

2026 Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Rodeo Rule Book

General Rules & Regulations

This Rule Book is established under Article VII of the Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Rodeo Association Bylaws and approved by the Board of Directors. It governs the conduct, safety, eligibility, and operation of all CHCJRA events and may be amended by Board resolution without requiring a bylaw amendment.

1. Membership & Eligibility

1.1 Eligibility – Membership is open to any individual 18 years of age or under as of January 1st of the current rodeo year who supports the objectives of the Association and who does not hold a current CPRA or PRCA membership (all levels), except for Novice Event and Steer Riding Event participants.

1.2 Reinstatement After Pro Rodeo Membership – Former CPRA or PRCA members who are 18 years of age or under may join only after their membership has lapsed for one full Pro Rodeo season and they have not entered a CPRA or PRCA rodeo during that season.

1.3 Annual Fees – Set annually by the Board of Directors.

1.4 Entry – Membership does not guarantee entry into Association rodeos.

1.5 Membership Requirement for Participation – A valid Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association membership is mandatory for participation in all Association-sanctioned rodeos, clinics, or special events.

2. Event Divisions

Contestants will compete in the event division that corresponds to their age as of January 1 of the current competition year

2.1 Roughstock Events

- **Bareback Riding**
 - Peewee – Ages: 6–9
 - Rookie Jr – Ages: 10–11
 - Junior – Ages: 12–13
 - Senior – Ages: 14–15
 - Novice – Ages: 16–18

- **Saddle Bronc Riding**

- Peewee – Ages: 6–9
- Rookie Jr – Ages: 10–11
- Junior – Ages: 12–13
- Senior – Ages: 14–15
- Novice – Ages: 16–18

- **Bull Riding**

- Walk/Trot – Ages: 6 & under
- Peewee – Ages: 7–9
- Rookie Jr – Ages: 10–11
- Junior – Ages: 12–13
- Senior – Ages: 14–15
- Novice – Ages: 16–18

- **Girls Cow Riding**

- Peewee – Ages: 7–9
- Rookie Jr – Ages: 10–11
- Junior – Ages: 12–13
- Senior – Ages: 14–15
- Novice – Ages: 16–18

2.2 Roping Events

- **Boys Breakaway Roping**

- Peewee – Ages: 12 & Under
- Junior – Ages: 13–15
- Senior – Ages: 16–18

- **Girls Breakaway Roping**

- Peewee – Ages: 12 & Under
- Junior – Ages: 13–15
- Senior – Ages: 16–18

- **Tie-Down Roping**

- Junior – Ages: 15 & Under
- Senior – Ages: 18-16

- **Team Roping** (*Open to all ages*)

2.3 Timed & Speed Events

- **Barrel Racing**
 - Peewee – Ages: 5–8
 - Junior – Ages: 9–13
 - Senior – Ages: 14–18
- **Pole Bending**
 - Peewee – Ages: 5–8
 - Junior – Ages: 9–13
 - Senior – Ages: 14–18
- **Goat Tying**
 - Peewee – Ages: 8 & Under
 - Junior – Ages: 9–13
 - Senior – Ages: 14–18

3. Entries, Turnouts & Fees

3.1 *Turnouts Without Penalty* – Allowed until 8:00 PM, three (3) days prior to the start of the rodeo (e.g., if the rodeo begins on a Saturday, the deadline is Wednesday at 8:00 PM)

3.2 *Turnouts After 3 days* – Any turnout made within three (3) days of the rodeo requires a veterinarian or medical certificate to avoid being charged entry fees (e.g., if the rodeo begins on a Saturday, any turnout after Wednesday at 8:00 PM requires proper documentation)

3.3 *Entry Fees, Turnouts & No-Shows*

- All entry fees must be paid in full prior to competing. Contestants who have not paid their fees will not be permitted to compete in that event.
- Any contestant who turns out after the deadline (8:00 PM, three (3) days prior) without valid medical/veterinary documentation will not be reimbursed entry fees. All such forfeited fees will be added to the payout pot for that event
- Contestants who fail to notify the rodeo of their absence (“no show”) will receive no reimbursement of entry fees and will be assessed a \$50 no-show fine. This fine must be paid in full before the contestant may enter or participate in any current or future Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association–sanctioned or sponsored rodeos, clinics, or special events.

3.4 Participation Requirement – No Double Runs or Rolled Times

- Contestants must complete their run or ride on the scheduled day for that performance or go-round in order for it to count toward points, standings, or payouts.
- No special provisions will be made to allow a contestant to complete two runs or rides on the same day as a substitute for competing on separate days.
- Rolling times from one day, performance, or rodeo to another is strictly prohibited for all events.
- If a contestant misses their scheduled performance day, that run or ride will be recorded as a turn out and will not count toward results.
- Contestants are permitted only one entry per event at each rodeo and may not enter the same event in multiple age Categories
- Contestants may elect to compete in an older age category. Points earned while competing in the older age category will accumulate within that category only and will not be combined with points earned in a younger age category. If a contestant returns to their original age category, points earned in the older category will remain separate and will not transfer or combine with points in the younger category.

3.5 Contestant Responsibilities – Raffles & Ticket Sales

- From time to time, contestants may be required to participate in Association fundraising activities, including the selling of raffle tickets or other event tickets.
- When raffle tickets are issued to a contestant (or their parent/guardian), all tickets must be sold and the stubs, unsold tickets, and money collected must be returned by the deadline specified by the Association.
- Failure to sell all tickets, return any unsold tickets, or hand in ticket stubs and/or funds by the deadline will result in:
 1. A \$50 fine, plus
 2. An additional charge equal to the full-face value of all tickets not sold, not returned, or not handed in.
- Both the fine and the ticket value must be paid in full before the contestant may enter or participate in any current or future Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association–sanctioned or sponsored rodeos, clinics, or special events.”

4. Conduct, Safety & Disciplinary Action

4.1 Western Attire – Required in arena and chute area

- Long-sleeve shirt with cuffs/collar
- Jeans and boots
- Cowboy hat

4.2 Member Conduct - All contestants, volunteers, and officials are required to comply with the Safety and Operational Guidelines outlined in Sections 9.1 through 9.5 of this Rule Book. Failure to follow these policies may result in fines, disqualification, or suspension.

Disciplinary action may also apply for:

- Non-payment of fees
- Threatening, bribing, or harassing judges, officials, or management
- Conduct detrimental to the Association or the sport of rodeo
- Failure to follow rules, bylaws, or official procedures

4.3 Payment Defaults – No points, awards, or admission to events will be granted until all accounts are paid in full. Two (2) payment defaults within a single season may result in membership revocation or suspension at the discretion of the Board.

4.4 Blacklist - A list of members who have outstanding fees, fines, or disciplinary actions shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer and made available to committees and event directors to ensure compliance before entry acceptance.

4.5 Review Process - The Board of Directors will review any reported offence, notify the member in writing, and outline the consequences to be imposed. All disciplinary actions shall be handled in accordance with the Association's bylaws and the Appeals and Dispute Process in Section 9.0.

4.6 Rule Awareness - Lack of knowledge or misunderstanding of these rules does not exempt a member from compliance or penalty. All members are responsible for reading and understanding this Rule Book prior to participation.

4.7 Judging & Dispute Resolution - All decisions made jointly by the Event Judges and the Arena Director, within their respective areas of authority, are considered final and are fully supported by the CHCJRA Board of Directors. The Judges and Arena Director must work together to ensure all rulings are fair, consistent, and in accordance with CHCJRA rules and safety standards, as outlined in the Roles & Responsibilities section of this Rule Book.

If a contestant has a concern, question, or dispute regarding their run, ride, score, time, or any ruling, they must notify a Judge or the Arena Director immediately, before leaving the arena or competition area. Once a contestant has left the arena or competition area without raising their concern, it will be deemed that they accept and agree with the ruling, and no further review will be granted at that event. Concerns or questions must be expressed respectfully and through the proper channels.

If, after discussion with the Judges and Arena Director, the contestant still believes the decision was inappropriate or inconsistent with CHCJRA rules, they may file a formal appeal by following the Appeals and Dispute Process outlined in Section 9.0 of this Rule Book.

4.8 Abuse & Respect Policy - Any abusive, aggressive, threatening, or disrespectful behavior toward Board members, judges, stock contractors, volunteers, or any other rodeo personnel will not be tolerated. Such behavior may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to fines, loss of points, suspension, or revocation of membership. This rule applies at all times during a rodeo event, in the arena, warm-up areas, behind the chutes, or anywhere on rodeo grounds.

Additional safety, incident-response, and emergency procedures are outlined in Sections 9.1 (Safety Policy) through 9.6 (Emergency Preparedness & Medical Response). All members and officials are required to comply with these standards at every CHCJRA-sanctioned event.

5. Points, Payouts & Awards

5.1 Points System

Points will be awarded in all events to contestants with a qualified ride/run. Points will be awarded from 1st through 10th place as follows:

Place Points

1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

5.2 Payout Structure - Payouts are calculated from total entry fees collected for the event after any applicable committee deductions and will be awarded only to contestants with a qualified ride/run.

Entries & Payout Percentages:

- **1–2 Entries:** 100% to 1st place
- **3–4 Entries:** 60% to 1st place, 40% to 2nd place
- **5+ Entries:** 40% to 1st, 30% to 2nd, 20% to 3rd, 10% to 4th

5.3 Qualified Ride/Run Requirement

- Only contestants with a qualified ride/run will be eligible for payout.
- Standard payout percentages shall be determined under Section 5.2 based on the number of entries.
- If the number of qualified rides/runs is less than the number of standard payout places determined under Section 5.2, payout shall only be made to the number of qualified contestants according to the following payout schedule:
 - o 1 Qualified Ride/Run → 100% to 1st place
 - o 2 Qualified Rides/Runs → 60% to 1st place, 40% to 2nd place
 - o 3 Qualified Rides/Runs → 50% to 1st place, 30% to 2nd place, 20% to 3rd place
 - o 4 or more Qualified Rides/Runs → payout follows Section 5.2
- Examples:
 - o 10 entries → normally payout to 4th place (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%).
 - o Only 2 qualified rides/runs → payout to 1st and 2nd place (60%, 40%).
 - o Only 1 qualified ride/run → payout to 1st place (100%).
 - o If no qualified ride/run occurs, payout money will roll over into the Finals prize pool.

5.4 Finals Qualification

- Contestants must compete in the minimum percentage of CHCJRA regular-season rodeos required for Finals qualification. The required participation percentage shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors and communicated to the members prior to the start of the season.
- Events such as clinics, jackpots, or third-party competitions (including Vegas Tuffest and similar events) do not count toward Finals qualification totals.

5.5 Finals Pot Roll-Over

- Any unclaimed event payout funds from the regular season are added to the Finals prize pool.
- Finals payout distribution will be determined by the Board of Directors prior to the event.

5.6 Finals Scoring

The Finals shall be conducted under a sudden-death, two-day aggregate format, using a combined scoring and timing system that differs from regular-season rodeos. This structure ensures fairness, consistency, and complete payout accountability across all events and age divisions.

Two-Day Aggregate Format

- All contestants qualifying for the Finals will compete over two consecutive days.
- Timed events (e.g., Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, and Roping) shall determine winners based on the lowest combined total time from both days.
- Scored events (e.g., Rough Stock) shall determine winners based on the highest combined total score from both days.
- The contestant with the best overall aggregate, lowest total time or highest total score shall be declared the Finals Champion in their respective event and age division.

Day Money

- Day money shall be awarded separately for each day of Finals competition in accordance with Section 5.2 and 5.3.
- Only the top-placing contestants for each day shall receive day-money payouts. Aggregate totals do not influence day-money awards.

Rolled Money Allocation

- Any rolled money from the regular season, including unclaimed or carry-over funds as outlined in Section 5.3, shall be equally divided between both Finals days and added to the payout pot for each event.
- If no qualified times or scores occur in an event or age division on a Finals day, that day's unclaimed payout shall roll forward to the next Finals day for the same event or division.
- If, after both Finals days, there remain no qualified times or scores, the CHCJRA Board of Directors shall determine the appropriate and fair allocation of those funds in accordance with Association policy.

Finals Payout System

- All entry fees collected for each Finals event form the payout pot as well as season rollover.
- The full payout pot shall be distributed; no money shall be withheld or carried forward except as provided under Rolled Money Allocation above.
- Payout will follow the structure from 5.2 and 5.3

Ties

- In the event of a tie in aggregate results, the contestant with the fastest single run in timed events or the highest single score in scored events shall be declared the winner.

