

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK



JUNIOR ROUGHSTOCK ASSOCIATION 2026

Junior Roughstock Association Rules – 2026

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

A copy of this Official Rule Book is available at
www.juniorroughstockworld.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Website:** www.juniorroughstockworld.com
- **Facebook:** Junior Roughstock World Finals
- **Instagram:** @juniorroughstockworld

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The **Junior Roughstock Association (JRA)** is a private organization / DBA under **406 Event Productions LLP**. The JRA provides a qualification system for paid members to compete for a position at:

- **Junior National Finals Rodeo (JNFR)**
 - Bareback Riding & Saddle Bronc Riding
 - **Junior Division:** 120 lbs max (115 lbs during regular season)
 - **Senior Division:** 160 lbs max (155 lbs during regular season)
 - **Novice Division**
- **Junior Roughstock Association Finals Rodeo (JRAFR)**
 - Bareback & Saddle Bronc Riders: ages 6–12
 - Bull Riders: ages 6–18
 - Female Bareback, Saddle Bronc, and Bull Riders: ages 6–20, Stock Saddle Riders of all age groups

ALL WEIGHTS ARE MEASURED IN FULL COWBOY ATTIRE (BOOTS, HAT, JEANS, AND COWBOY SHIRT).

OPTIONAL EVENTS

Calf Riding, Sheep Riding, and Steer Riding are **optional events** that may be hosted by local producers.

- Champions in Calf, Sheep, and Steer Riding *may* be crowned at the **regional or series level**, at the discretion of each Regional Director.
- These events **will not advance to the World Finals** and **do not require a JRA membership card**.
- Buckaroo and Lead Line events are also optional at regional events and **do not advance** to the JNFR or JRAWF.

REGIONAL STRUCTURE

The JRA consists of multiple regions.

Each region may implement specialized rules and regulations to increase the safety of both contestants and stock.

- Deadlines may vary by region.
- It is strongly recommended that all members follow national rules and guidelines whenever possible.

FINALS QUALIFICATION DEADLINES

Junior Roughstock Association World Finals (JRAFR)

- **Final qualifiers must be submitted to the National Office no later than August 1** of the competition year.
- **Contestant entry deadline:** August 15
 - Associations hosting later qualifiers must ensure contestants are prepared to enter immediately upon qualification.

Junior National Finals Rodeo (JNFR)

- **Final qualifiers must be submitted no later than September 30** of the competition year.

- **Contestant entry deadline:** September 30
 - Associations hosting later qualifiers must ensure contestants are prepared to enter immediately upon qualification.

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE RECEIVING THE OFFICIAL JNFR ENTRY FORM.

The official entry form will come **directly from Las Vegas Events.**

NO EXCEPTIONS.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

All business information the association chooses to share will be made available via:

- www.juniorroughstockworld.com
- Official JRA social media platforms

GOVERNANCE & DECISION-MAKING

The JRA operates with a **Council of Owners and Advisors**, allowing for communication and voting related to youth association matters.

- **All final decisions regarding the JNFR are the sole authority of Las Vegas Events and the JRA Representative, Lacie DeMers.**

A current list of contractors, producers, and board members is available at www.juniorroughstockworld.com

VOTING COUNCIL

In the event a vote is required, the established Voting Council consists of:

- Cameron Tuckett – Senior Regional Director
- Eric Clemens – Stock Contractor
- Lacie DeMers – Secretary
- Chrissy Da Costa – Event Production
- Cody DeMers – Contestant Representative
- Branden Johnson – Stock Contractor Advocate

FUNDING

All funds used to produce the finals are raised through:

- Membership cards
- Fundraisers
- Chance drawing sales
- Sponsorships

These efforts are additionally supported by **personal funding** to ensure the continued success and growth of the Junior Roughstock Association.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Age: 6–9 (Age as of January 1 of finals year) **CONTESTANTS MUST BE 6 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026**

Ride Time: 6 seconds

Weight Limit:

- 85 lbs. maximum
- **80 lbs. enforced during regular season, Regional Finals, and JRAWF**

Stock Requirements

- Mini bloodlines only
- **600 lbs. maximum**
- **NO yearlings or unbuckled colts at Finals**
 - Exceptions may be approved based on ability and experience
- All Finals stock must:
 - Be proven
 - Be saddle broke
 - Stand in lead-ups and chutes for **5–10 minutes**
 - Be capable of being pulled in advance for up to **5 riders**
- **No full-size horse bloodlines**

Video Requirement:

All animals brought to JNFR/JRAFR must have **a minimum of three performance videos** available upon request.

