

**Northwest Junior**

**Rodeo Association**

**2019 RULEBOOK**



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## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

**Section 1:** This organization shall be known as the NORTHWEST JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION and the duration shall be perpetual. Its colors will be Blue and Gold.

**Section 2:** The Northwest Junior Rodeo Association may herein be referred to as NJRA.

## **ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES**

**Section 1:** To establish a non-profit organization interested in the promotion of junior rodeo.

**Section 2:** To elevate the requirements and standards of junior rodeo.

**Section 3:** To develop within the youthful contestants a spirit of fair competition and appreciation of good sportsmanship.

**Section 4:** To safeguard the interests of sponsoring agencies and protect the health and welfare of the contestants in competition.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**Section 1:** Membership shall be open to all persons and individuals of good character.

**Section 2:** In order to vote on rule changes the parents and contest must have attended two (2) meetings during the calendar year prior to the vote.

**Section 3:** Membership and fee shall be as follows: a) Membership shall be charged per year and include all the contestant's immediate family; b) Club, organization,

corporation, or partnership sponsoring an NJRA rodeo will pay a sanctioning fee for each rodeo sponsored, and be entitled to one vote in general membership meetings. NJRA will provide one rule book with the rodeo packet to be returned at the end of the rodeo. Each participating rodeo sanctioned by NJRA will be allowed one voting seat on the Board of Directors. All memberships will be voted upon written application and will include associate memberships. Associate memberships will be \$25.00 per year and will include immediate family. Associate members will not compete at any rodeos. c) \$25.00 to be paid at time of joining for fundraising per contestant. Members may seek donations or sell raffle tickets for the current year fundraiser, to cover the cost. d) A fee may be charged for the contracted association newspaper. e) A late fee may be charged for late membership fees.

**Section 4:** Membership expiration shall be March 31 of each year and dues for the current year must be paid by the date given on the membership form. A member will receive a \$20.00 credit towards their membership dues for every \$100.00 in sponsorship money generated. The sponsorship money must be collected and turned into the NJRA with the membership fees and forms to receive the credit. The NJRA will not refund membership dues for sponsorship money that is turned in after the membership fee is collected.

**Section 5: Any** discontinued membership in NJRA is subject to a five (5) dollar penalty upon reinstatement.

**Section 6:** Officers shall belong to NJRA.

**Section 7:** All pertinent paperwork must be to NJRA secretary before contestant competes to receive any NJRA points to ride at finals and to get year-end awards.

**Section 8:** Current members may be eligible to receive a partial refund for clinics they attend, please see Article IV Section 10.

## **Article IV: Officers and Duties**

**Section 1:** Officers of NJRA shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Points Secretary.

**Section 2:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings; to call special meetings when necessary; to appoint all committees necessary in the conduct of NJRA, subject to the Board of Directors; and sit as an ex-officio member on said committees. He/she shall not vote on motions except in the case of a tie, when he/she shall be the deciding vote. The president shall appoint a Safety Director subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall insure the financials are updated from the audit through the end of the fiscal year (December) and the final numbers are used to file the 990-tax return with the IRS by the due date of April 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

**Section 3:** It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to officiate for him/her in their absences. He/she shall be the chairman of the finance committee, which shall be responsible for the annual audit of the books, and any other duties requested by the President.

**Section 4:** It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep accurate record of minutes of NJRA and to keep correct account and records between NJRA and the members; to maintain a correct mailing list of all members; to notify membership of any pertinent information, changes, special meeting, and elections; to assist and advise the presiding officers in matters of parliamentary procedure and to assist the Rodeo Secretary in maintaining files and records of the rodeos. Upon retirement the Recording Secretary shall immediately surrender all records and files to the successor or whomever the Association may direct.

**Section 5:** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report all

monies received and dispersed by NJRA; along with the President or Vice President (two signatures) sign or approve in writing all checks over \$500, pay all bills against the Association as directed; present an annual summary of the financial position of NJRA, along with an audit of the books at the November meeting. Upon his/her retirement, he/she shall immediately surrender all records and files to their successor or whomever the Association may direct. An annual Audit will be conducted by an independent service prior to January. After the audit is concluded the Treasurer will insure the financials are updated from the audit through the end of the fiscal year (December). The Treasurer will then fill out the 990-tax return or contract a reputable tax service to file the proper 990 return by April 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

**Section 6:** It shall be the duty of the Points Secretary to maintain a current record of each member's accrued points throughout the year; to receive and record all entries from each approved NJRA rodeo and the Finals Rodeo; maintain the files along with the Recording Secretary. Upon her retirement, he/she shall immediately surrender all records and files to his/her successor or whomever the Association may direct.

**Section 7:** All officers shall serve without pay.

**Section 8:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the five (5) NJRA officers, the proceeding president, one contestant from each division, and six district representatives elected annually by the general membership, with full voting powers. One director shall come from each district; however, if there should be no member from a particular district willing to act as a director, an alternate may be selected from another district. Districts, by counties are as follows:

District 1: KITSAP, MASON, GRAYS HARBOR, JEFFERSON, and CLALLAM

District 2: SKAGIT, WHATCOM, ISLAND, and all areas North

District 3: SNOHOMISH, KING and all areas east

District 4: THURSTON and PIERCE

District 5: LEWIS, PACIFIC, KLICKITAT, and all areas South

District 6: All areas east of the CASCADE MOUNTAINS

**Section 9:** The Board of Directors shall transact all routine and minor business of NJRA, making a full report to the membership at the next regular meeting. Routine and minor include authorization of paying expenditures not exceeding \$500.00. The five (5) NJRA Officers or any seven (7) Board members shall constitute a quorum. All major policy decisions and expenditures shall be referred to the membership at a regular business meeting. The Board shall have the power to suspend a rodeo or a contestant competing in a disapproved rodeo for a period of up to one (1) year. Members shall be notified of suspended rodeos.

**Section 10:** Each year the board and membership will vote on a budget to reimburse members for clinics they attend during the current year. If a budget is approved, the NJRA will reimburse each member up to 50% of the clinic cost only, not to include additional fees for stalls, parking, etc. Each NEW member is eligible to receive up to \$50 per year, returning members are eligible to be reimbursed up to \$150/ per year. The request must be emailed to the treasurer at [NJRAfinance@gmail.com](mailto:NJRAfinance@gmail.com), who will confirm payment was made with the clinician, then issue a check.

**Section 11:** In any matter involving interpretation of rules the Board of Directors shall have the final decision.



**Section 12:** No proxy voting or absentee ballots will be permitted in general membership voting.

**Section 13:** The Board may choose to give out the following Board Awards at the conclusion of each rodeo season:

Volunteer of the Year  
Sportsmanship Award Boy  
Sportsmanship Award Girl  
Horse of the Year

The Board Awards are given at the sole discretion of the Board and need not be given every year if there is not a worthy candidate. The Board Awards are non-revolving, and the recipient is entitled to keep any such award given by the Board. Any Member of the Association may submit a written nomination for any Board award provided the written nomination is received by a Board member within two-weeks of the last rodeo of the season. However, the Board is not limited to those candidates nominated by Members of the Association in choosing the recipients of a Board Award. Only the five NJRA Officers and the six District Representatives shall be entitled to vote on the recipient of any Board Award.

**Section 14:** The Youth Board is composed of one representative of each of the four divisions, and an adult rep to serve for Pee Wee and Buckaroo divisions. In the event of the absence of a youth representative at any rodeo, the elected alternate shall serve at that rodeo any board member may be called on to fulfill the duty of the youth representative. The youth representative must attend half of all meetings during a season. They must attend three meetings prior to the rodeo season. If the youth representative cannot fulfill their duties the position will differ to the alternate. If needed a vote by contestants will be required to fill the division position. The

purpose of the Youth Board is to provide a liaison between the main contestant body and the management of each NJRA rodeo; they shall have no policing powers, no authority in management, and no jurisdiction in the matter of rodeo personnel, except as provided in Article IV, Section 14. They are designated representatives to arbitrate and negotiate matters of the entire contestant body, or members thereof, they are privileged to request application of rules, as written, and communicate with officials in regard to practice and safety and the welfare of the contestants. They may, with good and sufficient proof, request a contestant to be declared ineligible as prescribed by the rules. It is presumed a friendly relationship between Youth Board representatives and rodeo management will result in a better association through eliminating many of the individual problems often arising. Rodeo committees and officials should be encouraged to set meetings with the contestant body to explain the ground rules and other local rules pertaining to the competition. In each of the five (5) youth divisions a representative and an alternate will be voted on.

The alternate will take the rep's position when the rep is not present any given function. Rep. must notify alternate prior to that function he/she cannot attend if at all possible. The Youth alternate shall be the 2nd place vote during elections of officers, rep's and rule changes.

**Section 15:** The Senior Boys Representative shall also serve as the Director for Senior Girls Goat Tying and Junior Girls Goat Tying and shall be responsible for arranging contestants to move and hold goats during those events. He shall also be responsible for making sure that the correct goats are being used and are placed on the correct side for each event.

The Junior Boys Representative shall be responsible for assisting the Senior Boys Representative with these events.

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#### **ARTICLE IV(a): CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Section 1:** The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the NJRA when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an Officer or member of the Board of Directors of the NJRA or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

**Section 2:** Any Officer or member of the Board of Directors who has a direct or indirect financial interest is an interested person. A person has a financial interest in the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment or family:

- (a) An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the NJRA has a transaction or business arrangement;
- (b) A compensation arrangement with the NJRA or with any entity or individual which the NJRA has a transaction or arrangement; or
- (c) A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the NJRA is negotiating a transaction or arrangement. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are

not insubstantial. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the Board of Directors decides that a conflict of interest exists.

**Section 3:** In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Officers and Board of Directors regarding the proposed transaction or arrangement.

