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**BY - LAWS
OF THE
HIGH PLAINS JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION**

**Article One
NAME**

- A. The name of the organization shall be High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, hereinafter referred to as HPJRA or Association

**Article Two
OBJECTIVES**

- A. The purpose for which the Association is formed shall be exclusively for recreational, social, and fellowship purposes through the sponsorship of rodeo competitions, for the members in order to qualify as an exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

**Article Three
MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The Association shall be composed of members meeting the following qualifications
1. Persons eligible for membership shall be restricted to students who have not reached their 20th birthday prior to January 1 of the rodeo year.
 2. Contestants must be in school or graduated from an accredited school or holder of a GED certificate, except for those members ages 6 & under.
 3. Members can never have been married.
 4. Contestants must be members of the Association before any points won can count for the year end awards.

Article Four
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. **COMPOSITION.** The management of the property of and affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of eleven (11) to fifteen (15) members, who are a minimum of 21 years of age and without regard to any geographical boundary requirement.
- B. **SELECTION.** Directors shall be selected on an annual basis by the general membership of the Association, per the following process:
1. On May 1 of each year, the HPJRA Executive Secretary shall publish to the General Membership a Nomination Form with a total of 15 nominee slots for the General Membership to complete and return no later than May 15.
 2. Upon receipt of all nomination ballots, per the deadline, the HPJRA Executive Secretary shall verify the willingness of each nominee to serve on the HPJRA Board of Directors per the requirements of service.
 3. Upon verification of willingness to serve, the HPJRA Executive Secretary shall produce a Voting Ballot to the General Membership on June 15 with a deadline for return processing of July 1. Each member shall have the liberty to vote for a maximum of 15 people on the ballot.
 4. A final tabulation of the votes from the General Membership shall commence and announcement of elected Board of Directors made at the Annual Meeting in July of each year.
- C. **Service.** A board member must be willing to meet the requirements of securing sponsorship revenue, assistance in rodeo production, production of the annual Finals Rodeo and other regular routine obligations of the Association.

- D. **TERM OF SERVICE.** Board members shall serve a one (1) year term, with no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The term shall commence and terminate at the conclusion of the annual Finals Rodeo on an annual basis.
- E. **QUORUM.** The required number of board members needed to constitute a quorum will be on (1) over 50% using Robert's Rules of Order.
- F. **ADVISORY APPOINTMENT.** The Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate one or more advisory Board of Directors to assist in the affairs of the management of the property of the Association.
- G. **BOARD DEFICIENCY.** In the event that the General Membership fails to elect a total of 11 to 15 Board of Directors, the duly elected Board of Directors may solicit, select and appoint individuals to meet the membership required for the Board of Directors.

Article Five

Meetings & COMMITTEES

- A. **MEETING FREQUENCY.** The Board of Directors may, from time to time determine the regularity, time and place of meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall give adequate notice thereof to each member indirectly. The Board of Directors or President upon giving notice may call special meetings thereof. At any time, when three or more directors deem necessary to call a meeting, said meeting will be called.
- B. **STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint standing and special committees, as it shall determine and to delegate such powers as the Board may deem advisable to carry out the purposes and functions of the Association.
- C. **RULE AND REGULATION ADOPTION.** The Board may adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and management, as it may deem proper.

- D. **FINANCIAL REPORTING.** The Board shall receive, at its meetings, a financial report as to the financial condition of the Association.

- E. **RULE ESTABLISHMENT AND REVIEW.** The Board of Directors, or any committee appointed thereby for the purpose may, from time to time, establish the general rules of the Association regulating the production and management of the rodeo competitions and the conduct of the participants therein. Once established the general rules shall be subject to review every three (3) years. The general rules may be reviewed at any time within the three (3) year period by the Board of Directors so voted.

Article Six
OFFICERS

- A. **COMPOSITION.** The officers of the Association shall be elected by and from within the current Board of Directors and shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-President's, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- B. **OFFICER DUTIES.**
 - 1. **PRESIDENT.** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and shall in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Association. He shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors in accordance with the purposes, policies, principles and rules provided therefore. The President may sign, with the attest of the Secretary, or other proper officers of the Association, such legal documents, deeds, mortgages, promissory notes or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed.

 - 2. **VICE-PRESIDENT.** In case of the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of the office, and shall

have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the President.

3. **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the Association, maintaining the appropriate files, maintain current membership lists and all necessary records. He or she shall, in addition, perform such other duties as customarily are incident to the office of the Secretary or as may be assigned to him or her by the President or the Board of Directors.
4. **TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth such duties as are customarily incident to the office of Treasurer or that may be assigned to him or her by the President or Board of Directors. He or She shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Association; and deposit all such monies due in the name of the Association in such banks or other depositories as may be provided.

Article Seven

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. DEFINITION.

1. **NUMBER OF STANDING COMMITTEES.** The HPJRA shall have a minimum of four (4) Standing Committees on a yearly basis to assist the Board of Directors in operation of the HPJRA.
2. **STANDING COMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION.** The following standing committees shall exist and be operational within the organization:
 - a. Rodeo & Rules Committee
 - b. Awards & Special Events Committee
 - c. Finals Rodeo Committee

d. Sponsorship & Advertising
Committee

B. **COMPOSITION.**

1. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS.** The composition of each standing committee will be three to five members of which two must be from within the Board of Directors.
2. **CHAIRPERSON.** The chairperson of each standing committee must be a current member of the Board of Directors and will be appointed by the current HPJRA President.
3. **VICE-CHAIRPERSON** The vice-chairperson of each standing committee must be a current member of the Board of Directors and will be appointed by the current Committee Chairperson with approval from the HPJRA President.
4. **OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS.** The balance of committee members shall be selected and appointed by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the committee from within the general membership of the HPJRA and approved by the HPJRA President. Those appointed must be members in good standing.

C. **MEETINGS.**

1. **FREQUENCY.** The frequency of committee meetings will be determined by the President of the HPJRA in consultation with the Committee Chairperson, but at minimum each committee will meet one time per year in conjunction with the Annual Board of Director Meeting.
2. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of a committee meeting has been defined herein to provide research and recommendation to the Board of Directors on matters specific to the area of committee responsibility.

D. **PURPOSE AND DUTIES.**

1. RODEO AND RULES COMMITTEE.

- a. The Rodeo and Rules Committee will research and make recommendation to the Board of Directors on the season rodeo schedule to limit conflict with other organizations. The rodeo schedule will be set at the Annual Board of Director Meeting.
- b. The Rodeo and Rules Committee will research and make recommendation regarding rule additions, amendments and/or deletions as well as on the dates and locations of each sanctioned rodeo to the Board of Directors.
- c. Proposed rule changes can be submitted to the Rodeo and Rules Committee at any time and can be implemented by the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Director Meeting.
- d. No rules changes or sanctioned rodeos may be made unless the Rodeo and Rules Committee studied the matter and provided the HPJRA Board of Directors with a recommendation related thereto.

2. AWARDS AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE.

- a. The Awards and Special Events Committee will research and make recommendation to the Board of Directors on the annual award offering and special events related to fundraising projects.
- b. The Awards and Special Events Committee will be responsible for the administration of any award and/or special event

program or project approved by the HPJRA Board of Directors.

- c. Proposed award and special events can be submitted to the Awards and Special Events Committee at any time and can be implemented by the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting.
- d. No awards or special events may be provided or conducted unless the Awards and Special Events Committee studied the matter and provided the HPJRA Board of Directors with a recommendation related thereto.

3. **FINALS RODEO COMMITTEE.**

- a. The Finals Rodeo Committee will research and make recommendation to the Board of Directors on the annual Finals Rodeo production to further promote the ideals of the HPJRA in showcasing the youth membership of the organization.
- b. The Finals Rodeo Committee will be responsible for the administration of the annual Finals Rodeo including the venue, production, schedule and all items pertaining to the production of the Finals Rodeo, so approved by the HPJRA Board of Directors.
- c. Proposed sponsorship and advertising campaign recommendations can be submitted to the Finals Rodeo Committee at any time, and can be implemented by the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Director Meeting.
- d. No Finals Rodeo related programs may be conducted unless the Finals Rodeo Committee studied the matter and provided the HPJRA Board

of Directors with a recommendation related thereto.

3. SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING COMMITTEE.

- a. The Sponsorship and Advertising Committee will research and make recommendation to the Board of Directors on the annual advertising campaign to further promote the ideals of the HPJRA.
- b. The Sponsorship and Advertising Committee will be responsible for the administration of the annual sponsorship fundraising drive project(s) including the development of sponsorship packages, administration of sponsor benefits and the like, so approved by the HPJRA Board of Directors.
- c. Proposed sponsorship and advertising campaign recommendations can be submitted to the Sponsorship and Advertising Committee at any time and can be implemented by the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Director Meeting.
- d. No sponsorship or advertising programs may be conducted unless the Sponsorship and Advertising Committee studied the matter and provided the HPJRA Board of Directors with a recommendation related thereto.

**Article Eight
CHECKS & DRAFTS**

- A. GENERAL FINANCIAL OPERATION.** All checks, drafts or orders for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by either the President or the Treasurer or by such other officer(s), agent(s) of the Association

which shall, from time to time, be determined by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article Nine

VOTING & VOTING STANDARDS

- A. **GENERAL VOTING & VOTING STANDARD.** All the decisions pertaining to the operations and affairs of the Association shall be determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors and Robert's Rule of Order shall otherwise regulate the conduct of such meeting.

Article Ten

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- A. **TIME AND LOCATION.** A general meeting of the HPJRA membership will be held on an annual basis in conjunction with the HPJRA Finals Rodeo. Subsequent general membership meetings may be called by the HPJRA President for anytime during the year provided a 10-day notice to the membership.
- A. **PURPOSE.** The Purpose of any general membership meeting will be to provide information and feedback to the Board of Directors for consideration to change of operation or rules of the Association.

Article Eleven

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. **DOCUMENTATION.** The Board of Directors will provide for the issuance of certificates evidencing membership in the Association on an annual basis.
- A. **PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP.** From time to time, members of the Association may be required to present certificate of membership as provided by the HPJRA.

Article Twelve

AMENDMENTS

- A. **REQUIREMENT.** The bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by two-thirds vote of the board members at a duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that

notice of the proposed changes is included in the notice of such meeting.

Article Thirteen DISSOLUTION

- A. **DISSOLUTION PROVISION.** In the event of dissolution of the Association, and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the remaining property shall be distributed to exempt organizations or to a federal, state, or governmental agency for public purposes.

Article Fourteen ANNUAL DUES & REQUIREMENTS

- A. **MEMBER DUES.** The Board of Directors will determine any change to the published annual membership dues at the first scheduled board of director meeting of each year for the upcoming rodeo season.
1. Membership dues will be \$100 per member. For multiple member family: the 2nd member due will be \$75, the 3rd member due will be \$50 the 4th and subsequent member of the same family be \$25.
- B. **MEMBER BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY.** Membership dues must be paid in full for a contestant to be classified as a member of the Association and to be eligible for the benefits of said membership.
- C. **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.**
1. **WORKER FEE.** A worker fee of \$10 will be charged each rodeo on the entry fee to accommodate worker costs.

2. **MEMBER FUNDRAISER.** Each member will be required to sell \$200 in raffle tickets by HPJRA deadline to be eligible for year-end awards and entry to the Finals Rodeo.

**GENERAL RULES
OF THE
HIGH PLAINS JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION**

**Section 1
AGE DIVISIONS, FEES & EVENTS**

- A. **EVENTS TO ENTER.** Contestants may enter any event in his/her age division and by gender.
- B. **EVENT ENTRY LIMIT.** There shall be no limit to the number of events a contestant may enter within his/her age division.
- C. **AGE REQUIREMENT.** Age shall be determined by birth date of contestant with age as of January 1 of the membership year of competition.
- D. **FEES AND CHARGES.** The HPJRA Board of Directors shall set the fees and charges, as well as publish said fees and charges, for each of the following categories (if applicable) prior to each rodeo season:
- (1) administration fee, (2) stock/run charge, (3) facility fee, and the like.
1. Administration Fee
 - a. Member:
 - (1) Season Rodeo\$25
 - b. Non-Member:
 - (1) Season Rodeo\$30
 2. Stock/Run Charge
 - a. 6-Under, 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15 Age Divisions
 - (1) Season Rodeo40%
 - (2) Finals Rodeo40%
 - b. 19-Under Age Division:
 - (1) Season Rodeo40%

Events with an asterisk (*) indicate that Boys and Girls will compete against one another.

E. 6 & UNDER.

1. Events Offered: Barrel Racing*, Goat Ribbon Pulling*, Pole Bending*, and 12-Under Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$35 (One Go-Round).

F. BOYS 7-9.

1. Events Offered: Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying, Ribbon Roping, Steer Breakaway Roping*, and 12-under Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$35 for goat tying, \$40 per any other event (One Go-Round).

G. GIRLS 7-9.

1. Events Offered: Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying, Pole Bending, Steer Breakaway Roping*, 12-Under Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$35 for Barrel Racing, Goat Tying and Pole Bending, \$40 for Breakaway Roping, and Steer Breakaway Roping (One Go-Round).

H. **BOYS 10-12.**

1. Events Offered: Chute Dogging, Ribbon Roping, Calf Touch, Breakaway Roping, Double Mugging, Goat Tying, Steer Stopping*, and 12-Under Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$40 for Goat Tying, \$45 for Chute Dogging, Ribbon Roping, Calf Touch, Breakaway Roping, Double Mugging, Steer Stopping (One Go-Round).

I. **GIRLS 10-12.**

1. Events Offered: Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying, Pole Bending, Ribbon Roping, Steer Stopping*, 12-Under Team Roping*
2. Season Entry Fee: \$40 for Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat typing, \$45 for Breakaway Roping, Ribbon Roping, and Steer Stopping (One Go-Round).

J. **BOYS/GIRLS 12-UNDER.**

1. Events Offered: Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$45 per person (One Go-Round), enter two (2) times.

K. **BOYS 13-15.**

1. Events Offered: Breakaway Roping, Tiedown Roping, Chute Dogging, Ribbon Roping, and 13-15 Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$50 per event (One Go-Round).

L. GIRLS 13-15.

1. Events Offered: Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying, Pole Bending, Ribbon Roping, and 13-15 Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$45 for Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, and Pole Bending, \$50 for Breakaway Roping and Ribbon Roping (One Go-Round).

M. BOYS/GIRLS 13-15.

1. Events Offered: Team Roping*.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$50 per person (One Go-Round), enter two (2) times.

N. BOYS 19-UNDER.

1. Events Offered: Breakaway Roping, Tie Down Calf Roping, Ribbon Roping
**Optional Tie Down Calf Roping (Must enter regular Tie Down Calf Roping to be eligible to enter.) Jackpot only. NO points or awards for year-end.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$50 per event (One Go-Round).

O. GIRLS 19-UNDER

1. Events Offered: Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, Pole Bending
**Optional Breakaway Roping. (Must enter regular 19 & under Breakaway to be eligible to enter.) Jackpot only. NO points or awards for year-end.
2. Season Entry Fee: \$45 for Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, and Pole Bending, \$50 for Breakaway and Optional Breakaway Roping (One Go-Round).

P. BOYS/GIRLS 19-UNDER

1. Events Offered: Team Roping (Can enter twice. Different partners or switch ends.)
2. Season Entry Fee: \$50 per event (One Go-Round).

Section 2

PURSE MONEY, PRIZE MONEY & PAYBACK

- A. **PURSE MONEY.** Purse money is defined as the total of contestant's entry fees plus any added money.
- B. **PRIZE MONEY.** Prize money is defined as the total amount of purse money less the stock/run charge per contestant.
- C. **PAYBACK.** The following Payback Schedule will be used in all events and age divisions.
 1. 2 to 5 Contestants
Pay 1
100%
 2. 6 to 10 Contestants
Pay 2
60%, 40%
 3. 11 to 15 Contestants
Pay 3
50%, 30%, 20%
 4. 16 to 20 Contestants
Pay 4
40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
 5. 21 to 25 Contestants
Pay 5
30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%
 6. 26 Contestants or More
Pay 6
29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%

- D. **GROUND MONEY.** In events where there are no qualified times eligible for payback money, the total jackpot will be added money in that event at the Finals Rodeo. No ground money will be paid at regular season rodeos.

Section 3

POINT AWARD SYSTEM

- A. **SET-UP.** Contestant earnings used to determine championship status will be based upon a point system and money won system.
- B. **POINT SYSTEM.** The point system is based on a maximum of 10 points per event with the following distribution of points:

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

- C. **LESS THAN 10 ENTRIES.** In events with less than 10 entries, a contestant will receive one (1) point for each contestant he/she beats, plus one (1).
- D. **TIE BREAKER.** In the case of ties based upon points, all ties will be broken based upon total money won.
- E. **QUALIFIED POINTS.** Contestant must have qualifying time or score to receive points.
- F. **ALL-AROUND.** All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl must win points in two (2) or more events.
- G. **TEAM ROPING POINTS.** All points earned by a contestant in the Team Roping will be tracked within the appropriate category (team roping header and/or heeler. However, only the highest point earning run at each rodeo will count towards All-Around.
- H. **POINTS FROM AFFILIATE OR NON-HPJRA RODEOS.** The HPJRA Board of Directors may co-sanction events with affiliate organizations whereby points earned count in the HPJRA Point Award System.
 - 1. The HPJRA Board of Directors will provide details of the affiliate program point awarding prior to the start of the point award system on an annual basis.

