



2017
WTRA
Rule Book

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BY-LAWS -OF- WEST TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE ONE - Name The name of the organization is the WEST TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE TWO - Object The object of this organization shall be: 2.1. The object of this organization shall be the advancement of rodeo performance in West Texas and the general area. 2.2. All money received in organization applies toward year-end awards. 2.3. To be self-sustaining and operated locally in such a manner as to be recognized as a non-profit organization under the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Code. It should be our further objective and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship and self-discipline.

ARTICLE THREE - Membership 3.1. The Association shall have one class of members, which membership will be open to anyone who is willing to work and participate in the operations and functions of the Association. 3.2. The Board of directors may adopt and amend application procedures and qualifications of membership in the Association. 3.3. The Board of directors may set and change the amount of an initiation fee, if any, and the annual dues payable to the Association by members. Dues must be submitted before competing in a rodeo for points to count for the year-end awards. 3.4. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to vote of the members. A member entitled to vote may, if desired, vote by proxy executed in writing by the member. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy. 3.5. The Board of directors may authorize members to vote by mail on the election of directors and officers or on any other matter that maybe voted on by the members.

ARTICLE FOUR - Meetings 4.1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at a reason-

able time during the current year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected. 4.2. Special Meeting: Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Board of Directors or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given to all officers and members in good standing in writing by the U.S. Mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. 4.3. Quorum. One-fourth of the members of the Association entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. 4.4. Nominations of Directors. At any meeting at which the election of a director occurs, a voting member in good standing or a director may nominate a person with the second of any other voting member in good standing or director. Directors shall serve a one (1) year term.

ARTICLE FIVE - Officers 5.1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a minimum of seven (7) WTRA directors, and six (6) event directors who, acting together shall constitute the Board of Directors. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot or voice vote of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the Association. They shall hold offices for one year or until their successors are elected. 5.2. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the Association. 5.3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Board may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand by three members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may hold such informal meetings by phone or otherwise as may be

deemed necessary by them, so long as the results of any such meetings and the vote of the Board shall be written and recorded in the minutes of the Association and action reported at the next regular meeting. 5.4. A quorum of at least seven (7) directors shall be required to transact any business in any meeting of the Board of Directors. 5.5. Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. 5.6. A vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Members of the Board of Directors. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the Association shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (a) above. 5.7. The Board of Directors shall hire a Secretary for a one year term with a payment of \$2000.00 per rodeo. The Board of Directors hire a Treasurer for a one year term. He/she shall hold the office until their successor is hired. Duties and pay may be split between the two offices. (The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.)

ARTICLE SIX - Duties of Officers 6.1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. 6.2. Vice President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. 6.3. Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required by the Association by any federal, state or local licensing agencies and/or other appropriate organization or Association to which reports are required. They shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify the members as special and annual meetings, as required by Article Four. They shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association and have the custody of the books and papers of the Association except the Treasurer's books of account. All applications of membership in the Asso-

ciation shall be made to the Secretary. They shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt thereof. 6.4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check and signed by two of the following: Treasurer, President, Vice-President, and money shall be withdrawn only for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his/her transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Board of Directors when requested and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting. 6.5. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or agent of the Association to enter into a contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association. This authority may be limited to a specific contract or instrument or it may extend to any number and type of possible contracts and instruments. The Board of Directors shall have control of the assets of the Association. 6.6. As long as the Association is in existence and except with the prior approval the Board of Directors of the members, no member, director, officer or committee member of the Association shall: 6.6.1. Do any act in violation of the bylaws or binding obligation of the Association; 6.6.2. Do any act with the intention of harming the Association or any of its operations; 6.6.3. Do any act that would make it impossible or unnecessarily difficult to carry on the intended or ordinary business of the Association; 6.6.4. Receive an improper personal benefit from the operation of the Association; 6.6.5. Wrongfully transfer or dispose of Association property, including intangible property Such as good will; 6.6.6. Use the name of the Association (or any substantially similar name) or any trademark or trade name adopted by the Association, except on behalf of the Association in

the ordinary course of the Association's business; 6.6.7. Disclose any of the Association business practices, trade secrets or any other information not generally known to the business community to any person not authorized to receive it.

