



# RULE BOOK

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### **Administration:**

1. The MYTRA Rodeo rules and regulations in this guide have been adopted by the Advisory Board and Organizers.
2. The MYTRA objectives shall be:
  - a. To establish a teaching environment where youth age 0-17 can learn the sport of Rodeo in a safe and affordable environment.
  - b. To teach traditions of the sport.
  - c. To encourage and promote safety, respect, sportsmanship, and horsemanship.
  - d. To assist contestants to the sport to challenge themselves safely in events they may not have the opportunity to learn previously.
  - e. To create knowledgeable youth that can move safely to other rodeo organizations for competition.
  - f. To help elevate the standards of youth Rodeo within our state and surrounding areas.
3. Any Parent/contestant/member wishing to change the adopted rules and regulations for an approved MYTRA rodeo they are sponsoring must first have the changes approved by the MYTRA Advisory Board and Organizers.
4. The Rodeo Organizers will keep track of the tentative Rodeo Dates. Any hosting arenas are asked to inform the Organizers of the date and location of the proposed rodeo. This will help to prevent conflicts and assist with promotion of the events.
5. Any MYTRA rodeos must be approved by the Organizers and be open to all members and nonmembers of the MYTRA.
6. The MYTRA Administration is made up of Organizers and an advisory board. The advisory board's responsibilities are to recommend changes, create regulations and make disciplinary decisions if needed, to ensure the success of the association.
7. The Organizers responsibilities are to schedule events, rodeo dates, keep stock updated, decide upon ground improvements or changes, office administration duties, and incorporate any new recommendations from the board into the association.
  - a. The Organization Board is made up of 3 individuals.
8. The current MYTRA rodeo year shall be determined as of the first of January of that year.
9. Membership in the association shall be open to all persons of good character ages 0-17.
10. Members will only be able to accumulate points for participating in the Awards Banquet from approved MYTRA rodeos.
  - a. Cumulated points will be added for yearend awards.
11. All MYTRA rodeos will be split into 7 age divisions.
  - a. Wrangler Division
    - i. Ages 0 - 5
  - b. Junior Division
    - i. Ages 6-8
    - ii. Ages 9-10
    - iii. Ages 11-12
  - c. Senior Division
    - i. Ages 13-15
    - ii. Ages 16-17
  - d. The age of each contestant shall be determined as of January 1st of that year.
  - e. It is the contestant's responsibility to enter in the proper age group.
12. Membership

- a. Membership costs are \$50 (1-2 children), \$75 (3 children), \$100 (4 or more children).
  - b. Memberships provide the child with eligibility for year end and day awards, free Saturday practices, and Discounted Clinics. Also Free Arena time on event weekends at the home arena.
  - c. Entry fees for Members are listed per event. (This is for home arena Rodeos Only)
  - d. No membership shall be accepted by the MYTRA when the proposed member is on the suspended/disqualified list if the applicant has not completed their full suspension period. Upon completing their suspension period, a member can appeal to be reinstated. The applicant may appeal such rejection in writing to the Advisory board and organizers. These appeals will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Upon such appeal being filed, the Advisory Board shall determine by majority vote whether the subject membership application shall be granted or whether said rejection or denial shall stand. Executive Board decision shall be made within (thirty) 30 days of appeal.
  - e. Memberships can be purchased throughout the season.
  - f. Points awarded prior to a membership purchase will be used towards your year end points.
13. Non-Members
- a. Non-members are welcome to participate in practices or performances.
  - b. Non-members are required to pay a \$20-day fee per contestant for practice dates and a \$20-day fee for performance dates.
  - c. Non-members are NOT eligible for yearend awards.
  - d. Non-members are NOT eligible for day awards.
  - e. Entry Fees for Nonmembers are listed per event.
  - f. No day passes shall be accepted by the MYTRA when the proposed day rider (Local) is on the suspended/disqualified list. The applicant may appeal such rejection in writing after the suspension time has been fulfilled to the advisory board and organizers. These appeals will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Upon such appeal being filed, the Advisory Board shall determine by majority vote whether the subject membership application shall be granted or whether said rejection or denial shall stand. Executive Board decision shall be made within (thirty) 30 days.
14. Waivers and Medical Forms
- a. A hand signed liability waiver will be required prior to any practice or the day of sign up when entries are paid. No one may participate in any event or volunteer as an adult without a waiver on file. A signed waiver is good for 1 season at home events.
15. Closing of the books will be 1 hour prior to the start time of the performance. You MUST have your child signed up and entries paid 1 hour prior to the Perf.
15. Parent, Guardian, or ADULT contestant advocates must be present at all practices or shows. A child cannot be left unattended on the grounds to practice or compete. This includes Senior members who turn 18 after the season begins.
16. The MYTRA will hold an awards banquet after the season ends. All enrolled members and their families will be invited. Dates and location of the banquet will be announced during the rodeo season.
17. Suggestions from non-advisory board members will be appreciated.
18. MYTRA members, and non-member contestants acknowledge that rodeos are dangerous activities and that participation in a rodeo as a competitor, an independent contractor or volunteer, exposes the participant to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injury or death. MYTRA members, and non-member contestants acknowledge that participation in MYTRA rodeos will expose said member or non-member contestant to

substantial and serious risk of property damage and/or personal injury or death, said member, or non-member contestant hereby releases MYTRA, MYTRA Advisory Board MYTRA Organizers, sponsors, and Volunteers, their affiliated, related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, directors, employees, and agents of each entity or organization from liability for any and all property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from participation MYTRA rodeos, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent. MYTRA members, associate members and non-member contestants shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the before mentioned arising out of or related to the actions, causes of action, claims, and demands hereby waived, released or discharged by MYTRA member, and non-member contestant. This provision shall be binding upon each MYTRA member, non-member contestant, , his/her parents, legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.

19. All amendments to rules will be made by the advisory board and organizers as needed throughout the season.
20. No member or nonmember will be allowed to participate in practices or performances without a parent or guardian present. Under no circumstances will this be permitted. All Age groups must always have a parent or guardian present.

### **TRADITION**

1. All MYTRA members and nonmembers will abide by the tradition of the sport. It is not asked that you believe honor the tradition of Rodeo by:
  - a. Standing for Prayer and National Anthem. (Rough stock Riders may kneel for the prayer in the cowboy tradition)
  - b. Males removing their hat or helmet during the prayer and National Anthem
  - c. Standing silently during these events.
2. Any member, nonmember or member assistant that does not comply with tradition by taking a knee or showing blatant disrespect will face disciplinary action.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> offense verbal warning
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense written warning and meeting with parents/advisor. Suspension from day's events and forfeiture of fees for the day.
  - c. Suspension from rodeo for a period of 1 season and forfeiture of fees for the season.

### **RODEO GROUNDS RULES**

1. MYTRA is based out of the Circle Star S Ranch in White Cloud. Grounds rules apply to this arena. Travel Arenas may have different rules and should be viewed prior to any traveling show.
2. Golf carts and Quads are prohibited to contestants and contestant families on the grounds unless needed for handicapped access. Motorized vehicles may be used by MYTRA Staff during these events.
3. **There is absolutely no running of horses on the rodeo grounds except in the arena.** For the safety of the campers, spectators, and contestants. No hot rodding is allowed on the grounds. Trail Riding is available in the surrounding properties.
4. Please remove all trash/manure and fill in any fire pits that have been created on the grounds before leaving.
5. There is a playground available to children. This playground is to be used at your own risk. MICHIGAN YOUTH TEACHING RODEO ASSOCIATION, any of its advisors or volunteers are not liable for any injury or death caused by use of the equipment.