Section 4

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

- A. **FAILED FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.** Any bad check of a member returned for entry fees at a HPJRA approved rodeo or any

bad check to a lodging house or unpaid bills incurred in the town and during the time of an Association approved rodeo or any bad checks made payable to the Association will pay the following fines in cash or money order in addition to the amount of the check. Check and fees may be electronically presented to the bank of the issuer.

- B. **SUSPENSION.** Should any contestant fail to meet any financial obligations to the HPJRA or a HPJRA sanctioned event, the fact shall be reported to the Executive Secretary of the Association and the contestant membership shall be suspended until the obligations are met.
- C. **CASH ONLY DETERMINATION.** Any member that writes a hot check to HPJRA will be put on a “cash only” basis.
- D. **FINE FOR RETURNED CHECK.** A \$35 charge, plus tax and incurred costs will be added to all returned checks.

Section 5

ENTRY AND ENTRY SYSTEM

- A. **EVENT ELIGIBILITY.** Contestant may enter any event in his/her age/gender division.
- B. **ENTRY DEADLINE.** Entry and fees must be postmarked a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the first performance of the sanctioned rodeo.
 - 1. All entries must be received by the Rodeo Secretary no later than the date of entry close.
 - 2. Entries with earliest postmark have priority for the choice of performance.
 - 3. **LATE ENTRY.** Entries postmarked after deadline or accepted during scheduled callback will be assessed a \$25 per contestant late fee, per rodeo for the first late entry accepted and will increase by \$25 per contestant for each subsequent late entry accepted in the same rodeo season.

C. **ENTRY FEE PAYMENT.**

1. **MEMBER.** Entries from HPJRA members at regular season rodeos must be accompanied by check or money order. HPJRA Finals entries must be paid with a money order, cashier's check, cash or credit card (if available).
2. **NON-MEMBER.** Entries from non-members at regular season rodeos must be accompanied by a money order or cashier's check. HPJRA does not accept personal or business checks from non-members.

D. **LIABILITY WAIVER.**

1. **MEMBER.** AN HPJRA member is required to sign a Waiver of Liability at the time of membership and covers all sanctioned rodeos, the Finals Rodeo and ancillary events of the HPJRA.
2. **NON-MEMBER.** A non-member is required to submit a Non-Member Information Sheet which includes a Waiver of Liability per sanctioned rodeo entered.

E. **CALL BACK.** Call backs will be offered three (3) days prior to the rodeo for contestants to verify entry receipt, performance draw and/or process an entry trade. The contestant is responsible for checking call backs. No changes will be made after the close of call backs.

F. **DRAW OUT.** No draw outs after the end of callbacks. HPJRA will retain Administration Fee on draw outs which occur after receipt of contestant entry.

G. **MEDICAL AND VET RELEASE.** A contestant may drop out of any event due to injury to himself/herself or horse. The Rodeo Secretary must be notified before the contestant's performance begins. A doctor or DVM's excuse must be submitted to the Secretary prior to refunding of entry fees. Once a contestant notifies the Secretary that he/she is using a doctor/vet release, the

contestant cannot compete for 12 hours. HJPRA will retain Administration Fee on medical and/or vet release refunds.

- H. **TEAM ROPING.** (Open Entries). Open entries in the Team Roping must be filled during Call Backs. If not filled a partner may be drawn. Draw partner has the option to pay entry fee to be eligible for payback but will not be eligible for points if already having two (2) runs.
- I. **TRADE PROGRAM.** A contestant who is drawn to complete in a performance of which was not his/her preference can be eligible to administer a performance trade-out with an eligible and willing trade partner within the same age group and like event(s). Both trade contestant and trade partner must contact Rodeo Secretary during scheduled callback. A \$30 trade fee will be assessed to the contestant requesting the trade-out and will be due prior to competing. Disqualification and a \$100 fine per event will be assessed for any trade infraction.

Section 6

AWARDS & FUNDRAISING

A. AWARDS PROGRAM.

1. All prizes and awards will be final as given. HPJRA will not be responsible for reordering or replacing awarded prizes.
2. Anyone who wins a saddle or buckles must be present to accept his/her award or the award will be forfeited to the next in line. Reasons may be presented to the Board of Directors for exemption from this rule.
3. It will be the discretion of the Board of Directors if someone is not present to accept awards.
4. Anyone who wins any other awards for placing and cannot be present to pick up the awards must make arrangements for someone to pick them up at the appropriate time or awards will be forfeited and become property of the HPJRA.
5. Only awards ordered due to ties will be mailed by the HPJRA.

6. In the event of a tie at regular season rodeos, prizes will be awarded on money won. If tied on money won, winner will be determined by a flip of a coin.
7. In order for a saddle to be awarded in an event, five (5) members must qualify for the Finals. If there are less than five qualified members, a champion buckle will be awarded in place of saddle.
8. **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR.** The Association will award a Rookie of the Year in all age divisions except the 6 & under.
 - a. The rookie will be limited to the contestant's first year eligible to compete in that age division (example: a 7-year-old in the 7-9 or a 10-year-old in the 10-12.) A contestant can have a Rookie status one time per age division.
 - b. Rookie of the Year shall be determined by the highest cumulative points earned based upon the rules governing HPJRA Point System.

B. FUNDRAISING.

1. If the Association has a fundraising project(s), each member must fulfill this obligation to be able to compete at the Finals Rodeo or to receive year-end awards.
2. Each member will be required to complete the obligation, as determined by the HPJRA Board of Directors.
3. Members who join the Association after a deadline set by the HPJRA

Board of Directors will be required to meet the deadline of late membership as determined by the HPJRA Board of Directors.

4. Each member will be notified by letter the conditions of participating in fundraising projects.

Section 7

RODEO ADMINISTRATION

A. APPROVAL OF OFFICIALS.

1. All flagmen, timers, judges and arena directors must be approved by the HPJRA Board of Directors with name submitted to the HPJRA Executive Secretary a minimum of ten days prior to the rodeo.

B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

1. There must be emergency medical service (ambulance or EMT with emergency equipment bag) on the grounds of sanctioned rodeo events at all times.
2. In the event an ambulance has to leave and an EMT cannot stay, the rodeo will stop and will not resume until one is on the grounds.

C. INJURY RESPONSIBILITY.

1. The management of the HPJRA sponsored rodeos assumes no responsibility or liability for injury of owner, contestant, assistant or livestock.
2. Each participant by the act of entry waives all the rights or claims against the management for injuries his/her property may sustain.

D. INCLEMENT WEATHER.

1. In the event of inclement weather at a HPJRA sanctioned rodeo the following guidelines shall apply:
 - a. Decision of postponement or rescheduling of that

performance will be made by the judges and/or arena director.

- b. If a rodeo cannot be completed in its entirety during the same weekend, no points will be awarded, and the payback will be determined by actual participation.
- c. Contestants who cannot participate in events due to rescheduling or cancellation will be refunded entry fees and stock/timer charges for those events. HPJRA will retain all administration fees.

E. PRCA/NIRA RULES.

- 1. Any and all rules not covered by the HPJRA Rule Book will be covered by the current Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Rule Book.
- 2. Event rules not covered by the HPJRA or PRCA Rulebook will be covered by the current National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Rule Book.

F. RODEO COMMITTEE COMPLIANCE.

- 1. All approved rodeos must comply with the rules set forth by the HPJRA Board of Directors.
- 2. In the event the rules are not complied with, the HPJRA Board of Directors will not approve the rodeo the following year.
- 3. The club sponsoring the rodeo must post a NO ALCOHOL sign.

G. DOGS.

- 1. All dogs must be contained or on a leash at all times at any HPJRA rodeo.
- 1. There will be NO DOGS allowed in the arena.

