

**2019/2020 RULEBOOK**

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**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-  
LAWS 2019-2020 SEASON**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSES AND AIMS**

1. To maintain order and standards set up by the Western Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo Association (WPYRA) among members at their functions. The WPYRA is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
2. To promote Youth Rodeo in Southwestern Pennsylvania as a means to preserve aspects and values of our early Western Heritage for youth according to established age groupings, 19 years of age and under as of August 1 of the year in which they compete.
3. To educate and train youth members of the organization in the proper safety procedures of rodeo, the care of livestock, and preservation of our rural environment, as a means of perpetuating America's rich Western Heritage and values.
4. To promote the highest level of citizenship, behavior, and sportsmanship at all sanctioned youth events and activities by reinforcing pre-established standards and rules of conduct through training and education conveyed at rodeo events and Association clinics.
5. To preserve and perpetuate the Western Heritage of America, as well as the agrarian heritage and values of the State of Pennsylvania.
6. To promote interactive and synergistic relationships between the Rodeo Association, it's members, officers and directors and all aspects of the community, including state, county and municipal governments, local business, and educational institutions.
7. To increase awareness and interest among elementary, middle school and high school age students in the care and management of livestock through the sport of youth rodeo.
8. To encourage student members of the Association to strive for the highest academic and vocational performance and to continue in school as a regularly enrolled student.
9. To assist and work in cooperation with the Inter-Collegiate Rodeo Association, The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Canadian Rodeo Association where possible.
10. No part of the net earnings of the Western Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo Association shall inure to the benefit or be distributed to its members, officers, directors or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for approved services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, 4,5,6,7, and 8 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the participation in or intervention in, including the publishing or distribution of statement(s), any political campaign on behalf of any other provisions except as provided in these Articles, the organizations shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on.

11. By an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by a corporation contribution to which are deductible under Sections 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
12. In the event of dissolution of this nonprofit organization, any assets belonging to the WPYRA after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the organization all non-cash assets of the organization such as livestock, equipment, etc. will be sold or disposed of for cash (where appropriate) and all cash assets transferred to the organization's scholarship fund for a minimum period of 6 years or until all funds have been awarded and paid to eligible members in accord and with the guidelines set forth within the WPYRA Scholarship . (Amended 08/08. At the end of the 6-year minimum period, the WPYRA will dispose of assets of the organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (Or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of this organization shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation has been located as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

### ARTICLE III

#### QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

1. Membership in the Association shall consist of (2) classes.
  - a. CONTESTANT MEMBERSHIP in which class shall consist of only persons eligible to contest in approved Western Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo. Contestants must sign a waiver and pay membership fees. All membership applications must be notarized. Contestants must provide copies of birth certificate and proof of medical insurance at the initial sign-up at the beginning of the rodeo season. Minors must have a signature from a parent or guardian during renewal of membership and at every board approved rodeo.
  - b. ADULT MEMBERSHIP – member who pays \$25 for membership. Not eligible for year-end awards.
2. At or before admission to membership in the Association, each of the Contestant members shall pay the current year's Membership dues as required by the Organization. Annual dues are due and payable before or at the first rodeo of each fiscal year. The stock contractor has the authorization to set forth the admission price for spectators and members of the WPYRA. Contestants will be admitted at no charge. In no way will any other discounts or exceptions be made by the WPYRA.
3. A copy of the Birth Certificate must be accompanied with your original membership.
4. Members forty (40) days in arrears in payment of annual dues shall forfeit their membership and must be dropped from the rolls by the Secretary when upon notice in writing mailed to such member apprising him/her of these arrears, he/she fails to pay the amount due within twenty (20) days of such mailing.
5. Any member not meeting financial responsibilities (dues, entry fees, sponsorship, fundraisers, and concession donations, etc.) will not be permitted to compete at the next rodeo until obligations are met. If obligations are not met before the awards banquet all awards will be held until payment is made in full.

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WILL BE PERMITTED ON RODEO GROUNDS  
NO TOBACCO USE PERMITTED BY YOUTH MEMBERS ON RODEO GROUNDS**

**ARTICLE IV**

**INITIAL SUBSCRIBERS**

The name and address of the initial subscribers to these articles are:

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**ARTICLE V**

**MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OFFICERS**

1. The general membership may nominate persons to be elected to the board. The general membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote per family or one (1) vote for and adult member. Voting will be by a ballot method. Nominations will be accepted in May, a ballot vote by the general membership will be conducted in June and newly elected Board members will be announced at Finals. Newly elected Board members will vote for the following officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer each year. The election of officers is to occur within 30 days of the newly elected Board members being announced. An individual elected as an officer will serve as an officer for a one-year term. Individual may seek re-election for an officer position at the end of his/her one-year term.
2. Commencing in the 2019-2020 season and each season thereafter, each Board term will be a (2) year term. To be voted in as president, the nominee must have served on the board for two (2) years prior, the vice president must have served on the board for at least 1 year prior to nomination. An individual elected as an officer will serve as an officer for a one-year term. Individual may seek reelection for an officer position at the end of his/her one-year term.
3. The board of directors' year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, but stays in effect until after the finals of the year should it run beyond August 31<sup>st</sup>. The board of directors is responsible for scheduling all events of the WPYRA and has the right to amend the schedule as necessary. The association does not permit more than one family member to hold a position on the board at the same time. If a board member does not have a family member in the rodeo during their current term, they are required to pay a \$25.00 membership fee.

**ARTICLE VI**

**CONTRACTS**

Rodeo contracts and entry fees must be approved by WPYRA officers and board of directors for each youth performance.

**ARTICLE VII**

**AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the qualified board members present at any meeting of the association or at any special meeting of the Association called for that purpose. An exception to this rule applies to Scholarship Fund where a unanimous vote is required of all board members. (Amended 08/08)

Any Official or Director, who misses two (2) consecutive meetings without just cause, will be dismissed of their duties.

### OFFICERS

1. The Officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The officers of the Association shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers, together with such duties as shall be prescribed by the By- Laws of the Association.
3. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the Vice-President shall serve as President until the next annual election of officers.
4. The Secretary shall keep complete minutes of all meetings. A copy of minutes must be sent to all Board Members within 30 days. The Secretary shall preserve all documents of the Association.
5. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all dues and funds of the Association and shall deposit such funds in the bank designated by Board.
6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, will be elected by the existing board. The newly elected Board member will fill the unexpired portion of vacancy position.
7. No Board position shall ever be entitled to two (2) votes, regardless of the position he/she may hold. Example, if the Secretary and Treasurer position had to be combined to a Secretary/Treasurer position. The combined office is entitled to one (1) vote. Standalone positions are each entitled to a vote.
8. The Board shall hold at six (6) regular scheduled board meetings. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary.

### YOUTH OFFICERS

1. Youth Officers consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Queen. An election will be held annually, with Officers voted in by general youth membership.
2. Together the Student Officers shall have one (1) vote. Students Officers vote will count with a majority rule verdict.
3. Responsibilities of Youth Officers include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Each will be required to attend and participate in Board Meetings.
  - b) Represent youth members by being a voice of the youth body.
  - c) Hold regular group meetings with youth members. Record minutes of student meeting.
  - d) Take role call prior to the start of each rodeo.
  - e) Assist current Board in running a smooth operation and fulfilling the goals and objectives of the Association.
  - f) Coordinating 50/50 raffles at each rodeo.
  - g) Represent the Association in a positive manner at all times.

## COMMITTEES

Each Committee will consist of at least one (1) WPYRA Board Member as Chairperson and Committee Members who are current WPYRA members as outlined in Article III, QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION (page 3).

### Rules/ By Laws Committee

To recommend Rule and/or by Law changes and/or amendments to WPYRA Board for approval.

### Banquet Committee

Responsible for organization of the year end banquet.

### Awards Committee

Responsible for organization of year-end awards.

### Scholarship Committee

To interview and review the scholarship applications and to provide Recommendation of Scholarship awards to the WPYRA Board for approval.

### Student Directors and Chore List Committee

Responsible to assign student directors for each event at each rodeo. To compile a chore list for each rodeo.

Responsible to oversee the student officers and the Queen/Princess

### Fund Raising/Sponsor Committee

Responsible for organization of current year fundraising and sponsorship.

**\*\*\*EACH COMMITTEE MUST SEEK BOARD APPROVAL PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION\*\*\***

## STUDENT MEETINGS

1. Student Meetings are mandatory, and unless otherwise announced.
2. Student Meeting will take place 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of each rodeo.
3. Roll call is taken at the start of each meeting and if a member is not present at the time his/her name is called, he/she will be marked absent.
4. Members (and parents) are advised of important updates and/or changes during these meetings. Members (and parents) also have an opportunity at this time to volunteer their time/ services in needed areas, as well as ask questions and provide suggestions.
5. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings.
6. Note: When a member is absent from the Student Meeting or arrives after roll call, he/she must present the board of directors, in writing, an explanation of their absence/tardiness.
7. On a first occurrence, a letter is to be written to the board; if reason deemed acceptable, no recourse. If deemed unacceptable, a verbal warning will be issued.
8. Second occurrence, a letter is to be written to board; if reason deemed acceptable, no recourse. If deemed unacceptable, a \$25.00 fee will be assessed.
9. Occurrences thereafter will be reviewed on a case by case basis. If the reason is deemed unacceptable or a pattern is present, a fee in the amount of \$25.00 increments will be assessed increasing each time the contestant is late (example: \$25.00, \$50.00, etc.)

