

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR HEART OF OKLAHOMA YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION

## Article I MISSION STATEMENT

This association shall be known as the Heart of Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Association, hereafter referred to as HOYRA or the Association, and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma providing for such organizations.

The principal objective of the HOYRA shall be to provide and promote the competitive events of rodeo, to promote the highest standard of conduct and sportsmanship, to keep alive the western heritage in America, and to promote the humane/ethical treatment of animals.

The principal office of the Association will remain with the Board Secretary. The Association may have other such offices within the State of Oklahoma as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate or that the business of the Association may require.

## Article II MEMBERSHIP

**1.** Membership in the Association shall be open to any person interested in youth rodeo. Membership shall be made by application. Any person becoming a member of HOYRA shall become familiar with HOYRA Rules and Bylaws and shall comply with and be bound by them.

**2.** Age shall be determined as of September 1st, 12:00:01 a.m. of the year in which the rodeo season starts. A member can rodeo if 19 years old, as long as proof of High School Enrollment is provided.

**3.** Membership fee for each contestant will be \$50.00 per member. The \$50.00 membership will include a subscription to Cowboy Times per family.

**4.** Membership dues and application must be completed and turned in by the end of the last scheduled event of the rodeo for which the contestant would like for his/her points to count.

A copy for HOYRA records of the contestant's birth

certificate must be furnished and must be turned in by the next rodeo the contestant attends. No points or rodeo attendance will be counted until the membership application and dues are turned in. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**5.** Members must compete in an event for 1/2 of the scheduled rodeos, not including the finals, in order to qualify in that event for the Finals Rodeo and to receive season awards. Adults that enter in the Team Roping will be required to compete in a minimum of 4 rodeos to be eligible to compete at finals.

**6.** The membership period runs from September 1st to August 31st.

**7.** Each contestant must obtain \$250 in sponsorships to be eligible to compete at the finals. The \$250 worth of sponsorships must be turned in by the fourth rodeo weekend. **Any contestant that does not turn in their \$250 worth of sponsorships by the fourth rodeo weekend will owe a \$50 late entry plus the \$250 worth of sponsorships due with their finals entry.**

**8. For every \$1000 worth of additional sponsorships brought in by a contestant, they can rodeo for free 1 rodeo weekend (2 days).**

**9.** Each contestant or representative must work at 1/2 of the rodeos prior to the HOYRA Finals. This doesn't mean the whole rodeo (help set barrels, poles, concession, gates, stripping chute, etc.). You will be given a note card at the beginning of the rodeo season. It is the contestants' responsibility to get this signed by the event director directly after you have worked an event. You are to keep your card in your possession and to turn it in at the last rodeo prior to finals. If you happen to lose your card you will have to start over on work times. THIS IS NOT HOYRA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITY.

## Article III LIABILITY, CONDUCT, AND GENERAL RULES FOR CONTESTANTS

**1.** These are the **Heart of Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Association (HOYRA)** Rules and if at any time a situation arises which is not covered in this HOYRA Rule Book, the HOYRA Event Directors' and Judges' decision will be final.

**2.** All HOYRA members, including a contestants' parent or guardian etc., will be expected to

conduct themselves in a manner so as not to poorly reflect on the Association or themselves. Any misconduct or act of violence at a rodeo will not be tolerated. Any member of the association, contestant, parent, or guardian may be suspended or expelled for sufficient cause by a majority vote of the attending members of the Board of Directors upon hearing the charges made against the member. The decision of the Board of Directors as to the sufficiency of the cause therefore shall be final. The term sufficient cause includes, but is not limited to, words or actions that are unnecessarily or excessively vulgar, obscene, which inflict, are intended to inflict, or threaten to inflict harm or damage to the person by verbal or physical abuse towards a HOYRA rodeo judge, official, stock contractor, board member or any other personnel or property of another, **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. A warning will be issued for a first-time offense along with a \$100 fine that must be paid before contestant or guardians child may participate at the next rodeo and a certified, return receipt letter will be mailed to the contestant's parents. A copy of this letter will be maintained on file with the Board Secretary. The second offense will result in suspension of contestant and/or parent or guardian from all HOYRA functions for the duration of the season. Membership fees will not be refunded, and end of year awards will not be given out in the event it is the contestant who is suspended.

**3.** Consumption of alcohol during the rodeo or inside the arena will not be tolerated.

**4.** Inhumane treatment of a horse at a rodeo will not be tolerated. The standard by which this will be measured is that which a reasonable person informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and competition procedures would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane. This will include, but is not limited to, excessive use of a bat, crop, whip, or rope or use of an electric prod.

**5.** The dress code will be PRCA consisting of all members wearing a cowboy hat or helmet, a long-sleeved cut and sewn shirt (no knit pullovers allowed), long pants, and cowboy boots in the arena. A cowboy hat or helmet is mandatory for ALL contestants in all age groups. The cowboy hat or helmet must be on as the contestant enters the arena. The alley way starts at the furthest most man-closed gate. A ball cap is not acceptable. If the cowboy hat fails to remain on before entering manned gate the contestant will be penalized 5 seconds. Ribbon Runners running in the Ribbon

Roping event may run in optional footwear but must wear a long-sleeved western shirt. No rolled cuffs. If a HOYRA contestant is not in compliance with the proper dress code, he/she will be flagged out or receive a "NO TIME" for that event.

**6.** Any dress code alterations will require a doctor's letter and approval by the HOYRA Directors.

**7.** No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event or is serving as an assistant.

**8.** All contestants will leave the arena immediately after contesting or assisting.

**9.** The decision of any judge or times keeper will be final and no protests by the contestant will be permitted without first going through the event director. All protests must be made before the next age group or event is run.

**10.** All stalls and hookups must be paid prior to the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> performance in order for the contestant to compete.

## **Article IV** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**1. Designations and Term of Office.** The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each officer of the Association shall hold office for a term of one year beginning with the election of officers at the membership meeting.

**2. Powers and Duties of Officers.**

**a) President.** The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall have general direction and charge of the conduct and operation of the Association, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors. He shall have the power to execute all documents of every nature in its behalf and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. He shall preside as chairman at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors.