3. Any infraction of these rules will result in a \$25 fine, which doubles with each occurrence of rule violation.

Section 8 DRESS CODE

- A. The following dress code provisions will be in effect at all times during competition and when a contestant is in the arena:
 1. Long sleeve shirt with collars.
 2. No sweatshirts.
 3. Shirt sleeves cannot be rolled up. The only exception is the riding arm of a rough stock contestant and only during the ride.
 4. Shirts must be tucked in.
 5. Western style boots.
 6. Hats are optional; however, no caps are allowed.
 7. The fence line is considered a part of the arena.
- B. Violation of dress code will result in disqualification from that event or events. The Judges, Arena Director or HPJRA Board of Director can notify contestant if being disqualified.

Section 9 MISCONDUCT

- A. A member may be blacklisted for displaying poor sportsmanship, poor conduct, drinking, being disrespectful, cussing, or deliberately turning out stock.
- B. The penalty for being blacklisted will be suspension of one or two rodeos and/or up to a \$250 fine upon decision of the Board of Directors.
- C. Misconduct by, word or deed, of any member, parent, adult, or person associated with the member, shall be considered by the Board of Directors. If deemed necessary, the person can be

suspended and/or fined, as set and decided by the Board of Directors. Fines and/or penalties can be invoked upon stock contractors and his employees, judges or personnel associated with sponsoring the rodeo. Any decision to invoke disciplinary action must be done in a timely manner, but in no case to exceed 24-hours from the date of occurrence.

1. Threats and/or infliction of bodily harm toward HPJRA Board members and affiliates will not be tolerated. Upon the first occurrence the offending party will be unable to attend HPJRA events for 5 years.
- D. If the person is blacklisted it will be posted openly by the Executive Secretary.
- E. Any person displaying poor conduct, destruction of property, and/or leaving a bad impression on HPJRA in motels, restaurants, or other public places during the entire week of the rodeo, in the host town, may be permanently suspended from the Association according to the Board of Directors decision.
- F. Any member of the HPJRA in repeat violation of rules shall be permanently suspended from the Association and will not be allowed to enter any approved HPJRA rodeos.
- G. Members of the Association shall govern themselves and each other.
- H. Falsification of name, age, school standing, or other acts will not be tolerated, and such action will bring immediate membership suspension.
- I. Failure to comply with any of the rules below will result in disqualification and the contestant will forfeit his or entry fees, Violators of these rules shall be reported to the Association Board members by the judge or judges involved or by the arena director, stock contractor or the rodeo officials to where violations occurred.
 1. Within 24 hours of mistreatment of rodeo stock or contestants' horse by contestant, parent, adults, helpers or

assistants will be \$50 fine and/or disqualification. Fines double with occurrence.

2. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the premises, except at special events as approved by the Board of Directors.
3. No fighting, quarreling, or using profane language in the arena or at any function sponsored by the HPJRA.
4. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges or Secretary at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress.
5. No one is to be in the pens with the livestock at any time, except when accompanied by the stock contractor, arena director, or judge, or when assigned to work in pens.

Section 10

RULE ACCEPTANCE

- A. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contests or events in which he/she is entered.
- B. All members must sign membership forms stating that they will read the rules in the rulebook and will abide by them.

Section 11

"The FINALE" - HPJRA FINALS RODEO

- A. **NUMBER OF GO-ROUNDS.**
 1. The Finals will be two (2) full go-rounds and an average, with points earned counting toward year-end winners.

B. ENTRY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT.

1. To be eligible to enter an event at the Finals, a member must have:
 - a. successfully completed the member required fundraising project.

C. ALL-AROUND CRITERIA.

1. All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl must win points in two (2) or more events.
2. All-Around winners will be determined by total points earned.

D. EVENT WINNERS.

1. Event winners will be determined based upon average times from first and second go-rounds, regardless of points earned.

E. TEAM ROPING.

1. Number of Loops. At the Finals, team ropers will be allowed two (2) loops per team, the same as season's rodeos.
2. Draw Partners. In the event a team roper's partner does not enter the finals, a partner from the qualified entries will be drawn for said team roper. The draw partner must pay entry fee in order to be eligible for payback. No points will be awarded to the draw partner.

F. PAY-OUT CRITERIA.

1. Finals Payback. Prize money in all events will be paid as follows:

- a. Jackpot will be equal to 60% of total fees collected and distributed as follows:
 - (1) 1st Go-Round equal to 30%
 - (2) 2nd Go-Round equal to 30%
 - (3) Average equal to 40%
2. Qualifying Contestant. If only one contestant qualifies in a go-round, all money available for that go will be paid to the qualifying contestant.
3. Inadequate Average Qualifiers. If there are not enough contestants with two qualifying times in the average will be paid to the remaining fastest single times from the previous go-rounds.
4. The HPJRA Board members shall announce the division of the prize money for the Finals if something other than two go-rounds is used.

**GENERAL COMPETITION RULES
OF THE
HIGH PLAINS JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION**

Item 1

STOCK DRAW & DRAW PROCEDURE

- A. **DRAW AUTHORITY.** A judge and the HPJRA Secretary will draw all stock on the day of the rodeo no more than six (6) hours prior to rodeo time. In the absence of a judge, the arena director or event director may stand in for the judge.
- B. **DRAW POSTING.** The stock draw must be posted at least one hour prior to rodeo time and posted where contestants can view it.
- C. **STOCK DRAWN AND DRAW WITNESS.** All stock in contest must be drawn by number and by judge or designee and conducted so that contestant(s) can witness the draw.
- D. **NUMBER OF ORIGINALS.** There must always be a minimum of one (1) original exact copy made of the draw.
- E. **DRAW RECEPTACLE.** Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held out of the line of sight of drawing judge.
- F. **HERD DETERMINATION.** No animal will be used in more than one age group event unless otherwise approved by the HPJRA Board of Directors a minimum of 10 days prior the first performance. Any animal used in multiple age group events and in violation this stipulation will result in a fine equal to 100% of the stock charge generated by the duplicate animal.
- G. **HERD NOTIFICATION.** Stock contractor is required to submit a complete list of stock her numbers per age group and by event to HPJRA Rodeo Secretary a minimum of 24 hours prior to the first performance. Failure to do so will result in

a fine equal to 25% of total contract for said rodeo.

- H. **RETURNS PRIOR TO ALL PEN RUN.** No reruns within a pen (herd) of cattle may occur until the entire pen has been drawn.
- I. **NUMBER OF ANIMALS IN HERD.** The minimum number of cattle will be one half of the number of entries rounded to the nearest whole number with a minimum of 15 head of usable and desirable cattle. The number needed will be according to the daily number of runs. Should there be fewer than 15 entries there must be no less than one animal for each entry plus one extra.
- J. **LIMIT ON ANIMAL RUNS PER DAY.** In roping events, a maximum of three (3) total runs on any animal in same rodeo day, with exception of a short go-round addition. Stock contractor will be fined at a rate equal to two times the stock charge per run and per animal which exceeded the limit. The run on the cattle is to be tracked within each age division and event by judge and/or secretary.

Item 2

PROTEST GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

- A. **ALLOWED PROTESTS.** Protests will be allowed only on rule infractions and none on judgment calls by the rodeo officials.
- B. **PROTEST PROCESS.** A contestant who wishes to file a protest should initiate the process with the event appropriate Event Director.
 - 1. The Event Director will inform the protestor to write out their protest and post a \$100 protest bond. The written protest and bond is to be received by the Event Director.
 - 2. Once received, the Event Director will consult with Arena Director and Judges to seek input on the protested call.
 - a. Only the Event Director and/or Arena Director may approach a judge at any time during a

performance or slack competition.

3. The Event Director will set and conduct a board meeting of the HPJRA Board of Directors present at that performance to review the circumstances of the protest and to make final decision whether to accept protest as valid or uphold the decision originally made.
 - a. The meeting for determination will be held immediately after that particular performance.

B. PROTEST BOND LIQUIDATION.

1. Invalid Protest. If the determination is that the protest is not valid, the protest bond will be forfeited and retained by the HPJRA.
2. Valid Protest. If the protest is valid, the \$100 protest bond will be refunded.

Item 3

TIME LIMITS GUIDELINES

- A. **TIME LIMITS.** There will be a 45-second time limit, excluding penalties, in all events and age divisions with the following exceptions:
 1. 6-Under age division = no time limit.
 2. Chute Dogging = 30 second time limit.
- B. **READY TO COMPETE.** A contestant will have 45-seconds to begin competition after being notified by the Judge or Arena Director that he/she is due to compete.
- C. **THREE CALL.** After three (3) calls, if a contestant does not show, he/she will be disqualified.

Item 4

MULTIPLE RUN HORSE USE

- A. A horse may be used by more than one (1) contestant but will participate in the order drawn.
 - 1. There will be no waiver to the “Ready to Compete” rule for those contestants making multiple runs on the same horse.