- If a tie remains, the Judges and Arena Director shall confer to determine a fair and consistent outcome in accordance with CHCJRA rules

6. Qualifying Events

6.1 Rule Application - For qualifying events (e.g., Vegas Qualifier), event-specific rules established by that partner association or sanctioning body will supersede Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association (CHCJRA) rules as they apply to that specific event. All general rules set forth by the CHCJRA will remain in full force and must be adhered to by all contestants.

6.2 Membership Requirement - All contestants must be current members of the CHCJRA and hold a valid membership in order to participate in any qualifying event.

6.3 Fees

- CHCJRA Membership Fee – All contestants must hold a valid CHCJRA membership to participate in qualifying events. Membership fees are collected and retained by CHCJRA.
- CHCJRA Entrance Fee – A separate entrance fee is collected by CHCJRA to cover the costs of hosting qualifying events. This fee helps pay for arena rentals, judges, announcers, insurance, rough stock, and other necessary expenses required to operate the event.
- Qualifying Event Fees – Entry fees for the qualifying event are collected by CHCJRA on behalf of the partner association or sanctioning body. These fees are set by that partner association or sanction body and are transferred directly to them. CHCJRA does not determine, retain, or profit from these fees.

6.4 Role of CHCJRA - The CHCJRA's involvement in qualifying events is strictly administrative. Our responsibilities are limited to facilitating contestant participation, collecting event fees on behalf of the partner association or sanctioning body, and submitting results as required. The CHCJRA has no authority or influence over the rules, enforcement, payouts, refunds, or penalties associated with these events. All such matters are determined solely by that partner association or sanctioning body

6.5 Decisions & Disputes - Decisions made by the partner association or sanctioning body whether during or after the event are independent of the CHCJRA. These decisions may not reflect the views or policies of the CHCJRA, as that partner association or sanctioning body operates as a separate entity. All disputes, concerns, or questions regarding rules, penalties, fees, or payouts for qualifying events must be directed to the host or sanctioning body of that event

7. Event Directors and Coordinators

The following positions Arena Director, Judges, Roping Director, Barrel Racing Director, Goat Tying Director, Chute Boss, and Stock Contractors are established to ensure that every CHCJRA-sanctioned rodeo is conducted safely, fairly, and in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

Each role carries distinct duties, yet all are expected to work cooperatively and respectfully toward a shared goal: maintaining the integrity of competition, the welfare of livestock, and the safety of contestants and volunteers.

The Arena Director maintains on-site authority for safety and fairness during competition, while the Director of Operations & Events oversees pre-event coordination and administrative compliance.

All officials, event directors, and volunteers must operate within this established chain of command and in compliance with CHCJRA Bylaws, the *Officer & Committee Roles Manual*, and Association policies.



Arena Director

1 Purpose

The Arena Director is responsible for ensuring that all rodeo events are conducted safely, fairly, and in accordance with Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Rodeo Association (CHCJRA) rules.

The Arena Director has full authority over arena operations during each rodeo and serves as the primary point of coordination between contestants, judges, stock contractors, and event personnel.

2 General Responsibilities

- a) Oversee arena setup, equipment, barriers, and stock-handling areas prior to and during each performance
- b) Ensure full compliance with all safety, welfare, and operational standards outlined in Sections 9.1 through 9.5 of this Rule Book, including first aid readiness, livestock welfare, equipment inspection, and emergency response preparedness.
- c) Ensure the arena surface and facilities are maintained in safe and suitable condition for competition.
- d) Confirm that all stock, chute personnel, and arena helpers are properly prepared and organized before each event.
- e) Coordinate with judges, event directors, and stock contractors to maintain the efficiency, safety, and integrity of each performance.
- f) Verify that all contestants compete on their correctly drawn stock and that all draws are accurate and posted.
- g) All event directors, coordinators, and arena personnel report directly to the Arena Director during the rodeo. The Arena Director is responsible for on-site direction, coordination, and communication within the arena area.

3 Authority and Decision-Making

- a) The Arena Director has authority to delay, suspend, or postpone competition when arena, weather, or safety conditions warrant.
- b) May declare any animal unsatisfactory for use; such animals must be removed from the draw.
- c) Has authority to enforce and interpret CHCJRA rules and establish ground rules specific to the arena or performance as needed.
- d) May approve or deny a re-ride or re-run only after consulting with the judges, and only when such action is permitted under CHCJRA rules.
- e) The Arena Director reports directly to the CHCJRA Board of Directors or its designated

officer, which fully supports the Arena Director in making decisions that are in the best interests of the contestants, livestock, and the Association, in conjunction with the judges.

- f) Any issue that arises and falls outside the Arena Director's authority must be immediately brought to the attention of the CHCJRA Board of Directors for direction.
- g) All decisions made by the Arena Director regarding arena management are final for that rodeo and may only be reviewed by the Board after the event.

4 Communication and Coordination with Judges

- a) The Arena Director and Judges hold equal authority in their respective areas — the Arena Director for arena operations and safety, and the Judges for competition and scoring.
- b) Both parties must work together in all matters affecting competition outcomes, contestant fairness, or event safety.
- c) When a contestant brings a concern or question about their ride or run to a Judge, the Judge must immediately consult with the Arena Director before issuing any ruling.
- d) Likewise, when the Arena Director becomes aware of an issue involving a contestant's ride or run, they must consult directly with the Judges before taking any action.
- e) This cooperative process ensures that all rulings are consistent, fair, and clearly communicated between officials and contestants.

5 Safety and Welfare

- a) The Arena Director is responsible for monitoring contestant and livestock safety throughout the event.
- b) Competition shall be stopped immediately if any unsafe condition arises until it can be corrected.
- c) The Arena Director must ensure that all livestock are handled humanely and in compliance with CHCJRA livestock-care standards and animal welfare policies.

6 Conduct and Professionalism

The Arena Director shall remain professional, impartial, and respectful at all times. All decisions must be guided by fairness, safety, and the best interests of the contestants, livestock, and the Association.

The Arena Director and Judges represent the leadership of the arena and are expected to work together in the spirit of cooperation for the benefit of all participants.

Judges

1 Purpose

Judges are responsible for ensuring that all rodeo events are officiated with fairness, consistency, and integrity in full compliance with the Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Rodeo Association (CHCJRA) Rule Book.

They serve as impartial officials whose primary role is to interpret and enforce competition rules, determine scores and penalties, and uphold the standards of safety, professionalism, and sportsmanship expected at CHCJRA-sanctioned events.

2 General Responsibilities

- a) Officiate all events in accordance with CHCJRA rules, ensuring consistency across performances.
- b) Verify event setups, barrier placements, measurements, and timing equipment before competition begins.
- c) Record scores, times, and penalties accurately and submit official results to the Rodeo Office or designated Recorder at the conclusion of each event.
- d) Work cooperatively with the Arena Director, Event Directors, and stock contractors to ensure safe and efficient progression of events.
- e) Confirm that all livestock meet suitability standards and report any concerns to the Arena Director.
- f) Address contestant questions or inquiries regarding competition rules in a timely and professional manner.
- g) Report any rule infractions, contestant misconduct, or disqualifications to the Arena Director for recordkeeping and further review if required.
- h) Submit all official score sheets, logs, and penalty reports to the CHCJRA Rodeo Office following each event.

3 Authority and Decision-Making

- a) Judges have complete authority over all matters relating to competition scoring, rule interpretation, and the application of penalties or disqualifications as outlined in the CHCJRA Rule Book.
- b) Judges may issue warnings, penalties, or disqualifications as warranted under Association rules.
- c) All judging decisions and scoring rulings are final for that rodeo, subject only to formal review by the CHCJRA Board of Directors after the event through the official complaint or

appeal process.

d) Judges must consult with the Arena Director regarding any ruling that affects arena safety, event scheduling, or ground conditions.

e) Judges shall act collaboratively with the Arena Director when approving re-rides, re-runs, or other rule-based remedies to ensure consistency, safety, and fairness.

f) The Arena Director retains final authority over all arena safety and operational decisions; judges may not overrule such determinations.

4 Communication and Coordination

a) Judges and the Arena Director hold equal authority in their respective areas — Judges over scoring and rule enforcement, and the Arena Director over arena management and safety.

b) Both parties must communicate clearly and respectfully in any matter that affects competition outcomes, contestant welfare, or event integrity.

c) When a contestant brings a concern or protest to a Judge, the Judge must immediately consult with the Arena Director before issuing a ruling.

d) Similarly, when the Arena Director becomes aware of an issue involving a contestant's ride or run, they must consult with the Judges before taking action.

e) This collaborative process ensures consistent, transparent, and fair decision-making throughout the competition.

5 Safety and Welfare

a) Judges share responsibility with the Arena Director for always ensuring contestant and livestock safety.

b) If unsafe conditions are observed, Judges shall promptly notify the Arena Director and may suspend competition until the issue is resolved.

c) Judges must ensure that all safety and welfare actions align with the standards set forth in Sections 9.1 through 9.5 of this Rule Book, including livestock welfare, equipment inspection, and emergency response procedures. They shall immediately notify the Arena Director of any deficiencies.

d) Judges must ensure humane livestock handling and immediately report any concerns regarding animal welfare to the Arena Director and Board.

6 Conduct and Professionalism

Judges shall maintain the highest standards of professionalism, impartiality, and respect. They must avoid favoritism, bias, or any appearance of conflict of interest.

Judges shall dress appropriately, act courteously, and conduct themselves as representatives of the CHCJRA, setting the tone for fairness and respect in the arena.

All judging decisions must be guided by the principles of safety, fairness, and the integrity of competition

Roping Director

1 Purpose

The Roping Director is responsible for the safe, fair, and efficient operation of all CHCJRA-sanctioned roping events, including calf roping, breakaway, team roping, and dummy roping divisions. This role ensures that equipment, livestock, and procedures meet CHCJRA standards and that contestants compete under uniform, safe conditions.

2 General Responsibilities

- a) Oversee all aspects of roping-event preparation, including setup, barrier calibration, livestock selection, and contestant order.
- b) Inspect ropes, barriers, and arena layout before competition to ensure safety and compliance with CHCJRA rules.
- c) Coordinate with the Arena Director, Judges, stock contractor, and timers to maintain efficient event flow.
- d) Verify that draws, cattle runs, and barrier settings are accurate and properly posted.
- e) Ensure contestants understand event-specific ground rules and procedures.
- f) Assist with contestant communication, arena coordination, and contestant order as directed by the Arena Director.
- g) Report any rule infractions, safety concerns, or equipment issues immediately to the Arena Director.

3 Authority and Decision-Making

- a) The Roping Director has authority over the operational aspects of roping events within CHCJRA rules and Board-approved policies.
- b) The Roping Director may request a re-run, re-ride, or re-rope only through the Judges or Arena Director but has no authority to issue or approve one independently.
- c) The final decision to grant, deny, or determine the Roping Director's involvement in such matters rests solely with the Judges and the Arena Director.
- d) The Roping Director may recommend removal or substitution of unsafe equipment or unfit stock but cannot disqualify contestants or alter results.
- e) Reports directly to the Arena Director and, through that office, to the CHCJRA Board of Directors.

4 Communication and Coordination

- a) Maintain open communication with the Arena Director, Judges, timers, and chute personnel throughout the event.
- b) Provide direction to gate help and contestants to ensure efficient and safe operations.
- c) Refer all questions or concerns regarding re-runs, penalties, or scoring to the Judges and Arena Director for joint review.
- d) The Judges and Arena Director will determine the Roping Director's level of involvement in such discussions.
- e) Collaborate with the Judges and Rodeo Office to ensure that all required documents (draws, run orders, or notes) are properly verified and submitted for recordkeeping by the Judges.

5 Safety and Welfare

- a) Monitor barrier function, box conditions, and livestock handling throughout competition.
- b) Ensure all livestock are treated humanely and fit for competition.
- c) Delay or suspend competition when unsafe conditions arise, in consultation with the Arena Director.
- d) All event-specific safety and welfare measures shall conform to CHCJRA Sections 9.1 through 9.5

6 Conduct and Professionalism

The Roping Director shall maintain professionalism, fairness, and impartiality at all times. They must uphold CHCJRA rules, support the authority of the Judges and Arena Director, and demonstrate leadership through calm, consistent, and respectful conduct.

Barrel Racing Director

1 Purpose

The Barrel Racing Director oversees the safety, organization, and fairness of all CHCJRA barrel-racing and pole-bending events.

