

## Junior Roughstock Association Rules 2024-2025

**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 World Finals** (Junior, Senior and Novice age Groups for Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding) and the **Junior Roughstock Youth Finals** (PeeWee and Rookie age Groups for all horse riding roughstock events and bull riding events hosted by JRA Contractors and Producers). 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, Steers and Sheep 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 and regional events also and will not advance to the Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada or qualify for the Junior Roughstock Youth Finals.

The JRA consists of 12 regions. Each region may have specialized rules and regulations to increase safety of contestants and stock.

Deadlines may vary based on region; however, it is recommended that rules and guidelines be followed by all members. Finals Qualifiers for the **Junior Roughstock Youth Finals** must be submitted prior to the National Office not later than September 1<sup>st</sup> of competing year. Finals Qualifiers for the **Junior World Finals** must be submitted no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of competing year.

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. 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 Tucket (Senior Regional Director), Eric Clemens (Stock Contractor), Lacie DeMers (Secretary), Chrissy Da Costa (Event Production), Cody DeMers (Contestant Representative).

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

Official Rule Book is available at [www.juniorroughstockworld.com](http://www.juniorroughstockworld.com) Contact Information:  
Website: [www.juniorroughstockworld.com](http://www.juniorroughstockworld.com) Facebook: Junior Roughstock World Finals  
Instagram: @juniorroughstockworld Blog: The Bucking Post WORLD FINALS (Junior, Senior and Novice Age Groups) \*please note that all references for prize payout and qualifying stock is

based on 15-25 competing contestants per age group ALL PAYOUT EXAMPLES IN THE RULE BOOK ARE EXAMPLES. A final will be held for each division with less than 15 competing contestants; however number of contestants advancing to the short round will be 5 and the prize line payout will also reflect number of contestants per age group. Each event is not to exceed 30 contestants per age group without vote from the voting council.

The Junior World Finals will be hosted by Las Vegas Events at Cowboy Christmas during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, NV at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Up to date finals information for the Junior Roughstock Finals can be found on both the Junior Roughstock Association website as well as the NFR Experience webpage. The JRA Finals (qualified Peewee and Rookie Contestants). The Last Chance Qualifier will be held in Wickenburg, Arizona. The event dates will tentatively be the last weekend of September (Wickenburg, Arizona). The Junior World Finals (qualified Junior, Senior and Novice Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riders) will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Contestant check-in will be one day prior to event start date. Rodeo "tentative" event dates will be the first 5 days of the National Finals Rodeo. The welcome ceremony and awards may be on days separate of these dates of the events. More information will be provided no later than 30 days prior to event. Official schedule will be provided with entry information to qualified contestants. Contestants will be required to check in one day prior to finals event at designated check in time. Those that fail to check in on time will be disqualified unless previously authorized by National Office.

All winners and top 5 contestants must be present at awards unless dismissed due to medical circumstances or other preapproved reason. No regional points will be carried over to Junior World Finals. All Junior World Finals points are based on aggregate points which includes all points accrued in both long go and short go rounds. There will be 2 long go rounds for each division the top 5 or 10 contestants in each division at the Junior World Finals will advance to the short go. The top five or ten contestants in the Peewee and Rookie divisions will advance to the short go of the Junior Rough Stock Youth Finals.

All Entries will be completed through Cognito Forms and/or Saddle Book. Fees for the 2024-2025 finals are TBD but will not exceed \$650/event. Failure to check-in during designated timeframe could result in disqualification. If a region does not fill the allowed spots, it could result in less contestants at the finals. Estimated payout based on 25 Contestants (Payout will vary based on number of paid/entered contests). Based on entry fee off \$650, with \$50 office charge, \$50 Prize Line and up to a 40% stock charge, all added money, if available, will be paid out in addition to 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 raffle ticket sales. Additional funds needed to produce the Junior World Finals will be raised by additional fundraisers and sponsorships. WORLD FINALS (Peewee and Rookie Division/Bull Riding Age)

