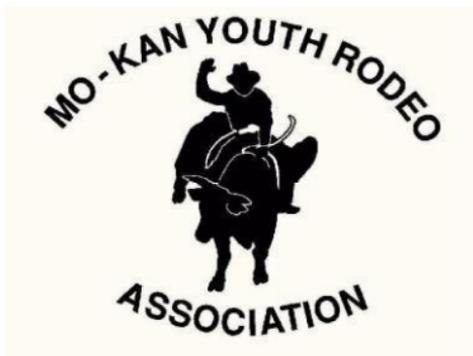


**The  
Missouri-Kansas  
Youth Rodeo  
Association, Inc.  
Rules  
and  
Regulations**

**2018 Edition**



# **MO-KAN YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC. PURPOSES AND AIMS**

- 1. To maintain order and standards set up by the Mo-Kan Youth Rodeo Association among members at their functions. The Mo-Kan Youth Rodeo Association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.**
- 2. To promote youth rodeo on a Regional scale and to work toward this bringing recognition to this activity for the members of the Mo-Kan Youth Rodeo Association.**
- 3. To promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at the various rodeos by setting up standards to be met to reach this end.**
- 4. To keep the Western Heritage alive in America.**
- 5. To promote humane treatment of animals.**
- 6. To promote closer relationships among the people interested in this activity and the organizations they represent.**
- 7. To increase and maintain the interest of students in rodeos and other related functions.**
- 8. It is the intent of the Mo-Kan Youth Rodeo Association to encourage any student to continue in school as a regularly enrolled student, and to improve his or her education.**

**ANY PERSON DIRECTLY  
INVOLVED WITH OR  
ASSOCIATED WITH MO-KAN IN  
ANY MANNER WHO IS FOUND IN  
VIOLATION WITH ANY RULE  
PRINTED WITHIN THIS BOOK  
MAY BE FINED BY THE MKYRA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**ALL PARENTS AND  
CONTESTANTS ARE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR READING  
AND BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE  
OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
RULES AND RULES FOR THEIR  
SPECIFIC EVENT(S).**

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## GENERAL RULES

### ALL CONTESTANTS SHALL OBSERVE THE GENERAL RULES SET BY THE MKYRA BOARD THAT ARE PRINTED IN THIS RULE BOOK

## MEMBERSHIP

1. **The board of directors will set Membership Dues** by Labor Day of the current rodeo year. Membership dues will include **insurance**.
  - a. **Members shall carry same membership card number each year.** Member's number will be retired if he/she does not continue membership. Only paid up completed memberships meeting all requirements may be counted toward determining the number of contestants taken to the finals. Only paid up completed members may compete in the finals.
  - b. **Membership dues** will be \$113.00 as of Labor Day of the current rodeo season. Each year members will also be required to sell raffle tickets as a part of a fundraiser. The board will determine when monies will be required to be turned in for the raffle tickets. Members are also required to bring in a \$100 sponsorship each season. Sponsorship is due before the finals rodeo.
  - c. **Memberships** may be sold before the rodeos at the Rodeo Secretary's discretion. Membership applications and fees must be given to the Rodeo Secretary, MKYRA Secretary or MKYRA Board Member before the start of the Grand Entry for points to count at that rodeo. Point accumulation for

membership application and fees received after the start of the Grand Entry will begin at the next regularly scheduled MKYRA rodeo. If the Rodeo Secretary chooses to sell memberships, a \$2.00 office charge may be added to the membership fee.

- d. **Membership card** will be issued to member upon receiving copies of their **Social Security Number, notarized application, grade cards for grades 9-12, and birth certificate**. Contestants have 30 days to submit all required information to the points recorder and/or secretary after purchasing membership. Contestants will not be allowed to compete in the **Finals Rodeo** without providing the above indicated documents.
  - e. **Rules Changes** must be submitted to the association secretary as of a date set by the MKYRA Board of Directors. To be eligible to submit rules changes, members must attend at least 2 board meeting throughout the rodeo season.
  - f. **All members will be issued** a rulebook, membership and insurance card.
2. **Membership in the MKYRA is from Finals through Finals (Labor Day to Labor Day). Previous members must pay dues by Labor Day or by the first rodeo of the new season.**
3. **For points to count at a MKYRA rodeo:**
- a. Membership applications and fees must be given to the Rodeo Secretary, MKYRA Secretary, or MKYRA Board

- Member before the start of the Grand Entry for points to count at that rodeo. Point accumulation for membership applications and fees received after the start of the grand entry will begin at the next regularly scheduled MKYRA rodeo.
- b. Contestants **must submit a signed-notarized application** form to the MKYRA secretary of that rodeo, or to the point tabulator **before he/she may participate** in that rodeo.
  - c. **New members must submit a signed-notarized application form and a copy of their birth certificate to the MKYRA secretary.**
  - d. **Any contestant not attending an organized school** (this includes GED) must meet with the board of directors for further instructions on providing proof of school enrollment.
  - e. **High School students** must submit proof of school enrollment or their most recent grade card.
  - f. **All bad checks** will be subject to a \$25.00 charge and contestant will be cash only entry for rest of season.
- 4. All non-member contestants** must meet the following criteria before they may compete:
- a. Will be required to pay a \$5.00 insurance fee, plus a \$8.00 non-member fee, in addition to any normal entry fees. Fees will be paid to the rodeo secretary, who will give all non-member fees to the MKYRA.

