

SJRA OFFICERS

2009-2010

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Southern Junior Rodeo Association

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BY-LAWS:

The Southern Junior Rodeo Association (SJRA) is strictly a non-profit organization. The purpose of the SJRA is to promote youth rodeo, provide leadership, sportsmanship, year-end awards, and act as a rule making body for the contestants.

All rules will be written in favor of contestants to encourage them to participate in the sport of rodeo. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change or add rules for the good of contestants and the organization.

General membership meetings may be held throughout the year as directed by the Board of Directors.

Board meetings will be open to the members and parents and will be announced through the website. Board members will be strictly volunteers. Board member positions will be for a two year time period with half the offices coming up for election each year.

ARTICLE I – OFFICERS

1. The Board of Directors of the SJRA shall consist of: President, V-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Point Secretary, and the following Event Directors: Roping Director (s), Racing Director (s), Rough Stock Director (s), Goat Director (s), Arena Director (s), and 6 & Under Event Director (s). Event directors may have co-directors with no more than 2 directors per event.
2. The directors shall serve terms of 2 years, with half the offices coming up for election each year. The term of the office shall be from the SJRA Award Banquet to Award Banquet.
3. Election of SJRA Board of Directors shall be majority vote of the General Membership. Election of new officers shall be at the General Membership meeting held in conjunction with the annual awards banquet. New officers shall take office immediately. However, outgoing officers shall serve in an advisory capacity without voting privileges for any ongoing or unfinished business.
4. To qualify as a nominee for the Board of Directors an individual must be the parent /step parent/grandparent/guardian of member of the SJRA in good standing.
5. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Board of Directors to conduct and manage the business, property, and affairs of the SJRA. The Board of Directors may take any action which it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the SJRA and may enter

into any contract or obligation in the furtherance thereof.

6. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at his/her discretion.
7. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. The President shall vote only in case of a tie and is known as a non-voting member.
8. The Board of Directors shall establish major policies governing the affairs of the SJRA and devise measures for continued growth and development.
9. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies on the Board. Duties of the various offices on the Board of directors are as follows:
 - a. The President shall serve as chief executive officer of the SJRA and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors or General Membership. The president shall enforce the by-laws and rules of the SJRA and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
 - b. The Vice-President shall serve as assistant to president and shall perform other duties prescribed by the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President will have a vote on all SJRA business with the exception of when acting as President. He/she will then be a non-voting member.
 - c. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all membership and directors meetings. He/she shall be the custodian for safe keeping of all documents and records of the SJRA. He/she shall collect all money due the SJRA and shall be responsible for deposit of same in an account with an accredited bank. In addition to the Secretary/Treasurer, the President and Vice-President will be authorized to sign checks. SJRA funds shall be disbursed only upon itemized demands or as directed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall account for all monies by itemized statements in detail to the board of Directors and General Membership upon request of the board.
 - d. The point secretary will audit the books from each rodeo to determine the correct awarding of points. He/she shall publish current standings to members in good standing. He/she shall make reports of his/her office to the Board to Directors and General Membership upon request of the Board.
10. The SJRA President and or Board of Directors may appoint various special committees in furtherance of SJRA business or functions.
11. Any member of the Board of Directors who miss's three regularly scheduled meetings without justification, as determined by the remainder of the board, may be dismissed from his/her office. Resignation of officers must be presented to the Board of Directors and will be acted upon and accepted by board action. These or other vacancies Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority Vote of the members present at the next Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

1. The Board of Directors of the SJRA shall have legislative rule-making powers for the SJRA including the power to make, adopt, alter, or amend the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, General Rules and Rodeo Event Rules.
2. Membership in the SJRA is open to any boy or girl who is nineteen (19) years old or under as of October 1 of the current rodeo year and enrolled in high school, or equivalent, in order to compete. Each member must furnish a birth certificate or permanent school record along with membership fees to the secretary/treasurer or other officer of the SJRA. A member may compete all year including the Finals Rodeo for that year if his/her 19th birthday is on or before October 1 of the rodeo year, which is from conclusion of Finals to next SJRA Finals.
3. A voting member shall be established by a current SJRA membership. Each member shall receive one vote.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