ARTICLE SEVEN - Suspension or Expulsion 7.1. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing. 7.2. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Association for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Board present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing. 7.3. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits. 7.4. Any member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal the full membership

of the Association. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the Association for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing to all members of the Association in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full Association, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE EIGHT - Dues 8.1. There will be annual dues to the members of the Association in the amount of \$150.00 per family and \$100.00 per single membership. "Family" being defined as the immediate family, only, including children under 21 and living at home or enrolled in a school of higher education. 8.2. Men's age groups – 50-67, 68-74 & 75 and Over will have annual dues of \$75.00 per single membership.

ARTICLE NINE - Indemnification 9.1. The Association shall indemnify a director, officer, committee member, employee or agent of the Association who was, is, or may be named defendant or respondent in any proceedings as a result of his or her actions or omissions within the scope of his or her official capacity in the Association. For the purpose of this article, an agent includes one who is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, partner, venture, proprietor, trustee, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust employee benefit plan or other enterprise. However, the Association shall indemnify a person only if the conduct was in the Association's best interests. In a case of criminal proceeding, the person may be indemnified only if he or she

had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful. The Association shall not indemnify a person who is found liable to the Association or is found liable to another on the basis of improperly receiving a personal benefit. A person is conclusively considered to have been found liable in relation to any claim, issue or matter if the person has been adjudged liable by a court of competent jurisdiction and appeals have been exhausted.

ARTICLE TEN - Amendment 10.1. The bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Directors or by the membership. The notice of any meeting at which the bylaws are adopted shall include the text of the proposed bylaw provisions as well as the text of any existing provisions proposed to be altered, amended or repealed.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - Use of Funds 11.1. No part of any net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or any private persons, except that the association may be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and WEST TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC. shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on; 11.1.1. A. by a Association exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501- (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE TWELVE - Miscellaneous 12.1. The bylaws shall be constructed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. All references in the bylaws to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors as they may be amended from time to time. 12.2. The bylaws shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the directors, offi-

cers, committee members, employees and agents of the Association and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns except as otherwise provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN - Dissolution 13.1. Upon dissolution of the WEST TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC., the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all assets of WEST TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC. in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 50 (c) (3) or Section 50e1 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law), as the Governing Body shall determine. The foregoing bylaws were duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 16th day of July, AD 1995. Dated July 21, 1995. (Current version revised April 2017)

GENERAL RULES -OF- WEST TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

1. Age as of January 1, 2017. Must have proof of age if necessary.
2. Age groups and events offered are as follows:
 - 4 & Under Boys & Girls:** Lead Line (No Points)
 - 6 & Under Girls:** Cloverleaf Barrels; Straightaway Barrels; Horseback Goat Ribbon Pulling; Goat Ribbon Pulling on Foot (No Points)
 - 6 & Under Boys:** Cloverleaf Barrels; Straightaway Barrels; Horseback Goat Ribbon Pulling; Goat Ribbon Pulling on Foot (No Points)
 - 7 - 9 Girls:** Breakaway Roping; Steer Breakaway; Goat Tying; Pole Bending; Cloverleaf Barrels
 - 7 - 9 Boys:** Breakaway Roping; Steer Breakaway; Goat Tying; Calf Touch Roping
 - 10 - 12 Girls:** Clover Leaf Barrels; Breakaway; Goat Tying; Pole Bending; Ribbon Roping; Team Roping
 - 10 - 12 Boys:** Breakaway; Double Mugging; Ribbon Roping; Tie Down Roping; Team Roping
 - 13 - 16 Girls:** Breakaway Roping; Ribbon Roping; Goat Tying; Pole Bending; Cloverleaf Barrels
 - 13 - 16 Boys:** Tie Down Roping; Ribbon Roping; Breakaway Roping
 - 13 - 16 Boys & Girls:** Team Roping
 - 17 - 39 Ladies:** Breakaway Roping; Ribbon Roping; Goat Tying; Pole Bending; Cloverleaf Barrels
 - 40+ Ladies:** Cloverleaf Barrels; Pole Bending; Breakaway (Can enter 2X)
 - 50-67 Mens:** Tie Down; Breakaway (Can enter 2X)
 - 68 & Over Mens:** Tie Down; Breakaway (Can enter 2X)
(75 & over men will get a 2 second handicap)
- OPEN EVENTS: Team Roping (Enter 1/Draw 1); Tie Down (Can enter 2X); Ladies Breakaway; Cloverleaf Barrels (Can carry over from Age Group)
3. All Around. All events offered in each age group count toward year-end and all-around awards & prizes with the