This role ensures pattern accuracy, timer functionality, ground safety, and compliance with CHCJRA rules for all age divisions.

2 General Responsibilities

- a) Supervise pattern measurement and setup before competition, ensuring full compliance with CHCJRA standards.
- b) Confirm that timing equipment is tested, aligned, and functioning properly.
- c) Work with the Arena Director and grounds crew to maintain safe and consistent ground conditions.
- d) Coordinate with gate personnel, announcers, and timers to maintain steady event flow.
- e) Ensure contestants understand event rules, penalties, and disqualification criteria.
- f) Report any safety concerns, equipment issues, or rule discrepancies immediately to the Arena Director.

3 Authority and Decision-Making

- a) The Barrel Racing Director has authority over operational conduct of barrel racing and pole bending within CHCJRA rules.
- b) The Barrel Racing Director may request a re-run only through the Judges or Arena Director but cannot issue or approve one independently.
- c) The final authority to grant or deny a re-run, and to determine the Barrel Racing Director's involvement in that decision, rests solely with the Judges and Arena Director.
- d) May recommend drag intervals, ground maintenance, or timer checks as necessary for safety and fairness.
- e) Reports directly to the Arena Director and through that office to the CHCJRA Board of Directors.

4 Communication and Coordination

- a) Maintain open communication with the Arena Director, Judges, timers, and announcers during the event.
- b) Immediately report unsafe ground conditions, timer malfunctions, or other issues to the

Arena Director.

c) Refer all questions or requests regarding re-runs, penalties, or scoring to the Judges and Arena Director for review.

d) The Judges and Arena Director shall determine the Barrel Racing Director's level of participation in such discussions.

e) Collaborate with the Judges to ensure final times, penalties, and results are verified and submitted properly to the Rodeo Office.

5 Safety and Welfare

a) Monitor ground conditions and footing continuously to ensure horse and rider safety.

b) Request arena drags or repairs as necessary to maintain safe footing.

c) Ensure humane handling and proper care of all animals used in barrel racing and pole bending events.

d) All event-specific safety and welfare measures shall conform to CHCJRA Sections 9.1 through 9.5

6 Conduct and Professionalism

The Barrel Racing Director shall remain fair, composed, and professional at all times.

They must enforce CHCJRA rules consistently, respect the authority of the Arena Director and Judges, and maintain the highest standards of integrity and sportsmanship

Goat Tying Director

1 Purpose

The Goat Tying Director is responsible for the organization, fairness, and safety of all goat tying events sanctioned by the Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Radio Association (CHCJRA).

This role oversees arena setup, contestant procedures, livestock handling, and coordination with the Arena Director and Judges to ensure that competition is conducted according to CHCJRA rules and animal welfare standards.

2 General Responsibilities

- a) Oversee arena setup and ensure the goat tying lane, stake, and ground conditions meet CHCJRA requirements.
- b) Supervise and instruct all goat handlers and volunteers in proper handling, placement, and rotation procedures.
- c) Ensure each goat is properly secured to the stake at the correct distance and that stakes are firm and safe.
- d) Confirm that contestants understand event rules, penalties, and procedures before competition begins.
- e) Coordinate with the Arena Director and Judges to maintain efficient and safe event flow.
- f) Inspect the arena surface regularly to ensure conditions remain safe for both contestants and livestock.
- g) Report any issues or concerns related to safety, equipment, or livestock directly to the Arena Director.

3 Authority and Decision-Making

- a) The Goat Tying Director has authority over operational and logistical aspects of the goat tying event within CHCJRA rules and Board-approved policies.
- b) The Goat Tying Director may request a re-run or rule review only through the Judges or Arena Director but has no authority to approve one independently.
- c) The final authority to grant, deny, or determine the Director's involvement in such decisions rests solely with the Judges and Arena Director.
- d) The Director may recommend delays or suspension of competition if unsafe conditions exist for contestants or livestock.

e) Reports directly to the Arena Director and, through that office, to the CHCJRA Board of Directors.

4 Communication and Coordination

a) Maintain clear and constant communication with the Arena Director, Judges, timers, and volunteers throughout the event.

b) Provide direction to goat handlers regarding rotation, placement, and safe handling procedures.

c) Immediately notify the Arena Director of any safety, equipment, or livestock issues.

d) Ensure all contestant concerns or rule questions are referred to the Judges and Arena Director for resolution.

e) Coordinate with timers and announcers to keep the event running smoothly and on schedule.

5 Safety and Welfare

a) Ensure that all goats are handled humanely and rotated regularly to prevent fatigue or injury.

b) Inspect stakes, ropes, and arena conditions frequently to maintain safe competition standards.

c) Stop or delay competition if unsafe conditions arise, pending direction from the Arena Director.

d) All event-specific safety and welfare measures shall conform to CHCJRA Sections 9.1 through 9.5

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6 Conduct and Professionalism

The Goat Tying Director shall maintain professionalism, fairness, and respect at all times. They must enforce rules impartially, communicate clearly with contestants and officials, and model the values of sportsmanship and animal welfare promoted by the CHCJRA. All actions and decisions shall be guided by fairness, safety, and the best interests of contestants and livestock.

Chute Boss

1 Purpose

The Rough Stock Chute Boss is responsible for the safe, controlled, and efficient operation of the bucking chutes during all bull riding, saddle bronc, and bareback events sanctioned by the Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Radio Association (CHCJRA).

This role ensures that livestock are handled safely and humanely, that contestants are prepared correctly, and that all chute operations are coordinated closely with the Stock Contractor, Arena Director, Judges, and pickup personnel to maintain fairness, efficiency, and the highest safety standards.

2 General Responsibilities

- a) Supervise all chute and back-pen operations during rough stock events, ensuring that all loading, handling, and release activities are conducted safely and efficiently.
- b) Work directly with the Stock Contractor to confirm the correct order and selection of animals for each contestant, as per the official draw.
- c) Oversee the loading of livestock into chutes, ensuring animals are handled calmly and humanely at all times.
- d) Inspect all chutes, gates, latches, and related equipment prior to competition to ensure proper function and safety.
- e) Confirm that each contestant's animal matches the official draw before loading and notify the Stock Contractor and Judges immediately of any discrepancies.
- f) Maintain control of the chute area, ensuring that only authorized personnel, officials, and contestants are present.
- g) Coordinate with pickup men and arena personnel to ensure the safe release and exit of livestock and contestants from the arena after each ride.
- h) Ensure that the loading process maintains steady event flow and does not unduly stress livestock.

3 Authority and Decision-Making

- a) The Rough Stock Chute Boss has operational authority over chute procedures, livestock handling, and chute personnel, but has no authority over scoring, judging, or competition rulings.

- b) The Chute Boss may recommend to the Judges or Arena Director that an animal be replaced or a re-ride be considered in cases of equipment malfunction, unsafe stock behavior, or gate failure.
- c) The final authority to grant or deny a re-ride or animal replacement rests solely with the Judges and Arena Director.
- d) The Chute Boss may delay loading or hold a gate if a safety hazard is identified for contestants, livestock, or chute personnel.
- e) Works under the direction of the Arena Director, and in partnership with the Stock Contractor and Judges to ensure event safety and compliance with CHCJRA rules.

4 Communication and Coordination

- a) Maintain open, direct, and continuous communication with the Arena Director, Stock Contractor, Judges, pickup men, and back-pen crew during the event.
- b) Ensure that all chute and back-pen helpers are briefed on safety protocols, livestock handling standards, and their specific responsibilities before competition begins.
- c) Notify the Arena Director immediately of any chute malfunction, injured livestock, or unsafe condition.
- d) Coordinate with the Stock Contractor to ensure smooth and safe animal flow between pens and chutes.
- e) Consult with Judges and the Arena Director before making any re-ride or animal substitution recommendation.
- f) Maintain professionalism and clear communication between contestants and officials to ensure fairness and efficiency in the chute area.

5 Safety and Welfare

- a) Ensure humane handling and proper care of all livestock before, during, and after competition, in accordance with CHCJRA and livestock welfare standards.
- b) Inspect all chutes, gates, and fencing before each event and throughout the day to maintain safety for animals and humans alike.
- c) Stop or delay the event immediately if a significant safety issue arises for any contestant, animal, or chute personnel, pending Arena Director direction.
- d) Keep back-pen areas organized and quiet to minimize stress on livestock and prevent accidents.
- e) Ensure that all chute and back-pen personnel use proper handling techniques and avoid rough, loud, or unsafe behavior.
- f) All event-specific safety and welfare measures shall conform to CHCJRA Sections 9.1 through 9.5

6 Conduct and Professionalism

The Rough Stock Chute Boss shall maintain professionalism, authority, and composure at all times.

They must treat all contestants, volunteers, and animals with respect, and ensure that livestock are handled with the highest standards of care.

All actions, recommendations, and communications must reflect the values of safety, fairness, and animal welfare upheld by the CHCJRA.

As a visible arena leader, the Chute Boss represents the Association's commitment to professionalism, humane practices, and the integrity of junior rodeo.

Stock Contractors

1 Purpose

The Stock Contractor is responsible for supplying, transporting, and caring for livestock used in CHCJRA-sanctioned rodeos. They ensure that all animals are appropriate for the age and experience of junior contestants and are handled humanely and safely in accordance with CHCJRA rules, animal-welfare standards, and all applicable Alberta regulations.

2 General Responsibilities

- a) Provide healthy, well-conditioned livestock suitable for each event (rough stock, roping, steer wrestling, goat tying, etc.).
- b) Ensure all livestock are fit for competition, free from injury or illness, and properly identified.
- c) Transport, pen, feed, and water livestock in a manner that promotes comfort and welfare.
- d) Coordinate with the Arena Director, Judges, and relevant Event Directors to maintain fair draws and steady event flow.
- e) Verify the official draw before each performance and report any concerns immediately.
- f) Provide adequate staff, pens, and handling equipment to ensure livestock can be moved calmly and efficiently.
- g) Maintain humane treatment and quiet handling throughout the rodeo.

3 Authority and Decision-Making

- a) The Stock Contractor has full authority over the care, handling, and management of their livestock while on site and may withdraw or remove any animal they believe to be unsafe, injured, ill, or unfit for competition.
- b) Any such removal must be reported immediately to the Arena Director and Judges, who will determine how the withdrawal affects competition.
- c) The Stock Contractor may recommend that an animal be replaced, re-drawn, or held out of the draw for safety or welfare reasons.
- d) The final authority on competition adjustments rests solely with the Judges and Arena

Director.

e) The Stock Contractor must comply with all CHCJRA rules regarding fairness, event procedures, and humane livestock handling.

f) Any animal injury, escape, or welfare concern must be reported to the Arena Director for documentation and appropriate action.

4 Communication and Coordination

a) Maintain open, professional communication with the Arena Director, Judges, Rough Stock Chute Boss, and Event Directors.

b) Work directly with the Rough Stock Chute Boss to coordinate safe and efficient loading of rough-stock animals.

c) Coordinate with timed-event personnel to ensure proper livestock rotation and fair draw procedures.

d) Provide the official stock list or draw to the Rodeo Office before each performance.

e) Promptly communicate any safety, welfare, or operational concerns that may affect contestants or animals.

5 Safety and Welfare

a) Handle all livestock in a calm, controlled, and humane manner consistent with CHCJRA standards and Alberta's Animal Protection Act.

b) Inspect livestock and pens before each performance to confirm animals are sound and enclosures are safe.

c) Remove any unfit animal from use immediately and arrange for appropriate care or transport.

d) Provide feed, water, shade, and rest as needed, especially during multi-day events.

e) Ensure alleys, gates, and holding areas are maintained in good working condition.

f) Report and document any injuries or welfare incidents for Board review.

g) All livestock handling, penning, and welfare practices must comply with Sections 9.1 through 9.5 of this Rule Book. The Stock Contractor shall coordinate with the Arena Director to ensure full adherence to CHCJRA livestock-care and emergency-response policies

6 Conduct and Professionalism

The Stock Contractor shall demonstrate professionalism, integrity, and respect for contestants, officials, and livestock at all times. They must follow all CHCJRA rules, cooperate fully with arena officials, and promote safe, humane, and fair competition. Unsafe or unprofessional behavior, mistreatment of animals, or disregard for CHCJRA policies may result in removal from the event or suspension from future participation by decision of the CHCJRA Board of Directors

Section 8.0 – Event Details

The following section outlines the specific rules, patterns, and expectations for each event sanctioned by the Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Rodeo Association (CHCJRA), including:

Bareback Riding
Saddle Bronc Riding
Bull Riding
Girls Cow Riding
Boys Breakaway Roping
Girls Breakaway Roping
Tie-Down Roping
Team Roping
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying

Each event listed under this section is governed by the CHCJRA Rule Book and must be conducted in accordance with the Association's core principles of fairness, safety, professionalism, and humane livestock treatment.

