

2022-2023
RULEBOOK

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**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
2022-2023 SEASON**

ARTICLE I

NAME

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND AIMS

1. To maintain order and standards set up by the Western Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo Association (WPYRA) among members at their functions. The WPYRA is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
2. To promote Youth Rodeo in Southwestern Pennsylvania as a means to preserve aspects and values of our early Western Heritage for youth according to established age groupings, 19 years of age and under as of August 1 of the year in which they compete.
3. To educate and train youth members of the organization in the proper safety procedures of rodeo, the care of livestock, and preservation of our rural environment, as a means of perpetuating America's rich Western Heritage and values.
4. To promote the highest level of citizenship, behavior, and sportsmanship at all sanctioned youth events and activities by reinforcing pre-established standards and rules of conduct through training and education conveyed at rodeo events and Association clinics.
5. To preserve and perpetuate the Western Heritage of America, as well as the agrarian heritage and values of the State of Pennsylvania.
6. To promote interactive and synergistic relationships between the Rodeo Association, it's members, officers and directors and all aspects of the community, including state, county and municipal governments, local business, and educational institutions.
7. To increase awareness and interest among elementary, middle school and high school age students in the care and management of livestock through the sport of youth rodeo.
8. To encourage student members of the Association to strive for the highest academic and vocational performance and to continue in school as a regularly enrolled student.
9. To assist and work in cooperation with the Inter-Collegiate Rodeo Association, The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Canadian Rodeo Association where possible.
10. No part of the net earnings of the Western Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo Association shall inure to the benefit or be distributed to its members, officers, directors or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for approved services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, 4,5,6,7, and 8 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the participation in or intervention in, including the publishing or distribution of statement(s), any political campaign on behalf of any other provisions except as provided in these Articles, the organizations shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on.

11. By an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by a corporation contribution to which are deductible under Sections 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
12. In the event of dissolution of this nonprofit organization, any assets belonging to the WPYRA after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the organization all non-cash assets of the organization such as livestock, equipment, etc. will be sold or disposed of for cash (where appropriate) and all cash assets transferred to the organization's scholarship fund for a minimum period of 6 years or until all funds have been awarded and paid to eligible members in accord and with the guidelines set forth within the WPYRA Scholarship . (Amended 08/08. At the end of the 6-year minimum period, the WPYRA will dispose of assets of the organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (Or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of this organization shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation has been located as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

ARTICLE III

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

1. Membership in the Association shall consist of (2) classes.
 - a. CONTESTANT MEMBERSHIP in which class shall consist of only persons eligible to contest in approved Western Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo. Contestants must sign a waiver and pay membership fees. All membership applications must be notarized. Contestants must provide copies of birth certificate and proof of medical insurance at the initial sign-up at the beginning of the rodeo season. Minors must have a signature from a parent or guardian during renewal of membership and at every board approved rodeo.
 - b. ADULT MEMBERSHIP – member who pays \$25 for membership. Not eligible for year-end awards.
2. At or before admission to membership in the Association, each of the Contestant members shall pay the current year's Membership dues as required by the Organization. Annual dues are due and payable before or at the first rodeo of each fiscal year. The stock contractor has the authorization to set forth the admission price for spectators and members of the WPYRA. Contestants will be admitted at no charge. In no way will any other discounts or exceptions be made by the WPYRA.
3. A copy of the Birth Certificate must be accompanied with your original membership.
4. Members forty (40) days in arrears in payment of annual dues shall forfeit their membership and must be dropped from the rolls by the Secretary when upon notice in writing mailed to such member apprising him/her of these arrears, he/she fails to pay the amount due within twenty (20) days of such mailing.
5. Any member not meeting financial responsibilities (dues, entry fees, sponsorship, fund-raisers, and concession donations, etc.) will not be permitted to compete at the next rodeo until obligations are met. If obligations are not met before the awards banquet all awards will be held until payment is made in full.

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WILL BE PERMITTED ON RODEO GROUNDS
NO TOBACCO USE PERMITTED BY YOUTH MEMBERS ON RODEO GROUNDS**

ARTICLE IV

INITIAL SUBSCRIBERS

The name and address of the initial subscribers to these articles are:

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ARTICLE V

MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OFFICERS

- 1) The general membership may nominate persons to be elected to the board. The general membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote per family. Voting will be by a ballot method (electronic or paper). Nominations will be accepted in May,
 - a) a ballot vote by the general membership will be conducted in June and newly elected Board members will be announced at Finals.
 - b) Newly elected Board members will vote for the following officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer each year.
 - c) The election of officers is to occur within 30 days of the newly elected Board members being announced. An individual elected as an officer will serve as an officer for a one-year term. Individual may seek re-election for an officer position at the end of his/her one-year term.
 - d) **Votes will be tabulated publicly, and the results announced to the membership.**
2. Commencing in 2014-2015 season and each thereafter each Board term will be a (2) year term. To be voted in as president, the nominee must have served on the board for two (2) years prior, the vice president must have served on the board for at least 1 year prior to nomination. An individual elected as an officer will serve as an officer for a one-year term. Individual may seek reelection for an officer position at the end of his/her one-year term.
3. The board of directors' year runs from September 1st to August 31st but stays in effect until after the finals of the year should it run beyond August 31st. The board of directors is responsible for scheduling all events of the WPYRA and has the right to amend the schedule as necessary. The association does not permit more than one family member to hold a position on the board at the same time. If a board member does not have a family member in the rodeo during their current term, they are required to pay a \$25.00 membership fee.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACTS

Rodeo contracts and entry fees must be approved by WPYRA officers and board of directors for each youth performance.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the qualified board members present at any meeting of the association or at any special meeting of the Association called for that purpose. An exception to this rule applies to Scholarship Fund where a unanimous vote is required of all board members. (Amended 08/08)

Any Official or Director, who misses two (2) consecutive meetings without just cause, will be dismissed of their duties.

OFFICERS

1. The Officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. **The officers of the association shall comprise the executive board.**
2. The officers of the Association shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers, together with such duties as shall be prescribed by the By- Laws of the Association.
3. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the Vice-President shall serve as President until the next annual election of officers.
4. The Secretary shall keep complete minutes of all meetings. A copy of minutes must be sent to all Board Members within 30 days. The Secretary shall preserve all documents of the Association.
5. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all dues and funds of the Association and shall deposit such funds in the bank designated by Board.
6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, will be elected by the existing board. The newly elected Board member will fill the unexpired portion of vacancy position.
7. No Board position shall ever be entitled to two (2) votes, regardless of the position he/she may hold. Example, if the Secretary and Treasurer position had to be combined to a Secretary/Treasurer position. The combined office is entitled to one (1) vote. Standalone positions are each entitled to a vote.
8. The Board shall hold at six (6) regular scheduled board meetings. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary.

YOUTH OFFICERS

1. Youth Officers consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Queen. An election will be held annually, with Officers voted in by general youth membership. Election will be held at the last rodeo of the season and the newly elected board will be announced.
2. Together the Student Officers shall have one (1) vote. Students Officers vote will count with a majority rule verdict.
3. Responsibilities of Youth Officers include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Each will be required to attend and participate in Board Meetings.
 - b) Represent youth members by being a voice of the youth body.
 - c) Hold regular group meetings with youth members. Record minutes of student meeting.
 - d) Take role call prior to the start of each rodeo.
 - e) Assist current Board in running a smooth operation and fulfilling the goals and objectives of the Association.
 - f) Represent the Association in a positive manner at all times.

COMMITTEES

Each Committee will consist of at least one (1) WPYRA Board Member as Chairperson and Committee Members who are current WPYRA members as outlined in Article III, QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION (page 3).

Rules/ By Laws Committee

To recommend Rule and/or by Law changes and/or amendments to WPYRA Board for approval.

Banquet Committee

Responsible for organization of the year end banquet.

Awards Committee

Responsible for organization of year-end awards.

Scholarship Committee

To interview and review the scholarship applications and to provide Recommendation of Scholarship awards to the WPYRA Board for approval.

Student Directors and Chore List Committee

Responsible to assign student directors for each event at each rodeo. To compile a chore list for each rodeo. Responsible to oversee the student officers and the Queen/Princess

Fund Raising/Sponsor Committee

Responsible for organization of current year fundraising and sponsorships

Yearbook Committee

Responsible for putting together a yearbook

Food Truck Committee

Responsible for getting food trucks at each rodeo

Jacket/ contestant award

Responsible for ordering jacket/ shirts for the year end banquet

Each committee is required to meet on Saturday nights of rodeo weekends and follow up with a board member

*****EACH COMMITTEE MUST SEEK BOARD APPROVAL PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION*****

STUDENT MEETINGS

1. Student Meetings are mandatory, and unless otherwise announced.
2. Student Meeting will take place 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of each rodeo.
3. Roll call is taken at the start of each meeting and if a member is not present at the time his/her name is called, he/she will be marked absent.
4. Members (and parents) are advised of important updates and/or changes during these meetings. Members (and parents) also have an opportunity at this time to volunteer their time/ services in needed areas, as well as ask questions and provide suggestions.
5. Parent and or guardian is required to attend the student meeting/ student meeting will be on Saturday and Sunday of rodeo weekends 1 hour prior to start of rodeo