Item 5

COMPETING ON WRONG STOCK & OUT OF ORDER

- A. In the event a contestant competes on the wrong stock, and/or competes out of position order, he/she will be disqualified.

Item 6

MOUNTED & IN CONTROL

- A. In the racing and roping events, the contestant must be mounted and in control of the run for time to be taken.

**EVENT RULES
OF THE
HIGH PLAINS JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION**

**Chapter 1
ROUGHSTOCK EVENT RULES**

- A. **GENERAL.** The following General Roughstock Rules apply to Calf Riding, and steer roping.
1. **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.** Contestants in all age groups will be required to wear mouthpieces, a protective vest and helmet during competition.
 2. **NOT READY TO COMPETE.** Judges may disqualify a contestant who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous animal leaves the arena.
 3. **TIME STARTS.** Time will start when the inside shoulder of the animal breaks the plane of the chute.
 4. **SPURS.** Rider is not allowed to use sharp spurs.
 5. **HAND, ROPE, KNOTS.**
 - a. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.
 - b. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off the animal when rider leaves him.
 - c. Hooks, rings, or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.
 6. **KNOCK-OFF, FOUL, FAILS.** A rider who is knocked off at the chute, fouled at the gate, or if animal falls is entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.

7. **FLANK ROPE.**

- a. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of the rope in riding hand, he is to be marked accordingly.
- b. Contestant will have the right to call on judges to pass on whether or not an animal is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability.
- c. If a flank comes off, a re-ride may be given and must be taken on the same animal provided rider has made a qualified ride.

8. **RERIDE OPTIONS.** The judges will decide the matter of all re-ride options.

9. **ASSISTANCE.** No more than two (2) people may be on chute to pull contestant's rope.

10. **HORNS.**

- a. Head fighting animals having bad horns must be dehorned or kept out of the draw.
- b. No animal may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back to the size of a quarter.

11. **DISQUALIFICATIONS.** Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:

- a. Being bucked off before the time limit.
- b. Touching the animal or self with free hand.
- c. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope being tightened.
- d. Taking a finger-tuck or hand wrap above the wrist.

B. CALF RIDING.

1. **TIME REQUIREMENT.** Animal must be ridden for (6) seconds.
2. **STOCK WEIGHT REQUIREMENT.** Calves must weigh a minimum of 400 lbs. and not exceed 600 lbs.
3. **STOCK BREED.** Calves will be of a dairy bred cross, unless otherwise approved by the HPJRA Board of Directors.

C. STEER RIDING.

1. **TIME REQUIREMENT.** Animal must be ridden for eight (8) seconds.

**Chapter 2
ROPING EVENT RULES**

A. GENERAL. The following General Roping Event Rules apply to Breakaway Roping, Calf Roping, Double Mugging, Ribbon Roping, Steer Breakaway, Roping, Steer Stopping and Team Roping:

1. BARRIER SET-UP, EQUIPMENT, FOULS.

- a. Beating the Barrier. A 10-second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
- b. Automatic Barrier. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for roping events.
- c. Definition of Barrier & Score Line. The barrier is the strap put in front of the horse. The scoreline, on the ground, is the line which cattle get a head start.
- d. Operational Barrier. In order for time to be considered the barrier flag must operate.
- d. Non-Operational Barrier (Time Recorded). If automatic barrier

does not work but time is recorded, contestant or team will get time. There will be no penalty for broken barrier in this instance.

- f. Non-Operational Barrier (Time Not Recorded). If automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately following the same performance.
- g. Barrier Equipment Hung On Animal. If barrier equipment hangs on animal, the decision about getting animal back will be made by the barrier judge.
- h. Fouled by Barrier: If in the opinion of the barrier judge, a contestant is fouled by barrier and declares, roper(s) shall get the animal back.
- i. Length of Score: Judges will determine the length of the score. Score length shall be the same for all age divisions.
- j. Animal Unable to Break Neck rope: If an animal is unable to break the neck rope, a rerun must be awarded by the judges.
- k. Neck Rope Design: In events where a neck rope is used, there shall be no metal snaps or rings. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes.

2. **LIVESTOCK, INSPECTION & WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.**

- a. Livestock Inspection. Animals used for these events shall be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated by a judge and/or event director.
- a. Weight Requirements. The Board of Directors will set weight.

limit on stock with the stock contractor.

3. **LIVESTOCK, INSPECTION & WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.**
 - a. One Loop. All roping events will be one (1) loop per roper. The same will apply at the HPJRA Finals.
 - b. Dropped Loop. A dropped loop is considered a thrown loop.
 - c. Release of Rope. A contestant who ropes an animal without releasing the rope from hand will be disqualified.
4. **OFFICIALS REQUIRED.** There shall be two or more timers, a field flag judge, and a barrier judge. Time will be taken between two flags.
5. **MISSED TIME.**
 - a. If a time is missed, a roper gets the same stock back.
 - b. If the barrier was broken on the first run, it will be lap and tap plus the 10-second penalty.
 - c. If no barrier was broken, a clean re-run will be given.
6. **ESCAPED ANIMAL DURING RUN.** If stock leaves the arena, roper gets stock back lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the stock left the arena.
7. **SULKING ANIMAL.**
 - a. A re-run on a sulking animal is at the discretion of the judges.
 - b. If an animal is deemed sulking by a judge, contestant will run the extra.
 - c. The sulking animal will be taken out of the draw.

8. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

- a. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.

9. ANIMAL BELONGS TO CONTESTANT.

- a. Animal will belong to the contestant when he/she calls for him, except in the case of mechanical failure.

10. RERUN ELIGIBILITY.

- a. Eligibility for a re-run will be determined by the Judge.

B. BREAKWAY ROPING.

1. LOCATION OF ROPE TIE AND STRING.

The end of rope and attached flag must be tied to the saddle horn with string provided by the Association, so when the calf is roped, the rope will break away from the saddle horn.

- 2. LEGAL CATCH.** The loop must go over the calf's head and the time will stop when the string breaks from the saddle horn. Rope may draw up any place on the animal.

- 3. THROWN ROPE & ROPE BREAK.** Rope must be thrown by the contestant and calf must break rope from saddle horn.

- 4. SLACK DAILY ON HORN.** If rope should daily around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope and then stop their horse to allow the calf to break the rope away from horn.

- 5. CONTESTANT ASSISTED ROPE BREAK.** Roper may not snap rope loose.

- 6. FIELD JUDGE ASSISTANCE.** The field judge shall be able to consult the Arena Director (mounted or not mounted) to assist if necessary on close breakaway catches.

7. **INSPECTION OF STRING.** String is to be inspected by an appointed person (committee member, HPJRA Director or qualified person appointed by the judge) before contestant competes.

a. String is not to be thinned or unraveled.

b. Judges will disqualify a contestant if string is thinned before contestant rides into the box.

C. CALF ROPING.

1. **HARD & FAST TIE.** Rope must be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn.

2. **NECKROPE ON HORSE.** All contestant horses must have neck ropes.

3. **QUALIFIED RUN.**

a. Contestant must rope calf, go down rope, and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet.

b. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps around all three legs and a half hitch.

c. If calf is down, when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and thrown by hand.

d. If roper's hand is on calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.

e. Rope and three legs tied until passed on by judge and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until after the judge has completed his examination.

f. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the contestant will be disqualified.

4. **LEGAL CATCH.** Calf roping is a catch-as-catch-can event.
5. **LEGAL CATCH.** Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf.
 - a. If horse drags calf, field judge may stop horse and any penalty for such offense can be assessed by the Judge.
 - a. An intentional drag in an abusive manner is an automatic disqualification.
6. **SIX SECOND PERIOD.**
 - a. The field judge will pass on the tie of calves through the use of a stopwatch, timing six (6) seconds from the time the roper's horse takes first step forward after the roper has remounted.
 - b. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge passes on the tie. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the field judge has passed on the tie.
 - c. Field judge must watch calf during the six second period and will stopwatch when the calf kicks free using the time shown on the watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify.
7. **REPLACEMENT LIVESTOCK AFTER ONE GO-ROUND.**
 - a. If after one go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the draw.
 - b. If extra calves have been tied at the rodeo, they will not be considered fresh.

- c. Stock Contractor is responsible to tie down all fresh calves prior to being put into the draw.
- d. Replacement calves must be equivalent to the draw being used.

