

OKLAHOMA JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION



2022-2023 RULE BOOK

“Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.” – Psalm 20:7

Don't ever forget that your skills and all your hard work are for the glory of the LORD your God. You are called. You are worthy. You are a cowboy/cowgirl. Live it fully and faithfully.

**OKLAHOMA JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION
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Welcome to the OJRA. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable year. The OJRA is filled with some of the most talented young men and women in Oklahoma and is a family-focused organization. Everything we do is designed to benefit the members of the organization both in and out of the arena and to strive to glorify God in all that we do. If at any time you have suggestions, questions, concerns or problems, please contact one of these people. We are here to represent each one of you. There are several changes in the rule book. Please read carefully.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL CONTESTANTS.

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2022-2023 Rodeo Schedule

September 17-18, 2022		Wagoner
October 29-30, 2022		Nowata RUC
November 19-20, 2022		Rangeline Arena, Mounds
January 28-29, 2023		Crossbar Arena, Mounds
February 11-12, 2023		Crossbar Arena, Mounds
April 1-2, 2023		Sallisaw RUC
April 15-16, 2023		Vinita (Craig Co. Fairgrounds)
May 13-14, 2023		Stigler RUC
June 10-11, 2023	OJRA Finals	Crossbar Arena, Mounds

** Rodeos and Finals are tentative and subject to change.

ALL NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

EXHIBITION BARRELS will cost \$5.00 per run and begin a minimum of 1 hour and will end a minimum of 30 minutes before each Saturday rodeo performance. On Sunday, exhibitions will be held before the flag racing begins. There will be a 60 second time limit and are first come first served (limited to 30).

Proof of age as of September 1st of the current year is required. **PARENTS MUST PROVIDE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND SIGN A LIABILITY RELEASE FORM.** Membership fee is \$75.00 and must be PAID before POINTS are counted.

Sponsorship/ Raffle ticket money is DUE by February 12th of the current calendar year. Members must compete in 10 rodeos per event to qualify for the finals and year-end awards. Members may buy out 2 of the 10 required rodeos. Buyouts include gate fee and entry fees for each event bought out as well as \$50 for each rodeo not worked that you're buying in for.

On Saturday, contestants participating in the Flags, Barrels, Poles, & Goat Tying, must be PAID 1 hour prior to rodeo start time. All ropers must be PAID by the first pole bender. On Sunday, contestants participating in all roping events and goat tying must be PAID 1 hour prior to rodeo start time. All contestants participating in flags, barrels, and poles must be PAID by the first team roper.

For more information, call: Chad Enlow – (918) 470-3196.

CHAMPIONSHIP SADDLES TO:

All-Around Champion (Boy & Girl) in 7-9, 10-13 & 14-18
One All Around Champion in 6 & Under Age Group

CHAMPIONSHIP SADDLES TO:

All Event Winners (If funds are available)

FINALS PRIZES TO:

All OJRA Finalists

ORDER OF EVENTS

Exhibition Barrels will begin approximately 1 ½ hour prior to and will end no later than 15 minutes before rodeo scheduled start time.

Saturday Rodeos

	Age Group	Event
1	6 & Under	Flag Race
2	6 & Under	Barrel Race
3	7-9	Barrel Race
4	10 – 13	Barrel Race
5	14 – 18	Barrel Race
6	Open	Barrel Race
7	6 & Under	Pole Bending
8	7-9	Pole Bending
9	10 – 13	Pole Bending
10	14 – 18	Pole Bending
11	6 & Under	Goat Undecorating
12	7-9	Goat Tying
13	10 – 13	Goat Tying
14	14 – 18	Goat Tying
15	14-18	Coed Breakaway Roping
16	18 & Under	Girls Breakaway Roping
17	10-13	Coed Breakaway Roping
18	9 & Under	Coed Breakaway Roping
19	Open	Coed Breakaway Roping
20	10 – 13	Ribbon Roping
21	14 – 18	Ribbon Roping
22	10 – 13	Tie Down Roping
23	14 – 18	Tie Down Roping
24	Open	Tie Down Roping
25	13&Under	Heading
26	14-18	Heading
27	13&Under	Heeling
28	14-18	Heeling
29	Open	Team Roping

Sunday Rodeos

	Age Group	Event
1	14-18	Coed Breakaway Roping
2	18 & Under	Girls Breakaway Roping
3	10-13	Coed Breakaway Roping
4	9 & Under	Coed Breakaway Roping
5	Open	Coed Breakaway Roping
6	10 – 13	Ribbon Roping
7	14 – 18	Ribbon Roping
8	10 – 13	Tie Down Roping
9	14 – 18	Tie Down Roping
10	Open	Tie Down Roping
11	13 & Under	Heading
12	14-18	Heading
13	13 & Under	Heeling
14	14-18	Heeling
15	Open	Team Roping
16	6 & Under	Goat Undecorating
17	7-9	Goat Tying
18	10 – 13	Goat Tying
19	14 – 18	Goat Tying
20	Lmtd to 30	Exhibition Barrels
21	6 & Under	Flag Race
22	6 & Under	Barrel Race
23	7-9	Barrel Race
24	10 – 13	Barrel Race
25	14 – 18	Barrel Race
26	Open	Barrel Race
27	6 & Under	Pole Bending
28	7-9	Pole Bending
29	10 – 13	Pole Bending
30	14 – 18	Pole Bending

RE-STATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE ONE

The name of this organization is Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association, also referred to as OJRA. OJRA is a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE TWO

The address of its registered office is in Creek County in the State of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE THREE

The duration of the corporation is fifty (50) years.