**b) Vice Presidents.** In the absence of the President, or his inability to function, the Vice Presidents, in the order of designation, shall perform such duties of the office of President as may be required. Specific areas of responsibility are:

**(1)** The **First Vice President** shall be responsible for the rodeos and will serve as the Arena Director.

**(2)** The **Second Vice President** shall be responsible for non-rodeo activities including fund

raising, finding sponsors and other non-rodeo activities.

In addition, they will perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

**c) Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the members of the Association, of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee; shall give notice of all regular and special meetings to the members of the Association and to members of the Board of Directors; shall have custody of the seal of the Association and shall keep a record of all the members, their addresses, birth certificates, liability forms; and shall be charged with the performance of any duties required by these by-laws. This position may be combined with the Treasurer.

**d) Treasurer.** Treasurer shall collect, hold and disburse, under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Association, all money of the Association; keep or cause to be kept regular books or accounts and submit a statement of his/her accounts at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors; exhibit to the Board of Directors at the organizational meeting a full account of receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year past, for approval of the Board of Directors; and shall be charged with performance of any duties required by these by-laws.

**e) Other Offices.** The Board of Directors may appoint other officers and agents as deemed necessary or expedient; they shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and shall have and exercise such powers as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

**f) Vacancies.** A vacancy occurring in any office of the Association or any unfilled office of the Association may be filled at any organizational, regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the directors present and voting. Newly appointed individuals filling vacancies will serve only until the next regularly scheduled general election.

## **Article V**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. Numbers and Terms of Office.** The Board of Directors shall consist of at least 3 speed event directors and at least 3 roping event directors elected by the membership, and 2 or more auditors as elected by the membership.

**2. Directors.**

**a) Speed Event Directors.** The Speed Event Directors duties shall include but are not limited to, gate keeping, setting up the pattern for the barrels and poles, placement of the timers, timing the event, checking the draw, determining the drag, and determining legal runs. They will also be responsible for determining the arena ground conditions and its safety. At their discretion, the Speed Event Directors may appoint qualified volunteers to perform these duties.

**b) Roping Directors.** The Roping Directors will be responsible for the draw, setting the barriers, field flag judging, stripping of the ropes, running the chute, and line judging. They will also be responsible for timing the event and for the welfare of the stock. At their discretion, the Roping Directors may appoint qualified volunteers to perform these duties.

**c) Points Auditor.** The point's auditor will be responsible for the auditing of the points every 3 rodeos and posting the results at the next rodeo. Points must also be audited and posted no later than 1 week after the 20th rodeo. Grievances must be brought to the attention of the auditor within one week of the posting of the audited points. All points will be considered official after the one-week grievance period.

**3. Powers.** The conduction of the affairs and business of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors may exercise all such powers of the Association.

**4. Meetings.**

**a) Organizational Meeting.** The organizational meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held as quickly as possible after the election of new directors. During this meeting, the Board of Directors shall transact all business that has been properly brought before the board.

**b) Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors. During this meeting the Board of Directors shall transact all business that has been properly brought before the board.

**c) Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held on the call of the President, on the call of the majority of the Executive Committee or on the call of a minimum of five members of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be designated in the call. At any special meeting the Board of Directors may transact only the business specified in the call.

**d) Annual Meetings.** The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held the same day and at the same place as the annual meeting of the members of the Association. This meeting will take place at, either before or after, the awards presentation. At this meeting the Board of Directors shall transact all business that has been properly brought before the board.

**e) Emergency Meetings.** An emergency meeting may be called at anytime to discuss only emergency topics. For example, a meeting may be called in the case of inclement weather.

**5. Notice of Meetings.** Notice of the time, place, and purpose of any meeting, other than an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be given not less than three days to each director and officer by mail, telephone, e-mail, fax or in person.

**6. Voting.** At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the vote of a majority of those directors present and voting shall decide all questions brought before the meeting.

**7. Vacancies.** A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall exist upon the death, removal of a director, or the resignation in writing of a director. Any vacancy occurring in the elected directors of the Board of Directors may be filled at any organizational, regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the directors present. Any elected individual so chosen shall hold the office until the next regularly scheduled general election. If an Executive board member or a director is not performing his/her duties, he/she may be replaced by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors.

**8. Rules.** All meetings will adhere to Robert's Rules of Order.

## **Article VI**

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**1. Election of Directors and Officers.** Adults of HOYRA shall fill the directorships and offices. The Board of Directors and Officers of the Association shall be selected by election, as herein after provided, by the members of the Association at the annual meeting. The President shall appoint a nominating committee at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting and this committee shall present to the membership at the annual meeting a list of nominees for the directorships and offices to be filled. Any member present at the annual meeting,

who is eligible to vote, may make additional nominations for the directorships and offices from the floor. A written ballot will be prepared and available at the annual meeting listing the nominees. Nominations from the floor will be added.

Each member attending the annual meeting who is qualified to vote will have the same number of votes as there are vacancies to be filled and will cast that exact number of votes by placing an "x" or a check mark opposite the names of his/her choice. Cumulative voting is not permitted. Any ballot, which does not have the prescribed number of votes recorded thereon, will be invalid and not included in the tabulation.

Beginning with the general election to be held at the first annual membership meeting, officers of the Association will be elected to a 1-year term of office. Directors will be elected to a 1-year term of office.

Vacancies will be filled as described in Article V, "Any vacancy occurring in the elected members of the Board of Directors may be filled at any organizational, regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the directors present. Any elected director so chosen shall hold the office until the next regularly scheduled general election".

## **Article VII** **MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. Amendments.** HOYRA by-laws may be amended or altered, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the number of directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, or by the vote of the majority of the members of the Association entitled to vote, at any annual or special meeting of the members.

**2. Negotiable Instruments.** All checks, drafts, notes and other instruments covering the payment of money over the amount of \$500.00 will require two signatures. These instruments shall be signed by two of the officers authorized to do so. Officers authorized to sign will be the President, First Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and the Treasurer.

**3. Banking.** All banking will be done in a large, multi-branched bank located in the central Oklahoma region. There will be a checking account, which will have a minimum balance of \$1000.00. A minimum amount of \$3500.00 will be held over

after the awards banquet to start the next rodeo season. All bank statements for the entire rodeo season will be kept by HOYRA for a minimum of 3 years.