**Section 4:** After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after discussion with the interested person, the Board of Directors shall decide, by vote, whether a conflict of interest exists. The Board of Directors, after exercising due diligence, shall determine whether the NJRA can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

**Section 5:** If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Board of Directors shall determine, by vote, at a regular business meeting, whether the transaction or arrangement is in the best interest of the NJRA, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair or reasonable. In accordance with the above determination the Board of Directors shall vote as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

**Section 6:** Twenty (20) members or more may petition the President, in writing, to request that the vote, on whether a transaction or arrangement with an interested person, be referred to the membership then in attendance at the regular business meeting.

## **ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** Officers to be nominated at 2<sup>nd</sup> to last rodeo. For any position in which more than one person is nominated, ballots will be sent with Finals Rodeo entry forms to each member, to be returned with entry. Ballots will be counted, and results reviewed by a non-conflicting ballot committee. New officers shall take office when the year's business is over. This should be after the Finals Banquet.

**Section 2:** Any officer may be removed by a vote of (70) percent of the membership present at a special meeting. Any Director may preside at the meeting, especially for this purpose. The meeting must be requested by at least (5) members and all members must be given notice of the meeting at least (10) days in advance. Notice will be given by U.S. Mail to the last given address of each member.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** Meetings shall be held monthly, date to be set by the Board of Directors; except just prior to the Finals Rodeo at which time a meeting may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** Twenty-five (25) members of NJRA shall constitute quorum, and two (2) members of the quorum must be officers including the President or the Vice President. If a quorum of Board members (7) is present, a general membership meeting will be held regardless of the number of members present. All actions taken at the meeting will be valid.

**Section 3:** Twenty (20) members or more may petition the President in writing to have a special meeting, or the President

may call a meeting at any reasonable time. No business other than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted at the meeting. All members shall be notified if possible, as to the time and purpose of the special meeting.

**Section 4:** All meetings of the NJRA shall be conducted under general and accepted parliamentary rule of order, and under the specific by-laws of NJRA, except where these may become inconsistent with county, state, and federal decree.

**Section 5:** Introduce an all adult NJRA certified hazer's list at the first membership meeting of the year. A list will be kept of all adult hazer's and the list will be available at every rodeo during sign up.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DISBANDMENT**

**Section 1:** In the event that NJRA should disband, all assets shall be converted into cash and donated to the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, Seattle Washington.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:** Proposed amendments to the by-laws or rule changes shall be submitted in writing to the Rules Committee or board noting proper article and section number, at any regular meeting. Rule proposal changes shall be submitted and voted on by the March meeting in order to be considered for the current rodeo season. Elections shall be voted on at the last scheduled regular rodeo by ballot and must be turned in by the date & time announced by the Board. If you are unable to vote at the last rodeo, you may contact the Rodeo Secretary and request a ballot prior to the last rodeo of the year.

## **ARTICLE IX: ANNUAL AUDITS**

**Sections 1:** The President shall appoint a fiscal auditing committee by the October of each year of at least two (2) people. The committee shall audit all financial transactions of NJRA. The committee shall present the Board with a report of the audit by the January and an annual audit by an independent service prior to January's first meeting.

## **ARTICLE X: GENERAL RULES**

**Section 1:** Rodeo dates must be approved so there is no conflict with one another in local communities. Rodeos must be approved by the Board. All committees need to have their rodeo forms submitted with fees paid by the March meeting in order for the rodeo to be a points rodeo.

**Section 2:** Bids for finals rodeo location will be in writing in a sealed envelope and must be received by the Board on or before the date of the March Board meeting. Sealed bids will be opened only at board meeting.

**Section 3:** Any rodeo found to be violating NJRA rules will be put on probation for one (1) year and then if no effort is made to improve, they will be suspended. No NJRA member will be allowed to compete or participate in a disapproved rodeo. A disapproved rodeo is a rodeo in which the Board has taken specific and direct action by vote, to designate "disapproval". A rodeo that is not sanctioned is not the same as a disapproved rodeo. Contestants may ride without jeopardy in any non-sanctioned rodeo, but that privilege does not extend to disapproved rodeos. All NJRA contractors, judges, and secretaries must be provided with a current NJRA rulebook. All rodeos must have rule book posted at office for contestants to look at, at any time.

**Section 4:** Boys and girls must compete in their own age group, except junior members working their last junior year may change to senior group at the beginning of the rodeo season and work senior events all year. They may not change back to the junior group or work both groups, regardless of ability, parent's permission, or any other reason.

**Section 5:** All contesting members of NJRA must purchase insurance through NJRA before entering the first rodeo.

**Section 6:** All members 18 years and under must have a signed release from parents or guardians to participate in NJRA approved rodeos. All contestants 18 years and younger entered at a NJRA approved rodeo must have a parent or guardian sign them in and be present at the rodeo.

**Section 7:** The current rodeo year is recognized as January 1 of every year through December 31 of the same year, with reference to ages. **THE AGE OF EVERY CONTESTANT IS DETERMINED AS OF HIS OR HER AGE ON JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.** Those five (5) and under shall compete as Buckaroos. Those six (6) years old to eight (8) years old shall compete as Peewee. Those nine (9) years old to thirteen (13) years old shall compete as a junior. Those fourteen (14) years old through eighteen (18) years of age of the current year shall compete as a senior. If nineteen (19) years old on or before January 1, they are ineligible. Proof of age must be on file with NJRA secretary in order to be allowed to compete.

**Section 8:** All NJRA approved minimum prize lists shall be equal to 60% of the total entries. When a rodeo is jackpotted for money, each event will be paid off separately. Pay off as follows: 3 or less = 1 place, 4-5 = 2 places, 6-10 = 3 places, 11-15 = 4 places, 16-20 = 5 places, 21 -25 = 6 places, 26 -30 = 7 places, 31 and up = 8 places; points awarded 6 places.



\*For local organizations putting on an NJRA sanctioned rodeo, a live worksheet that breaks down exact amounts based on the chart below to be awarded is available for your use, please email the secretary for a copy to be emailed.

Number of Entries	Number of payouts	Payout %
1-3	1	100%
4-6	2	60%, 40%
7-10	3	50%, 30%, 20%
11-15	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
16-20	5	37%, 27%, 17%, 12%, 7%
21-25	6	29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%
26-30	7	28%, 23%, 18%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 4%
31 or more	8	23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 8%, 5%, 2%

Placing for the year-end awards will be determined by the amount of entries in a specific event at the rodeos. If there are an average of 3 or less contestants entered = 1 place, 3-5 = 2 places, 6-8 = 3 places, 9-12 = 4 places, 13-15 = 5 places, 16-22 = 6 places, 23-29 = 7 places, 30 and up = 9 places.

**Section 9:** Any member may lose points or be suspended or both from the Association for any of the following offenses:

- a) Failure to pay hotel/motel bills.
- b) Non-payment of entry fees. There shall be a fine of \$25.00 for entering and failing to appear and pay fees and suspension from entering in any other NJRA rodeo until these are paid.
- c) Attempting to trade stock and/or entry fees.
- d) Fighting in the arena.
- e) Parent being in the arena or behind the chutes without the OK of management.
- f) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce the judges at any time between the opening and

closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena. Violators will be reported to Board.

**g)** Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of NJRA and the sport of rodeo.

**h)** Failure to abide by or disobedience of the Article, By-Laws, and or rules of NJRA.

**i)** Any contestant found under the influence of drugs/alcohol or to have in his or her possession any such illegal substance at any NJRA function. (Also see Article XIII section (1) (b))

**j)** The Board will expect the cooperation of any member when called upon regarding enforcement of rules.

**Section 10:** Any time a check is returned for insufficient funds and not taken care of by the next rodeo, the contestant will not ride in that rodeo and will lose all points from previous rodeo. If a check is returned when membership fee is paid, the family will not be members of the Association until the check is taken care of. Anyone writing bad checks will be on a cash basis for the remainder of the calendar year.

**Section 11:** When specific NJRA rules do not apply, and no approved ground rules are posted, the appropriate NJRA, NHSRA, PWRA, PRCA, NPRA, ruling, as interpreted by the contest judge shall apply. **The judge's decision shall be final.**

**Section 12:** A contestant may appeal a judge's decision on a technical application of the rules. Announcer, chute help, or contractor interference would be examples.

**Section 13:** Any appeal must follow the following procedures:

**a)** Contestant must take their appeal to their Youth Representative or board representative, who will take it to the judge before the performance is over.

**b)** Appeals from the decision of the judge must be made by

the contestant in writing with the alleged violation detailed in a concise manner. A \$25.00 fee must accompany the protest. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

**c)** Appeals must be filed with the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or in the event of both being absent, a member of the Board, within one (1) hour after performance of the alleged violation

**d)** The board will determine the validity of the appeal.

**e)** An upheld protest may result in, but not limited to the following corrective actions: 1) forfeiture of all awards and points; 2) suspension for any given length of time from NJRA sanctioned rodeos; 3) where possible, corrections made and event re-run.

**f)** The following are not appealable; 1) judge's decision unless in violation of rules; 2) soundness of horse determined by a judge or veterinarian.

**g)** At no time can a parent interfere with a judge's decision concerning a contestant. There will be a fine set by the Board of Directors.

**Section 14:** All rodeos that collect \$25.00 finals fee and \$35.00 non-member fee will turn money into the NJRA within two (2) weeks after the rodeo, along with all pertinent paperwork (i.e., judge & timer sheets). If rodeo co-approved, only members of either organization are exempt from non-member fee. All rodeos that are sanctioned NJRA are to have paperwork and approval form along with \$35.00 fee turned in to NJRA two (2) weeks prior to rodeo date. If not, a letter will be sent to that committee advising them. Non-members are not required to pay this fee. All non-members entered in a NJRA approved rodeo will pay a \$35.00 permit fee. Contestant results must be turned in at the same time. All rodeos should receive a copy of the final results from their rodeo.