ARTICLE FOUR

The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to provide and promote the competition events of rodeo among youth sixteen (18) years of age and under.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE – OFFICERS

Section 1: The Board of Directors of the OJRA shall consist of the following members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Points Secretary, (5) Roping Directors, (3) Racing Directors, (2) Goat Directors, Judging Director, and Public Relations. The Board will also hire a Racing Event Secretary and Roping Events Secretary for each rodeo.

Section 2: It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Board of Directors to conduct and manage the business, property, and affairs of the OJRA. The Board of Directors may take any action, which it considers necessary to carry out the purpose of the OJRA and may enter into any contract of obligation in the furtherance thereof.

Section 3: The Board of Directors of the OJRA shall have legislative rule-making powers for the OJRA including the power to make, adopt, alter, or amend the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, General Rules, and Rodeo Event Rules.

Section 4: All action of business brought before the Board of Directors and shall be accomplished by a majority of the board members. Each officer shall have one (1) vote. At least 50% of the board members must be present to vote on an issue and must be approved by the majority of those present. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie and is known as a non-voting member.

Section 5: Election of the OJRA Board of Directors and Junior Board members specified in Article 1, Section 1, shall be by majority vote of the General and Associate Membership. All officers shall serve for a term of (1) year. Election of new officers shall be at the General Membership meeting held in conjunction with the finals or annual awards banquet. New officers shall take office immediately; however, out-going officers shall serve in an advisory capacity without voting

privileges for any on-going or unfinished business.

Section 6: To qualify as a nominee for the Board of Directors, an individual must be an OJRA member or an OJRA family member in good standings. Duties of the various offices on the Board of Directors are as follows:

Section 6a: The President shall serve as chief executive officer of the OJRA and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors or General Membership. The President shall enforce the by-laws and rules of the OJRA and shall perform all duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 6b: The Vice-President shall serve as assistant to the President and shall perform other duties prescribed by the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have all powers and shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President will have a vote on all OJRA business with the exception of when acting as President. He/She will then be a non-voting member.

Section 6c: The Secretary shall collect sponsorship monies, membership fees and office charges, and shall be the custodian for safe keeping of all documents and records of each rodeo for the OJRA as well as assist the Rodeo Secretaries at each rodeo. The Rodeo Secretaries duties shall include but not be limited to collecting entry fees, completing event sheets, assisting the judge in drawing for position and stock, helping time, documenting times, figuring payout, paying out the winners, and completing end-of-rodeo documents.

Section 6d: The Treasurer shall collect all money due the OJRA through sponsorships, memberships and office charges from the Rodeo Secretary. He/She shall be responsible for performing a financial audit at the close of each rodeo that is witnessed and signed by both parties. The Treasurer will be responsible for the deposit of monies in an account with an accredited bank. In addition to the Treasurer, the President and Secretary will be authorized to sign checks. OJRA funds shall be disbursed only upon itemized demands or as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall account for all monies by itemized statements in detail to the Board of Directors and General Membership upon request of the Board.

Section 6f: The OJRA President and/or Board of Directors may appoint various special committees in furtherance of OJRA business or functions.

Section 7: Any members of the Board of Directors who miss three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings or rodeo without justification, as determined by the remainder of the Board, will be dismissed from his/her office. Resignation of Officers must be presented to the Board of Directors and will be acted upon and accepted by Board action. These or other vacancies of Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present at the next Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the OJRA is open to any boy or girl who is eighteen (18) years old or under as of September 1, of the current rodeo year. Each member must furnish a birth certificate or permanent school records along with membership fees to the Rodeo Secretary or Treasurer of the OJRA.

Section 2: Members may be admitted to the OJRA General Membership subject to the final approval of the Board of Directors on three (3) different types of memberships as stated hereinafter.

Section 2a: Regular or competing member must meet the criteria specified in Section 1 of the article.

Section 2b: Non-contestant membership will be issued free to parents or guardians of paid competing junior members for running for Board of Directors only. Regular junior members and non-contestant members receive one (1) vote PER junior membership PER FAMILY at all General Meetings. Only contestants present get to vote. See Section 3.

Section 2c: Non-contestant membership will also be issued in the form of an associate membership at the cost of twenty-five (\$25.00). The associate membership will be allowed one (1) vote per membership at all general meetings and will be eligible to run for board positions.

Section 3: Absentee votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Non-member contestants are required to show a birth certificate or driver's license to prove their age.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: A minimum of one (1) meeting of the general Membership shall be held each calendar year, usually in conjunction with the annual awards banquet, for the election of new members of the Board of Directors. As many other general membership meetings as determined necessary by the Board of Directors may be called by said Board. The Board of Directors will decide the time and place of General Membership meeting and topic of discussion.

Section 2: The OJRA Board of Directors may meet at least once monthly to conduct the official business of the OJRA. Meetings may be scheduled more often if deemed necessary by the Board. The President may call special meetings or a quorum of the Board of Directors at any time, provided each member of the Board is given sufficient notice of the meeting.

Section 3: All OJRA members are encouraged to attend all General Membership meetings. The OJRA board meetings shall also be open for observation only to members in good standings; however, the Board may go into executive session, at which time members shall not be allowed.

GENERAL RULES

These are Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association rules and if at any time a situation arises which is not covered in the OJRA Rulebook, the OJRA DIRECTORS and JUDGES DECISION WILL BE FINAL. Revisions to the rulebook supersede any previous OJRA rulebook.