**4. Deposits.** All funds of the Association will be deposited as soon as possible after each rodeo.

**5. Gifts.** The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for use by the Association.

**6. Earnings.** No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any of its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes. No part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

**7. Dedication.** The assets of the Association will be dedicated to the exempt purpose of the Association.

**8. Dissolution.** Upon the winding up and dissolution of the Association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**9. Taxes.** Shall be filed following each rodeo season and shall be kept by HOYRA for a minimum of 3 years.

### **Article VIII**

#### **EVENTS, AGE GROUPS, FEES AND PAYOFF**

**1. Roping Events.** The following is a list of the roping events that will be offered at all HOYRA.

- a) Dummy Roping
- b) Breakaway Roping
- c) Open Breakaway Roping
- d) Ribbon Roping
- e) Tie Down Calf Roping
- f) Open Calf Roping

g) Steer Breakaway

h) Team Roping Heading and Heeling

i) Open Team Roping

**2. Speed events.** The following is a list of the racing events that will be offered at all HOYRA.

a) Barrels

b) Open Barrels

c) Poles

d) Open Poles

e) Goat Tying

f) Open Goat Tying

g) Goat Undecorating

**3. Age.** Each Contestant will compete in his/her own age group. A contestant's age will be determined as of September 1, 12:00:01 a.m. of the year in which the rodeo season starts.

#### **4. Events will be:**

a) 6 & Under: Barrels, Poles, Goat Undecorating & Dummy Roping

b) 7-9: Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping and Steer Breakaway

c) 10 to 13: Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Ribbon Roping, Tie Down Calf Roping, Girls Breakaway, and Boys Breakaway

d) 14 to 18: Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Ribbon Roping, Tie Down Calf Roping, Girls Breakaway, and Boys Breakaway

e) Team Roping 13 and under: One member of the team must be 13 or under.

f) Team Roping 14 - 18: One member of the team must be 18 or under.

Contestants may bump up into any age group for jackpot purposes only and will not be eligible for points. Team roping contestants may rope twice providing he/she swaps ends or changes partners.

#### **5. Entry Fees.**

**Exhibition Barrels & Poles \$5.00**

##### **6 & Under**

##### **Co-ed**

Barrels 18.00

Poles 18.00

Goat Undecorating 20.00

Dummy Roping 18.00

##### **7-9**

##### **Co-ed**

Barrels 20.00

Poles 20.00

Goat-Tying 30.00

Breakaway Roping 35.00

Steer Breakaway 35.00

<b>10 - 13</b>	<b>Co-ed</b>
Barrels	22.00
Poles	22.00
Goat-Tying	32.00
Ribbon Roping	37.00
Tie-Down Calf Roping	37.00
Girls Breakaway Roping	37.00
Boys Breakaway Roping	37.00

<b>14 -18</b>	<b>Co-ed</b>
Barrels	25.00
Poles	25.00
Goat-Tying	35.00
Ribbon Roping	40.00
Tie-Down Calf Roping	40.00
Girls Breakaway Roping	40.00
Boys Breakaway Roping	40.00

**OPEN**

Open Barrels	30.00
Open Poles	30.00
Open Goats	40.00
Open Breakaway	45.00
Open Tie Down Calf Roping	45.00
Open Team Roping	75.00

**Team Roping (Heading & Heeling)**

13 and under	35.00
14 - 18	35.00

**All events are coed jackpot except:**

- 10 - 13 Girls Breakaway and 10 - 13 Boys Breakaway
- 14 - 18 Girls Breakaway and 14 - 18 Boys Breakaway

**Stock Charge, \$5.00 for prizes, & \$1.00 for finals average money is all included in the entry fees**

**\$2.00 PER ENTRY / PER CONTESTANT WILL BE CHARGED FOR INSURANCE**

**\$5.00 PER ENTRY / PER CONTESTANT WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE SECRETARY**

**6. Payoff.** The following is a listing for the payoff:

**a) Payoff Scale.**

<u>Contestants</u>	<u>Payoff</u>
1 - 3	100%
4 - 7	60% - 40%
8 - 11	50% - 30% - 20%
12 - 15	40% - 30% - 20% - 10%

16 - 19	33% - 27% - 20% - 13% - 7%
20 - up	29% -24% -19%-14%- 9% - 5%

\*Payout checks will not be cashed or traded in to cover fees at the rodeo, and all checks will be held until entry, stall, hookup, etc. fees have been paid for the weekend.

**b) Ground Monies.** Ground monies will be kept by the association and put into the prize fund.

**c) Slack.** Slack can be run on Saturday or Sunday and must be checked on the entry form. Slack only applies to barrels, poles, and goats. All roping events will be on Saturday. All slack entries will be an additional \$25 per event. Slack will be ran directly following the draw.

**Article IX**  
**POINT AWARD SCALE AND ORDER OF**  
**EVENTS**

**1. Points.** The following information is provided regarding the points. Membership dues and application must be completed and turned in by the end of the last scheduled event of the Rodeo for which the contestant would like his/her points to count. A copy for HOYRA records of the contestant's birth certificate must be furnished before any payout is given. Monies will be held over until Birth Certificate is furnished to Board / Rodeo Secretary. No points will be accumulated, or rodeo attendance counted until the membership application and dues are turned in.

**a) Point Award Scale:**

First Place	10
Second Place	9
Third Place	8
Fourth Place	7
Fifth Place	6
Sixth Place	5
Seventh Place	4
Eight Place	3
Ninth Place	2
Tenth Place	1

Each contestant will receive 1 participation point per event competed in within their own age group. **(Contestant must physically compete to receive participation point.)**

**b) Team Roping:** Team roping will be held as 2 events run separately. Only the member will pay

fees and rope for money. The helper will not pay fees and will not rope for money. Team ropers can enter the heading twice and the heeling twice. Team ropers will be given one participation point as header and one as heeler and may only count the highest placing points on each end at each rodeo towards year end awards.