- b. **Submit a release form** signed & notarized by a parent or legal guardian.
- c. **Submit proof of age** to the rodeo secretary.
- d. **Non-member** contestants may enter an unlimited number of rodeos during any season.

## ENTERING RODEOS AND DRAWING OUT

- 1. Contestants** should check in with the rodeo secretary and pay fees one hour prior to the start of the rodeo (the Grand Entry designates the start of a rodeo). The rodeo secretary at her/his discretion may assess a \$5.00 fine per contestant for paying fees after the rodeo has started. (Fine may be avoided by notifying the rodeo secretary you will be late prior to the performance.) Entries received by MKYRA or Stock Contractors must be deposited and an official receipt of acceptance must be given for all transactions.
- 2. A \$2.00 fee per contestant** per entry will be collected by the rodeo secretary to be given to MKYRA. A \$3.00 office fee will be paid by each contestant, \$2.00 of that fee will be collected by the stock contractor and \$1.00 will be collected by MKYRA.
- 3. A \$2.00 fee per contestant** per entry will be collected by the rodeo secretary to be divided equally between the MKYRA JUDGES.
- 4. All non-members** will pay an additional \$5.00 for insurance and a \$8.00 non-member fee, entry fee, judges fee, and contestant fee.
- 5. In order for a non-member points to count** he/she must be a member before he/she pays their entry fees or he/she will be liable for non-member insurance and non-member fee.
- 6. DOCTOR RELEASE:** A contestant may doctor release, thus waiving all obligations for entry fees, stock charge.
  - a. The rodeo secretary** is notified of the intended doctor releases no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance.
  - b. A doctor verification** is received by the rodeo secretary within

seven (7) days of the date of the last performance of the rodeo.

**7. VETERINARIAN RELEASE PROCEDURES:**

- a. **Time requirements for vet releases:** If a contestant is vet or doctor releasing out of a MKYRA Rodeo he/she must notify the rodeo secretary no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance he/she is up, that he/she is sending a bonafide vet release to the designated recipient. In an emergency situation with visible injuries a contestant may vet release up to the start time of the performance.
- b. Vet Releases will be accepted with a written release on the veterinary's stationary sent to the designated recipient office within seven (7) days of turn out.
- c. Judge may authorize a Turn Out or Draw Out on Vet Release. Seven (7) day time period to begin on first day release is used.

**8. TURNS:**

- a. A contestant may draw out only up to 24 hours after books close without paying any turnout fines. If a contestant turns out after the 24 hours then that contestant will be responsible for their stock charge/timer charge and entry fees payable to the MKYRA association Secretary. If a contestant, fails to show up at an MKYRA rodeo he/she is entered in without notifying the rodeo secretary, they are termed a no show (NS). The contestant will also be required to pay the entry fees plus stock charge/timer fees payable to the MKYRA Association Secretary. If a contestant turns out (TO) of an event prior to the start of that event; no fines will be imposed if the entry fees have been paid. Entry fees will be due in all turn out and no

- show cases, unless the contestant has notified the rodeo secretary within the allotted 24-hour time. A contestant with a visible injury or illness may turn out of any event at a rodeo without a doctor's written excuse provided notification of such turn out is authorized by a judge at that rodeo. A contestant may also turn out with no fine assessed with a judge's approval due to an injury or illness occurring at that given rodeo. Once the rodeo begins and stock is drawn, if the contestant turns out, fees and stock charges will not be refunded.
- b. All delinquent fees must be paid before a contestant may compete in the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo. This rule also applies to non-members. All turnout fines will be carried over to the next year and any past member or renewal member will still be responsible for their turnout fees from previous years and may not compete at any MKYRA sanctioned rodeo until paid.
  - c. If the member does not join the next year and enters a MKYRA rodeo as a non-member they will be required to pay any accrued fines for past years before they may enter a MKYRA rodeo. Any contestant, member's parent, or member's legal guardian who writes a bad check for entry fees or to the association will not be allowed to compete until the check is made good.
  - d. Stock charges will be paid to the Stock Contractor and the balance will go to MKYRA.
  - e. The person calling in entries to the rodeo secretary will be responsible for that person's fees and stock charges. The same penalties apply to that person or their children.