Regional Finals information will be updated on or before designated dates REGIONAL INFORMATION: Regional map and contact information can be found at: <https://juniorroughstockworld.com/contact> Advisory Council - Each region will have representation from at least one contractor and a parent from each established region. The advisory council will allow for each region to be represented by a regional representative, responsible for communicating regional questions and concerns, recommending new ideas, as well as relaying important information to their regional series coordinators and contractors. 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. \$25 from each regional final's entry fee will be applied to operations and payout for the 2024-2025 World Finals. Any non-compliant region will default to previous region for the regional finals. Contact National Office for more information. Recommended entry fee for events is \$75/round (\$35 to the pot / \$35 to stock contractor and \$10 to ground fee), fees are not to exceed \$225 per regional event. Region final's dates/locations will be set by each region by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the competing year. All regional finals must be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup> of 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 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. MEMBERSHIP: Regional membership cards are \$150.00 per region. Contestants qualifying in more than one region will be required to take first qualifying spot. Memberships must be purchased and paid for online. Cheques will no longer be accepted for membership cards. Membership cards include insurance for regional and national finals. Insurance may be offered by individual rodeos if local committee provides it. Please check with each regional director for membership card and stock contractor card purchase cut-off dates. QUALIFYING: Members can qualify for the Junior World Finals three different ways, direct qualifier, last chance qualifier, or through regional finals.

Las Vegas Events has authorization to invite qualified contestants from other accredited associations of their choice. Top four contestants from each regional series advances on to regional finals (Peewee, Rookie Junior, Junior, Senior, Novice). Top four contestants from regional finals qualify for Junior World Finals (Junior, Senior, Novice). Winner of regional finals advance on to Junior Roughstock Youth Finals (Peewee/Rookie). Date and location tentatively to be last weekend of September in Wickenburg, Arizona. All members qualifying within their region must first qualify to their regional finals to advance to the World Finals. Every qualification method requires that contestants must have a qualified ride. No contestants will advance on time, and contestants must have a score to advance to the Junior World Finals and Junior Roughstock Extreme Finals. NATIONAL TOUR: 2024 will not consist of a National Tour. DIRECT QUALIFIERS: We will have Direct Qualifiers in addition to the last chance qualifier. Direct

Qualifiers will be announced on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of 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.

**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 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 number of contestant entries. Event Point Payout for groups providing a rodeo series and keeping track of average scores is suggested as follows for regional 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 Points Regular season events are suggested to not exceed \$115.00 (unless otherwise noted). For event points to be awarded, both contestant and animal must break the plane of the chute.

**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 up? A: Yes, only if contestant age is within in one year of next age group and contestant exceeds weight limit for contestants age group. Contestants cannot ride down an age group.

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

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 polices for insurance. (All contestants must provide a copy of primary care insurance prior to competition)

Q: How will a 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 local courthouse will need to be provided and a copy of the health insurance card.

Q: Is the JRA/Mini Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding World Championship owned by Las Vegas Events? A: No both entities are privately owned and are only hosted by Last Vegas Events.

Q: Are there restrictions for contestants competing in other associations? A: No

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 involved. If a change is to be made all members will be notified and an amendment will be posted on our website.

Q: Will there be a returned check fee and a reissue/cancelation fee? A: There will be a fee of \$35 for all returned check/ anyone with a returned check will lose privilege of paying by check in the future. If a check is lost or stolen; a \$75 fee for reissue and cancellation will be applied. If a check associated with a contestant is bounced, that family will be placed on a bad check list and not allowed to write checks at any of the associations or merchandising locations.

Q. Will contestants be asked to sell Raffle Tickets? A. Yes, to offset the operating costs and to guarantee added money at the final's contestants will be required to sell 20/\$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.