D. CHUTE DOGGING.

1. **TIME LINE.** The time/thrown line will be in line with the end of the chute gate.
2. **TIME START.** Time will start when the steer breaks the plane of the time/thrown line.
3. **ELIGIBLE TO TOUCH HORNS.** Contestant cannot touch animals' horns until the animal has broken the plane of the time/thrown line.
 - a. If a contestant touches either horn before the time start, a 10-second penalty will be assessed (at the discretion of the judges.)
4. **ELIGIBLE TO BE THROWN.** The steer must cross the plane of the time/thrown line before being thrown.
5. **DESIGNATED HELPER.** A designated helper will assist in starting the steer, but they may not cross the time/thrown line. No other contestants in the arena.
6. **TIME STOP.** Steer will be considered thrown down only when it is lying flat on its side or on its back with all four feet and head straight.
 - a. Contestants must have contact with the steer for the time to stop.
7. **WEIGHT REQUIREMENT.** Weight limit on chute dogging steers will be 400 lbs.
8. **HORNS.** Steer's horns must be tipped.

9. **CHANGE OF DIRECTION BEFORE THROW.** Steer must change directions before being thrown.
 - a. Dogger cannot step in front of the steer.
10. **HAND POSITION UNTIL ANIMAL CROSSES SCORE LINE.** Dogger must keep hands in front of or behind the shoulder until steer's nose crosses the score line.
11. **FORWARD MOTION OF ANIMAL.** Dogger must allow steer to maintain forward motion to score line.

E. DOUBLE MUGGING.

1. **HARD & FAST TIE.** Rope must be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn.
2. **NECKROPE ON HORSE.** All contestant horses must have a neck rope.
3. **QUALIFIED RUN.**
 - a. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope (at which time the Mucker will throw calf down by hand) and contestant will tie the calf.
 - b. Contestant must cross and tie and three feet.
 - c. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps around all three legs and a half hitch.
 - d. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been rule a fair one, the roper will be disqualified.
4. **EXPLANATION OF MUGGER ASSISTANCE.**
 - a. After roping calf, contestant must dismount and wait for mucker to throw calf by hand.
 - b. Rope must hold calf until mucker has his hands on the

- calf; if mugger's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. If calf is down when mugger reaches it, the calf must be let to his feet and thrown by hand.
- c. Mugger holds foreleg and give the foreleg to the contestant. At this time mugger can assist in holding calf down in a way that the calf is unable to regain its feet.
 - d. Mugger may remove rope from the calf (before roper has finished tie) if deemed necessary for safety reasons. This will not disqualify the run. However, after the roper has signaled for time the rope may not be removed until judge has passed on the six (6) second tie rule.
 - e. After the contestant has completed the tie and throws hands in the air signaling for time, the mugger must step away from the calf.
 - f. Mugger must be in dress code.
5. **LEGAL CATCH.** Double Mugging is a catch-as-catch-can event.
6. **SIX SECOND PERIOD.** The six (6) second time will start once the contestant and his helper are clear of the calf.
7. **REPLACEMENT LIVESTOCK AFTER ONE GO-ROUND.**
- a. If after on go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the draw.
 - b. If extra calves have been tied at the rodeo they will not be considered fresh.

- c. Stock Contractor is responsible to tie down all fresh calves prior to being put into the draw.
- d. Replacement calves must be equivalent to the draw being used.

F. CALF TOUCH. (7-9 and 10-12)

1. Must have a neck rope.
2. Hand must be on the rope when calf is touched.
3. Catch as catch can.

G. RIBBON ROPING.

1. **HARD & FAST TIE.** Rope must be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn.
2. **NECKROPE ON HORSE.** All contestant horses must have neck ropes.
3. **RIBBON & VARIABLES.**
 - a. A short length (10-12 inch) ribbon of about one-half inch in width and uniform in length should be fastened to the top of calf's tail with a rubber band, while in the chute.
 - b. If there is no ribbon on the calf, for whatever reason, when the contestant gets to it, contestant must declare himself/herself. The contestant will then get the same calf back with a complete new start.
 - c. Mugger may not hand the ribbon to the runner.
 - d. Any part of the ribbon is legal.
 - e. The contestant must hand the ribbon to the barrier judge (not throw on the ground) and must be handed to the judge prior to remounting his/her horse.
4. **TEAM COMPOSITION.** Ribbon roping will consist of a two (2) member team-a roper and a mugger.
 - a. The mugger must be a contestant entered in the rodeo.

- b. A girl from any age division will run the ribbon for the Boys 13-15 age division.
 - c. A boy from any age division will mug the calf for the Girls 13-15 age division.
 - d. Girls must run their own ribbons.
 - e. It will be the judge's decision as to who may run if a certain age group is not available.
5. **QUALIFIED RUN.**
- a. Roper must rope calf, dismount and be in contact with calf when the runner removes the ribbon or team will be disqualified.
 - b. Ribbon runner must run the ribbon back to the score line.
 - b. Calf does not have to be on its feet when ribbon is removed.
6. **LEGAL CATCH.**
- a. Ribbon Roping is a catch -as-catch-can event.
 - b. Either mugger or roper must have hands on the calf before rope comes off.
 - c. Rope must be attached to horse and calf in one unbroken piece.
7. **DRESS CODE.** Girls running ribbon for boys may wear tennis shoes. No bare feet allowed.
8. **POINT EARNED DISTRIBUTION.** Only the roper will receive points for the award system.
9. **BOYS 7-9 RIBBON ROPING.** Standard event rules apply; however the contestant will have an adult mugger and the contestant will run the ribbon.

H. STEER BREAKAWAY ROPING.

1. **ROPER START.** Roper will come out of the header box and will start from behind a barrier.
2. **BEATING THE BARRIER.** There will be a 10-second penalty assessed for breaking or beating the barrier.
3. **LOCATION OF ROPE TIE AND STRING.** The end of rope and attached flag must be tied to the saddle horn with string provided by the Association, so when the steer is roped, the rope will break away from the saddle horn.
4. **LEGAL CATCHES.** The three legal team roping head catches will be allowed in this event:
 - a. slick horns.
 - b. half-head, or
 - c. around the neck.
5. **THROWN ROPE & ROPE BREAK.** Rope must be thrown by the contestant and steer must break rope from saddle horn.
6. **SLACK DAILY ON HORN.** If rope should daily around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope and then stop their horse to allow the steer to break the rope away from the saddle horn.
7. **CONTESTANT ASSISTED ROPE BREAK.** Roper may not snap rope loose.
8. **INSPECTION OF STRING.** String is to be inspected by an appointed person (committee member, HPJRA Director or qualified person appointed by the barrier judge) before contestant competes.
 - a. String is not to be thinned or unraveled.
 - b. Judges will disqualify a contestant if string is thinned before contestant rides into the box.

I. STEER ROPING/STOPPING.

1. **ROPER START.** Roper will come out of the header box and will start from behind a barrier.
2. **BEATING THE BARRIER.** There will be a 10-second penalty assessed for breaking or beating the barrier.
3. **LEGAL CATCHES.** The three legal team roping head catches will be allowed in this event:
 - a. slick horns.
 - b. half-head, or
 - c. around the neck.
4. **TIME STOP.**
 - a. Time taken when steer and horse are facing one another on a tight rope and horse's front feet are on the ground.
 - b. Steer must be standing on all four feet when time is stopped.
5. **NUMBER OF LOOPS.** Only one loop allowed in this event.
6. **DALLY ONLY.** Ropes can't be tied on hard and fast to saddle horn. This is a dally only event.

J. TEAM ROPING.

1. **EVENT COMPOSITION.** Team Roping will be composed of two (2) events: Heading and Heeling.
2. **TEAM COMPOSITION.** Team may be composed of two boys, two girls, or one boy and one girl.
3. **ENTRY LIMITATIONS.** Contestant may enter this event two times. Contestant may enter up and back with the same partner or with a different partner.

4. **TEAM START.** Header will come out of header box and start from behind the barrier.
5. **BEATING THE BARRIER.** A 10-second penalty will be assessed for breaking or beating the barrier.
6. **FIRST LOOP THROWN.** The team roper behind the barrier (Header) must throw the first loop at the steer's head.
7. **NUMBER OF LOOPS.** Each contestant will be allowed to carry one rope; thus each team is allowed two loops.
8. **ROPER RELEASE OF ROPE.** Roping the steer without turning loose of the loop will be a disqualification.
9. **LEGAL CATCHES.** The three legal team roping head catches will be allowed in this event:
 - a. slick horns.
 - b. half-head, or
 - c. around the neck.
10. **ILLEGAL CATCHES.**
 - a. If hondo of head rope passes over one horn and loop over the other, the catch is illegal.
 - b. If the loop crosses itself in a head catch, the catch is illegal.
 - c. One horn. If steer is roped by one (1) horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn or head with his/her hand.
 - d. Crossfire is an illegal heel catch. Crossfire is defined as the heel loop being thrown before the steer has changed direction and is forward tow (one step forward).
11. **HEEL CATCHES.**
 - a. One hind foot catch receives a five (5) second penalty.