The intent of this section is to ensure that all contestants compete under consistent standards regardless of age, division, or location.

While each event has its own unique procedures, ground rules, and scoring systems, all are expected to uphold the following shared values:

- **Fair Competition:** All contestants are to be judged or timed by impartial officials using consistent criteria.
- **Safety First:** Contestant, livestock, and volunteer safety take priority over performance or schedule.
- **Livestock Welfare:** Animals must be treated humanely at all times, in compliance with CHCJRA policies and Alberta's Animal Protection Act.
- **Professional Conduct:** Contestants and volunteers must display sportsmanship, respect, and integrity during every performance.
- **Rule Consistency:** All event-specific rules supplement, and must not contradict, the general rules, roles, and responsibilities contained elsewhere in this Rule Book.

Where conflicts or uncertainties arise, the final interpretation of rules shall rest with the Arena Director and Judges, working together in accordance with the authority structure established under *Section 7.0 – Roles & Responsibilities*.

Bareback

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Peewee: Ages 6–9
- Rookie Jr: Ages 10–11
- Junior: Ages 12–13
- Senior: Ages 14–15
- Novice: Ages 16–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open to all contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Protective vest (mandatory)
- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Approved helmet and mouthguard are highly Recommended
- Bareback rigging that meets Association and stock contractor standards

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Sharp or locked rowels
- Any rigging with modifications that could injure the animal

2.3 Animal Safety – Stock must be handled in accordance with animal welfare standards at all times.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Rigging may be inspected by judges before each ride.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant will be mounted in the chute with rigging set before the gate opens.

3.2 Time Start – Ride time begins when the horse's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the chute gate.

3.3 Completion Requirements – Contestant must remain in riding position, with spurring action demonstrated, for the full 8 seconds.

3.4 Event-Specific Conduct – Contestant must be ready when called failure to do so without just cause may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method

- Total score out of 100 points (50 points for rider, 50 points for Stock)
- Marked by two judges, with their scores averaged

4.2 Penalties

- Failure to mark out (spur above the horse's shoulder on the first jump) = no score
- Touching the animal or equipment with free hand = no score

4.3 Re-Ride Rules

- Granted only at the judges' discretion.
- May be awarded if:
 - The animal fails to perform,
 - The animal falls, or
 - Equipment failure occurs through no fault of the contestant.
- No re-ride if failure is due to contestant error.
- If granted, contestant must accept the re-ride animal assigned by the judges.
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Use of prohibited equipment
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1

Saddle Bronc

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Peewee: Ages 6–9
- Rookie Jr: Ages 10–11
- Junior: Ages 12–13
- Senior: Ages 14–15
- Novice: Ages 16–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions Open to all contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Protective vest (mandatory)
- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Approved helmet and mouthguard are highly Recommended
- Standard Association-approved saddle bronc rigging, including rein and stirrups, in good repair

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Sharp or locked rowels
- Rein that is wrapped or tied to the hand
- Alterations to saddle or equipment that could cause injury to the animal

2.3 Animal Safety – Stock must be handled in accordance with animal welfare standards at all times.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Saddle, rein, and equipment are subject to inspection by judges prior to each ride.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant will be mounted in the chute, with saddle and rein adjusted before the gate opens.

3.2 Time Start – Ride time begins when the horse's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the chute gate.

3.3 Completion Requirements

- Contestant must mark out the animal by having the heels of both feet above the break of the shoulders when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
- Contestant must remain in riding position for the full 8 seconds.

3.4 Event-Specific Conduct – Contestant must be ready when called; excessive delays may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method

- Total score out of 100 points (50 points for rider, 50 points for Stock)
- Marked by two judges, with their scores averaged

4.2 Penalties

- Failure to mark out = no score
- Touching the animal, equipment, or themselves with free hand = no score

4.4 Re-Ride Rules

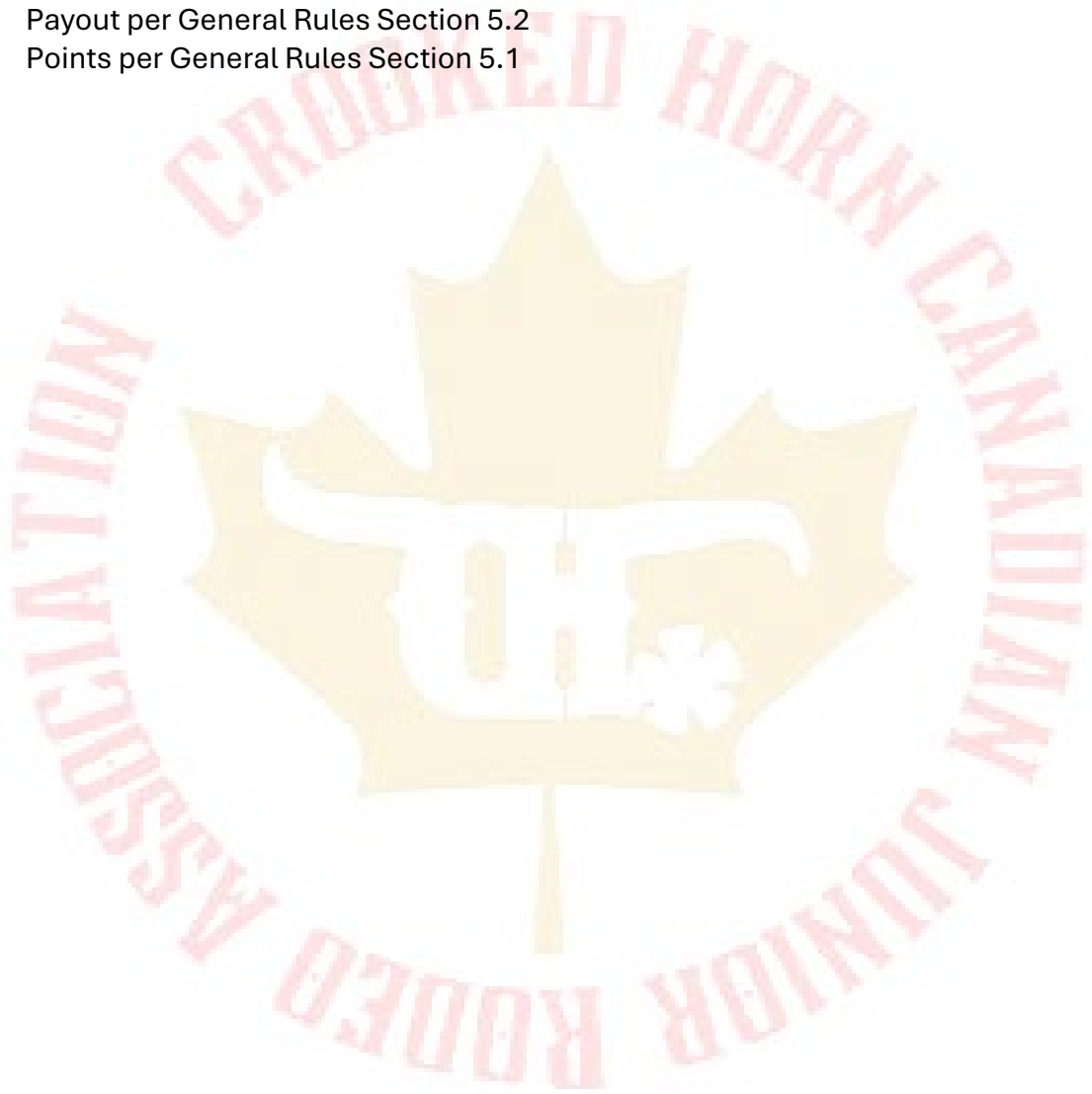
- Granted only at the judges' discretion.
- May be awarded if:
 - The animal fails to perform,
 - The animal falls, or
 - Equipment failure occurs through no fault of the contestant.
- No re-ride if failure is due to contestant error.
- If granted, contestant must accept the re-ride animal assigned by the judges.
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Use of prohibited equipment
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1



Bull Riding

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Walk/Trot: Ages 6 & under
- Peewee: Ages 7–9
- Rookie Jr: Ages 10–11
- Junior: Ages 12–13
- Senior: Ages 14–15
- Novice: Ages 16–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open to all contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Protective vest (mandatory)
- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Approved helmet and mouthguard are highly Recommended
- Association-approved bull rope with bell
- All rowels must be locked

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Sharp rowels
- Any equipment or rope modification that could cause harm to the animal
- Tying of the bull rope to the hand

2.3 Animal Safety – Bulls must be handled in accordance with animal welfare standards at all times.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Bull ropes and protective gear are subject to inspection by judges prior to each ride.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant will be mounted in the chute with bull rope set before the gate is opened.

3.2 Time Start – Ride time begins when the bull's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the chute gate.

3.3 Completion Requirements

- Contestant must remain in riding position with free hand clear of contact for the full 8 seconds.
- Walk/Trot must remain in riding position for the full 6 seconds.
- Rider must have one hand in the rope for the duration of the ride.
- Two handing riding is acceptable up to the Junior level

3.4 Event-Specific Conduct – Contestant must be ready when called. Excessive delay without just cause may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method

- Total score out of 100 points (50 points for rider, 50 points for Stock)
- Marked by two judges, with their scores averaged

4.2 Penalties

- Touching the bull, equipment, or themselves with free hand = no score unless stated in 3.3 above
- Failure to remain mounted for the full 8 seconds = no score unless stated in 3.3

4.5 Re-Ride Rules

- Granted only at the judges' discretion.
- May be awarded if:
 - The animal fails to perform,
 - The animal falls, or
 - Equipment failure occurs through no fault of the contestant.
- No re-ride if failure is due to contestant error.
- If granted, contestant must accept the re-ride animal assigned by the judges.

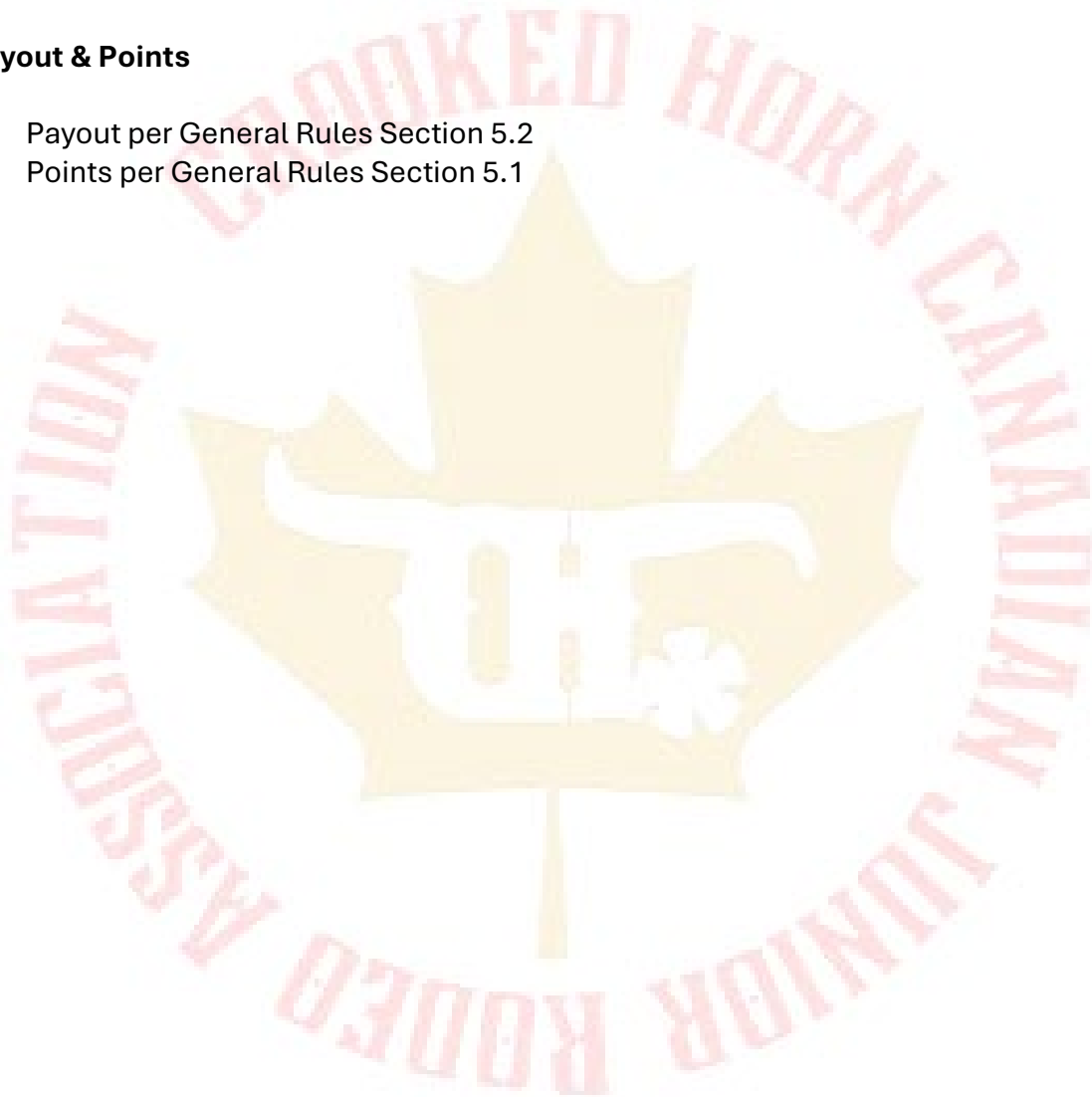
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Use of prohibited equipment
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1