6. **Note: When a member is absent from the Student Meeting or arrives after roll call, he/she must present the board of directors, in writing, an explanation of their absence/tardiness.**
7. **On a first occurrence, a letter is to be written to the board; if reason deemed acceptable, no recourse. If deemed unacceptable, a verbal warning will be issued.**
8. **Second occurrence, a letter is to be written to board; if reason deemed acceptable, no recourse. If deemed unacceptable, a \$25.00 fee will be accessed.**
9. **Occurrences thereafter will be reviewed on a case by case basis. If the reason is deemed unacceptable or a pattern is present, a fee in the amount of \$25.00 increments will be assessed increasing each time the contestant is late (example: \$25.00, \$50.00, etc.)**
10. **All participants are required to stay until the final rodeo event is completed. Absences may be excused by the board when submitted prior to the rodeo start. Failure to submit an excuse could forfeit points earned during the rodeo and point deduction will be at the discretion of the executive board**

ACTIVE MEMBER

To qualify as an ACTIVE MEMBER, to earn year end awards and be eligible to compete in FINALS rodeo each contestant must meet the following criteria:

1. WPYRA has a 55% "Compete" base requirement to be considered an ACTIVE member. Contestants must compete in each event a specific/set number of times based on number of rodeos and membership date.
2. Each contestant must compete 55% of the rodeos scheduled per season.
3. Season operates from September 1 to August 31.
4. Each contestant must compete in at least one (1) event offered in appropriate age division.
5. Each contestant must compete in the same event 55% of the rodeos scheduled per season.
 - a. ACTIVE MEMBER Example based on 12 Rodeos scheduled per season.
 - b. $12 \text{ rodeo's} \times 55\% = 7$
 - c. Must attend 7 rodeos
 - d. Must compete in the same event 7 times.
6. Rodeo contestants may enter every event offered in the appropriate age division. 55% "Compete" requirement will be tracked for each event contestant enters.
7. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
8. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.
9. Injuries are not subject to the above rules. Any contestant that is injured must supply to the WPYRA Secretary a doctor's excuse stating type of injury, date of injury and estimated date of release. Injured contestants are not required to attend rodeos to remain in good standings as an ACTIVE member as long as they provide a doctor's summary with the above information.
10. You may be excuse form a rodeo for work, High School Rodeo and 4h events. A written letter must be provided to the secretary

ALL AROUND CONTESTANTS

To qualify as an ALL-AROUND MEMBER contestants must meet the following criteria

1. Satisfy requirements of an ACTIVE MEMBER.
2. Contestants must compete in at least FOUR (4) events offered in your age division.
3. Contestants must compete 75% of the rodeos scheduled.
4. Must compete in the SAME FOUR (4) events offered to your age division 75% of rodeos scheduled for season.
5. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements
6. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.
 - a. ALL AROUND Contestants based on 12 Rodeos scheduled per season
 - b. 12 rodeo's X 75% = 9
 - c. Must compete 9 rodeos and compete in at least the same four (4) events offered in your age division 9 times.

Please check the current rodeo schedule for number of rodeos scheduled.
above # of rodeos for explanation purposes only.

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FINALS RODEO revised 9-28-2022

A finals rodeo will be held each year. To be eligible, a contestant must meet all the requirements of an ACTIVE MEMBER (see page 8) **and event rules as described**. Finals rodeo does not count towards the 75% event participation criteria but points will count towards year end awards.

1. All Around Contestants must follow All Around guidelines by competing in at least four (4) events 75% of the rodeos held per season.
2. **Qualifiers for Finals Rodeo will be limited to the top 10 contestants in each event**
3. **Contestants must have competed in the event for at least 55% of the rodeos during the season.**
4. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
5. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.

FINALS RODEO-Running order at FINALS rodeo will be determined by the position the participant is currently standing in, prior to the finals rodeo. The finalist with the most number of points in each event will run last in the class. The Finalist with the least number of points per event will run first. Failure to run in designated running order will result in a disqualification in said event with the EXCEPTION TO RULE: CALF RIDING, STEER & BULL RIDING. Riders will be drawn prior to the start of the Finals rodeo. Calves, Steers, Bulls will be random loaded. Loading of Calf, Steer or Bull will determine the order of the event.

**WPYRA wishes to recognize the
ALL AROUND CONTESTANTS, EVENT LEADERS and OTHER CONTESTANTS
that may not be competitive as an All Around or an Event leader.
The goal is to encourage rodeo contestants to want to be
competitive as an All-Around Contestant.**

AWARDS

An awards banquet will be held each year for WPYRA members and their families, at which time awards will be presented to ACTIVE MEMBERS, ALL AROUND CONTESTANTS, and EVENT CHAMPIONS, as determined by points accumulated throughout the season.

No specific awards (including saddles) are guaranteed for any/all age divisions.

All awards will be based on the financial standings at year end.

EVENT AWARDS– Year end EVENT awards will be based on the number of entries in each event for the year.

WPYRA will allocate \$ 3.00 of every entry fee of a particular event for yearend event awards.

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

WPYRA allocates funds to designated accounts to cover operational costs.

Membership fees – operating account. Ex-Insurance, arena rental, etc.

Sponsorship - operating costs, including All Around Awards and year-end banquet, clinics.

Fund Raisers- Members Jackets

\$10 Event Fee:	\$20 Event Fee:	\$30 Event Fee:	\$45 Event Fee:
\$ 10.00 Stock/Judges (association pays)	\$ 10.00 Stock/Judges	\$ 20.00 Stock/Judges	\$ 40.00 Pickup Men
\$ 5.00 Payback	\$ 5.00 Payback	\$ 5.00 Payback	\$ 5.00 Payback
\$ 3.00 Event Awards	\$ 3.00 Event Awards	\$ 3.00 Event Awards	
\$ 1.00 Scholarship	\$ 1.00 Scholarship	\$ 1.00 Scholarship	
\$ 1.00 Association	\$ 1.00 Association	\$ 1.00 Association	

HOW YEAR END AWARDS ARE CALCULATED

ALL AROUND AWARDS:

Will be awarded to any contestant who meets following criteria:

1. Competed in at least four events in their age group
2. Competed in those events in at **least 75%** of rodeos
3. Are an active member (sponsorship/fundraising/good financial standing)

The awards will be based on year-end total points. Monies for the awards is from membership, sponsorship, and fundraising.

EVENT AWARDS:

Will be awarded to any contestant who is **AN ACTIVE MEMBER** and **meets the event qualifications as defined.**

1. Compete in at least 55% of rodeos per season
2. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements
3. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.

At year end each event total will be tabulated. Contestants not earning points but meeting all the above requirements will be added to the total participants in said event.

Calculation will then be based on that total number in said event. Awards will be given to the top 50% (as a minimum) in each event. Each event will have a different amount to be spent based on entry fees collected each year. (\$3 from each entry in that event accumulated throughout the year). The monies will be divided according to the following algorithm: These are expressed in percent.

PLACES	1 ENTRY	2 ENTRY	3 ENTRY	4 ENTRY	5 ENTRY	6 ENTRY	7 ENTRY	8 ENTRY	9 ENTRY	10 ENTRY
1	100	60	50	40	30	28	26	24	22	20
2		40	30	30	25	22	20	18	16	15
3			20	20	20	18	15	15	14	13
4				10	15	14	12	12	12	11
5					10	10	10	10	10	10
6						8	9	8	8	8
7							8	7	7	6.5
8								6	6	6
9									5	5.5
10										5

WPYRA RULEBOOK

CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

Students must be no older than nineteen (19) years of age by August 1 of the current rodeo year.

CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION

1. Disqualification from the WPYRA, subject to appeal to the Executive Board for individual action, shall occur for the following:
 - a. Competing under an assumed name or falsifying any entry information.
2. Disqualification from a particular WPYRA rodeo shall occur for the following actions by a contestant, parent/guardian or another family member:
3. Intentional abuse of stock
4. Abuse of officials, contestants, or other member families, including, but not limited to threats of any kind, including social media and bullying.
5. Tampering with rodeo stock or equipment at a rodeo
6. Cheating
7. Deliberate or continued failure to report for any event
8. Profanity or obscenity
9. Quarreling or rowdiness
10. Use of unapproved equipment
11. Acquisition of another's property
12. Use of, or traffic in, intoxicating beverages or drugs
13. Use of horse deemed unsuitable or unsafe for the events entered
14. Use of tobacco and or vaping, in arena, chute area, or rodeo grounds by a youth member
15. Unexcused absence from student meeting.
16. **Unexcused absence prior to the completion of the rodeo events**
17. Repeated violations of # 2 above may result in disqualification from the entire rodeo or your membership terminated in WPYRA.
18. A contestant must be disqualified from a particular event for the following:
19. Improper attire
20. Failure to comply with judges instructions
 - a. Not being ready when called—4 calls will be given within a 2-minute gate call. A two (2) minute gate call time limit shall begin from the first name call. If the contestant fails to enter arena within the two (2) minute, the contestant will be disqualified from the event and the next constant will be called for.
21. Refusing stock draw.
22. Running out of order.
23. The Executive Board reserves the right to put a contestant on probation for disciplinary action due to unbecoming conduct for a maximum period of one rodeo a year.
24. Suspended contestants who have entered any WPYRA rodeo will automatically surrender any fees advanced to that rodeo after the date of suspension.
25. Any contestant disqualified from WPYRA competition has the right to petition the Executive Board for re- instatement. A statement from both the contestant and the party making the disqualification must be included on the petition.