**Section 15:** NJRA provides its own rules for rodeo contestants and will insist that the rodeo management adhere to them. Any

member who does not observe above rules is liable to a fine, loss of points, prizes, suspension or at the time of the infraction.

**Section 16:** The management assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the personal property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant by act of his entry and signature in any NJRA rodeo waives all claims against management for his or her injuries or any damages, which his property may sustain.

**Section 17:** NJRA has no set prices for salary of judges, timers, arena secretaries, contestant performers, announcer, etc.; but NJRA expects the rodeos to pay fair salaries in keeping with the size of the rodeos for those positions.

**Section 18:** The management of each NJRA sanctioned rodeo shall be required to provide adequate first-aid equipment and personnel consisting of at least two Emergency Medical Technicians during all performances and slack.

**Section 19:** All rodeos are required to use watches in the tenths or hundredths of a seconds. There shall be two (2) timers for all game and roping events. Only one is necessary for riding events. Electronic devices are to be backed up with a manual watch. If the electronic device fails in any go-round and cannot be re-started, you shall revert to hand time for the entire go-round. After malfunction on any given run, a decision for a re-run shall be given at once. Rider may request to go last if desired. Two sets of timer sheets must be recorded, one electronic and one hand time. Electronic devices are recommended for all events where applicable.

**Section 20:** Management must provide a place for office timers and announcer to work without obstruction or interference.

**Section 21:** Any rodeo with ground rules contradictory or in addition to NJRA rules, must have said rules approved by Board.

**Section 22:** Parents are allowed to judge events in which their own child is participating

**Section 23:** All rodeos must have no less than three (3) events that count for points in each division.

**Section 24:** Timers shall fill in and post sheets after the last performance of each day.

**Section 25:** Electronic devices or timers should be permanently marked by a stake in the ground and with a flag for the duration of the rodeo.

**Section 26:** An accurate description of the location of all markers (barrel, goat, poles, and score line) shall be recorded on paper by the arena director and rodeo secretary. This knowledge should be in their possession before the first performance begins. At all times, there should be enough measuring tapes, new markers, rakes, and shovels available.

**Section 27:** Arena ground cannot be altered to affect physical condition between performances, except if the safety of the contestants is in question.

**Section 28:** Members and Non-members may not contest on a stallion two (2) years old or older, with the exception of rough stock.

**Section 29:** Contestants must compete on the day drawn for them. Changes will only be made by approval of judges and said rodeo secretary and will require a medical slip and/or vet slip. Draw outs are up to the consideration of judge's (2),

however, it must be an actual trading out of contestants. It is the responsibility of each contestant to make sure they have entries and fees in before the date due. It is the individuals' responsibility to make sure they have received the entry form from each rodeo.

**Section 30:** Contestants diagnosed with a concussion prior to or during any rodeo must provide documentation by a physician before they may compete in any future rodeos.

**Section 31:** Co-approval must be with a rodeo association maintaining a valid non-profit status, otherwise it is not considered to be co-approved and NJRA rules will take precedence. If a rodeo is double sanctioned by the NJRA, we will follow that rodeo's ground rules. The events will be sanctioned as long as they are NJRA approved events.

**Section 32:** Three (3) call rule is in effect for slack and performance.

**Section 33:** A qualified person/parent may haze for any contestant if the person/parent is a member of the NJRA in good standing, or if the person is working on behalf of the stock contractor hired for that particular rodeo. All hazers other than contestants must be approved by the Board. The Board may, at its discretion, request that the person provide letters of recommendation from another association such as NJRA, NHSRA, PWRA, PRCA, NPRA, etc.

**Section 34:** All contestants must assist, including helping in the arena, when asked by a Board member. Any contestant refusing to assist shall be subject to a loss of points at the discretion of the Board. Board members will use their judgment to avoid asking a contestant to assist when the contestant has an approaching event.

**Section 35:** Contestants are responsible for checking points by Board approved due dates and notifying Point Secretary by set due dates.

## **ARTICLE XI: SET UPS**

**Section 1:** Contestants must be a member of the NJRA in order to request a Sunday set-up.

**Section 2:** An NJRA Contestant who requests a Sunday setup for a legitimate reason (for example attendance at another event), may be present on the rodeo grounds during the Saturday performance.

**Section 3:** For any rodeo with two go-rounds, a contestant may not compete in the same event more than once in each performance. This rule does not apply to contestants who are drawn to compete in Team Roping with a contestant who did not enter with a partner.

## **ARTICLE XII: NJRA POINTS SYSTEM AND ALL AROUND**

**Section 1:** The NJRA has been organized for the purpose of establishing its own point awarding system to determine Champion Cowboys and Cowgirls. If a non-member places in a rodeo the points will go to the next member in the placing order and continue moving members up for point's purposes only. Even if a rodeo only awards prizes to three (3) places; points will be given to six (6) as follows:

FIRST.....	18 POINTS
SECOND.....	15 POINTS
THIRD .....	12 POINTS
FOURTH .....	9 POINTS
FIFTH.....	6 POINTS
SIXTH .....	3 POINTS

At any rodeo with two go-rounds points to be awarded as follows:

	1 <sup>st</sup> go-round	2 <sup>nd</sup> go-round	Average
FIRST.....	6.....	6.....	12
SECOND.....	5.....	5.....	10
THIRD.....	4.....	4.....	8
FOURTH.....	3.....	3.....	6
FIFTH.....	2.....	2.....	4
SIXTH.....	1.....	1.....	2

At any NJRA Finals rodeo with two go-rounds points to be awarded as follows:

	1 <sup>st</sup> go-round	2 <sup>nd</sup> go-round	Average
FIRST.....	12.....	12.....	24
SECOND.....	10.....	10.....	20
THIRD.....	8.....	8.....	16
FOURTH.....	6.....	6.....	12
FIFTH.....	4.....	4.....	8
SIXTH.....	2.....	2.....	4

**Section 2:** Points start counting when dues are paid and membership is received by NJRA secretary.

**Section 3:** The high-point winner in each event will be named the champion.

**Section 4:** Points count for all-around champion at the end of the season only from approved rodeos in which contestants have entered and competed in not less than two (2) NJRA approved events. Any contestant who is unable to compete in the Finals Rodeo and still feel he/she should receive the year's



award must submit a letter to the board with reason and request. Letter may be personally submitted to the board or via mail or email. Request must be submitted by the deadline of the finals entries. If reason is accepted and approved by the board, the awards may then be presented.

**Section 5:** The judge's points on bucking events will go on rider first then animal to determine the winner. If this does not break the tie, then a coin will be tossed. When possible, ties in times events will be a runoff. In either case, the points will be split, and a tie run off to determine who will receive the prize. (Example: 18+15 then divides by 2. There are no second place points.)

**Section 6:** Members may compete at finals only in events they qualified in at a sanctioned event during that year's rodeo season. You may not enter finals in an event you did not qualify in during the year.

**Section 7:** For year-end awards, a tiebreaker to prevent duplicate all-around awards shall be determined by the most first places in all qualifying events throughout the year. If a tie still exists, then the most second places, etc., until the tie is broken. For individual event ties, the award goes to the contestant placing in said event at the most rodeos throughout the year. Should a tie still exist, the award should then be determined by the most first places for the year in said event, then second places, etc. until tie is broken.

**Section 8:** If an event was offered at only one rodeo, it will not be offered at Finals, nor will year-year awards be presented for that event regardless of how many members have qualified. Points will count towards the year-end all-around. If an event is offered at two or more rodeos the event will be offered at the Finals, even if only one (1) contestant has qualified.

**Section 9:** Events, which shall count for points are as follows:

**SENIOR BOYS**

Open Team Roping  
Dally Team Roping  
Bareback Riding  
Bull Riding  
Tie-Down Calf Roping  
Wild Cow Milking  
Chute Dogging  
Bulldogging  
Saddle Bronc Riding

**SENIOR GIRLS**

Open Team Roping  
Dally Team Roping  
Steer Daubing  
Barrel Racing  
Goat or Calf Tying  
Breakaway Roping  
Pole Bending  
Cow Riding  
Chute Dogging

**JUNIOR BOYS**

Open Team Roping  
Dally Team Roping  
Bareback Riding  
Steer/Bull Riding  
Breakaway Calf Roping  
Steer Daubing  
Goat or Calf Tying

**JUNIOR GIRLS**

Open Team Roping  
Dally Team Roping  
Steer Daubing  
Barrel Racing  
Goat or Calf Tying  
Breakaway Roping  
Pole Bending  
Steer/Bull Riding

**PEE WEE**

Barrel Racing  
Pole Bending  
Goat Flanking  
Dummy Roping  
Calf Riding

**BUCKAROO**

California Stake Race  
Goat Tail Undecorating  
Dummy Roping

**Section 10:** Finals will be a 1 go rodeo if there are 5 or less rodeos in a regular season. Points will be worth 1.5 points.

## **LOCAL RODEO ALL-AROUNDS**

**Section 1:** One all-around: divisions must have equal number of events.

**Section 2:** Two all-around (Junior and Senior): Senior boys and senior girls must have equal number of events; and junior boys and junior girls must have an equal number of events.

**Section 3:** Two all-around (Boy and Girl): senior boys and junior boys must have equal number of events; and senior girls and junior girls must have equal number of events.

**Section 4:** In the event there is a tie for all-around in any division, a tiebreaker to prevent duplicate all-around awards shall be determined by the contestant with the most events placing for that particular rodeo. If a tie still exists, then the most first placing received for that particular rodeo, then the most second placing and so on (applies to finals rodeo also). If this does not break the tie the rodeo committee and judge may decide on an event to run to break the tie that both contestants can do.

**Section 5:** If a Local Rodeo is awarding all-around prizes, the Local Rodeo Committee must clearly state on the rodeo entry form how the points for each all-around award will be calculated, including a specific description of how points for sanctioned events, points for non-sanctioned events and points for open events will be used to calculate the All-Around Champion for each division.