1. A minimum of one (1) meeting of the General Membership shall be held each calendar year, usually in conjunction with the annual Awards Banquet, for the election of new members of the Board of Directors. As many other general membership meetings as determined necessary by the Board of Directors may be called by said Board. The time and place of General Membership meetings and topics of discussion will be decided by the Board of Directors.
2. The SJRA Board of Directors may meet at least once monthly to conduct the official business of the SJRA. Meetings may be scheduled more often if deemed necessary by the Board. Special meetings may be called by the President or a quorum of the Board of Directors at any time provided each member of the Board is given sufficient notice of the meeting.
3. All SJRA members are encouraged to attend all General Membership meetings. The SJRA board meetings shall also be open for observation only to members in good standing however, the Board may go into executive session at which time, members shall not be allowed to attend.
4. A Quorum at any SJRA meeting shall be a simple majority.
5. These Articles may be revised at the General Membership meeting held at the SJRA Awards Banquet, by a majority vote of the members present.

INJURY OF MEMBERS:

The association assumes no responsibility for injury or damage to person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, assistant, or employee.

Each participant, by the act of paying membership dues or entry fees, waive all claims against any agent, management, stock contractors, and the association for the injuries he or she or their property may sustain at the rodeo or on the road to and from the rodeo.

AMENDMENTS:

AMENDMENTS TO ANY RULE CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SJRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BASED ON SAFETY OF THE CONTESTANTS AND THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATION AS A WHOLE.

GENERAL RULES:

REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET TO RECEIVE AWARDS:

1. Each contestant must have paid a membership fee.
2. Each contestant must have a birth certificate on file.
3. Each contestant will be required to compete in at least 1/2 of the rodeos per event, as a member. Finals do not count when adding up number of rodeos competed in.
4. Each contestant must have turned in a \$150.00 sponsorship fee or raffle tickets (contestant's choice) of which \$75.00 will be due at the 4th rodeo / weekend- December 12th & 13th. The final \$75.00 must be turned in by the 6th rodeo/weekend- January 23rd & 24th. (See "Sponsorships" for more information.)
5. Each contestant must compete in all performances at the finals to qualify for yearend awards.
6. Each contestant must be present at the awards banquet and be in official cowboy dress code to receive awards.

****Failure to comply with any of the above will result forfeiture of all points and/or awards!**

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership fee will be \$24.00 per contestant with the following exceptions:

- 2 contestants from the same family \$38.00
- 3 contestants from the same family \$52.00
- 4 or more contestants from the same family \$50.00 plus \$4.00 for each contestant.
(membership fee includes insurance)

All family members must be listed and paid at the same time to receive family rates. Points earned will not be counted until membership fees are paid.

NON-MEMBERS:

Non-members will be assessed a \$5.00/rodeo fee to compete, in addition to entry, stock and arena fees.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

A copy of the contestant's birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age is required by the second rodeo weekend the contestant attends after membership is paid or points will not count. Birth certificates will be held from one year to the next. You will not need to turn them in each year.

SPONSORSHIPS:

1. Each contestant is responsible for obtaining a \$150.00 sponsorship or raffle tickets (contestants choice) of which \$75.00 will be due at the 4th rodeo / weekend- December 12th & 13th. The final \$75.00 must be turned in by the 6th rodeo/weekend- January 23rd & 24th. If a member has not turned in \$75.00 due at the December 12th & 13th rodeo, they will not be allowed to compete at the finals. Late sponsorships will be accepted up through the January 10th rodeo with a penalty fee of \$25.00. After the 10th rodeo has ended, contestants who have not paid their required sponsorships will be disqualified from competing at finals and will forfeit all points/prizes accumulated, but will be allowed to compete at the remaining rodeos if desired. Turning in additional sponsorships is strongly encouraged. Additional sponsorships will be accepted at anytime.
2. If a member joins at the December 12th rodeo, they will be required to turn in the first \$75.00 to be eligible to attend finals.

Contestants may continue to sell additional raffle tickets with all money and/or tickets to be turned in at the close of the finals. Contestant selling the most dollar amount of tickets will win a 2-horse trailer.

