



# Junior Roughstock Association Rules 2025\*

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION

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## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

The Junior Roughstock Association (JRA) is a private organization /DBA under 406 Event Productions LLP that provides a qualification system for paid members to compete for a spot to the Junior National Finals Rodeo (JNFR) (Junior/120 lbs., Senior/160lbs and Novice age Groups for Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding) and the Junior Roughstock Association World Finals JRAWF (Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riders ages 6-11, Bull Riders ages 6-18 and female bareback, saddle bronc and bull riders aged 6-20).

Calf, Sheep and Steer Riding are optional events that can be hosted by local producers. Calf Sheep and Steer Riding champions “may” be crowned on a regional/series level (this would be up to the regional directors).

Calf, Steer and Sheep Riding will not be a World Finals Event and will not be required to have a JRA membership card. Buckaroo and lead line events will also be optional at regional events and will not advance to the JNFR or the JRAWF.

The JRA consists of multiple regions, each region may have specialized rules and regulations to increase safety of contestants and stock. Deadlines may vary based on the region; however, it is recommended that rules and guidelines be followed by all members.

Final Qualifiers for the JRAWF must be submitted prior to the National Office not later than August 1st of the competing year. (Entry Deadlines for contestants will be August 15<sup>th</sup> of the competition year, Associations doing later qualifiers please prepare to have your contestants prepared to enter shall they qualify).

Final Qualifiers for the JNFR must be submitted no later than September 30th of the competing year. (Entry Deadlines for contestants will be September 30<sup>th</sup>, Associations doing later qualifiers please prepare to have your contestants prepared to enter shall

they qualify). ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE PAID BEFORE THEY RECEIVE THE OFFICIAL FORM FOR ENTRY FOR JNFR (WHICH WILL COME DIRECTLY FROM LAS VEGAS EVENTS). NO EXCEPTIONS.

All business information that the association chooses to share will be available on [juniorroughstockworld.com](http://juniorroughstockworld.com) or on social media sites.

The JRA will consist of a council of owners and advisors allowing a communication and voting system for the youth association. All direct decisions made regarding the JNFR will be the sole decision of Las Vegas Events and JRA representative Lacie DeMers.

A current list of contractors, producers and board members can be found at [www.juniorroughstockworld.com](http://www.juniorroughstockworld.com).

In the event a vote is required, a voting council has been established. Voting Council – Cameron Tuckett (Senior Regional Director), Eric Clemens (Stock Contractor), Lacie DeMers (Secretary), Chrissy Da Costa (Event Production), Cody DeMers (Contestant Representative), and Branden Johnson (Stock Contractor Advocate).

All funds to produce the finals are raised through membership cards, fundraisers, chance drawing sales, sponsorships, and are backed by personal funding.

## AGE DIVISIONS

### PEE WEE DIVISION:

Age: 6 - 9U

(Age as of January 1, of finals year) Contestants will ride for 6 seconds.

Weight Limit: 85lb Max (weight limits will be enforced during the season, at regional finals, and at JRAWF)

Stock Requirements:

Mini Bloodlines/600lb max

NO YEARLINGS OR UN BUCKED COLTS at the Finals (exceptions will be approved based on ability and experience of the animal). At the Finals, all stock must be proven and have the ability to be saddled and stand in the lead ups and chutes for 5-10 minutes and stock must be able to be pulled in advance up to 5 riders.

All Animals brought to the JNFR JRAWF must have a minimum of three videos of their performances available upon request from the stock coordinator and or contestant representative.

Any stock contractor that brings animals that deliberately throw themselves, (3 or more separate animals) and it is determined that the contractor has not been honest about the previous performance of the animals. The stock contractor will forfeit all stock charges and their ability to bring stock to next year's finals. If the contractor is forfeited from any set event, they will be asked to vacate any arena and hosting facilities associated with the said event.

The name of animals must be in good taste (remember this is a youth event). As a guide, consider rodeo family ratings. The rodeo administration has the authority to request the stock contractor change the animal's name or utilize stock number in place of animal name.

(NO COLTS OF FULL-SIZE HORSE BLOODLINES)

Number of contestants advancing to the Junior Roughstock Finals:

-TBD based on the number of contestant cards purchased per region.

Saddle Bronc Rules:

Saddles – Must be bronc riding saddles or approved custom saddles. All saddles must be small enough to fit stock or contestants will be required to move up a division. No prods, spikes, or other devices may be placed on the saddle which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Nylon or leather latigos approved. Only rosin can be used on the equipment, no adhesives or spray allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle.

Mark-out Rule– Not enforced/No Disqualification.

Blown Stirrup – -5PT DEDUCTION.

Rein – Contestants can only use one rein.

Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.

Halter – Horse may be throat latched, or traditional bronc halter may be used at contractor's discretion.

Boots – Must demonstrate the ability for the boot to come out of the stirrup and off of the foot easily, cannot be bound or tied on.

### **Bareback Rules:**

**Riggin** – Beastmaster riggins (plastic handle) are allowed. Must use a riggin pad. Cannot use prods, spikes, or other devices on riggin which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or sprays are allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the riggin. Nylon or leather latigos approved. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or sprays allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle.