6. Small campfires are allowed in approved containers or fire rings. Please note this is a pasture when not being used by the association.
7. Clean up any messes prior to leaving the property. Trash receptacles are available in many locations on the grounds.
8. Alcohol is prohibited to any minors on the grounds. Legal aged adults can have alcohol, but it must be placed in a container so as not be seen by the kids. Anyone seen with visible containers of alcohol will be warned. If a second warning has to be given, they will be removed from the grounds. Any public drunkenness will result in removal from the grounds and forfeiture of any fees paid. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor will result in police action.
9. **NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE ARENA, BACKPENS, OR CONTESTANT AREA AT ANY TIME. NO MINORS ARE TO CONSUME OR HAVE ANY ALCOHOL AT ANY TIME ON THE GROUNDS. IF MINORS ARE FOUND UNDERAGE DRINKING POLICS ACTION ALL FEES WILL BE FOREFITTED AND MAY RESULT IN MEMBERSHIP REMOVAL AND POLICE ACTION.**
10. **MARIJUANA IS NOT ALLOWED INSIDE OF THE RED GATES AT ANY TIME. THIS INCLUDES THE BLEACHER AREAS, COOK SHACK, STABLES, BARNs, PLAYGROUNDS, OR PAVILLION. THE USE OF CANNABIS IN THESE AREAS WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE GROUNDS.**
11. **VAPING OR SMOKING BY UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS WILL IS NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE GROUNDS. ANY MEMBER OR MINOR CAUGHT VAPING WILL FOREFIT THEIR DAY EVENTS AND FEES AND MAY FORFIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP IF THEY REPEATIDLY OFFEND AND MAY FACE POLICE ACTION.**
12. Rodeo Grounds Arena closes at 10PM all horses must be out of the arena and back at your trailer at this time unless contestant is waiting on late slack.
13. **Rodeo grounds quiet time starts at 11PM.** All contestants, parents, etc. shall be at their trailer by 11PM or the community bonfire, with music turned down and respectful noise levels for the comfort of other campers.

### **CALL IN – TEXT INS FOR THE RODEO**

1. You must text in on the call-in day with your name, age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, and events you want to participate in at the performance of slack.
2. You are able to add and scratch an event prior to Saturday night at the secretary table from 7PM to 8PM if needed. **NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE ORDER OF GO EXCEPT SCRATCHES ON PERFORMANCE DAY.**
3. We do accept late entries on a case-by-case basis prior to the performance.
4. If you find that you like an event the day of practice and want to try it at the performance, signups are allowed UNTIL 7PM SATURDAY NIGHT. You must have this change made prior to this.

### **AGE DIVISIONS**

1. WRANGLER DIVISION
  - a. 0-5
2. JUNIOR DIVISION
  - a. 6-8
  - b. 9-10
  - c. 11-12
3. SENIOR DIVISION
  - a. 13-15
  - b. 16-17
    - i. Your age division is determined by your age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the season year.

- ii. Contestants must be prepared to show proof of age if needed.
- iii. Contestants may be moved up in an age division due to level of ability, if decided by parents and board, this will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

### **RULES FOR ANY MYTRA RODEO**

1. MICHIGAN YOUTH TEACHING RODEO ASSOCIATION (MYTRA) assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. All participants, by the act of their entry, waive all claims against the organizers, advisors, contractors, or volunteers for any injuries they or their property may sustain.
2. **HELMETS ARE MANDATORY IN EVERY EVENT AT EVERY SHOW AND DURING PRACTICES AT THE MYTRA.**
3. Only rodeo judges, timers, arena director, chute help, similar officials and contestants entered the event are allowed to be in the arena during rough stock events there are no assistants allowed in rough stock events. A contracted photographer may be present during mutton busting. One assistant may be behind the chutes **with full rodeo attire** to help their child. During the timed events only, the judges and the contestant with or without assistance will be allowed in the arena. Except for Goat Tying, when there will be a horse catcher and a goat holder and contracted photographer, and during roping when a roper requests a helper to line the calf out. This rule will be strictly enforced.
4. Timers or judges for the rodeo may not be changed after the event begins except for sickness or injury, by the request of the organizers or advisors because of incompetence, or through the agreement of the stock contractor, and organization officials.
5. All decisions made by the judges, flaggers, timers, and the advisory board will be final. No further protest by contestants, parents, or any other person will be allowed. A rule may be protested, but not a judge's decision. Protests may be submitted in writing to the rodeo secretary by the end of the go round in question. (if you are the last person in the Go round, you have 10 minutes to enter a protest) The advisory board will rule on the protest before the next rodeo or 30 days, whichever comes first. Protest forms will be available at all rodeos. There is a \$10 fee for protest forms, this ensures that the protest is necessary and doesn't cause an overage of protests without warrant.
6. Contestants must observe all ground rules set by the arena owner or sponsoring committee. (See Ground rules)
7. Dry rosin should be used on equipment and gloves.
8. No reride or rerun will be given because of the contestant's faulty equipment. Granting rerides or reruns due to the malfunction or breaking equipment belonging to the rodeo or stock contractor may only be done by the judges.
9. Judges have access to Stopwatch times. In the event of an electronic timer failure, the contestant has the option of taking the stopwatch time or rerun the event. If the contestant takes the rerun this will be the final time. A contestant cannot go back to the stopwatch time.
10. All scores are unofficial until Judge's sheets have been added by Secretary.
11. All decisions made by judges are final.
12. Backtags are to be always worn on the rodeo grounds.
13. No un-sportsman like conduct either by Parents or Contestants will be allowed.
14. Parents or other people approaching, engaging or in any way distracting the judges during an event, for any reason, will be subject to having their child disqualified from the event.
15. Equipment or devices considered to be inhumane by the judges, organizers, advisors, rodeo personnel etc., may not be used by contestants on the rodeo grounds. (See Humane Rules)

16. The families of contestants who entered a MYTRA rodeo may enter the practice and rodeo as spectators free of charge at the home arena. During Travel Rodeos, there is a contestant +1 rule when paying entry fees. A contestant is allowed one adult to be in the back pens, by the arena with them free of charge. Any other family member must pay the normal fees associated with entering the travel arena including any parking fees. Some travel shows require all contestants to pay a parking fee, you will be liable for this fee.
17. Full safety equipment is required when riding rough stock. Helmet, Flak Jacket, mouth guard etc.
18. The Chute boss reserves the right to remove any contestant from rough stock in the event of crying, fear, or disrespect of the animal, or MYTRA Volunteers or parent/assistant. (We want to make this fun, not scare a child.)
19. **Safety Helmets are required to ride in an MYTRA event.**
20. Scores recorded by the secretary and judges will be the official times. No video or photo playback will affect the recorded times/scores by judges or secretary.
21. Clothing worn by contestants may be adorned with patches, stickers, and monograms.
22. Conduct and attire:
  - a. Western attire must be worn 1 hour prior to the performance and throughout any awards ceremonies. The only exception to this rule will be in the rough stock events. A rider may roll up his sleeve on the riding arm. Proper Rodeo Attire must be worn behind the chutes and in the arena area this is for both contestants and assistants and staff.
    - i. Western attire: Western hat or safety helmet, long sleeved shirt with sleeves rolled down (must be wrist length sleeved shirt, with collar and cuffs), Western boots and long pants. Sweatshirts, T-shirts, pullovers, sweaters, or vests may be worn over a long-sleeved shirt as long as proper collar and cuffs are visible in the event of cooler weather.
  - b. Contestants appearing in any contest, the grand entry, and awards program will be in acceptable rodeo attire or will be disqualified.
  - c. Western Saddle and equipment is required.
23. Western Tack and Equipment: Horse must be wearing a bridle with the following: hack, bit or side pull. Competition in a halter with lead rope, or nonwestern (English) equipment is not allowed. No War halters. Split reigns are allowed but must be tied or taped.
24. A child may have 1 contestant helper (assistant) or 1 adult helper (assistant) in the arena to assist in a timed event. If a helper crosses the timer line, this is considered an assisted ride and all non-assisted times will be taken over as an assisted ride. The use of contestant helpers is strongly encouraged. In all roping events an adult helper may assist in holding the horse in the box but must relinquish control of the horse when contestant nods for stock.
25. Arena or Setup
  - a. Same side of the arena and same equipment (such as poles) must be used for all contestants in any event, as conditions may not be the same.
26. No person shall be in the alleyway. Only the gate person, the contestant, and an assistant may be in the alley at any given time.
27. Children cannot be left unattended around the alley, due to safety reasons, parents should not leave their child unattended on the playground during an event.
28. Any child or contestant or horse that is found to be in the alley during an event will be asked to move immediately for safety reasons.