AWARDS BANQUET:

Contestants must be present at the awards banquet in complete official cowboy dress code to receive awards. *This includes all of the following: boots with heels, a long sleeved button down western shirt with a collar and a cowboy hat. **No toboggans are allowed at the awards banquet.*** If unable to attend the awards banquet for a legitimate reason you may submit in writing a request for excuse from the awards banquet before finals. The Board of Directors will vote whether or not to approve the excuse and you will be notified by phone and/or letter before the banquet of the board's decision.

AGE GROUPS:

There are four (4) age divisions: 6 & under, 7-10, 11-14 and 15-19**. Age will be determined as of October 1, the rodeo year. **Contestants competing in the 15-19 age division must be enrolled in high school, or equivalent, in order to compete. The 15-19 age group will follow

AHSRA rules excluding cutting, broncs, queens, and adding ribbon roping for the boys.

Contestants will not be permitted to run in the same event in two age groups. Contestants will not be allowed to accumulate All Around points in two age divisions. Contestants must declare at the beginning of the rodeo season in which age group they are counting All Around points.

Contestants will be allowed to compete in older age divisions, in the following situations:

1) For events not offered in his/her age group. Points earned in events competed in outside of normal age groups will not count towards for All-Around points, but may accumulate for the year end awards and/or title in that event.

2) If a contestant feels competition in his/her own age group is not suitable. A contestant is only allowed to move upwards, and once a contestant has gone up they may not go back down during that season. In following years a contestant may choose to move back to the younger age group. Contestants who choose to move up forfeit all points accumulated in the original age group immediately.

DRESS CODE:

All contestants will be required to wear western attire, which includes the following: Cowboy boots with heels (No heel down tennis shoes unless prescribed by a doctor), long sleeved shirt button up with collar, and cowboy hat or toboggan.

Any violation of the dress code will result in a disqualification.

There will be a five second penalty added to the contestants time if he/she does not have a cowboy hat or toboggan on their head when they enter the alleyway. If the hat or toboggan comes off, it must land in the alleyway of arena. Contestants will not be allowed to compete bare-headed. Either a toboggan or cowboy hat must be worn; no baseball caps,

ENTRIES:

All entries are due by the end of the previous rodeo. EXAMPLE: If there were rodeos on the 5th & 6th of a month, and another set on the 19th & 20th of the month, you would need to enter for the 19th & 20th by the end of the rodeo on the 6th. Entries must be RECEIVED by the due date, not postmarked!

Late entries will be accepted through the Wednesday before the rodeo with a penalty fee of \$25.00. Late entries must be RECEIVED *by the Wednesday before the rodeo, not postmarked!!* Contestants will not be allowed to compete until the penalty fee has been paid.

No entries will be accepted after the Wednesday before the rodeo. **UNLESS YOU ARE A FIRST TIME CONTESTANT OF THE SJRA.** First time contestants will be allowed to enter up to 9:00 am the day of the rodeo. This applies to one weekend only.

If a contestant has pre-entered a rodeo and has a conflict and cannot participate at that rodeo, the secretary must be notified by Wednesday before the rodeo is scheduled. Otherwise, entry fees will be added to the jackpot and the contestant will be marked as a "No Show". No entry fees

will be returned to a contestant who is marked as a “No Show” or “Turnout”. The only exception to this rule would be with a doctor or vet release for the days of the rodeo. In this case the secretary must be notified by 8:30 am the day of the rodeo. No fees will be returned until the excuse/release form the doctor or vet is turned into the secretary.

CONDUCT AT SJRA SANCTIONED EVENTS/RODEOS:

The following acts by contestants and/or parents and spectators will NOT be permitted:

1. The use of foul language.
2. The use or possession of alcohol or drugs.***
3. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
4. Fighting.
5. Attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any judge, board member, or employee.
6. Roughing livestock, including beating or excessive dragging.

*****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR DRUGS ARE NOT PERMITTED!!**

Having any association with alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than those prescribed by a physician) while in attendance at any SJRA event/rodeo will be grounds for immediate disqualification and loss of membership. Anyone having association with alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed drugs should be immediately reported to a SJRA board member.

Contestants, parents, and/or guests who are observed by any board member or judge conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner at any SJRA event will receive a letter of reprimand from the Board of Directors requiring signatures from both the member and parent/guardian and will be assessed a \$25.00 penalty fee. The penalty fee is due immediately in cash. Upon the member’s second offense the member will not be allowed to compete for the remainder of the year.