CONDUCT AND ATTIRE

1. Western saddle and equipment is required.
2. Contestants must wear western attire: Western hat or helmet (highly recommended by WPYRA), long sleeved (traditional style) western button-down (or snaps) shirt with turned-down collar and cuffs. Sleeves must be rolled down and shirrtail tucked in (must be wrist length sleeved shirt), western boots and long pants. Sweatshirts, pullover sweaters or vests may be worn over a long-sleeved shirt as long as proper collar and cuffs are visible.
 - a. The only exception of this rule will be in bull/steer riding; a rider may roll up sleeve on riding arm only, 2 rolls, not to exceed the elbow, when competing.
 - b. Proper rodeo attire must be always worn by all contestants during any WPYRA approved rodeo.
 - c. Steer and bull riders must wear protective vests and helmets.
3. Contestants appearing in any contest, grand entry, or on rodeo grounds during an approved WPYRA rodeo will be in acceptable rodeo attire or will forfeit points awarded for the day.
4. Contestant Back Number- Contestant back number must be worn and visible from the beginning of the Student Meeting until the last event is completed. If no student meeting is scheduled, back number must be worn and visible from the beginning of the Grand Entry until the last event is completed. Contestants will be issued one back number per year. Contestant is responsible for replacement cost. Back Number must be worn centered on Contestants back.
5. Hat Rule – Hat must be on contestant’s head when entering arena (including chutes and alleyway). However, if hat is intentionally removed from head once in the arena, the contestant will be disqualified. Exception: a 5- second penalty will be imposed if hat hits the ground in barrels, poles, or goat tying. Stampede strings are highly recommended.
6. Contestants expecting to compete with an injury or broken bones, or in special equipment or attire, which may be in conflict with the WPYRA rules, must present a written request to the rodeo association board accompanied by written approval by the contestant’s physician.
7. The Board of Directors has the right to demand the removal of any horse that is unsafe, including studs, mares and geldings.
8. Only designated officials and designated contestant helper (in full rodeo attire) are permitted to assist a contestant in any event.
9. Anyone entering the arena during the rodeo must be in full rodeo attire.
10. All contestants are expected to stay on the rodeo grounds in appropriate attire until the conclusion of the Rodeo. Excuse must be submitted during registration or constitute a medical or family emergency as approved by the Board

ENTRIES

1. **Entry fees are defined per event (Dummy Roping at \$ 10.00 & Steer/Bull Riding at \$30.00* Bronc Riding at \$45 and all other events \$20). *Steer/Bull/Bronc Riding fees are based on stock charges and are subject to change.**
2. Entries are one entry per contestant per class.
3. Horses may be used in an event multiple times with different riders.
4. Entries are accomplished through call-in link. You will be emailed the link from the secretary. Announcements will also be posted on the Facebook page
5. To cancel an entry, you must notify the Entry Secretary no later than 2 days prior to the scheduled rodeo. Otherwise, you will be charged for the fees
6. To cancel after the deadline, you must produce a doctor's excuse or veterinary certificate to have entries waived.
7. Any contestant entered in a rodeo and no-shows, he/she will still be required to pay their entry fees prior to the next rodeo scheduled in order to enter next rodeo.
8. Entry fees must be paid in full before the beginning of the Youth meeting. If not paid in full you will not rodeo. Entry payments will not be deposited before the day of the Rodeo.
9. When a contestant signs up for an event and attends the rodeo, he/she must compete in that event. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the day's points. If a medical emergency should arise and contestant does not compete in event, a doctor's discharge summary or proof of medical care must be submitted to the Secretariat within 72 hours of the accident or points will be forfeited.
10. Checks and cash are accepted as payment for contestant fees. A \$ 35.00 charge will be assessed on any NSF check. CASH will be required as payment after 1st NSF offense.

TRY IT RODEO

A contestant may try a rodeo **ONCE (ONE DAY of the weekend)** without paying membership fee. The normal entry fee will apply. The contestant or guardian must sign a waiver of liability for that rodeo. No points will be awarded, and no payback monies will be paid unless you **become a member**. You must call in for this rodeo using the call-in link. You must have own equipment once you join.

CONTESTANT SIGN-IN

Prior to the Student Meeting, parents/guardians are required to sign-in/ pay fees for each member child participating in that day's rodeo. Members 18 and over may sign themselves in.

- (1) **Parent / guardians must sign in minor participants and remain on the grounds through the entirety of the Rodeo events.**
- (2) **If a parent or guardian cannot be present, they must assign a designated adult to be identified to the Board as a responsible caretaker for the minor participant**
- (3) **Any Minor participant failing to have a Parent / Guardian or designated adult as defined will be prohibited from participating in the Rodeo.**

WEBSITE

The official website of the WPYRA is www.wpyra.net. Along with Facebook page will be utilized to announce any and all news pertaining to the WPYRA, such as announcements (updates, changes, and cancellations), schedules, points, arena directions, and contact information. At times, photos will also be added to this site. Points will include member's name. If you do not want your child's name and/or photo published on this website, please inform WPYRA Officials in writing.

JUDGING RULES-TIMED EVENTS Revised 8-31-2022

1. Barrier judge must have 10' tape available. Electronic eye barrier will be used in roping, daubing and wrestling events. If electronic eye barrier is not available a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. See individual event for specific rules. No string barrier will be used.
2. A 10-second penalty will be added to the qualifying time for breaking the barrier once the gate is opened. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate. The judge must inspect barrier equipment before each timed roping and wrestling event.
3. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the arena director has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her
 - a. horse situated. As always, the Arena Director and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes.
4. Score line must be marked so that it is the same for all contestants.
 - a. Arena conditions will determine the length of the score line.
 - b. At no time should the score line be longer than 2/3 the depth of the roping box.
 - c. A short score of 6'-15' is desirable and should be used under most conditions.
5. All cattle must be numbered, and a draw is to be done prior to the start of the rodeo by the judges and/or the Board may opt to do a manual contestant draw from the announcer's booth after the cattle is loaded.
6. It shall be the judge's responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock drawn from must be run during that performance and only that time or score taken.
7. No rattling of chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him. The contestant and/or the person rattling the chute shall be disqualified.
8. Contestant will be disqualified for re-crossing starting line (timer) before entering or completing pattern
9. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking pattern (off course, loss of forward motion (loss of forward motion is being defined as —when a horse stops, takes a step backwards and then moves forward, etc.) Judges' decision stands. Contestant must enter arena with their hat or helmet on. Intentional removal of hat from head once in arena will result in disqualification. In barrels, poles & goat tying, if hat hits the ground, a 5- second penalty will be imposed.

10. Time to be taken between two flags.
11. Score and position of properties must be marked in advance so that each course will be run in exactly the same distance per class.
12. Flag judge is to flag a time then signal disqualification. Time should be recorded in the event there is protest.
13. A contestant may be given a re-run if interfered with by an official or others in the arena. Contestant must stop immediately at the point of interference and ask for the re-run. Judge has the right to declare contestant a re-run should he/she feel an unsafe situation has occurred by no fault of the contestant.
14. During the goat tying, when 2 contestants are working in the arena at the same time, the second contestant should not be allowed to begin her run until the first horse is under control, unless arena has been divided.
15. A running order will be determined prior each rodeo for the following events: barrels, poles, goat tying, and dummy roping. The running order for stock events will be determined by a draw. Participants are required to run in the order given. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification in said event. Any special request, such as the need to share a horse, should be requested during call-ins. The exception to this rule is the Finals rodeo. See FINALS RODEO RULES, page 8. The running order for all events at Finals will be determined by the position the participant is currently standing in, prior to the Finals rodeo. Failure to run in designated running order will result in a disqualification in said event.
16. **All time limited events will run with a closed gate to ensure appropriate safety and contestant opportunity to fulfil the event within the defined time limit.**
17. Gate will be kept closed until contestant has finished his/her run and has stopped his/her horse. Except for when alley way is provided. When alley way is provided it must be used to start and finish run. Circling in arena a prior to the start of run is not permitted.
 - a. Board may grant approval to circle at the end of a run under certain arena conditions.
18. **8 and under age division is the ONLY CLASS to have assisted riding.**
19. **8 and under calf riding will be split into assisted and unassisted classes**

OFFICIALS, JUDGES & FLAGMEN

1. Officials will conduct themselves in an exemplary manner to best reflect the aims, principles and purpose of the WPYRA. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by rodeo committee or members during any WPYRA rodeo or clinic is prohibited.
2. Judges, flagmen and timers must serve in their same official capacities throughout the duration of the event or class except in the case of injury or illness or when removed by the rodeo committee for good and sufficient reasons.
3. **No parent/guardian or another family member is permitted to approach or consult with a judge, timer or announcer during any rodeo regarding a dispute. The contestant is able to appeal their event prior to the next contestant starting their event. The proper channels must be followed. Violations will result in disqualification of the contestant for the day & may include removal of the contestant, parent or family member from the grounds.**
4. Officials as well as members are required to read and know the rules of the WPYRA. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted and may result in disqualification.
5. Judges failing to comply with WPYRA rules will be removed from the Approved Judges List and declared ineligible to officiate at any WPYRA rodeo.
6. Decisions of the judge shall be final, so long as they are made in accordance with WPYRA rules.
7. Score cards shall be made in permanent entry and all officials shall be permitted to review them at the conclusion of each performance in the presence of one or more judges.
8. When WPYRA rules do not cover a situation, judges should apply rules of recognized high school and/or professional rodeo associations so long as those rules do not conflict with WPYRA rules.

PROTEST

1. **Protest by a contestant must be taken to the judge before the next contestant begins. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**
2. **No parent/guardian or another family member is permitted to approach or consult with a judge, timer or announcer during any rodeo regarding a dispute. The contestant is able to appeal their event prior to the next contestant starting their event. The proper channels must be followed. Violations will result in disqualification of the contestant for the day & may include removal of the contestant, parent, or family member from the grounds.**
3. Once rodeo starts the announcer booth is closed unless you are a volunteer.