**c) Ties.** In case of ties, places will be combined, and points divided by number of tying contestants.

**d) Posting of points.** Points will be kept up-to-date and posted no less than every other rodeo weekend. Accumulation of points will continue throughout the season and the Finals Rodeo. Every 3 rodeos, points will be audited and posted. Points must also be audited and posted no later than 1 week after the last rodeo prior to finals. A one-week grace period will be allowed for any grievances to be brought to the attention of the auditor. All points will be considered official after the audit and grievance period.

e) **Finals Rodeo Points.** Points will be given at the finals in accordance with the Point Award Scale for each day. An additional set of points will be awarded for the average at the Finals. Finals Rodeo points are included with season points for season awards. Points will be tallied at the end of the Finals Rodeo for season and Finals Rodeo awards.

**2. Order of events.**

Exhibition Barrels\*\* (Will start approximately 2 hours before the rodeo and will end 30 minutes before the rodeo)

Barrels	6 & Under 7 - 9 10 - 13 14 - 18 Open
Poles	6 & Under 7 - 9 10 - 13 14 - 18 Open
Goat Undecorating	6 & Under
Goat Tying	7 - 9 10 - 13 14 - 18 Open
Dummy Roping	6 & Under
Breakaway Roping	7 - 9
Steer Breakaway	7 - 9
Girls Breakaway Roping	10 - 13
Boys Breakaway Roping	10 - 13
Girls Breakaway Roping	14 - 18
Boys Breakaway Roping	14 - 18

	Open
Ribbon Roping	10 - 13 14 - 18
Tie Down Calf Roping	10 - 13 14 - 18
	Open
Team Roping (Heading)	13 & Under
Team Roping (Heeling)	13 & Under
Team Roping (Heading)	14 - 18
Team Roping (Heeling)	14 - 18
	Open

One roper in either class must be Under 13 or 18.

All events are coed except for the above-mentioned Breakaway Roping events.

\*\* There will be a sixty (60) second-time limit enforced on Exhibition Barrels. If a run exceeds 60 seconds a \$10.00 fine will be assessed and must be paid before running further exhibitions or in an event or class.

**3. Entering.** Members must be pre-entered by the Monday prior to the rodeo. There is an online form available on the website. There will also be an entry box available at every rodeo. All entries must be placed in the box with the correct entry fee, entered through the online form or mailed into the rodeo secretary. Draw outs will be available until 5pm the Wednesday before the rodeo. If you entered online fees must be paid to the secretary by the times mentioned below. All checks will be deposited the week directly following the rodeo. All walk-up late entries will be charged a \$25 late fee. All walk-up entries will be added to the top or bottom of draw depending on the event. Walk-up entries for barrels, poles, dummy roping, and goat tying/undecorating will close at 8am rodeo day. Walk-up entries for these events will be added to the bottom of the draw except for the dummy roping and they will rope first. Walk-up entries for all horseback roping events will close at 11am Saturday. Walk-up entries for these events will be added to the top of the draw and will be the first to rope.

**Article X**  
**FINALS RODEO AND AWARDS**

**1. Finals Rodeo.** Contestants must compete both days of the Finals Rodeo in order to qualify for

season and/or finals awards. He/she may only compete in the events he/she qualifies for. Contestants must pre-enter and pay for both days of the finals in all events in which he/she qualifies for and wishes to participate in for awards. Entries and payment must be received one week prior to the finals. Entries and payment may be mailed to the secretary. Finals entries will be the same as regular season rodeo entries. Each contestant must bring a mandatory silent auction item to check in for finals. Silent auction will end 20 minutes after the end of the rodeo performance on Saturday. A contestant may be exempt by presenting a doctor's statement that he/she is unable to compete, or a vet release which will allow the contestant to draw out of the finals rodeo. During the **FINALS RODEO**, injury to an animal will be accepted upon the discretion of directors. Equipment failure is not an exception.

Points will be given at the finals in accordance with the Point Award Scale for each day. An additional set of points will be awarded for the average at the Finals. Finals Rodeo points are included with season points for season awards. Points will be tallied at the end of the Finals Rodeo for season and Finals Rodeo awards.

## **2. Awards.**

**a) Season Awards.** Buckles and awards will be given in each event and each age group. If finances permit, saddles will be given in each event except for the Open Events. In order for a saddle to be given in any event, there must be a minimum of 3 contestants/entries qualify and compete at the finals. If saddles are awarded, each contestant can win only one saddle or All-Around Award with the Association per season. If the contestant wins the All-Around Award, he/she must take that award. If a contestant qualifies to win more than one saddle, and does not win the all around, the contestant will receive the saddle in the event which the highest number of points. Points will be tallied at the end of the Finals Rodeo.

A contestant must attend the awards ceremony to receive their awards or have them picked up after. Awards will not be given out prior to the awards ceremony. All contestants must be in dress code at awards ceremony.

To be eligible to win season or Finals Rodeo awards a contestant must compete in each

performance of the Finals Rodeo unless excused by the Board of Directors.

A contestant who wins an event championship saddle outright and also ties for a saddle in another event must take the saddle they won outright. In the event that a championship saddle is passed down to second place and there is a tie for second place, the tie breaker rule will apply.

**b) Ties.** If after the Finals Rodeo there is a tie for season awards, the awards will be given to the contestant who has the most rodeos recorded for the season for that event. If the contestants have the same number of rodeos, the award will be given to the contestant who has the fastest average time in that event in the Finals Rodeo, if a tie still exists the award will be given to the contestant who has the fastest individual time in that event in the Finals Rodeo. In the event that a tie still exists, a run-off in that event will be done immediately after the last performance of the Finals Rodeo. A refusal by a contestant to participate in a run off will be considered a forfeit.

**c) Average Finals Rodeo Awards.** If finances permit, Average Finals Rodeo awards will be given in each event. If awards are given, a contestant is eligible to win more than one award. Finals Rodeo awards will be won by an average of the times for the two performances. If there is a tie for Finals Rodeo awards there will be a run-off between the tying contestants for that event.

## **Article XI**

### **GENERAL RODEO EVENT RULES**

**1.** These are the Heart of Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Association (HOYRA) Rules and if at any time a situation arises which is not covered in this HOYRA Rule Book, the HOYRA Directors and Judges Decision will be final.