Girls Cow Riding

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Peewee: Ages 7–9
- Rookie Jr: Ages 10–11
- Junior: Ages 12–13
- Senior: Ages 14–15
- Novice: Ages 16–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open only to female contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Protective vest (mandatory)
- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Approved helmet and mouthguard are highly Recommended
- Association-approved bull/cow rope with bell
- All rowels must be locked

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Sharp or locked rowels
- Any rope or equipment modification that could cause harm to the animal
- Tying of the rope to the hand

2.3 Animal Safety – All stock must be handled in accordance with animal welfare standards at all times.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – All ropes and protective gear are subject to inspection by judges prior to each ride.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant will be mounted in the chute with rope set before the gate is opened.

3.2 Time Start – Ride time begins when the cow's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the chute gate.

3.3 Completion Requirements

- Contestant must remain in riding position for the full 8 seconds.
- One hand must remain in the rope for the duration of the ride.
- Free hand must remain clear of the animal, themselves, and equipment.

3.4 Event-Specific Conduct – Contestant must be ready when called; excessive delay without just cause may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method

- Total score out of 100 points (50 points for rider, 50 points for Stock)
- Marked by two judges, with their scores averaged

4.2 Penalties

- Touching the animal, equipment, or themselves with free hand = no score
- Failure to remain mounted for the full 8 seconds = no score

4.6 Re-Ride Rules

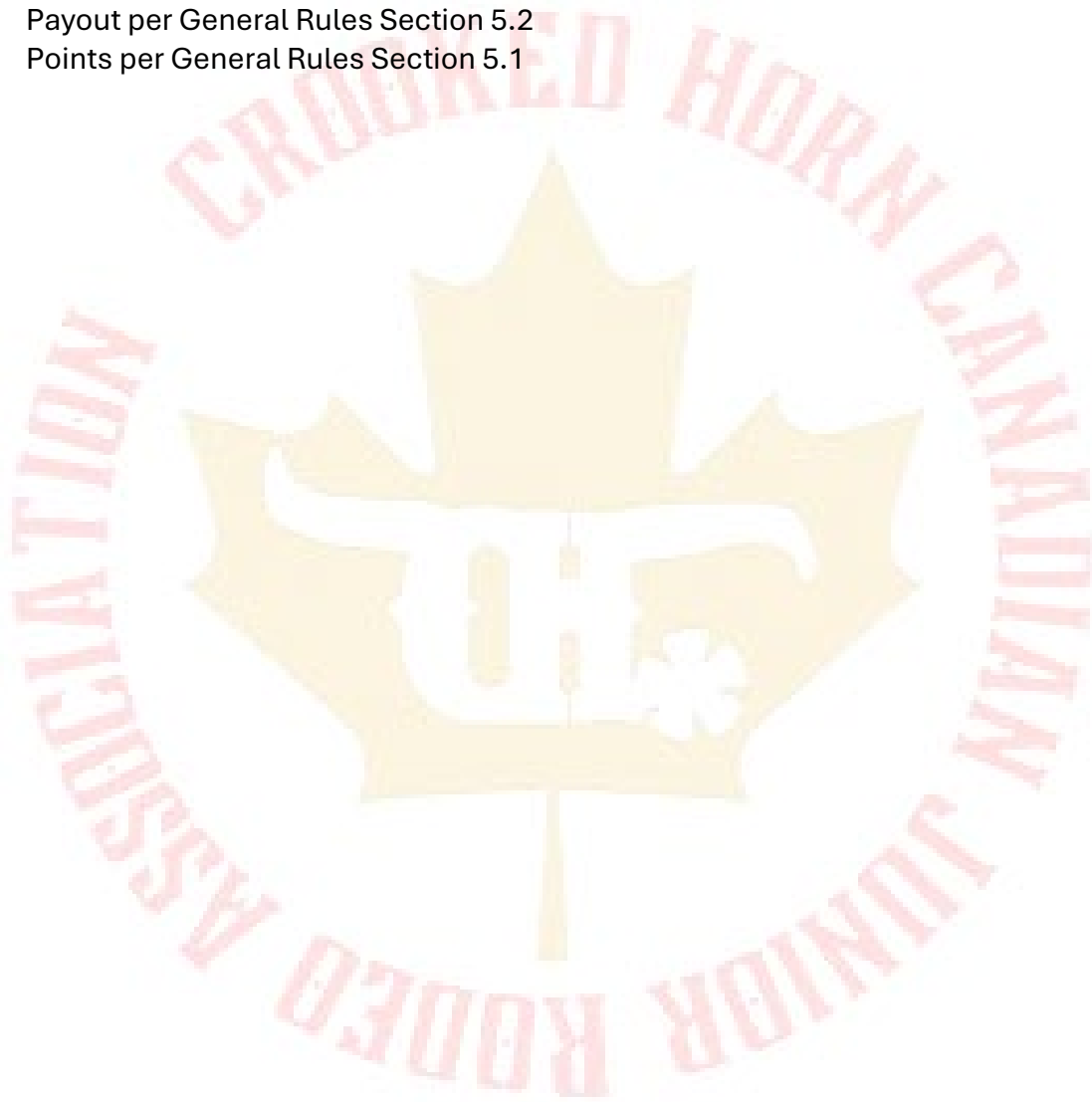
- Granted only at the judges' discretion.
- May be awarded if:
 - The animal fails to perform,
 - The animal falls, or
 - Equipment failure occurs through no fault of the contestant.
- No re-ride if failure is due to contestant error.
- If granted, contestant must accept the re-ride animal assigned by the judges.
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Use of prohibited equipment
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1



Boys Breakaway Roping

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Peewee: Ages 8 & under
- Junior: Ages 13–15
- Senior: Ages 16–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open only to male contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Standard breakaway rope with Association-approved breakaway string/tie
- Bell collar catch only

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Any device or alteration to rope that gives unfair advantage
- Illegal honda knots or jerk lines

2.3 Animal Safety – All calves must be of suitable size and condition for the age division competing.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Ropes, ties, and equipment may be inspected by judges prior to competing.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant must start from behind the barrier in the roping box.

3.2 Time Start – Official time begins when the barrier rope is released by the calf leaving the chute.

3.3 Completion Requirements

- A legal catch is defined as the loop passing over the calf's head and settling around the neck (bell collar catch).
- The rope must break away from the saddle horn to stop the clock.

3.4 Event-Specific Conduct – Contestant must be ready when called; failure to enter the box after two calls may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method – Timed event; fastest qualified time wins.

4.2 Penalties

- Breaking the barrier: +10 seconds
- Any catch other than bell collar: no time
- Failure of rope to break away cleanly: no time

4.7 Re-Run Rules

- Re-runs are granted only at the judges' discretion
- May be awarded if:
 - The calf fails to break the barrier
 - The calf fails to leave the chute properly, or
 - Mechanical failure not caused by contestant
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Illegal catch
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Use of prohibited equipment
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1

Girls Breakaway Roping

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Peewee: Ages 8 & under
- Junior: Ages 13–15
- Senior: Ages 16–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open only to female contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Standard breakaway rope with Association-approved breakaway string/tie
- Bell collar catch only

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Any device or alteration to rope that gives unfair advantage
- Illegal honda knots or jerk lines

2.3 Animal Safety – All calves must be of suitable size and condition for the age division competing.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Ropes, ties, and equipment may be inspected by judges prior to competing.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant must start from behind the barrier in the roping box.

3.2 Time Start – Official time begins when the barrier rope is released by the calf leaving the chute.

3.3 Completion Requirements

- A legal catch is defined as the loop passing over the calf's head and settling around the neck (bell collar catch).
- The rope must break away from the saddle horn to stop the clock.

3.4 *Event-Specific Conduct* – Contestant must be ready when called; failure to enter the box after two calls may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 *Scoring Method* – Timed event; fastest qualified time wins.

4.2 Penalties

- Breaking the barrier: +10 seconds
- Any catch other than bell collar: no time
- Failure of rope to break away cleanly: no time

4.8 Re-Run Rules

- Re-runs are granted only at the judges' discretion
- May be awarded if:
 - The calf fails to break the barrier
 - The calf fails to leave the chute properly, or
 - Mechanical failure not caused by contestant
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Illegal catch
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Use of prohibited equipment
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1

Tie-Down Roping

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions

- Junior: Ages 15 & under
- Senior: Ages 18 & under

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open to all contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Standard calf rope not exceeding Association-approved length and diameter
- Pigging string for tying three legs
- Bell collar catch only

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Any rope or tie-down device that gives unfair advantage or could cause injury to the animal
- Illegal honda knots or jerk lines
- Goat Strings

2.3 Animal Safety – Calves must be healthy, suitable size, and properly cared for before, during, and after competition.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Ropes, strings, and equipment may be inspected before competing.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant must start from behind the barrier in the roping box.

3.2 Time Start – Time begins when the barrier rope is released by the calf leaving the chute.

3.3 Completion Requirements

- Contestant must rope the calf with a legal bell collar catch.
- After roping, contestant must dismount, run down the rope, flank the calf, and tie any three legs securely with the pigging string.
- The tie must hold for 6 seconds after the contestant remounts and slack is given in the rope.

3.4 Event-Specific Conduct

- Contestant must remount before signaling time. Failure to do so = no time.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method – Timed event; fastest qualified time wins.

4.2 Penalties

- Breaking the barrier: +10 seconds
- Any catch other than bell collar: no time
- Failure to tie three legs securely: no time
- Calf breaking free before 6-second hold: no time

4.3 Re-Run Rules

- Re-runs are granted only at the judges' discretion
- May be awarded if:
 - The calf fails to break the barrier
 - The calf fails to leave the chute properly, or
 - Mechanical failure not caused by contestant
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Use of prohibited equipment
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1

Team Roping

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions – Open to all ages; teams may consist of any combination of eligible members (male/female, any age division).

1.2 Gender Restrictions – None; open to all contestants.

1.3 Membership Requirement – All team members must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Standard Association-approved ropes for header and heeler
- Header rope must be of standard length and diameter suitable for heading; heeler rope suitable for heeling

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Any rope or tack modification that provides unfair advantage

2.3 Animal Safety – Steers must be healthy, properly sized, and matched for fairness; horns must be blunted or wrapped for safety.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Ropes and equipment may be inspected prior to competition.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position

- **Header** starts from the heading box; **Heeler** starts from the heeling box.
- Both must start from behind the barrier.

3.2 Time Start – Official time begins when the barrier is released by the steer leaving the chute.

3.3 Completion Requirements

- **Header** must make one of three legal catches:
 1. Both horns or Half head or Around neck
- Once the header has caught, they must turn the steer so the heeler can rope the hind legs.
- **Heeler** must rope one or both hind legs; two legs = qualified run, one leg = 5-second penalty.
- After both catches are made, contestants must face their horses and pull ropes tight to stop the clock.