**Mark-out Rule**– Not Enforced/No disqualification.

**Rowels** – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.

**Glove** – Grabbers, tits, and palm pieces are allowed if the contestant can demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestants will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.

**CONTESTANTS ARE SUBJECT TO WEIGHT CHECK AND GEAR CHECK AT ANY TIME DURING THE COMPETITION**

### **ROOKIE DIVISION:**

**Age:** 10 -11 (Age as of January 1, of competing year)

The contestants will ride for 6 seconds.

**Contestant Weight Limit:** 95lbs. Max (weight limits will be enforced during the season, at regional finals, and at Junior Roughstock Extreme Miniature Finals).

**Number of contestants advancing to the Junior Roughstock Finals:**

-TBD based on the number of contestant cards purchased per region.

**Stock Requirements-** 13HH and 800LBS.

**NO YEARLINGS OR UN BUCKED COLTS** at the Finals (exceptions will be approved based on ability and experience of the animal). At the Finals, all stock must be proven and have the ability to be saddled and stand in the lead ups and chutes for 5-10 minutes and must be able to be pulled in advance up to 5 riders.

**(NO COLTS OF FULL-SIZE HORSE BLOODLINES)**

All Animals brought to the JNFR JRAWF must have a minimum of three videos of their performances available upon request from the stock coordinator and or contestant representative.

Any stock contractor that brings animals that deliberately throw themselves, (3 or more separate animals) and it is determined that the contractor has not been honest about the previous performance of the animals. The stock contractor will forfeit all stock charges and their ability to bring stock to next year's finals. If the contractor is forfeited from any set event, they will be asked to vacate any arena and hosting facilities associated with the said event.

The name of animals must be in good taste (remember this is a youth event). As a guide, consider rodeo family ratings. The rodeo administration has the authority to request the stock contractor change the animal's name or utilize stock number in place of animal name.

#### **Saddle Bronc Rules:**

Saddles Must be bronc riding saddles or approved custom saddles. No prods, spikes, or other devices may be placed on the saddle which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Leather latigos required at the finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle.

Mark out Rule– Not enforced/No Disqualification.

Blown Stirrup – 5-point deduction each side.

Reins – Must ride with single rein.

Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.

Halter – Horse may be throat latched, or traditional bronc halter may be used at contractor's discretion.

Boots – Must demonstrate the ability for the boot to come out of the stirrup and off the foot easily. Cannot be bound or tied on.

Bareback Rules: Riggin – Beastmaster riggins (plastic handle) are approved. Must use a riggin pad. Cannot use prods, spikes, or other devices on riggin which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or sprays allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the riggin. Leather latigos required at Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle.

Mark out Rule – Enforced/No Disqualification/5-point deduction.



**Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.**

**Glove – Grabbers, tits, and palm pieces are allowed as long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestants will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.**

**CONTESTANTS ARE SUBJECT TO WEIGHT CHECK AND GEAR CHECK AT ANY TIME DURING THE COMPETITION**

### **JUNIOR DIVISION:**

**Age: 13 and under \*must be 11 at time of competition Contestant will ride for 8 seconds Contestant.**

**Weight Limit: 120 Max (weight limits will be enforced during the season, at regional finals, and at World Finals)**

**Stock Requirements: Shetland/Welsh/Quarter Pony Cross max/850LB max Number of contestants for the Finals Max of 20 bareback/15 saddle bronc (if all regions do not fulfill their spots, lesser number may be at the finals)**

**NO YEARLINGS OR UN BUCKED COLTS at the Finals (exceptions will be approved based on ability and experience of the animal). At the Finals, all stock must be proven and have the ability to be saddled and stand in the lead ups and chutes for 5-10 minutes and stock must be able to be pulled in advance up to 5 riders.**

**All Animals brought to the JNFR JRAWF must have a minimum of three videos of their performances available upon request from the stock coordinator and or contestant representative.**

**Any stock contractor that brings animals that deliberately throw themselves, (3 or more separate animals) and it is determined that the contractor has not been honest about the previous performance of the animals. The stock contractor will forfeit all stock charges and their ability to bring stock to next year's finals. If the contractor is forfeited from any set event, they will be asked to vacate any arena and hosting facilities associated with the said event.**

**The name of animals must be in good taste (remember this is a youth event). As a guide, consider rodeo family ratings. The rodeo administration has the authority to request the stock contractor change the animals name or utilize stock number in place of animal name.**

**Number of contestants from each Region: BASED ON REGION CARD NUMBERS**

**Saddle Bronc Rules: Saddles – Must be bronc riding saddles or approved custom saddles. No prods, spikes, or other devices may be placed on the saddle which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Leather latigos required at world finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle.**

**Mark-out Rule– -5PT DEDUCTION**

**Blown Stirrup – Enforced**

**Reins – Must ride with single rein. Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.**

**Halter – Horse may be throat latched, or traditional bronc halter may be used at contractor's discretion. Boots – Must demonstrate the ability for the boot to come out of the stirrup and off the foot easily. Cannot be bound or tied on.**

