



2025-2026 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, its 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.
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. 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 thirty (30) days in arrears in payment of annual dues shall forfeit their membership and must be dropped from the rolls by the Secretary.
5. Any member not meeting financial responsibilities within 30 days (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.
6. All Directors and Volunteers over the age of 18 are required to obtain:
 - PA Child Abuse History Clearance
 - PA State Police History Clearance
 - Complete a Child Abuse Recognition Course

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WILL BE PERMITTED ON RODEO GROUNDS AND 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 or one (1) vote for and adult member. Voting will be by a ballot method. Nominations will be accepted in May, a ballot vote by the general membership will be conducted in June and newly elected Board members will be announced at Finals. Newly elected Board members will vote for the following officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer each year. 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.
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.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACTS

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

Deposits

Funds collected by the Association including Entry Fees, Donations, and other receipts will be deposited into the Association's account and reported to the Board as part of the Treasurers report.

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that controls are followed to maintain appropriate financial controls including the independent validation and documentation of cash and checks to be deposited by 2 members of the Board. Any Discrepancy will be reported to the Board.

Payments

All payments on behalf of the association are required to be approved by the Board. Receipts or other suitable documentation will be submitted for all payments. All payments will be Documented to the board as part of the Treasurers report.

Reimbursements

During the operation of the Association, members may use personal funds to cover expenses on behalf of the Association. Reimbursement will be made in full to the members. From time to time the Board may vote to provide a prepayment where the expense is deemed necessary and a burden on the member.

Documentation for the expense must be submitted to the board. All reimbursements must be approved by the Board and be documented under the payments process.

Conflict of Interest

At any time, when voting on any board member receiving financial gain, said board member must declare if he/she has a conflict of interest, not be present during the discussion or voting of the topic, and must abstain from voting on the topic.

Audit Policy

In order to ensure appropriate financial oversight of the Association, the Board will periodically engage in a financial audit by a qualified, external party. The results will be reviewed by the Board at a Board meeting.

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.

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, Treasurer and Point Secretary.
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 the minutes and the Treasurer's report must be sent to all Board Members within 30 days. The Secretary shall preserve all documents of the Association.
 - a) Meeting minutes and Treasurer reports are available to Members upon request.
5. The Points Secretary shall maintain and report points awarded to Members including but not limited to Event, All Around and Finals.
6. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all dues and funds of the Association and shall deposit such funds in the bank designated by Board.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The Board shall hold at least (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 Youth Officers voted in by general youth membership. An 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) Required to attend and participate in Board Meetings.
 - At least one Youth Officer shall be present at scheduled 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) Always represent the Association in a positive manner.

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 should meet periodically throughout the season. And follow up with a board member.

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

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. Season operates from September 1 to August 31.
2. Each contestant must compete in at least one (1) event offered in appropriate age division.
3. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
4. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.
5. 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.
6. You may be excused from a rodeo for work, High School Rodeo and 4 h events. A written notice must be provided to the secretary.
7. Each day of the weekend is considered an individual rodeo.

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-All Around Awards for year-end banquet.

Fund Raisers- Members Jackets

Event Entry Fees: \$ 20.00 is broken down as follows;

\$ 10.00 Stock/Judges

\$ 5.00 Payback

\$ 3.00 Event Awards

\$ 1.00 Scholarship

\$ 1.00 Association

ALL AROUND CONTESTANTS

To qualify as an ALL-AROUND Contestant, Members must meet the following criteria:

1. Satisfy requirements of an ACTIVE MEMBER.
2. Contestants must compete in at least Three (3) events offered in your age division.

FINALS RODEO

1. A finals rodeo will be held each year. Finals rodeo will count toward year end points.
2. Qualifiers for Finals Rodeo will be limited to the top 10 contestants in each event.
 - a) Contestants must have earned points during the season in order to qualify.
3. Satisfy requirements of an ACTIVE MEMBER.
4. Champion and Reserve buckles are awarded in each age group for overall points on Finals Rodeo
5. Running order at Finals Rodeo will be determined by the position the participant is standing in immediately 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
 - a) EXCEPTION TO RULE: All Rough stock riders will be drawn prior to the start of the Finals Rodeo. Calves, Steers, Bulls will be randomly loaded. Loading of Calf, Steer or Bull will determine the order of the event.

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 Association's financial standings at year end.