COMPLAINTS:

COMPLAINTS OF ANY TYPE SHALL BE TAKEN TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NOT TO THE JUDGES!!

IN ALL EVENTS THE JUDGE’S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

Complaints and/or grievances slow down and disrupt the flow of the rodeos, in order to resolve this problem, all grievances that require a vote by the Board of Directors will be handled in the following manner:

The grieving member shall bring the subject matter or grievance to the attention of the Board of Directors in writing. The letter shall set forth in full the subject matter of the dispute and the proposed action requested by the grievant. The letter must be postmarked within seven (7) days

after the last performance of the rodeo in which the grieving member has grievance about and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 deposit in the form of cash, a cashier's check or a money order. The grieving member will be notified of the date and time of the board meeting in which the grievance will be discussed so that the grieving member and any other parties can be present at the board meeting. If the grievance letter is not postmarked within the seven (7) day time limit after the rodeo in question or is not accompanied with the required deposit, the grievance will be denied. Grievances voted on by the Board of Directors in favor of the grieving member will receive their deposit money back from the association. If the Board of Directors does not find in favor of the grieving member then the deposit will not be returned and the money will be added to the prize fund.

POINTS:

The point scale is the same for all age groups and includes one point for participation. Just paying for an event does not constitute participation. "No Shows" and "Turn-outs" will not receive any participation points.

Points are awarded on the following scale:

1st place - 11 points	6th place —6 points
2nd place -10 points	7th place —5 points
3rd place - 9 points	8th place - 4 points
4th place - 8 points	9place - 3 points
5th place - 7 points	10 place - 2 points
11th place & below — 1 point	

All Around Points:

All Around points will be obtained by adding up all points earned within your events. With the following exceptions:

1. Points earned in 11-14 Barrel Racing and Pole Bending will not count towards the Boys All- Around championship title/award. Boys will be allowed to accumulate points for the individual event championships.
2. Contestants who are competing in an event not offered in their age group will not be allowed to count points earned in that event towards the All Around in their age group.
3. 6 & under Stick horse Barrels **will not** count for the All- Around in their age group.

Team roping: All points accumulated will count for team roping event points but only the one highest of the day will count toward All-Around. At the finals ropers will only rope once in their age group. See team roping section for additional rules.

Average Points:

Average points will be awarded at the Finals rodeo. The average rodeo points will be added to season end totals to determine the champions. The average rodeo is for points only; no jackpot monies will be paid out based on the average rodeo. Contestants must compete in both days of finals in order to earn any points, event, All Around or average and to earn awards.

Ties:

Ties in events will result in 2 places and two sets of jackpot monies and/or prizes being split evenly. EXAMPLE: If two contestants both tied their goat in a 7.999, and that was the fastest time, then the contestants would be tied for 1st & 2nd place. They would get 10.5 points and split the 1st & 2nd place jackpots equally.

Ties for yearend awards: The tie is broken by counting the most 1st places won throughout the year, then on down 2nd, 3 places etc. The contestant with the most number of highest placing awards will win, and the other will be the 2nd place event winner.

PAYBACK INFORMATION:

Payback will not exceed 6 monies. Ground money will not be paid if there are no qualified rides. If there are less qualified times than places to pay all money will be paid to those that qualify. Percentages will be altered to fit the number of qualified times. In case of ties, the monies will be added together and divided by the number of contestants tied.

Payback Percentages:

1-3 Contestants	1st place pays 100%
4-7 Contestants	1 st place 60%, 2 nd place 40%
8-11 Contestants	1st place 50%, 2 nd place 30%, 3rd place 20%
12-15 Contestants	1st place pays 40%, 2 nd place 30%, 3rd place 20%, 4th place 10%
16-20 Contestants	1st place 33%, 2 nd place 27% and 3rd place 17%, 4th place 12%, 5th place 7%.
21 & more	1st place 29%, 2 nd place 24%, 3rd place 19%, 4th place 14%, 5th place 9%, 6th place 5%

JACKPOT AMOUNTS:

6 & Under	\$2.00
7-10	\$6.00
11-14	\$10.00
15-19	\$15.00
Team Roping	\$7.00

\$1.00 of every entry fee goes to the prize fund, \$2.00 in barrel racing & pole bending events. The remainder of the entry fee is for stock and arena charges. Every contestant will pay a \$7.00 arena fee per rodeo.