exception of **4 & Under** Lead Line, **6 & under** goat ribbon pulling on foot, **7-9 Girls** Steer Breakaway, Men's **50-67**, **68-74 & 75 and over**. You must compete in two (2) or more events in your age group in order to be eligible for any all-around awards and prizes.

4. If an event is not offered in a person's age group, they may move up to compete in that event, but will not receive year-end points. In the same respect, ladies and girls may enter men and boys events (in their respective age divisions) that are not offered as a women/girls event. Vice-versa for men.
5. Contestants competing in multiple age divisions can only receive points in the age group corresponding with their current age. If the event is offered in your age group, you do not get points in any other bump up age group. For example, a six year old girl may enter **7-9 girl** events but will receive money but no points. If a **13-16 boy** enters the open team roping, they will not get any points in the open team roping, they will be jackpotting only.
6. There must be at least five (5) contestants * qualified in your age groups specific event(s) in order to qualify for awards and prizes. This includes any awards and prizes given for the weekend, year-end and all-around. If there is not five (5) or more contestants in one age group, contestants may move up to the next age group and compete for awards and prizes in the next age group up throughout the year. *Qualified - means you must enter and compete in 4 out of 8 rodeos and compete at the finals as well as meet all the criteria as a member and be in good standings with the association.
7. Event Buckles. Year-end buckles will be awarded in each age group. A member may win only one year-end event buckle in the **4 & Under** and **6 & Under** age groups.
8. **6 & Under**: Goat Ribbon Pulling on foot will not count towards all-around.
9. Point System. A ten (10) Point System will be used to keep points for year-end awards. Ten points will be awarded to the first place winner in each event, second

place will receive one less point than first, etc. If there is a tie, the points for the placing will be added together and divided by the number of contestants tied, with each receiving the same number of points. All year-end ties will be broken based on the dollar amount won. If the dollar amount won at the year-end is the same, contestants involved have the option of coming up with a satisfactory solution for everyone, including WTRA. The solution must be approved by the WTRA officers and directors. If they cannot reach a satisfactory solution, the winner will be determined by the flip of a coin. **NON-MEMBERS WILL NOT RECEIVE POINTS.**

10. Minimum Rodeos. In order to be eligible to compete in the finals, each member must be a paid contestant in at least four (4) of the eight (8) rodeos. Finals do not count as one of your four rodeos.
11. All rodeos are open to non-members, except the finals. All members, who qualify, must be in good standing, including financial, with the association in order to compete in the finals.
12. Open Events. In addition to each contestant being able to compete in their own age division, there will be an "Open" division in tie down roping, Team Roping, Ladies breakaway roping and Ladies cloverleaf barrels. There will be no age limit in the "open" divisions. Ladies breakaway roping and Ladies cloverleaf barrels will not be given points for year end and/or all around, they will only be jackpot events. All Men's "open" events will be given points that will count towards year end and/or all around for the "open" division only. In Open Team Roping, both runs will count towards points. Except if the event is offered in your age group, then you will be jackpotting only.
13. Fees: 13.1. Entry Fees will not be "rolled over" unless a Doctor and/or Vet Releases is given. These releases must be sent into the Secretary by the Wednesday prior to that weekend's rodeo(s); 13.2. Checks are preferred for late entries. 13.3. Late Fees are \$30.00 per entered rodeo per contestant – Excluding all Open Events. There

will be no late fee assessed for Open Events.