### POINTS

- a. The number of points which could be earned per event at a sanctioned qualifying rodeo would be evenly distributed through 10 places. Points per event:
  - 1st . . . . . 10



- 2nd ..... 9
  - 3rd ..... 8
  - 4th ..... 7
  - 5th ..... 6
  - 6th ..... 5
  - 7th ..... 4
  - 8th ..... 3
  - 9th ..... 2
  - 10th ..... 1
- b. In case of a tie points. In case of first place ties, first and second place points will be added together and split evenly. All ties will be settled in the same way.
  - c. Points will be accumulated through the day. The individuals with the most points for the day of the events, will be awarded Daily High Point Awards. Reserve High Point will also be awarded. Points will be tallied throughout the season for year end awards.
  - d. An assisted rider cannot win over an unassisted child for daily high point or year end award.
  - e. Rough stock riders will be placed by qualifying rides per the judges scores.
  - f. All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl would be determined for the year by total points earned in all events, plus points earned at Finals, regardless of whether they have entered those events. Contestants may participate in as many events as they wish for the season but at least 3 events are required for all around.

### EQUIPMENT

1. MYTRA has some equipment for use by new contestants. This equipment comes on a first come first serve basis.
2. At no time is a contestant or parent to get into a gear bag that is not theirs without permission.
3. Equipment is shared. Equipment cannot be taken back to your trailer or off the grounds.
4. Contestants and Parents will be responsible for the equipment borrowed. If the equipment is not returned the parent will be billed for these items at replacement costs. Equipment includes, pigging strings, goat ropes, bull ropes, gloves, and all other community items.
5. EQUIPEMENT: If you are a second or third year contestant, you should have your own equipment at this time. We provide equipment for kids to try the sport, and hopefully move forward with something that they love. We understand that equipment can be expensive and are pleased to provide items such as helmets, vests, bull ropes, riggings etc. Equipment will be available at a first come first serve basis. Equipment is the responsibility of said family to return the equipment to the equipment trailer after their use. Any equipment not returned will result in a fine (the replacement cost of the equipment) and the child will not participate in the next performance or practice until fines are paid or equipment returned.
6. The equipment trailer must be kept clean at all times. If the trailer is found to not be in good condition and things are not put away the equipment will not be available for use at the next rodeo. This is a privilege not a requirement of the association to provide.
7. MYTRA is not responsible for any injury caused by equipment failure or faulty use of equipment that is borrowed or used.

### ENTRIES

1. Entries for the rodeo begin at 7:30AM the day of the performance. The secretary will be available from 7:30am to 9am when books close. **All entries**

**and fees paid must be completed prior to 9am. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

2. Exceptions can be made in the case of a breakdown or emergency.
3. A representative can file your entry for you if you are going to be late, but you must come to the secretary booth as soon as you arrive.
4. If you are running late, you MUST call 616-482-7685 to have your spot held or have a representative pay your fees before 9am.
5. Repeated tardiness will result in not being able to enter.

**RULES FOR CONTESTANTS**

1. It is the responsibility of the MYTRA contestants and members to know and understand the rules and regulations contained in this book.
2. Contestants are not allowed to attend a rodeo or practice without the presence of a parent guardian or adult.
3. **No contestant or parent may approach a judge or timers during the rodeo performance unless retrieving tack. It is up to contestant to approach the youth director during the event. You must approach the youth director of the event with any issues, at which point they will attempt to answer your question or they will take the problem to the judge. Parents are not to approach a judge. This is the contestants responsibility. Any disputes must be brought to the attention of the Event Director prior to the event being over. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of that contestant and all points of accumulated for that day.**
4. MYTRA does not insure any contestants or spotters, MYTRA is not liable for any damage or injury.
5. All contestants are required to attend the contestant's meetings prior to practice and performance to go over any ground rules, new matters, and issues.
6. Each contestant is allowed only one assistant in the arena when competing. Assistant must be in full western attire.
7. Each contestant will be charged an entry fee or stock charge.
8. Contestants must call in on the scheduled call in day in order to compete.
9. In the event of a rule infraction(s) they may be turned into the rodeo secretary with the name of the contestant, and the infraction. Infractions must be turned in for that rodeo by the end of the rodeo.
  - a. The name and infraction will be reviewed by the discipline board and organizers and will be handled in accordance to the terms listed in this rule.
10. Disqualification from an event shall occur for the following:
  - a. Deliberate or continued failure to report for any event.
  - b. Profanity or obscenity
  - c. Use of improper equipment
  - d. Use of illegal wraps and tucks in bareback bronc and bull riding riggings and ropes are found.
  - e. Improper attire.
  - f. Not being ready when called. Announcer will call the contestant three (3) times. If the contestant is not present and prepared to compete he/she will be disqualified from the event.
  - g. Refusing stock drawn.
  - h. Contestant grabs the fence while competing.
  - i. Running into the electric eye or flagger
  - j. Exceeding time limits

- i. Failure to complete an event in the prescribed time limit (excluding penalties) set for that event.
    - ii. A contestant may be asked to leave the arena if the horse is unsafe and cannot be brought under control, or if there is a equipment malfunction that impedes the safety of the horse, contestant, or crowd.
  - k. Not being mounted
    - i. A contestant must be mounted at the completion of the event unless being on foot is an integral part of the competition.
  - l. Recrossing the start/finish line.
    - i. In all timed events using a start/finish line, a contestant will be disqualified for recrossing the start/finish line prior to finishing the prescribed pattern. A child is however encouraged to finish out the pattern for practice purposes.
  - m. Breaking patterns
  - n. The contestant must start his/her run within sixty (60) seconds of being called.
  - o. In any roping event, throwing the rope before the horse's chest has crossed the barrier line.
  - p. Breakaway roping
    - i. Altering the original makeup of the string issued by the rodeo (thinning or stripping in any manner.)
  - q. A contestant will be disqualified from any event for failure to have a helmet on his or her head. **Helmets must be fastened securely onto the contestant and not flopping around.**
    - i. Intentionally knocking off helmet by hand or shaking head will result in disqualification.
11. Re-runs or re-rides will be granted, under the following conditions:
- a. Rough Stock Events:
    - i. If the animal fails to buck to the satisfaction of the judges.
    - ii. If the animal falls during the ride, providing the contestant has made a qualified ride up to the point where the animal fell.
    - iii. If the rider is fouled coming out of the chute.
    - iv. If the flank comes off prior to the end of the allotted time, provided the rider has made a qualified ride up to the time the flank comes off.
    - v. If the contestant has made two (2) honest attempts to get out on a chute fighting animal.
    - vi. Interference from officials (example: pick up man runs into stock) providing contestant has made a qualified ride up to the time of the interference.
    - vii. If the contestant feels he has been fouled he must declare himself by double grabbing immediately.
    - viii. **If a contestant is requesting a re ride they must do so prior to leaving the arena.**
    - ix. When a re-ride is offered, the judge must advise the contestant of the score if a score is given and of the option for a re-ride. The contestant must then immediately choose to accept his score or take the re-ride.
  - b. Roping Events:
    - i. Mechanical failure of chute or barrier.
    - ii. Interference from neck rope or barrier rope—contestant must declare him/herself by pulling up.
    - iii. Interference from officials or others in the arena— contestant must declare him/herself by pulling up.