## ACTIVE MEMBER

To qualify as an ACTIVE MEMBER, to earn year end awards and be eligible to compete in FINALS rodeo each contestant must meet the following criteria:

1. WPYRA has a 75% "Compete" base requirement to be considered an ACTIVE member. Contestants must compete in each event a specific/set number of times based from number of rodeos scheduled.
2. Each contestant must compete 75% of the rodeos scheduled per season. Season operates from September 1 to August 31.
3. Each contestant must compete in at least one (1) event offered in appropriate age division.
4. Each contestant must compete in the same event 75% of the rodeos scheduled per season.
  - a. ACTIVE MEMBER Example based on 12 Rodeos scheduled per season.
  - b.  $12 \text{ rodeo's} \times 75\% = 9$
  - c. Must attend 9 rodeos
  - d. Must compete in the same event 9 times.
5. Rodeo contestants may enter every event offered in the appropriate age division. 75% "Compete" requirement will be tracked for each event contestant enters.
6. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
7. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.
8. Injuries are not subject to the above rules. Any contestant that is injured must supply to the WPYRA Secretary a Doctors excuse stating type of injury, date of injury and estimated date of release. Injured contestants are not required to attend rodeos to remain in good standings as an ACTIVE member as long as they provide a Doctors summary with the above information.

## ALL AROUND CONTESTANTS

To qualify as an ALL AROUND MEMBER contestants must meet the following criteria

1. Satisfy requirements of an ACTIVE MEMBER.
2. Contestants must compete in at least FOUR (4) events offered in your age division.
3. Contestants must compete 75% of the rodeos scheduled.
4. Must compete in at least the SAME FOUR (4) events offered to your age division 75% of rodeos scheduled for season.
5. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements
6. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.
  - a. ALL AROUND Contestants based on 12 Rodeos scheduled per season
  - b.  $12 \text{ rodeo's} \times 75\% = 9$
  - c. Must compete 9 rodeos and compete in at least the same four (4) events offered in your age division 9 times.

Please check the current rodeo schedule for number of rodeos scheduled.  
The above # of rodeos for explanation purposes only.

## FINALS RODEO

A finals rodeo will be held each year. To be eligible, a contestant must meet all the requirements of an ACTIVE MEMBER (see page 7):

1. Compete in at least 75% of the rodeos held in a season.
2. Compete in a one particular (same) event 75% of the rodeos held per season.
3. All Around Contestants must follow All Around guidelines by competing in at least four (4) events 75% of the rodeos held per season.
4. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
5. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.
6. Finals rodeo will operate as one (1) rodeo with two (2) classifications. FINALIST and CONTESTANT.
7. Contestants that are in the top 40% of each age division (based on all around standings) will be called back as a FINALIST.
8. Contestants that are in the bottom 60% of each age division (based on all around standings) will be called back as a CONTESTANT.
9. Points from FINALS rodeo only will be calculated by Age divisions.
10. Contestants individual event points in each age division will be totaled by adding all points earned from each event competed in at FINALS rodeo
11. Individual contestant points from FINALS will then be reviewed by age division.
12. The total number of contestants that competed in each age division will be added then divided by a 40/60 split.
  - a. Example based on 30 Contestants in an age division.
  - b. 30 contestant's X 40% = 18} FINALISTS
  - c. 30 contestant's X 60% = 12} CONTESTANTS
13. Contestants with the most amount of points from FINALS rodeo will be categorized in the 40% or the FINALIST classification.
14. Contestants in the 60% will be classified as CONTESTANTS.
15. WPYRA if financially able will award five (5) FINALIST buckles and five (5) CONTESTANT buckles at the conclusion of the Finals rodeo.
16. FINALIST buckles may be awarded to the highest point earner of FINALS rodeo in each age division.
17. CONTESTANT buckles may be awarded to the highest point earner of the 40% CONTESTANT classification in each age division.
18. Contestants will be notified which events they qualify to compete in at FINALS rodeo by the points Secretary on Monday of FINALS rodeo week.
19. WPYRA if financially able will award contestants eligible to compete at Finals Rodeo a jacket. Finals contestants must compete in ALL events that they qualified for at Finals to earn a jacket. Failure to do so will forfeit a jacket.
20. Finals Jackets are not guaranteed for FINALIST or CONTESTANTS and will be based from the financial standings of WPYRA at the end of the year.

**EACH CONTESTANTS INDIVIDUAL EVENT COMPETE RECORD WILL BE TRACKED EACH RODEO TO ENSURE THE 75% COMPETE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN MEET. IF A CONTESTANT COMPETES IN A EVENT LESS THAN THE 75% COMPETE REQUIREMENT, CONTESTANT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO EARN YEAR END AWARDS AND NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE AT FINALS RODEO IN THAT PARTICULAR EVENT. CONTESTANTS MUST HAVE THE 75% COMPETE REQUIREMENT MEET IN A PARTICULAR EVENT PRIOR TO FINALS RODEO. FINALS RODEO CAN NOT BE USED TO MEET THE 75% COMPETE REQUIREMENT.**

## FINALIST & CONTESTANTS

### FINALIST

Contestants that are in the top 40% of each age division (based on all around standings) will be called back as a FINALIST.

1. FINALIST will earn year end points and day points.
2. FINALIST will compete at FINALS for an All Around High Point FINALIST Buckle the day of Finals.
3. One buckle will be awarded for each age division.
4. FINALIST will earn a FINALIST JACKET depending on financial status of WPYRA at year end.

### CONTESTANTS

Contestants that are in the bottom 60% of each age division (based on all around standings) will be called back as a CONTESTANT.

1. CONTESTANTS will earn year end points and day points
2. CONTESTANTS will compete at finals for an All Around High Point CONTESTANT Buckle the day of Finals. One buckle will be awarded for each age division.
3. CONTESTANTS will earn a CONTESTANT JACKET depending on financial status of WPYRA at year end.
4. CONTESTANTS will be eligible to purchase a CONTESTANT JACKET if jackets are not awarded

#### **\*\* Good Financial Standing**

1. Obtain sponsorship
2. Mandatory fundraisers
3. Not be in arrears

FINALS RODEO-Running order at FINALS rodeo will be determined by the position the participant is currently standing in, prior to the finals rodeo. The contestant with the most amount of points in each event will run last in the class. The contestant with the least amount of points per event will run first. Failure to run in designated running order will result in a disqualification in said event with the EXCEPTION TO RULE: CALF RIDING, STEER & BULL RIDING. Riders will be drawn prior to the start of the Finals rodeo. Calves, Steers, Bulls will be random loaded. Loading of Calf, Steer or Bull will determine the order of the event.

Re- Rides and Re-Runs (page 12) are exempt and do not pertain to FINALS RODEO.

WPYRA wishes to recognize the ALL AROUND CONTESTANTS, EVENT LEADERS and OTHER CONTESTANTS that may not be competitive as an All Around or an Event leader.

The goal is to encourage rodeo contestants to want to be competitive as an All Around Contestant.

## AWARDS

An awards banquet will be held each year for WPYRA members and their families, at which time awards will be presented to ACTIVE MEMBERS, ALL AROUND CONTESTANTS, and EVENT CHAMPIONS, as determined by points accumulated throughout the season.

No specific awards (including saddles) are guaranteed for any/all age divisions.

All awards will be based on the financial standings at year end.

EVENT AWARDS– Year end EVENT awards will be based on the amount of entries in each event for the year.

WPYRA will allocate \$ 3.00 of every entry fees of a particular event for yearend event awards.

## WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

WPYRA allocates funds to designated accounts to cover operational costs.

Membership fees – operating account. Ex-Insurance, arena rental, etc.

Sponsorship-All Around Awards for year-end banquet.

Fund Raisers- Finals Rodeo Jackets

Event Entry Fees: \$ 20.00 is broken down as follows;

\$ 10.00 Stock/Judges

\$ 5.00 Payback

\$ 3.00 Event Awards

\$ 1.00 Scholarship

\$ 1.00 Association

**HOW YEAR END AWARDS ARE CALCULATED**

**ALL AROUND AWARDS:**

Will be awarded to any contestant who meets following criteria:

1. Competed in at least four events in their age group
2. Competed in those events in at least 75% of rodeos
3. Are an active member (sponsorship/fundraising/good financial standing)

The awards will be based on year-end total points. Monies for the awards is from membership, sponsorship and fundraising.

**EVENT AWARDS:**

Will be awarded to any contestant who is AN ACTIVE MEMBER:

1. Compete in at least 75% of rodeos per season
2. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements
3. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout the season.