## **FINAL RODEO ALL-AROUNDS**

**Section 1:** Contestants must compete in at least two (2) events to qualify for all-around. All events shall count towards all-around.

**Section 2:** Junior & Senior divisions may jackpot for money; the terms and conditions being entirely theirs and arranged at each rodeo. Rodeo sponsors will not be responsible for administrating senior jackpots.

### **ARTICLE XIII: CONDUCT OF RODEO**

**Section 1:** If less than three (3) contestants are entered in any event the management can cancel the event and return the entry fee for that event.

**Section 2:** If numbers are furnished by the management, contestants must wear them on the back of their shirts so as to be visible to the judges and the spectators. The penalty for not wearing numbers will be disqualification in that event.

**Section 3:** "Western attire" must be worn by everyone while in the arena, at or behind the roping/bucking chutes and while competing in events. This means long sleeve shirts, sleeves rolled down, tails tucked in, long pants, western hat/helmet, and boots with a 1" heel and above the ankle. If not, there will be a penalty of disqualification in that event. Horses being ridden in events like goat tying, barrels, dogging, roping, etc., are to be saddled.

**Section 4:** All contestants who have horses at NJRA rodeos are encouraged to ride in parades or grand entry if the management desires them to do so.

**Section 5:** No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless he has a signed waiver releasing the management and producers from liability. The arena director should enforce this rule.

**Section 6:** If the management provides satisfactory seats for the contestants, the NJRA will urge the contestants to stay out of the arena when they are not scheduled to compete.

**Section 7:** The decisions of the judges, flagmen, and timers, who have been passed on by the NJRA shall be final. Pickup men, chute help, stock contractors, and announcer cannot influence the judges. This is all subject to the provisions of Article X Section 12.

**Section 8:** All contestants are required to read all the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the events in which they enter. FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND RULES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.

**Section 9:** Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should call the NJRA office for instructions if no director or representative is present.

**Section 10:** Rodeo Committees will have final say in returning of any contestant's entry fees.

**Section 11:** The management reserves the right to refuse the entry of any contestant who has violated the general rules, who has been dishonest in competition, or has proven undesirable in any recognized event.

**Section 12:** Contestant must be on hand to answer the call of the arena director and must comply with all other rules of the management of each particular contest held under the auspices of NJRA. When, in the opinion of the arena director, sufficient numbers of contestants are present for an event, there will be no delay because others are not present.

**Section 13:** Requests for withdrawal from any contest or event and return of entrance fee are up to the management of the rodeo.

**Section 14:** Each contestant may have one (1) contestant

and/or authorized person help him or her in the chutes. Cattle coming out of the roping box may only be pushed by another contestant. Any non-contestant pushing cattle out of the roping box will result in a no time for the contestant.

**Section 15:** Contestant must have hat/helmet on head when he or she enters the arena gate, calls for stock and in all run in timed events. Failure to do so will result in a no time, girls and boys alike.

**Section 16:** Moving of stock during a performance or event should be kept to a minimum. Only required personnel will be allowed in the rodeo arena.

**Section 17:** Curfew for contestants will be 1:00 am. All contestants will be at their camp prior to curfew; points may be taken for any contestant not following the curfew.

**Section 18:** The same horse may not be ridden in Barrel Racing or Pole Bending by more than one Contestant, unless the Contestants are within the same family.

**Section 19:** No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the arena during the rodeo.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION**

**Section 1:** The management may withdraw any contestant name and entry, disbar him or her from any and all events, and withhold any prizes due to him or her for violation of the current rule of the judges or for any of the following offenses:

- a) Refusing to contest on an animal drawn or selected for him or her.
- b) Being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. 1st offense: any contestant caught drinking at any

NJRA approved rodeo or NJRA sponsored event will lose 50 points from (1) Current rodeo (2) Year end points, (3) Will not compete in the next scheduled NRJA rodeo. 2nd Offense: any contestant caught drinking a second time at a NJRA approved rodeo or NJRA sponsored event will have his/her membership revoked along with all the points earned for that year.

**c)** Rowdiness or quarreling on actual domain of the arena.

**d)** Mistreatment of stock.

**e)** Altercation or quarreling with judge or officials.

**f)** Failure to give assistance when requested to do so by the arena director, or for any reason deemed sufficient by management of the rodeo.

**g)** Cheating or any attempt to cheat or falsify age. This carries the penalty of loss of all points acquired up to that time and suspension for not less than one (1) year.

**h)** Any attempt to trade stock or entry fee.

**i)** Insisting on set-up.

**j)** No contestant shall be allowed to compete while wearing a cast (digital or toe accepted).

**k)** Any contestant deliberately removing hat in any manner before time is called shall be disqualified for that event.

**Section 2:** If stock is turned out during a limited entry event, contestant turning out stock will not be allowed to enter that event at the next approved rodeo. It is required that somebody be put on all stock at the expense of said contestant except in the case of injury. Stock so turned out will not be brought back.

**Section 3:** No contestant may be disqualified from a rodeo for a period to exceed one (1) year without the express consent of the board.

**Section 4:** Contestant can be disqualified only by the agreement of the rodeo judges and the arena director. A majority decision of the three (3) will decide.

**Section 5:** The NJRA President or delegate may require the management to replace anyone who is working chutes, cattle, or anywhere in the NJRA rodeo where they feel that person is not capable of doing the right kind of work.

**Section 6:** Contestants are not allowed to use tobacco products of any kind on the rodeo grounds regardless of age.

## **ARTICLE XV: RODEO LIVESTOCK**

**Section 1:** Stock contractors may be required to have enough stock for go-around in each event. One-third (1/3) of stock per contestant, per go-round, shall be furnished by stock contractor for timed events only.

**Section 2:** All stock contractor bids must be received one meeting prior to the rodeo being produced by the NJRA Board. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and opened at the Board Meeting prior to the rodeo. Written bid must include all expenses; no additional expenses may be added after bid is accepted. All sub-stock contractors must be included in this bid. Stock contractor bids will be voted on by the Board.

**Section 3:** Any stock declared by NJRA as unsatisfactory must be replaced. Stock contractors shall have stock, as even as possible for all events.

All bulls, steers and cows used for Senior and Junior events shall have their horns tipped back to the size of a half dollar. This requirement does not apply to animals used in Pee Wee events.



**Section 4:** If a re-ride is given an animal three (3) times in a row, the animal will automatically be declared unsatisfactory and be replaced.

**Section 5:** All boys' bucking stock must be flanked.

**Section 6:** All stock shall be run through the event chute and through the arena no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the rodeo. Animals should be ear tagged or branded with numbers prior to the beginning of the rodeo.

**Section 7:** A list of all stock contractors shall be made available to sponsoring organizations as well as judges and timers.

**Section 8:** Goats and calves may be tied, and chute dogging steers may be thrown prior to the first performance or at the posted time with an NJRA board member or Judge present.

**Section 9:** Contractors must provide each bucking horse with a halter.

**Section 10:** All breakaway cattle will be calves with a maximum of 3-inch horn length, measured from the base of the skull, below the horn. No calves will be used in any NJRA sanctioned rodeo with horns over 3 inches, without fines put in to place, per animal.

**Section 11:** All NJRA rodeos will have an inspection of stock. This shall be done, a minimum of one hour prior to the start of the rodeo by a member of the board, contractor and a member of the rodeo committee. If the stock does not meet inspection, the following warning and fines are to be put in place. Penalties will be assessed per rodeo season: First offense will be a written warning, issued by the NJRA board of directors within 5

days of the offence. Second offense, a fine of \$25.00 per animal payable to the rodeo committee or taken off contractor's check. Third offense, a fine of \$50.00 per animal, payable to the rodeo committee or taken off contractor's check. The rodeo committee collecting the fines will forward all fine money to the NJRA Club.

## **ARTICLE XVI: JUDGES and JUDGING**

### **JUDGES:**

**Section 1:** Judges, timers, flagmen, clowns, pick-up man, and announcers must be men/women of experience. If the NJRA does not consider the people chosen by a given rodeo to have adequate experience, they will expect cooperation from the management in replacing the unsatisfactory individuals. NJRA is to maintain a list of qualified personnel.

**Section 2:** Qualified flagger to start all rough stock events. Flagger can be appointed by the judge. Must be same person throughout entire rodeo.

**Section 3:** NJRA Board approved judges and timers will officiate NJRA Finals and rodeos throughout the rodeo season.

**Section 4:** A judges list should be written and submitted to the NJRA for approval. The list should contain the names of people who volunteer to judge through their district representative. This list would be sent to each rodeo secretary who would contact the judges to set who is available. The names of available judges would be pulled from a hat for each rodeo, as well as, two (2) back-up alternates.

**Section 5:** At all NJRA rodeo's, the judge will record all penalties on his/her own timer sheet. All judging sheets will be turned in to the secretary of the rodeo to confirm that all

penalties are recorded correctly.

**Section 6:** If, in the opinion of the NJRA President, NJRA Safety Director, Arena Director or Judges, an animal is determined to be unsafe, the animal may be excluded from the Rodeo Arena. If a Contestant's horse is excluded from the arena before the Contestant competes in that event, at the Judge's discretion, the contestant may be permitted to remount a different horse and compete within that event.

## **JUDGING:**

**Section 1:** Riding events: Rider and animal to be marked separately. Mark the rider accordingly to how much spur the animal received. Mark the ride from one (1) to twenty-five (25) and use the full spread. The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25) and use the full spread.

**Section 2:** Bareback Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding: To qualify the rider must have spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and touching the horse until after horse's front feet hit the ground, first jump out of the chute.

**Section 3:** Contestant may pull riggings, cinch saddles, and pull ropes from either side in all riding events. Middle flank belongs to the bronc rider.

