip and then run across finish line.
6. There will be a 60 second time limit.
7. Points will count towards all around points. Contestants will earn points towards their age division. If in more than one age division contestant must declare at first rodeo whether points will be for Open or towards their age group.

Judging:

1. Judge will mark finish line in front of box, or plane of box end of arena.
2. Barrier Judge's job to make sure ribbon of at least 12" is tied to tail of calf.
3. Judge will drop the flag to stop the time when the runner crosses the finish line, with the ribbon.

TEAM ROPING

AGES: 18 & UNDER, 50 & OVER & OPEN

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:
 - 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.
 - Mechanical failure
 - Catch pen gate will be closed.
2. Each contestant is allowed to carry only one (1) rope. Each team is allowed two (2) loops in all age divisions and open. Any heeler 55 or older and all girls may use a quick release device in the open and 18 & under division. No ropes will be allowed to be tied on hard & fast. Under no circumstance will any header be permitted to tie on.

3. **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.**
4. **All steers will be branded or numbered with ear tags. Name of ropers and number of steers drawn shall be posted one (1) hour before performance. Steers may be chute run at rodeos; contestants are responsible for knowing number of the steer they have drawn and be ready to rope when judge calls the steer number in chute.**
5. **Steers must have humane horn wraps. Wraps must be satisfactory to the team-roping director.**
6. **There will be two (2) timers, a barrier judge and field judge. Times are to be taken between two (2) flags (barrier flag and field judge flag). Arena conditions will determine the score line. The judges set the length of the score line. The field judge will decide any questionable catches.**
7. **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.**
8. **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. If a rope is thrown the team has taken steer and will get no re-run.**
9. **If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.**
10. **No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.**
11. **Steer must change direction before healer can rope.**
12. **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.**
13. **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. If header accidentally jerks steer off his feet or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over eight (8) feet before steer regains his feet or Team will be disqualified.**
14. **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.**
15. **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.**

16. Legal Head catches:

- Head or both horns
- half of head
- around the neck

17. Illegal Head catches:

- If the Honda passes over one (1) horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal.
- If the loop crosses itself on the head catch, it is a figure eight and is illegal.
- A front leg in a head loop is illegal.

18. Legal Heel Catches:

- Behind both shoulders is legal if the rope goes up the heels.
- One (1) hind leg – Receives a five (5) second penalty.

19. Illegal Heel Catches:

- Cross Firing- the header must be dallied and the steer turned before the heeler throws their loop or its illegal.

20. 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.

21. In team roping, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant however, if time is started by the animal and the header and heeler remain behind the plain of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced by using a redrawn animal after rodeo is completed.

22. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) Seconds have elapsed.

23. For all around points in the team roping event both heading and heeling points will be used at each rodeo for the contestant's 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.

Judging:

- 1. There shall be a barrier judge and a field flag judge and 2 timers.**
- 2. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a re-run before the contestants leave the arena.**
- 3. A steer must be re-run before it is used by another contestant.**

4. Barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next contestant.
4. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
5. Barrier judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper the same.
6. A tape must be on hand for the barrier judge to measure score line.
7. Height of barrier in timed events shall be from 32” to 36” measured at the center of the box.
8. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in rope on either end.

CHUTE DOGGING

AGES: 18 & UNDER, 50 & OVER & OPEN

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 any part of the steer 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 thirty (30) 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.

STEER WRESTLING

AGES: 18 & UNDER, 50 & OVER & OPEN

- 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.**

GOAT TYING

AGES: 9 & under girls & boys, 10-14 girls & boys, 15-18 women, 50 & Over and OPEN

- 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 considered 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, hooley, or knot, except in the 9 & under and 10-14. These two age divisions will be split into two events between boys and girls and the boys will be required to tie goats with a piggin' string only. Boy contestants must string front leg and then cross and tie any three legs with a piggin' string. There must be at least one wrap around all three legs and finished with a half hitch or hooley. A hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly or all the way pulled through. Secretary will keep separate times and points for boys and girls.
 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. 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 and 50 & over not to exceed 75 lbs. **NO HORNS OR PIGMY GOATS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
 11. No more than three (3) consecutive runs on one (1) goat will be allowed.
 12. Unnecessary roughness of the goat at the judge's discretion may result in disqualification.
 13. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit on all age divisions and open.
 14. Goats shall be wethers or dry nannies; no billy goats will be used.
 15. Contestants doing the following events Tie-down, Goat Tying & Breakaway only one (1) event will count toward all around. Contestant must declare before competing in 1st rodeo.

Judging:

- 1. 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.**