At year end each event total will be tabulated. Contestants not earning points but meeting all the above requirements will be added to the total participants in said event.

Calculation will then be based on that total number in said event. Awards will be given to the top 40% in each event. Each event will have a different amount to be spent based on entry fees collected each year. (\$3 from each entry in that event accumulated throughout the year). The monies will be divided according to the following algorithm: These are expressed in percent.

PLACES	1 ENTRY	2 ENTRY	3 ENTRY	4 ENTRY	5 ENTRY	6 ENTRY	7 ENTRY	8 ENTRY	9 ENTRY	10 ENTRY	11 ENTRY	12 ENTRY	13 ENTRY	14 ENTRY
1	100	60	50	40	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	9.75
2		40	30	30	25	22	20	18	16	15	14	14	12	9.5
3			20	20	20	18	15	15	14	13	12	12	10	9.25
4				10	15	14	12	12	12	11	11	10	9.5	9
5					10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9.5	8.5	8.5
6						8	9	8	8	8	8	7	7.5	8
7							8	7	7	6.5	6.5	6.5	7	7.5
8								6	6	6	6	6	6.5	7
9									5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6.5
10										5	5	5	5.5	6
11											4	4.5	5	5.5
12												4	4.5	5
13													4	4.5
14														4

# WPYRA RULEBOOK

## CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

Students must be no older than nineteen (19) years of age by August 1 of the current rodeo year.

## CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION

1. Disqualification from the WPYRA, subject to appeal to the Executive Board for individual action, shall occur for the following:
  - a. Competing under an assumed name or falsifying any entry information.
2. Disqualification from a particular WPYRA rodeo shall occur for the following actions by a contestant, parent/guardian or another family member:
3. Intentional abuse of stock
4. Abuse of officials, contestants or other member families, including, but not limited to threats of any kind.
5. Tampering with rodeo stock or equipment at a rodeo
6. Cheating
7. Deliberate or continued failure to report for any event
8. Profanity or obscenity
9. Quarreling or rowdiness
10. Use of unapproved equipment
11. Acquisition of another's property
12. Use of, or traffic in, intoxicating beverages or drugs
13. Use of horse deemed unsuitable or unsafe for the events entered
14. Use of tobacco in arena or chute area OR by youth members on rodeo grounds.
15. Illegal or unexcused absence from student meeting.
16. Repeated violations of # 2 above may result in disqualification from the entire rodeo or your membership terminated in WPYRA.
17. A contestant must be disqualified from a particular event for the following:
18. Improper attire
19. Failure to comply with Arena Directors instructions
  - a. Not being ready when called—4 calls will be given within a 2-minute gate call. A two (2) minute gate call time limit shall begin from the first name call. If the contestant fails to enter arena within the two (2) minute, the contestant will be disqualified from the event and the next constant will be called for.
20. Refusing stock draw.
21. Running out of order.
22. The Executive Board reserves the right to put a contestant on probation for disciplinary action due to unbecoming conduct for a maximum period of one rodeo a year.
23. Suspended contestants who have entered any WPYRA rodeo will automatically surrender any fees advanced to that rodeo after the date of suspension.
24. Any contestant disqualified from WPYRA competition has the right to petition the Executive Board for re- instatement. A statement from both the contestant and the party making the disqualification must be included on the petition.

## CONDUCT AND ATTIRE

1. Western saddle and equipment is required.
2. Contestants must wear western attire: Western hat or helmet (highly recommended by WPYRA), long sleeved (traditional style) western button-down (or snaps) shirt with turned-down collar and cuffs. Sleeves must be rolled down and shirttail tucked in (must be wrist length sleeved shirt), western boots and long pants. Sweatshirts, pullover sweaters or vests may be worn over a long sleeved shirt as long as proper collar and cuffs are visible.
  - a. The only exception of this rule will be in bull/steer riding; a rider may roll up sleeve on riding arm only, 2 rolls, not to exceed the elbow, when competing.
  - b. Proper rodeo attire must be worn by all contestants at all times during any WPYRA approved rodeo. All arena directors and helpers must wear proper attire while working in/around arena.
  - c. Steer and bull riders must wear protective vests.
3. Contestants appearing in any contest, grand entry, or on rodeo grounds during an approved WPYRA rodeo will be in acceptable rodeo attire or will forfeit points awarded for the day.
4. Contestant Back Number- Contestant back number must be worn and visible from the beginning of the Student Meeting until the last event is completed. If no student meeting is scheduled, back number must be worn and visible from the beginning of the Grand Entry until the last event is completed. Contestants will be issued one back number per year. Contestant is responsible for replacement cost. Back Number must be worn centered on Contestants back.
5. Hat Rule – Hat must be on contestant's head when entering arena (including chutes and alleyway). However, if hat is intentionally removed from head once in the arena, the contestant will be disqualified. Exception: a 5- second penalty will be imposed if hat hits the ground in barrels, poles, or goat tying. Stampede strings are highly recommended.
6. Contestants expecting to compete with an injury or broken bones, or in special equipment or attire, which may be in conflict with the WPYRA rules, must present a written request to the rodeo secretary accompanied by written approval by the contestant's physician.
7. The Board of Directors has the right to demand the removal of any horse that is unsafe, including studs, mares and geldings.
8. Only designated officials and designated contestant helper (in full rodeo attire) are permitted to assist a contestant in any event.
9. Anyone entering the arena during the rodeo must be in full rodeo attire.

## ENTRIES

1. Entry fees are \$20.00 per event (with the exception of Dummy Roping at \$ 10.00 & Steer/Bull Riding at \$30.00\*). \*Steer/Bull Riding fees are based on stock charges and are subject to change.
2. Girls and Boys 8 and under can participate in daubing, goats, chute dogging and calf riding which will count toward All Around points.
3. Entries are one entry per contestant per class.
4. Horses may be used in an event multiple times with different riders.
5. Entries are accomplished through call-in or emailed to the Entry Secretary only during the date and time frame provided via newsletters, meeting announcements, and/or as posted on the website.
6. To cancel an entry, you must notify the Entry Secretary no later than 2 days prior to the scheduled rodeo.
7. To cancel after the deadline, you must produce a doctor's excuse or veterinary certificate to have entries waived.
8. Any contestant entered in a rodeo and no-shows, he/she will still be required to pay their entry fees prior to the next rodeo scheduled in order to enter next rodeo.
9. Entry fees must be paid before the beginning of the Youth meeting. Entry payments will not be deposited before the day of the Rodeo.
10. When a contestant signs up for an event and attends the rodeo, he/she must compete in that event. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the day's points. If a medical emergency should arise and contestant does not compete in event, a doctor's discharge summary or proof of medical care must be submitted to the Secretariat within 72 hours of the accident or points will be forfeited. Exceptions to this rule includes: Bull Riding/Steer Riding, injury to contestant or horse, or personal emergency.
11. Checks and cash are accepted as payment for contestant fees. A \$ 30.00 charge will be assessed on any NSF check. CASH will be required as payment after 1<sup>st</sup> NSF offense.

### TRY IT RODEO

A contestant may try a rodeo ONCE without paying membership fee. The normal entry fee will apply. The contestant or guardian must sign a waiver of liability for that rodeo. No points will be awarded and no payback monies will be paid.

The contestants are encouraged to call in at specified times to assure appropriate stock is available.

## CONTESTANT SIGN-IN

Prior to the Student Meeting, parents/guardians are required to sign-in for each member child participating in that day's rodeo. Members 18 and over may sign themselves in.

## WEBSITE

The official website of the WPYRA is [www.wpyra.net](http://www.wpyra.net). This site will be utilized to announce any and all news pertaining to the WPYRA, such as announcements (updates, changes, and cancellations), schedules, points, arena directions, and contact information. At times, photos will also be added to this site. Points will include member's name. If you do not want your child's name and/or photo published on this website, please inform WPYRA Officials in writing.

## JUDGING RULES-TIMED EVENTS

1. Barrier judge must have 10' tape available. Electronic eye barrier will be used in roping, daubing and wrestling events. If electronic eye barrier is not available a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. See individual event for specific rules. No string barrier will be used.
2. A 10-second penalty will be added to the qualifying time for breaking the barrier once the gate is opened. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate. The judge must inspect barrier equipment before each timed roping and wrestling event.
3. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately (The horse facing toward the arena before the rider nods to release the calf). Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the arena director has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her
  - a. horse situated. As always, the Arena Director and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes.
4. Score line must be marked so that it is the same for all contestants.
  - a. Arena conditions will determine the length of the score line.
  - b. At no time should the score line be longer than 2/3 the depth of the roping box.
  - c. A short score of 6'-15' is desirable and should be used under most conditions.
5. Barrier neck ropes on cattle may be tied with string or rubber band.
  - a. Neck ropes must fit cattle and have adjustable slides.
  - b. No metal snaps or hardware shall be allowed.
  - c. In the event of mechanical failure; if official time has started but the contestant does not qualify, it will be recorded as no time. If the official time is recorded, the contestant will get that time, but there will be no penalty added for a broken barrier. If the automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not been started, the contestant will get the same animal back.
6. All cattle must be numbered and a draw is to be done prior to the start of the rodeo by the judges and/or Arena Director or the Board may opt to do a manual contestant draw from the announcer's booth after the cattle is loaded.