**Section 4:** Barriers and scoring: A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.

**Section 5:** Score line shall be clearly marked and visible.

**Section 6:** Once score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed.

**Section 7:** Animal to be flagged out when crossing, or deadline, in front of the flag judge.

**Section 8:** Flag judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier to tamper with barrier equipment.

**Section 9:** If contestant is fouled by any moving part of the barrier or barrier assembly, the contestant will receive a rerun providing that they qualify on their stock or they declare themselves. If the barrier tail breaks from the barrier rope and is still in the pin assembly that will not be considered as breaking out. If the automatic barrier doesn't work but time is recorded, contestant or team will get the time, but there will be no penalty for broken barriers. Stock will not be brought back if stock is missed.

**Section 10:** If stock is drawn and automatic barrier does not work, the stock is brought back; contestants must take the same animal over during the performance or immediately after.

**Section 11:** Field: In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get same stock back with lap and tap start; the time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final. If rope is on an animal, roper will get the animal back, lap and tap, with the rope on, in the chute. A field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or jump. Once a person has been flagged out, he/she will receive no stock back.

**Section 12:** Any judge failing to comply with these instructions will be declared ineligible.

## **ARTICLE XVII: DRAWING OF STOCK**

**Section 1:** All stock events must be drawn by the rodeo officials. There must always be as many as three (3) copies made of the draw, one copy will be for the secretary's records, and one for each of the judges. Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the judges' head and the numbers shaken between each number drawn. In all riding events, a complete go-round must be drawn at one time. Stock for re-ride will be designated before go-round of stock and be posted. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice in the same event. All drawing of stock will be done at a designated time and place, to be open to all members. Time is included on rodeo entry forms.

**Section 2:** Re-rides may be given in all riding events. If an animal that runs off is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant must take the animal already drawn. If the stock contractor and contestant agree, such animal may be taken immediately before or after the performance. If that is the third consecutive time the animal had run off, he must be taken out of the draw and an animal drawn for the second contestant out of the re-rides. If a re-ride is given because an animal hits the rider in the chute or falls, it is to be brought back except on the last performance of the rodeo. If in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two (2) honest efforts to get out of the chute on a fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him. When a final head is to be ridden in the riding events, at least two (2) head of stock will be available for re-rides to draw in case one (1) fails. After drawn re-rides are used up, all stock out that go-around, except feature animals already doubled back, will be put in hat and additional re-rides for the go-round drawn.

## **ARTICLE XVIII: DRAWING OUT and ENTRY FEE REUND**

**Section 1:** There will be no drawing out after position of stock is drawn unless contestant has a doctor's release. If a contestant is unable to compete at a rodeo because of sickness or injury away from any rodeo, his/her entry fee will be refunded if action is approved by the rodeo committee, the judges, and the arena director.

## **ARTICLE XIX: RODEO SECRETARY and OFFICE**

**Section 1:** Any member who intends to act as Rodeo Secretary or Treasurer must notify NJRA of his intentions so that he/she can be sent the proper information.

**Section 2:** All entry fees must be paid in advance. Each no show or NSF check will require a review by the Rodeo committee as to what fees will be refunded or required payment due prior to next Rodeo.

**Section 3:** Drawing stock and position: All roping events must be drawn for at each rodeo. If stock is to be drawn for, all stock is to be numbered and drawn by numbers. Positions are to be drawn for in all events. If stock is not drawn, chute positions will be drawn for after chutes are loaded with stock (this is considered a chute draw for timed and rough stock). If a contestant is injured at the rodeo, he may be held back at the same rodeo until later in the go-around with consent of both judges and the stock contractor.

**Section 4:** No contestant will ride two (2) head in the same event during a performance, except for re-rides.

## **ARTICLE XX: POSTING MARKINGS**

**Section 1:** Judges shall make exact copies of each judge's book and post the copies on the bulletin board at the end of

each performance. Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the rodeo secretary in the presence of the judges.

**Section 2:** Contestants are privileged to see the records of all contestants in any event in which he/she partakes at the end of each go-around at a reasonable time, with secretary and judges present.

## **ARTICLE XXI: EVENT RULES**

**Section 1:** If a rodeo is double sanctioned by the NJRA, we will follow that rodeo's ground rules. The events will be sanctioned as long as they are NJRA approved events.

**Section 2:** When a tie in rough stock events you go by judges' marks on contestant then the animal.

**Section 3:** When riding in your event, you must compete and finish that event at same speed. If you go off course, you must continue at the speed and pick up and finish the pattern. Do not go back and school your horse or slow horse down.

**Section 4:** Rough stock riders must wear helmet, vest and mouth guard. The NJRA recommends that all rough stock contestants ride with a face shield or visor attached to their helmet. ALL PEE WEE ROUGH STOCK CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE WITH A FACE SHIELD OR VISOR ATTACHED TO THEIR HELMET.

**OPEN TEAM ROPING:** Open to all divisions (Sixty-second-time limit). As an open event, contestants may enter only one time. Partner can be junior and/or senior, boy and/or girl. Full points to be given to each partner. When a team enters a rodeo, they must do so as a team, each one giving the secretary his/her partner's name. In the event one roper does not have a partner they may request a draw by the judge: must draw first ropers who don't have a partner then move to ropers

with partners to complete the draw in that performance. In the case of a two-go-round rodeo, a draw will be required for each go-round. The roper drawn may compete for prizes or money, but no year end points will be awarded if the partner drawn already has a partner. Arena conditions will determine start and deadline rules; penalties for violations of these rules are matters for local determination. Each team is allowed three (3) throws total. A roper roping a steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. The neck rope must be clear of the calf and the rider must be clear of the box, before the loop can be thrown.

1. Each contestant will carry one rope. Header must throw first loop.
2. Roper must dally to stop or turn steer. No tie ropes allowed.
3. Steer to be roped first by head or horns or head and one horn.
4. Steer to be roped by one or both hind feet.
5. Straight time for two (2) hind leg catch. Five seconds added to time for one hind leg catch.
6. The steer's body must be turned and moving forward before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered crossfire and no time will be recorded.
7. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer, with ropes dallied tight. Horse's feet must be on ground and ropers must be mounted to be flagged. Steer must be up when roped by head and heels.
8. Steer must be kept stretched until inspected by field judge.
9. The following catches are legal: around both horns,



around the neck or a half head.

10. There will be a (10sec) penalty if the header breaks the barrier.

### **Team Roping Contestant Disqualification**

1. Roper roping steer without turning loose the loop will be considered no catch
2. Any catch by header except both horns, half-head or neck catch.
3. Allowing steer to back into heel loop.
4. Dropping rope at any time.
5. The following shall be illegal head catches: if Hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other; if loop crosses itself in a head catch; if loop is in the steer's mouth.
6. A catch declared a crossfire
7. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.
8. Illegal catches will be flagged when the ropers declare themselves by dallying and facing. Then, the team will be flagged out for the illegal catch.
9. Handling the steer roughly at any time.
10. Exceeding the 60 second time limit.
11. *Loss of rope at any time and ropes must be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.*

The judge will decide any questions as to catches in this contest. Both ropers must be in the chute area at the same time, header must leave the chute first. When contestant asks for stock, gate is to be opened and stock belongs to the roper regardless of bad breaks, such as horse wheeling in barrier, horse beating an animal out of the barrier, etc.

**DALLY TEAM ROPING:** Open to all Junior and Senior Division

contestants. Dally Team Roping follows all of the Open Team Roping rules unless otherwise noted.

Team consists of eligible contestant who is partnered with his or her parent, grandparent, stepparent or a drawn approved adult helper from the approved helper list.

Headers will compete against Headers and Heelers will compete against Heelers.

Contestants will receive one-half the points awarded per NJRA Rules. (Example, 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 9 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 7.5 points, etc.)

A contestant may only enter 1 Team Roping event, Open Team Roping or Dally Team Roping, per rodeo, including finals.

**BULLDOGGING (SENIOR BOYS):** Time will stop when steer reaches the flag line, three-fourths (3/4) of the way down the arena. Animals used will be closely inspected for broken horns or injury and those removed from competition. Contestants must furnish their own hazer and horse.

Only one hazer allowed. Hazer must be a contestant or from approved hazer list but will receive no points. Hazer must not render any assistance while contestant is working steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping the steer. Both contestant and hazer must use the same horse they leave the chute with, and contestants will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steer or chutes.

Steer must be caught from the horse. When contestant jumps at a steer, he accepts him as sound. If steer get loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch a steer. After catching steer, dogger must bring it to a stop and twist the animal down to the ground. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by the dogger putting horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four (4) feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on its side, all four (4) feet and head straight. Dogger must have one hand on steer when

flagged. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.

A ten second penalty will be imposed when a flag judge rules that the dogger's feet touch the ground before the flag line is crossed. If a dogger misses or loses steer, flagman must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must decide at once or will be immediately flagged out. When horn or horns of steer are considered to have been hanging in the chute, no re-run will be given. There is no penalty for breaking horn.

**WILD COW MILKING (SENIOR BOYS):** 60 second time limit. Judges must stand at the chute to flag the start of the cow milking. There will be allowed one milker and one helper to each team. Milker will be allowed to leave starting place lap and tap with cow.

Any of the following offenses will disqualify: catching cow by the tail; milking cow when she is not on all four (4) feet; roper ties rope instead of dallying; rope is dropped by both mugger and roper before cow is milked; all ropes must be off cow before the milker crosses the line (completely off and not touching cow); must be clean head catch, half head, or horn catch; milk must drop from the bottle (flag judge must count to five (5) before declaring there is no milk in the bottle); rope must be free of horse and saddle when roper comes in contact with the cow.

When a contestant asks for stock, gate is opened and stock belongs to roper regardless of bad breaks, such as horse wheeling in the chute. If a contestant knowingly gets fouled and competes at stock anyway, runs are final. If stock is missed contestant gets a no time. If the cow gets out of the arena, flagman is to stop time and contestant and contestant will get the same animal lap and tap with the time he spent before the animal got out added to his total time.