3.4 Event-Specific Conduct – Team must be ready when called; failure to enter after two calls may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method – Timed event; fastest qualified time wins.

4.2 Penalties

- Breaking the barrier: +10 seconds
- Heeling only one leg: +5 seconds
- Loss of rope before facing: no time

4.3 Re-Run Rules

- Re-runs are granted only at the judges' discretion
- May be awarded if:
 - The Steer fails to break the barrier
 - The Steer fails to leave the chute properly, or
 - Mechanical failure not caused by contestant
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Header/Heeler Entry and Payout Clarification

In some Team Roping events, there may be an uneven number of headers and heelers. To maintain fairness and consistency, the following rules shall apply:

5.1 Header- or Heeler-Only Entries

When a contestant enters as either a header or a heeler without an officially entered partner, they may still compete using an approved volunteer or assisting partner. In such cases, all points and payouts will be awarded only to the officially entered contestant, as the assisting partner is participating only to allow competition to proceed and is not considered an official entry.

5.2 Multiple-Team Participation

- A contestant may compete on multiple teams as a header or a heeler, provided all runs are conducted safely and efficiently.
- Each header–heeler combination shall be considered a separate team entry, and points and payouts will apply only to that specific team.
- Contestants competing on multiple teams cannot combine, transfer, or accumulate points or payouts from different team entries toward individual standings or year-end totals.

5.3 Eligibility for Points and Payouts

- To be eligible for points or payouts, both team members must be officially entered and have paid the required entry fees for that team entry.
- If either contestant has not officially entered and/or paid for to be on that team, they are deemed a non-competing helper and shall not receive points or payout, regardless of the team's placing.

5.4 Official Records and Standings

- The official draw and event records shall clearly identify each declared team entry and indicate which contestants are paid and eligible for points and payouts.
- Points and standings will be recorded strictly by team combination.
- Only officially paid team entries shall count toward season points, Finals qualification, and cumulative standings

6. Disqualification

- Use of prohibited equipment
- Failure to achieve a legal head catch
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Failure to be ready when called

7. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1

Barrel Racing

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Peewee: Ages 5–8
- Junior: Ages 9–13
- Senior: Ages 14–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open to all contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Approved helmet is highly Recommended
- Properly fitted western saddle and bridle
- Protective boots or wraps on horse's legs (recommended)

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Harsh bits, tie-downs, or training devices deemed unsafe or inhumane by judges or event officials
- Any equipment that could cause harm to the horse

2.3 Animal Safety – Horses must be sound, healthy, and treated humanely at all times.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Tack and equipment may be inspected before competition.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Pattern

- Contestants must run a cloverleaf barrel pattern around three barrels set in a triangular formation:
- The first barrel may be approached from either the right or left side.

- Contestants must circle the first and second barrels in opposite directions, and the third in the same direction as the Second.

3.2 Ideal Modified Standard Pattern

- First and second barrels set 75–85 feet apart.
- Third barrel placed 95–105 feet from the line connecting the first and second barrels.
- Start/finish line placed 50–60 feet from the first and second barrels.

3.3 Pattern Discrepancy - If a pattern is discovered to have been set incorrectly after competition in that event or age division has begun, and one or more contestants have already completed their runs and recorded times:

- The existing pattern shall remain in place and unchanged until all contestants within that same age division have completed their runs.
- No changes to the pattern may be made mid-division, even if the error is confirmed during competition.
- Once all contestants in the affected age division have completed their runs, the pattern may be corrected prior to the start of the next age division.
- All posted times from the division that ran the incorrect pattern shall remain official and final.

This rule is intended to preserve fairness and consistency for all contestants within the same age category while allowing prompt correction for subsequent divisions

3.4 Minimum Clearances (Mandatory at All Events)

- Barrels must be placed no closer than 15 feet from any arena wall, fence, or chute.
- The start/finish line must be at least 30 feet from the arena gate or return alley.
- Adequate stopping room must always be provided beyond the finish line.

3.5 Arena Size Adjustments

- While the Modified Standard Pattern is the Association's ideal and will be used whenever possible, actual dimensions may vary depending on arena size, safety concerns, or unforeseen circumstances.
- In all cases, minimum clearance requirements take precedence over standard dimensions.
- Deviations from the standard should be viewed as rare exceptions, not the norm.

3.6 Consistency Across Events

- Single-Day Events: Once competition has begun, no adjustments to the barrel pattern may be made under any circumstances. The pattern must remain fixed for the duration of that event.
- Multi-Day Events: During multi-day rodeos, the barrel pattern must remain exactly the same across all days of competition.
- The only exception is where a genuine safety concern or unforeseen circumstance arises (e.g., deteriorating ground conditions, arena damage, or other hazards beyond control).
- In such cases, any modification to the pattern may be made only in conjunction with the event judges and Association Board members and must be limited strictly to addressing the issue.
- Changes of convenience or preference are not permitted.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method – Timed event; fastest qualified time wins.

4.2 Penalties

- Knocking over a barrel: +5 seconds per barrel
- Breaking the timer line before starting the pattern: no time
- Not completing the pattern in the prescribed manner: no time

4.3 Re-Runs

- Re-runs may be granted only in the event of timer malfunction, incorrect barrel placement, or other legitimate competition errors not caused by the contestant
- Re-runs are granted only at the judges' discretion
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Pattern deviation
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Use of prohibited equipment
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1

Pole Bending

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions

- Peewee: Ages 5–8
- Junior: Ages 9–13
- Senior: Ages 14–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open to all contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Approved helmet is highly Recommended
- Properly fitted western saddle and bridle
- Protective boots or wraps on horse's legs (recommended)

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Harsh bits, tie-downs, or training devices deemed unsafe or inhumane by judges or event officials
- Any equipment that could cause harm to the horse

2.3 Animal Safety – Horses must be sound, healthy, and treated humanely at all times.

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Tack and equipment may be inspected prior to competition.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Pattern Standards

- Six poles placed in a straight line, spaced 21 feet apart, with the first pole 21 feet from the start/finish line.
- Poles must be 6 feet tall, with weighted bases between 12–14 inches in diameter to ensure safety and consistency.

- Start – Rider begins at the start line and runs straight to the last pole.
- Weave Down – Rider weaves through the poles (down the line, alternating left and right turns around each pole).
- Weave Back – At the far end, the rider turns around the last pole and weaves back through the line of poles.
- Return Run – After completing the weave, the rider turns around the first pole and sprints straight back across the finish line

3.2 Pattern Discrepancy - If a pattern is discovered to have been set incorrectly after competition in that event or age division has begun, and one or more contestants have already completed their runs and recorded times:

- The existing pattern shall remain in place and unchanged until all contestants within that same age division have completed their runs.
- No changes to the pattern may be made mid-division, even if the error is confirmed during competition.
- Once all contestants in the affected age division have completed their runs, the pattern may be corrected prior to the start of the next age division.
- All posted times from the division that ran the incorrect pattern shall remain official and final.

This rule is intended to preserve fairness and consistency for all contestants within the same age category while allowing prompt correction for subsequent divisions.

3.3 Minimum Clearances (Mandatory at All Events)

- The last (end) pole must be positioned at least 20 feet from the arena fence or wall.
- The first pole must be set no closer than 15 feet from the arena fence or chute.
- Adequate stopping room must always be provided beyond the finish line.

3.4 Arena Size Adjustments

- The above specifications represent the Association's ideal standard and must be used whenever possible.
- Where arena dimensions or safety concerns make the standard setup impractical, the pattern may be modified—but only to the extent necessary to meet the minimum clearances.
- Such deviations are considered rare exceptions, not the norm.

3.5 Consistency Across Events

- **Single-Day Events:** Once competition has begun, no adjustments to the pattern may be made under any circumstances. The pattern must remain fixed for the duration of that event.
- **Multi-Day Events:** During multi-day rodeos, the pattern must remain exactly the same across all days of competition.
- The only exception is where a genuine safety concern or unforeseen circumstance arises (e.g., deteriorating ground conditions, arena damage, or other hazards beyond control).
- In such cases, any modification to the pattern may be made only in conjunction with the event judges and Association Board members and must be limited strictly to addressing the issue.
- Changes of convenience or preference are not permitted

3.6 Time Start – Time begins when the contestant crosses the start line and ends when they cross the finish line after completing the pattern.

3.7 Completion Requirements

- Horse and rider must complete the pattern correctly without knocking over poles.
- Crossing the finish line before the pattern is completed will result in a no time.

3.8 Event-Specific Conduct – Contestants must be ready when called; failure to enter the arena after two calls may result in disqualification.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method – Timed event; fastest qualified time wins.

4.2 Penalties

- Knocking over a pole: +5 seconds per pole
- Not completing the pattern in the prescribed manner: no time
- Timer malfunction due to contestant interference: no time

4.3 Re-Runs

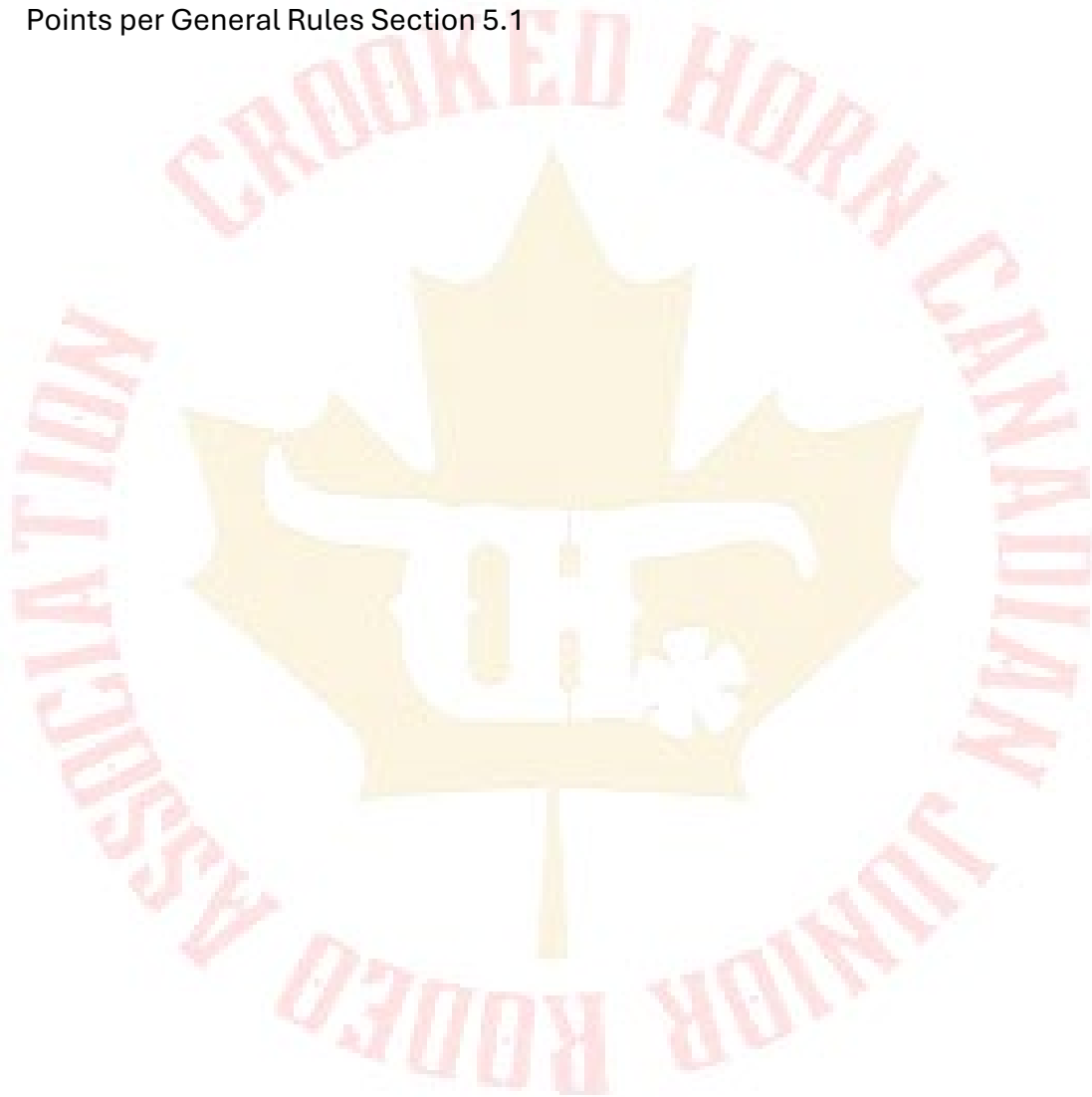
- Re-runs may be granted only in the event of timer malfunction, incorrect pole placement, or other legitimate competition errors not caused by the contestant
- Re-runs are granted only at the judges' discretion
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Pattern deviation
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Use of prohibited equipment
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1



Goat Tying

1. Eligibility

1.1 Age Divisions:

- Peewee: Ages 8 & under
- Junior: Ages 9–13
- Senior: Ages 14–18

1.2 Gender Restrictions – Open to all contestants within the listed age divisions.

1.3 Membership Requirement – Contestants must be current members of the Crooked Horn Canadian Jr. Rodeo Association, as per General Rules Section 1.