HOW YEAR END AWARDS ARE CALCULATED

1. **EVENT AWARDS**– Year end EVENT awards will be based on the number of entries in each event for the year.
 - (a) A maximum of 10 awards will be given for any award category.
 - (b) For categories with 10 or less qualified recipients, awards will be given to a minimum of 50%.
2. The awards will be based on year-end total points.
3. Monies for the awards is from membership, entry fees, and fundraising.

STUDENT MEETINGS

1. Student Meetings are mandatory, 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, unless announced otherwise.
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.
 - a) If the reason is deemed acceptable, no recourse. If deemed unacceptable, a verbal warning will be issued.
 - b) Repeat offenses will be reviewed by the Board

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

PARENT PARTICIPATION

The Association relies heavily on parent participation in all aspects of the rodeo before, during and after. Full western attire is required in the back pens but encouraged for anyone in the arena.

SPONSERSHIP

1. Each member is required to bring a minimum of \$200.00 in sponsorships to the association.
 - a) 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.
 - b) Letters and reply cards are provided to members for assistance in obtaining these sponsors.
2. SPONSORSHIP IS DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE NEW RODEO SEASON OR A MEMBERS START DATE

NON-MANDATORY FUNDRAISERS

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

CONTESTANT CHORES

1. Rodeo Contestants to be designated job duties throughout the duration of the Rodeo.
2. Committee/ student officers are responsible for posting job duties at each rodeo. Student chores will be assigned at student meeting.

QUEEN / PRINCESS CONTEST

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- attire 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
 - a. See Youth Officers section for Board meetings requirements.
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
9. You will be eligible (as outlined in the Scholarship section) for a \$500.00 scholarship for holding the position of queen or princess for the season.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. The WPYRA Scholarship Program has been established to assist and reward those WPYRA 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.
2. Applicant must qualify as an Active Member. To qualify as an Active Member, contestant must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Participate in a minimum of 75% of rodeos.
 - b. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
 - c. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout each season.
 - d. 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).
3. 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.
4. Member can only apply for Scholarship one time.
5. 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.
6. 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 life; 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.
7. All Applications must be completed and turned in to the Scholarship Committee on or Finals of same year received.
8. 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 WPYRA. A minimum of 1 committee member must change annually.
9. 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.
10. 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:
 - a. 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.

- b. 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.
 - c. Number of events actively competed in – Those events participated in a minimum of 3 times will be awarded points.
 - d. Asset to the Organization – Awarded points based on not only the applicant, but his/her families' involvement as well.
11. 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.
12. Upon approval from the Board of Directors, the date of approval will be recorded on the Application. 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.
13. One (1) Dollar from each entry fee will be allocated to the scholarship fund each year.
14. 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.
15. Payments will be distributed after the first semester and when transcripts have been seen by Scholarship committee person(s).
16. 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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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 or Event shall occur for the following actions by a contestant, parent/guardian or another family member:
 - a) Intentional abuse of stock
 - b) Abuse of officials, contestants or other member families, including, but not limited to threats of any kind, including social media and bullying.
 - c) Tampering with rodeo stock or equipment at a rodeo
 - d) Cheating
 - e) Deliberate or continued failure to report for any event
 - f) Profanity or obscenity
 - g) Quarreling or rowdiness
 - h) Use of unapproved equipment
 - i) Acquisition of another's property
 - j) Use of, or traffic in, intoxicating beverages or drugs
 - k) Use of horse deemed unsuitable or unsafe for the events entered
 - l) Use of tobacco and or vaping, in arena, chute area, or rodeo grounds by a youth member
 - m) Illegal or unexcused absence from student meeting.
3. Repeated violations of # 2 above may result in disqualification from the entire rodeo or your membership terminated in WPYRA.
4. A contestant must be disqualified from a particular event for the following:
 - a) Improper attire
 - b) Failure to comply with judge's instructions.
 - c) 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 the arena within the two (2) minutes, the contestant will be disqualified from the event and the next constant will be called for.
 - d) Refusing stock draw.
 - e) Running out of order.
5. 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.