**DIVISIONS: PEE WEE DIVISION: Age: 6 - 9U (Age as of January 1, of finals year)**

Contestant will ride for 6 seconds. Weight Limit: 85lb Max (weight limits will be enforced during the season, at regional finals, and at Junior Roughstock Extreme Youth Finals)

Stock Requirements: Mini Bloodlines/450lb max Number of contestants advancing to the Junior Roughstock Finals: TBD based on 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 contestant 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. Contestant cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle. Mark-out Rule– Not enforced/No Disqualification. Blown Stirrup – Not enforced Rein – Contestant 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 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. Contestant 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. Contestant 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 contestant will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.

**ROOKIE DIVISION: Age: 10 -11 (Age as of January 1, of competing year) Contestant 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).

Stock Requirements: Welsh and Shetland/13.2HH max/600m Max Number of contestants for World Finals Max of 30 bareback/30 saddle bronc (if all regions do not fulfill their spots, lesser number may be at the finals). Number of contestants from each region: 4 bareback/4 saddle bronc

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 Roughstock Extreme Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestant 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 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. Contestant cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the riggin. Leather latigos required at Junior Roughstock Extreme Miniature Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestant 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 do long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestant will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.

**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/675lb max Number of contestants for World Finals Max of 30 bareback/30 saddle bronc (if all regions do not fulfill

their spots, lesser number may be at the finals) Number of contestants from each Region: 4 bareback/4 saddle bronc

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. Contestant cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle. Mark-out Rule– Not enforced Disqualification 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. Contestant 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. Contestant 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 do long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestant will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.

**SENIOR DIVISION: Age: 14 -15 (Age as of January 1 of competing year) Contestant will ride for 8 seconds Contestant Weight Limit: 160lb Max (weight limits will be enforced during the season, at regional finals, and at Junior World Finals)**

Stock Requirements: 14.2HH max/1000lb max STOCK WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON ABILITY OVER SIZE Number of contestants for World Finals Max of 30 bareback /30 saddle bronc (plus option for Little Britches and Highschool Champions to be invited). Number of contestants from each Region: 4 bareback/ 4 saddle bronc

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. Contestant cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle. 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 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. Contestant 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 – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels. Glove – Grabbers, tits, and palm pieces are allowed do long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestant 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. 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). Number of contestants from each Region:4 bareback / 4 saddle bronc

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 hoses bucking ability. Leather latigos required at junior World Finals. Only rosin can be used on the equipment. No adhesives or spray allowed. Contestant cannot tie or bind themselves to the horse with anything other than the saddle. Mark-out – Enforced/Disqualification. 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 Riggin – Handholds must be a combination of leather and rawhide. No plastic or metal handholds are allowed. 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. Contestant 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/Disqualification. Rowels – Must be 4 or 5 points. No locked rowels. Glove – Grabbers, tits, and palm pieces are allowed do long as the contestant is able to demonstrate the ability to get hand free with ease. If unable to do so contestant will need to use a different glove/riggin or sit out the remainder of the event.

GENERAL GROUND RULES: PRCA rules will be followed for activities in the arena, the following are amendments to the PRCA rules for to meet 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 or affiliated with the PRCA, however do extend the PRCA rules pertaining to arena activities for our contestants).

- 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.
- No quarreling, arguing, or disrespect will be accepted by family or contestant. Violation of this rule will lead to disqualification of contestants and families.
- 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).
- Contestant can roll up riding sleeve.
- Cowboy hats are required while in the arena, if 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.
- Parents will be held responsible for their behavior; unruly conduct will lead to disqualification of children involved with the event.
- Contestants may be required to sell advertisement (program ads) and or raffle tickets.
- 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.
- 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 arena director.
- Parents threatening arena personnel, contractor's other contestants or other parents will be provided a written warning.