CONTESTS:

In all events, it takes two or more contestants to make up a contest. If a contestant enters an event that does not have enough entries to run at the rodeo, then they can compete in the rodeo but will not receive points, he/she will only receive the participation point for that rodeo. The contestant will be notified by the secretary to give them the option of competing or having their fees returned.

TIMEKEEPERS:

Timekeepers will keep times/scores according to a legend provided by the board.

TIME LIMIT BY EVENT

1. All 6 & under events- 60 seconds
 - a. Mutton Bustin' - 6 seconds
2. All 7-10 events – 60 seconds (with the exception of BAW roping)
 - a. Calf/ Steer riding- 6 seconds
3. All 11-14 events- 30 seconds
 - a. Jr. Bulls – 6 seconds
4. All 15-19 events- 30 seconds
 - a. Sr. Bulls- 8 seconds
5. All Breakaway roping- 30 seconds

RULES BY EVENT

General Racing Rule

1. There will be two (2) electronic timers. If both electronic timers malfunction contestant will be given a re-run. The re-run will be added to the bottom of the list in that event or have at least five (5) minutes to rest horse. During the re-run time from the second run stands and the penalties from the first run apply. (Example: If first run is clean, time from second run will stand. If barrel knocked over on the first run, a 5 second penalty will be added to the second run.)
2. Any contestant crossing the time line before completion of pattern or breaking a pattern will receive a no time.
3. No one is allowed to assist contestant beyond the time line or contestant will receive a no time.

4. If contestant is not ready when name is called, contestant will be given 3 gate calls. If not present after the third call contestant will be given a no time, unless a director approves absence.
5. The Arkansas High School Rodeo Association Rule Book will govern all 15-19 events.
6. Boys in the 11-14 age group are permitted to run barrels and poles; however points earned will not count towards the all-around. Point will count towards the event championships.

EVENTS

1. 6 & Under Stick Horse Barrel

- 1.1. Cloverleaf pattern using three 5 gallon buckets approximately 15-25' apart.
- 1.2. Contestant must complete pattern. Failure to do so will result in a no time.
- 1.3. Barrel overturned will result in a 5 second penalty.
- 1.4. Stick horse must remain between legs at all times during the run or contestant will receive a 5 second penalty.

2. 6 & Under Horseback Goat Undecorating

- 2.1. Use an approximately 12" strip of flagging tape.
- 2.2. Goat to be staked on a 3 ft. rope. The stake is to be driven below ground level.
- 2.3. Goat is to be held until contestant crosses the starting line.
- 2.4. Contestant must ride his/her horse across the start line, race to where the goat is staked, dismount, remove the ribbon from the goat's tail, and run back across the finish line which will be located 10 feet from the stake back in the direction of the start line.
- 2.5. Contestant must cross line with ribbon in hand. No ribbon, no time.
- 2.6. Ribbons to be held in place with rubber bands.
- 2.7. If the contestant crosses over the goat or rope with horse, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope at any time, an 10 second penalty will be assessed. Contestant will not be assessed a 10 second penalty after the time has stopped. When a contestant crosses line and flag is dropped, if horse crosses rope no penalty will be assessed.
- 2.8. If goat breaks away because of fault of horse, contestant will be given a no time.
- 2.9. 60 second time limit.
- 2.10. Only one goat will be used.

3. Barrel Racing (All age divisions)

- 3.1. Cloverleaf pattern.
- 3.2. Five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over during run.
- 3.3. Failure to complete pattern on first attempt will result in a no time.
- 3.4. Barrels will be set a minimum of 15 ft. from the fence.
- 3.5. Drag after every 10 runs max., fewer if ground conditions warrant. To be left to the discretion of the racing director.

- 3.6. 6 & under age division only — barrels will be moved in approximately 8ft. from older age division barrel pattern (2 lengthwise rotations of barrel toward center of arena).
- 3.7. Boys in the 11-14 age group are permitted to run barrels; however points earned will not count towards the all-around. Point will count towards the event championship.