Stock Integrity Rule:

Any stock contractor bringing **three or more animals** that deliberately throw themselves—and is found to have misrepresented animal performance—will:

- Forfeit all stock charges
- Be barred from bringing stock the following year
- Be required to vacate the arena and hosting facilities if removed from an event

Animal Naming:

Animal names must be in **good taste**. Rodeo administration may require a name change or use of a stock number.

Advancement

- Number advancing to Finals: **TBD based on regional card numbers**

Pee Wee Saddle Bronc Rules

- Approved bronc or custom saddles only (SADDLES MUST BE MADE WITH A JUNIOR TREE AND BE UNDER 13.5" SEAT CONTESTANTS WITH LARGER SADDLE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MOVE UP)
- Saddles must fit stock appropriately
- **No prods, spikes, adhesives, or sprays**
- Rosin only
- Nylon or leather latigos approved
- One rein only
- Mark-out rule: **Not enforced**
- Blown stirrup: **-5 points**
- Rowels: 4 or 5 points, **no locked rowels**
- Halter: throat latch or traditional bronc halter allowed

- Boots must release freely

Pee Wee Bareback Rules

- Beastmaster riggings (plastic handle) allowed
- Riggins pad required
- Rosin only
- No binding devices
- Mark-out rule: **Not enforced**
- Rowels: 4 or 5 points, no locked rowels
- Gloves must allow easy hand release

ROOKIE DIVISION

(Rookie contestants may also qualify for JNFR in Las Vegas)

Age: 10–12 (Age as of January 1 of competing year)

Ride Time: 6 seconds

Weight Limit:

- 110 lbs max
- **105 lbs enforced during season, Regional Finals, and Extreme Mini Finals**

Stock Requirements

- 13 hands max / 800 lbs
- **NO yearlings or unbucked colts at Finals**
- Proven stock only
- No full-size horse bloodlines
- Must stand in chutes 5–10 minutes and handle up to 5 advance riders

Video Requirement: Minimum of 3 performance videos

Advancement

- TBD based on regional card numbers

Rookie Saddle Bronc Rules

- Approved bronc saddles only (SADDLE MUST BE MADE ON A JUNIOR SADDLE TREE AND ARE NOT TO EXCEED 14.5" SEAT)
- **Leather latigos required at Finals**
- Rosin only
- One rein
- Mark-out: **Not enforced**
- Blown stirrup: **-5 points per side**
- Rowels: 4 or 5 points
- Boots must release freely

Rookie Bareback Rules

- Beastmaster riggings allowed
- Riffin pad required
- **Leather latigos required at Finals**
- Mark-out: **Enforced -5 points**
- Gloves must release freely

JUNIOR DIVISION

Age: 13 & under

Contestant must be at least 12 as of January 1, 2026

Weight Limit:

- 120 lbs max
- **115 lbs enforced during season and Regionals**
- Contestant must **ride up** to qualify for Nationals

Stock Requirements

- Shetland/Welsh/Quarter Pony crosses
- **850 lbs max**

- Proven stock only
- No yearlings or unbucked colts

Finals Capacity

- Max **20 Bareback / 15 Saddle Bronc**
- Based on regional card allocation

Junior Saddle Bronc Rules

- Approved bronc saddles (SADDLE MUST BE A JUNIOR SADDLE MADE WITH A JUNIOR SADDLE TREE AND NOT TO EXCEED A 15")
- **Leather latigos required at World Finals**
- Mark-out: **-5 points**
- Blown stirrup: enforced
- One rein only