- Parents threatening legal retaliation of event or event coordinators will be immediately banned along with competing contestant. 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 our rules.
- The Junior World Logo is owned by Las Vegas Events and cannot be used without permission.
- The Mini Bareback and Mini Saddle Bronc World Championship Logo and 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.
- Contestants are required to maintain cowboy attire and professional conduct at all events/functions associated with the Junior World Finals and Junior Roughstock Extreme Miniature Finals; including but not limited to the event, autograph sessions, and other functions.
- 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 professional arena personal will step into assist the rider.
- Fanning the livestock or disrespecting the stock contractor can result in a no score. (Contestant cannot fan horse with hat).
- All Contestants must fill out a W-9 to receive payment for winnings.
- Only contestants and one helper are allowed behind the chutes. No one is allowed in the arena at any time. Only the arena help 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.
- At no point can parents approach stock contractors, arena personnel or secretaries. Please See below "problem resolution" for procedure. Any parent, contestant, spectator that fails to follow procedure will be disqualified and fined \$500.
- Any fighting or cursing in or around the arena or hosted events will lead to legal action.
- In order for event points to be awarded, both contestant and animal must break the plane 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 directly involved contestant may be disqualified. If you are planning on publishing professional photographs, live feed from the event, and or 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 caught live streaming of event or selling/sharing pictures or video for public viewing can be fined up to \$1,000 and banned from future events. Las Vegas events has sold TV rights on the events, they will keep us informed should they choose to do anything with their TV rights. This is enforced by Las Vegas Events.

- Bashing of any stock contractors, personnel, sponsors, or volunteers will not be tolerated.
- Parents threatening arena personnel, contractor's other contestants or other parents will be provided a written warning and possible disqualification.
- Parents threatening legal retaliation of event or event coordinators will be immediately banned along with competing contestant. 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 our rules.
- Parents will be held responsible for their behavior; unruly conduct will lead to disqualification of children involved with the event.

#### 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 judge's discretion alone. Rider must declare themselves if fouled. Rider must make qualified ride if flank comes off or horse turnout 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 mark out (yellow) and re-rides (red).
  - Rider must use only (1) hand in all age groups, no double reins allowed.
  - Rider who keeps feet in the neck will be considered better spur ride than rider with feet in the cinch.
  - Spur out rule PRCA guidelines to be used to determine spur out rule.
  - Scoring System: Rider/ 25 plus animal/ 25 per each 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 rule will lead to disqualification of contestants. On the contrary all judges were hired to make the final decisions.
- Un-sportsman like conduct by parents or contestant 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 is based on PRCA criteria.
- 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.

#### 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 contractor for receiving payment for contracted work.
- Minimum of one Pony mugger for horse events and an minimum of two Bull Fighters will be in arena for bull riding events.
- 2 judges will be present for event.
- If the tour stop/direct qualifier is a multi-day event and ran as a daily rodeo rather than a long go/short go format all riders must ride in same location, and the same stock contractor and judges must be used for every rodeo. The riders first ride or declared reride counts for point standings and event payout standings.

- The use of alcohol during an associated youth event can lead to disqualification of parent, personnel, and contractors.
- Sulking of animals by anyone can lead to disqualification

#### 2024-2025 Rules for Bull Riding (Added 2024/2025)

1. The judges will score each ride 1-25 for the rider and 1-25 for the stock, then the two front judges scores will be added up and this will constitute the score on a qualified ride for the rider, the score will also serve as the rider's points see example below. Judges' decisions are final. Parents or other persons approaching, engaging, petitioning, or protesting in any way which is distracting to the judges, arena directors, or JRA officials during the event for any reason will be subject to having their child disqualified for the finals. Example: 1st ride 68 pts, 2nd ride 70 pts going into the short go the rider would have 138 pts.
2. The Timer will have the official times during the event in case of a malfunction from the timer(s)watch, then the latch side judge time would be used, the back timer will have the time in case the official buzzer malfunctions. The Chute Boss will also oversee the 30 second rule and can disqualify you, as well as any other violations.
3. In the event of a questioned time, the official timers time will be used.
4. All riders will compete one handed, except for mutton busting.
5. It is the responsibility of the contestant to make sure he or she is competing on the correct head of stock. Competing on the incorrect stock will result in disqualification on that ride.
6. All stock will be drawn before the bull riding starts. The draw is done by the event Secretary and judge or official chute boss. Contestants will not draw the same head of stock in any performance that he/she has drawn previously, this will not include re-rides, except in the short go, and contestants could draw the same animal.
7. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed into the secretary area PERIOD! When the sheets have been tallied for that event, the results will be posted. This will help to eliminate the possibility of errors, as we want each rider to get the most accurate count.
8. Contestant will have 30 seconds to call for their animal once the gate men get to them. The judge will have a stopwatch and keep times. It will be at the back judge's or chute boss discretion if the contestant is being given a fair shot by the animal. Riders need to have their ropes on and be ready to go when the rider in front of them goes.
9. The use of abusive, profane language, improper gestures, theft of any kind or fighting by any contestant, parent or any person attending the event or staying at a host hotel acting in an unruly manner during any event which of which is then reported by the hotel manager back to the office, will be subject to disqualification of the finals. THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!!