1. There will be four (4) age groups with events as follows: (Age as of 9/1/22)
 - a. **6 & under:** Flags, Barrels, Poles, Goat Undecorating, Coed Breakaway (9 & Under), Girls Breakaway Roping (18 & Under), Heading (13 & Under), and Heeling (13 & Under).
 - b. **7–9:** Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Coed Breakaway Roping (9& Under), Girls Breakaway Roping (18&Under), Heading (13 & Under), and Heeling (13 & Under).
 - c. **10–13:** Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Coed Breakaway Roping, Girls Breakaway Roping (18&Under), Ribbon Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Heading (13 & Under), and Heeling (13 & Under).
 - d. **14–18:** Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Girls Breakaway Roping (18&Under), Coed Breakaway Roping, Ribbon Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Heading, and Heeling.
 - e. **Open** - Barrels, Co Ed Breakaway Roping, Calf Roping, & Team Roping
2. There shall be 10 rodeo attendances, per event required to attend the OJRA Finals. All-Around points require participation in two (2) or more events. Members must compete in ten (10) of the rodeos during the rodeo season in the same two (2) events or more in order to qualify for All-Around standings. If a contestant does not compete in an event in 10 rodeos or more, the contestant will not be allowed to compete in that event at the finals. However, points earned in that event will be carried for the All-Around standings.
 - a. In the case that a member only has 8 rodeo attendances in one or more events, that member will have the option to "buyout" 2 rodeos in each event that they are short an attendance. The "buyout" will be defined as 1 gate charge + all entry fees, stock charge, and office charge for each event they are missing for each buyout. They must also pay a \$50 per rodeo "work fee" to make up for rodeos not worked. The "buyout" fees must be paid prior to the finals and will go into the OJRA General Fund.
3. Contestant may move up in age group event, but points will not be counted unless event is not offered in their age group. No points will count towards the All-Around for someone that moves up in an event that is offered in their own age group. For purposes of this rule as it applies to point keeping, goat undecorating will be considered a goat tying event. Contestants may choose to move up an entire age group at his/her choice. The choice to move up must be declared AT THE TIME MEMBERSHIP IS PAID. Points will be

awarded in that age group. No points will be awarded in his/her actual age group.

Barrel Racers may choose to carry over their times from their age group to the open barrels if they do not wish to run their horse again in the open. They must make this choice when they enter. Contestants may not decide to carry over after their run has been made.

4. Each contestant must pay an entry fee, a timer fee, (when applicable), stock charge (when applicable) and an office charge in the amounts determined by Board of Directors. All such fees must be paid in cash.
5. The Rodeo Official, advisory board and event directors shall consider profanity, harassment, or misconduct by any individual member or parent of a member, and if deemed necessary, the contestant shall be fined \$20.00 or suspended from the OJRA.
6. The use of alcohol drugs will NOT be tolerated, and contestant shall be suspended from the OJRA.
7. Anyone caught and/or proven cheating will be suspended for one (1) year from date of infraction, fined \$25.00 and must pay back any or all monies received illegally to OJRA before re-joining the OJRA. If the Board of Directors deems necessary, contestant can be permanently banned from OJRA.
8. Any altercations or controversies with judges or officials of any rodeo, or with a member of the Board of Directors by contestant or parents will result in a \$25.00 fine to be assessed by the OJRA Board of Directors. Contestants will not be allowed to compete until payment of fine has been made. Upon second offense, contestant will be suspended from the Association for one year at the discretion of Board of Directors. If contestant feels an error has been made in the ruling, member may post a \$35.00 cash bond before the event has ended or before the next event is started and has 10 days from that rodeo date to submit a letter to the OJRA Board of Directors, which will meet to make a decision. Judge's decision will be final. No videos will be considered. Any non-competition issues or controversies that may arise should be brought before the Board of Directors through the submission of a letter or email but will not require a cash bond to be considered. Such issues addressed on public forums or message boards (i.e. Facebook) will not be considered. Any attacks on the association or personal attacks on judges, officials, members of the Board of Directors, or other contestants by a contestant or parent will be subject to penalties including fines (as outlined above), suspensions or if the Board of Directors deems necessary, permanent banning from the OJRA.
9. All contestants including Team Roping helpers must be in the following dress code at all times while in the arena, which is defined as box, fence, alleyway, arena floor, chutes and gates: collared long sleeves shirt, long pants, western boots (no docks, chukkas, or heel-down tennis), and a western hat. Hat and boots are optional for ribbon roping runners. Ribbon runners may not run barefoot. Western hat is optional in the 6 & under and 7-9 age groups. The 10 – 18 age groups must wear western hats (NO BALL CAPS). Helmets and/or protective headgear may replace a hat. Any member not in dress code while calling for his/her run or stock will receive a NO TIME unless the rule has been waived by the

Board of Directors. In racing events, the contestant's hat must be on when the contestant enters the arena or the contestant will receive a NO TIME.

Contestants may wear the current year's membership shirt in lieu of a western shirt. At the finals, this rule does not apply. All contestant's must be in the attire listed in the previous paragraph. Membership t-shirts/hoodies will be available for purchase at the secretary's desk.

10. All contestants must purchase their membership before any rodeo will count towards the required 10 rodeos or points won will accumulate towards the year-end finals. In order to retain an OJRA membership and be eligible for year-end finals and any or all awards, strict adherence to the following rules will be required:
 - a. Furnish a copy of a certified live birth certificate from vital statistics or permanent school record is to be kept on file at all times by OJRA. If there is a question on age group, then a board member must research the age by pulling the birth certificate and calling the state. If a birth certificate is not furnished within 3 rodeos after joining, all points earned until one is provided will be forfeited.
 - b. Purchase a membership for each member. Membership fees are \$75.00 for the first and second membership purchased by a single family. Any additional memberships purchased for an immediate family member will be reduced to \$50.00.
 - c. Turn in all donations/raffle ticket sales to the Rodeo Secretary and/or Treasurer by February 12th of the current rodeo year to keep accumulated points. Each member will be responsible for selling raffle tickets and/or acquiring donations equivalent to \$250.00. A receipt will be provided.
 - d. Provide a minimum of one silent auction item for each of two silent auctions held during the year. Auction dates are TBA.
 - e. Pay a one-time \$20.00 concession fee (per family).
 - f. A parent of each member must work or help with arena duties at 10 separate rodeos during the rodeo year. Sign-ups for work dates/positions will be on a first come first serve basis.
 - g. Contestants who have to "buy in" to make the finals must pay a \$50 per rodeo fee that they are short to make the finals. This must be paid when the contestant pays their buy-in fees at the last regular rodeo of the season.
11. OJRA Finals produced by and for the OJRA. Monies accumulated will consist of the membership dues, office charges, timer fees, ticket sales, sponsorships, and donations and other fundraisers.