- b. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet of the steer in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the steers front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
12. **DALLY ONLY.** A roper must dally at both ends. EXCEPTION: In the 10-12 Team Roping and Girls in all age divisions, the heeler can tie using only a quick release.
13. **TIME STOP.** Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing the steer, with ropes dallied and tight, both ropers mounted, with both horses' front feet on the ground.
14. **ANIMAL MUST BE STANDING.** The steer must be standing up when roped by the head or by the heels.
15. **BROKEN OR DROPPED ROPE.** A broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time, regardless of whether time has been taken or not.
16. **DRAWN POSITIONS.**
 - a. Teams must rope in the order drawn.
 - b. All changes in the list of roping order to split horses, or back- to-back runs by same contestant, must be made before any stock for the event is loaded in the chutes. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order listed.
17. **MISTREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK.** Steer must not be handled roughly at any time. Ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have done so.
18. **DETERMINATION OF LEGAL CATCH.** Any questions as to catches in this

contest will be decided by the judges.

19. **PARTNER NO SHOW.** In case of a partner no show, a partner may be drawn. Draw partner has the option to pay entry fee to be eligible for payback but will not be eligible for points if already having two (2) runs.

Chapter 3

GOAT TYING EVENT RULES

- A. **GENERAL.** The following General Goat Tying Event Rules to apply to Goat Tying and Goat Ribbon Pulling:

1. **CLOSED ARENA & GATES.**

- a. All arena gates must be closed during goat events.
- b. The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire rodeo.

2. **START LINE & GOAT POSITION.**

- a. The starting line should be set at least 15 yards from the chutes and clearly marked for the entire rodeo.
- b. Time will start when contestant crosses the start line.
- c. Goat must be held by the collar at the end of the rope by the holder, not flagman, in a vertical position from the starting position from the starting line until time begins.

3. **GOAT STAKE AND GOAT ROPE.**

- a. Distance. The set distance from the starting line to the stake must be 100 feet at every rodeo; however arena conditions may determine distance. The goat stake should be a minimum of 50 feet from the back fence.
- b. Rope Length. The goat should be tied to the stake with a rope 10 feet in length.

- c. Safety. The stake should be pounded completely into the ground so that no part of it is visible.
 - d. 10-Second Penalty. Should the horse cross over or contact the goat or rope before the contestant calls for time, contestant will be assessed a 10-second penalty.
 - e. Goat Escape during the Run. If the goat should breakaway because of the fault of the horse, contestant will be disqualified. If the goat should breakaway for any other reason, it will be left to the judge's discretion whether contestant will get a re-run.
4. **REQUIREMENTS**. The contest must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting to line to the goat, dismount from horse, throw the goat by hand, cross, wrap and tie at least three (3) feet together with a leather string or other type of string. No wire is to be used in the goat tying.
5. **GOAT CLEAR OF GROUND**. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, goat must be elevated high enough that it has the opportunity to regain its feet then stand clear of the goat when tie is finished.
6. **TIME STOP**. After tying the goat and contestant has indicated he/she is finished, the flag judge will drop the flag for time to stop.
7. **STAND BACK THREE FEET**.
- a. The contestant must stand back three feet from the goat before judge will start the five (5) second time limit on the tie for the goat's legs to remain crossed and tied.

- b. Contestant will be disqualified if goat breaks free from tie during the time limit period.
 - c. Judge may disqualify a contestant for failure to make an honest attempt to break contact with the goat and take three (3) steps back.
- 8. **TOUCHING TIE ONCE SIGNALLED COMPLETE.** Once a contestant has signaled the tie is complete, he/she may not touch the tie.
- 9. **GOAT CONDITIONING & TYPE OF GOAT.**
 - a. Goats must have been tied down prior to being in the draw for the first time.
 - b. A goat is not to be tied down by a contestant entered in that age division.
 - c. Goats can have horns, but they must be flipped.
 - d. No billies are to be used.
- 10. **NUMBER OF GOATS IN HERD.** Each age division, except 6-Under, will use the same herd based upon the total number of contestants in the division, based upon the following scale:

2 to 5 Entries	1 Goat
6 to 10 Entries.....	2 Goats
11 to 15 Entries	3 Goats
16 to 20 Entries	4 Goats
21 or More Entries	5 Goats

6-Under Age Division	1 Goat
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- 11. **RUNS ON A GOAT.**
 - a. Only one (1) goat staked in the arena and to be changed every (5) actual tiers
 - b. Contestant will compete on goat drawn for him/her. After the draw has been posted, if for any reason a contestant does

not show up or compete, that goat will be tied by the last contestant who just completed, or a person designated by the judge in order for the goat to be tied five actual times. The tie count shall carry over from one performance to another.

12. **GROUND PREPARATION.** Arena will be drug only at beginning at the goat tying.

13. **JUDGE POSITION.**

a. Goat Tying. In the Goat Tying, the judge shall position himself/herself at a 45-degree angle from the goat stake on the right side of the goat, if facing the alley, and at a distance of some 25 feet from the goat until the contestant has reached the goat. Once the contestant has reached the goat, the judge should move into a position to verify the tie.

b. Goat Ribbon Pulling. In the Goat Ribbon Pulling, the judge shall position himself/herself at a distance of some 25 feet from the goat stake, on the right side of the goat, if facing the alley, this location should be directly across from the goat stake for a clear view of the finish line.

B. **BOYS GOAT TYING.**

1. **TYPE OF STRING.** Boys will be required to tie goats with a pigging string only.

2. **REQUIREMENTS.**

a. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from his horse, throw the goat by hand, string a front leg, and then cross and tie any three legs with a pigging string.

- b. There must be at least one wrap around all three (3) legs and finished with a half hitch or hoey. A hoey is a half-hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly or all the way pulled through.

C. GIRLS GOAT TYING.

1. REQUIREMENTS.

- a. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from her horse, throw the goat by hand, and cross tie any three (3) feet.
- b. The tie shall consist of at least one (1) wrap, then a knot.

D. GOAT RIBBON PULLING.

1. **REQUIREMENTS.** The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount, remove the ribbon and run to the finish line (at the stake) with the ribbon for time to be called.
2. **RUNNING OVER GOAT OR GOAT HOLDER.** Contestant will receive a no time for running over the goat or the holder.
3. **ASSISTANCE IN THE ARENA.** Parents will be allowed in the arena during a run but must stay 30 feet behind the stake.
 - a. If the parent assists the contestant in any way while behind the 30-foot line, a 10-second penalty will be assessed.
 - b. If the parent assists in front of the 30-foot line, the contestant will receive a no time.
4. **POSITION OF GOAT.** The goat shall be held at end of lead line with tail facing entry alley.

5. **FINISH LINE.** The finish line for goat ribbon pulling shall be at 10 feet from the location of the goat, thus at the lead line stake.

Chapter 4

RACING EVENT RULES

- A. **GENERAL.** The following General Racing Event Rules to apply to Barrel Racing and Pole Bending:
 1. **CLOSED GATES.** All arena gates must be closed during racing events, unless arena conditions allow for a closed extended alley way of which must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the rodeo.
 2. **RUNNING OUT OF ORDER.** If any contestant runs out of order as drawn; the contestant will be disqualified.
 3. **GROUND PREPARATION.** The racing event pattern will be drug by rake or drag prior to start of the event (not age group) and after every seven (7) drawn runners.
 4. **NOT FOLLOWING THE PATTERN** Any deviation from the pattern will be a disqualification.
 5. **PERMANENT MARKINGS.** Barrels, poles and the starting line must be permanently staked for the entire rodeo.
 - a. All stakes will be checked and measured by the Judges prior to the rodeo.
 6. **RE-RUNS.** In the event of a re-run the contestant may compete on same mount, or another mount, at the contestant's discretion.
 7. **ELECTRIC EYE MALFUNCTION.**
 - a. When the electric eye falls to work for one or more contestants during the same performance, the manual back-

up time will be used for those electronically missed. The electric eye recorded times will remain unaltered.

- b. If the electric eyes and the manual back-up time are both missed, the contestant will be granted a re-run with no prior penalties assessed.