6. Suspended contestants who have entered any WPYRA rodeo will automatically surrender any fees advanced to that rodeo after the date of suspension.
7. 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 (snaps or zippered) shirt with turned-down collar and cuffs. Sleeves must be rolled down and shirttail 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 the 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 in the arena by all contestants during any WPYRA approved rodeo. All arena directors and helpers must wear proper attire while working in the back pens.
 - c) Contestants must have their back numbers displayed on their person for the entire rodeo.
 - d) The duration of the rodeo is from the beginning of the Student Meeting or Grand Entry (whichever happens first) until last event is complete.
 - e) Rough stock riders must wear protective vests and helmets.
3. Contestants will be issued one back number per year. Contestant is responsible for replacement cost. Back Number must be worn centered on Contestants back while competing.
4. 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.
5. 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 secretary accompanied by written approval by the contestant's physician.
6. The Board of Directors has the right to demand the removal of any horse that is unsafe, including studs, mares and geldings.
7. Only designated officials and designated contestant helper (in full rodeo attire) are permitted to assist a contestant in any event.

ENTRIES

1. Entry fees are \$20.00 per event (with the exception of Dummy Roping at \$ 10.00 & Steer/Bull Riding at \$30.00*). *Steer/Bull 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 **3** 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 Secretary 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.

DAY PASS

A contestant may enter a single rodeo without membership by purchasing a Day Pass.

1. A separate day must be purchased for each rodeo competed in.
 - a) Saturday and Sunday are two separate rodeos.
2. Day passes are \$25.
3. A waiver is required.
4. Day Pass Contestants are eligible for Pay Back
5. Day Pass Contestants are not eligible for Event or Year End Points
 - a) Should a Day Pass Contestant choose to become a member, points will be earned after the date of Membership – points will not be backdated.
6. Day Pass contestants must sign up and enter through the registration portal.
7. Day Pass contestants are required to follow the same rules as Active Member Contestants

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.

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

1. 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 Judge has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her
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. 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. 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.
17. 8 and under class is the only class to have assisted riding. Assisted riding points will count.

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 contestant, 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 proper channels must be followed. Violations will result in disqualification for the day & may include removal 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 exiting the arena JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
2. No contestant, 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 proper channels must be followed. Violations will result in disqualification for the day and may include removal 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) 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.

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.

RODEO RESULTS

1. Results will be posted within one week of the date of the rodeo.
 2. Disputes must be raised within three weeks of the date of the rodeo.
 - a) In the case of a dispute the score cards will be reviewed. Score cards are the official record.
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EVENTS TO BE WORKED IN RODEO

8& UNDER GIRLS
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Dummy Roping
Chute Dogging
Calf Riding
Sheep Riding

8& UNDER BOYS
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Dummy Roping
Chute Dogging
Calf Riding
Sheep Riding

9-13 YEAR OLD GIRLS
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Header
Healer
Intermediate Dummy Roping *
Team Roping *
Sled Roping
Steer Riding
Chute Dogging

9-13 YEAR OLD BOYS
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Header
Healer
Team Roping *
Sled Roping
Tie-Down Roping
Chute Dogging
Steer Riding
Intermediate Dummy Roping *

14-19 YEAR OLD GIRLS
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Header
Healer
Team Roping *
Chute Dogging
Jr Bull Riding

14-19 YEAR OLD BOYS
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Header
Healer
Team Roping *
Chute Dogging
Jr Bull Riding
Bull Riding
Steer Wrestling
Tie-Down Roping

* Events do not earn All Around Points

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.

Contestants

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
2			\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
3							\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
4										\$5.00
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
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Contestants

	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
3	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
4	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
5			\$2.00	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
6						\$2.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
7							\$2.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
8								\$2.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
9									\$2.00	\$3.00
10										\$2.00

Contestants

	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$32.50	\$32.50	\$35.00
2	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$30.00
3	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$18.50	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$22.50
4	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$17.50
5	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$15.00
6	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
7	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50
8	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$5.50
9	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
10	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00

EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

GOAT TYING

1. Time limit: 90 SECONDS FOR 8 & UNDER
 45 SECONDS FOR AGES 9-13
 30 SECONDS FOR AGES 14-19
2. Properties
 - a. Ten (10) foot ropes.
 - b. Stakes should be metal with eye; rope tied through eye and no protrusion above ground level.
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 dismounted with both feet on ground, dropped reins, and surrendered control of the horse.
 - h. Goats must be held 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.