4. Pole Bending (All age divisions)

- 4.1. There will be six (6) poles used, to be 5' to 6' tall. Pole bases must be standard in height and diameter (no metal bases). Poles are to be placed on the ground in a straight line. The distance from the starting line to the first pole will be 21' and the distance between poles will be 21'.
- 4.2. There will be a five (5) second penalty assessed for each pole knocked down during a run Contestant may start on either the right or left side.
- 4.3. Contestant will receive a no time for not following the pattern.
- 4.4. If a pole is down contestant must pass on the correct side of the downed pole base.
- 4.5. Drag after every 10 runs max, fewer if ground conditions warrant. To be left to the discretion of the racing director.
- 4.6. Boys in the 11-14 age group are permitted to run poles; however points earned will not count towards the all-around. Point will count towards the event championship.

5. Goat Tying (7-10, 11-14, 15-19)

- 5.1. Goat is to be staked on a 10' (nominal) rope. The stake is to be driven below ground level.
- 5.2. Goat is to be held until contestant crosses the starting line.
- 5.3. The contestant will receive a no time if he/she touches the goat or string after he/she signals for time.
- 5.4. Girls must cross and tie any 3 legs with a goat string rope, or leather thong. No other material will be permitted. Boys must use a piggin' string and string a front foot. A legal tie is 1 or more wraps and a ½ hitch or hooey.
- 5.5. Goat must stay tied for 6 seconds.
- 5.6. If the contestant crosses over the goat or rope with horse, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope at any time, an 10 second penalty will be assessed. Contestant will not be assessed a 10 second penalty after the time has stopped. When flag is dropped and contestant has stepped back, if horse crosses rope no penalty will be assessed.
- 5.7. Goat must be thrown by hand. If goat is down, contestant must lift goat to feet and throw again. If contestant's hand is on goat when the goat falls, the goat is considered thrown by hand.
- 5.8. Goats must be of equal size and weight. Weight of goat should be appropriate to contestant's age group.
- 5.9. If more than 5 contestants are entered, there must be at least 2 goats of approx. the same size. Each goat will be tied an equal number of times. Goats will not be tied more than 5 times in a row.
- 5.10. Fresh goats will be tied at least once before the rodeo.
- 5.11. If goat breaks away because of fault of horse, contestant will be given a no time.
- 5.12. Contestant must stand back 3' from the goat before judge will start the 6-second time after the contestant clears the goat.

General Roping Event Rules:

1. There will be a field judge and a barrier judge. Arena conditions will determine length of score. Judges, stock contractors and Board of Directors will set length of score.
2. There will be only 1 contestant in the arena during a roping event.
3. Roping boxes are considered inside the arena. Contestant must have hat on their head when they call for the livestock.
4. Barrier will not be considered broken unless ring falls within 10 ft. of pin. If jerk line, which pulls barrier, fouls roper, he/she will be entitled to a rerun if he declares himself immediately, not after spending loop.
5. If roper breaks the barrier, a 10 second penalty will be added to the time. Penalty will not count as part of the time limit.
6. Judges will see the barrier is not tampered with. If the barrier fails to work properly, roper will receive a re-run.
7. The barrier judge, prior to each roper competing, will inspect barrier equipment.
8. If the livestock leaves the arena, other than out the out gate, roper will receive the livestock back lap and tap with the time, which was expired prior to the livestock leaving the arena, added.
9. A dropped loop is a thrown loop.
10. At the finals breakaway, calf roping and ribbon roping will be permitted to carry two loops. If the roper intends to use two (2) loops, where permitted, he/she must carry two (2) loop and not rebuild the first.
11. If the Field Judge flags a roper that still legally has another loop coming, he she will get the livestock back lap and tap with the time, for the first loop, added.
12. Roping calves will be drawn.
13. In all roping events (except BAW and Team Roping) catches are catch as catch can.

EVENTS

1. Break-away Roping

- 1.1. See General Roping Event Rules above.
- 1.2. 7-10 and 11-14 will have a closed arena (the cattle out gate will be closed).
- 1.3. There will only be one loop allowed, except at the finals.
- 1.4. In all age groups there will be a 30 second time limit.
- 1.5. Contestant will receive a no time if he/she breaks the rope from the saddle horn by hand or by touching rope or string after rope is released.
- 1.6. Loop is required to go over the calf's head, then, catch as catch can.
- 1.7. Barrier will be used for all age groups.
- 1.8. Time will stop when rope breaks from saddle horn.
- 1.9. Roper must have a bright colored flag tied to rope where string ties the rope to the saddle horn.
- 1.10. All saddle horn ties are subject to inspection by officials.