10. Western dress code will be in effect at all times during the World Finals and any events that you are asked to participate in. This is for anyone and everyone entering the "Limits of the event". This includes all Dads, Moms, and or Helpers.

11. Alcoholic Beverages will not be allowed during the event by contestant or parent.

12. In the event of multiple rounds, the top 10 riders will make it back to the Short Go.

13. The Board of Directors reserves the right to not accept entries and to amend or revise any rule at any time during the event or year.

14. Announced times and scores are unofficial.

15. All personnel must display event pass at all times if and when one is provided in and out of the arena. Contestants must wear their back numbers at all times in and out of the arena during World Finals and Regional Finals. This is their ticket to behind the chutes and rodeo

#### Protests

1. Only rule violations can be protested. Quality of judges or stock will not be protested.

Protests are only allowed and World Finals Events

2. Protest fee: \$250.00

3. Protest procedure is as follows:

A. Protest must be a rule violation not a judge's call. All Judges calls or decisions are final.

B. The Arena Director must be notified before the next rider rides their animal.

C. The protest must then be put into writing and submitted to the event secretary.

D. The protest committee that is made up of the judges will meet to determine the outcome of the protest before the next rider goes.

E. If the protest is found valid, the contestant will receive what is coming to them and have the protest fee returned. If the protest is found invalid, the rule or ruling stands and the protest fee is not refundable.

F. If any of the following requirements are not met, the protest will not be allowed.

17. Any falsification of information or documentation from contestant will result in immediate disqualification. Any organization doing the same will have all contestants disqualified.

18. Mutton Bustin 4 to 6(Available when producers are agreeing to provide SHEEP. SHEEP RIDING is a local event for contestants and will not advance to the World Finals)

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

2. Contestant 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.

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

19. 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 handhold.

B. Touching animal, equipment or self with free hand will cause disqualification. One (1) arm must be free at all times.

C. Contestants who are knocked off or fouled at chute, animal falls, stops, does not perform, or is 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.

20. Buckaroo 6 and under and PeeWee 6-9

1. All the below except time limit is 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, does not perform, or is interfered with in any way by the contract help will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of Judges and/or Arena Director.

21. Novice 16-18 Bull Riding, Senior 14-15 Bull Riding, Junior 12-13 Bull Riding, and Rookie 10-11 Bull Riding

1. Flanked animal will be rode for 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 animal when contestant leaves him. B. Rope must have 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 is 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. Rider may have the option of re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if 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 Contestant.

5. It will be the responsibility of the contestant to ask for a re-ride immediately after dismounting and before next contestant rides.

6. The judges shall offer the option of re-rides if performance of 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 3rd re-ride is awarded, it will be after the next event is done, unless it is during the last event.

7. If 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 animal is properly flanked to buck to best of is 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 animal, equipment, or person with free hand. One (1) arm must be free at all times.

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 contestant who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above his animal with his glove on when previous animal leaves the arena. Each rider will have a 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 to far in advance before the ride.

I. Taking to long in the chute.



11. 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 find. 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.

12. Contestant must wear a protective vest to ride. Helmets with a face mask are mandatory.

22. 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

23. Stock Weight Stock weight will be what is available at the time of the event

24. Livestock Inspection Committee The stock can be inspected by the judges at any time

25. 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