**2.** All complaints are to be taken to the appropriate event director or an officer before the next event or age group begins. The director has the option of consulting with the other directors, discussing the complaint and then making his/her decision. His/her decision will be final.

**3.** Judges and timekeepers should be people of experience. If an infraction of the rules occurs, the complaint must be registered with the appropriate event director before the next event or age group begins. Judges may not be overruled, but if an



obvious error is made, event directors that are present at the rodeo in which the problem arises, may meet and discuss the problem with the judges. No videos or instant replays will be allowed in the event of a complaint. After the discussion, the judge's decision will be final. The secretary will not pay off an event until the next event starts. In the event one or both judges are deemed incompetent, a director of that event will judge.

**4.** The draw for position in racing events and the draw for stock in roping events will be done by a minimum of 1 director and 1 assistant in the presence of the Rodeo Secretary or the computer program. The draw will be final, regardless of any previous draw of the same stock or position in the current rodeo or any previous rodeo. In the speed events, if an error has been noted before the class begins, the class will be redrawn. If an error is noted after the class is underway, the contestant will be placed at the end of the class. In the roping events, if an error is noted the contestant will take the first alternate calf under all circumstances. The class will not be redrawn unless other circumstances arise, which will be at the discretion of the directors. The draw is open, and all interested parties are welcome and encouraged to observe.

**5.** A contestant will be allowed to compete in any older age group for jackpot purposes only, but points will be distributed only in his/her own age group. The contestant will not be allowed to advance into any age group during the Finals Rodeo.

**6.** If a contestant knowingly enters a crippled horse, that contestant is liable for all fees paid. If a horse is injured during a performance, fees for all remaining events in which the contestant is entered will be refunded. Directors or officers must verify all injured horses.

**7.** If a contestant, member of the immediate family, guardian, a contestant under the supervision of another individual or a contestant's supervisor is injured during a performance and leaves the rodeo, the entry fees for any remaining events entered up in will be refunded to the contestant, immediate family, guardian, contestant supervisor or the contestant under the supervision of another individual. The stock charge will also be refunded. If the contestant is forced to leave the rodeo participation points will be awarded and the entry fees refunded.

**8.** Any contestant that calls into a rodeo and does not show up will be liable for payment of their

entry fees for each rodeo or event called in. These charges must be paid before the contestant will be allowed to compete in another rodeo or to receive season awards. There will be no entry fees refunded after the draw has been made, except under the injury rules above or in case of a "rain out". (See item # 11.)

**9.** General training of horses or unnecessary rough treatment of the stock will not be allowed, and a contestant will be flagged out of an event at the discretion of the judge or director for doing so.

**10.** Each Contestant will be called three (3) times and if not at the gate will be disqualified. If a contestant breaks a pattern he/she may make one correction run. The contestant will be awarded one (1) participation point but will receive an official "no time". A contestant must be on horseback when crossing the start/finish line.

**11.** A contestant must run in the order of the draw, if a contestant is at fault for running out of order, the contestant will be given a no time. If it is the fault of arena help/judge, then the time will be given.

**12.** In the event a rodeo is rained out during a performance, points will be awarded in the completed classes. Entry fees for unfinished classes will be offered for refund. If a contestant chooses to remain in the class, it will be completed after the next rodeo as identified by the directors. However, those contestants that were entered and paid up can count the rodeo as one of the required rodeos they need to qualify for the Finals rodeo as long as they did not draw out before the rodeo was called. The Stock Contractor, HOYRA Officers and Directors will decide if a rodeo is rained out.

## **Article XII**

### **GENERAL ROPING EVENTS RULES**

#### **HELPER OR PARENT CANNOT HOLD HORSE BACK AFTER CONTESTANT CALLS FOR STOCK OR ENCOURAGE FORWARD MOVEMENT**

##### **1. ROPING RULES.**

**a)** The back gate will be open in all roping events, except 9 & Under Breakaway Roping. All ages will have a (60) second time limit not to include penalties. Only one (1) loop per contestant will be permitted in all ages and roping events except for the finals.

At the finals calf ropers will be allowed to rebuild and throw a second (2) loop but cannot carry a second loop. Team roping will have a total of three (3) loops. The back gate will remain closed for all events.

**b)** With the exception of Team Roping, there will be only one roping contestant on horseback in the arena during a roping event. All ropers must be ready and cinches tight before entering the arena.

**c)** A rope fouling on any fixed object will not constitute a rerun.

**d)** The neck rope must clear the calf before the roper's loop goes over the calf's nose.

**e)** All changes in lists of roping order must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in the chutes. After the stock is loaded, ropers must rope in that order. A contestant who runs a calf not drawn for him/her will receive a "no time".

**f)** Should the barrier break at any point other than the designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. It is always the decision of the barrier judge whether the barrier is broken or not.

**g)** If the automatic barrier does not work but a time is recorded, contestant will get the time, but there will be no penalty for the broken barrier.

**h)** If the automatic barrier fails to work and the official time has not started, the contestant will get the stock back if the stock is qualified on in the field, entitling the contestant to a rerun without penalties.

**i)** The stock belongs to the contestant when it is called for regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions: in case of mechanical failure or the animal escapes from the arena.

**j)** The roping directors will determine the length of the hazing line.

**k)** The roping box shall be part of the arena during the roping events. Once the score line has been set, it will not be changed in that go around of the age group, nor can the length of the box be changed.

**l)** Any intentional dragging of stock regardless of the distance, as determined by the judges or directors will result in a "no time".

**m)** The stock contractor and/or the directors will determine if stock is too sick or injured for competition.

**n)** Should stock escape the arena, the time will be stopped and the roper will get the same stock again. The stock will be put back into the chute and the time will restart when the stock's head

enters the arena. "lap & tap" with elapsed time added. All penalties will apply.

**o)** The draw for position in racing events and the draw for stock in roping events will be done by a minimum of 1 director and 1 assistant in the presence of the Rodeo Secretary or the computer program. The draw will be final, regardless of any previous draw of the same stock or position in the current rodeo or any previous rodeo. In the roping events, if an error is noted before the class begins, the class will be redrawn. If an error is noted after the class is underway, the contestant will be given the first alternate calf. The directors will determine if the class is underway. The draw is open, and all interested parties are welcome and encouraged to observe.