12. The Board members must approve all stock contractors. The size of the stock will be determined by the event's directors. This includes roping calves, goats, sheep and rough stock.
13. Only personnel approved by event director, president, vice-president, or majority of Board of Directors will be allowed to be Judges.
14. Judges and Rodeo Secretaries (Racing and Roping) will be paid in as outlined in the Entry Fee section of the rules. The Judge will be paid \$1.00 per entry up to a maximum of \$200.00 per rodeo and the rodeo secretary will be paid up to \$250.00. If the board deems it necessary, a Backup Timer/Announcer will be paid a maximum of \$50.00 per rodeo. Any monies collected above this amount will be placed into the OJRA general fund for purchase of year end/finals prizes.
15. All Board of Directors will help and assist stock producers to clear the arena and prepare for grand entry and competition.
16. Only working help will be allowed in the arena during all events. The roping directors may choose to waive this rule during the roping events. Parents of the 6 & Under and 7-9 contestants may help contestants enter the gateway but must leave the arena when contestant is finished. If contestant or parents do not abide by these rules, contestant may be disqualified at the discretion of judges. Should the situation arise that a contestant is or becomes a lead line; contestant will receive an official no time.
17. To aid growth of spectators at OJRA rodeos and help the stock contractor to produce each rodeo as smoothly and quickly as possible, the Rodeo Secretary with approval of OJRA Board of Directors can limit contestants in each event that will run during the show. All other contestants will run in slack after the show.
18. There will be a 120 second time limit for all 9 & Under timed events. At 120 seconds, contestants will still receive time, but no points. Contestant's time will be announced to acknowledge effort. There will be a 60 second time limit for all 9 & up timed events. At 60 seconds, a horn will sound, and contestant must concede his/her run.
19. NO LEAD LINES. Contestant horses are not allowed to be led by a parent or other contestant during a competitive run.
20. Any form of restraint and/or seat belt or anything used to hold a contestant in the saddle will not be allowed in any event. Rubber bands on the feet/stirrups are excluded and can be used.
21. Any deliberate abuse of animals, (horse, calf, goats, etc.) will result in a \$25.00 fine and possible disqualification per discretion of the judge.
22. Name of contestant will be called 3 times. If contestant does not make an attempt to enter the arena, he/she will be disqualified.

23. If, at any time during a competition run, a judge or director deems the safety of our contestants, spectators or livestock to be in jeopardy, the decision can be made to assist the contestant or livestock. If the run is incomplete at the time of the assistance, the contestant will receive a NO TIME. If the run has been completed, the judge, who may confer with a director on the decision, will determine whether the contestant will receive a qualified time. All judges' decisions will be final.
24. 3 Call Rule. In racing events, each contestant will be called 3 times. At the end of the 3rd call the contestant will have 60 seconds to break the timer line or receive a no-time.
25. It is the responsibility of the contestant and the contestant's parents to know and understand the OJRA rules. Failure of contestant or parents to know and understand the OJRA rules is not a valid excuse.
26. Anything unclear in the OJRA rulebook will revert to high school rulebook.

ENTRY FEES

1. Entry fees for the 2022-2023 rodeo year shall be as follows:
 - a) 6 & Under Flag Race - \$15.00
 - b) 6 & Under Barrels - \$15.00
 - c) 6 & Under Poles - \$15.00
 - d) 6 & Under Goat Undecorating - \$20.00
 - e) 7-9 Barrels - \$15.00
 - f) 7-9 Poles - \$15.00
 - g) 7-9 Goat Tying - \$20.00
 - h) 7-9 Coed Breakaway Roping - \$30.00
 - i) 10-13 Barrels – \$20.00
 - j) 10-13 Poles – \$20.00
 - k) 10-13 Goat Tying – \$25.00
 - l) 10-13 Coed Breakaway Roping - \$35.00
 - m) 10-13 Ribbon Roping – \$35.00
 - n) 10-13 Tie Down Roping – \$35.00
 - o) 10-13 Heading - \$35.00
 - p) 10-13 Heeling - \$35.00
 - q) 14-18 Barrels – \$25.00
 - r) 14-18 Poles – \$25.00
 - s) 14-18 Goat Tying – \$30.00
 - t) 18 & Under Girls Breakaway Roping - \$40.00
 - u) 14-18 Coed Breakaway Roping - \$40.00
 - v) 14-18 Ribbon Roping – \$40.00
 - w) 14-18 Tie Down Roping - \$40.00
 - x) 14-18 Heading - \$40.00
 - y) 14-18 Heeling - \$40.00
 - z) Open Events will be \$40/ Team Roping is \$20 per man

** = to be determined by 1st rodeo.

2. A \$5.00 office charge will be held out of every entry fee for each event entered. This will include a \$1.00 secretary fee, a \$1.00 judge fee, and a \$3.00 sanctioning fee. All fees remaining after paying the judge and secretary will be placed in the OJRA general fund.
3. There will be a \$5.00 stock charge for the goat tying/goat undecorating, a \$15.00 stock charge for all calf-roping events, and a \$10.00 stock charge for all team-roping events. These charges will be paid directly to the stock contractor at the end of every rodeo.
4. All monies remaining after office charges and stock charges will go into the payout for that event.
5. A gate charge of \$15.00 will be included in the entry fees (only one gate charge per immediate family).