7. It shall be the arena directors' responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock drawn from must be run during that performance and only that time or score taken.
8. No rattling of chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him. The contestant and/or the person rattling the chute shall be disqualified.
9. Contestant will be disqualified for re-crossing starting line (timer) before entering or completing pattern.
10. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking pattern (off course, loss of forward motion (loss of forward motion is being defined as —when a horse stops, takes a step backwards and then moves forward, etc.) Judges decision stands. Contestant must enter arena with their hat or helmet on. Intentional removal of hat from head once in arena will result in disqualification. In barrels, poles & goat tying, if hat hits the ground, a 5- second penalty will be imposed.
11. Time to be taken between two flags.
12. Score and position of properties must be marked in advance so that each course will be run in exactly the same distance per class.
13. Flag judge is to flag a time then signal disqualification. Time should be recorded in the event there is protest.
14. A contestant may be given a re-run if interfered with by an official or others in the arena. Contestant must stop immediately at the point of interference and ask for the re-run. Judge has the right to declare contestant a re-run should he/she feel an unsafe situation has occurred by no fault of the contestant.
15. During the goat tying, when 2 contestants are working in the arena at the same time, the second contestant should not be allowed to begin her run until the first horse is under control, unless arena has been divided.
16. A running order will be determined prior each rodeo for the following events: barrels, poles, goat tying, and dummy roping. The running order for stock events will be determined by a draw. Participants are required to run in the order given. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification in said event. Any special request, such as the need to share a horse, should be requested during call-ins. The exception to this rule is the Finals rodeo. See FINALS RODEO RULES, page 8. The running order for all events at Finals will be determined by the position the participant is currently standing in, prior to the Finals rodeo. Failure to run in designated running order will result in a disqualification in said event.
17. Gate will be kept closed until contestant has completely finished his/her run and has stopped his/her horse. The alley-way must be used to start and finish run. Circling in arena a prior to the start of run is not permitted.
  - a. Board may grant approval to circle at the end of a run under certain arena conditions.
18. A contestant in a lower age group may enter an event in an older age group, if that event is not offered in their age group. Points will be awarded for the event entered in the age group entered.
  - a. These points will not be carried over to All-Around Points.

### OFFICIALS, JUDGES & FLAGMEN

1. Officials will conduct themselves in an exemplary manner to best reflect the aims, principles and purpose of the WPYRA. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by rodeo committee or members during any WPYRA rodeo or clinic is prohibited.
2. Judges, flagmen and timers must serve in their same official capacities throughout the duration of the event or class except in the case of injury or illness or when removed by the rodeo committee for good and sufficient reasons.
3. No contestant, parent/guardian or another family member is permitted to approach or consult with a judge, timer or announcer during any rodeo regarding a dispute. The proper channels must be followed. Violations will result in disqualification for the day & may include removal from the grounds.
4. Officials as well as members are required to read and know the rules of the WPYRA. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted and may result in disqualification.
5. Judges failing to comply with WPYRA rules will be removed from the Approved Judges List and declared ineligible to officiate at any WPYRA rodeo.
6. Decisions of the judge shall be final, so long as they are made in accordance with WPYRA rules.
7. Score cards shall be made in permanent entry and all officials shall be permitted to review them at the conclusion of each performance in the presence of one or more judges.
8. When WPYRA rules do not cover a situation, judges should apply rules of recognized high school and/or professional rodeo associations so long as those rules do not conflict with WPYRA rules.

### PROTEST

1. Protest by a contestant must be submitted to the Arena Director and must pertain to rule violations. Protest will then be taken to the judges. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
2. No contestant, parent/guardian or another family member is permitted to approach or consult with a judge, timer or announcer during any rodeo regarding a dispute. The proper channels must be followed. Violations will result in disqualification for the day and may include removal from the grounds.

### RE-RIDES AND RE-RUNS

1. Video cameras are permitted for personal entertainment only. Under no circumstances will videos be viewed by Judges or any other WPYRA Official.
2. When necessary to re-run a section or go-round in any event, only those contestants who did qualify during the original running of the event will be eligible for a re-run. If committee error occurs in any event, all contestants get a re-run. This does not include equipment failure.
3. A contestant claiming a foul in any event must declare himself immediately when fouled (before leaving the arena) to the Youth Director or Arena Director, or accept the result of the contest as final.
4. No contestant will be awarded a re-ride or re-run for breakage of the contestants own or borrowed equipment.
5. In bull/steer riding, where a re-ride is needed the contestant cannot ride the same steer/bull, a draw will take place. If re-ride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his marking and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse re-ride and take marking.
6. If contestant is awarded a re-ride/re-run, contestant may immediately take re-ride/re-run or elect to run at the end of the class. EXCEPTION TO RULE: FINALS RODEO.

### TIMERS

The official timer is a mechanical timer. If a malfunction occurs with the mechanical timer, a backup timer, which consists of two stopwatch timers, will be used. The average of the two times will be used to indicate the official time of the contestant's run.

### STOCK CHARGE

A stock charge may be added to the entry fee in livestock events at any rodeo as decided by the stock contractor and approved by the board to defray the cost of the stock.

**EVENTS TO BE  
WORKED IN RODEO**

<u>9- 13-YEAR-OLD GIRLS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Team Roping Header
Team Roping Heeler
Jack Pot Team Roping
Steer Daubing



<u>14-19-YEAR-OLD GIRLS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Team Roping Header
Team Roping Heeler
Jack Pot Team Roping

<u>8&amp; UNDER BOYS/GIRLS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Dummy Roping
Steer Daubing
Calf Riding

<u>9- 13-YEAR-OLD BOYS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Break Away Roping
Team Roping Header
Team Roping Heeler
Jack Pot Team Roping
Calf Roping
Chute Doggin'
Steer Daubing
Steer Riding



<u>14-19-YEAR-OLD BOYS</u>
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Break Away Roping
Team Roping Header
Team Roping Heeler
Jack Pot Team Roping
Calf Roping
Chute Doggin'
Steer Wrestling
Bull Riding

**EVENT NOTICE**

**If a participant would like to participate in an event that no one currently participates in, that involves stock, a one-month notice must be given to the board to ensure proper stock is available.**

### EVENTS POINTS SYSTEM

FIRST PLACE	10 POINTS
SECOND PLACE	9 POINTS
THIRD PLACE	8 POINTS
FOURTH PLACE	7 POINTS
FIFTH PLACE	6 POINTS
SIXTH PLACE	5 POINTS
SEVENTH PLACE	4 POINTS
EIGHTH PLACE	3 POINTS
NINTH PLACE	2 POINTS
TENTH PLACE	1 POINT

A contestant must have a qualifying time or score to receive points

### TIES

In case of a tie, the points awarded will be determined by adding the points normally awarded for the placings tied for, then divided by the number of contestants involved in the tie. No less than a ½ point will be awarded to any one person.

#### Example (1):

2 contestant's tie for 1<sup>ST</sup> place:

Add first place points of 10 & second place point of 9= 19 divide by 2 = 9.5 points

each.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place earns 8 points

### **EVENT PAYBACKS**

While the WPYRA uses the majority of its funds for year-end awards, a small payback is distributed for events at each rodeo. Event payback will be determined on a yearly basis by the amount of entries and number of rodeos held. The Board of Directors will determine the amount to be paid back.

1 ENTRY PER EVENT	1 <sup>ST</sup> 5.00	11 ENTRIES P ENTRIES	1 <sup>st</sup> 22.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> 17.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> 11.00 4 <sup>th</sup> 5.00
2 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>ST</sup> 10.00	12 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> 24.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> 18.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> 12.00 4 <sup>th</sup> 6.00
3 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>ST</sup> 10.00 2 <sup>ND</sup> 5.00	13 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> 25.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> 19.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> 16.00 4 <sup>th</sup> 6.00 5 <sup>th</sup> 2.00
4 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>ST</sup> 15.00 2 <sup>ND</sup> 5.00	14 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> 25.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> 19.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> 16.00 4 <sup>th</sup> 6.00 5 <sup>th</sup> 2.00
5 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>ST</sup> 20.00 2 <sup>ND</sup> 5.00	15 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> 25.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> 20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> 15.00 4 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 5 <sup>th</sup> 5.00
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10 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> 20.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> 15.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.00 4 <sup>th</sup> 5.00	20 ENTRIES PER EVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> 25.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> 20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> 15.00 4 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 5 <sup>th</sup> 9.00 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.00 7 <sup>th</sup> 5.00 8 <sup>th</sup> 4.00 9 <sup>th</sup> 3.00 10 <sup>TH</sup> 2.00

## EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

### GOAT TYING

1. Time limit: 90 SECONDS FOR 8 & UNDER  
30 SECONDS FOR AGES 9 THROUGH 19
2. Properties
  - a. Ten (10) foot ropes.
  - b. Stakes should be metal with eye; rope tied through eye and no protrusion above ground level.
3. Contestant leaves score line with running start, races to goat tethered 100 feet away on a 10' rope, dismounts, throws goat by hand, and crosses and ties three feet.
  - a. Contestant may go down on rope.
  - b. If goat is down it must be brought to its feet and then thrown.
  - c. Pigging string or goat string may be used to tie; no other type of material will be permitted.
  - d. Girls must use a goat string boys can use either.
  - e. Goats cannot be dropped from shoulder height to render them breathless and immobile.
  - f. Unusual roughness in handling goat will disqualify contestant.
  - g. Contestant will be disqualified if horse touches goat or tether rope before or during dismounting. No disqualification will be imposed for this infraction after the contestant has fully
  - i. dismounted with both feet on ground, dropped reins, and surrendered control of the horse.
  - h. Goats must be held (by official) facing starting line, at furthest point away from contestant and must be released as follows: 8 & Under – goat held until participant touches goat or rope; 9/13-year age group– goat held until participant's feet hit ground; and 14/19 age group – goat is released when flag drops.
4. When tie is fast, contestant signals time by throwing both hands in air.
5. Tie must hold for 6 seconds after contestant has cleared goat. Officials must remain a reasonable distance away from goat until time is up. Judge must use stopwatch.
6. Contestant cannot touch tie or goat after signaling a complete tie.
7. If tie comes loose or if goat gets to its feet before time has been ruled fair, contestant will be marked no time.
8. Goat must not be released until judge passes on tie.
9. Contestants must step 3 feet from the goat before the judge will start the stopwatch. Judge may waive this rule under conditions of entanglement.
10. Goats legs must remain crossed and secure for 6 seconds after completion of tie. While the judge is performing the 6-second procedure, the contestant will make no gestures,

**motions or noises to distract the goat. This will be considered trying to take an unfair advantage and will result in a disqualification.**

- 11. At the election of officials, and where width of the arena permits, more than one goat may be tethered and more than one contestant ties at one time. In this event, goats must be tethered at least forty feet apart so that at least ten feet separates the two ropes when the 10' ropes are brought together.**
- 12. Goats shall be uniform in size and weight should not exceed 70 pounds.**
- 13. 8 & Under age group not participating in any other event requiring a horse can compete on foot. In this case their time will start by running on foot across the start line and continuing as stated above.**
- 14. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head once in the arena will result in disqualification. A 5-second penalty will be imposed if the contestant's hat hits the ground. Stampede strings are recommended.**
- 15. Boys in the 14-19 age group will be responsible for holding goats for the Goat Tying event- all age groups.**

## CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE

1. No time limit.
2. Properties, three 55-gallon steel barrels provided by WPYRA.
3. Contestant crosses score line with a running start, may go around either the left or right barrel first, but must make the first turn to the right, then 2 turns to the left or first turn to the left and then 2 turns to the right.
4. Raking after 5 runs is encouraged.
5. Contestant will be fined 5 seconds for each barrel knocked over. Touching barrels by hand is permitted.
6. Contestant will be disqualified for re-crossing the starting line (timer) before completing the pattern.
7. Should a barrel fall after contestant crosses the finish line, time will hold and run considered qualified.
8. The standard barrel race pattern shall be as follows:
  - a. 45' from barrels 1 & 2
  - b. 105' between barrel 1 & 3 and between 2 & 3
9. Where arena size does not permit distances required in the standard pattern, the distances may be reduced to accommodate existing ground area, provided contestants in each class run the same course.
10. Hat must be on contestant's head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head once in arena will result in disqualification. A 5-second penalty will be imposed if the contestant's hat hits the ground. Stampede strings are recommended.
11. Out gate must be kept closed until the horse has completely stopped.
12. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking pattern (off course, loss of forward motion (loss of forward motion is being defined as —when a horse stops, takes a step backwards and then moves forward)) etc. Judges decision stands.



### CHUTE DOGGIN'

1. Time limit 45 seconds for 9-13 and 14-19 boy's divisions.
2. Each contestant is required to wear a mouthpiece.
3. Steer will be loaded in bucking chute. Contestant shall start from within chute with steer, while being onfoot.
4. Contestant shall call for steer verbally, at which time gate will be opened and steer belongs to contestant.
5. Contestant shall begin run with hands on steer's neck, and shall not grasp horns until steers shoulder crosses the 6-foot score line.
6. Score line shall be 6 feet from plane of chute (not open gate), and is to be clearly marked.
7. Contestant must cross score line before attempting to throw steer.
8. If steer is thrown before crossing the score line, the run shall be deemed unqualified, and flagger will flag run as such and contestant shall receive a "no time".
9. If steer falls on its own, contestant shall leave steer back up and he may then go on to make a qualified run.
10. If contestant loses steer, no more than one (1) step can be used to re-catch steer.
11. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a complete stop, or change direction, then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns.
12. If steer is knocked down, tripped or thrown by putting horns into ground or any other obvious illegal fall, steer must be let up and thrown again.
13. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, with all four feet clear from under him, head and feet in the same direction: or on back with all four feet up and head in a straight line with body.
14. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. Placing fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steer is forbidden.
15. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.
16. Time will start when steer's nose crosses score line and line judge drops flag to start time. Steer must, however, be completely past score line when thrown to have a qualified run.
17. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for him, unless timer misses time, or in the sole opinion of the line judge, the gateman fouls the contestant by not releasing the animal when called for by the contestant. The contestant will be awarded a rerun if he declares himself immediately.
18. Steers used in the steer-wrestling events cannot be used in any other event, unless approved by the steer- wrestling director.
19. The contestant has the option of wearing a safety vest.
20. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
21. Weight limit for steers shall be 550 lbs.
22. Chute dogging points will only count towards All Around points if the dogger is unassisted. Assisted doggers' points DO NOT count toward All Around points; they will only count towards year-end event points if the 75% compete requirement is met.

## BREAKAWAY CALF ROPING

1. Time limit: 30 seconds for 9-13 and 14-19 boy and girl age divisions, excluding penalties.
2. Contestant comes out from behind barrier of right hand box facing arena: a ten (10) second penalty will be added for beating or breaking the barrier.
3. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring the horse into the box and situate him appropriately. The horse must be facing toward the arena before rider nods to release the calf.
4. Contestant will receive 1 run.
5. Breakaway roping may require regulation loops, with rope tied to saddle horn. To ensure uniformity, rodeo committee will provide twine and approved method of tying rope to saddle horn.
6. Ropers must have a white flag tied to the rope where string is tied to saddle horn.
  - a) String must be available from rodeo committee.
  - b) All strings must be checked by Arena Director or other designated official upon contestant entering roping box each time.
  - c) Rope must be tied onto saddle horn with at least a 6ll tail but no more than a 6ll tail.
7. Roping calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.
8. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
9. Contestant must rope calf:
  - a) Loop must be a clean catch, passing completely over calf's head, then catch-as-catch-can.
  - b) Catch must carry slack out of rope.
  - c) Contestant will receive a NO TIME for breaking string by hand.
10. Time will be flagged when rope breaks at saddle.
11. If calf escapes the arena, time will stop (by the flagger) and the calf will be brought back for lap and tap plus time already elapsed.
12. Roping boxes are considered part of the arena. Those committee members, who want to, may put up a panel.
13. Hat must be worn on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
14. The electronic eye will be used as the barrier. In lieu of the electronic eye barrier a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. The flagger will assess a 10 second penalty if the horse leaves the roping box before the calf/cow breaks the plane of the barrel. No string barrier will be used.
15. Contestants are responsible for supplying a contestant pusher. If contestant does not have a pusher, none will be provided. Pushers must be a contestant or committee member. Pusher shall not push past chute gate.

## TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING

1. Time limit: 1 minutes for 9-18 age division; excluding penalties.
2. Contestant comes out from behind the barrier of the right hand box facing the arena. A ten (10) second penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.
3. Contestant will receive 1 run.
4. Horse must have neck rope for safety purpose. Roper must have catch rope runthrough restraining device around horse's neck of sufficient strength to control horse.
5. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
6. Ages 13 years and under may request the assistance of one person/handler to help flank the steer. Once flanked the person/handler may assist by holding the steer's neck down. If the calf is down when a 9-13-year-old roper reaches the calf, the contestant does not have to daylight calf, but can go on with tie and receive a qualifying time. The person/handler can work the rope from the calf end as nudge or tug of the rope to keep the horse's attention.
7. 14 to 19-year-old contestants may receive no assistance of any kind from outside the barrier except that a designated person/handler can work the rope from the calf end as nudge or tug of the rope to keep the horse's attention.
8. For safety purposes, the assistant/handler is recommended to carry a serrated knife.
9. Rope must be tied hard and fast.
10. Roping calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.
11. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand, and cross and tie any three feet.
12. Calf roping is catch-as-catch-can, with any catch considered legal.
13. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to its feet or elevated high enough to be daylighted, and thrown by hand, (14-19-year old's only). A calf is to be considered daylighted when he is lifted high enough with his feet and legs in a standing position so that he could gain his feet if desired before he can be flanked and tied.
14. If roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
15. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.
16. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps around all three legs and a half hitch or hooley.
17. Tie must hold and three legs must remain crossed until passed on by the judge.
18. The field judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stopwatch, timing six (6) seconds
  - a. From the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted and the rope becomes slack. The rope will not be removed from calf and the rope must remain slack until the field judge has passed on tie. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after completion of tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears calf. Flagger must watch calf during the six (6) second period and will stop the watch when a calf kicks free, using the time shown on the stopwatch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify.

19. Roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until after the judge has completed his examination.
20. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time until the tie has been passed on by the judge.
21. Untie man must not touch calf until judge passes on the tie.
22. If calf leaves the arena, time will stop (by the flagger) and the calf will be brought back for lap and tap plus time elapsed.
23. Contestants are responsible for supplying a contestant pusher. If contestant does not have a pusher, none will be provided. Pushers must be a contestant or committee member. Pusher shall not push past chute gate.

### TEAM ROPING HEADING/ TEAM ROPING HEELING

Time limit: 9-18-year-old boy and girl division – 45 seconds; excluding penalties.

1. Enter yourself only – you may choose any WPYRA member as your partner, or you may ask/invite an outside roper to come in and rope for you. If you bring in an outside roper, he/she must be willing to rope for any/all members needing a partner at that same rodeo. Points are awarded individually, not as a team.
2. Header starts behind the barrier in left hand box facing the arena. Heeler must start from behind barrier line. Ten (10) second fine for breaking the barrier.
3. Steer belongs to the roper after he crosses score-line regardless of what happens, with one exception: if the steer gets out of the arena, flag will be dropped and roper gets the steer back lap and tap with the time added to the time taken when the steer left the arena.
4. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for it regardless of what happens except in the case of mechanical failure.
5. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
6. Time will be taken when the header changes the direction of the steer. The flag drops to stop the run and the run and the time is recorded. The heeler does not have to catch in order for the header to receive a time.
7. The timer starts for the header at the opening of the chute (flag) and stops at the change of direction (flag).
8. Heeler: The heeler is responsible for choosing a header for this event. The header is tied on; at the nod for the steer, the header must ride to the mark, dally and turn the steer left, if the header misses his dally, one re-run will be granted to the heeler.
9. The heeler must catch to receive a time.
10. The timer starts for the heeler at the opening of the chute (flag) and stops at the catch (flag).
11. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
12. If header accidentally jerks steer off his feet, or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over 8 feet before steer regains his feet or the team will be disqualified.

13. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
14. No foul catch can be removed by hand.
15. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands. Or if:
16. If Honda passes over one horn, the loop over the other is illegal.
17. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
18. Catching only one hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.
19. If loop crosses itself in head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
20. If in the opinion of the field flagger a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed the direction of a steer, the team will be disqualified.
21. The judge should approve both dallies and head and heel loops.
22. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
23. The electronic eye will be used as the barrier. In lieu of the electronic eye barrier a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. The flagger will assess a 10 second penalty if the horse leaves the roping box before the calf/cow breaks the plane of the barrel. No string barrier will be used.
24. Contestants are responsible for supplying a contestant pusher. If contestant does not have a pusher, none will be provided. Pushers must be a contestant or committee member. Pusher shall not push past chute gate.

### JACKPOT TEAM ROPING

1. Time limit: 9-19-year-old boy and girl division – 45 seconds; excluding penalties.
2. May enter as a header and a heeler with a chosen partner. If you do not have a partner, one will be drawn for you from the persons entered in the class. No points will be awarded. Jackpot payback will be based from amount of entry fees collected. One half of the entry fee money will be paid back as jackpot. 60% to the first place team and 40% to the second place team.
3. Three (3) loops total between header and heeler. May recoil.
4. Header starts behind the barrier in left hand box facing the arena. Heeler must start from behind barrier line. Ten (10) second fine for breaking the barrier.
5. Steer belongs to the roper after he crosses score-line regardless of what happens, with one
  - i. exception: if the steer gets out of the arena, flag will be dropped and roper gets the steer back lap and tap with the time added to the time taken when the steer left the arena.
6. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for it regardless of what happens except in the case of mechanical failure.
7. Contestant's horse must clear roping box before a loop may be thrown. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification.
8. Time will be taken when the header and heeler faces and dallies and cow is stretched tight. The flag drops to stop the run and the run and the time is recorded.
9. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if in the

opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.

10. If header accidentally jerks steer off his feet, or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over 8 feet before steer regains his feet or the team will be disqualified.
11. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands. Or if:
  - a. If Honda passes over one horn, the loop over the other is illegal.
  - b. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
  - c. Catching only one hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.
  - d. If loop crosses itself in head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
12. If in the opinion of the field flagger a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed the direction of a steer, the team will be disqualified.
13. The judge should approve both dallies and head and heel loops.
14. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
15. The electronic eye will be used as the barrier. In lieu of the electronic eye barrier a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. The flagger will assess a 10 second penalty if the horse leaves the roping box before the calf/cow breaks the plane of the barrel. No string barrier will be used.
16. Contestants are responsible for supplying a contestant pusher. If contestant does not have a pusher, none will be provided. Pushers must be a contestant or committee member. Pusher shall not push past chute gate.

## STEER WRESTLING

Contestant must attend a WPYRA approved Steer Wrestling Clinic and be qualified from that Clinic prior to participation in this event.

1. There is a thirty (30) second time limit.
2. Dogging box shall be part of the arena during dogging events.
3. Lap and Tap – No barrier to be used, if barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.
4. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten-second penalty. Otherwise this will not be considered a broken barrier.
5. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field, therefore entitling contestant to a rerun without penalties.
6. If automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.
7. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts animal. If contestant pulls up, he will receive the same animal back.
8. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
  - a) If steer escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be
  - b) stopped. Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap-and-tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10-second penalty for any jump or any loop used.
  - c) In cases of mechanical failure.
  - d) If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by barrier, contestant shall get his steer back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up.
9. Time to be taken between two flags.
10. This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo.
11. Anyone jumping from the off side in steer wrestling must notify the rodeo secretary when entering, and if possible, the barrier should be arranged on the off side for such contestants.
12. Hazer must be a WPYRA member or adult. They are subject to contestant rules if acting as a hazer, a violation of rule by hazer will disqualify the contestant they are helping. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will receive no time. If hazer bats steer, or contestant's horse, contestant will receive no time.
13. A 10 second penalty will be assessed in any case in which barrier judge rules that dogger's feet touch the ground before flag line is crossed.

14. If any part of the pusher breaks the plain of the chute gate before the steer releases the barrier, the contestant receives no time.
15. Contestant is considered working with steer when steer leaves the box.
16. Steer must be caught from horse.
17. If contestant jumps at steer, he accepts him as sound.
18. If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch steer.
19. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change its direction and twist it down.
20. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then thrown.
21. Steer will be considered thrown down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight.
22. Contestant and hazer must use the same horse they leave chute with.
23. Hazer will be allowed to catch dogger's horse.
24. If dogger misses or loses steer, flag judge must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must reply at once.
25. Dogger is entitled to as many jumps as he wants in the thirty (30) second time limit. A jump is considered to have taken place if the steer wrestler has dismounted his horse.
26. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up.
27. A steer falling in the opposite direction the steer wrestler is attempting to throw him (dog fall) the contestant may choose to turn the steer's head to correspond with the leg position to make this a legal fall.
28. Each contestant is required to wear a mouthpiece.
29. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.

## CALF/STEER/BULL RIDING

1. A third judge (usually the Arena Director) will be utilized in this event.

Time limit:

- Ages 8 & Under – 4 seconds
- Ages 9 through 13 – 6 seconds
- Ages 14 through 19 - 8 seconds

2. The Stock Contractor furnishes and selects bulls, steers and calves to be used each day.
3. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold: contestant shall furnish own equipment, including steer rope and bell. Safety vest must be used.
  - a) No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer when rider leaves animal are permitted.
  - b) Rope must have bell: no bell, no marking.
  - c) Ropes with knots, wires, or other devices used for the purpose of placing spurs therein will be considered illegal equipment.
  - d) Only approved adhesive material may be used on rope and glove. Benzoin may be used.
  - e) Wraps and bubbles are optional at contestant's discretion. Judges will have the authority to disallow dangerous wrap.
  - f) Rowels must have a ¼ of a turn movement.
  - g) Judges have the right to approve or disapprove ropes and equipment.
  - h) All contestants competing in steer/bull riding must wear mouthpieces.
4. Once calf, steer or bull has been called for and the gate opened, if the steer/bull does not come out, the contestant will be given the option of prodding. If the contestant declines, the gate will be shut and a re-ride will be given.
5. Time begins when calf, steer, bull's inside front shoulder passes the plane to the chute.
6. If calf, steer/bull falls or if rider is fouled at gate or chute, a re-ride may be granted at the judge's discretion.
7. Rider will be disqualified for:
  - a) Not being ready when called;
  - b) Being bucked off;
  - c) Touching any part of the animal, equipment, or person with free hand;
  - d) Using sharpened rowels or rowels with no movement;
  - e) Using rope with no bell;
  - f) Touching hat;
  - g) Losing hold of rope
8. WEIGHT LIMITS:
  - a) 8 & Under calves with 200 to 400 lb. weight limit
  - b) 9-13 ride steers with a 400 lb. to 800 lb. weight limit
  - c) 14-19 ride steers or bulls (no weight limit)