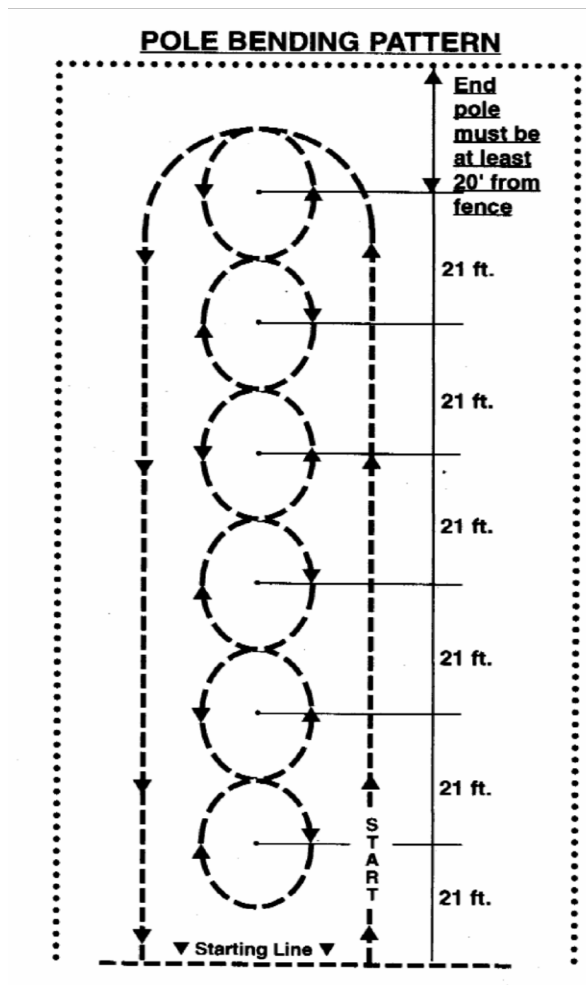
12. Goats shall be uniform in size and weight should not exceed 70 pounds.
 - a. 8 & under age group uses a dummy goat.
13. 8 & Under age group not participating in any other event requiring a horse can compete on foot. In this case their time will start by running on foot across the start line and continuing 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. If a goat frees itself of the tether during a run, a re-ride will be issued.

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 5 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 to center
 - 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. Gate must be kept closed until the horse has completely stopped.



CHUTE DOGGIN'

- 1) Time limit 45 seconds for 9-13 and 14-19 divisions; 8 & under 90 seconds
- 2) Each contestant must wear a mouthpiece.
- 3) Steer will be loaded in bucking chute. Contestant shall start from within chute with steer, while being onfoot.
- 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) If contestant loses steer, Contestant will be awarded a No-Time
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.
- 14) Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. Placing fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steer is forbidden.
- 15) The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.
- 16) Time will start when steer's shoulder crosses score line and line judge drops flag to start time. Steer must, however, be completely past score line when thrown to have a qualified run.
- 17) 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.
- 18) The contestant has the option of wearing a safety vest. -
- 19) Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
- 20) Weight limit for steers shall be 550 lbs.
- 21) Tailers are permitted for the 8 & Under and 9-13 age divisions
 - a) Contestants are responsible for finding their own tailers. Limit of one tailer per contestant.
 - b) Tailers are not allowed to pass or contact the steer's hind legs.
 - c) Tailers for the 9-3 age division are only permitted to reduce forward motion of 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, unless a Rerun is granted from a protest.
4. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. Contestant will have 2 times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier the 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/she deems to be taking too much time. as always the judge and the board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping box.
5. Breakaway roping may require regulation loops, 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 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.
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. This is an open gate event. Once the calf has crossed the plain of the exit gate the run is over.
17. A 2 minute gate call will be enforced.

TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING

1. Time limit: 60 seconds for 14-19 age division and 90 seconds for 9-13 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 run through restraining device around horse's neck of sufficient strength to control horse.
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 hooley.
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 2 times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier the 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/she deems to be taking too much time. as always the judge and the board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping box.
24. This event is a closed gate event.

TEAM ROPING

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

- 1) Enter as a Team – you may choose any WPYRA member as your partner. Please contact WPYRA for help registering through the online portal.
- 2) Each contestant can only enter twice. (twice as a header, twice as a heeler, or once each)
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for it regardless of what happens except in the case of mechanical failure.
- 6) Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
- 7) 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.
- 8) The timer starts for the header at the opening of the chute (flag) and stops at the change of direction (flag).
- 9) 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.
- 10) The heeler must catch to receive a time.
- 11) The timer starts for the heeler at the opening of the chute (flag) and stops at the catch (flag).
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.
- 14) Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
- 15) No foul catch can be removed by hand.
- 16) 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.
 - a) Or 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) This event is a closed gate event.
- 26) An awarded will be given at the banquet for the fastest catch of the season.
- 27) This event does not qualify for All Around points.
- 28) Payout will be given only if there are 5 or more teams for a rodeo.