**Bareback Rules:**

**Riggin – Beastmaster riggins (plastic handle) are approved. Must use riggin pad. Cannot use prods, spikes, or other devices on riggin which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or sprays allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the riggin. Leather latigos required at the Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle.**

**Mark-out Rule– Enforced/No Disqualification/5-point deduction.**

**Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.**

**Glove – Grabbers, tits, and palm pieces are allowed as long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestants will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.**

**CONTESTANTS ARE SUBJECT TO WEIGHT CHECK AND GEAR CHECK AT ANY TIME DURING THE COMPETITION**

### **SENIOR DIVISION:**

**Age: 14 -15 (Age as of January 1 of competing year)**

**The contestants will ride for 8 seconds.**

**Weight Limit: 160lb Max (weight limits will be enforced during the season, at regional finals, and at Junior World Finals)**



**Stock Requirements: 15HH max/1100lb ax STOCK WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON ABILITY OVER SIZE** Number of contestants for the Finals Max of 30 bareback /25 saddle bronc (plus option for Little Britches and Highschool Champions to be invited).

All Animals brought to the JNFR JRAWF must have a minimum of three videos of their performances available upon request from the stock coordinator and or contestant representative.

Number of contestants from each Region: Based on Regional Card Holder Spots

**Saddle Bronc Rules: Saddles – Must be bronc riding saddles or approved custom saddles. No prods, spikes, or other devices may be placed on the saddle which may affect the horse's bucking ability. \*Leather latigos required at Junior World Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle.**

Any stock contractor that brings animals that deliberately throw themselves, (3 or more separate animals) and it is determined that the contractor has not been honest about the previous performance of the animals. The stock contractor will forfeit all stock charges and their ability to bring stock to next year's finals. If the contractor is forfeited from any set event, they will be asked to vacate any arena and hosting facilities associated with the said event.

The name of animals must be in good taste (remember this is a youth event). As a guide, consider rodeo family ratings. The rodeo administration has the authority to request the stock contractor change the animal's name or utilize stock number in said of place of animal name.

Mark-out – Enforced -5pts/DQ.

Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.

Blown Stirrup – Disqualification

Halter – Horse may be throat latched, or traditional bronc halter may be used at contractor's discretion.

Boots – Must demonstrate the ability for the boot to come out of the stirrup and off the foot easily and cannot be bound or tied on.

**Bareback Rules:**

Riggin – Handholds must be a combination of leather and rawhide. No plastic or metal handholds are allowed. Must use a riggin pad. Cannot use prods, spikes, or other

devices on riggin which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or sprays allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the riggin. Leather latigos required at Junior World Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed.

**Mark-out Rule– Enforced/-5pts Rowels –**

It must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.

**Gloves – Grabbers, tits, and palm pieces** are allowed as long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestants will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.

### **NOVICE DIVISION:**

**Age: 16-18 (Age as of January one of finals year)** Contestant will ride for 8 seconds  
Contestant. CAN CARRY A PRCA PERMIT BUT CAN NOT HAVE FULFILLED THE PRCA PERMIT PRIOR TO EVENT

**Weight Limit: No Weight Limit**

**Stock Requirement:**

Based on ability, not size. Number of contestants for World Finals Max of 30 bareback/30saddle bronc (plus option for Little Britches and Highschool Champions to be invited).

All Animals brought to the JNFR JRAWF must have a minimum of three videos of their performances available upon request from the stock coordinator and or contestant representative.

Any stock contractor that brings animals that deliberately throw themselves, (3 or more separate animals) and it is determined that the contractor has not been honest about the previous performance of the animals. The stock contractor will forfeit all stock charges and their ability to bring stock to next year's finals. If the contractor is forfeited from any set event, they will be asked to vacate any arena and hosting facilities associated with the said event.

The name of animals must be in good taste (remember this is a youth event). As a guide, consider rodeo family ratings. The rodeo administration has the authority to request the stock contractor change the animal's name or utilize stock number in place of animal name.

**Number of contestants from each Region: Will be based on the number of regional card holders.**

**Saddle Bronc Rules:**

**Saddles – Must be bronc riding saddles or approved custom saddles. No prods, spikes, or other devices may be placed on the saddle which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Leather latigos required at junior World Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle. VESTS ARE MANDATORY**

**Mark-out – PRCA**

**Blown Stirrup –PRCA**

**Halter – Horse may be throat latched, or traditional bronc halter may be used at contractor's discretion.**

**Boots – Must demonstrate the ability for the boot to come out of the stirrup and off the foot easily and cannot be bound or tied on.**

**Bareback Riggin – Handholds must be a combination of leather and rawhide. No plastic or metal handholds are allowed. Must use a riggin pad. Cannot use prods, spikes, or other devices on riggin which may affect the horse's bucking ability. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or sprays allowed. Contestants cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the riggin. Leather latigos required at Junior World Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed.**

**Mark-out Rule PRCA**

**Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels.**

**Gloves– Grabbers, tits, and palm pieces are allowed as long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestants will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.**

**GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION (guidelines for both JNFR and JRAWF)**

**Contestants will be required to check in one day prior to any set finals event at designated check in time. Those that fail to check in on time will be disqualified unless previously authorized by the National Office. Failure to check-in during the designated time frame could result in disqualification.**

The welcome ceremony and awards may be on days separate from the event dates (dates and times of all ceremonies and meetings will be sent to contestants no less than 45 days prior to the event).