**SADDLE BRONC RIDING (SENIOR BOYS):** Eight second time limit. Riding to be done with standard halter and one rope,

rein, and saddle. Contestants are permitted to use their own saddle approved by judges and management. To be approved, saddle must be double-rig with two (2) cinches, or approved by NJRA standards. Contestants can use dry resin on saddle and chaps only.

Rider and animal to be judged separately. Time begins when horse breaks the chute. Horse must be scored over break shoulders (touching horse) as animal makes first jump leaving the chute. Rider to be given credit for spurring over the point of the shoulder. One arm must be free at all times. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side. If judges decide a horse has deliberately thrown himself, they may award a re-ride on the same horse or a re-ride horse at their own discretion. If saddle, halter, or rein comes off or should break during the ride, contestant may, as judge decides, be awarded a re-ride.

Contestants will be disqualified for being bucked off; pulling leather, changing reins, wrapping rein around hand; losing stirrup; touching animal, saddle, or rein with free hand; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called.

## **BAREBACK BRONC RIDING:**

**SENIOR BOYS** - Eight second time limit. Horse must be spurred over the break of the shoulder (touching horse) as animal makes first jump leaving the chute. Rider to be given credit for spurring over the point of the shoulder. One arm must be free at all times. Time begins when horse breaks the chute. If horse falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. A rider may be disqualified for the following: sharpened or locked rowels; taking finger tucks; being bucked off; touching horse with free hand; and not being ready when called. The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges, or gimmicks. An extra piece of leather may be used at the base of the little finger only; it must be on the inside of the glove. Vertical slits cut in

the fingers of the glove are acceptable. Horizontal slits cut in the fingers of the glove are illegal.

**JUNIOR BOYS** - Six second time limit. Horse must be spurred over the break of the shoulder (touching horse) as animal makes first jump leaving the chute. Rider to be given credit for spurring over the point of the shoulder. One arm must be free at all times. Time begins when horse breaks the chute. If horse falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary.

A rider may be disqualified for the following; sharpened or locked rowels; taking finger tucks; being bucked off; touching horse with free hand; and not being ready when called. It is recommended that the animals do not exceed 14.0 hands and a minimum of 12.0 hands. No yearlings. The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges, or gimmicks. An extra piece of leather may be used at the base of the little finger only; it must be on the inside of the glove. Vertical slits cut in the fingers of the glove are acceptable. Horizontal slits cut in the fingers of the glove are illegal.

**BULL RIDING OR STEER RIDING:** Rough stock riders must wear helmet, vest and mouth guard. The NJRA recommends that all rough stock contestants ride with a face shield or visor attached to their helmet. ALL PEE WEE ROUGH STOCK CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE WITH A FULL, SOLID FACE SHIELD, WITHOUT ANY HOLES OR OPENINGS, ATTACHED TO THEIR HELMET. THE FACE SHIELD MUST EXTEND DOWN TO THE CHIN AND COVER THE RIDERS ENTIRE FACE.

**SENIOR BOYS** - Eight second time limit. Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs

therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary.

A rider may be disqualified for the following; illegal hand hold; touching animal with free hand; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!** Rough stock riders must wear helmet, vest and mouth guard.

**JUNIOR BOYS** - Six second time limit. Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Rope must come off when ride is completed. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary.

A rider may be disqualified for the following: being bucked off; illegal hand hold; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!** Animal should not exceed 800 pounds and a minimum of 450 pounds. Rough stock riders must wear helmet, vest and mouth guard.

**JUNIOR GIRLS STEER RIDING** - Six second time limit. Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Rope must come off when ride is completed. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins,

judge may determine a re-ride if necessary.

A rider may be disqualified for the following; being bucked off; illegal hand hold; Sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!** Animal should not exceed 800 pounds and a minimum of 450 pounds. Rough stock riders must wear helmet, vest and mouth guard.

**TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING (SENIOR BOYS)** - 60 second time limit. The weight limit on calves should be no less than 180 pounds and no more than 250 pounds. Arena conditions will determine start and deadline, but a short score of six (6) to fifteen (15) feet is desirable and should be used under most conditions. Two (2) loops will be permitted and should the roper miss with both, he must retire, and no more time be allowed. The one-minute (60 seconds) time limit is to include tying. A tie completed after one minute (60 seconds) is not legal.

The neck rope must be clear of the calf and the rider must be clear of the box, before the loop can be thrown.

Roping calf without releasing loop is not permitted.

Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf and horse must have a neck rope. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If horse drags calf, field judge may stop horse and any penalty for such offense can be assessed by the field judge, catch as catch can, with any catch is considered legal. The rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast. Either is permissible. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hands on calf. If calf is drug by horse over 8 feet, there will be a no time.

Contestant must dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie three (3) feet. Contestant must string front leg of the calf and then cross and tie three legs together with a pigging string. There must be at least one wrap around all three legs and finished with a half hitch or a hooley. Hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly, or all the way pulled through. If calf is down when roper reaches it,

the calf must be allowed to get up to his feet or be able to regain his feet and not just day lighted. Tie must hold for six (6) seconds until after the judge has completed examination. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a good tie, the roper will be marked no time. Under no circumstances must roper touch calf or remove rope from calf after signaling for time until the judge has passed on the tie. If roper intends to use two (2) ropes, loops cannot be made while roping.

If calf escapes arena, flagman will stop the time. Roper will begin in chute, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding first time to the additional time required to rope and tie the calf.

At all rodeos, all fresh calves, even though there is one for every contestant shall be tied down prior to the rodeo, with judge's call. All stock will be drawn. Untie man must not touch calf until judge has passed on the tie. Roper must remount and put slack in the rope before the judge begins his count.

Cattle coming out of the roping box may only be pushed by another contestant. Any non-contestant pushing any cattle out of the roping box will result in a no time for the contestant.

**CHUTE DOGGING (SENIOR BOYS)** - Thirty (30) second time limit. The events will be held in the bucking chute. Time starts as the inside shoulder of the steer crosses the plain or the chute. Contestant is to have one hand on shoulder and one on the horn of the steer, when leaving chute. Contestant cannot lock up or throw steer until dogger's feet break the eight (8) foot line. Dogger must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. A legal throw is all four (4) feet and head going in the same direction, lying flat on back or side. No dog falls. Steer must come out of chute without being pulled out. If steer is laying down must be standing before chute is open. Steer gets two tries to come out, if not contestant gets a new steer. If steer gets loose, contestant has only one step to come in constant contact with steer. Contestant must have hand on steer when flagged. Steer for dogging should be of equal



weight and may not have been used for roping. All steer will be drawn for the contestants by judges and secretary. Weight shall be between 400-600 lbs. for steers.

**CHUTE DOGGING (SENIOR GIRLS)** - Thirty (30) second time limit. The events will be held in the bucking chute. Time starts as the inside shoulder of the steer crosses the plain or the chute. Contestant can lock up in the chute. Contestant cannot lock up or throw steer until dogger's feet break the eight (8) foot line. Dogger must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. A legal throw is all four (4) feet and head going in the same direction, lying flat on back or side. No dog falls. Steer must come out of chute without being pulled out. If steer is laying down must be standing before chute is open. Steer gets two tries to come out, if not contestant gets a new steer. If steer gets loose, contestant has only one step to come in constant contact with steer. Contestant must have hand on steer when flagged. Steer for dogging should be of equal weight and may not have been used for roping. All steer will be drawn for the contestants by judges and secretary. Weight shall be between 400-600 lbs. for steers.

**CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACING (SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS)** - The standard cloverleaf pattern is approved by the major, junior, and professional associations throughout the nation. With more than one go-around, it is essential barrels be placed in exactly the same position for each go-around. Rope should be buried to mark each barrel. Only plastic barrels will be used. A running start should provide at least fifteen (15) yards and if arena permits, twenty (20) yards from the front barrels. Distance between the two front barrels will be thirty (30) yards and the back barrel is thirty-five (35) yards distant. Barrels must be placed at least eighteen (18) feet from any wall or fence.

Contestant may start on either the right or the left barrel but when starting on the right barrel, there will be one right turn

and two left turns and vice versa when starting on the left. There will be no excess jockeying of horses after entering the arena. Contestants will be allowed one (1) 360 degree turn, then continue in a forward motion onto the pattern. Contestants circling more than once will be flagged out. Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty. Not following the pattern is disqualification. Should barrel fall after contestant crosses the finish line, time will hold, and run be considered qualified. When arena does not permit distances required in the standard pattern, these distances may be reduced to accommodate existing ground area, provided all the contestants run the course over the same distances.

Barrels will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request the rodeo committee to rake barrels at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

## **GOAT OR CALF TYING:**

**SENIOR GIRLS** - Forty-five (45) second time limit. This event may be run on a track or in an arena; it is considered an arena event rather than a track event. Goats should not be less than forty (40) pounds and not over 70 pounds and must be of equal weight, height, and build. Every effort should be made to have the goats be the same sex.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered one hundred (100) feet distance. Contestant dismounts, throws the goat by hand and crosses and ties three (3) feet. Contestants may go down the rope. If the goat or calf is down, it must be brought to its feet and then thrown. Pigging string, leather goat thong, or rope may be used to tie. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with tether or the goat/calf, whether mounted or dismounted.

When tie is fast, contestant signals to judge by throwing both hands in the air. The judge will then start the six (6)

second time limit on the tie. If tie comes loose or goat gets to their feet before the tie had been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time. Goats/calves cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile. Unusual roughness in handling animals will disqualify contestant. Goats/calves must not be released until judge passes a tie. At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats/calves must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat/calf the first contestant in each of these events will receive. If a contestant is missing from the performance the goat/calf will be thrown and tied without competition. The draw will continue in order.

All fresh goats should be run at and tied down prior to the first performance, no more than two (2) times by a capable contestant(s). Tie should remain tied for a minimum is six (6) seconds. Judge needs a stopwatch and clears six (6) seconds for each contestant. If contestant touches the goat/calf before the six seconds, it will result in disqualification. Time and place should be posted.