- iv. Any attempt to compete after interference or foul will negate any claim for a re-run.
  - v. If an animal goes down (to his knees or belly) prior to reaching the score line and contestant declares him/herself, a re-run will be awarded. vi. If an animal escapes arena, the field judge will drop the flag stopping the time, the animal will be brought back, and the contestant will continue "lap and tap". "Lap and tap a. When a foul occurs with rope on animal, rope must be put back on animal as close to the way it was when time stopped and a lap and tap rerun is merited. Time starts when the animal breaks the plane of the chute gate. b. When a foul occurs, and rope is not on animal, any loops or jumps already thrown or taken may not be reused. Time will begin when the animal breaks the plane of the score line. vii. All re-runs will be done bringing the same animal back unless that animal cannot be competed on. Timed.
  - vi. A barrier will be used for the top two age groups in the Senior Division in all roping events.
  - vii. One loop will be allowed in all roping events.
- c. Events with Patterns:
- i. Interference from officials or others in the arena.
  - ii. Failure of the committee to properly set pattern.
  - iii. In the event that the pattern was set improperly, all contestants will re-run.
1. If there is a Timer Error, and there is a stopwatch time the contestant is able to choose this stopwatch time (as some judges use both stop watches and timers). A contestant must choose the stopwatch time before a rerun is taken. If the rerun is taken that rerun time will be the final score.

d. Timed Events with Goats:

- i. Interference from officials or others in the arena.
- ii. Interference from officials or others in the arena— contestant must declare him/herself by pulling up
- iii. Any attempt to compete after interference or foul will negate any claim for a re-run.
- iv. If the goat comes loose from the tether or the tether breaks. A goat tether is a means of holding the goat to a specific area. A goat becoming untethered after the contestant begins a "throw and tie" does not warrant a re-run. If the wrong goat is tethered and officials insist the contestant competes on that wrong animal when the contestant points out that the animal is not the correct animal.

### **ASSISTED VS UNASSISTED RIDERS**

1. An assisted Rider is defined as any rider with a helper that crosses the timer line. In the event the assistant crosses the timer line, that child is then considered an assisted ride.
2. Any unassisted ride will be considered over an assisted ride in any event for points and placings.
3. Parents cannot ride on a horse with a child.
4. An assisted rider cannot win over an unassisted child for daily high point or yearend award.
5. If an event volunteer intervenes with a rider for safety reasons in any situation, it will be at the judge's discretion if said ride is assisted or unassisted.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

1. If disciplinary actions have to take place the following will be enforced.
  - a. First offense - verbal warning and an incident report put in file.
  - b. Second offense – incident report written up and filed, meeting with parents and advisory board.
  - c. Third offense – incident report filed suspension from one rodeo and forfeiture of all fees.
  - d. Fourth offense removal from association and forfeiture of all fees.
    - i. All disciplinary actions for removal can be appealed to the advisory board in writing within thirty days of removal from association. These appeals will be considered and ruled upon on a case-by-case basis by the board. A MYTRA member who has been disqualified from further participation in a MYTRA rodeo due to violations or infractions may file an appeal or present his or her case before the disciplinary board. Only contestants will be allowed to appeal.
2. The following acts will cause immediate dismissal from the association.
  - a. Violation of the MYTRA conduct policy which states anyone participating in the MYTRA who is caught in the act of theft or vandalism or caught with illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco who is involved in any such other offense, will be immediately sent home at his or her own expense. If it is determined by the persons in charge of the activity that the offense warrants it. The offender will be turned over to the proper authorities.
3. The following acts will cause disciplinary action up to but not limited to dismissal from the association.
  - a. Rowdyism, quarreling, or fighting on the rodeo grounds.
  - b. Mistreatment of stock.
  - c. Cheating or attempting to cheat by a contestant, helper or member of the contestant's family.
  - d. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of the MYTRA.
  - e. Contestant, Parent, or Other Party Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass, or coerce the judges at any time, in or out of the arena. Violators of this rule must be reported to the organizers and advisors by the judge involved.
  - f. Abuse of stock. In any event, if in the opinion of the judge and/or arena director, a contestant abuses any stock, including the contestant's own horse, that contestant may be disqualified from that event.
  - g. Bullying
  - h. Poor sportsmanship
  - i. Poor horsemanship (i.e. Excessive whipping of a horse, yanking on a horse's mouth, causing pain or harm to an animal)
  - j. Disrespect to ANYONE will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to disrespecting, contestants, parents, spectators, advisors, staff, volunteers or organizers.

## **GRAND ENTRY GUIDELINES**

1. Grand entries will be limited to western attire and flags only.
2. Grand entries are at the discretion of the Rodeo Board and may not be all contestants in grand entry. Though we want each child to be able to participate and learn the correct way to do a grand entry there are too many novice riders and numbers of contestants to do so safely. Grand entry may be limited to only a few individuals.

3. Grand entries will be held at a controllable pace and will be monitored for safety. All contestants should consider and be aware of safety factors while participating in all grand entries.
4. Contestants will not be allowed to ride double or lead another horse in the grand entry.
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6. Contestants will not be allowed to swing ropes, drag ropes, or throw ropes while participating in the grand entry.
7. Flags will be carried appropriately and upright and will not be allowed to be swung back and forth or held straight out to the side or front of a horse.
8. No items will be thrown into the crowd from contestants on horseback.
9. Contestants will not be allowed to pass the designated lead contestant of the grand entry.
10. Non-mounted contestants will not be allowed to run through the arena during the grand entry. A designated entrance and staging area for all non-mounted contestants will be available so these contestants can participate in the grand entry.
11. Contestants will be disqualified for failure to follow instructions on grand entries and entering and exiting the arena.

### **AWARDS**

1. The following day prizes will be distributed at each event.
  - a. 0-5 Daily High Point
  - b. 0-5 Reserve High Point
  - c. 6-8 Daily High Point
  - d. 6-8 Reserve High Point
  - e. 9-10 Daily High Point
  - f. 9-10 Reserve High Point
  - g. 11-12 Daily High Point
  - h. 11-12 Reserve High Point
  - i. 13-15 Daily High Point
  - j. 13-15 Reserve High Point
  - k. 16-17 Daily High Point
  - l. 16-17 Reserve High Point
2. The following prizes will be distributed at year end awards. *(More awards may be added according to member fees & sponsorship fees attained by the association.)*
  - a. Champion in all age groups for each event.
  - b. Reserve in all age groups for each event.
  - c. All Around per Age Group
  - d. Reserve All Round Per Age Group

### **PROFANITY**

1. Profanity by the contestant inside or outside of the arena will not be tolerated. The use of profanity will result in disciplinary action.

### **DISRESPECT**

1. DISRESPECT OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. This includes disrespect towards volunteers, other contestants, animals, or Parents. If the contestant is disrespectful to anyone, they will face disciplinary action. A parent meeting will happen, and the decision will be made between the Arena Director, Organizers, and Parents.

## **BULLYING**

1. **THERE IS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR BULLYING AT THIS RODEO. ANYONE WHO HAS AN ISSUE WITH BULLYING MUST BRING THE ISSUE TO THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THE ISSUE CAN BE REMIDIED. A MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH THE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR PARENTS TO DETERMINE HOW THE ISSUE IS HANDLED. MULTIPLE ISSUES WITH BULLYING WILL RESULT IN FOREFITURE OF FEES, POINTS, AND POSSIBLY MEMBERSHIP.**
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## **WESTERN ATTIRE**

1. WESTERN ATTIRE dress code consists of Cowboy Hat or Helmet. Long sleeve button down western shirt. Jeans with no holes in them. Cowboy boots, and belts.
  - a. Belts are optional.
  - b. Cowboy boots may be worn inside or outside of the jeans at the rider's discretion.
  - c. NO HOLY JEANS ALLOWED
  - d. PEARL SNAP SHIRTS ARE ALLOWED BUT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A TANK TOP UNDER A PEARL SNAP SHIRT.
  - e. SHIRTS MUST BE BUTTONED TO AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL FROM 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE RODEO TO THE END OF THE RODEO.
  - f. Contestants are required to wear western attire throughout the entire show. If the Rodeo is going on you are still required to wear your western attire even if you are done with your events.
  - g. Slack is considered part of the show. All members are required to wear western attire at the arena during slack and performance even if they are not participating that day or during slack.
  - h. Backtags must be always worn on the grounds even when back at your trailer. We need to be able to always identify everyone. Yes we are watching you.
  - i. You can be disqualified for not being in western attire during these times.
  - j. Parents must be in full western attire if they are behind the chutes, in the alleyways, assisting a rider or behind the back pens.