Official event schedules will be provided with entry information to qualified contestants once entry fees have been paid.

All winners and the top 5 contestants must be present at the awards unless dismissed due to medical circumstances or other pre-approved reason. **ALL SHORT ROUND CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SHORT ROUNDS AWARDS CEREMONY** (which may be combined with the awards ceremony).

No regional points will be carried over to any final event. Finals points are based on aggregate points which include all points accrued in both long go and short go rounds. There will be 2 long go rounds for each division with the top 5 or 10 contestants in each division at the Finals.

Entries will be completed through Cognito Forms and/or Saddle Book(both steps may be required for JNFR for production purposes).

Fees for the 2025 finals are TBD but will not exceed \$650/event.

Regional Spots will be determined by March 1, 2025. This will be determined by the National office and the Regional Director. Regional sports and direct qualifier spots will be based on the total number of carded members and qualified contestants from the previous year's competition. Any spots that were published and not used in the current year will be reviewed annually and adjustments will be made.

If a region does not fill the allowed spots, it could result in less contestants at the finals or an opportunity for extra spots to be used in wild card or lottery system available to all contestants with a completed ride (these spots will be delegated to the individual regions or allowed at the Last Chance Qualifier held in conjunction with the JRAWF).

**\*Estimated payout based on 25 Contestants with \$650 entry fee\***

(Payout will vary based on the number of paid/entered contests).

Based on the entry fee of \$650, with \$50 office charge, \$50 Prize Fee and up to a 40% stock charge. All added money, if available, will be paid out in addition to the base payout.

Entry Fee (less office charge): \$500 Guaranteed to pot per contestant: 60% (\$300)  
Guaranteed to pot "if" there are 25 contestants: \$7500 20% out per round (3 rounds,

paying two spots) total per round \$1,500 40% out per average (paying 3 spots) total average pot \$3,000.

Finals costs will be covered by stock charges and chance ticket sales. Additional funds needed to produce each final will be raised by additional fundraisers, sponsors, and private funding.

### REGIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

With the association growing so quickly it is important for us to know what changes and enhancements are needed in all regions. It is suggested that each region have a planning committee for their region to discuss events, opportunities, and to help fund prizes for the regional finals (ALTHOUGH A PLANNING COMMITTEE IS SUGGESTED FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE LEFT TO THE REGIONAL HOST). \$25 from each regional final and direct qualifier entry fee will be applied to operations and payout for 2025 Finals. Any non-compliant region will default to the previous region for the regional finals.

Recommended entry fee for events is \$100/round (\$40 to the pot / \$40 to stock contractor and \$20 to ground fee/event), fees are not to exceed \$225 per regional event.

Region final dates/locations will be set by each region by June 1st of the competing year. All regional finals must be completed by September 1st of the competing year, unless previously approved.

A list of regional directors and stock contractors will be posted on the association website, <https://juniorroughstockworld.com>, and social media sites.

The local directors will let everyone know the time of the stock draw. The draw will be conducted by official event personnel or through Saddle Book All Regional Finals Entries will be completed by Cognito Forms and/or Saddle Book.

### MEMBERSHIPS INFORMATION:

Regional membership cards are \$150.00

Contestants qualifying in more than one region will be required to take first qualifying spot. Memberships must be purchased and paid for online. Checks will no longer be accepted for membership cards. Membership cards include SECONDARY LIABILITY insurance for regional and national finals. Insurance may be offered by individual rodeos if the local committee provides it. ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF MEDICAL INSURANCE (INTERNATIONAL CONTESTANTS MUST PROVIDE POLICIES COVERING THE CONTESTANTS IN THE

US). Please check with each regional director for membership card and stock contractor card purchase cut-off dates. **QUALIFYING:** Members can qualify for the designated finals in three diverse ways, direct qualifier, regional finals, last chance qualifier (lottery/wild card). Las Vegas Events has authorization to invite qualified contestants from other accredited associations of their choice.

The number of contestants from each regional series advancing on to regional finals will be reflective of the number of card holders in each region (Peewee, Rookie Junior, Junior, Senior, Novice).

Top contestants from regional finals qualify for the event finals that meet event requirements based on contestant age, gender and weight. No contestants will advance on time, and contestants must have a score to advance to the Finals.

**NATIONAL TOUR:** 2025 will not consist of a National Tour.

#### **DIRECT QUALIFIERS:**

We will have direct qualifiers in addition to the last chance qualifier, which will host the spots for lottery/wild card spots. Direct qualifiers will be announced on or before April 1st of the competing year. Direct Qualifier hosts will be required to contribute a sponsorship opportunity to host the event. All direct Qualifiers must be preapproved and honor sponsorship obligations WHICH MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 1, 2025. Direct Qualifiers require a host to have open entries for the event. (event hosts may have a slack performance if needed).