14. Payoff. Payoff for all age groups will be based on the number of contestants: (Excludes Open events) **1-5** 100% **6-10** 60% 40% **11 -15** 50% 30% 20% **16 -20** 40% 30% 20% 10% **21 - 25** 30% 25% 20% 15% 10% **26 – 999** 29% 24% 19% 14% 9% 5%
15. Office Charge. There will be an award fee paid to the WTRA at each rodeo as follows: 15.1. Members - \$15.00 per entry per rodeo; 15.2. Non-members - \$15.00 per entry per rodeo.
16. Payoffs will be paid with checks.
17. All contestants will be disqualified if they have not entered the arena by the third (3rd) call.
18. Dress Code. All contestants in all rodeos must wear boots and jeans. Any contestant not in proper dress code will receive a no time.
19. Finals Dress Code. Finals contestants must wear complete western attire: boots, jeans, long sleeve button down shirt, and hat.
20. Tractor for speed events. The event directors will consider safety, the time element, and other conditions before deciding where a tractor or tractors may be parked during the speed events.
21. Each member/membership will be asked to donate item(s) for the auction at the finals.
22. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the arenas or buildings.
23. For Saturday rodeos, the roping events will be held in the Nolan County Coliseum and speed events and goat tying will be held in the covered arena. For Sunday rodeos, the speed events and goat tying will be held in the Nolan County Coliseum and roping events will be held in the covered arena. **SPEED EVENTS HOLD PRECEDENCE OVER ROPING EVENTS.** Ropers will be moved to accommodate the speed event arena.
24. All pre-entries are drawn. All late entries in roping events will rope first, run last in speed events, and tie goats first. All Final entries will be reserved in the second (2nd) go.

25. No points will be given for non-members. If a non-member places in the Top 10, those points will roll to the next placing member.
26. Must be present at the Finals Banquet to receive awards unless prior approval is given by the President of the WTRA.
27. Only 6 out of 8 rodeos will count for year-end points. This does not include the finals. In other words, year-end points in each event will be calculated by adding a contestant's six highest placing rodeos (per event) plus the finals.
28. Entries will be shut off thirty (30) minutes before the start of an event (not an age group).
29. The WTRA finals will consist of two go-rounds and an average. The first go and second go will be run like regular rodeos. However, the points will also be given in each event for the best average times of the two go-rounds. The same point system will be used when giving average points (refer to #9 above). The average money at the finals will not have any Office Charge withheld from the payoff.
30. Year End Family Award. The year-end family award is awarded to the family that has the highest points in all events combined, year end. It can only be won by a family once every five (5) years. In the event that a family wins the award again within the five (5) years, the award will go to the next highest placing family that is eligible. The family must consist of at least one (1) parent and one (1) child competing in order to be eligible for the award. They must be active members and in good standings with WTRA as well.

EVENT RULES -OF- WEST TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

EVENT: CALF TOUCH RULES:

1. CATCH AS CATCH CAN with rope from horse, but rope must hold calf until roper has his hands on the calf and rope.
2. Rope must be tied hard and fast to saddle horn.
3. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope and touch the calf with either his/her left or right hand. The opposite hand must also have ahold of the catch rope at the same time, if not, the contestant will receive no flag until such is done.
4. Calf does not have to be on his feet when touched.
5. NECK ROPE MUST BE USED.
6. Roper may not carry two loops.
7. Back gate will be closed.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. NO NECK ROPE USED.
2. ABUSE OF LIVESTOCK.