**JUNIOR BOYS** - Forty-five (45) second time limit. This event may be run on a track or in an arena; it is considered an arena event rather than a track event. Goats should not be less than forty (40) pounds and not over 70 pounds and must be of equal weight, height, and build. Every effort should be made to have the goats be the same sex. Calves should be not less than 150 pounds and not over 200 pounds and must be of equal weight, height and build.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered one hundred (100) feet distance. Contestant dismounts, throws the goat/calf by hand and crosses and ties three (3) feet. Contestants may go down the rope. If the goat or calf is down, it must be brought to its feet

and then thrown. Junior boys will be required to tie with a goat pigging string only. Contestant must string front leg of goat and then cross and tie three legs together with a pigging string. There must be at least one wrap around all three legs and finished with a half hitch or a hooley. Hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly, or all the way pulled through. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with tether or the goat/calf, whether mounted or dismounted.

When tie is fast, contestant signals to judge by throwing both hands in the air. The judge will then start the six (6) second time limit on the tie. If tie comes loose or goat/calf gets to their feet before the tie had been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time. Goats/calves cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile. Unusual roughness in handling animals will disqualify contestant. Goats/calves must not be released until judge passes a tie.

At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat/calf may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats/calves must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat/calf the first contestant in each of these events will receive. If a contestant is missing from a performance the goat/calf will be thrown and tied without competition. The draw will continue order.

Tie should remain tied for a minimum of six (6) seconds. Judge needs a stopwatch and clears six (6) seconds for each contestant. If contestant touches the goat before the six seconds, it will result in disqualification. Time and place should be posted.

**JUNIOR GIRLS** - Forty-five (45) second time limit. This event may be run on a track or in an arena; it is considered an arena event rather than a track event. Goats should not be less than forty (40) pounds and not over 70 pounds and must be of equal weight, height, and build. Every effort should be made to have

the goats be the same sex.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered one hundred (100) feet distance. Contestant dismounts, throws the goat/calf by hand and crosses and ties three (3) feet. Contestants may go down the rope. If the goat or calf is down, it must be brought to its feet and then thrown. Pigging string, leather goat thong, or rope may be used to tie. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with tether or the goat/calf, whether mounted or dismounted.

When tie is fast, contestant signals to judge by throwing both hands in the air. The judge will then start the six (6) second time limit on the tie. If tie comes loose or goat/calf gets to their feet before the tie had been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time. Goats/calves cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile. Unusual roughness in handling animals will disqualify contestant. Goats/calves must not be released until judge passes a tie.

At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat/calf may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats/calves must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat/calf the first contestant in each of these events will receive. If a contestant is missing from a performance the goat/calf will be thrown and tied without competition. The draw will continue order.

Tie should remain tied for a minimum of six (6) seconds. Judge needs a stopwatch and clears six (6) seconds for each contestant. If contestant touches the goat before the six seconds, it will result in disqualification. Time and place should be posted.

**POLE BENDING (SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS):** The pole bending pattern is to run around six poles. No flags are to be used on the poles. The distance from starting line to the first

pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet and the spacing between poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet. The poles will be placed on the ground; six (6) feet in height, with no base larger than fourteen (14) inches in diameter and no smaller than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be in a straight line and must be verified by a judge or the arena director.

Touching poles by a contestant is permitted, but knocking a pole down is a five (5) second penalty. Penalty shall apply even if pole resets itself. Not following the pattern is a disqualification. If a horse re crosses the start line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive a no time. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the pattern accordingly. One (1) 360 degree turn, continue forward motion onto pattern. Contestants circling more than once will be flagged out.

All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request the rodeo committee to rake poles at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

**STEER DAUBING (SENIOR GIRL):** Time stops when steer reaches the flag line 3/4 of the way down arena or fifteen (15) seconds.

Contestant may choose his own hazer as long as it is another contestant, or an adult from the approved hazer list. A circle twelve (12) inches in diameter shall be painted on side of steer, on the rib cage just behind the front leg, and must be plainly visible. The daubing stick will be eighteen (18) inches long with tennis ball-like device on the end. The dauber and mustard furnished by management.

The event will be started by allowing the steer at least an eight (8) foot head start. Daub to be mostly in the circle. Daubing stick is to be raised in the air to signify time. Judges will verify if daub is legal.

Cattle coming out of the roping box may only be pushed or

tailed by another contestant. Any non-contestant pushing or tailing any cattle out of the roping box will result in a no time for the contestant.

**COWRIDING (SENIOR GIRLS):** Eight second time limit. The stock to be a cow or heifer. Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one or two hands, and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Rope must come off when ride is completed. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary.

A rider may be disqualified for the following; illegal hand hold; touching animal with free hand; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!** Rough stock riders must wear helmet, vest and mouth guard.

**BREAKAWAY ROPING (SENIOR GIRL, JUNIOR GIRL, JUNIOR BOY):** Thirty (30) second time limit. Two loops will be allowed if two loops are carried. The rope must be attached to the saddle horn in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf hits the end of the rope. The rope shall be tied securely enough to the saddle horn with cotton or nylon type string to allow a tug by the barrier judge and not break. Barrier judge shall check all ropes to ensure they are properly tied on. He/she can ask roper to re-tie her rope. String shall be tied at the end of the rope; a loop or knot is considered the end of the rope. Ribbon or flag shall be tied at the end of the rope.

Once the calf is roped, roper shall not break the rope from the horn, if this is done, the roper shall be flagged out. If the ribbon tie string is not at the end of the rope, regardless if it was

first missed by the judge, rope will be disqualified. The second rope must not be broken away from the saddle horn; no loops are to be rebuilt.

If rope happens to dally home, contestant must ride up and free the dally and allow the calf to brake the rope away from the horn. If rope is broken free before calf hits the end of the rope, the contestant will receive a no time. The rope must be tied to the horn and may not run through the bridle, tie-down, neck rope or other devices.

A twelve (12) inch brightly colored cloth or ribbon must be attached to the end of the rope, so the judges can see when the loop breaks away from the saddle, to be provided by each individual rodeo. Rope shall pass over the head, and then catch as catch can. The neck rope must be clear of the calf and the rider must be clear of the box, before the loop can be thrown.

If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, (such as dropping the flag when contestant has another loop), he must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena. Re-run is to be lap and tap.

All breakaway cattle will be calves with a maximum of 3-inch horn length, measured from the base of the skull, below the horn. No calves will be used in any NJRA sanctioned rodeo with horns over 3 inches, without fines put into place, per animal.

Cattle coming out of the roping box may only be pushed by another contestant. Any non-contestant pushing any cattle out of the roping box will result in a no time for the contestant.

**STEER DAUBING (JUNIOR BOYS, JUNIOR GIRLS):** Time stops when steer reaches the flag line 3/4 of the way down arena or fifteen (15) seconds.

Contestant may choose his own hazer as long as it is another contestant, or an adult from the approved hazer list. A circle twelve (12) inches in diameter shall be painted on side of steer, on the rib cage just behind the front leg, and must be



plainly visible. The daubing stick will be eighteen (18) inches long with tennis ball-like device on the end. The dauber and mustard furnished by management.

The event will be started by allowing the steer at least an eight (8) foot head start. Daub to be mostly in the circle. Daubing stick is to be raised in the air to signify time. Judges will verify if daub is legal.

Cattle coming out of the roping box may only be pushed or tailed by another contestant. Any non-contestant pushing or tailing any cattle out of the roping box will result in a no time for the contestant.

**PEEWEE DIVISION:** Peewee division is for members six (6) to eight (8) years old, boys and girls combined. Points for year-end awards can be earned in the following sanctioned events: Barrel racing, Goat Flanking, Calf Riding, Pole bending and dummy roping. Peewee members become eligible for finals by meeting the same requirements as other divisions as stated in Article XII, section 6.

The value of the awards will depend on the overall fees collected for this division and are not required to be equal to the awards provided for other divisions.

**PEEWEE CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACING** - Time limit is sixty (60) seconds. There is a ten (10) second penalty for being led through any part of the course. Leading includes someone running along-side the horse even if they have no contact with the horse.

The standard cloverleaf pattern is approved by the major, junior, and professional associations throughout the nation. With more than one go-around, it is essential barrels be placed in exactly the same position for each go-around. Rope should be buried to mark each barrel; only plastic barrels will be used. A running start should provide at least fifteen (15) yards and if arena permits, twenty (20) yards from the front barrels. Distance between the two front barrels will be thirty (30) yards

and the back barrel is thirty-five (35) yards distant. Barrels must be placed at least eighteen (18) feet from any wall or fence.

Contestant may start on either the right or the left barrel but when starting on the right barrel, there will be one right turn and two left turns and vice versa when starting on the left. There will be no excess jockeying of horses after entering the arena. Contestants will be allowed one (1) 360 degree turn, continue in a forward motion onto the pattern. Contestants circling more than once will be flagged out. Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty. Not following the pattern is disqualification. Should barrel fall after contestant crosses the finish line, time hold, and run be considered qualified. When arena does not permit distances required in the standard pattern, these distances may be reduced to accommodate existing ground area, provided all the contestants run the course over the same distances.

Barrels will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee may request rodeo committee rake barrels at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

**PEEWEE GOAT FLANKING** - Sixty (60) second time limit, plus and ten (10) second penalty for being led to the goat or any assistance to contestant. Leading includes someone running along-side the horse even if they have no contact with the horse.

This event may be run on a track or in an arena. It is considered an arena event rather than a track event. Goats are encouraged to be small and of equal weight, height, and build. Every effort should be made to have the goats be the same sex.

Goat is to be in a standing position while being held by goat handler and facing contestant until contestant crosses the start line and judge drops the flag. After the judge drops the start flag, goat handler is to release the goat as to give the

contestant room to work the goat.