Junior Bareback Rules

- Beastmaster riggings approved
- Riggins pad required
- **Leather latigos required at Finals**
- Mark-out: **-5 points**
- Gloves must release freely

SENIOR DIVISION

Age: 14–15 (Age as of January 1)

Ride Time: 8 seconds

Weight Limit:

- 160 lbs max
- **155 lbs enforced during season and Regionals**

Stock Requirements

- 15 hands max / 1100 lbs

- **Stock selected by ability over size**

Finals Capacity

- **Max 30 Bareback / 25 Saddle Bronc**
- Plus possible invites from Little Britches & High School

Saddle Bronc Rules

- Leather latigos required at World Finals
- Mark-out: **-5 points / DQ**
- Blown stirrup: **DQ**

Bareback Rules

- Leather/rawhide handholds only
- No plastic or metal
- Mark-out: **-5 points**

NOVICE DIVISION

Age: 16-18 (Age as of January 1 of Finals year)

Ride Time: 8 seconds

Eligibility:

- May carry PRCA permit
- **Must not have fulfilled permit prior to event**

Weight Limit: None

Stock: Based on ability

Finals Capacity

- **Max 30 Bareback / 30 Saddle Bronc**
- Possible Little Britches & NHR Invitations

Novice Saddle Bronc Rules

- **Vests mandatory**
- Mark-out: **-5 points**

- Blown stirrup: PRCA rules

Novice Bareback Rules

- Leather/rawhide handholds only
- Mark-out: **-5 points**

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

(Applies to JNFR & JRAWF)

- Mandatory check-in **one day prior** and ***must attend both back number ceremony and sponsorship ceremony/meet and greet**
- Late check-in = **disqualification unless pre-approved**
- Awards & welcome ceremonies may occur on separate days
- Official schedules sent after entry fees are paid
- **Top 5 & all Short Round contestants must attend awards**
- No regional points carry to Finals
- Finals consist of **2 long rounds + short round**
- Entries via **Cognito Forms and/or SaddleBook**

FINANCIAL & PAYOUT INFORMATION

- Entry fees **will not exceed \$650 per event**
- Regional spots determined by **March 1**
- Wild card/lottery spots may be used if regions do not fill

Estimated Payout (25 contestants \$650)

- \$50 office fee
- \$50 prize fee
- Up to 40% stock charge

Finals' costs supported through stock charges, chance ticket sales, sponsorships, fundraisers, and private funding.

REGIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

As the Junior Roughstock Association continues to grow, it is essential to evaluate needed changes and enhancements across all regions.

Each region is **encouraged** to establish a **regional planning committee** to:

- Discuss events and opportunities
- Assist with fundraising and prize support for Regional Finals

While a planning committee is recommended, all final decisions remain with the Regional Host.

Regional Operations & Fees

- **\$25 from each Regional Final and Direct Qualifier entry fee** will be applied to operations and payout for the **2026 Finals**.
- **\$25 for each Highschool sanctioned rodeo entry fee must be paid to the National Office.**
- Any **non-compliant region** will default to the **previous year's regional final's structure.**

Entry Fees

- **Recommended entry fee: \$100 per round**
 - \$40 to payout
 - \$40 to stock contractor
 - \$20 ground fee/event expenses
- **Entry fees may not exceed \$225 per regional event.**

Regional Finals Scheduling

- Regional Finals **dates and locations must be set up by June 1** of the competing year.
- All Regional Finals must be completed by **September 1**, unless the National Office grants prior approval.