2. Equipment & Safety Requirements

2.1 Required Gear

- Western attire per General Rules Section 4.1
- Approved helmet is highly Recommended
- Goat string suitable for tying three legs
- Western saddle and bridle

2.2 Prohibited Equipment

- Any device or equipment that could injure the goat
- Harsh or inhumane tack on horse or contestant

2.3 Animal Safety – Goats must be healthy, sound, and handled humanely at all times. The

2.4 Judge's Inspection – Goat strings and tack are subject to inspection prior to competition.

3. Event Procedure

3.1 Start Position – Contestant starts from behind the start line mounted on horseback.

3.2 Line Placement

- The goat will be staked on a 10 ft rope at the goat line, set approximately 100 feet from the start/finish line, unless arena conditions require adjustment.
- The goat line placement must remain consistent for all contestants within the same rodeo.
- In multi-day events, the goat line must remain the same for all rounds unless a safety concern or unforeseen circumstance arises. Any modification must be made only in conjunction with the event judges and Association Board members.

3.3 Line Placement Discrepancy - If the line is discovered to have been set incorrectly after competition in that event or age division has begun, and one or more contestants have already completed their runs and recorded times:

- The existing position shall remain in place and unchanged until all contestants within that same age division have completed their runs.
- No changes to the line may be made mid-division, even if the error is confirmed during competition.
- Once all contestants in the affected age division have completed their runs, the line may be corrected prior to the start of the next age division.
- All posted times from the division that ran shall remain official and final.

This rule is intended to preserve fairness and consistency for all contestants within the same age category while allowing prompt correction for subsequent divisions

3.4 Time Start – Official time begins when the contestant’s horse crosses the start line

3.5 Completion Requirements

- Contestant must ride to the goat, dismount, catch and flank the goat by hand, and tie any three legs together with the goat string.
- The tie must hold for 6 seconds after the contestant steps clear of the goat and signals time.
- Contestant must stand clear a minimum of 6 feet from the goat without touching it during the 6-second hold period.

3.6 Event-Specific Conduct

- Goat must remain staked in its original position.
- Contestants must not drag the goat over the rope stake or reposition it beyond the rope’s natural reach.

4. Scoring & Time Rules

4.1 Scoring Method – Timed event; fastest qualified time wins.

4.2 Penalties

- Flagrant roughness in handling goat = Disqualification
- Failure to tie three legs securely= No time
- Goat breaks free before the 6-second hold = No time
- After tying the constant does not maintain 6 feet distance = No time

4.3 Re-Runs

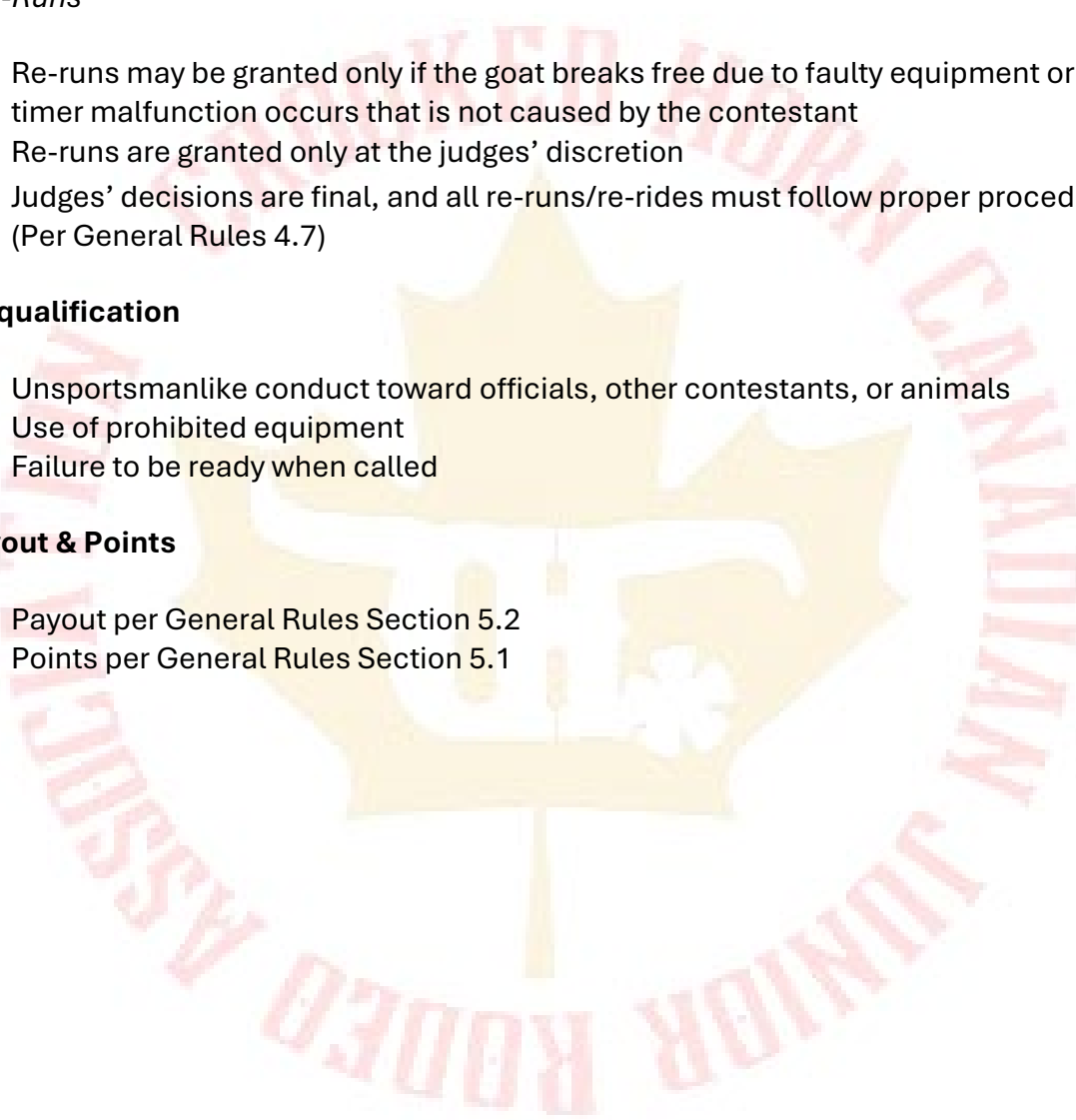
- Re-runs may be granted only if the goat breaks free due to faulty equipment or if a timer malfunction occurs that is not caused by the contestant
- Re-runs are granted only at the judges' discretion
- Judges' decisions are final, and all re-runs/re-rides must follow proper procedure (Per General Rules 4.7)

5. Disqualification

- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, other contestants, or animals
- Use of prohibited equipment
- Failure to be ready when called

6. Payout & Points

- Payout per General Rules Section 5.2
- Points per General Rules Section 5.1



9. Guidelines and Processes

Section 9 outlines the formal processes and operational safety standards governing all CHCJRA-sanctioned events. These guidelines ensure fairness, integrity, safety, and continuous improvement across all rodeo activities

9.0 Appeals and Dispute Process

1 Purpose

This process establishes a fair and transparent method for contestants, parents, and members to raise legitimate concerns regarding competition rulings, conduct, or procedural errors. It ensures that disputes are handled respectfully, promptly, and in accordance with CHCJRA rules and bylaws.

2 Scope of Appeals

- a) Applies to competition-related rulings, scoring questions, rule interpretations, and event-management concerns.
- b) Does not apply to matters already decided by the Board under the bylaws (e.g., disciplinary actions, membership issues, or financial decisions).
- c) All appeals must be based on a specific rule, procedure, or action that the contestant believes was misapplied or unfair.

3 Immediate On-Site Discussions

- a) During competition, contestants must direct any concerns immediately to the Judge or Arena Director not to volunteers or announcers.
- b) The Judge and Arena Director shall discuss the matter and render a decision on-site. That decision is final for that rodeo unless formally appealed in writing after the event.

4 Formal Written Appeal

- a) A formal appeal must be submitted in writing to the CHCJRA Board of Directors within 48 hours of the conclusion of the rodeo performance in question.
- b) The appeal must include:
 - Contestant's name and event
 - Date and location of the rodeo
 - Detailed description of the incident and specific rule(s) involved
 - Names of witnesses or officials if applicable
 - A \$50.00 appeal fee (refundable only if the appeal is upheld)
- c) Appeals may be submitted via email to Rodeooffice@chcjra.ca or hand-delivered to a Board member.

5 Review Procedure

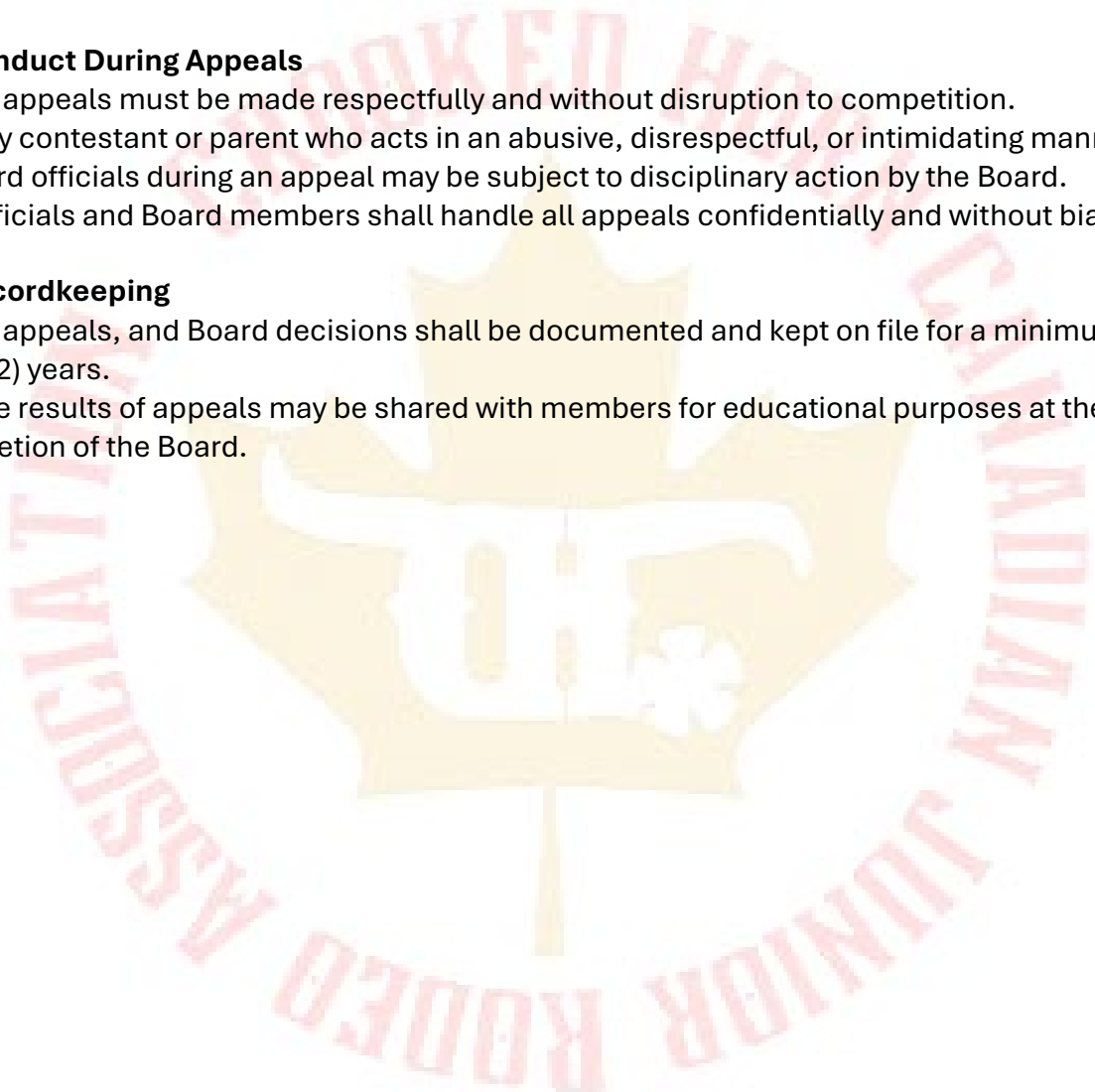
- a) The Board of Directors (or a designated Appeals Committee) shall review the appeal within 14 days of receipt.
- b) The Board may consult the Arena Director, Judges, Event Director, and any other relevant individuals involved.
- c) The Board's decision shall be based on the CHCJRA Rule Book, bylaws, and fair competition principles.
- d) All decisions of the Board regarding appeals are final and binding.