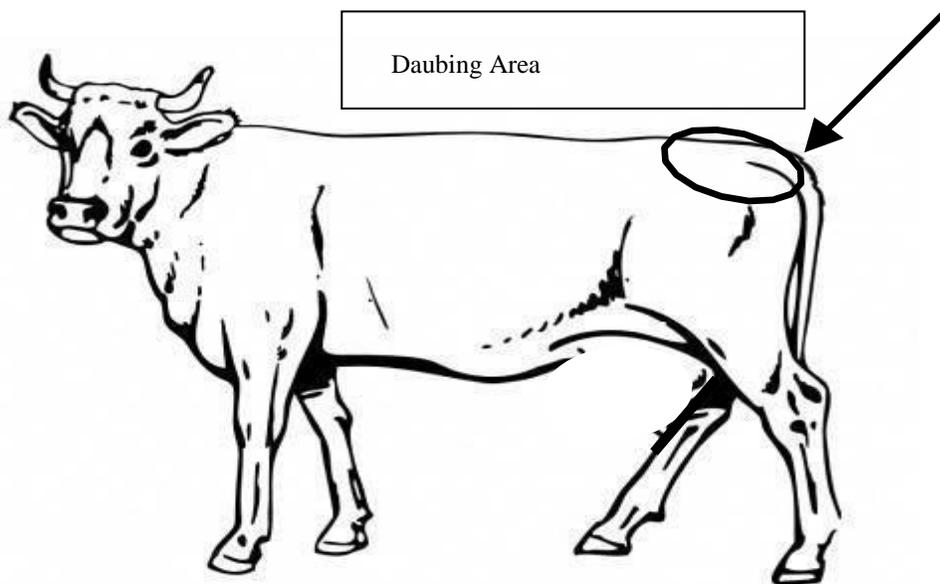
9. Calf, Steer & Bull riders may be required to pay an additional stock fee added to the entry fee at all rodeos to help defray the cost of steer/bull riding.
10. The board of the WPYRA highly recommends any member entering the Steer/Bull Riding to participate in a steer (bull) riding clinic before entering at a rodeo.
11. Hat must be on head when entering arena. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.
  - a. Riders will be drawn prior to the start of the Finals rodeo. Calves, Steers, Bulls will be random loaded. Loading of Calf, Steer or Bull will determine the order of the event.
12. Calf Riding will only count toward All Around points if the rider is unassisted. Assisted riders' points DO NOT count toward All Around points; they will only count toward year-end event points if the 75% compete requirement is met.
13. Division 2 Bull Riding: It will not count toward All Around Points. They will count toward year-end event points if the contestant competes in 75% of the rodeos and is in good standing. They will compete during the Bull Riding event. The contestant will be deemed a "Division 2 Bull Rider" at the beginning of the season and will remain in that division for the entirety of the season. The bull riding personnel will determine if a contestant will be Division 1 or Division 2.

## STEER DAUBING

This event requires contestant to be properly instructed and approved for competition by Event Committee.

1. There is a thirty (30) second time limit.
2. Roping box shall be part of the arena during the steer daubing event.
3. Length of score line will be determined by the arena director based on the arena conditions.
4. Once the score line has been set, it shall not be changed for the duration of the rodeo.
5. A hazer is required for this event. It is the contestant's responsibility to secure a competent hazer prior to the start of the event.
6. Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring horse into box and situate him appropriately. (The horse must be facing toward the arena before rider nods to release the calf.) Contestant will have two times to situate horse. If the contestant breaks the barrier a third time without nodding for the calf, the contestant will be disqualified. Where a barrier is not utilized, the arena director has the right to remove and disqualify any contestant who he deems to be taking too much time in getting his/her horse situated. As always, the Arena Director and/or Board have the right to remove/disqualify any contestant and his/her horse which is deemed unsafe in roping boxes.
7. Time starts when chute gate opens.
8. Steer must cross over score line before being tapped. If steer is tapped before crossing score line, contestant is disqualified.
9. Length of daubing pole to be between 42" and 44" for 8 & UNDER and 9-13 age groups.
10. Steer belongs to contestant when called for, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
  11. If the steer gets out of the arena, time will be stopped and contestant gets lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the steer left the arena, plus any score line penalties.
  12. In cases of mechanical failure.
  13. At no time should the contestant go past the steer. This action will result in immediate disqualification.
  14. This event has an open gate at opposite end of arena. The contestant must complete his/her run between the barrier and the open gate. If the steer turns at the end of the arena and does not exit through the open gate, the contestant's run is over. Contestant will receive a No Time. Contestant cannot continue to chase steer around arena.
15. It shall be the arena director's responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock drawn for must be run during or immediately after that performance and only that time taken.
16. Dauber will work out of the heading box. Hazer will work out of heeling box.
  - a. The steer must be daubed behind the hipbone, within the designated circle. Only one strike is allowed regardless of whether or not the steer was —hit!. DO NOT DOUBLE DAUB!! Any mark outside the circle is considered a —no-time. Judge is to be mounted for all daubing events. See diagram of daubing area.
17. Field flag judge will not flag contestant out until time has been recorded. Judge is to flag time and then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
18. Contestant will be disqualified for using the —daubing pole as a whip, crop or in any other such manner on the horse.
19. Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer or contestant's horse.

20. Contestant will receive no time if daubing pole is dropped.
21. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.
22. There shall be two (2) timers and a field flag judge.
23. The electronic eye will be used as the barrier. In lieu of the
  - a. electronic eye barrier a flagger and barrel will be used. The barrel should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the front of the timed event chute. The flagger will assess a 10 second penalty if the daub is made before the steer's nose breaks the plane of the barrel. No string barrier will be used.



## DUMMY ROPING

1. This is an event for boys and girls in the 8 & UNDER age division.
2. A –dummy calf or steer head is provided by the Association.
3. A line will be drawn in which all participants are required to remain behind at all times.
4. An Event Director and Youth Director must be present during the event and will record results of each throw.
5. Assistance will be provided for those requiring help with the rebuilding of their loop.
6. Fishing will be allowed for a maximum of 5 seconds. Thereafter, the throw is not considered a legal catch.
7. Five (5) throws are given to each contestant. The contestant with the most legal catches will be declared the winner. Points will be issued according to the WPYRA standard point system.
8. A legal catch is considered any catch which is over the head and does not encompass the entire bale.
9. Should a tie occur and a —rope-off is necessary, three (3) throws will be given to the applicable contestants. The original line must be moved back 2 feet. Fishing will not be permitted during a rope-off.
10. Hat must be worn on head at start of turn. The intentional removal of hat from head will result in disqualification.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

### SLACK

Slack will be approved for mandatory school testing and graduation commencements only. No individual slack requests will be honored.

### VELCRO

The use of Velcro on/with equipment is prohibited. Its use in any manner will result in disqualification.

### BOX RULE

Where a barrier is utilized, the contestant must bring the horse into the box and situate him appropriately. (The horse must be facing toward the arena before rider nods to release the calf.)

### **MANDATORY FUNDRAISING**

WPYRA will hold TWO (2) MANDATORY fundraisers each rodeo season.

MANDATORY fundraisers will have a buy-out option set forth by WPYRA Board of Directors that co-insides with current year fundraising.

Failure to participate in fundraisers will result in youth members not being permitted to compete at the next rodeo until obligations have been met. Year-end awards may also be withheld.

### **MANDATORY PARENT PARTICIPATION**

Mandatory parent participation may be enforced by the WPYRA Board at any given time through out a season. The Board relies heavily on parent participation in all aspects of the rodeo from setting up/tearing down of the arena, announcer's booth, contestant check-in, ring crew duties such as being a barrel setter, etc.

Full western attire is required.

If parents opt not to participate in a mandatory participation, contestant may lose points for the day.

### **OBTAINING SPONSORS** **SPONSOR REQUIREMENT-MANDATORY**

The Sponsorship requirement is obtaining sponsorships.

**SPONSORSHIP IS DUE BY THE FIRST FALL RODEO or SEPTEMBER 1st, whichever comes first**

- Each member is required to bring a minimum of \$100.00 in sponsorships to the association. These sponsorships can be from local businesses, family and friends, etc. Several options are available for sponsorships, such as sponsoring an All-Around Trophy Saddle or other awards, donating to the Scholarship or General Fund, or advertising their own business at each rodeo by purchasing a banner.
- Letters and reply cards are provided to members for assistance in obtaining these sponsors.