Regional Administration

- A current list of **Regional Directors and Stock Contractors** will be posted on:
 - www.juniorroughstockworld.com
 - Official JRA social media platforms
- Local directors will announce stock draw times.
- Stock draws will be conducted by:
 - Official event personnel **or**
 - Las Vegas Events Designated Entry System
- All Regional Finals entries must be completed through **Entry System assigned on or before September 15, 2026**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- **Regional membership cards: \$150**
- Membership **must be purchased and paid online**
- **Checks will no longer be accepted**

Multiple Region Qualification

- Contestants qualifying in more than one region must accept **their first qualifying position.**

Insurance Requirements

- Membership cards include **secondary liability insurance** for Regional and National Finals.
- Individual rodeos may provide additional insurance if offered by the local committee.
- **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF MEDICAL INSURANCE**
 - International contestants must carry policies valid in the United States.

Please contact your Regional Director for:

- Membership cutoff dates
- Stock contractor card deadlines

QUALIFICATION METHODS

Contestants may qualify for designated Finals through **three approved methods**:

1. Direct Qualifier
2. Regional Finals
3. Last Chance Qualifier (Lottery/Wild Card)

Las Vegas Events reserves the right to invite qualified contestants from **other accredited associations**.

Advancement

- Advancement numbers from each regional series are based on **regional cardholder totals** per division:
 - Pee Wee
 - Rookie
 - Junior
 - Senior
 - Novice
- Contestants must:
 - Meet age, weight, and gender requirements
 - **Receive a score** to advance
- **No contestant advances on time alone.**

NATIONAL TOUR

- **There will be no National Tour for 2026.**

DIRECT QUALIFIERS * If Direct Qualifiers do not have more than 20 members out per event, contestants will advance to the Regional Finals**

- Direct Qualifiers will be held in addition to the Last Chance Qualifier.

- Hosts will be announced **on or before April 1** of the competing year.
- All Direct Qualifiers must:
 - Be **pre-approved**
 - Offer open entries
 - Fulfill all sponsorship obligations

Sponsorship obligations must be paid in full by May 1, 2026.

Event hosts may include a slack performance if needed.

PAYOUT GUIDELINES

- Minimum payout: **50% of entry fee after office fees**
- Event prizes are optional
- **Champion prizes are strongly encouraged** at Regional Finals
- Payouts and advancement examples are based on **15–25 contestants**
- Events with lower entries will still be held, with payout and advancement adjusted accordingly

To earn points, both contestant and animal must break the plane of the chute.

JUNIOR NATIONAL FINALS RODEO (JNFR) – LAS VEGAS

The **2026 Junior National Finals Rodeo**, hosted by **Las Vegas Events**, will be held **December 3–12, 2026**, in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo.

- Location: **Las Vegas Convention Center**
- Duration: **10 full days**
- JRA events run **December 3-7* (unless changes are made by Las Vegas Events)**

Purpose & Payout

The Junior Roughstock Association serves as the official qualification system for aspiring bareback and saddle bronc riders pursuing a future at the Thomas & Mack Center.

- Over **\$1 million** in combined cash and prizes will be awarded during the 10 days of JNFR
- Guaranteed payout:
 - **60% of entry fees** (less office/prize fees)
 - Plus, all added money
- **2025 payouts exceeded 125% of entry fees in cash alone**

Entry Limits*these numbers can be increased or decreased by Las Vegas Events and any time throughout the season*****

- Max **30 contestants per division**
- Total JNFR cap:
 - **65 Bareback Riders**
 - **55 Saddle Bronc Riders**

All payout examples in this rulebook are **examples only**.

JUNIOR ROUGHSTOCK ASSOCIATION WORLD FINALS (JRAWF) – ARIZONA

The **2026 Junior Roughstock Association National Finals** will be held **October of 2026** Arizona.

Mission

The JRAWF provides a professionally organized platform for **developing and beginner roughstock athletes**, preparing them for advancement to the JNFR.

Eligible Divisions

- Bareback & Saddle Bronc: **Ages 6–12**
- Bull Riding: **Ages 6–18**
- Female Bareback, Saddle Bronc & Bull Riding: **Ages 6–20**
- **Stock Saddle Riders Ages 6-20**

Contestants compete for a **National Title** in an environment focused on growth, safety, and long-term athlete development.