## **SPECIFIC EVENT RULES**

### **Bull Riding**

1. Must wear protective vest, helmet and mouthpiece. 2<sup>nd</sup> year students or above must have your own bull rope, glove etc. THESE ITEMS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FOR YOU. YOU WILL NOT RIDE WITHOUT THE PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT. First year students have equipment available to use from the equipment trailer. Equipment can be borrowed by 2<sup>nd</sup> year and above if absolutely needed but you should have your own equipment at this time.
2. Stock will be selected by the chute boss for the child's ability for safety reasons and to ensure the appropriate size stock for the contestant for our junior riders. Senior riders will be an open draw from an even pen of stock.
3. Bulls and/or Steers may be used
4. STOCK: All horned bulls must have horns tipped to at least the size of a half dollar and steers must have horns tipped to the size of a dime, cut back or kept out of the draw.

- This is the responsibility of the stock contractor at the discretion of the Arena Director and the judges.
5. Drawing Stock: Stock will be drawn from the hat for all riders 13 and up. Exceptions to the Senior Draw will be made for a new contestants or first year contestants at which time the stock contractors and chute boss will choose the proper animal to be competed on. Junior stock will be chosen for the individual rider by the judges and chute boss. There will be no picking of stock by the contestants. If you refuse your draw you will be disqualified and fees will be forfeited.
  6. Contestants must have a qualifying score of 6 seconds if ages 0-12, and 8 seconds if ages 13-17.
  7. The chute boss along with parents may move a child up to a more challenging division in rough stock if agreed upon by both parties. If it is agreed upon a child in the 12 and younger age group can be moved to the 13 and over rough stock. That child will then ride the 8 second time frame and compete for the bull riding in that division.
  8. All re-rides will be at the discretion of the judges and must be decided immediately.
  9. Re Rides must be asked for by the contestant prior to contestant leaving the arena.
  10. If a flank comes off, a re-ride may be given, provided the rider has made a qualified ride up to the point of the flank coming off.
  11. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in his hands, he is to be marked.
  12. Soaking the animals will not be tolerated- if you are caught you will be disqualified from the event. This is a zero-tolerance rule.
  13. Latch side Judge will be the official time unless he is not in the position to make the call, then it will fall to the judge with the best view.
  14. If the contestant shows signs of distress the Judge and Chute Boss have the right to refuse to let the child compete.
  15. Junior Bull Riders may not participate in mutton busting during the same event day.
  16. Both males and females can participate in this event.
  17. All judge's decisions will be final.
  18. Points will be given for all placings in this event.
  19. **First year Bull Riders are required to attend practice events on Saturday for safety and fundamentals. If a child cannot attend practice they must be given approval by the board.**

### Barrel Racing

1. Helmet is required to participate.
2. The fastest time wins. The rider is allowed to choose either the right or left barrel as their first barrel but must complete the correct pattern, allowing for turn changes depending on whether they are on the right or left lead. Running past a barrel and off the pattern will result in a "no time" score and disqualification.
3. If a barrel racer or horse hits a barrel and knocks it over there is a time penalty of five seconds per barrel.
4. Competitors are required to abide by this dress code beginning one hour before the competition and lasting until after slack.
5. Contestants names will be called 3x, if you are not ready or in the arena by third call you will be disqualified.
6. **Gates can be open or closed at the digression of the rider.**
7. Both males and females can participate in this event.
8. Breaking the pattern or recrossing the timer line will result in disqualification of the event. The competitor is allowed to finish the pattern if this happens but a time will not be given.
9. All judge's decisions will be final.



10. 0-5 age group in barrels will be held on the side of the arena and will have the pattern moved in (made smaller) for the contestants.
11. Excessive whipping or hitting of an animal will constitute disqualification.
12. Excessive "Disciplining" of an animal will constitute disqualification.
13. Excessive disciplining or whipping is at the judge's discretion and will be determined by both judges for the event.
14. Western Tack is required to participate in this event. Western saddle, with headstall including hack, or bit and reins. You cannot run this event in a halter and lead rope or war bridle. Split reins are allowed but must be tied or taped.

### **Goat Tying**

1. Goat Tying is open to all participants ages 0-12.
2. Goat Tying is open to only girl participants ages 13-17.
3. Helmet is required to participate.
4. The object is to race to the end of the rodeo arena to where a goat is staked out on 10 feet (3.0 m) rope, catch the goat, throw it to the ground and tie three of its feet together.
5. The distance from the starting line is 100 feet.
6. Contestants dismount their horse while it is sliding to a stop, though usually while still in motion, run to the staked-out goat, which must be taken to the ground and laid on its side in order to tie three of its legs together.
7. When the goat is tied, contestants signal the end of their run by throwing their hands up and getting off the goat to indicate the completion of the run. The contestant with the fastest time wins.
8. There are penalties that may be added to the contestant's run at the judge's discretion, including disqualification if the goat comes untied during the 6 second tie period, it is a no time.
9. If the horse crosses the staked rope of the goat or causes the goat to become loose. If the contestant touches the goat or string after indicating that they are finished, they will receive a no time.
10. After the contestant is finished tying, they must move at least three feet away from the goat
11. Competitors are required to abide by this dress code beginning one hour before the competition and lasting until after slack.
12. Both Males and Females can participate in the goat tying at this event.
13. All judge's decisions will be final.
14. 0-5 age group in barrels will be held on the side of the arena and will have the pattern moved in (made smaller) for the contestants.
15. Excessive "Disciplining" of an animal will constitute disqualification.
16. Excessive disciplining or whipping is at the judge's discretion and will be determined by both judges for the event.
17. Western Tack is required to participate in this event. Western saddle, with headstall including hack, or bit and reins. You cannot run this event in a halter and lead rope or war bridle. Split reins are allowed but must be tied or taped.

### **Mutton Busting**

1. Helmet required (equine or bike helmet is suitable)
2. In the event, a sheep is held still, either in a small chute or by an adult handler while a child is placed on top in a riding position. Once the child is seated atop the sheep, the sheep is released and usually starts to run in an attempt to get the child off.
3. Longest ride wins.
4. Sheep Ropes with bells ARE MANDATORY for ages 6 to 8. Ages 0-5 can hold on with legs, sheep's wool etc, sheep ropes are recommended.
5. Child must be under 50lbs to participate.

6. If a Child is assisted with their ride they will be scored lower than an unassisted ride Children that ride without being held on will be scored accordingly per the Judges. An assisted ride cannot win over an unassisted ride.
7. Mutton Busters may not participate in the Junior Bull Riding.
8. Must ride 6 seconds to qualify.
9. All mutton busters must use mutton busting rope to for a qualified ride.
10. All judge's decisions will be final.
11. Points will be given for all placings in this event. If there is not a qualified ride the event, there will be no points given.

### **Pole Bending**

1. HELMET is required to participate.
2. Starting lines in pole bending will be subject to ground rules.
3. During pole bending events, the arena will be dragged at regular intervals, to be determined by the management.
4. A contestant may enter the Arena at the speed of their choice.
5. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles.
6. No flags to be used on poles.
7. The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be 21 feet and spacing between poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet apart. End pole must be twenty (20) feet, at least, from fence.
8. Poles shall be set on top of the ground, six (6) feet in height.
9. Poles must be straight in line.
10. Touching poles is permitted by horse or contestant.
11. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
12. There is a 5 second penalty for each pole that is knocked over.
13. All judge's decisions will be final.
14. 0-5 age group in barrels will be held on the side of the arena and will have the pattern moved in (made smaller) for the contestants.
12. Excessive "Disciplining" of an animal will constitute disqualification.
13. Excessive disciplining or whipping is at the judge's discretion and will be determined by both judges for the event.
14. Western Tack is required to participate in this event. Wester saddle, with headstall including hack, or bit and reigns. You cannot run this event in a halter and lead rope or war bridle. Split reins are allowed but must be tied or taped.