#### **PAYOUT:**

Payout should be at least 50% of entry fee after office fees are deducted.

\*Prizes based on individual events are optional. Champion prizes are highly encouraged for each regional finals event.

All payouts for both points and monies won is based on the maximum number of entries. Payouts and advancements examples will be based on 15-25 contestant entries.

An event will still be hosted for age groups with less contestant numbers, but the event producers will adjust prize lines and advancement spots to reflect the number of contestant entries.

Event Point Payout for groups providing a rodeo series and keeping track of average scores is suggested as follows for direct qualifier events (World Finals Payout Information will be provided in Entry Packet) 1st Place 10 points 2nd Place 9 points 3rd



Place 8 Points 4th Place 7 Points 5th place 6 Points 6th Place 5 Points 7th Place 4 Points 8th Place 3 Points 9th Place 2.

For event points to be awarded, both contestant and animal must break the plane of the chute.

### JUNIOR WORLD FINALS- JNFR (LAS VEGAS)

The 2025 Junior National Finals Rodeo (JNFR), hosted by Las Vegas Events, will span 10 full days in Las Vegas, Nevada this December 4th-14th in conjunction with the world-famous National Finals Rodeo. The Junior National Finals Rodeo will take place in downtown Las Vegas at the Las Vegas Convention Center each day.

The Junior Roughstock Association is the qualifying system for both the up and coming bareback and saddle bronc riders who dream of one day competing in the Thomas & Mack Center at the National Finals Rodeo. These young athletes will compete for more than \$1 million in combined cash and prize payout throughout the 10 days on their quest to claim their chosen and coveted Junior National Finals Rodeo Title.

The Junior Roughstock Association entity of the JNFR will begin on December 4<sup>th</sup> and will run consecutively through December 8<sup>th</sup>. Event payout for the bareback and saddle bronc riding will be guaranteed 60% of total entry fee paid (less any office/prize fee) plus added money collected throughout the season. (2024 payouts in cash alone exceeded 125% of the entry fee money's paid).

ALL PAYOUT EXAMPLES IN THE RULE BOOK ARE EXAMPLES.

(A final event will be held for each division with less than 15 competing contestants; however, the number of contestants advancing to the short round will be 5 and the prize line payout will also reflect the number of contestants per age group.

Each event is not to exceed 30 contestants per age group and overall contestants to attend the JNFR is not to exceed a total of 65 Bareback Riders and 55 Saddle Bronc Riders.

Up to date final information for the JNFR can be found on both the Junior Roughstock Association website as well as the NFR Experience webpage.

## JUNIOR ROUGHSTOCK ASSOCIATION WORLD FINALS (ARIZONA)

The 2025 Junior Roughstock Association World Finals (JRAWF) will be hosted in September of 2025 in Arizona.

The Junior Roughstock Association World Finals is an opportunity for the foundation of young rodeo athletes. The primary focus of the Junior Roughstock Association World Finals is to provide the platform for roughstock riders to prepare for the Junior National Finals Rodeo. Everyone needs to start somewhere, and this is the most professionally organized platform for the “true beginner” rodeo athletes.

The Junior Roughstock Association World Finals will host Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riders ages 6-11, Bull Riders ages 6-18 and female bareback, saddle bronc and bull riders aged 6-20 to compete for a National Title.

### FAQ:

Q: Are there rules regarding contestant individual sponsors?

A: All events will vary; contestants will be notified at time of entry as to any sponsor related conflicts or requirements.

Q: Can I ride up an age division?

A: Yes, only if contestant age is within one year of next age group and contestants exceed weight limit for contestants age group. Contestants cannot ride down an age group. IT IS HIGHLY ADVISED FOR PARENTS TO CONSIDER CONTESTANTS ABILITY VS. THE STOCK WHEN CHANGING DIVISIONS.

Q: Will stock contractors be able to co-sanction or produce events in other regions?

A: Yes BUT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

Q: Will different requirements of insurance be put in place for international, Canadian and Native Contestants?

A: Yes, please contact your region director for details being each country has different policies for insurance. (All contestants must provide a copy of primary care insurance prior to competition)

Q: How will the tie be broken?

A: If there is a tie; a tie will be broken to determine who wins an award/and or advances by going back to the highest marked ride(score)/time of the event. If that

does not break the tie; then both said contestants will be awarded equal prize/and or advance.