PENALTY:

1. A ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for breaking the barrier.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: DOUBLE MUGGING RULES:

1. It will be up to the roper to secure a mugger.
2. CATCH AS CATCH CAN with rope from horse but roper must hold calf until mugger has his hands on calf.
3. NECK ROPE MUST BE USED.
4. Contestant may have anyone to start his calf.
5. Rope must be tied hard and fast.
6. After roping calf, roper must dismount and wait for mugger to throw calf by hand; mugger holds the foreleg and gives the foreleg to the roper. At this time, the mugger can assist in holding the calf down in a way that the calf is unable to get up. Roper must then cross and tie any three (3) of the calf's feet. If the calf gets up before time is called for, the procedure is repeated with the mugger throwing the calf and holding the foreleg and giving the foreleg to the roper.
7. A legal tie shall consist of one or two wraps and a half hitch. Any three legs must be tied together.
8. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge and roper must not touch calf after giving the finished signal until after the judge has completed his examination.
9. The field judge will pass on the tie, timing six (6) seconds from the time the roping horse takes his first steps forward after the roper has remounted and put slack in the rope. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off the calf after completion of the tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears the calf.
10. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on the tie.
11. Roper may not carry two loops.
12. Back gate will be closed.

MUGGER:

1. If calf is down when mugger reaches it, it must be cleared to the satisfaction of the judge and be thrown by hand.
2. If mugger's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
3. Mugger may remove rope from calf (before roper has fin-

ished the tie) if necessary for safety reasons. This will not disqualify the run, however after roper has signaled for time the rope may not be removed until judge has expired the six (6) second tie rule.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. If tie comes loose or calf gets up before the time is ruled fair.
2. If the tie is ruled illegal.
3. If the roper missed with the first loop.
4. NO NECK ROPE.
5. INTENTIONAL ABUSE OF LIVESTOCK.

PENALTY:

1. A ten (10) second penalty for breaking the barrier. If contestant is fouled by the barrier; the flag judge or roping director makes the call.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: TIE DOWN ROPING

RULES:

1. Roper cannot carry two loops.
2. CATCH AS CATCH CAN with rope from horse, but roper must hold calf until roper has his hands on the calf.
3. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.
4. Contestant may have anyone start his calf.
5. Rope must be tied hard and fast.
6. After roping calf, roper must dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three (3) of calf's feet.
7. A legal tie shall consist of one or two wraps and a half hitch. Any three legs must be tied together.
8. If calf is down when roper reaches is, it must be cleared to the satisfaction of the judge and be thrown by hand. The only exception being in the **10 - 12** boys; **50-67** Men; **68-74** Men; **75 & over** Men who will be assessed a ten (10) second penalty if they do not get the calf up before tying it.
9. If roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand.
10. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving the finished signal and until after the judge has completed his examination.
11. The field judge will pass on the tie, timing six (6) seconds from the time the roping horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted and put slack in the rope. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off the calf after completion of the tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears calf.
12. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until judge has passed on the tie.
13. NECK ROPE IS TO BE USED.
14. BACK GATE IS OPEN, except for the **10 - 12** age group.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If tie comes loose or calf gets up before the time is ruled

fair.

2. If the tie is ruled illegal.

3. NO NECK ROPE USED.

4. ABUSE OF LIVESTOCK.

5. Intentional dragging or touching rope after the flag is dropped.

PENALTY:

1. A ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for breaking the barrier.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: RIBBON ROPING

RULES:

1. While calf is in the chute, a ribbon (½" wide and 10 inches or more in length) must be fastened with a rubber band to tail head of calf's tail.
2. BACK GATE IS OPEN, except for **10 - 12** age groups.

ROPER:

1. It will be up to the roper to secure a runner of the opposite sex.
2. The **10 - 12** age group must have a mugger 13 years of age or older. Roper runs his own ribbon.
3. CATCH AS CATCH CAN with rope from horse and roper must hold calf until ribbon is removed or until roper has his/her hands on the calf.
4. NECK ROPE MUST BE USED.
5. Contestant may receive no assistance of any kind from outside.