### **NON MANDATORY FUNDRAISERS**

Periodically WPYRA will promote fundraisers. Participation is not required but highly encouraged.

### CLINICS

Various clinics will be scheduled throughout each season. It will be the decision of the Board of Directors as to what clinics will be held and when. These clinics will be provided in order to instruct members on safety and the proper techniques of the event, as well as care of livestock.

Clinics will be available on a –first-come, first-served basis.

Instructors may be former youth members or professionals of the event and will be paid any required fees and/or expenses by the Association. A minimal fee may be required of youth members to participate in clinics.

### CONTESTANT CHORES

1. Rodeo Contestants to be designated job duties throughout the duration of the Rodeo.

Responsibilities will include things such as:

2. Garbage clean up in the Bull Riding arena
3. Garbage under the bleachers
4. Hanging up and taking down banners.
5. Water/Food to the ring crew/announcer booth.
6. An alternating list will be posted each Rodeo of who is responsible for what. Each Contestant will be held accountable for their jobs.
7. In the event that job duties are not completed, the Board will consider some type of consequence for not completing their assigned duties such as point's deduction.
8. Committee/ student officers are responsible for posting job duties at each rodeo.
9. Boys in the 14-19 age group will be responsible for holding goats for the Goat Tying event- all age

## QUEEN / PRINCESS CONTEST

1. The Queen and Princess Contests are organized each year by the current reigning Queen and Princess with the help of their parents. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Announcing the contest dates and times;
  - b. Holding a meeting with potential candidates (and their parents) to advise them on requirements of the position;
  - c. Obtaining qualified judges who meet the approval of the Board of Directors, as well as keeping the judges informed of where and when they are required to perform such duties;
  - d. Organizing informational packets for judges to accomplish their tasks;
  - e. Providing contestants with all necessary information regarding competition events, Horsemanship patterns, required —western-attirell for modeling and horsemanship competitions, as well as any other requirements;
  - f. Proper cleaning and/or replacement of —Queen and —Princess sashes and crowns that are to be handed over to the new queen and princess.
  
2. The Board of Directors' will oversee all functions being handled by the Queen&Princess (and their parents) during the organizing and putting on of the Queen and Princess Contests. All plans made by the Queen/Princess for the competition must be submitted to the board for approval prior to distributing to any contestant and/or judge.
  
3. The Queen and Princess are required to be present at all WPYRA functions.
  
4. The Queen is considered a Youth Officer and is required to attend Board meetings.
  
5. The Board of Directors' has the right to remove the current Queen or Princess of her duties, should it be determined that she is not fulfilling her obligation to the Association. In the event that a Queen or Princess is removed of her duties, resigns from her position, or quits the Association, her sash, crown and belt buckle must be turned in to the Board of Directors and the 1<sup>ST</sup> Runner-up will assume the duties for the remainder of the season.
  
6. If at any time the Queen or Princess finds that her sash or crown has broken or been damaged, she must immediately report it to the Secretary of the Association so that repairs or replacement can be made.
  
7. Each year at the Finals Rodeo, the current reigning Queen and Princess will turn their sash and crown into the Secretary of the Association for inspection prior to the sash and crown being turned over to the new Queen and Princess. Should the sash or crown be damaged or broken and not previously reported, the Queen or Princess will be held liable and required to pay for repairs or a replacement.
  
8. Queen/Princess will be responsible for the following activities:
  - a. Sell 50/50 tickets at each rodeo. Proceeds from 50/50 is allocated to the Queen/Princess as spending money for contestant activities after a rodeo.
  - b. Hold a Cowboy Prom Finals Rodeo weekend.
  - c. Organize/sell/compile the WPYRA Yearbook.

**WPYRA**  
**PIVOT/DRILL TEAM**

1. Pivot/Drill Team will consist of eight (8) but no more than ten (10) girls in the 14-19 age group.
2. Girls will need to —Try out for the team, being able to demonstrate a solid riding ability, maintain control of horse and carry a flag.
3. Girls trying out will be judged on the following:
  - i. Individual pattern
  - ii. Group pattern
  - iii. Personal Interview
4. Judges would be an outside source, someone non-affiliated with WPYRA.
5. Girls earning a seat on the WPYRA pivot team will be required to perform at any NON-WPYRA performance scheduled.
6. The coach reserves the right to mandate mandatory practice dates
7. Girls missing more than 2 practices will be dismissed from the team.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Amended 09/14)

1. The WPYRA Scholarship Program has been established to assist and reward those WPYRA
2. members who wish to continue their education beyond high school, through a college, university, trade or business school. The WPYRA Scholarship Program is only available to those members who meet the criteria as outlined below.
3. Applicant must qualify as an Active Member. To qualify as an Active Member, contestant must meet the following criteria:
  4. Participate in a minimum of 75% of rodeos.
  5. Meet sponsorship and fund-raising requirements.
  6. Be in good financial standing, not falling in arrears at any time throughout each season.
  7. All scholarship applicants must be an active member of the WPYRA during his/her senior year of high school, as well as the year he/she applies for a scholarship (if beyond senior year).
  8. Member must apply for Scholarship during eligible years which include his/her senior year of high school and up to his/her final eligible year with WPYRA.
  9. Member can only apply for Scholarship one time.
10. Applications will be available after first spring rodeo of each year. Applications will be available by request only. Applications will not automatically be distributed to those members eligible.
11. All applicants will be required to complete the Application in its entirety, to include an Essay of 250–500 words explaining, —How WPYRA has influenced my life!; obtain official grade transcripts; and, three (3) Letters of Recommendation. Letters of Recommendation should come from teachers, coaches, mentors, pastor, etc.
12. They cannot be from family members.
13. In addition to the application process outlined above, each applicant will meet with the Scholarship Committee for a personal interview, where up to 4 questions may be asked of the applicant. These questions can pertain to (but are not limited to) rodeo, current events, history, etc.
14. All Applications must be complete and turned in to the Scholarship Committee on or Finals of same year received.
15. The Scholarship Committee (—Committee!) will be comprised of a minimum of 1 Board Member and up to 4 other individuals having a child(ren) actively participating within
16. WPYRA. A minimum of 1 committee member must change annually.
17. No more than 1 Committee Member can have an eligible child applying for a scholarship within

WPYRA. The Committee will be responsible for operating the day to day procedures of the Scholarship Program and reporting to and receiving approval from the Board of Directors, prior to announcing any awards.

18. Once an Application has been submitted with all criteria met, the Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors, to award the scholarship based on a point system to include the following criteria:
19. Number of years as an active member – All years will be counted that an applicant qualified as an active member. However, if not an active member for 2 or more consecutive years, no years prior to those consecutive inactive years will be counted. Examples: Jane is an active member during 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. She is an inactive member during 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. All years will be counted. John is an active member during 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. He is an inactive member during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Only his junior and senior years will be counted.
20. member during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Only his junior and senior years will be counted.
21. Type of higher education planning to attend – Points will be awarded based on the type of further schooling chosen, with a 4-year degree receiving the most points.
22. Number of events actively competed in – Those events participated in a minimum of 3 times will be awarded points.
23. Asset to the Organization – Awarded points based on not only the applicant, but his/her families' involvement as well.
24. Results of Personal Interview – The committee as a whole will discuss and assign a point value based on the applicant's answers and overall performance during the personal interview.
25. Based on available funds and the number of applicants, a dollar amount will be placed on each point. Regardless of the number of points earned, a scholarship of \$1,000.00 will be the maximum amount awarded.
26. Upon approval from the Board of Directors, the date of approval will be recorded on the
27. Application. The Applicant/Awardee will be notified via U.S. Mail of his/her approval. WPYRA will hold approved funds up to a maximum of two (2) years from the date of approval for distribution. After two (2) years, awardee forfeits funds.
28. One (1) Dollar from each entry fee will be allocated to the scholarship fund each year.

29. The payment process is as follows:

a) Trade or Business School – If program is less than 1 year, scholarship awardee must complete program in its entirety and provide official Certificate of Completion prior to receiving scholarship payment. If program is longer than 1 year, scholarship awardees must complete a minimum of 1 year and provide notification of full- time attendance by means of official transcript, or letter of good standing to include date of anticipated program completion. Any letter provided in place of official transcript must be on school letterhead and include original signature of Program Coordinator.

b) College or University - Scholarship awardees attending a 2 or 4-year college or university, will be required to be a full-time student maintaining a minimum of a C average. He /She must complete 1 full year of schooling prior to receiving scholarship payment and must provide official transcript with payment request.

30. Payments will be distributed semi-annually, in November and May of each year.

31. A minimum of one Chartered Board member must remain an active signor on all Scholarship Fund bank/ investment accounts. All disbursing transactions of any Scholarship Fund bank/investment account must include two signatures, one of which must be a Chartered Board Member. In the event of dissolution of the WPYRA, the Scholarship Fund will remain active for a minimum of 6 years to allow any active youth member (age 12 and older) of WPYRA' s final year of operation to be eligible to apply for a scholarship during his/her senior year of high school.