**Q: Do I have to have proof of a birth certificate and Insurance?**

**A: Yes, an official copy of the birth certificate from the local courthouse will need to be provided and a copy of the health insurance card.**

**Q: Is the Junior Roughstock Association owned by Las Vegas Events?**

**A: No, the entities are privately owned and are only hosted by Last Vegas Events.**

**Q: Are there restrictions for contestants competing in other associations?**

**A: No, however, to do broadcasting contracts, contestant ride times cannot be adjusted to accommodate other associations during any finals events.**

**Q: Will changes be made; how will we be notified of changes?**

**A: Changes will only be made if for the safety of contestants, stock and other parties are involved. If a change is to be made all members will be notified and an amendment will be posted on our website.**

**Q. Will contestants be asked to sell Raffle Tickets/CHANCE TICKET SALES?**

**A. Yes, to offset the operating costs and to guarantee added money at the final's contestants will be required to sell 25/\$10 raffle tickets and turn them in on or before the required deadline.**

**Q. Will other event champions be invited to the Junior World Final's?**

**A. The Association does have the right to invite the top placed champions from other accredited associations.**

#### **GENERAL GROUND RULES:**

PRCA rules will be followed for activities in the arena, the following are amendments to the PRCA rules for meeting the JRA program or details that the directors want to ensure are read by the parents/contestants. (Please note that the JRA/406 Rodeo are not partnered with or affiliated with the PRCA, however do extend the PRCA rules pertaining to arena activities for our contestants). The PRCA is an active member in the name "Junior National Finals Rodeo".

### ADDITIONAL FINALS EVENT RULES

- Contestant must be above the horse when the previous rider leaves the chute. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification. If the contestant is called upon to go, he/she has 30 seconds to do so or faces disqualification.
- All contestants/parents must be professional. Failure to do so will lead to suspensions from any future events for both contestants and parents. ONLY THE CONTESTANT AND NO MORE THAN TWO CREDENTIAL APPROVED HELPERS ON THE CHUTE BACK AT ANY TIME. No quarreling, arguing, or disrespect will be accepted by family or contestants. Violation of this rule will lead to disqualification of contestants and families. Parents will be held responsible for their behavior; unruly conduct will lead to the disqualification of children involved with the event. Contestant and parent attitude, manor, and character will be part of the judge's overall consideration on all scorings. Disqualification for cursing or attitude will occur at the judge's discretion only. Parents threatening arena personnel, other contractors/contestants or other parents will be provided with a written warning.
- Parents threatening legal retaliation of event or event coordinators will be immediately banned along with competing contestants. Legal action will be sought in said situation. (Including but not limited to number of contestants competing, judge's discretion, stock, stock draw, arena personnel). Contractual events with host rodeos will always proceed with us.
- Contestants are required to maintain cowboy attire and professional conduct at all events/functions associated with the JNFR AND JRAWF including but not limited to the event, autograph sessions, and other functions. Long sleeve shirts, boots, neck roll (Bareback), and spurs are required for all riders.
- All contestants and (or) anyone in the arena must wear a cowboy hat and long sleeve collared shirt (this includes all personnel and parents).
- Contestants can roll up their riding sleeves.
- Cowboy hats are required while in the arena, if a contestant wants to ride in a helmet, he/she may do so, but must wear a hat behind the chutes and when not competing.
- Chaps are optional but considered part of the championship attire.
- For the safety of contestants, it is recommended that the arena footing be loosened to the depth of 3 inches.

- Emergency medical personnel or an EMT will be required to be onsite at all association events.
- Contestants may be required to sell advertisement (program ads) and or raffle tickets.
- Contestant use of tobacco, alcohol and/or narcotics will lead to disqualification from the association.
- All gear must be checked-in and approved. Any gear changes throughout the event must be discussed with and approved by the arena director. Contestants attending the JNFR will have their equipment signed off on by the regional director. Contestants attending the JRAWF will have their gear checked at the event check-in.
- The JUNIOR NATIONAL FINALS LOGO is owned by Las Vegas Events and cannot be used without permission.
- The Junior Roughstock Association/Championship Logo is independently owned and can be used with permission, or rights can be purchased by contacting the National Office at 406-490- 7767.
- If a contestant is off to the side with both feet on one side of the mane with no control or no ability to regain control for more than two jumps, an arena personnel member will step in to assist the rider. THIS IS THE DISCRETION ON THE ARENA PERSONNEL
- Fanning the livestock or disrespecting the stock contractor can result in a no score. (Contestants cannot fan horses with hat).
- All Contestants must fill out a W-9 to receive payment for winnings.  
INTERNATIONAL CONTESTANTS ARE SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDED TAX WITHHOLDING OF WINNINGS
- Only contestants and one helper are allowed behind the chutes. No one is allowed in the arena at any time. Only the arena helps, or contract personnel will be allowed, unless permission is given by the arena director.
- Chapping and flagging out of horses with any device/object will not be tolerated at any time.
- Contests will be advised when to pull and tighten Rigger and Saddle. (The Chute Boss has the authority to back or pull saddle and riggin at any time).