6. All non-members entering an OJRA rodeo will pay a \$5.00 fee for each rodeo they enter without purchasing a membership.

AWARDS/FINALS

1. The top point winner in each event will receive a championship saddle (if funds are available). An all-around saddle/award will also be awarded to the boy and girl in the 7-9, 10-13, and 14-18 contestant in each age with the most points in 2 or more events. In the 6 and Under age group only one All Around saddle/award in each age group will be given to the contestant that has the most points in 2 or more events. Only one championship award will be given to any one contestant per season. Awards given will be dependent upon available funds. If the event does not average 5 contestants for the year, the contestant will have the option to pay a prorated charge for the award depending upon the cost of awards.
2. Entry fees for the finals are due by the last regular rodeo of the season.
3. Determination of who receives the championship awards will be: Calculate the all-around points. Eliminate the boy and girl winner. All-around must average 3 contestants or it will be thrown out. Next, take the top point winner in each event. The contestant with the top points will receive the event award unless they are all-around winner, in which case it will drop to the second-place contestant. In the event that second place contestant is actually the first-place winner in another event, it will drop to the third-place contestant. It will continue in succession until all event championship awards are distributed. In the event a contestant wins first in 2 or more events, they will then take the award for the event in which they have the highest points. If that event did not average 5 contestants for the year and does not qualify for a championship award, then the contestant has the option to choose the championship award in the event that did qualify. The next eligible contestant will have the option to prorate the event saddle that did not qualify for a championship award.
4. All contestants must compete in **EACH** performance of the Finals and must attend the awards banquet to receive year-end awards, unless written notice pertaining to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. medical, family death, school) has been given to the Board of Directors prior to Finals. The board will then meet to make a decision and notification will be given to the contestant concerning the decision. Members must attend the banquet in official dress code.

POINT SYSTEM

1. All points must be won at OJRA approved rodeos, and only approved OJRA events will count for points.
2. Points will be awarded only to member contestants who qualify in an event through 10 places. If less than 10 member contestants qualify in an event, only the number that does qualify will receive points. There is not a minimum to 10 member contestants for point calculation.

3. At the finals, points will be awarded to the average winners as follows:

1st place = 10 points	6 th place = 5 points
2 nd place = 9 points	7 th place = 4 points
3 rd place = 8 points	8 th place = 3 points
4 th place = 7 points	9 th place = 2 points
5 th place = 6 points	10 th place = 1 point

4. Girls may elect to rope in both their age group for coed breakaway as well as 18 & Under Girls Breakaway. For Girls Breakaway, you must declare at the time of membership which breakaway event you want to count points in towards the all-around.
5. Total points for an event will be as follows:

1st place = 10 points	6 th place = 5 points
2 nd place = 9 points	7 th place = 4 points
3 rd place = 8 points	8 th place = 3 points
4 th place = 7 points	9 th place = 2 points
5 th place = 6 points	10 th place = 1 point

If there is a need for a tiebreaker at the end of the year, you calculate who had the most 1st place wins. If still tied, go to who had the most 2nd place wins and so forth until winner is determined.

****MEMBERS WILL MOVE UP PLACES FOR POINTS WHEN A NON-MEMBER PLACES IN THE TOP TEN PLACE**

6. When a rodeo must be stopped due to uncontrollable circumstances, points will be awarded for the completed events only. Entry fees will be refunded to those events cancelled minus a stock charge.
7. Points calculation when a tie occurs; when multiple contestants tie for same place, that place and those following (up to 10th place) will be combined according to the number of contestants tied. Points will then be divided equally between the tied contestants. (e.g. 10 contestants, 4 tied for 3rd place, add 3rd – 6th place points and divide by the number of contestants tied (4). Award points of 7 points each.

PAYOUT

Payout scale:

1 – 3 entered pays 100% to first place

4 – 7 entered pays 2 monies, 1st 60%, 2nd 40%

8 – 11 entries, 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%

12 – 15 entries, 1st 40%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%, 4th 10%

16 – 19 entries, 1st 33%, 2nd 27%, 3rd 20%, 4th 13%, 5th 7%

20 or more entries, 1st 29%, 2nd 24%, 3rd 19%, 4th 14%, 5th 9%, 6th 5%

GENERAL ROPING RULES

1. Contestant roping order and stock will be drawn. Directors may choose to chute run the order.
2. If contestant obviously beats barrier, the staples pulled or barrier rope is broken and strings is unbroken, barrier judges may assess a 10 second penalty. Otherwise, this is not a broken barrier.
3. Animal belongs to contestants when he/she calls for him, when calf's head crosses the score line regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. If a contestant accepts animal, he/she accepts it as sound. If a judge determines that a calf or steer is unfit for competition, it may be eliminated and replaced in the draw for subsequent events.
4. In all roping events (except BAW, see rule No. 1 under BAW) it will be catch as catch can. Rope must hold until roper gets hands on calf. This goes for the ribbon roping (except in the 10-13 age groups, where mugger becomes roper) and tie-down roping.
5. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
6. Roper will carry and use only one (1) loop.
7. In all roping events, a dropped rope that must be recoiled to be rebuilt is considered a thrown rope.
8. Flag judge will flag contestant at completion of run, and then flag out contestant if run is not legal.
9. All reruns will be made at the end of the event, if possible.
10. In an event of a rerun, any penalty contestant had at the time rerun was awarded will be carried with contestant, and contestant will get calf back, lap and tap plus penalty (if calf was qualified on infield).