6 Conduct During Appeals

- a) All appeals must be made respectfully and without disruption to competition.
- b) Any contestant or parent who acts in an abusive, disrespectful, or intimidating manner toward officials during an appeal may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.
- c) Officials and Board members shall handle all appeals confidentially and without bias.

7 Recordkeeping

- a) All appeals, and Board decisions shall be documented and kept on file for a minimum of two (2) years.
- b) The results of appeals may be shared with members for educational purposes at the discretion of the Board.



9.1 Safety Policy

1 Purpose

To ensure that all CHCJRA-sanctioned rodeos are conducted in a safe, responsible, and controlled environment. It establishes clear expectations for the behavior of contestants, volunteers, and spectators to prevent accidents and injuries.

2 Scope

- a) Applies to all participants, volunteers, stock contractors, officials, and attendees at CHCJRA events.
- b) Covers arena operations, livestock handling, warm-up areas, and all event grounds.
- c) Supplements local, provincial, and facility-specific safety regulations.

3 Safety Responsibilities

- a) The Arena Director holds on-site authority for safety and may pause or cancel any event where unsafe conditions exist.
- b) All contestants, parents, and volunteers must follow the directions of arena officials at all times.
- c) Unsafe behavior, horseplay, or interference with arena operations will not be tolerated.
- d) Safety equipment (vests, helmets, boots, and protective gear) must be used as required by CHCJRA rules or the Arena Director.
- e) Horses and livestock must be handled calmly and humanely in all areas.

4 Facility and Equipment Checks

- a) The Arena Director or designate shall inspect arena gates, chutes, fencing, and footing before each performance.
- b) Any hazards identified must be corrected or the area closed to use until safe.
- c) Event equipment (ropes, barriers, timers, etc.) must be in good working condition and approved by the Event Director.

5 Enforcement and Reporting

- a) The Arena Director has the authority to disqualify or remove any individual who compromises safety.
- b) All safety violations shall be documented and reported to the Board within 24 hours.

9.2 Health and Welfare Policy

1 Purpose

To protect the physical well-being of contestants, volunteers, and animals participating in CHCJRA events.

2 Scope

- a) Applies to all participants and livestock during competition, warm-up, and holding periods.
- b) Includes first aid response, contestant readiness, and animal welfare practices.

3 Contestant Health

- a) Contestants must be fit to compete and may not participate if injured, ill, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- b) A qualified first aid attendant or certified responder must be present during each performance.
- c) If a contestant is injured, competition may be paused until medical assistance is provided.

4 Animal Welfare

- a) All livestock must be treated humanely and handled in accordance with CHCJRA and CPRA standards.
- b) Any mistreatment of animals, including excessive force or neglect, results in immediate disqualification and possible suspension.
- c) Stock must be properly fed, watered, and cared for before, during, and after events.
- d) A veterinarian must be available or on call or on site during all sanctioned rodeos.

5 Incident Notification

- a) Any injury to a contestant, volunteer, or animal must be reported immediately to the Arena Director.
- b) The Arena Director shall ensure the incident is documented per Section 9.3.6 (Post-Incident Reporting).

9.3 Emergency Response Plan

1 Purpose

To ensure quick, organized, and effective action in the event of a medical emergency, fire, severe weather, or other critical incident at a CHCJRA event.

2 Scope

Applies to all CHCJRA-sanctioned rodeos and covers contestants, volunteers, animals, and spectators.

3 Command Structure

- a) The Arena Director or designated Safety Officer assumes command during any emergency.
- b) All volunteers and staff shall follow instructions issued by the person in command.
- c) Emergency contact information and procedures must be reviewed at the beginning of each rodeo.

4 Emergency Procedures

- a) A clearly identified First Aid Station must be stocked with appropriate supplies.
- b) Arenas must have accessible fire extinguishers, emergency exits, and clear evacuation routes.
- c) The nearest hospital or medical facility must be identified and posted in the announcer's booth and office.
- d) In the event of injury:
 - Stop competition immediately.
 - Clear the arena of animals and unnecessary personnel.
 - Notify emergency services if required.
 - Resume competition only when the Arena Director confirms it is safe.
- e) Severe weather or natural-disaster protocols (see Section 9.5) must be announced and followed promptly.

5 Communication

- a) Emergency contact numbers (fire, ambulance, police, veterinarian) shall be posted at the rodeo office and announcer's stand.
- b) All radio or phone communication during emergencies shall be clear, concise, and limited to essential personnel.

6 Post-Incident Reporting

- a) The Arena Director must complete an Emergency or Incident Report within 24 hours, detailing the event, response, and any corrective actions.

b) Reports are submitted to the Board for review and used for safety improvement and insurance documentation.

9.4 Incident Review & Continuous Improvement

1 Purpose

To ensure that all incidents, near misses, and safety concerns at CHCJRA-sanctioned events are reviewed systematically so lessons can be learned, risks reduced, and future events improved.

2 Scope

- a) Applies to all incidents involving contestants, livestock, volunteers, officials, or spectators during CHCJRA events.
- b) Includes medical emergencies, equipment failures, rule enforcement issues related to safety, and any situations where an injury or near miss occurred.
- c) Supports compliance with insurance, facility, and provincial safety requirements.

3 Reporting

- a) The Arena Director must ensure all incidents are reported as outlined in Section 9.3.6.
- b) Any contestant, volunteer, or parent may submit a written statement or observation to the Board regarding an incident or safety concern.
- c) All reports must be submitted within 48 hours of the event unless otherwise directed by the Board.

4 Board Review Process

- a) The Board of Directors (or a designated Safety Committee) shall review all incident reports within 30 days of receipt.
- b) Reviews may include input from the Arena Director, Event Directors, Judges, stock contractors, or medical personnel involved.
- c) The Board shall identify contributing factors, evaluate responses, and recommend corrective or preventive actions.

5 Corrective and Preventive Actions

- a) When deficiencies are identified, the Board may implement new procedures, training, or rule amendments to prevent recurrence.
- b) Recommendations affecting arena setup, livestock handling, or emergency readiness shall be shared with all Arena Directors and Event Directors.
- c) Any significant policy changes shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting and communicated to members prior to the next rodeo season.

6 Annual Safety Review

- a) At least once per season, the Board shall conduct an Annual Safety Review summarizing

incident trends, corrective actions taken, and recommendations for improvement.

b) Findings may be shared with members, parents, and volunteers for awareness and education.

c) The Annual Review may result in updates to this Rule Book, bylaws, or official operating manuals as needed.

7 Confidentiality and Recordkeeping

a) All reports and reviews shall be handled confidentially and stored for a minimum of three (3) years.

b) Records may be used for training, insurance, or regulatory compliance purposes but will not be disclosed publicly except as required by law.



9.5 Weather and Natural Disaster Protocols

1 Purpose

To protect contestants, livestock, volunteers, and spectators from harm due to severe weather or environmental hazards and to ensure consistent decision-making during adverse conditions.

2 Scope

- a) Applies to all CHCJRA-sanctioned rodeos, including setup, competition, and teardown periods.
- b) Includes response to lightning, high winds, fire, flooding, extreme temperatures, and poor air-quality events.
- c) Supplements Sections 9.1 through 9.4 and local emergency-management or facility requirements.

3 Lightning Protocol

- a) If lightning is observed or thunder heard within ten (10) seconds of a visible strike, competition must be suspended immediately.
- b) All contestants, volunteers, and spectators shall move to safe shelter inside a fully enclosed vehicle or permanent building.
- c) Suitable shelter includes any hard-topped car, truck, or SUV with windows closed.
- d) Unsafe shelter includes horse trailers, open barns, bleachers, metal pens, tents, or under trees.
- e) Participants must remain sheltered for at least thirty (30) consecutive minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before resuming competition.
- f) The Arena Director is responsible for monitoring weather conditions and determining when it is safe to resume activities.

4 High Winds, Fire, or Smoke

- a) The Arena Director may delay or cancel events if wind conditions, wildfire smoke, or air quality pose risks to visibility, breathing, or livestock welfare.
- b) Loose equipment, signs, and panels must be secured or removed if strong winds are forecast.
- c) Emergency exits and evacuation routes must remain clear at all times.
- d) When fire or smoke threatens the arena area, immediate evacuation procedures shall be enacted following Section 9.3 (Emergency Response Plan).

5 Flooding or Extreme Rainfall

- a) If arena footing becomes unsafe or electrical systems are at risk, events must be suspended until conditions are stabilized.
- b) Electrical equipment (timers, gates, announcer systems) must be disconnected or powered down if flooding or heavy rain occurs.
- c) Stock contractors and event directors shall confirm pens and holding areas remain dry and secure.

6 Heat and Cold Stress

- a) During extreme heat, the Arena Director may extend rest periods, shorten performances, or provide additional shade and hydration for contestants and animals.
- b) In cold conditions, competition shall be delayed or suspended if frostbite, hypothermia, or respiratory-distress risks exist for contestants or livestock.
- c) Adequate shelter and fresh water must be provided for animals in all weather conditions.
- d) All decisions and adjustments related to environmental stress shall be documented in accordance with Section 9.3.6 and reviewed under Section 9.4.

7 Communication and Coordination

- a) Weather-related delays or cancellations must be clearly announced over the public-address system.
- b) The Arena Director or Rodeo Secretary shall immediately inform the Board and stock contractors of any weather-related decision.
- c) Emergency contact numbers and evacuation instructions must be posted in the announcer's booth and rodeo office.
- d) All radio or phone communication during weather emergencies shall be clear, concise, and limited to essential personnel.

8 Resumption of Competition

- a) Events may resume only when the Arena Director, in consultation with the Event Directors and Safety Officer, confirms that all hazards have passed and footing and visibility are safe.
- b) The decision to resume competition must prioritize the welfare of both contestants and livestock.
- c) All post-weather decisions and related incidents shall be reported through the procedures in Section 9.3.6 (Post-Incident Reporting).

Rule Interpretation, Safety Authority, and Unforeseen Circumstances

The CHCJRA Rule Book is intended to govern the operation of Association events; however, it is not all-inclusive and cannot anticipate every circumstance, situation, or potential loophole. Where a rule is silent, unclear, contradictory, or where a loophole exists that could undermine the intent of these rules, the Arena Director, in consultation with the Judges and/or Rodeo Committee, shall have the authority to interpret, modify, suspend, waive, or apply the rules in a manner consistent with the intent of the Association, the principles of fairness, and the safety and welfare of contestants, volunteers, spectators, and livestock.

The CHCJRA reserves the right to close, restrict, or eliminate any loophole, practice, or interpretation that is determined to be contrary to the spirit or intent of these rules, regardless of whether the specific situation is expressly addressed within this Rule Book.

Situations may arise that are not specifically covered by these rules or where the strict application of a rule would create an unsafe, unfair, unreasonable, or unintended outcome. In such cases, the Arena Director and Judges may make such decisions as are reasonably necessary to protect the safety and well-being of contestants, spectators, volunteers, livestock, and the integrity of the event.

Any decision made under this authority shall be final for that event and shall not establish a precedent for future events.

The CHCJRA Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, modify, add to, remove, suspend, or revise any rule at any time when deemed necessary for the safe, fair, and efficient operation of the Association. Such changes shall become effective upon approval by the Board and publication through official CHCJRA channels.

END OF RULE BOOK

This Rule Book, Version 1.0, was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Crooked Horn Canadian Junior Rodeo Association on June 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect until amended, superseded, or repealed by the Board of Directors.

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