- In order for event points to be awarded, both contestants and animals must break the plain of the chute **PROBLEM RESOLUTION.**

- **Social Media:**

Negative social media is not good for the industry, contestants or organizing personnel, any non-necessary negative social media will not be tolerated and can result in disqualification. Please follow the steps for problem resolution if you have an issue. Anyone violating this rule will be fined and the contestant directly involved may be disqualified. If you are planning on publishing professional photographs, live feed from the event, and recording the event for future public viewing or to be shared via social media you must contact Lacie at 406 490-7767 for details. Anyone who caught live streaming of events or selling/sharing pictures or video for public viewing can be fined up to \$1,000 and banned from future events. Las Vegas events have sold TV rights on the events, they will keep us informed should they choose to do anything with their TV rights. Las Vegas Events will enforce this.

**OFFICIATING:**

- PeeWee and Rookie Contestants will ride for 6 Seconds, Junior, Senior and Novice will ride for 8 Seconds.

- Re-rides will be given for flank failure, interference, and fouling. Judges may give re-rides at the judge's discretion alone. Riders must declare themselves if fouled. Riders must make a qualified ride if the flank comes off or the horse turns out backwards to receive re-ride.

- Second qualification for complete ride. Time will start when the inside shoulder of the horse passes the chute gate plane. All rides will be flagged out at the gate to start time.

- Judges will throw a flag for failed marks- out (yellow) and re-rides (red).

- Riders must use only (1) hand in all age groups, no double reins allowed.

- Rider who keeps feet in the neck will be considered a better spur ride than a rider with feet in the cinch.

- Spur out rule PRCA guidelines to be used to determine spur out rule. **PRCA RULE BOOK WILL BE DEFAULT REFERENCE IN ANY QUESTIONABLE INSTANCE.**

- Scoring System: Rider/ 25 plus animal/ 25 per judge.



- Judges will keep a stopwatch for each contestant. The judges will have a final call on all matters, and their discretion only on re-rides. Equipment, contestant's attitude, and behavior will be considered.

- Arena director and chute boss will be directly involved with all chute procedures and activities. The arena director will interact with the judges on any miss-conduct, language, or contestant readiness when called on the ride.

- No contestant or parent may approach or interfere at any time with the judges. Judges are not required to explain decisions in markings, and only at their permission after the contest may they be approached. Violation of the rule will lead to disqualification of contestants. On the contrary, all judges were hired to make the final decisions.

- Unsportsmanlike conduct by parents or contestants may be called upon for disqualification.

- A great ride is considered feet in the neck with a spurring motion for the entire ride. A good ride is considered feet in the neck for a part of the ride. A poor ride is considered feet in the cinch for the ride. The rides will be marked accordingly.

- Horse is graded on, degree of difficulty and kick VS running. All judging criteria are based on PRCA criteria.

#### **HUMANE REGULATIONS:**

- Anyone caught harming or purposely injuring a horse will be disqualified. Anyone caught sulking horses, by the discretion of the chute boss or contractor will be disqualified. Contestants will be informed when to tighten equipment on horse. Anyone pulling before being informed to pull will instantly be disqualified from that round and fined \$250.

#### **PERSONNEL FOR FINALS:**

- All buck outs will have at least two pick up men present in the arena.

- Pony mugger, pick-up men, chute boss and arena director will be required to wear sponsor provided gear. Failure to do so will disqualify the contractor for receiving payment for contracted work.

- Minimum of one Pony mugger for horse events and a minimum of two Bull Fighters will be in the arena for bull riding events.

- 2 judges will be present at the event.

- If the tour stop/direct qualifier is a multi-day event and runs as a daily rodeo rather than a long go/short go format all riders must ride in the same location, and the same stock contractor and judges must be used for every rodeo. The riders first ride or declared re-ride counts for point standings and event payout standings.

- The use of alcohol during an associated youth event can lead to disqualification of parents, personnel, and contractors.

- Sulking of animals by anyone can lead to disqualification 2024-2025 Rules for Bull Riding

### Additions 2025

Mutton Bustin 4 to 6 (Available when producers are agreeing to provide Sheep and will not advance to National Finals)

SHEEP RIDING is a local event for contestants and will not advance to the World Finals)

1. Contestants can use some type of rope and ride for six (6) seconds.

2. Contestants must wear a protective vest to ride. Helmets are highly recommended and mandatory in some states.

3. Using any object other than contestant and approved equipment will result in no score. (Spurs are not allowed for sheep riding)

4. In the event re-rides will be granted,

A) If sheep falls\* (\*not if sheep is pulled down because rider is hanging on the side) B) Rider is knocked off at chute; or C) If sheep fails to perform at judge's discretion.

5. Riders are encouraged to ride in an upright position

Calf Riding 4-8/ Steer Riding 9-14 (Available when producers are agreeing to provide CALVES/STEEERS.

CALF RIDING/STEER RIDING is a local event for contestants and will not advance to the World Finals)

1. All calves/steers will be flanked & rode for six (6) seconds.

2. Calf riders/steer riders will ride with one (1) hand. A. With a loose rope with or without a handhold. B. Touching animals, equipment or self with free hand will cause disqualification. One (1) arm must always be free. C. Contestants who are knocked off or fouled at chute, animal falls, stops, do not perform, or are interfered with in any way

by the contract help will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of Judges and/or Chute Boss.