2. Ribbon Roping

- 2.1. See General Roping Event Rules above.
- 2.2. 11-14 will have a closed arena (the cattle out gate will be closed).

- 2.3. Only one loop is allowed.
- 2.4. Mugger/runner must be a paid member of the SJRA for roper's points to count. Only roper receives points and pays fees.
- 2.5. Ribbon-flagging tape shall be approx. 12" long. Any or all of the ribbon must be returned to the judge to receive a time. If there is no ribbon on the calf when the runner reaches the calf the runner must strip the calf's tail (starting at the root of the tail, top to bottom.). Failure to do so will result in a no time.
- 2.6. The finish line (flag line) will be the score line in front of the roping chute and will be imaginary, extending from one side of the arena to the other. The flag judge will judge all activities of the mugger/runner and roper from the flag line (on the ground).
- 2.7. Loop does not have to be removed before runner crosses the flag line.
- 2.8. Horse must be equipped with a neck rope. Rope must be tied on hard and fast.
- 2.9. Rope must hold calf until roper/runner gets his/her hands on calf.
- 2.10. In the 11-14 age group, a boy and girl must work together, refer to AWJRA rulebook.
- 2.11. In the 15-19 age group, a boy and girl must work together, refer to AWJRA rulebook.
 - a. The runner shall be a girl/boy from any age group. She/ he must get the ribbon, as mentioned above, only after the roper has his/her hands on the calf.

12. Tie-Down Calf Roping

- a. Refer to NHSRA Tie Down Roping Rules
- b. See rules regarding abuse of livestock.

13. Chute Dogging

- a. See Arkansas Wrangler Junior Rodeo Association (AWJRA) Rule Book.

14. Bull Dogging

- a. See Arkansas High School Rodeo Association Rule Book.

15. Dally Team Roping

Partners chosen at time of entry WILL NOT be changed for any reason; (The way you enter is the way you rope) *UNLESS* the partner you enter with is a no show. In this case, you will be allowed to pick another partner. In the 10 and under age group, if the roper enters "open" or without a partner, a partner will be assigned the day of the rodeo pending adult availability. When entering, roper will enter as an individual not as a team. If a roper is roping with another member in a different age group then that roper does not pay an entry fee (i.e. If a 18 year old is roping with a 10 year old, in the 10 and under age group, then only the 10 year old pays an entry fee). Payout will be done accordingly (i.e. if there are 9 team ropers entered in an age group then the payout will be based on 9 entries. If two of the 9 are on the same team and that team wins then that team will split 1st and 2nd place money and points.) All points accumulated will count for team roping event points but only the one highest of the day will count toward All-Around. At the finals ropers will only rope once in their age group.

a. 10 & Under

- i. See General Roping Event Rules above.
- ii. Teams will only be allowed two (2) loops, except when an average, then there will be three (3) allowed.

- iii. Time will be taken when the heel rope comes tight and the header turns to face the heeler in at least an “L”.
- iv. Roping a steer without releasing rope will be considered a no catch.
 - v. There are three (3) legal head catches: slick around the horns, half head, or around the neck.
 - vi. There will be a 5 second penalty for catching one (1) heel.
- vii. Ropers can rope twice but they must switch partners or ends.
- viii. Roper can rope with any paid member or adult. If the roper enters “open” or without a partner, a partner will be assigned the day of the rodeo pending adult availability.

b. 14.2. 11-14

- i. See General Roping Event Rules above.
- ii. Teams will only be allowed two (2) loops, except when an average, then there will be three (3) allowed.
- iii. Time will be taken when both ropers are dallyed around saddle horn and horses face each other in a line with rope tight and horses’ front feet on the ground.
- iv. Roping a steer without releasing rope will be considered a no catch.
 - v. There are three (3) legal head catches: slick around the horns, half head, or around the neck.
 - vi. If either roper does not dally or drops their rope the team will receive a no time.
- vii. There will be a 5 second penalty for catching one (1) heel.
- viii. Ropers can rope twice but they must switch partners or ends.
- ix. Roper can rope with any paid member.