RUNNERS:

1. Runners may choose where they wish to stand in the arena.
2. After the calf is roped, runner removes ribbon from calf's tail and runs across the flag line, in either direction, for a time.
3. If runner sees there is no ribbon on calf's tail, he/she should pull hair from the calf.
4. Runner must HAND the ribbon or hair to the flag judge IMMEDIATELY AFTER RUN.
5. Any part of the ribbon is legal.
6. Roper or mugger doesn't have to have hands on the calf in order for runner to remove ribbon.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If rope does not hold calf until ribbon is removed or roper has his hands on the calf.
2. If runner throws ribbon or hair on the ground or does not hand it to the judge as stated.
3. INTENTIONAL ABUSE OF LIVESTOCK.
4. Intentional dragging or touching rope after ribbon is removed.
5. The roper/mugger cannot hand ribbon to runner. The runner must remove his/her own ribbon.

PENALTY:

1. A ten (10) second penalty for breaking a barrier.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: BREAKAWAY ROPING

RULES:

1. The loop must go over the calf's head and the time will stop when the string breaks from the saddle horn. Rope may draw up any place on the animal.
2. The rope must be tied with string to the saddle horn. String will be supplied by the WTRA.
3. A rag/handkerchief of contrasting color to the rope must be attached to the rope at the rope's point of attachment to the saddle horn.
4. Contestant must stay mounted until the calf breaks string.
5. Roper cannot carry two loops. Only one loop is allowed.
6. Calf must break string with no assistance from the roper.
7. If the flagman flags an illegal catch on the first loop but catch was legal, roper will receive calf over.
8. BACK GATE IS OPEN, except for the **7 - 9** and the **10 - 12** age divisions.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If roper fails to rope calf.
2. If roper breaks string with his/her hand.
3. If contestant is not mounted when calf breaks string.
4. Lost or broken rope.
5. If rag/handkerchief is not attached as required.
6. If rope goes on calf before neck rope comes off.
7. If rope does not go over the calf's head.

PENALTY:

1. A ten (10) second penalty for breaking the barrier. If any contestant is fouled by the barrier, the flag judge will make the call.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: GOAT TYING

RULES:

1. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount, throw the goat by hand and tie any three (3) feet together with leather string or pigging string, and stand clear of the goat. The **7-9 Boys** must tie the goat using a pigging string.
2. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be "day lighted" off the ground before the tie is made (except for 7 - 9 contestants). If contestant's hand is on goat when goat falls, goat is considered thrown by hand.
3. The goat must remain tied for at least six (6) seconds.
4. Three legs must be crossed and tied to qualify as a legal tie.
5. Time will start when mounted contestant crosses starting line and will stop when flag judge signals the completion of the tie.

STOCK:

1. Goat shall be staked with rope ten (10) feet in length.
2. Goat is to be held at the end of the rope facing the starting line and released when contestant crosses starting line (when the flag is dropped).
3. Goat is to be changed after every 5 runs.
4. Fresh goats must be tied at least 3 times before rodeo.

ARENA:

1. Stake is to be driven into ground so that none of it is visible.
2. Goat is to be staked at about one hundred (100) feet from the starting line.
3. Goat pattern must be dragged before event starts and as needed.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If the goat does not remain tied for six (6) seconds.
2. If a tie is ruled illegal.
3. If the goat breaks loose from the stake, a NO-TIME or a

RERUN may be received at the discretion of the judge.

PENALTIES:

1. Should the horse come in contact with the goat or cross the plane of the rope - with or without the rider - the contestant will receive a ten (10) second penalty.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: GOAT RIBBON PULLING ON FOOT

RULES:

1. This event is for **6 & Under only**.
2. Contestant should go to the goat; pull ribbon and run back across the designated line to the flag judge. If there is no ribbon on the goat's tail, hair should be pulled.
3. Contestant must immediately present the ribbon or hair to the judge.
4. Contestants will not use a horse.