FAQ, Ground Rules, Finals Rules, Officiating, and Additional Event Rules

FAQ

Q: Are there rules regarding contestant individual sponsors?

A: Sponsorship rules vary by event. Contestants will be notified at the time of entry regarding any sponsor-related conflicts or requirements.

Q: Can I ride up an age division?

A: Yes—only if the contestant is within **one (1) year** of the next age group **and** exceeds the weight limit for their current age group. Contestants may **not** ride down an age group. Contestants riding up due to weight limit must have letter from regional director

Parents are strongly advised to consider contestant ability versus stock level when changing divisions.

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

A: Yes, but it must be approved by the National Office.

Q: Will different insurance requirements apply to International, Canadian, or Native contestants?

A: Yes. Please contact your Regional Director for details, as policies vary by country and district. All contestants must provide proof of primary medical insurance prior to competition.

Q: How will a tie be broken?

A: If there is a tie affecting awards and/or advancement, it will be broken by returning to the **highest marked ride/score at that event**. If the tie is still not broken, both contestants will receive equal prize and/or advancement.

Q: Do I need proof of a birth certificate and insurance?

A: Yes. An official birth certificate copy (from the local courthouse) and a copy of the contestant's medical insurance card are required.

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

A: No. JRA entities are privately owned; Las Vegas Events hosts the JNFR event.

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

A: No. However, due to broadcast contracts, ride times cannot be adjusted to accommodate other associations during Finals events.

Q: Will changes be made, and how will we be notified?

A: Changes will only be made for safety of contestants, stock, or event personnel. Members will be notified and amendments will be posted on the website.

Q: Will contestants be asked to sell raffle tickets/chance tickets?

A: Yes. To offset operating costs and help guarantee added money at Finals, contestants are required to sell **20 raffle tickets at \$20 each** and submit them by the posted deadline.

Q: Will other event champions be invited to the Junior World Finals?

A: The Association reserves the right to invite champions from other accredited associations.

GENERAL GROUND RULES

PRCA-style arena activity rules will be followed, with the amendments below to meet JRA program requirements.

JRA/406 Rodeo are **not partnered with or affiliated** with the PRCA.

However, JRA extends PRCA-style arena activity standards for contestant safety and professionalism.

The PRCA is an active member in the name “Junior National Finals Rodeo.”

ADDITIONAL FINALS EVENT RULES

- **Chute Readiness:** Contestant must be above the horse when the previous rider leaves the chute. Failure to do so results in disqualification. When called, the contestant has **30 seconds** to be ready or faces disqualification.
- **Professional Conduct:** Contestants and parents must always maintain professional conduct. Unprofessional behavior may result in suspension from future events.
- **Chute Access:** Only the contestant and **no more than two (2) credentialed helpers** are allowed behind the chutes at one time. This can include contestant's helper and another contestant/parent. Each contestant is granted only one chute pass for him/herself and a helper
- **No Arguing/Disrespect:** No quarreling, arguing, or disrespect toward arena personnel, contractors, contestants, or families. Violations may result in disqualification of contestants and family.

- **Parent Responsibility:** Parents are responsible for their conduct; unruly behavior may disqualify their contestant.
- **Judge Consideration:** Contestant attitude, manner, and character may be considered in overall judging. Disqualification for cursing/attitude is at judge discretion.
- **Threats:**
 - Threats toward personnel/contractors/contestants/parents will receive written warnings.
 - Threatening legal retaliation results in immediate ban (contestant included). Legal action may be pursued.
- **Cowboy Attire:** Required at all event functions (including autograph sessions and official functions): long sleeve shirt, boots, neck roll (bareback), and spurs.
- **Arena Attire Rule:** Anyone in the arena must wear a cowboy hat and long-sleeved shirt (includes parents and personnel).
- **Sleeves:** Contestants may roll up riding sleeves.
- **Helmet Option:** Helmets allowed while riding. Cowboy hats are still required behind the chutes and when not competing.
- **Chaps:** Optional but considered part of championship attire.
- **Arena Footing:** Recommended footing loosened to approximately **3 inches** for safety.
- **Medical Coverage:** EMT/emergency medical personnel required onsite at all association events.
- **Sales Requirements:** Contestants may be required to sell programming ads and/or raffle tickets.
- **Substances:** Tobacco, alcohol, or narcotics use results in disqualification.
- **Gear Check:** All gear must be checked and approved. The Arena Director must approve gear changes.
 - JNFR: equipment signed off by Regional Director
 - JRAWF: equipment checked at event check-in
- **Logo Use:**