c. 15-19

- i. See General Roping Event Rules above.
- ii. Teams will only be allowed two (2) loops, except when an average, then there will be three (3) allowed.
- iii. Time will be taken when both ropers are dallyed around saddle horn and horses face each other in a line with rope tight and horses’ front feet on the ground.
- iv. Roping a steer without releasing rope will be considered a no catch.
 - v. There are three (3) legal head catches: slick around the horns, half head, or around the neck.
 - vi. If either roper does not dally or drops their rope the team will receive a no time.
- vii. There will be a 5 second penalty for catching one (1) heel.
- viii. Ropers can rope twice but they must switch partners or ends.
- ix. Roper can rope with any paid member.

General Rough Stock Event Rules

1. No one will be allowed in the arena unless cleared by the judges or stock contractor.
2. Rough stock parents are allowed behind the chute only. No parent is allowed in the arena during competition.
3. There will be no hot shots in the arena
4. If contestant is touched (fouled) by parent or helper during the contest, they will receive a no score.

EVENTS

1. Muttin Bustin'

- 1.1. Riding can be done with one (1) or two (2) hands. No ropes are allowed.
- 1.2. Time begins when the sheep's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Ride is for six (6) seconds.
- 1.3. Scoring will be as follows: Qualified rides will receive a minimum of 60 points. All non-qualified rides will receive a score based on the time ridden. If there were not 10 qualified rides placing would go as follows: 74, 73, 68, 63, 5.7 seconds, 4.5 seconds... etc.
- 1.4. Vest, helmet, and mouthpiece are recommended.
- 1.5. Sheep will be chute ran.

2. Calf Riding/Steer Riding

- 2.1. Time begins when the calf's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Ride is for six (6) seconds.
- 2.2. Riding can be done with one (1) or two (2) hands. Rider must use a rope.
- 2.3. Rope must have a bell or rider will be given a no score.
- 2.4. No knots or hitches are permitted that would prevent the rope from falling off of the calf when the rider leaves the animal.
- 2.5. Ropes with knots, wire, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein, will be considered illegal equipment and the rider will be disqualified.
- 2.6. Only approved adhesive material may be used on ropes or gloves.
- 2.7. Only dull rowel spurs may be used.
- 2.8. If the calf/steer falls or the rider is knocked off at the chute, a re-ride may be granted at the judge's discretion.
- 2.9. VESTS ARE REQUIRED. Helmet and mouthpiece are not required but recommended.
- 2.10. Scoring will be on qualified 6 second rides only.
- 2.11. Flank rope is optional.
- 2.12. Stock will be chute ran. When average points are given contestant will not receive the same stock both days.

3. Junior Bulls

- 3.1. Rules are the same as Calf Riding; however the following exception should be noted.
- 3.2. Must ride with one hand, wraps and bubbles are optional. Judge may disallow any dangerous wraps.
- 3.3. ONLY qualified, scored rides will receive points or placing.
- 3.4. Flank rope is required.
- 3.5. VESTS ARE REQUIRED. Helmet and mouthpiece are not required but recommended.

- 3.6. Stock will be drawn. When average points are given contestant will not receive the same stock both days.

4. Senior Bulls

- 4.1. Rules are the same as Calf Riding; however the following exception should be noted.
- 4.2. Ride is for eight (8) seconds.
- 4.3. Re-rides may be given only when stock fails to break, stops, or fouls the rider. Rider must make their decision about re-ride immediately.
- 4.4. Contestants who are fouled at the chute will receive a re-ride at the judge's discretion.
- 4.5. If animal fall down out of the chute, rider will be given a re-ride option at the judge's discretion.
- 4.6. If in the opinion of the judge, a rider makes two (2) honest attempts to get out on a chute fighting animal and is unable to do so, the rider may opt for the re-ride draw.
- 4.7. Judges shall decide on all re-ride matters.
- 4.8. Bells on rope, no hooks, or rings.
- 4.9. Flank rope is required.
- 4.10. VESTS ARE REQUIRED. Helmet and mouthpiece are not required but recommended.
- 4.11. Stock will be drawn. When average points are given contestant will not receive the same stock both days.

AMENDMENTS TO ANY RULE CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SJRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BASED ON SAFETY OF THE CONTESTANTS AND THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATION AS A WHOLE.