STOCK:

1. Goat shall be staked with a rope ten (10) feet in length.
2. Goat is to be held tight at the end of the rope facing the starting line.
3. Goat is to be changed upon decision of director.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If contestant does not present the ribbon or hair that was pulled to the judge.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: HORSEBACK GOAT RIBBON PULLING

RULES:

1. This event is for 6 & Under only.
2. Contestant must ride his/her horse into the arena in the general area of the staked goat.
3. Contestant may be assisted to keep horse from running off during the run.
4. Contestant **MAY NOT** be assisted in dismounting from horse in any shape or form.
5. Contestant should go to the goat; pull ribbon and run across the designated line to the flag judge. If there is no ribbon on the goat's tail, hair should be pulled.
6. Contestant must immediately present the ribbon or hair to the judge.

STOCK:

1. Goat shall be staked with a rope ten (10) feet in length. 2. Goat is to be held tight at the end of the rope facing the starting line for the entire run. 3. Goat is to be changed upon decision of director.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If contestant does not present the ribbon or hair that was pulled to the judge.
2. If contestant is assisted in dismounting from horse in any shape or form.

PENALTIES:

1. Should the horse come in contact with the goat or cross the plane of the rope - with or without the rider - the contestant will receive a ten (10) second penalty.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: POLE BENDING

RULES:

1. The first pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet from the starting line and each of the six (6) poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet apart.
2. Poles stakes must be permanently marked.
3. Poles must be painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
4. Poles must be uniform.
5. If pole is knocked down and bounces back up, it is still plus five (5)
6. Contestant must not be tied to their saddle in any way: seat belts, straps, saddle strings, Velcro, etc. (Rubber bands ARE allowed to keep feet in stirrups). If there is any question, it must be approved by directors prior to competing.

PATTERN:

1. Contestant may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. ALL FORWARD MOTION.
2. If the contestant backs up, it is considered a broken pattern.
3. The judge has the final call on if a pattern is deemed broken.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. If contestant crosses starting line during run.
2. If contestant breaks the pattern.
3. If contestant does not remain mounted for the entire run.

FINES:

1. A fine will be assessed in the amount of an entry fee for reworking horses by going back towards starting line and starting pattern over. Fine payable before competing in other events. (Exception to **6 & Under** , **7 - 9** age groups).

PENALTIES:

1. Five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over.

TIME LIMIT:

1. Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: STRAIGHTAWAY BARREL RACE

RULES:

1. Barrels must be at least sixteen (16) yards apart; not to exceed twenty (20) yards.
2. No barrel may be closer than twenty (20) feet from any arena fence.
3. Barrels must be painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
4. Barrels stakes must be permanently marked.
5. Contestant must not be tied to their saddle in any way: seat belts, straps, saddle strings, Velcro, etc. (Rubber bands ARE allowed to keep feet in stirrups). If there is any question, it must be approved by directors prior to competing.

PATTERN:

1. Contestant will start from behind the starting line, run to the left or the right of the first barrel, then continue the figure eight pattern. ALL FORWARD MOTION.
2. The time starts when contestant crosses the starting line and stops when the contestant crosses it on the way back after running the pattern.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. If the contestant breaks the pattern.
2. If the contestant crosses starting line during the run.
3. If the contestant does not remain mounted for the entire run.

PENALTIES:

1. Five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a barrel and it stands up again on its other end, it will be considered the same as knocking it over.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE

RULES:

1. The barrels may be placed by the arena management at distances that conform to their arena. Barrels may also be placed considering the arena conditions as decided by the Arena Director or the Barrel Racing Director. No barrels may be placed closer than fifteen (15) feet from any fence. Location must be permanently marked for the entire rodeo. The suggested distance between barrels one and two is thirty (30) yards and thirty-five (35) yards between barrels two and three.
2. Barrels must be painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
3. All barrels must be placed INSIDE of the stake.
4. Barrel times can be carried over from the age group categories to the Open barrel race by designating so BEFORE the age group barrel run is made and paying the entry fee of \$40.00.
5. Contestant must not be tied to their saddle in any way: seat belts, straps, saddle strings, Velcro, etc. (Rubber bands ARE allowed to keep feet in stirrups). If there is any question, it must be approved by directors prior to competing.