- “Junior National Finals” logo is owned by Las Vegas Events and may not be used without permission.
- JRA/Championship logo is independently owned; permission or licensing may be purchased by contacting the National Office (406-490-7767).
- **Safety Assist:** If a contestant is off to one side with both feet on one side of the mane and cannot regain control for more than two jumps, arena personnel may assist at their discretion.
- **Fanning/Disrespect:** Fanning livestock or disrespecting stock contractors may result in no score. (Contestants may not fan horses with a hat.)
- **W-9 Requirement:** All contestants must complete a W-9 to receive winnings. International contestants may be subject to recommended tax withholding. ALL TAX INFORMATION MUST BE GEARED TOWARDS THE RIDER AND NOT PARENTS AND/OR BUSINESSES.
- **Arena Restrictions:** Only contestants and one helper allowed behind chutes; no one in arena without Arena Director approval (except authorized personnel).
- **No Chapping/Flagging Stock:** Using any object/device to chap/flag a horse is prohibited.
- **Tightening Equipment:** Contestants will be instructed to pull/tighten riggin/saddle. Chute Boss may adjust at any time.
- **Points Requirement Reminder:** Both contestant and animal must break the plane of the chute for points.

PROBLEM RESOLUTION & SOCIAL MEDIA

Negative social media harms the industry and participants. Unnecessary negative posts may result in fines and/or disqualification of the contestant involved.

Media Rules:

- Anyone planning to publish professional photos, record, or post live content must contact **Lacie at 406-490-7767**.
- No personal photography or film crew allowed in the competition or staging area unless provided access.

- Live streaming, selling, or distributing images/video may result in fines up to **\$1,000** and bans from future events.
- Las Vegas Events has broadcast/TV rights and will enforce, as necessary.

OFFICIATING

- Ride Times:
 - Pee Wee & Rookie: **6 seconds**
 - Junior, Senior, Novice: **8 seconds**
- Re-rides may be awarded for flank failure, interference, or fouling at judge discretion.
- Riders must declare fouling immediately.
- Time starts when the inside shoulder passes the plane of the chute gate.
- Judges' flags: yellow = failed mark-out; red = re-ride.
- One-handed riding required in all age groups (no double reins).
- Spur-out rule uses PRCA guideline interpretation.
- Scoring: rider 25 + animal 25 per judge.
- Judges keep official time; judges have final authority.
- Arena Director and Chute Boss oversee chute procedures.
- No contestant/parent may approach or interfere with judges.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct by parents or contestants may result in disqualification.

HUMANE REGULATIONS

- Any intentional harm to livestock results in disqualification.
- "Sulking" horses by discretion of Chute Boss/Contractor results in disqualification.
- Pulling/tightening before instructed results in:
 - Disqualification for that round, and
 - **\$250 fine**

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR FINALS

- Minimum of **two pickup men** in arena for buck outs.
- Pony mugger, pickup men, chute boss, and arena director must wear sponsor-provided gear or contractor may forfeit contracted payment.
- Horse events: minimum **one pony mugger**
- Bull riding events: minimum **two bullfighters**
- Two judges required
- Multi-day events: same location, same stock contractor, same judges each day; first ride (or declared re-ride) counts for points and payout. *In the event of illness or injury new personnel will be provided.
- Alcohol used during youth events may disqualify parents, personnel, and contractors.

LOCAL / OPTIONAL EVENTS (Do Not Advance to World Finals)

Mutton Bustin (Ages 4–6)/Sheep Riding (Local Event)

Local events only; do not advance to World Finals.