## **2. Reruns.**

**a)** No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.

**b)** A rerun will be given if a calf is "Not ropeable" at the Flagman's and line judges' discretion.

**c)** If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the next contestant competes.

**d)** A calf must be rerun before another contestant uses it in a regular draw.

## **3. Officials.**

**a)** There will be a field flag judge, timekeeper, field official, and a barrier judge. Other officials may be used to help determine legal catches or if any infractions of the rules occur.

**b)** The barrier judges will see that the barrier is not tampered with. The directors will determine the barrier length.

**c)** The field flag judge will decide if a catch is legal and that decision will be final.

## **SPECIFIC ROPING EVENT RULES**

### **DUMMY ROPING**

#### **a) General Rules**

**1.** Rope until you miss.

**2.** Contestant must rope from behind calf's head.

**3.** Dummy will be moved 1 foot after each round.

**4.** Legal catch is a collar catch around calves neck and slack must be pulled.

**5.** Official roping dummy will be a Charlie calf.

### **1. RIBBON ROPING.**

#### **a) General rules.**

**1.** An automatic barrier must be used.

**2.** A neck rope must be used on the horse.

3. Cattle may be pushed out by a contestant's assistant. The roping directors will have a worker available to push the cattle.

4. Muger must have hands on calf before the runner.

5. Catch as catch can, but if the rope comes off the calf before the ribbon is removed or before the contestant touches the calf, he/she will be flagged out.

6. All ribbons should be easy to remove, the same size and material for each roper, and placed just above the head of the tail. If the ribbon comes off before the runner can remove it, the runner must strip the calf's tail. Any part of the ribbon is legal and must be shown to the Judge. The rope does not have to be off the calf before the runner crosses the finish line.

7. Only the roper will be awarded points.

8. The calf in the 10-13 age group does not have to be on its feet when the ribbon is removed. The calf in the 14-18 age group must be on its feet, the roper must attempt to get calf on its feet only exception would be instructed by the judge, prior to the runner grabbing the ribbon.

9. 10-13 contestants must get an older contestant to mug the calf and the 10-13 contestant will get his/her own ribbon and run to the finish line himself/herself. In the 14-18 age group, a member of the opposite sex must run for the roper.

10. The rope must be on the calf before it enters the stripping lane.

11. There will be a line official and a field official.

#### **b) Penalties.**

1. There will be a ten second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.

2. For a qualified catch, the rope must be thrown. The roper may not place the rope on the calf by hand.

3. A roper will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of the calf or his/her horse.

4. Any intentional dragging of the calf regardless of distance will result in a "no time".

### **2. BREAKAWAY ROPING.**

#### **a) General rules.**

1. An automatic barrier must be used.

2. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with a string provided by the Association.

In the 9 & Under cotton strings will be provided and in the 10 to 18 age groups an "Unaltered" nylon string will be provided. The rope may not be

run through the bridal, tie down, neck rope or any other device. Horn knots must be removed.

3. The rope must be on the side you are roping from.

4. A visible **white** flag must be attached to the knot of the rope with no tail past the flag where it is tied to the saddle horn. No ribbons will be allowed.

5. The rope must go over the calf's head and draw up anywhere on the animal. The rope must be jerked loose from the saddle horn by the calf, not by the roper.

6. The calf must be roped before it enters the stripping lane.

### **7. ONLY WHITE FLAGS FOR ALL BREAKAWAY EVENTS**

#### **b) Penalties.**

1. There will be a 10 second penalty for breaking the barrier.

2. For a qualified catch, the rope must be thrown. The roper may not place the rope on the calf by hand.

3. If the roper breaks the string, the judge will flag the roper out. The rope must break away free and clear from horse.

#### **c) Open Break-a-way**

1. No age limit, but contestants will abide by all other roping rules of the Association and the rules of Break-a-way Roping.

### **3. TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING.**

#### **a) General Rules.**

1. An automatic barrier must be used.

2. A neck rope must be used on the horse.

3. Contestants must rope the calf, dismount, go down the rope, and throw the calf by hand and cross tie any three (3) feet. There shall be one or more wraps and a half hitch.

4. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be "day lighted", except in the 10-13 age group. "Day lighting" is elevating the calf high enough so that it has the opportunity to regain its feet. The calf must be re-thrown. If the calf is up when roper touches it, then falls down, the calf will be considered thrown. In the event the calf has one or more feet roped, the calf must be let up on what feet that are not roped. This will be the judge's opinion and decision if the calf was let up properly.

5. Tie-down Roping is catch as catch can, but the rope must hold the calf until the roper gets his/her hand on the calf.

6. To qualify for a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps around three (3) legs and a half hitch or hooley.

7. The tie must hold for six (6) seconds after the contestant remounts the horse, rides up and gives slack. The slack must remain until the judge examines and approves the run. The judge will watch the calf. If the calf gets up, the judge will stop the watch and judge accordingly. The judge must show the time recorded on the watch if the contestant requests it.

8. The calf must be roped before it enters the stripping lane.

#### **b) Penalties.**

1. There will be a ten second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.

2. For a qualified catch, the rope must be thrown. The roper may not place the rope on the calf by hand.

3. A roper will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of the calf or his/her horse.

4. Any intentional dragging of the calf regardless of distance will result in a "no time".

5. A roper will be flagged out for touching the calf, string or rope to train his horse after giving the finish signal, or by intentionally dragging the calf after roper remounts his/her horse.

#### **4. OPEN CALF ROPING.**

##### **a) General rules.**

1. An automatic barrier must be used.

2. A neck rope must be used on the horse.

3. No age limit, but contestants will abide by all other roping rules of the Association and the rules of Tie-Down Calf Roping.

##### **b) Penalties.**

1. There will be a ten second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.

2. For a qualified catch, the rope must be thrown. The rider may not place the rope on the calf by hand.

3. A contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of the calf or his/her horse.

4. Any intentional dragging of the calf regardless of the distance will result in a "no time".

5. A roper will be flagged out for touching the calf, string or rope to train his horse after giving the finish signal, or by intentionally dragging the calf after the remounts his/her horse.