RE-RIDES AND RE-RUNS

1. Video cameras are permitted for personal entertainment only. Under no circumstances will videos be viewed by Judges or any other WPYRA Official.
2. When necessary to re-run a section or go-round in any event, only those contestants who did qualify during the original running of the event will be eligible for a re-run. If committee error occurs in any event, all contestants get a re-run. This does not include equipment failure.
3. A contestant claiming a foul in any event must declare himself immediately when fouled **(before leaving the arena or prior to the next contestant beginning their event) to the judge** or accept the result of the contest as final.
4. No contestant will be awarded a re-ride or re-run for breakage of the contestants own or borrowed equipment.
5. In bull/steer riding, where a re-ride is needed the contestant cannot ride the same steer/bull, a draw will take place. If re-ride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his marking and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse re-ride and take marking.
6. If contestant is awarded a re-ride/re-run, contestant may immediately take re-ride/re-run or elect to run at the end of the class.

TIMERS

The official timer is a mechanical timer. If a malfunction occurs with the mechanical timer, a backup timer, which consists of two stopwatch timers, will be used. The average of the two times will be used to indicate the official time of the contestant's run.

STOCK CHARGE

A stock charge may be added to the entry fee in livestock events at any rodeo as decided by the stock contractor and approved by the board to defray the cost of the stock

Stock Changes

The stock contractor or judges may decide to switch out stock during any event to protect the livestock from injury or to ensure competitive balance as long as the replacement stock meets the qualifications for a given event.

EVENT NOTICE

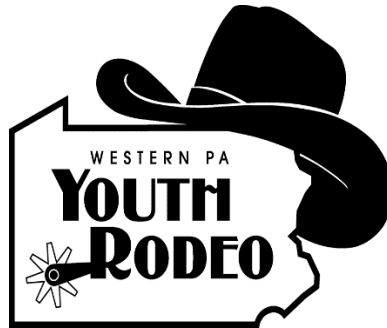
If a participant would like to participate in an event that no one currently participates in, that involves stock, a one-month notice must be given to the board to ensure proper stock is available

EVENTS TO BE WORKED IN RODEO

<u>9- 13-YEAR-OLD GIRLS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Team Roping Header
Team Roping Heeler
Steer Daubing

<u>8& UNDER BOYS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Dummy Roping
Steer Daubing
Calf riding - Assisted and Unassisted

<u>14-19-YEAR-OLD GIRLS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Team Roping Header
Team Roping Heeler
Saddle Bronc



<u>9- 13-YEAR-OLD BOYS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
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Team Roping Heeler
Calf Roping
Chute Doggin'
Steer Daubing

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Team Roping Heeler
Calf Roping
Chute Doggin'
Steer Wrestling
Bull Riding
Saddle Bronc

EVENTS POINTS SYSTEM

FIRST PLACE	10 POINTS
SECOND PLACE	9 POINTS
THIRD PLACE	8 POINTS
FOURTH PLACE	7 POINTS
FIFTH PLACE	6 POINTS
SIXTH PLACE	5 POINTS
SEVENTH PLACE	4 POINTS
EIGHTH PLACE	3 POINTS
NINTH PLACE	2 POINTS
TENTH PLACE	1 POINT

A contestant must have a qualifying time or score to receive points

TIES

In case of a tie, the points awarded will be determined by adding the points normally awarded for the placings tied for, then divided by the number of contestants involved in the tie. No less than a ½ point will be awarded to any one person.

Example (1):

2 contestant's tie for 1ST place:

Add first place points of 10 & second place point of 9= 19 divide by 2 = 9.5 points each.

3rd Place earns 8 points

EVENT PAYBACKS

While the WPYRA uses the majority of its funds for year-end awards, a small payback is distributed for events at each rodeo. Event payback will be determined on a yearly basis by the number of entries and number of rodeos held. The Board of Directors will determine the amount to be paid back.

1 ENTRY PER EVENT	1 ST 5.00	11 ENTRIES P ENTRIES	1 st 22.00 2 nd 17.00 3 rd 11.00 4 th 5.00
2 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 ST 10.00	12 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 24.00 2 nd 18.00 3 rd 12.00 4 th 6.00
3 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 ST 10.00 2 ND 5.00	13 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 19.00 3 rd 16.00 4 th 6.00 5 th 2.00
4 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 ST 15.00 2 ND 5.00	14 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 19.00 3 rd 16.00 4 th 6.00 5 th 2.00
5 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 ST 20.00 2 ND 5.00	15 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 20.00 3 rd 15.00 4 th 10.00 5 th 5.00
6 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 ST 20.00 2 ND 10.00	16 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 20.00 3 rd 15.00 4 th 10.00 5 th 8.00 6 th 2.00
7 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 20.00 2 nd 10.00 3 rd 5.00	17 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 20.00 3 rd 15.00 4 th 10.00 5 th 8.00 6 th 4.00 7 th 2.00
8 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 20.00 2 nd 15.00 3 rd 5.00	18 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 20.00 3 rd 15.00 4 th 10.00 5 th 8.00 6 th 6.00 7 th 4.00 8 th 2.00
9 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 20.00 2 nd 15.00 3 rd 10.00	19 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 20.00 3 rd 15.00 4 th 10.00 5 th 8.00 6 th 6.00 7 th 5.00 8 th 4.00 9 th 2.00
10 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 20.00 2 nd 15.00 3 rd 10.00 4 th 5.00	20 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 st 25.00 2 nd 20.00 3 rd 15.00 4 th 10.00 5 th 9.00 6 th 7.00 7 th 5.00 8 th 4.00 9 th 3.00 10 TH 2.00

EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

GOAT TYING

1. Time limit: 90 SECONDS FOR 8 & UNDER
30 SECONDS FOR AGES 9 THROUGH 19
2. Properties
 - a. Ten (10) foot ropes.
 - b. Stakes should be metal with eye; rope tied through eye and no protrusion above ground level.
 - c. A dummy goat will be used for the 8U class only.
3. Contestant leaves score line with running start, races to goat tethered 100 feet away on a 10' rope, dismounts, throws goat by hand, and crosses and ties three feet.
 - a. Contestant may go down on rope.
 - b. If goat is down it must be brought to its feet and then thrown.
 - c. Pigging string or goat string may be used to tie; no other type of material will be permitted.
 - d. Girls must use a goat string boys can use either.
 - e. Goats cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile.
 - f. Unusual roughness in handling goat will disqualify contestant.
 - g. Contestant will be disqualified if horse touches goat or tether rope before or during dismounting. No disqualification will be imposed for this infraction after the contestant has fully
 - i. dismounted with both feet on ground, dropped reins, and surrendered control of the horse.
 - h. Goats must be held (by official) facing starting line, at furthest point away from contestant and must be released as follows: 8 & Under – goat held until participant touches goat or rope; 9/13-year age group– goat held until participant's feet hit ground; and 14/19 age group – goat is released when flag drops.
4. When tie is fast, contestant signals time by throwing both hands in air.
5. Tie must hold for 6 seconds after contestant has cleared goat. Officials must remain a reasonable distance away from goat until time is up. Judge must use stopwatch.
6. Contestant cannot touch tie or goat after signaling a complete tie.
7. If tie comes loose or if goat gets to its feet before time has been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time.
8. Goat must not be released until judge passes on tie.
9. Contestants must step 3 feet from the goat before the judge will start the stopwatch. Judge may waive this rule under conditions of entanglement.

10. Goats' legs must remain crossed and secure for 6 seconds after completion of tie. While the judge is performing the 6-second procedure, the contestant will make no gestures, motions or noises to distract the goat. This will be considered trying to take an unfair advantage and will result in a disqualification.
11. At the election of officials, and where width of the arena permits, more than one goat may be tethered and more than one contestant ties at one time. In this event, goats must be tethered at least forty feet apart so that at least ten feet separates the two ropes when the 10' ropes are brought together.
12. Goats shall be uniform in size and weight should not exceed 70 pounds.
13. 8 & Under age group not participating in any other event requiring a horse can compete on foot. In this case their time will start by running on foot across the start line and continuing as stated above.
14. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head once in the arena will result in disqualification. A 5-second penalty will be imposed if the contestant's hat hits the ground. Stampede strings are recommended.
15. Boys in the 9 – 13 and 14-19 age group will be responsible for holding goats for the Goat Tying event- all age groups. **Failure to complete the assigned task could result in disqualification and loss of points**

CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE

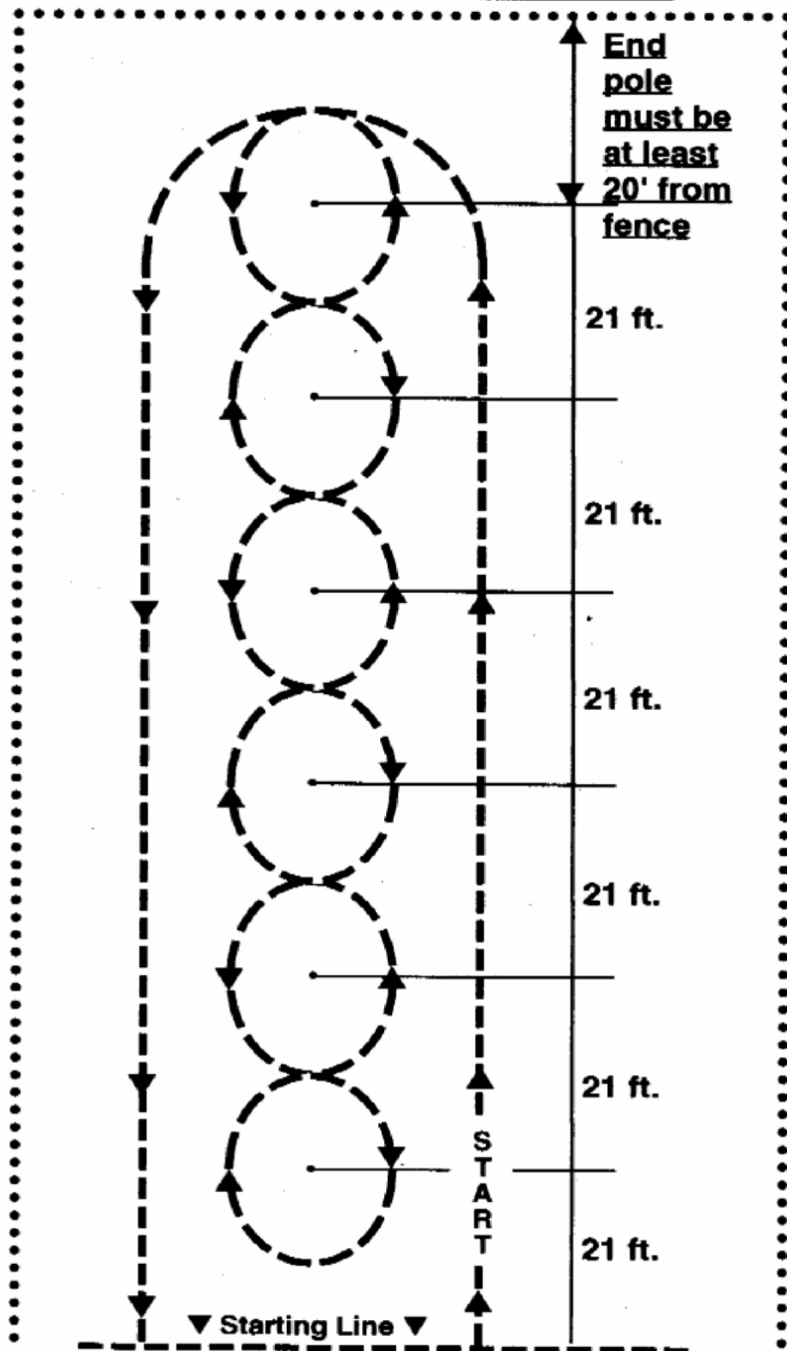
1. No time limit.
2. Properties, three 55-gallon steel barrels provided by WPYRA.
3. Contestant crosses score line with a running start, may go around either the left or right barrel first, but must make the first turn to the right, then 2 turns to the left or first turn to the left and then 2 turns to the right.
4. Raking after 12 runs is encouraged.
5. Contestant will be fined 5 seconds for each barrel knocked over. Touching barrels by hand is permitted.
6. Contestant will be disqualified for re-crossing the starting line (timer) before completing the pattern.
7. Should a barrel fall after contestant crosses the finish line, time will hold and run considered qualified.
8. The standard barrel race pattern shall be as follows:
 - a. 45' from barrels 1 & 2
 - b. 105' between barrel 1 & 3 and between 2 & 3
9. Where arena size does not permit distances required in the standard pattern, the distances may be reduced to accommodate existing ground area, provided contestants in each class run the same course.

10. Hat must be on contestant's head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head once in arena will result in disqualification. A 5-second penalty will be imposed if the contestant's hat hits the ground. Stampede strings are recommended.
11. Out gate must be kept closed until the horse has completely stopped.
12. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking pattern (off course, loss of forward motion (loss of forward motion is being defined as —when a horse stops, takes a step backwards and then moves forward)) etc. Judge's decision stands. At this point you must exit the arena

POLE BENDING

1. No time limit.
 - a) Iron or metal poles are prohibited.
 - b) Poles are to be 1 ½ " to 2" round and 6' high with rubber bases strongly encouraged.
 - c) It is advisable to have extra poles available in case of breakage.
2. Contestant crosses start line with running start, contestant may start pattern either to the left or right of the first pole then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
3. Six poles are to be used with each pole 21 feet apart. The first pole is to be 21 feet from the start line.
4. Contestant will be disqualified for re-crossing the starting line (timer) before completing pattern, running the gate, going off course or loss of forward motion (loss of forward motion is being defined as —when a horse stops, takes a step backwards and then moves forward)) etc. Judges decision stands.
5. Contestant will receive a 5-second penalty for each pole knocked over. Touching poles by hand is permitted
6. Hat must be on contestant's head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head once in arena will result in disqualification. A 5-second penalty will be imposed if the contestant's hat hits the ground. Stampede strings are recommended.
7. The Out Gate must be kept closed until the horse has Completely stopped.
8. Raking after 12 runs is encouraged

POLE BENDING PATTERN



CHUTE DOGGIN'

1. Time limit 45 seconds for 9-13 and 14-19 boy's divisions 8 and under boys 90 seconds
2. Each contestant must wear a mouthpiece. Spurs are not permitted to be worn
3. Steer will be loaded in bucking chute. Contestant shall start from within chute with steer, while being on foot.
4. Contestant shall call for steer (by Nodding head) , at which time gate will be opened and steer belongs to contestant.
5. Contestant shall begin run with hands on steer's neck and shall not touch horns until steers shoulder crosses the 6-foot score line. If touched, you get a 10 second penalty
6. Score line shall be 6 feet from plane of chute (not open gate) and is to be clearly marked.
7. Contestant must cross score line before attempting to throw steer.
8. If steer is thrown before crossing the score line, the run shall be deemed unqualified, and flagger will flag run as such and contestant shall receive a "no time".
9. If steer falls on its own, contestant shall leave steer back up and he may then go on to make a qualified run.
10. **Contestant may take a maximum of 1 step to reclaim the Steer and complete the event.**
11. If contestant loses steer, you are disqualified
12. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a complete stop, or change direction, then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns.
13. If steer is knocked down, tripped or thrown by putting horns into ground or any other obvious illegal fall, steer must be let up and thrown again.
14. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, with all four feet clear from under him, head and feet in the same direction: or on back with all four feet up and head in a straight line with body.
15. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. Placing fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steer is forbidden.
16. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.
17. Time will start when steer's shoulder crosses score line and line judge drops flag to start time.
18. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for him, unless timer misses time, or in the sole opinion of the line judge, the gateman fouls the contestant by not releasing the animal when called for by the contestant. The contestant will be awarded a rerun if he declares himself immediately.
19. The contestant has the option of wearing a safety vest.
20. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.

21. Weight limit for steers shall be 550 lbs.

22. 8U may request assistance to tail and flip the calf and 9-13 class may request assistance to tail the Steer.

BREAKAWAY CALF ROPING

1. **Time limit: 30 seconds for all age divisions, excluding penalties.**
2. Contestant comes out from behind barrier of right hand box facing arena: a ten (10) second penalty will be added for beating or breaking the barrier.
3. Contestant will receive 1 run.
4. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the JUDGE has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her horse situated. As always, the JUDGE and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes.
5. Breakaway roping may require regulation loop, with rope tied to saddle horn. To ensure uniformity, rodeo committee will provide twine and approved method of tying rope to saddle horn.
6. Ropers must have a WHITE FLAG tied to the rope where string is tied to saddle horn.
 - a) String must be available from rodeo committee.
 - b) All strings must be checked by judges or other designated official upon contestant entering roping box each time.
 - c) Rope must be tied onto saddle horn with at least a 6|| tail but no more than a 6|| tail.
7. Roping calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.
8. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
9. Contestant must rope calf:
 - a) Loop must be a clean catch, passing completely over calf's head, then catch-as-catch-can.
 - b) Catch must carry slack out of rope.
 - c) Contestant will receive a NO TIME for breaking string by hand.
10. Time will be flagged when rope breaks at saddle.
11. If calf escapes the arena, time will stop (by the flagger) and the calf will be brought back for lap and tap plus time already elapsed.
12. Roping boxes are considered part of the arena. Those committee members, who want to, may put up a panel.
13. Hat must be worn on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.

14. The electronic eye will be used as the barrier. In lieu of the electronic eye barrier a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. The flagger will assess a 10 second penalty if the horse leaves the roping box before the calf/cow breaks the plane of the barrel. No string barrier will be used.
15. Contestants are responsible for asking for a calf pusher. If contestant does not have a pusher, a calf pusher will be available upon request of the contestant.
16. The Gate will remain closed until the catch is complete or the time limit has expired
17. A 2-minute gate call will be enforced

TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING
revised 9-21

1. Time limit: 1 minutes for 9-18 age division; excluding penalties.
2. Contestant comes out from behind the barrier of the right hand box facing the arena. A ten (10) second penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.
3. Contestant will receive 1 run.
4. Horse must have neck rope for safety purpose. Roper must have catch rope runthrough restraining device around horse's neck of sufficient strength to control horse. The contestant must carry a serrated knife.
5. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
6. Contestants will receive assistance following the catch to ensure the safety of the competitor and the livestock
7. For safety purposes, the assistant/handler is recommended to carry a serrated knife.
8. Rope must be tied hard and fast.
9. Roping calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.
10. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand, and cross and tie any three feet.
11. Calf roping is catch-as-catch-can, with any catch considered legal.
12. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to its feet or elevated high enough to be day lighted, and thrown by hand, (14-19-year old's only). A calf is to be considered day lighted when he is lifted high enough with his feet and legs in a standing position so that he could gain his feet if desired before he can be flanked and tied.
13. If roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
14. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.

15. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps around all three legs and a half hitch or hoey.
16. Tie must hold and three legs must remain crossed until passed on by the judge.
17. The field judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stopwatch, timing six (6) seconds
 - a. From the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted and the rope becomes slack. The rope will not be removed from calf and the rope must remain slack until the field judge has passed on tie. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after completion of tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears calf. Flagger must watch calf during the six (6) second period and will stop the watch when a calf kicks free, using the time shown on the stopwatch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify.
18. Roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until after the judge has completed his examination.
19. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time until the tie has been passed on by the judge.
20. Untie man must not touch calf until judge passes on the tie.
21. If calf leaves the arena, time will stop (by the flagger) and the calf will be brought back for lap and tap plus time elapsed.
22. Contestants are responsible for supplying a contestant pusher. Pusher will be available. Pushers must be a contestant or committee member. Pusher shall not push past chute gate.
23. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the JUDGE has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her horse situated. As always, the JUDGE and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes.

TEAM ROPING HEADING/ TEAM ROPING HEELING

Time limit: 9-18-year-old boy and girl division – 45 seconds; excluding penalties.

1. Enter yourself only – you may choose any WPYRA member as your partner, or you may ask/invite an outside roper to come in and rope for you. If you bring in an outside roper, he/she must be willing to rope for any/all members needing a partner at that same rodeo. Points are awarded individually, not as a team.
2. Header starts behind the barrier in left hand box facing the arena. Heeler must start from behind barrier line. Ten (10) second fine for breaking the barrier.
3. Steer belongs to the roper after he crosses score-line regardless of what happens, with one exception: if the steer gets out of the arena, flag will be dropped and roper gets the steer back lap and tap with the time added to the time taken when the steer left the arena.
4. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for it regardless of what happens except in the case of mechanical failure.
5. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
6. Time will be taken when the header changes the direction of the steer. The flag drops to stop the run and the run and the time is recorded. The heeler does not have to catch in order for the header to receive a time.
7. The timer starts for the header at the opening of the chute (flag) and stops at the change of direction (flag).
8. Heeler: The heeler is responsible for choosing a header for this event. The header is tied on; at the nod for the steer, the header must ride to the mark, dally and turn the steer left, if the header misses his dally, one re-run will be granted to the heeler.
9. The heeler must catch to receive a time.
10. The timer starts for the heeler at the opening of the chute (flag) and stops at the catch (flag). **Stops when the calf has been dallied and controlled**
11. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
12. If header accidentally jerks steer off his feet, or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over 8 feet before steer regains his feet or the team will be disqualified.
13. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
14. No foul catch can be removed by hand.
15. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands. Or if:
16. If Honda passes over one horn, the loop over the other is illegal.
17. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
18. Catching only one hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.

19. If loop crosses itself in head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
20. If in the opinion of the field flagger a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed the direction of a steer, the team will be disqualified.
21. The judge should approve both dallies and head and heel loops.
22. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
23. The electronic eye will be used as the barrier. In lieu of the electronic eye barrier a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. The flagger will assess a 10 second penalty if the horse leaves the roping box before the calf/cow breaks the plane of the barrel. No string barrier will be used.
24. Contestants are responsible for supplying a contestant pusher. If contestant does not have a pusher, none will be provided. Pushers must be a contestant or committee member. Pusher shall not push past chute gate.
25. The Gate will remain closed until the catch is completed or the time limit is reached.
26. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the JUDGE has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her horse situated. As always, the JUDGE and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes

STEER WRESTLING

Contestant must attend a WPYRA approved Steer Wrestling Clinic and be qualified from that Clinic prior to participation in this event. Must have prior experience and board approval is required

1. There is a thirty (30) second time limit.
2. Dogging box shall be part of the arena during dogging events.
3. Lap and Tap – No barrier to be used, if barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.
4. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten-second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
5. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field, therefore entitling contestant to a rerun without penalties.
6. If automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.

7. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts animal. If contestant pulls up, he will receive the same animal back.
8. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
 - a. If steer escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be
 - b. stopped. Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap-and-tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10-second penalty for any jump or any loop used.
 - c. In cases of mechanical failure.
 - d. If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by barrier, contestant shall get his steer back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up.
9. Time to be taken between two flags.
10. This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo.
11. Anyone jumping from the off side in steer wrestling must notify the rodeo secretary when entering, and if possible, the barrier should be arranged on the off side for such contestants.
12. Hazer must be a WPYRA member or adult. They are subject to contestant rules if acting as a hazer, a violation of rule by hazer will disqualify the contestant they are helping. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will receive no time. If hazer bats steer, or contestant's horse, contestant will receive no time.
13. A 10 second penalty will be assessed in any case in which barrier judge rules that dogger's feet touch the ground before flag line is crossed.
14. If any part of the pusher breaks the plain of the chute gate before the steer releases the barrier, the contestant receives no time.
15. Contestant is considered working with steer when steer leaves the box.
16. Steer must be caught from horse.
17. If contestant jumps at steer, he accepts him as sound.
18. If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch **steer or remount and continue pursuit.**
19. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change its direction and twist it down.
20. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then thrown.
21. 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.
22. Contestant and hazer must use the same horse they leave chute with.

23. Hazer will be allowed to catch dogger's horse.
24. Dogger is entitled to as many jumps as he wants in the thirty (30) second time limit. A jump is considered to have taken place if the steer wrestler has dismounted his horse.
25. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up.
26. A steer falling in the opposite direction the steer wrestler is attempting to throw him (dog fall) the contestant may choose to turn the steer's head to correspond with the leg position to make this a legal fall.
27. Each contestant is required to wear a mouthpiece.
28. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
29. **Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the JUDGE has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her horse situated. As always, the JUDGE and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes**

CALF/STEER/BULL RIDING revised 8-31-2022

Time limit:

- Ages 8 & Under – 4 seconds
- Ages 9 through 13 – 8 seconds
- Ages 14 through 19 - 8 seconds

1. The Stock Contractor furnishes and selects bulls, steers and calves to be used each day.
2. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold: contestant shall furnish own equipment, including steer rope and bell. Safety vest and helmet must be used
 - a) No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer when rider leaves animal are permitted.
 - b) Rope must have bell: no bell, no marking.
 - c) Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered illegal equipment.
 - d) Only approved adhesive material may be used on rope and glove. Benzoin may be used.
 - e) Wraps and bubbles are optional at contestant's discretion. Judges will have the authority to disallow dangerous wrap.
 - f) Rowels must have a ¼ of a turn movement.
 - g) Judges have the right to approve or disapprove ropes and equipment.
 - h) All contestants competing in steer/bull riding must wear mouthpieces.
3. Once calf, steer or bull has been called for and the gate opened, if the steer/bull does not come out, the contestant will be given the option of prodding. If the contestant declines,

the gate will be shut, and a re-ride will be given.

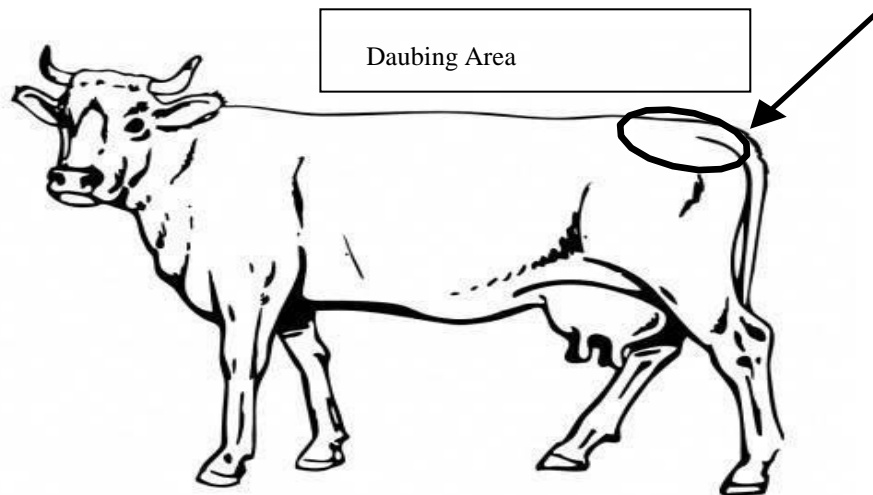
4. Time begins when calf, steer, bull's inside front shoulder passes the plane to the chute.
5. If calf, steer/bull falls or if rider is fouled at gate or chute, a re-ride may be granted at the judge's discretion.
6. Rider will be disqualified at the judges discretion for the following:
 - a) Not being ready when called;
 - b) Being bucked off;
 - c) Touching any part of the animal, equipment, or person with free hand;
 - d) Using sharpened rowels or rowels with no movement;
 - e) Using rope with no bell;
 - f) Touching hat;
 - g) Losing hold of rope
7. **WEIGHT LIMITS:**
 - a) 8 & Under calves with 200 to 400 lb. weight limit
 - b) 9-13 ride steers with a 400 lb. to 800 lb. weight limit
 - c) 14-19 ride steers or bulls (no weight limit)
8. Calf, Steer & Bull riders may be required to pay an additional stock fee added to the entry fee at all rodeos to help defray the cost of steer/bull riding.
9. The board of the WPYRA highly recommends any member entering the Steer/Bull Riding to participate in a steer (bull) riding clinic before entering at a rodeo.
10. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
 - a. Riders will be drawn prior to the start of the Finals rodeo. Calves, Steers, Bulls will be random loaded. Loading of Calf, Steer or Bull will determine the order of the event.
11. **ASSISTED CALF RIDING DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS ALL AROUND POINTS. YOU WILL RECEIVE YEAR END EVENT POINTS AS LONG AS 55% COMPETE REQUIREMENT IS MEET.**

STEER DAUBING

1. Roping box shall be part of the arena during the steer daubing event.
2. Length of score line will be determined by the arena director based on the arena conditions.
3. Once the score line has been set, it shall not be changed for the duration of the rodeo.
4. A hazer is required for this event. It is the contestant's responsibility to secure a competent hazer prior to the start of the event.
5. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the JUDGE has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her

horse situated. As always, the JUDGE and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes.