11. There shall be 2 or more timers, when stopwatches are being used, a flag judge and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score by roping director, stock contractor or president.
12. All roping events will be timed in hundredths of a second.
13. If neck rope on calf barrier fouls the roper, he/she will get a rerun on the same calf. The roper must pull up immediately and declare if he was fouled. In any event, roper will not receive a rerun if roper throws his/her rope. Roper will only receive rerun if he/she asks judge when fouled. Judges will not automatically give reruns, unless contestant asks for rerun.
14. Automatic barriers must be used at all rodeos for all age groups and all roping events. At all rodeos, the length of the score may be no longer than the length of the box minus 4 feet unless other arrangements are approved by roping director, stock contractor, or president.
15. Disqualification will occur if roper receives assistance of any kind from outside, except for ribbon roping runner (or mugger in the 9 – 12 ribbon roping).
16. If calf breaks plane of the back gate during the run, it is an automatic no-time.
17. If automatic barrier does not work, there will be no penalty for barrier, providing judge rules barrier was not broken. Intentional interference with barrier will result in a disqualification of contestant. Non-intentional interference with barrier, contestant will get a rerun. Interference from someone pushing or tailing the calf or steer, intentional or non-intentional, will result in a disqualification. This is at the discretion of the roping judge and/or roping director.
18. During any performance, if any animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before contestant calls for it, or if the automatic barrier fails to work and stock brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately after the same performance. The roping director and the labor crew will return that animal or at the end of that performance in the same manner as calves are penned to start the performance. No animal should be re-penned by itself. The decision of when to re-pen the stock will be made by the roping director and/or judge.
19. The decision of whether or not calves are to be lined will be made by the roping directors. If calves are to be lined, it shall be accomplished by appointees to be stationed at the same position on all contested calves in that age group. The line should not be longer than the score.
20. If calf escapes from arena, flag will be dropped, and watches stopped. Contestant will get calf back (providing calf is still sound) with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, a rerun will be given. If calf is not sound, another will be drawn.

21. Roping directors and judges have the option of changing score or length of box after completion of rodeo if quality of calves or arena conditions necessitates change to be fair to contestants in general.
22. A neck rope must be used (breakaway excluded). Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Any deliberate abuse or excessive dragging of calf may result in disqualification by judge. **THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
23. Once stock is in the draw, it will stay unless decided by directors or judge. Stock contractor must notify directors one (1) hour before rodeo if he wishes to remove stock from the draw.
24. All timed event cattle cannot have been used in the previous OJRA season, unless proved by the OJRA Board of Directors.
25. It is the roper's responsibility to make sure that the calf in the box is the calf he/she drew. If there is any question, the roper needs to take it up with the director or judge before he/she calls for the calf. If a contestant runs the wrong calf, they will receive a **NO TIME**. In the case the line judge/director reads the contestant the wrong number, a rerun will be given.
26. If rerun is awarded contestant can't go back to the first run time.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. In all age groups, the rope must go over the calf's head and draw up anywhere on some part of the animal's body and hold until the rope comes loose from the saddle by the calf and not the roper.
2. Ropers are to be tied tight to the saddle horn with the string provided by the association. It is recommended to use nylon string in all age groups except 7-9, who may use cotton string. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. A flag that is visible to the flagman or judge must be attached at the knot end of the rope. A judge or director, at their discretion, may choose to check the string and knot before the roper competes.
3. Roper will receive **NO TIME** if rope comes loose from saddle horn for any reason before calf is roped and the rope is pulled tight between the horse and calf. All contestants will use string supplied by Roping Director and none other. No exceptions and no alterations to the string are allowed.
4. Field flag judge is to position himself in the best possible position to see the calf rope and breakaway flag, preferably towards the back of the arena on the roping hand side.

RIBBON ROPING

1. Rope must be on calf until roper touches the calf except in the 10-13 age group where mugger becomes roper.

2. Runner may come from any age group or sex as long as they are a member or a member of a family of an OJRA member. Runner is not required to have hands on calf anytime while removing ribbon from calf's tail. However, roper must have one hand on calf before the tail is stripped by runner.
3. If there is not ribbon on the calf when the runner reaches calf for any reason, the runner must strip the calf's tail (starting at the root of the tail, top to bottom). Failure to do so will result in NO TIME.
4. A short length of ribbon (about ½ inch in width) placed close to the root of the calf's tail while it is in the chute. There should be enough ribbon to allow the runner to grab and remove it without any trouble.
5. The finish line (flag line) will be the score line in front of the roping chute and will be imaginary, extending from one side of the arena to the other. The flag judge will judge the event from the flag line (on the ground).
6. The flag judge will stand on the flag line. The runner will remove the ribbon and run back across the flag line for a time. The roper does not have to have the rope off the calf before the runner crosses the flag line. Only the roper entered in the event shall receive points. The roper is required to pay a minimum of 1/8 total winnings to the runner. Average money is included in total winnings. Do not deduct entry fee.
7. Runner must show ribbon to flag judge. The runner must get the ribbon; the roper may hold the calf but not get the ribbon. The calf does not have to be on its feet when ribbon is removed.
8. In the 10-13 Ribbon Roping, the mugger must be a member of the OJRA, a family member of a member of the OJRA, or a contestant at that rodeo. The junior ribbon roper will rope the calf and then become the runner.
9. All judge's decisions are final.

TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING

1. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down the rope, throw the calf by hand, cross, and tie any three legs. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be a least one wrap around all three legs and a half hitch.
2. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be stood up on at least 3 feet (calf must be elevated high enough that calf can regain its feet), and calf must be re-thrown. Failure to do so will result in a NO TIME except in the 10-13 age group will result in a 5 second penalty.