#### Buckaroo 6 and under and PeeWee 6-9

1. Ride time limit is a minimum of six (6) seconds.
2. Stock for the Buckaroo and PeeWee events may be young bulls (calves), or miniature bulls. Steers will be allowed with prior approval. Animals may be used without a flank in the Buckaroo and then used with a flank in the PeeWee
3. Contestants who are knocked off or fouled at chute, animal falls, stops, do not perform, or are interfered with in any way by the contract help will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the Judges and/or Arena Director.

Novice 16-18 Bull Riding, Senior 14-15 Bull Riding, Junior 12-13 Bull Riding, and Rookie 10 11 Bull Riding (JRAWF)

1. Flanked animals will be ridden for a minimum of eight (8) seconds.
2. Riding is to be done with one (1) hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.
  - A. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off the animal when the contestant leaves him.
  - B. Rope must have a bell. Bell must be of rectangular shape with a ringer, NO crosses!
3. Contestants who are knocked off or fouled at chute, animal falls, stops, or are interfered with in any way by the contract help will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of Judges, Chute Boss and/or Arena Director.
4. Riders may have the option of re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if the flank comes off the animal, providing the contestant has completed a qualified ride. The re-ride may be given on the same animal, if the Stock Contractor is willing, or a re-ride animal, if requested by the Contestant.
5. It will be the responsibility of the contestant to ask for a re-ride immediately after dismounting and before the next contestant rides.
6. The judges should offer the option of re-rides if the performance of the animal is not suitable. A. In all age groups, the contestant in each age group will declare if fouled at the gate. B. No more than 2 re-rides can be taken in a row. If a third re-ride is awarded, it will be after the next event is done, unless it is during the last event.

7. If a contestant makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in his riding hand, he is to receive a marking.

8. The contestant will have the right to call Judges to pass on whether the animal is properly flanked to buck to best of its ability.

9. The contestant is not to use sharp spurs.

10. Contestants may be disqualified for any of the following offenses:

A. Using abusive, profane language or improper gestures.

B. By fighting or arguing with a judge, this also includes the parent.

C. Touching animals, equipment, or people with a free hand. One (1) arm must always be free.

D. Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.

E. Not having a bell on bull rope.

F. Hooking a knot before coming out of the chute.

G. Judges or Arena Director may disqualify or fine a contestant who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above his animal with his glove on when the previous animal leaves the arena. Each rider will have 30 sec. time frame to get out on their draw.

H. Each contestant will have no more than two people pulling his rope, nor will the rope be pulled tight too far in advance before the ride.

I. Taking too long in the chute.

-No one is allowed to run along or assist in any way during the ride if this occurs the rider may be subject to disqualification and or fine. Once the ride is over and if the contestant gets into trouble and the bullfighters need assistance a parent or anyone close may assist the contestant at such time. We would like for the bullfighter to have the opportunity to assist the rider, but in Some cases, they need help to keep the contestant from harm.

-Contestants must wear a protective vest to ride. Helmets with a face mask are mandatory. –

General Rules for all Rough Stock

1. No bull, calf or steer may be put in the draw until it has been approved
2. If livestock lies down in chute more than three times and will not get up
  - A. It's up to the rider to request another one or he may keep the same one. The Contestant does have the option to take the animal lying down or with a rope in the position it is in while the animal is standing.
3. After the animal leaves chute, no Hot Shot may be used in the arena.
4. All stock will be marked clearly and Identifiable
5. Livestock Inspection Committee The stock can be inspected by the judges at any time

#### Contestant Weight

Sheep (under 60lbs)

Calves/Micro Mini Bulls (under 70lbs)

Peewee (under 85lbs)

Rookie (under 95lbs)

Junior (Under 120lbs)

Senior (under 160lbs)

Novice No Weight Limit

Female Divisions (all standard rules will apply)- (Females will be identified by gender at birth.)

Female Riders will be classified into three age groups **UNLESS THERE IS LESS THAN 5 FEMALES IN A SAID COMPETITION (IN THIS CASE THE FEMALE COMPETITORS WILL BE COMBINED IN ONE TO TWO GROUPS, BUT WILL DRAW FROM A PEN OF ANIMALS THAT IS AGE AND SIZE APPROPRIATE FOR THE RIDER IN THE INSTANCE THAT AGES ARE COMBINED TOGETHER RIDE TIME FOR CONTESTANTS WILL BE 8 SECONDS)**

1. 6 Second Riders
  - a. Contestants aged 13 or under as of January 1 of the competing year and under 120 lbs.
  - b. Contestants will ride within the same age group, who will draw from the JRA association age groups for stock. i.e. 6-9 / 85lbs riders will draw from peewee stock,

10-11 95lbs riders will draw from the rookie stock, and the 12-13/120lbs will draw from the Junior Stock.

**2. 8 Second Riders**

- a. Contestants aged 14-19 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competing year.
- b. Contestants will ride within the same age group, who will draw from the JRA association age groups for stock. i.e., 14-15/160 lbs. riders will draw from Senior stock16 and up will draw from Novice Stock.

**3. Regions are not required to offer female divisions.**