1. Rope not permitted; ride time 6 seconds.
2. Protective vests and helmets recommended and mandatory in some states.
3. Spurs not allowed.
4. Re-rides may be granted if sheep falls (not due to rider hanging), rider fouled at chute, or sheep fails to perform (judge discretion).
5. Upright riding encouraged.

Calf Riding (Ages 4–8) / Steer Riding (Ages 9–14)

Local events only; do not advance to World Finals.

- Flanked; 6 seconds
- One hand only; free arm must remain free

- Touching animal/equipment/self with free hand = DQ
- Re-rides at judge/chute boss discretion for fouls, animal falls/stops, or interference

Buckaroo (6 & under) and Pee Wee (6–9) Bull Events

- 6 seconds minimum
- Stock may be young bulls (calves), miniature bulls; steers allowed with approval
- Animals may be used without flank in Buckaroo, then with flank in Pee Wee
- Re-rides at judge/arena director discretion

BULL RIDING (JANF DIVISIONS)

Novice, Senior, Junior, Rookie

1. 8 seconds minimum on flanked animals
2. One hand, loose rope with or without handhold
 - No knots/hitches to prevent rope falling off
 - Rope must have a bell: rectangular with ringer, **no crosses**
3. Re-rides possible for fouls, animal falls/stops, or interference
4. Flank off after qualified ride: contestant may accept score or take re-ride
5. Contestants must request re-ride immediately after dismount and before next ride
6. Max 2 re-rides in a row; third re-ride occurs after next event unless last event
7. Qualified ride with any rope in riding hand receives a score
8. Contestants may request judges to confirm proper flank placement
9. No sharp spurs
10. Disqualifications include:
 - Abusive/profane language or gestures
 - Fighting/arguing with judges (including parent)
 - Touching animal/equipment/people with free hand
 - Sharp spurs or placing spurs/chaps under rope while tightening

- No bell on rope
- Hooking knot before leaving chute
- Not being ready when called (30 seconds rule)
- More than two people pulling rope / pulling too early
- Taking too long in chute

No running alongside/assisting during ride. After ride, assistance may occur only if bullfighters need help to prevent injury.

Safety Gear: Protective vest required; helmet with face mask mandatory.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ROUGHSTOCK

1. No animal enter the draw until approved.
2. If livestock lies down in chute more than three times and will not get up:
 - Rider may request another animal or keep same one
 - Rider may choose to take animal positioned while standing
3. No hot shot used in arena after animal exits the chute.
4. All stock must be clearly marked and identifiable.
5. Livestock may be inspected by judges at any time.

CONTESTANT WEIGHT GUIDELINES (Summary)

- Sheep: under 60 lbs
- Calves/Micro Mini Bulls: under 70 lbs
- Pee Wee: under 85 lbs
- Rookie: under 95 lbs
- Junior: under 120 lbs
- Senior: under 160 lbs
- Novice: no weight limit

FEMALE DIVISIONS

(Standard rules apply; gender identified by gender at birth.)

Female riders are divided into three age groups unless fewer than 5 competitors are entered. In that case, divisions may be combined into 1–2 groups, drawing from appropriate stock. If combined, ride time is **8 seconds**.

1) 6-Second Riders (JRA FINALS WICKENBURG)

- 13 & under as of January 1 and under 120 lbs
- Stock drawn from standard JRA stock groups by age/weight:
 - 6–9 / 85 lb = Pee Wee stock
 - 10–1 / 110 lb = Rookie stock

2) 8-Second Riders (JNFR FINALS VEGAS)

- Ages 12–19 as of January 1
- Stock drawn by standard JRA groups:
 - 12–13/120lb= Junior Stock
 - 14–15 / 160 lb = Senior stock
 - 16+ = Novice stock

3) Regions are not required to offer female divisions.

4) Stock Saddle Rules be issued at each individual rodeo and finals rules will be available at time of entry.