3. In the event the calf has one or more feet roped, roper must let calf up on what feet are not roped. This will be the judge's opinion and decision if calf was let up properly. If the judge feels that this requirement is not met and the roper signals for time, the judge shall flag roper that tie is complete and the roper will be given a NO TIME for failing to let calf up. If roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered "thrown by hand".
4. Rope must hold until roper gets hands on calf. Tie must hold and three legs remain crossed until passed on by the judge, roper must not touch calf or string after signaling for time, until judge has completed his examination. If the tie comes loose or calf gets to its feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be given a NO TIME.
5. The field flag judge will flag roper when hooley is pulled and hands leave the pigging string.
6. Catch as catch can, should the roper miss, he must retire and NO TIME allowed.
7. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of 6 seconds from the time the roping horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from the calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has ruled on the tie.
8. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off the calf after completion of the tie, the 6 second time period is to start when roper clears calf.
9. Flag judge must watch during the 6 second period and will stop the watch in the event the calf kicks loose and use the time shown on the watch to determine whether the calf was tied long enough for a qualified time.
10. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been ruled on by the field judge.
11. After remounting horse, if contestant intentionally does not ride forward immediately and give slack, he/she will be subject to disqualification. Any deliberate abuse of calf or horse may result in disqualification.
12. DRAG RULE: Any intentional dragging of calf regardless of distance will result in a NO TIME. Intentional dragging shall be defined as caused by contestant. Excessive dragging of calf will receive NO TIME. Excessive dragging shall be defined as moving the calf 10 feet after the contestant has called for time. However, if in the opinion of the judge, the dragging was caused by something outside of the control of the contestant, the judge may give the contestant his/her time. Dragging the calf while the contestant is tying the calf will not be considered excessive dragging.
13. All judge's decisions are final.

TEAM ROPING

1. Header will start behind score line and must throw the first loop at head.

2. A rope barrier with a neck rope will be used.
3. Heeler must start behind the score line.
4. Time will be taken when steer is roped; both horses facing steer in life with ropes dallyed and tight, front feet must be on the ground.
5. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one (1) rope.
6. Each team is allowed two (2) throws.
7. Roping steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered a NO CATCH.
8. The word “dally” means one complete turn around the horn.
9. Roper must be mounted when time is taken.
10. There will be an option for the 12 & under age and/or female contestants ONLY to tie on the quick release dally, HEELERS ONLY.
11. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
12. No fouled catches can be removed by hand
13. 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.
14. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a fouled catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the flag judge drops this flag, time will be counted.
15. In case the field flag judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
16. All Team Roping Contestants will enter as an individual and find a helping partner. The team roping partner may be an OJRA member, an immediate family member of the contestant, or a family member of an OJRA member. Family member must consist of parent or legal guardian, grandparent or brother/sister. **The team-roping helper/ partner must be in official rodeo attire.**
17. All competitors, including any 12 & Under Team Roping helpers/partners, must sign an assumption of risk and indemnity agreement before they will be allowed to compete.

SCORING AND PENALTIES

1. Timed event judges will not flag contestants out until time is recorded.

2. Judge is to flag time and then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
3. There will be a 10 second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.
4. There will be only 3 legal head catches:
 - a. Both horns
 - b. Half a head
 - c. Around the neck
5. If Hondo passes over the horn, and loops over the other, the catch is illegal.
6. If loop crosses itself in head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
7. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
8. Catching one hind foot receives 5 second penalty.
9. Crossfire catches will receive a NO TIME. If, in the opinion of the field judge, a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed directions of the steer, the team shall receive a NO TIME.
10. Contestants will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer or their horses at any time, if in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.
11. In the event a team roper is disqualified or injured, that team will be eliminated from that event. The remaining partner may choose another partner from the pool of entries already entered in the rodeo or one can be drawn for him/her. The selected or drawn partner will not be eligible to receive points awarded on that run.
12. If the header accidentally jerks steer off its feet, or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over 8 feet before steer regains its feet or team will receive a NO TIME.
13. A broken rope or dropped rope will be result in a NO TIME.
14. If header ropes a front leg, dallies and turns off, it will result in a NO TIME.

ROPING RERUNS

1. If time is not recorded, contestant will be given rerun on same animal.
2. If rope is on animal when animal escapes arena, contestant may get animal lap and tap with rope on it in the chute.
3. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
4. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a team a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.

5. When there is an electric timer and a digital clock malfunction, contestants will be given a clean rerun at a time designated by the judges and roping director.
6. If artificial horns are jerked off, contestants will receive rerun, with no penalties other than barrier penalties.

BARREL RACING

1. The standard pattern for setting the barrels is: Ninety (90) feet between barrels 1 and 2; One hundred five (105) feet between barrels 2 and 3 and barrels 1 and 3; Sixty (60) feet from barrels 1 and 2 to score line, and if the arena allows, Forty-five (45) feet from score line to gate. Barrels 1 and 2 must be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the fence and barrel 3 must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from the back fence.
2. The pattern should be adjusted to fit each arenas size and shape. For example, in smaller arena, it is recommended that the pattern be reduced proportionately to the standard barrel pattern with the minimum distances from the arena fence as listed in No. 1 being maintained.
3. Stakes should be used to mark the positions of the barrels and the barrels should be set on the inside of the stakes in a cloverleaf pattern.
4. A NO TIME will be given to the contestant if they break the cloverleaf pattern.
5. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over.
6. Electronic timers shall be used whenever possible.
7. If electronic timers are used, times shall be kept to the accuracy of the timer, not to exceed 3 decimal places. In the event that the racing events must be flagged, times shall be kept in tenths of a second.
8. In the event that the timer malfunctions, the contestant may take a rerun at the end of the barrel race with a clean slate.
9. Drags will be at the beginning of every age group and after every ten (10) racers. If 12 or more contestants are entered in an age group, drags will be at the half way point of the age group. Not more than 10 contestants shall run on any one drag. If the racing directors feel the drag needs to be more often for the safety of the racers, the drag may be changed.
10. Exhibition barrels will not be ran on the same stakes as the barrel racing and have a 60 second time limit.
11. Each contestant may choose to carry their time over from their age group to the open barrels. Designation must be made upon entry.