#### **5. STEER BREAKAWAY**

##### **a) General rules.**

1. One loop only.

2. Roper to come from heading box.

3. 60 second time limit, before penalties.

4. Use string provided by HOYRA. All saddle horn ties may be inspected by official.

5. Roper MUST HAVE WHITE FLAG TIED TO END OF ROPE. Rope will be tied to saddle horn at the end of the rope.

6. Barrier must be used - 10 second penalty for broken barrier.

7. 3 legal head catches:

a) Head or both horns

b) Half head, includes 1 horn & nose

c) Around the neck

8. If loop crosses itself in the head catch, it is illegal. If hondo passes over one horn & loop is over the other, the catch is legal.

9. Front leg in head loop is a no time.

10. Steer must break string, no time if contestant breaks string.

11. Contestant will receive a no time should they break rope from saddle horn by hand or by touching rope or string after catch is complete. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope & then stop horse to make rope break away.

12. Time will be flagged when rope breaks from saddle horn.

#### **6. TEAM ROPING.**

##### **a) General Rules.**

1. An automatic barrier must be used or an electric barrier will be used if available.

2. A team must consist of at least one 13 or younger contestant for the 13 and under class. In the 14 - 18, one of the team members must be 18 or younger.

3. The steer belongs to the team when it is called for after it crosses the plane of the timer eye.

4. If the steer gets out of arena, the flag will be dropped and the team will get the steer back "lap & tap" with time added, which was taken when steer left the arena, plus penalties.

5. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Each team is allowed two (2) throws in all. Roping the steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered a "no time".

6. The tie-on rule will be allowed for adults over 50, children under 13, and females on the heel end only. Steer must be standing up when roped by the header and/or the heeler.

7. When the steer is roped, both horses must face each other, with steer in line, with ropes

dallied and tight before the field judge will drop the flag.

**b) Penalties and Legal Catches.**

1. The steer must not be handled roughly at any time and the ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.

2. If the steer is roped by one horn, the roper is not allowed to ride up and put the rope over the other horn or head by hand. If either roper does not dally and drops their rope, the team will be flagged out.

3. Any questions as to catches in this event will be decided by the field judge.

4. A legal head catch occurs when the head or both horns, half of the head, or around the neck is roped.

5. A legal heel catch occurs when any catch is behind both shoulders provided the rope goes up the heels. A one heel catch receives a five (5) second penalty. No cross fires.

6. An illegal head catch occurs if only one horn is roped or a figure 8 is around horns or around the nose. A steer roped around the belly by the header is a "no time". If the rope crosses itself anywhere on the steer's head, and/or a front leg is roped at anytime, the team will receive a "no time".

7. If the hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other horn, the catch is illegal.

8. There will be a 10 second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.

**Article XIII**

**BARREL RACING, POLE BENDING & GOAT TYING/UNDECORATING RULES**

**CONTESTANTS CANNOT BE TIED OR RESTRAINED INTO SEAT OF THE SADDLE BY BELTS, ROPES, OR VELCRO. IF THEY ENTER THE ARENA STRAPPED TO THE SEAT OF THE SADDLE, THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND NO PARTICIPATION POINT WILL BE GIVEN.**

**ONCE HORSE PASSES FIRST MANNED GATE, A PARENT OR HELPER CANNOT SPANK OR PHYSICALLY ENCOURAGE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE HORSE.**

**1. BARREL RACING.**

a) **Time Limit.** Each contestant will be allowed a

60 second time limit including all penalties, except the 6 and under age group.

**b) General Rules.**

1. There will be one electric timer during each timed event and backup timer by judge flag for backup. If the electric timer malfunctions 3 times and/or cannot be repaired quickly, we will go 100% with backup times. If the time is missed, the contestant will have the option to run at that time or be dropped to the bottom of that same age group for that event. All penalties will be carried forward.

2. Permanent markers will be put on the fence for the electric eyes. The electric eyes should be placed on the start/finish line no closer together than the width of the first two barrels. Barrels are not to be used as stands for the electric timer devices.

3. There will be a drag between each age group. If there are more than 10 contestants in the age group, there will be a drag after half of the racers. If there is an odd number in the age group, the drag will be after the highest half is complete. However, if conditions warrant, the racing directors may change the drag.

4. Exhibition Barrels will not be run on the same stakes as the official race in any arena. This may be changed at the discretion of the directors due to arena conditions.

5. Both ends of the barrels must be intact.

6. The draw for position in this racing event will be done by a minimum of 1 director and 1 assistant in the presence of the Rodeo Secretary or the computer program. The draw will be final, regardless of any previous draw of the same stock or position in the current rodeo or any previous rodeo. In the speed events, if an error has been noted before the class begins, the class will be redrawn. If an error is noted after the class is underway, the contestant will be placed at the end of the class. The directors will determine if the class is underway. The draw is open, and all interested parties are welcome and encouraged to observe.

7. In the 6 & Under barrel racing class, there will be no lead lines allowed, contestant must ride their horse with no assistance.

**c) Event Rules.**

1. Where the arena will permit, a standard pattern is recommended. The first and second barrels will be sixty (60) feet from the start/finish line, ninety (90) feet between the first and second

barrels, and one hundred and five (105) feet from the first to the third barrel and the second to third barrels. A standard barrel pattern will not be exceeded. However, the pattern will ultimately be determined by the arena size, always with adequate room from the start/finish line to the end of the arena to stop.

**2.** If the standard pattern is too large for the available space, the pattern should be reduced five yards at a time until the pattern fits the arena. Adequate space must remain between the barrels and any obstacle. The distance from barrel number 3 to the finish line need not be reduced five yards at a time if there is sufficient room for the horse to stop. When measuring the area for the barrel course, allow ample room for horses to complete their turns and stop at the finish. It is recommended there be at least 45 feet from the start/finish line to the end of the arena, at least 20 feet from barrel 1 and 2 to the fence and at least 36 feet from barrel 3 to the end of the arena, if the arena conditions permit.