Heading

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. 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.

9. 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.
10. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
11. No foul catch can be removed by hand.
12. 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:
13. If Honda passes over one horn, the loop over the other is illegal.
14. Catching only one hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.
15. If loop crosses itself in head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
16. The judge should approve both dallies and head and heel loops.
17. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. This event is a closed gate event.

Heeling

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. 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.
8. The heeler must catch to receive a time.
9. The timer starts for the heeler at the opening of the chute (flag) and stops at the catch (flag).

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
13. No foul catch can be removed by hand.
14. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
15. Catching only one hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.
16. If loop crosses itself in head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
17. 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.
18. The judge should approve both dallies and head and heel loops.
19. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. This event is a closed gate event.

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 Forty five (45) 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.
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. If dogger misses or loses steer, flag judge must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must reply at once.
25. 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.
26. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up.

27. 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.
28. Each contestant is required to wear a mouthpiece.
29. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
30. This event is a closed gate event.

SHEEP/CALF/STEER/BULL RIDING

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, calves and sheep 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 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.
 - i) Bell not required for sheep.
 - 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ of a turn movement.
 - g) Judges have the right to approve or disapprove ropes and equipment.
 - h) All contestants competing must wear mouthpieces.
3. Once animal has been called for and the gate opened, if the animal 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 animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane to the chute.
5. If animal 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 cost.
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. Helmet must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of helmet from head will result in disqualification.
- a) Riders will be drawn prior to the start of the rodeo. Stock will be randomly loaded. Loading of Calf, Steer or Bull will determine the order of the event.

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 2' from the back of the dummy will be drawn in which all participants are required to remain behind at all times.
- 4) A Board Member and volunteer must be present during the event and will record results of each throw.
- 5) Assistance will be provided for those requiring help with the rebuilding of their loop.
- 6) Fishing will be allowed for a maximum of 5 seconds. Thereafter, the throw is not considered a legal catch.
- 7) 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.
- 8) A legal catch is considered any catch which is over the head and does not encompass the entire bale.
- 9) 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 1'. Fishing will not be permitted during a rope-off.
 - a) Should a tie still be in place – additional rounds of a rope-off will be used.
 - i) The line will be moved an addition 1' each successful round.
 - ii) Contestants will each be allowed one throw in a sudden death style elimination.
- 10) Hat must be worn on head at start of turn. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.

INTERMEDIATE DUMMY ROPING

1. This is an event for boys and girls in the 9-13 age division.
2. A board member must be present during the event and will record the results of each throw.
3. A legal catch is considered a bell collar catch which is over the head and does not encompass the roping dummy.
4. A horse Dummy and calf/steer dummy is provided by the association.
5. Participants must sit on the provided horse dummy.
6. If the students rope catches on the head or any portion of the horse dummy prior to releasing the rope, it does not count as a throw.
7. Roping dummy will be positioned 5 feet away from the base of the horse dummy and 1 foot to the right.
8. 3 throws are given to each contestant. The contestant with the most legal catches will be declared the winner.
9. Should a tie occur and a —rope-off is necessary, one throw will be given to the applicable contestants. The dummy must be moved back 1'.
 - Should a tie still be in place – additional rounds of a rope-off will be used.
 - The line will be moved an addition 1' each successful round.
 - Contestants will each be allowed one throw in a sudden death style elimination.
10. Points will be issued according to the WPYRA standard points system.
11. Hat or helmet must be worn.

SLED ROPING

Time Limit: 60 seconds or dummy making a full lap of the arena; whichever comes first.

1. This is an event for boys and girls in the 9-13 age division.
2. A 4-wheeler will be used to pull a commercially manufactured breakaway dummy.
3. Ropers must have a 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.
4. Contestant must back their horse into the roping box and nod for timer and driver to start.
5. Driver will operate 4-wheeler in the same gear and approximate rpm level for each contestant.
6. Roping calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.
7. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.

8. Contestant must rope dummy:
 - a) Loop must be a clean catch, passing completely over calf's head.
 - b) Catch must carry slack out of rope.
 - c) Contestant will receive a NO TIME for breaking string by hand.
9. Time will be flagged when rope breaks at saddle.
10. A limit of two throws are allowed by a contestant.
 - a) A contestant can carry two loops or rebuild their first one. A contestant may receive help rebuilding their loop.
 - b) The dummy will stop while the contestant rebuilds their loop.