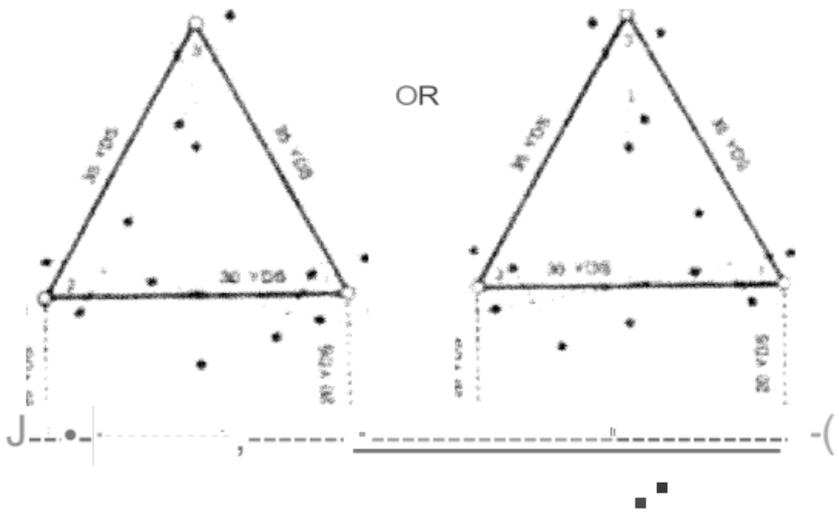
8. **LEAD LINES.** No lead line will be allowed.
9. **FORWARD MOTION.** Once contestant crosses the plane of the arena gate, he/she shall maintain a forward motion.

B. **BARREL RACING.**

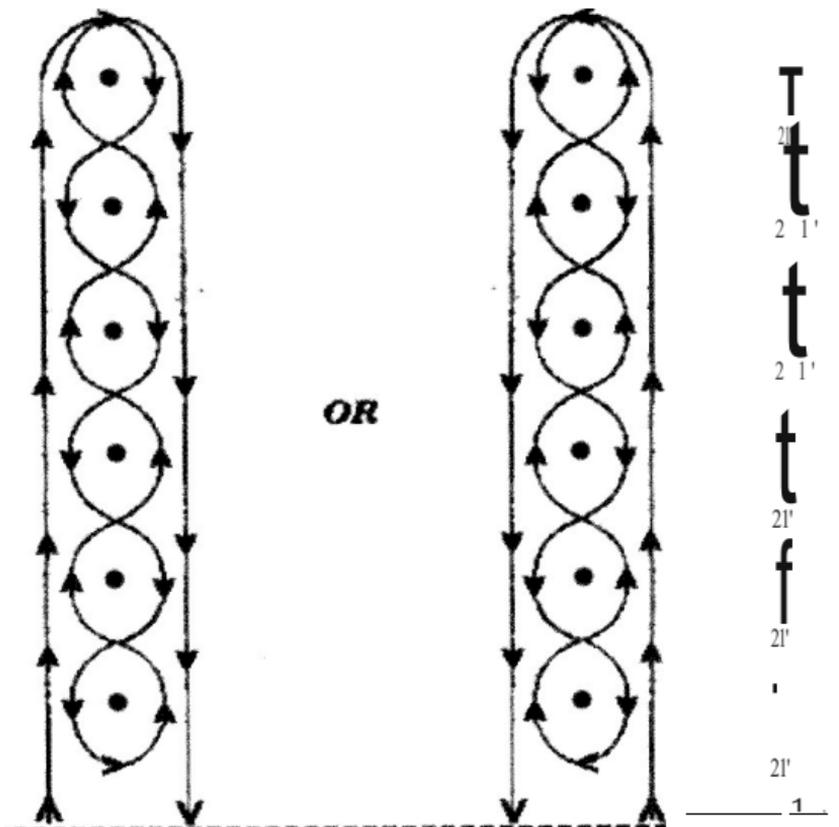
1. **REQUIREMENTS.** Contestant may start on either the right or left barrel but when starting on the right barrel, there will be on (1) right turn and two (2) left turns around the barrels. When starting on the left barrel, there will be on (1) left turn and two (2) right turns around the barrels.
2. **PATTERN.** Arena conditions will determine actual pattern; however, the following minimum standard will be used:
 - a. Minimum Distance from Fence. Barrels must be a minimum of 20-feet from arena fence.
 - b. Minimum Distance Between Barrels. Barrels 1 and 2 will be 60-feet from the start line with 90-foot distance between the two barrels. Barrel 3 should be set 105-feet from both Barrel 1 and Barrel 2.
 - c. All barrels must be at least 20-yards or further apart.
3. **5-SECOND PENALTY.** There will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.

- a. No disqualification for setting a barrel back up on horse-back while running the pattern.
 4. **CONDITION OF BARRELS.** Barrels must have both ends intact and set to the inside of the stakes.
- C. **POLE BENDING.**
1. **START POSITION.** A contestant may use a standing or running start, right or left.
 2. **NUMBER OF POLES USED.** Six (6) poles will be used.
 3. **PATTERN.**
 - a. Minimum Distance from Fence Line. Poles shall be marked with a minimum distance from the arena fence of 20-feet.
 - b. Required Distance from Start Line to First Pole. The first pole will be set at a distance of 21-feet from the start line.
 - c. Required Distance between Poles. The distance between each pole will be 21-feet.
 4. **POLE PLACEMENT.** All poles must be set either to the left or right of the stakes.
 5. **FIVE-SECOND PENALTY.**
 - a. There will be a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over.
 - b. A knocked over pole is defined as the top of the pole making contact with the ground.
 - c. There will be no disqualification for intentional setting up a pole.

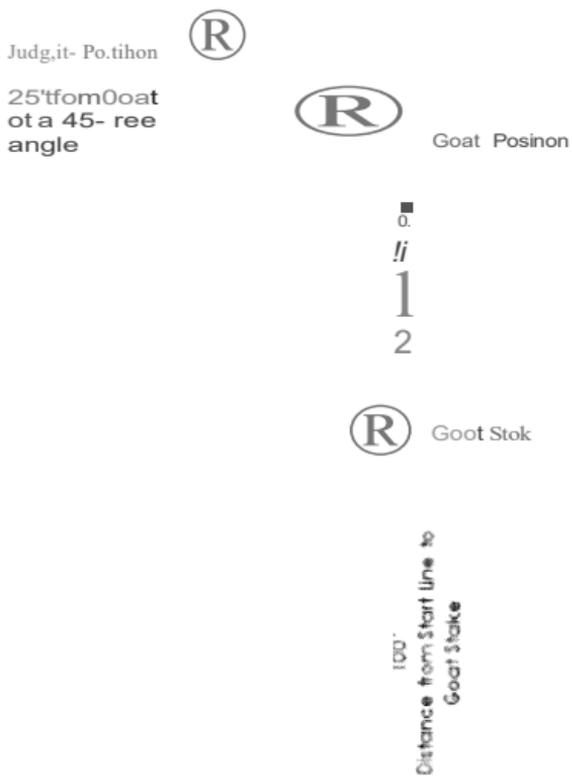
BARREL RACING EVENT PATTERN



POLE BENDING EVENT PATTERN

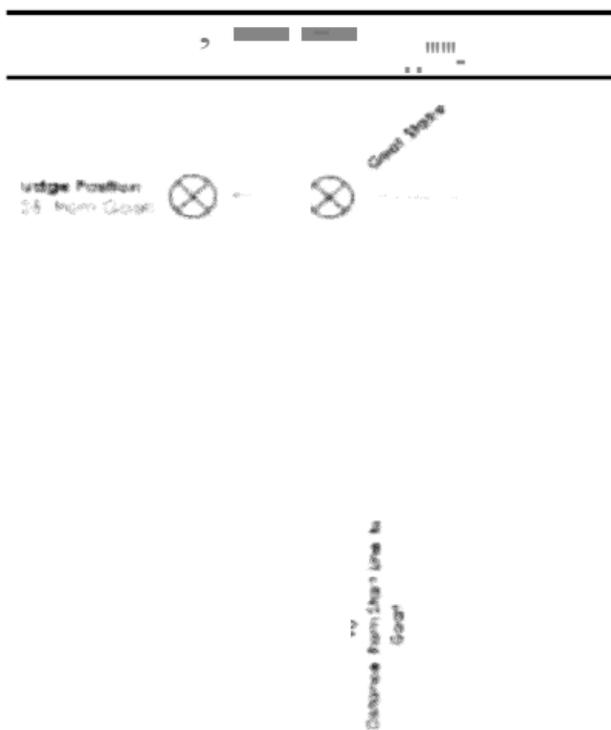


GOAT TYING EVENT PATTERN



Start line

GOAT RIBBON PULLING EVENT PATTERN



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