FLAG RACING

1. Flag is to stand up in a container or bucket of sand.
2. Flag racer must circle the barrel in the same direction and take the flag from the container. Only turns directly around the barrel make a legal flag run.
3. Racer must cross the time line with the flag in hand. Racers who drop the flag before crossing the time line will receive a NO TIME.
4. Racers cannot use the flag to whip their horse: this will result in a NO TIME.
5. The racing directors will set a drag according to the safety of the racers. Drag will be before every event.
6. The barrel for the flag race shall not be on the same stake as the barrel racing stakes.

POLE BENDING

1. There will be six (6) poles used, height of poles to be from 5 to 6 feet. Pole base size must be between 8 to 14 inches in diameter. Poles to be set on top of ground in a straight line. Poles are to be taped or rubberized for protection unless naturally safe material is used, such as plastic pipe, etc. The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet. The distance between each pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet.
2. There is no penalty for touching a pole with hands or any part of the body or with the horse, unless poles are knocked down. The top of the pole must hit the ground. There will be a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked down. Contestants will receive a NO TIME for breaking the pattern. Contestants may start from either left or right side.
3. Pattern definition: The pattern is broken when the horse makes a wrong turn and /or weaves or breaks the plane of the next pole.
4. If a pole is down, the horse must pass on the proper side of the base to be a qualified run.
5. The judge will be positioned at the center of pattern while judging the event.
6. If contestant breaks the pattern, he/she cannot start over, but can complete the run.
7. In the event that the time malfunctions, the contestant may take a rerun at the end of pole bending with a clean slate.
8. Drag will be after every ten (10) racers, if the racing director feels the drag need to be more often for the safety of the racers, the drag may be changed. Drag will be after every event.

GOAT TYING/UNDECORATING

1. The starting line should be at least fifteen (15) feet from either end of the arena. The goat should be held behind the stake, with the rope tight facing the contestant. The goat should be released when the flagman signals for the time to start. All goats must be tipped.
2. The goat stake must be staked 100 ft from the timer line. The goats should be tied to the stake with a rope, which is ten (10) feet in length, not to exceed eleven (11) feet. Stake should be pounded completely into the ground. No part of it should be visible or above ground. In the 6 and under age group, a rope that is five (5) feet in length may be used.
3. If more than five (5) contestants are entered, there must be two (2) goats of approximately the same size, if at all possible. Each goat should be tied an equal number of times if possible. One goat may be tied one more time than another may in a rodeo; however, goats will be changed after not more than three (3) contestants. Goats should be tied down 3 times before the rodeo starts.
4. Goats should be staked at the same point each night on a one go-round rodeo, or when running slack. When using two or more goats, the rope should be tied back or snapped in the same place so the length will remain the same for all contestants.

5. Positions will be drawn for contestants and goats.
6. Goat tying will be timed in hundredths of a second.
7. The contestant must be mounted on a horse when entering the arena and ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from the horse, and throw the goat by hand.
8. In the 6 and under goat undecorating, the contestant must dismount their horse unassisted, strip the ribbon from the tail of the goat, and carry the ribbon across a chalk line. This chalk line will be located approximately 10 feet past the goat.
9. In the 6 and under age group only, an arena assistant may be present in the arena but is to be located behind chalk line where directed by the judge. The arena assistant may help stop the contestant's horse only if deemed a safety concern, but contestant must dismount on their own. The goat-holder will not be responsible for stopping horses, unless the horse is getting in the rope, then a 10 second penalty will also be assessed. In the 6 & under age group, if a contestant is led to the goat, they will receive a NO TIME.
10. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it; the goat must be cleared of the ground before a tie is made. If contestant's hand is on goat when goat falls, goat is considered "thrown by hand".
11. To complete the tie, the contestant must cross and tie any three legs together with a leather string, pigging string or rope. No wire is to be used as a goat-string.
12. Time will start when contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when contestant signals the completion of the tie.
13. Once a contestant has signaled that the tie is complete, he/she may not again touch the tie or the goat intentionally before the tie is cleared by the judge or a NO TIME will be given. The contestant must move back 3 feet from the goat before the judge will start the six (6) second time limit on the tie- for the goat's legs to remain crossed and tied.
14. If contestant gets rope that is holding the goat wrapped around his/her leg, they may ask the judge if they can remove it. After getting permission from judge, removing rope and moving back 3 feet the six (6) second time limit will start.
15. If the contestant's horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope prior to the contestant signaling for a time, a ten (10) second penalty will be assessed. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will receive a NO TIME.

DRAWING OUT AND MEDICAL RELEASES

There will be NO drawing out of any event after draws have been done except in case of injury, which must be verified, or an extreme emergency within the immediate family, which must also be verified. In case of injury or illness, the entry fee will be refunded minus the office charge and stock charge, in any event in which the contestant did not compete. For all other draw outs, no money will be refunded (e.g. it is too late, not enough people).

ENTRY DEADLINES

Exhibition barrels will cost \$5.00 per run and will start a minimum of 1 hour and will end a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start time of each rodeo on Saturdays. Exhibitions are limited to 60 seconds. On Sunday rodeos, exhibition barrels will be held (limited to 30) before the flag racing begins. Pre-entries will not be accepted for exhibitions. They are first come first served only.

On Saturday, contestants participating in the Flags, Barrels, Poles, & Goat Tying, must be PAID 1 hour prior to rodeo start time. All ropers must be PAID by the first pole bender. On Sunday, contestants participating in all roping events and goat tying must be PAID 1 hour prior to rodeo start time. All contestants participating in flags, barrels, and poles must be PAID by the first team roper.

ENTRIES ARE TO BE PAID IN CASH

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