### **Break Away Roping**

1. Breakaway Roping is open to all participants ages 9-12.
2. Breakaway Roping is open to only girls ages 13-17.
3. A Barrier will not be used for participants ages 9-12.
4. A Barrier will be used for all participants ages 13-17.
5. Helmet is required to participate.
6. Contestants 1 loop and 30 seconds in the arena to rope. There is a 30 second time limit on all runs from the time the barrier breaks.
7. **Rope must be tied to saddle horn with a nylon or cotton string and have a handkerchief or Other colorful cloth attached to the rope at the saddle horn. Strings will be provided by a judge or the contestant may provide a string but must be nylon or cotton string of any color. Penalty for misplacement of the handkerchief or string will be disqualification by the line judge; no coils or knots allowed between the end of rope and string.**
8. The field judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the saddle horn and time will be given.

9. The contestant will receive a "no-time" should she break the rope away from the Saddle horn with her hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope, and stop her horse to make the rope breakaway from the horn.
10. The contestant must pass through the barrier before throwing her loop. Breaking a barrier will result in a 10 second penalty.
11. The contestant must be on their horse when time is given.
12. Contestant may change horses in breakaway roping.
13. Roping Box – shall be part of arena during roping events.
14. Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed in that go, nor can length of box be changed.
15. Lap and Tap – No barrier to be used. If barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.
16. The pigtail of the barrier should not exceed 10 inches in length.
17. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten-second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
18. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, she accepts the animal. If contestant pulls up, she will receive the same animal back.
19. Calf belongs to contestant when she calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
  - a. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap-and-tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10-second penalty for any jump or any loop used.
  - In case of mechanical failure.
  - If, in the opinion of the line judge, contestant is fouled by barrier, contestant shall get her calf back, providing contestant declares herself by pulling up. A contestant's rope cannot be fouled by the pull rope.
  - A contestant must be on her horse and her horse must break the plane of the barrier with her draw breaking the plane of the score line before she is allowed to compete.
  - This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo.
  - Time Limit: There will be a thirty (30) second time limit. The judge will determine legitimate time allowed before contestant calls for animal.
20. Two loops will be allowed two ropes can be carried.(Ages 9- 12) Once second loop is pulled, first loop is no longer in play. If contestant is using 1 rope they can rebuild and try again within the time limit.
21. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with nylon or cotton string. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. A solid color (no pattern/printing) flag that is visible to the flagman or judge must be attached at the knot end of the rope.
22. Rope must be tied to the horn with a nylon string and may not be run through bridle, tie-down, neck rope or any other device. 5. String will be provided and will be inspected by designated official before each contestant competes.
23. The second rope must remain tied until used and must not be broken away from the saddle horn.
24. A dropped or fallen rope that must be recoiled and/or rebuilt shall be considered a thrown rope.
25. Only a solid color cloth (no pattern) must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn so the judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn.
26. **The calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop must draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head.**
27. **Rope must be released from contestant's hand to be a legal catch.**

28. In case the field judge flags out a roper that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same calf back, lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalties. If time was not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10-second penalty for any loop used. Contestant to only get to use remaining loop.
29. Once score has been set in timed events, it will not be changed at that roping, nor can the length of box be changed.
30. Animal belongs to contestant once stock crosses score line, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. If contestant accepts animal, they accept it as sound.
31. Tampering of calves in pen or chute and/or barrier results in disqualification of contestant. A contestant may have a person to push their calf out of the chute. No pusher will be allowed to follow the calf out of chute in the act of tailing cattle. This will incur an immediate disqualification.
32. An assistant is allowed to help the child in the box by holding the horse, but the assistant must let go of the horse as soon as the child nods for stock.
33. If any part of the pusher breaks the plain of the chute gate before the calf releases the barrier, the contestant receives a no time.
34. No rattling of chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for her. This applies in both the performance and the slack. The contestant and/or person rattling the chute shall be disqualified.
35. When the contestant calls for the calf, no further assistance can take place after that. No encouragement can take place by the assistant after the contestant calls for the calf. If the helper starts the horse or holds the horse in any way that affects the scoring process, contestant will receive a no time.
36. Reruns: 1. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying plus barrier penalties, if any.
37. 2. During any performance if an animal escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by the contestant, or if an automatic barrier fails to work and the stock is brought back, that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during or at the end of that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least several head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be re-penned by itself. Decisions will be made by the arena director about when stock is repenned.
38. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
39. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.
40. In breakaway roping, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and the breakaway roper remains behind the plain of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure, at judge's discretion.
41. All judge's decisions will be final.

### **Dummy Roping**

1. Dummy roping is available to contestants 8 and under. Dummy Ropers will not break away rope.
2. The competition begins with round one, where two loops are thrown. Contestants who catch the steer both times advance to round two. In the finals, a distance line is marked and increases until a winner is crowned. Horn size may also be changed to determine a winner. Three legal catches will be used. Boundary lines will be used in all rounds. Contestants may not rope the entire dummy.
3. All judge's decisions will be final.

## Team Roping

1. Team Roping is for Boys and Girls Ages 13-17.
2. Contestants may use an adult to head or heel to participate in their run. Adults will not be scored.
3. Contestants get 1 time to head and 1 time to heel, they will not get multiple runs.
4. Roping Box – shall be a part of the arena during team roping.
5. Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed in that go nor can length of box be changed.
6. Lap and Tap – no barrier to be used. If barrier judge is used to flag
7. the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.
8. The pigtail of the barrier should not exceed 10 inches in length.
9. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten-second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
10. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, team will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier.
11. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field, therefore, entitling contestant to a rerun without penalties.
12. Steer belongs to contestants when they call for it, regardless of what happens with the following exceptions:
  - a. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap-and-tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run.
  - b. In cases of mechanical failure.
  - c. If, in the opinion of the line judge, contestant is fouled by barrier, contestants shall get a steer back, providing they declare themselves by pulling up. A contestant's rope cannot be fouled by the pull rope.
13. In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back, lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalties. If time was not recorded, the team will receive a 10-second penalty for any loop used. Team only get to use remaining loops.
14. A contestant must be on his/her horse and his/her horse must break the plane of the barrier with his/her draw breaking the plane of the score line before he/she is allowed to compete.
15. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit
16. This event is to be one event only. It may be entered as 2 boys, 2 girls, or 1 boy and 1 girl on one team.
17. A dally team roper can only enter once at any rodeo with the partner of his or her choice. however, a team roping contestant with no partner may request a partner be supplied as a drawn partner from a volunteer list of entered team roping contestants. No points will be awarded to the drawn partner.
18. Header will start behind barrier using either box, and must throw the first loop at head.
19. Heeler must start from behind barrier line.
20. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer in line with ropes dallied and tight, horse's front feet must be on the ground.
21. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope.
22. Roping steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered a no catch.
23. Roper must dally to stop steer or change steer's direction.
24. No tied ropes allowed.
25. The word "dally" means one complete turn around the horn.
26. Ropers must be mounted when time is taken.
27. No foul catches can be removed by hand.
28. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands.

29. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
30. In case the field flag judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
31. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestants out if run is not legal.
32. There will be a ten-second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.
33. Roping steer without releasing loop from hand will disqualify catch.
34. Contestants will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer or their horses.
35. Catch as catch can for legal times.
36. If hondo passes over one horn, the loop over the other, the catch is illegal.
37. If loop crosses itself in the head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
38. No rattling of chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him/her. This applies in both the performance and the slack. The contestant and/or person rattling the chute shall be disqualified.
39. When the contestant calls for the steer, no further assistance can take place after that. If the helper starts the horse or holds the horse in any way that affects the scoring process, contestant will receive a no time.
40. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
41. One hind foot receives five-second penalty.
42. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.
43. If any part of the pusher breaks the plain of the chute gate before the steer releases the barrier, the contestant receives a no time.
44. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
45. If the front foot is in the loop when the header dallies, turns off and changes the direction of the steer, it will be an automatic no time.
46. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying plus barrier penalties, if any.
47. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
48. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestants leave the arena.
49. If artificial horns are jerked off, contestants will receive rerun on same steer, with no penalties other than barrier penalties.
50. In team roping, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and the header and heeler remain behind the plain of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure, at judge's discretion
51. Cattle neck ropes on steers must be tied with string, or rubber bands.
52. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on cattle neck ropes in the team roping event.
53. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
54. All steers shall have horns properly wrapped.
55. During any performance, if an animal escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by the contestants, or if an automatic barrier fails to work and the stock is brought back, that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during or at the end of that Performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting.
56. Cattle may be steers and heifers with horns.

### **TIE-DOWN ROPING**

1. Tie Down Roping is for Boys ages 13-17.
2. Contestant may change horses in Tie-Down Roping.

3. Roping Box – shall be part of the arena during roping events.
4. Once score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed in that go, nor can length of box be changed.
5. Lap and Tap – No barrier to be used. If barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.
6. The pigtail of the barrier should not exceed 10 inches in length.
7. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
8. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier.
9. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field, entitling contestant to a rerun without penalties.
10. If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.
11. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts animal.
12. Calf belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
  - a. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped.
  - b. In cases of mechanical failure.
  - c. If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by barrier, contestant shall get his calf back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up. A contestant's rope cannot be fouled by the pull rope.
    13. A contestant must be on his horse and his horse must break the plane of the barrier with his draw breaking the plane of the score line before he is allowed to compete.
    14. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit
    15. The judge will determine legitimate time allowed before contestant calls for animal.
    16. A neck rope must be used. Contestants must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
    17. Calves may be pushed out by contestant's assistant providing they are ready.
    18. Contestant cannot receive any assistance after crossing starting line.
    19. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw the calf by hand. Must cross and tie at least three legs.
    20. Any catch is legal, catch as catch can rule.
    21. If calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three feet. (Calf must be elevated high enough that it has the opportunity to regain its feet) and calf must be re-thrown.
    22. If roper's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
    23. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.
    24. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs, and a half hitch or hooley (A hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly or all the way pulled through).
    25. The tie must hold six (6) seconds, and three legs must remain crossed until passed on by the judge.
    26. Six (6) second time will start when roper has remounted and his horse has taken one step forward.
    27. If roper's rope comes off calf as roper starts to work with tie, the six (6) second time will start when roper clears the calf.

28. Rope will not be removed and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
29. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.
30. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
31. There will be a ten-second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.
32. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand will disqualify catch.
33. Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of calf or his horse.
34. Any intentional dragging of calf regardless of distance will result in a no time. Intentional dragging shall be defined as caused by contestant. Excessive dragging of calf will receive a no time. Excessive dragging shall be defined as moving the calf six or more feet after the contestant has called for time. However, if in the opinion of the judge, the dragging was caused by something outside of the control of the contestant, the judge may give the contestant his time.
35. Dragging the calf while the contestant is tying the calf will not be considered excessive dragging.
36. Roper will be flagged no time for touching calf, or string or by touching rope to train his horse after giving finish signal, or by dragging calf after he remounts horse. Judge may request a contestant to cut or remove his rope to prevent injury to the animal if the horse is fouled or tangled in the rope.
37. If any part of the pusher breaks the plain of the chute gate before the calf releases the barrier, the contestant receives a no time.
38. No rattling of chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him. The contestant and/or person rattling the chute shall be disqualified.
39. When the contestant calls for the calf, no further assistance can take place after that. No encouragement can take place by the assistant after the contestant calls for the calf. If the helper starts the horse or holds the horse in any way that affects the scoring process, contestant will receive a no time.
40. A contestant will receive a five second penalty for the run if he brings the animal over backwards (between 10 and 2 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air. If cattle are weighing more than 200 pounds the jerk down rule is waived.
41. In any timed event if animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying plus barrier penalties, if any.
42. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
43. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.
44. A calf must be rerun before it is used by another contestant.
45. When both the digital clocks malfunction and no time was recorded from digital watches, if stock was qualified on in the field, contestant will be given a rerun at a time designated by the Judges and the Arena Director, plus any barrier penalties. If barrier penalties, then lap and tap start.
46. If there must be a rerun of calves to complete a go-round, all calves must be tied down before any stock is drawn.
47. In Tie-Down Roping, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and the calf roper remains behind the plain of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure, at judge's discretion.
48. Pigging String – a piece of rope used for securing animals.
49. Cattle neck ropes on calves must be tied with string, or rubber bands.
50. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on cattle neck ropes in the Tie-Down Roping event.



51. Adjustable slide shall be used on all cattle neck ropes for cattle used in Tie-Down Roping event.
  52. A mechanical barrier must be used.
  53. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
  54. If after one go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo they will not be considered fresh.
  55. During any performance if an animal escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by the contestant, or if an automatic barrier fails to work and the stock is brought back, that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during or at the end of that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting.
56. If Horned, calves horn size: Tipped to a dime and no longer than two inches.

## CALF UNDECORATING

1. CALF UNDECORATING is for boys and girls ages 13-17.
2. Contestant may change horses in Calf Undecorating.
3. Roping Box – shall be part of the arena.
4. Once score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed in that go, nor can length of box be changed.
5. Lap and Tap – No barrier to be used. If barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.
6. The pigtail of the barrier should not exceed 10 inches in length.
7. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
8. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier.
9. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field, entitling contestant to a rerun without penalties.
10. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts animal.
11. Calf belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
  - a. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped.
  - b. In cases of mechanical failure.
  - c. If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by barrier, contestant shall get his calf back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up. A contestant's rope cannot be fouled by the pull rope.
12. A contestant must be on his horse and his horse must break the plane of the barrier
13. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit
14. The judge will determine legitimate time allowed before contestant calls for animal.
15. Contestant will use a hazer on the opposite side of the calf Undecorator to keep their steer running in a straight line and close to the contestants horse.
  - a. Hazers must be an adult or a qualified member who has been vetted and approved to haze.
  - b. Hazers who are members may ask to be vetted and approved by the board and will be tested to assure they can do the job.
16. No time will be given if contestant falls off their horse.
17. Time is taken when the rider removes the ribbon from the steer and raises it high over their head.
18. Dropped ribbons prior to presentation to the judge in an overhead manner will result in a no time.

## **POST TYING**

1. Post Tie Down Roping is for Boys ages 13-17.
2. This is an on ground event no horse.
3. Calf is to be tied using a 28ft calf rope with a knot. Collar is optional.
4. Time begins at head nod and ends when hands are in the air.
5. Live Cattle or Dummy may be used in this event.
6. Adult Volunteer will tail the calf and release the calf at the head nod of the contestant.
7. If calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three feet. (Calf must be elevated high enough that it has the opportunity to regain its feet) and calf must be re-thrown.
8. If roper's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
9. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.
10. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs, and a half hitch or hooley (A hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly or all the way pulled through).
11. The tie must hold six (6) seconds, and three legs must remain crossed until passed on by the judge.
12. Six (6) second time will start when thrown his hands in the air.
13. Rope will not be removed until field judge has passed on tie.
14. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.