PATTERN:

1. Contestants will start from behind the starting line, run around barrel number one, then around barrel number two, and continue around barrel number three, finishing by crossing the starting line on the way back. This pattern may be altered by starting with the number two barrel, then to the number one barrel and then the number three barrel. ALL FORWARD MOTION.
2. Pattern must be run in a cloverleaf manner.
3. The time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when he/she crosses it on the way back after running the pattern.

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. If the contestant breaks the pattern.

2. If the contestant crosses the starting line during the run.
3. If the contestant does not remain mounted for the entire run.

FINES:

1. A fine will be assessed in the amount of an entry fee for reworking horses by going back towards starting line and starting pattern over. Fines payable before competing in other events. (Exception to 6 & Under, 7 - 9 age groups).

PENALTIES:

1. A five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a barrel and it stands up again on its other end, it will be considered the same as knocking it over.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: TEAM ROPING

RULES:

1. There will be only 3 legal head catches: A. Both horns
B. Half a head, includes one horn and nose
C. Around the neck
If the Header ropes a front foot or feet, this is considered a foul catch.
2. Contestants may enter twice. Only the highest set of points counts per rodeo, unless heading once and heeling once, then both count.
3. Contestant will start from behind a barrier. Steer belongs to roper after he/she calls for it regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure or if the steer gets out of the arena, then flag will be dropped and the roper gets the steer back lap and tap with time added which was taken when the steer left the arena.
4. Each contestant will be allowed to carry one rope. Each team is allowed two loops. Back gate will be closed and no switching ends.
5. Roping steer without turning loose of the loop will not be considered a catch
6. A roper must dally at both ends, except heeling for 12 & under, women and men over 55.
7. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer, with ropes dallied and tight, both ropers mounted, with both horses' front feet on ground. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels. (For all age groups except the **12 & Under**).
8. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time. Ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the field judge, they have done so.
9. Contestant may enter up and back or with a different partner
10. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time, regardless whether time has been taken or not.
11. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of their loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.

12. Headers will be responsible for securing a heeler to heel for them in the **12 & Under** Heading.
13. In the **12 & Under** Heeling, head rope will be put on in the chute. Headers will be on a rotation unless the contestant already has a header You can tie on but it must be with a quick release. Tied on hard and fast is not allowed..

DISQUALIFICATION AND “NO-TIME”:

1. If hondo passes over one horn and loop over the other, CATCH IS ILLEGAL.
2. If loop crosses itself in a head catch, IT IS LEGAL. This does not include heel catches.
3. Crossfire is an ILLEGAL HEEL CATCH. Crossfire is defined as: the steer must change direction and be in forward toe (one step forward) before heel loop can be thrown.

PENALTIES:

1. One hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.
2. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking or beating the barrier.

TIME LIMIT:

Sixty (60) seconds.

EVENT: STEER BREAKAWAY ROPING

RULES:

1. There will be only 3 legal head catches: A. Slick horns B. Half a head, includes one horn and nose (Add 3 seconds to time) C. Around the neck (Add 3 seconds to time)
2. Contestant will start from behind a barrier. Steer belongs to roper after he/she calls for it regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure or if the steer gets out of the arena, then flag will be dropped and the roper gets the steer back lap and tap with time added which was taken when the steer left the arena.
3. The rope must be tied with string to the saddle horn. String will be supplied by the WTRA. (String is not to be unraveled or thinned, if so judge will disqualify contestant.)
4. A rag/handkerchief of contrasting color to the rope must be attached to the rope at the rope's point of attachment to the saddle horn.
5. Rope must be thrown by the contestant and the steer must break string with no assistance from the roper.
6. If rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope and then stop their horse to allow the steer to break the rope away for saddle horn.

DISQUALIFICATION AND "NO-TIME":

1. If hondo passes over one horn and loop over the other, CATCH IS ILLEGAL.

PENALTIES:

1. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking or beating the barrier.

TIME LIMIT:

- Sixty (60) seconds.