**3.** The cloverleaf pattern is the only approved pattern in this event.

**4.** Touching the barrel is permitted by the horse or contestant.

**5.** The contestant may start on either the right or left barrel.

**6.** The Open Barrel contestants will have no age requirement but will abide by all other rules.

#### **d) Penalties.**

**1.** Knocking over a barrel is a 5 second penalty, per barrel. Should the barrel be knocked over and it sets up on its opposite end, the 5-second penalty will be applied.

**2.** Failure to follow the cloverleaf pattern will receive a "no time". A broken pattern shall be defined as a contestant/horse breaking their forward motion to retrace their tracks in order to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the barrel on the off side. Example: Should a contestant run by a barrel and have to back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern.

**3.** Any contestant crossing the finish line before the pattern is complete will receive a "no time".

**4.** If the contestant's horse breaks the timer light, by backing through it before starting the pattern, the time will be considered started.

#### **e) Reruns.**

**1.** No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.

## **2. POLE BENDING.**

**a) Time Limit.** Each contestant will be allowed a 60 second time limit including all penalties, except the 6 and under age group.

### **b) General Rules.**

**1.** There will be one electric timer during each timed event and backup timer by judge flag for backup. If the electric timer malfunctions 3 times and/or cannot be repaired quickly, we will go 100% with backup times. If the time is missed, the contestant will have the option to run at that time or be dropped to the bottom of that same age group for that event. All penalties will be carried forward.

**2.** Permanent markers will be put on the fence for the electric eyes. Barrels are not to be used as stands for the electric timer devices.

**3.** There will be a drag between each age group. If there are more than 10 contestants in the age group, there will be a drag after half of the racers. If there is an odd number in the age group, the drag will be after the highest half is complete. However, if conditions warrant, the racing directors may change the drag.

**4.** The draw for position in racing events and the draw for stock in roping events will be done by a minimum of 1 director and 1 assistant in the presence of the Rodeo Secretary or the computer program. The draw will be final, regardless of any previous draw of the same stock or position in the current rodeo or any previous rodeo. In the speed events, if an error has been noted before the class begins, the class will be redrawn. If an error is noted after the class is underway, the contestant will be placed at the end of the class. The directors will determine if the class is underway. The draw is open, and all interested parties are welcome and encouraged to observe.

**5.** In the 6 & Under pole bending class, there will be no lead lines allowed, contestant must ride their horse with no assistance.

### **c) Event Rules.**

**1.** There will be six (6) poles used of equal height (6 ft. to 7 ft. tall), NOT constructed in a manner that might cause injury to rider or animal. The base of the poles will be made of rubber.

**2.** The first pole shall be 21 feet from the timer start/finish line with all other poles 21 feet apart and if the arena allows a minimum of 21 feet from the back fence.

**3.** Poles must be set in a straight line.

4. Touching the poles is permitted by the horse or contestant.

5. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.

**d) Penalties.**

1. There will be a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked down and hits the ground. If the pole rights itself, after hitting the ground, a 5 second penalty will still be assessed.

2. Failure to follow the Pole Bending pattern will receive a "no time". A broken pattern shall be defined as a contestant/horse breaking their forward motion in order to retrace their tracks, stopping, circling, backing, or reversing direction of movement to correct an improper pass to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the pole on the off side.

3. If a pole is knocked down and the contestant does not follow the weave pattern around the original base pattern of the fallen pole, it is considered a broken pattern.

4. If the horse re-crosses the starting line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and the contestant will receive a "no time".

5. If the contestant's horse breaks the timer light, by backing through it before starting the pattern, the time will be considered started.

**e) Re-Runs.**

1. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.

**3. GOAT-TYING.**

**a) Time Limit.** Each contestant will be allowed a 60 second time limit including all penalties.

**b) General Rules.**

1. The starting lines in goat tying will be subject to ground rules.

2. The time will start when the horse's nose crosses the start line.

3. The collars must be the same and snug fitting. Ropes must be the same length and goats the same size and weight for each age group.

4. The field judge will stand in identical places each run.

5. The goat handlers must stand directly behind the goat. The judges will position themselves so they are able to have a clear view of the goat, rope and horse.

**c) Event Rules.**

1. The goat will be staked on a 10-foot rope and at maximum 100 feet from the start line, if

possible.

2. The stake should be completely under ground so that no part of it is visible or aboveground.

3. The goat handlers are to release the goat when the horse crosses the start line.

4. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from the horse and throw the goat by hand.

5. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be stood on at least 3 feet, (goat must be elevated by contestant so that at least 3 feet must be dangling straight underneath goat, and the goat must be re-thrown) and then cross and tie at least 3 legs together with a leather thong, pigging string, or rope and then stand clear of the goat.

6. The goat's legs must remain crossed and tied for 6 seconds after the completion of the tie.

7. Time will stop when the contestant signals the completion of the tie.

8. The contestant must move back away from the goat **3' (feet)** before the judge will start the 6-second time limit on the tie. He/she must remain motionless and silent as not to distract the goat.

9. The judge will watch the goat. If the goat gets up, the judge will stop the watch and judge accordingly. The judge must show the time recorded on the watch if the contestant request.

**d) Penalties.**

1. The tie will be passed on by a field judge and if it is not secure for 6 seconds, the contestant will receive a "no time".

2. The contestant will receive a "no time" for touching the string after signaling that the tie is finished.

3. If the contestant's horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope at any time, a 10 second penalty will be assessed to the run.

4. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will receive a "no time".

**e) Reruns.**

1. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.

2. Should the timer malfunction, the contestant will be given a rerun at a time designated by the directors and all penalties will apply.

3. If the judge sees he/she has made an error in flagging, he/she must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.

#### **4. GOAT-UNDECORATING.**

##### **a) General Rules.**

1. All Goat-Tying rules apply
2. All ribbons should be easy to remove, the same size and material for each contestant, and placed just above the head of the tail. If the ribbon comes off before the contestant can remove it, the contestant must strip the goats tail. Any part of the ribbon is legal and must be shown to the Judge.

**ALL THE ABOVE MENTIONED SPEED EVENTS,  
(BARRELS, POLES & GOAT TYING) WILL BE  
RUN WITH A CLOSED GATE. NO  
EXCEPTIONS.**

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