## **HUMANE RULES**

1. Arenas, chutes, corrals, mangers etc. Must be constructed so as to prevent injury to stock. All areas should be kept free of rocks, holes, and obstacles that could cause injury or discomfort. The arena area must be worked up (tilled) or covered to no more than a 4" resilient consistency.
2. Humane hot shots should be used only when necessary, and only in appropriate areas of the animal's body, such as the neck, chest, shoulders and hips.
3. No contract performer will abuse rodeo stock or animals used in her rodeo acts.
4. Arena help may be dismissed and or contestant may be disqualified fore any mistreatment of stock.
5. Stock that becomes excessively excited that it appears to be in danger of injuring itself should be released from the chute.
6. All horse and bull flank straps are to be fitted with a protective covering. Horse flank straps must have a quick release. No extraneous or harmful objects will be allowed on the flank straps.
7. No sick or injured animal will be used in competition. Animals will be inspected and those judged to be unsuitable will be eliminated from the draw. The judge and the rodeo advisors/organizers will be responsible for inspecting the stock.
8. Any contestants deliberately abusing animals in or out of a MYTRA arena will be disqualified from that rodeo. Repeat offenses of this type will result in a disqualification from all MYTRA events.
9. MYTRA contestants will be responsible for the care and wellbeing of their personal animals. This includes such things as feeding, watering, proper confinement etc.
10. At no time will inhumane or abusive treatment of personal animals be allowed. This infraction may lead to disqualification from the rodeo.
11. No locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, may be used on bareback horses or saddle broncs. Spurs must be dulled.
12. No wooden paddles or twisted wire whips are permissible.
13. No sharp or cutting objects permitted in cinch, saddle girth, or flank straps.
14. No bull tails will be allowed under the flank strap.
15. No stimulants or hypnotics are to be given to any animal used for contest purposes.

16. No small animals or pets allowed in arena where restraint is necessary, or where subject to injury or attack by another animal.
17. If MYTRA member, including contestant and stock contractor abuses an animal by an unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, he may be disqualified. Officials will immediately inform the announcer that the contestant has been disqualified and spectators will be informed of the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness to livestock.
18. Any MYTRA member, including stock contractors, guilty of mistreatment of livestock may be disqualified or suspended.
19. No animal shall be beaten, whipped, mutilated, or cruelly prodded.
20. No dogs or other pets shall be allowed in the arena, track and chute areas while events are in progress.
21. Any stock contractor or rodeo personnel, contestant or parent guilty of mistreatment of livestock will be asked to leave the Rodeo Grounds, and all monies will be forfeited.
22. Mistreatment, endangerment or neglect of the Rodeo stock will not be tolerated.
23. In all riding events, contestants will be disqualified for riding with rowels the judge thinks are too sharp.
24. All saddled horses should be properly equipped, so as to control the animal. However, at no time will ill fitting or severe equipment that may cause harm or undue discomfort to the horse be allowed.
25. Only a western type bat may be used with a minimum width of 1", or an over and under may be used.
26. Any animal used by contestants that is deemed not in good health, severely underweight, injured, or lame, will not be allowed to participate in the events. This will be determined by at least 2 members of the board, and a judge. If an animal is deemed not in good health, MYTRA will inform the contestant and parent in a non-confrontational manner away from other contestants and explain the reasoning as to why the animal has been deemed unfit for participation in writing to the contestant and parents and keep this on file. This action does not disqualify the animal for the year. The animal will be reviewed at the next rodeo by a judge and board to determine eligibility at that rodeo. (i.e. Lameness is gone, weight put on etc.)

### **JUDGING RULES**

1. In riding events contestants and animals are to be marked separately. Each judge will mark the ride according to how well the contestant rides and by how much he or she spurs the animal. The animal is judged on how hard it is to ride and by the way it bucks. Riding events will be scored from 1 to 25 for both the animal and for the rider by each judge. The full spread makes a possible total score of 100 points.
2. To qualify in bareback and saddle bronc riding ages 13-17, the rider must have his or her spurs touching the horse over the break of the shoulders when the animal's front feet hit the ground on its first time out of the chute. Ages 0-12 do not have to mark out, but if they do, they will receive 2 extra points per judge for doing so giving them a total of 4 extra points for the ride.
3. If the animal balks when coming out of the chute, either judge may tell the rider to "go to the belly" to move the horse. The contestant must follow the judges order to "go to the belly". The "start" or "mark out" rule is waved for that ride.
4. In all rough stock events the 13 and above aged riders will ride for 8 seconds, while 12 and under must ride for 6 seconds. The judges and or secretary timer will keep time during the ride. Should a ride end before the qualifying time is reached the length of time the ride lasted will be recorded and used for placings.
5. In all riding events, contestants may pull their own riggings, saddle cinches, and bull ropes from the side they prefer. The position of the middle flank strap is up to the contestant.

6. Animals are to be flagged when crossing the start or deadline in front of the chute. The barrier judge should make sure nobody is close enough to the barrier equipment to tamper with it.
7. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the flag will be dropped, the watches stopped, and the time recorded. The judge must ask the contestant if he or she wants the animal back provided:
  - a. A catch was made before the animal escaped.
  - b. The rope that was carried was not thrown and missed.
  - c. The time limit had not expired.
8. The judges will disqualify a contestant who has been advised that he or she is next to go if he or she is not standing above the animal with her or her glove on when the previous horse or bull leaves the arena.
9. Judges will inform the contestant if he or she is entitled to a reride. Contestants may refuse to reride and take the marking. A rider is entitled to take the reride on the same animal if the stock contractor is willing. If not, the rider may need to take another animal for the reride. Any contestant requested reride must be asked for prior to leaving the arena.
10. If a reride is given because the animal fouls the rider in the chute or falls, it may be brought back at the rider's request. But if the animal fouls a second time the can ask for a reride animal drawn for him or her.
11. In timed events, In the event of a failed electronic timer, the contestant has the option to take the stopwatch time, or a reride directly after their run or may wait until the end of the go to run for their reride. If the decision is made to take a reride, they cannot go back to the stop watch time of the original run. The reride time will be the final time.

### **PLACINGS**

1. First through Tenth places will be awarded in each day event. In the riding events the highest scored qualified ride will place first and the second highest will be second etc. In the timed events the lowest time will place first, second lowest will place second, etc. In riding and timed events contestants who tie will share the place tied for.

### **POSTING MARKINGS**

1. Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary.
2. Contestants are permitted to see the records of all contestants in any event in which they take part. This must be done at the end of each go round, within a reasonable length of time and in the presence of the secretary and at least one judge.
3. No posting of scores or times will be done until scores are official.

### **FINALS RODEO**

1. You must have a qualified ride in your event to participate in the Year End finals.
2. Top 10 placings will be determined by the points for the year. If there is a tie in those top 10 placings the following will happen to determine the top 10.
  - a. The individual that attended all shows will be taken.
  - b. Individual with the most 1st place placings through the year.
  - c. Individual with least amount of NT
  - d. Fastest single time from all shows.
3. Finals Rodeo Points do count towards year end awards. Finals points will be the same as a regular show with placings and points from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place.

### **EVENT DIRECTORS**

1. Contestants shall volunteer one director for each event held at all rodeos.
2. The elected event directors shall be knowledgeable of both the rulebook and his/her respective event.

3. The duties of the event director shall be to answer contestant questions on their event and to work with the Arena Director and Judge. They shall be within the arena during their event at all performances with the only exceptions being cleared through the Arena Director.
4. Event directors will be available for questions during the event so that judges are not interrupted by questions.
5. Event directors will hold their position for 1 season.
6. Event directors can volunteer for an event that they participate in. It is their responsibility to have a back up available to cover them while competing.

### **KELLY COOK PRO AM RODEO**

1. Pro Am Rodeo is by invite only.
2. This rodeo does not count towards year end points.
3. Contestant must bring in a minimum of \$100 in sponsorships in order to participate.
4. Members will be consider the Professionals.
5. Adult Sponsors will be considered the Armatures.
6. Armatures must ride the same horse as the professionals unless there is a health restriction on the animal or the animal is a pony.
7. Each Contestant needs to have an adult sponsor. We request that those sponsors be different people for each child. Sponsors cannot be current members of the association. No youth contestant can run for another youth contestant.
8. If you cannot find an amateur to run with your child please reach out so that we can help!
9. A list of events specific to this rodeo will be posted. The Contestant is to pick 2 events from the list to participate in. No more than two events will be allowed.
10. Points are combined from the professional and the amateur to decide the winners.
11. There will be winners for each age division.

Rules may be amended per situation \* Judges Decisions are FINAL \* Board  
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