6. Time starts when chute gate opens.
7. Steer must cross over score line before being tapped. If steer is tapped before crossing score line, contestant is disqualified.
8. Length of daubing pole to be between 42" and 44" for 8 & UNDER and 9-13 age groups.
9. Steer belongs to contestant when called for, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
10. If the steer gets out of the arena, time will be stopped and contestant gets lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the steer left the arena, plus any score line penalties.
11. In cases of mechanical failure.
12. At no time should the contestant go past the steer. This action will result in immediate disqualification.
13. This event has an open gate at opposite end of arena. The contestant must complete his/her run between the barrier and the open gate. If the steer turns at the end of the arena and does not exit through the open gate, the contestant's run is over. Contestant will receive a No Time. Contestant cannot continue to chase steer around arena.
14. **The Contestant may not chase the calf into the alleyway, once the calf crosses into the alleyway the run is over**
15. Dauber will work out of the heading box. Hazer will work out of heeling box.
 - a. The steer must be daubed behind the hipbone, within the designated circle. Only one strike is allowed regardless of whether or not the steer was —hit—. DO NOT DOUBLE DAUB!! Any mark outside the circle is considered a —no-time. Judge is to be mounted for all daubing events. See diagram of daubing area.
16. Field flag judge will not flag contestant out until time has been recorded. Judge is to flag time and then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
17. Contestant will be disqualified for using the —daubing pole as a whip, crop or in any other such manner on the horse.
18. Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer or contestant's horse.
19. Contestant will receive no time if daubing pole is dropped.
20. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.
21. There shall be two (2) timers and a field flag judge.
22. The electronic eye will be used as the barrier. In lieu of the
 - a. electronic eye barrier a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. The flagger will assess a 10 second penalty if the daub is made before the steer's nose breaks the plane of the barrel. No string barrier will be used.



DUMMY ROPING

1. This is an event for boys and girls in the 8 & UNDER age division.
2. A –dummy calf or steer head is provided by the Association.
3. A line will be drawn in which all participants are required to remain behind at all times.
4. **The line will be set at 2 feet behind the dummy for the first round and be moved 1 foot back for each subsequent round until a winner is decided**
5. A Board member must be present during the event and will record results of each throw.
6. Assistance will be provided for those requiring help with the rebuilding of their loop.
7. Fishing will be allowed for a maximum of 5 seconds. Thereafter, the throw is not considered a legal catch.
8. Five (5) throws are given to each contestant. The contestant with the most legal catches will be declared the winner. Points will be issued according to the WPYRA standard point system.
9. A legal catch is considered any catch which is over the head and does not encompass the entire bale.
10. Should a tie occur and a —rope-off is necessary, three (3) throws will be given to the applicable contestants. The original line must be moved back 2 feet. Fishing will not be permitted during a rope-off.
11. Hat must be worn on head at start of turn. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.

Saddle Bronc Riding

I. General Rules:

1. Contestant must wear single stitch, leather sole boots.
2. Contestant is not to use sharp spurs.
3. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether animal is properly flanked to buck the best of its ability.
4. Fall - If chest or brisket, belly, side or rump contacts the ground animal will be considered fallen. Knee is not considered fallen.
5. No contestant will ride two head in the same event during a performance except for rerides.
6. Contestants may pull riggings, and cinch saddle from either side.

II. Time Limit:

1. Animal must be ridden for **Eight (8)** seconds.
2. Time to start when animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.

III. Event Rules:

2. Either stock contractor or contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not animal is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best.
3. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side.
4. Animal is to be saddled in chute.
5. Rider may cinch own saddle.
6. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on animal's shoulder.
7. Flank cinch belongs to rider and is to be buckled around livestock's hind quarters below tail.
8. Contestant has option of connecting rein to horns or neck.
9. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching animal when animal's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.
10. One arm must be free at all times and must not touch animal or rein with the free hand.

IV. Scoring and Penalties:

1. Ride and animal to be marked separately.
2. Mark the ride according to how much the contestant spurs the animal.
3. Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from 1 to 25 on both bucking animal and contestant and use the full spread.
4. If a animal stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell contestant to take his feet out of the animal's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived.
5. Contestant shall receive no score for not following judges' instructions to take feet from neck of animal stalled in chute.

6. A rider will be given a no score for any of the following reasons:

- a. Being bucked off.**
- b. Changing hands on reins.**
- c. Wrapping rein around hand.**
- d. Losing stirrup.**
- e. Touching self, animal, saddle, rein, etc., with free hand.**
- f. Riding with locked rowel or rowels that will lock on spurs.**

7. Anyone using any foreign substance other than dry resin on chaps and saddle shall be disqualified. The judges will examine clothing, saddle, rein and spurs and exception be made if local rules make it necessary for the covering of spur rowels.

8. Judges may disqualify bronc rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on, if used, when previous animal leaves arena.

V. Rerides:

- 1. The matter of rerides shall be decided by the judge.**
- 2. Contestants shall not influence the judges by asking for a reride at any time.**
- 3. If reride is given, judge shall inform the contestant immediately of his marking and an option of a reride.**
- 4. Contestant may refuse reride and take his marking.**
- 5. Contestant must make his decision immediately.**
- 6. No reride will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant in any event.**
- 7. If an animal that is drawn for a reride is already drawn for another contestant in the same-go-round, the contestant with the animal drawn will take it before the man who draws the animal for a reride.**
- 8. If an animal that is drawn for a reride is already drawn for another contestant in a later go-round, the contestant with the reride in the prior go-round will take the animal first.**
- 9. When a final head is to be ridden in riding events, at least two additional head of stock will be available for rerides.**
- 10. Rerides may be given when stock fails to break, stops, or fouls the rider.**
- 11. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to get out on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a reride given.**
- 12. Contestants who are fouled at chute and declare will be entitled to a reride at judges' discretion, or the spurring out rule may be waived.**
- 13. If animal falls down out of chute, contestant will be entitled to a reride at the discretion of the judges.**
- 14. If animal loses flank, fails to break, stops, or fouls rider, rider may take same animal bck, providing stock contractor is willing, or he may have reride drawn.**
- 15. If rider takes same animal back, he must take that marking given on reride.**

16. If an animal that runs off is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant must take the animal already drawn.
17. If that is the second consecutive time the animal has run off, he must be taken out of the draw and an animal drawn for the contestant out of the rerides.
18. If the pickup man or horse comes in contact with bucking animal before qualified time has elapsed, reride will be given on the same animal drawn
20. The last day, contestant may have same animal back if stock contractor is willing or reride drawn if requested. If stock contractor is not willing, reride will be drawn.
21. If in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc animal deliberately throws himself, the rider shall have the choice of that animal again or he may have an animal drawn for him from the reride animals.
22. A contestant will have the option of a reride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant has completed a qualified ride up to the point of the flank coming off.

VI. Equipment

1. Riding to be done with a one bronc rein and committee saddle and contestant must supply own saddle.
2. Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle.
3. Contestant saddle specifications: a. Rigging: (1) $3/4$ double-front edge of "D" ring must pull not further back than directly below center point of swell. (2) Standard E-Z or ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed $5 \frac{3}{4}$ inch outside width measurement. b. Swell Undercut: (1) No more than two inches--one inch on each side. c. Gullett: (1) Not less than four inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle. d. Tree: (1) Saddles must be built on standard tree. (2) Specifications: (a) Fork -- 14" wide. (b) Height -- 9" maximum. (c) Gullett -- $5 \frac{3}{4}$ " wide. e. Cantle: (1) 5" maximum height. (2) 14" maximum width. f. Stirrup leather must be hung over bars. g. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering. h. No freaks allowed. i. Front cinch on bronc saddle shall be mohair or neoprene and shall be at least eight (8) inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch "D" or rings. Latigos may be of leather or nylon.
4. All contestants must wear helmets approved for rodeo events.
5. All contestants must wear an Athletic Protective Mouth Piece while contesting. Mouth piece may not be trimmed any smaller than the size required to cover all teeth.
6. All contestants must wear a vest designed to protect the chest and back while contesting in the Steer Saddle Bronc Riding Event. The vest shall be one manufactured for rodeo/equestrian events and sold by retailers.
7. No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on animals. Spur rowels must have five or more points

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

VELCRO

The use of Velcro **on saddles or with non-protective equipment** is prohibited. Its use in any manner will result in disqualification.

Box rules

When a barrier is utilized the contestant must bring the horse into the box and situate him appropriately (the horse must be facing toward the arena before rider nods to release the calf) break a barrier no more than three times.

MANDATORY FUNDRAISING

WPYRA will hold TWO (2) MANDATORY fundraisers each rodeo season.

MANDATORY fundraisers will have a buy-out option set forth by WPYRA Board of Directors that co-insides with current year fundraising.