Contestant must be mounted and ride from the starting line towards the goat, which is one hundred (100) feet distance. Contestant should dismount and flank/throw the goat. If the goat is down, it must be brought to its feet and then thrown. Time will stop when the goat is flanked, and any three legs are crossed into a position where it could be tied. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with the goat or the tether of the goat, whether mounted or dismounted.

At the election of the officials and where width of the track or arena permits, more than one goat may be staked, and more than one contestant may flank/throw at a time. In this event, goats must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) feet tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat the first contestant in each event will receive.

Goats may be tied/flanked prior to the first performance or at the posted time with an NJRA board member or judge present.

**PEEWEE POLE BENDING** - A ten (10) second penalty for being led through any part of course. Leading includes someone running along-side the horse even if they have no contact with the horse.

The pole bending pattern is to run around six poles. No flags are to be used on the poles. The distance from starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet and the spacing between poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet. The poles will be placed on the ground; six (6) feet in height, with no base larger than fourteen (14) inches in diameter and no smaller than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be in a straight line. Touching poles by a contestant is permitted, but knocking a pole down is a five (5) second penalty. Penalty shall apply even if pole resets itself.

Not following the pattern is a disqualification. If a horse re-crosses the start line at any time before the pattern is

completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive a no time. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the pattern accordingly. One (1) 360 degree turn, continue in a forward motion onto pattern. Contestants circling more than once will be flagged out. Poles will be run in the order of the day sheet. All rakes will be done by the order of the day sheet. If a rider is missing the rake will still be done according to the day sheet. The safety committee is to rake poles at appropriate intervals for the safety of the riders.

**PEE WEE CALF RIDING:** Four second time limit. Calf will be flanked. Head fighting cattle or those with bad horns cannot be used in competition. Riding will be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand hold. No knots or hitches permitted. Rope must come off when the ride is completed. Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered "illegal" equipment. Riders may use dry resin only. Time begins when the animal breaks the chute. If the animal falls or the rider is knocked off before time begins, judge may determine a re-ride if necessary. A ride may be disqualified for the following: being bucked off; illegal hand hold; sharpened rowels; and not being ready when called. Each contestant shall furnish own equipment, including bull rope and bell. **NO BELL, NO MARK!** Animal should not exceed 450 pounds and a minimum of 250 pounds. Rough stock riders must wear helmet, vest and mouth guard. Any animal with horns over 3 inches in length must be tipped to the size of a dime or larger.

**ALL PEE WEE ROUGH STOCK CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE WITH A FULL, SOLID FACE SHIELD, WITHOUT ANY HOLES OR OPENINGS, ATTACHED TO THEIR HELMET. THE FACE SHIELD MUST EXTEND DOWN TO THE CHIN AND COVER THE RIDERS ENTIRE FACE.**

**BUCKAROO DIVISION:** Buckaroo division is for members five (5) years and under, boys and girls combined. The events for

buckaroos are California Stake race, Goat Tail Un-decorating, and dummy roping.

The value of the awards will depend on the overall fees collected for this division and are not required to be equal to the awards provided for other divisions. The awards will be handled at the discretion of the awards committee.

For Buckaroo classes a gate judge may rule that the contestant be led through due to lack of control of the horse or face disqualification. **Safety is of the utmost importance.** Safety helmets **MUST** be worn in lieu of western hat in all horseback events.

A parent or appointed adult must act as a Header for each Buckaroo event in the arena. Header will be positioned in a location to assist if needed. If the Header assists the contestant by touching the horse, a 10-second penalty shall be added.

**CALIFORNIA STAKE RACE** - Two-minute time limit. The distance from the start line to the pole shall be sixty-three (63) feet. The pole will be placed on the ground six (6) feet in height, with no base larger than fourteen (14) inches in diameter and no smaller than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be in a straight line. Touching poles by a contestant is permitted, but knocking a pole down is a five (5) second penalty. Penalty shall apply even if pole resets itself. Not following the pattern is a disqualification. If a horse re-crosses the start line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive a no time. A ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for being led through any part of course. Leading includes someone running along-side the horse even if they have no contact with the horse.

Raking ground is up to the discretion of each rodeo committee.

**BUCKAROO GOAT TAIL UNDECORATING** - Sixty (60) second time limit, plus a ten (10) second penalty for being led to the goat or any assistance to contestant. Leading includes someone running along-side the horse even if they have no contact with the horse. This event may be run on a track or in an arena; it is considered an arena event rather than a track event. Goats are encouraged to be small, but not required, and must be of equal weight, height, and build.

Contestant leaves score line from a moving start, races to goat which is tethered forty (40) yards distance. At the election of the officials and where width of track or arena permit, more than one goat may be staked and more than one contestant tie at a time. In this event, goats must be tethered at least fifteen (15) feet apart when ten (10) foot tethers are brought together. A judge will flip a coin to determine which goat the first contestant in each of these events will receive.

All contestants will have their goat held at the collar while the ribbon is being untied from the goat. Time is stopped when contestant signals to judge by throwing hands in the air. If the contestant signals for time and does not have goats tail untied they will receive a no time. Ribbon will be furnished by rodeo committee, all of equal lengths of twelve (12) inches in length.

Goat must be standing when contestant crosses start line. Contestant is disqualified if the horse comes in contact with tether of goat/calf, whether mounted or dismounted.

## **DUMMY ROPING:**

Legal head catches:

Slick horns	3 points
Whole head	2 points
Half head	1 point

Rope must be pulled tight on steer head. There will be a 15 second time limit for any "fishing". No full body catches- the steer can run through your loop- no fishing it after it's on the ground.

Must rope from behind the line. If you step on or over the line, it will be a warning, but points will be awarded for legal catch. If a second offense occurs it is considered a miss, even if it is a legal catch.

The dummy should be available for ropers to practice on at least two events or 1/2 hour prior to the dummy roping. The line is made six (6) feet from the front of the bale of hay for the first TWO rounds. Each round thereafter the line is moved ONE foot back.

The contestants line up in their drawn order and throw one loop at a time. While waiting in line to rope, the ropers should be getting their loop ready. The roper keeps roping and moving back until he/she has two (2) misses. Placings are established first by DISTANCE, then by POINTS. Ties are taken care of just as they are for other events.

## **ARTICLE XXII: ROYALTY RULES and QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Court Contestants must have competed in the or NJRA events and/or been a member of NJRA at least one season prior to becoming Royalty.
2. Contestants must be a current NJRA member to compete for and hold a title.
3. Contestants must be no younger than 13 years old and no older than 18 January<sup>1st</sup> of the competition year. Queen must be in the senior girl age group.
4. Parents/Guardians must attend 50% of all NJRA meetings during the year of their child's reign.
5. The Court shall reign for one full year, until selection

of the new court. During their reign they will be required to make numerous appearances with and without their horses. Contestants will be required to promote NJRA, collect donations, sell raffle tickets, etc. both individually and as a group. They must attend a minimum of one day at 5 NJRA Rodeos during their reigning season. Court members are to ride in Grand Entry at all NJRA Rodeos and are to participate either by competing, helping run the rodeo, or carrying out NJRA assignments (such as selling raffle tickets). At the Rodeos they will wear the designated outfit, they will stay at the Rodeo Grounds during the entire Rodeo Day, and they will be available at all times for assignments (when not competing).

6. Court members are required to compete in at least 50% of the NJRA rodeos and must maintain the highest standards in dress, appearance, and actions at all times.
7. You cannot be married, been married, live with anyone other than your parent/guardian, or have any children, or be/have been pregnant.
8. Contestants must acquire a \$50 sponsor to apply to the court. That \$50 sponsorship must be attached to the application and is retained by NJRA secretary regardless of whether the contestant receives a title.
9. If a contestant receives a title in the court, they will be expected to raise a minimum of \$500.00 in sponsorship money. This is in addition to the \$50.00. Sponsorship money is pooled for the entire court to help pay for outfits, sashes, tiaras, etc.
10. Contestants must compete in western attire and use western equipment on their horse.
11. Contestant must use their own horse or leased horse for tryouts and the rodeo season. It will be necessary



for an adult to provide transportation for their horse for all events required. If you are riding a leased horse, you must have written permission from the owner. If you must ride an alternate horse at an event, you are required to notify the “Royalty Mom” or a NJRA board member.

12. The contest and deadline for entry will be advertised with a press release in designated newspapers one month prior to entry deadline. Contestants must turn in their application and sponsor money by the advertised deadline. After that date, no more applications will be accepted.
13. Contestants will be judged on appearance, personality, ability to speak, and horsemanship. Western attire must be worn by the contest.
14. Parents cannot assist contestants during any part of the contest.
15. The person with the most points will be designated “Queen”. The next highest will be “Princess”
16. All points will be scored by the judges. Results will be tallied by an unbiased party.
17. Winners will be announced prior to the completion of the finals rodeo.
18. Any harassment of the committee or the “Royalty Mom” by the court members or their parents/guardians shall be cause for removal from the court. If you fail to meet your obligations or follow the rules you may also be removed by a majority vote of the committee. If a member of the court chooses to not fulfill her duties, she may not run for Royalty again for 2 years. Any discredit brought on the NJRA by the court or parents/guardians because of misconduct or appearance may lead to removal from the court. If removed from the court, all outfits including clothes, tiaras, chaps, saddle pads must be returned to the committee immediately.

## **ARTICLE XXIII: MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

1. If a dispute arises regarding the interpretation of any of these rules, the Board shall determine the correct interpretation. The decision of the Board of Directors interpreting any of these rules shall be final and not subject to appeal.
2. If any of these rules is found to be invalid as a matter of law, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining rules.
3. **This is the official edition of the NJRA rulebook and supersedes any and all prior rulebooks and/or amendments.** Any future amendments or rule changes will be distributed to each contestant. The original shall be kept with the NJRA secretary to be placed in rule book at next printing.