Failure to participate in fundraisers will result in youth members not being permitted to compete at the next rodeo until obligations have been met. Year-end awards may also be withheld.

MANDATORY PARENT PARTICIPATION

Mandatory parent participation may be enforced by the WPYRA Board at any given time through out a season. The Board relies heavily on parent participation in all aspects of the rodeo from setting up/tearing down of the arena, announcer's booth, contestant check-in, ring crew duties such as being a barrel setter, etc.

Full western attire is required.

If parents opt not to participate in a mandatory participation, contestant may lose points for the day.

OBTAINING SPONSORS
SPONSOR REQUIREMENT-MANDATORY

SPONSORSHIP IS DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE NEW RODEO SEASON OR A MEMBERS START DATE

- Each member is required to bring a minimum of \$200.00 in sponsorships to the association. These sponsorships can be from local businesses, family and friends, etc. Several options are available for sponsorships, such as sponsoring an All-Around Trophy Saddle or other awards, donating to the Scholarship or General Fund, or advertising their own business at each rodeo by purchasing a banner.
- Letters and reply cards are provided to members for assistance in obtaining these sponsors. Starting in September 2022 season each competing child will be required to get a 200.00 sponsor.

NON MANDATORY FUNDRAISERS

Periodically WPYRA will promote fundraisers. Participation is not required but highly encouraged.

CLINICS

Various clinics will be scheduled throughout each season. It will be the decision of the Board of Directors as to what clinics will be held and when. These clinics will be provided in order to instruct members on safety and the proper techniques of the event, as well as care of livestock.

Clinics will be available on a –first-come, first-served basis.

Instructors may be former youth members or professionals of the event and will be paid any required fees and/or expenses by the Association. A minimal fee may be required of youth members to participate in clinics.

CONTESTANT CHORES

1. Rodeo Contestants to be designated job duties throughout the duration of the Rodeo.

Responsibilities will include things such as:
2. Garbage clean up in the Bull Riding arena
3. Garbage under the bleachers
4. Hanging up and taking down banners.
5. Water/Food to the ring crew/announcer booth.
6. An alternating list will be posted each Rodeo of who is responsible for what. Each Contestant will be held accountable for their jobs.
7. In the event that job duties are not completed, the Board will consider some type of consequence for not completing their assigned duties such as point's deduction.
8. Committee/ student officers are responsible for posting job duties at each rodeo.
9. Boys in the 14-19 age group will be responsible for holding goats for the Goat Tying event- all age

WPYRA PIVOT/DRILL TEAM

1. Pivot/Drill Team will consist of eight (8) but no more than ten (10) girls in the 14-19 age group.
2. Girls will need to —Try for the team, being able to demonstrate a solid riding ability, maintain control of horse and carry a flag.
3. Girls trying out will be judged on the following:
 - i. Individual pattern
 - ii. Group pattern
 - iii. Personal Interview
4. Judges would be an outside source, someone non-affiliated with WPYRA.
5. Girls earning a seat on the WPYRA pivot team will be required to perform at any NON-WPYRA performance scheduled.
6. The coach reserves the right to mandate mandatory practice dates
7. Girls missing more than 2 practices will be dismissed from the team.

QUEEN / PRINCESS CONTEST revised 8-31-2022

1. The Queen and Princess Contests are organized each year by the current reigning Queen and Princess with the help of their parents. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Announcing the contest dates and times.
 - b. Holding a meeting with potential candidates (and their parents) to advise them on requirements of the position.
 - c. Obtaining qualified judges who meet the approval of the Board of Directors, as well as keeping the judges informed of where and when they are required to perform such duties.
 - d. Organizing informational packets for judges to accomplish their tasks.
 - e. Providing contestants with all necessary information regarding competition events, Horsemanship patterns, required —western-attirell for modeling and horsemanship competitions, as well as any other requirements.
 - f. Proper cleaning and/or replacement of —Queen and —Princess sashes and crowns that are to be handed over to the new queen and princess.

2. The Board of Directors' will oversee all functions being handled by the Queen& Princess (and their parents) during the organizing and putting on of the Queen and Princess Contests. All plans made by the Queen/Princess for the competition must be submitted to the board for approval prior to distributing to any contestant and/or judge.

3. The Queen and Princess are required to be present at all WPYRA functions. When participating in an event you must be in western attire including sash and crown

4. The Queen is considered a Youth Officer and is required to attend Board meetings.

5. The Board of Directors has the right to remove the current Queen or Princess of her duties, should it be determined that she is not fulfilling her obligation to the Association. In the event that a Queen or Princess is removed of her duties, resigns from her position, or quits the Association, her sash, crown and belt buckle must be turned in to the Board of Directors and the 1ST Runner-up will assume the duties for the remainder of the season.

6. If at any time the Queen or Princess finds that her sash or crown has broken or been damaged, she must immediately report it to the Secretary of the Association so that repairs or replacement can be made.

7. Each year at the Finals Rodeo, the current reigning Queen and Princess will turn their sash and crown into the Secretary of the Association for inspection prior to the sash and crown being turned over to the new Queen and Princess. Should the sash or crown be damaged or broken and not previously reported, the Queen or Princess will be held liable and required to pay for repairs or a replacement.

8. Queen/Princess will be responsible for the following activities:

All fundraising events including but not limited to jackpots, clinics, 50/50 tickets

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. The WPYRA Scholarship Program has been established to assist and reward those WPYRA
2. members who wish to continue their education beyond high school, through a college, university, trade or business school. The WPYRA Scholarship Program is only available to those members who meet the criteria as outlined below.
3. Applicant must qualify as an Active Member. To qualify as an Active Member, contestant must meet the following criteria:
 4. Participate in a minimum of 75% of rodeos.
 5. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
 6. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout each season.
 7. All scholarship applicants must be an active member of the WPYRA during his/her senior year of high school, as well as the year he/she applies for a scholarship (if beyond senior year).
 8. Member must apply for Scholarship during eligible years which include his/her senior year of high school and up to his/her final eligible year with WPYRA.
 9. Member can only apply for Scholarship one time.
10. Applications will be available after first spring rodeo of each year. Applications will be available by request only. Applications will not automatically be distributed to those members eligible.
11. All applicants will be required to complete the Application in its entirety, to include an Essay of 250–500 words explaining, —How WPYRA has influenced my lifell; obtain official grade transcripts; and, three (3) Letters of Recommendation. Letters of Recommendation should come from teachers, coaches, mentors, pastor, etc.They cannot be from family members.
12. All Applications must be complete and turned in to the Scholarship Committee on or Finals of same year received.
13. The Scholarship Committee will be comprised of a minimum of 1 Board Member and up to 4 other individuals having a child(ren) actively participating within
14. WPYRA. A minimum of 1 committee member must change annually.
15. No more than 1 Committee Member can have an eligible child applying for a scholarship within WPYRA. The Committee will be responsible for operating the day to day procedures of the Scholarship Program and reporting to and receiving approval from the Board of Directors, prior to announcing any awards.
16. Once an application has been submitted with all criteria met, the Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors, to award the scholarship based on a point system to include the following criteria:

17. Number of years as an active member – All years will be counted that an applicant qualified as an active member. However, if not an active member for 2 or more consecutive years, no years prior to those consecutive inactive years will be counted. Examples: Jane is an active member during 7th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades. She is an inactive member during 9th and 11th grades. All years will be counted. John is an active member during 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th grades. He is an inactive member during 9th and 10th grades. Only his junior and senior years will be counted.
18. member during 9th and 10th grades. Only his junior and senior years will be counted.
19. Type of higher education planning to attend – Points will be awarded based on the type of further schooling chosen, with a 4-year degree receiving the most points.
20. Number of events actively competed in – Those events participated in a minimum of 3 times will be awarded points.
21. Asset to the Organization – Awarded points based on not only the applicant, but his/her families' involvement as well.
22. Based on available funds and the number of applicants, a dollar amount will be placed on each point. Regardless of the number of points earned, a scholarship of \$1,000.00 will be the maximum amount awarded.
23. Upon approval from the Board of Directors, the date of approval will be recorded on the Application.
24. The Applicant/Awardee will be notified via U.S. Mail of his/her approval. WPYRA will hold approved funds up to a maximum of two (2) years from the date of approval for distribution. After two (2) years, awardee forfeits funds.
25. One (1) Dollar from each entry fee will be allocated to the scholarship fund each year
26. The payment process is as follows:
 - a) Trade or Business School – If program is less than 1 year, scholarship awardee must complete program in its entirety and provide official Certificate of Completion prior to receiving scholarship payment. If program is longer than 1 year, scholarship awardees must complete a minimum of 1 year and provide notification of full-time attendance by means of official transcript, or letter of good standing to include date of anticipated program completion. Any letter provided in place of official transcript must be on school letterhead and include original signature of Program Coordinator.
 - b) College or University - Scholarship awardees attending a 2 or 4-year college or university, will be required to be a full-time student maintaining a minimum of a C average. He /She must complete 1 full year of schooling prior to receiving scholarship payment and must provide official transcript with payment request.
27. Payments will be distributed after the first semester and when transcripts have been seen by Scholarship committee persons

28. A minimum of one Chartered Board member must remain an active signor on all Scholarship Fund bank/ investment accounts. All disbursing transactions of any Scholarship Fund bank/investment account must include two signatures, one of which must be a Chartered Board Member. In the event of dissolution of the WPYRA, the Scholarship Fund will remain active for a minimum of 6 years to allow any active youth member (age 12 and older) of WPYRA' s final year of operation to be eligible to apply for a scholarship during his/her senior year of high school.

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