## POINT SYSTEM

1. **Point System** for the MKYRA shall be as follows:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1 <sup>ST</sup>	10
2 <sup>ND</sup>	9
3 <sup>RD</sup>	8
4 <sup>TH</sup>	7
5 <sup>TH</sup>	6
6 <sup>TH</sup>	5
7 <sup>TH</sup>	4
8 <sup>TH</sup>	3
9 <sup>TH</sup>	2
10 <sup>TH</sup>	1

\*In case of ties a minimum of 1/2 point will be awarded, 3-way tie for 10th each will receive 1/2 point.

**Pee Wee Boys** will be allowed points from **4** events to count towards their year end all around score.

**Pee Wee Girls** will be allowed points from **3** of the following events to count towards their year end all around score: Barrels, Pole Bending, Mutton Busting, Goat tail Untying

2. **When a member receives points at a MKYRA** rodeo and a non-member places above that member the non-member will be removed and member will be moved to that placing. This will only affect the points not the placing at a MKYRA rodeo when money is paid out.
3. **Any two go-round rodeo** will have points given on each go-round and on the average. The high point winner who has won points in two or more events will be named the all-around champion.
4. **Header and Heeler** points will be kept as separate and individual events.

## AGE DIVISIONS/ENTRY FEES

(A \$3.00 office fee will be paid by each contestant)

5. Stock charges and entry fees will not exceed:

<b>SR. BOYS (14-19)</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Stock Charge</b>	<b>MKYRA Fee</b>	<b>Judges Fee</b>
Bareback Riding	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Saddle Bronc Riding (Optional)	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Calf Roping	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Chute Dogging	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Steer Wrestling (Optional)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Bull Riding	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Team Roping per roper	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
(Team Roping open to all age groups, boys and girls)				

### **JR. BOYS (9-13)**

Bareback Riding	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Breakaway Roping	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Chute Dogging	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Steer Riding	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Saddle Bronc Riding (Optional)	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Goat Tying	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$2.00

### **SR. GIRLS (14-19)**

Barrel Racing	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Pole Bending	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Goat Tying	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$2.00
Breakaway Roping	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$2.00

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Breakaway Roping	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Goat Tying	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$2.00

<b><u>PEE-WEE (BOYS &amp; GIRLS)</u></b>	<b><u>Entry Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Stock Charge</u></b>	<b><u>MKYRA _ Fee_</u></b>	<b><u>Judges Fee</u></b>
Barrel Racing (8 & Under, B/G)	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Mutton Busting (6 & Under, B/G)	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Pole Bending (8 & Under, B/G)	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Calf Riding (7 & 8, Boys Only)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Mini Bareback(7 & 8, Boyonly)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Goat Tail Untying (8 & Under, B/G)	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

Optional Event shall mean an event that must be held at one quarter of the total sanctioned rodeos in one season to qualify for a finals event and be eligible for awards.)

**6. Payback** will be determined by the number of contestants:

<b><u>No. Of Contestants</u></b>	<b><u>Monies</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
<b>1-4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>5-9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60- 40%</b>
<b>10-14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50-30-20%</b>
<b>15-19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40-30-20-10%</b>
<b>20-24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35-30-20-10-5%</b>
<b>25 or more</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30-24-18-13-10-5%</b>

## RULES OF CONDUCT

- 1. Any person becoming a member of this association** shall comply with all of its rules and decisions and shall be bound by same.
- 2. If a MKYRA member**, member's parent or legal guardian, or any other participant has had intoxicating beverages and/or illegal drugs at any time prior to, during or after the performance, on the rodeo grounds; the member will not be allowed to participate in or receive points for that rodeo and will be asked to leave the rodeo grounds. In addition, their membership may be terminated subject to the Board's discretion.
- 3. All MKYRA rodeo contestants, parents and helpers must follow dress code: long sleeved shirt tucked in with sleeves rolled down, cowboy hat or protective headgear, long pants and western boots in the arena (arena to be specified as the area within the arena fencing including the bucking chutes and alleyway to the arena gate) during performance, starting 30 minutes prior to performance and through the end of slack or be disqualified from that rodeo at the discretion of the official rodeo judge. The only exception will be rough stock riding, when rider may roll up his sleeve, not to exceed the elbow, on his riding arm when he is competing.**
  - Contestants must make an active effort to keep their hats on while in the arena. If a contestant's hat falls to the ground, contestant must pay a \$2.00 fine to the MKYRA association secretary.
- 4. If in the opinion of the official rodeo judges and/or MKYRA Board Members**, a contestant, parent and/or legal guardian is

harassing the judges, rodeo secretary, rodeo contractor and personnel, or a MKYRA board member at any rodeo, the contestant will be fined \$50.00 immediately. The rodeo judges then have the option to eject the contestant, parent and/or legal guardian from the rodeo grounds. Ejection of a contestant will result in nullification of any points or prize money accumulated by the contestant at that rodeo.

a. The rodeo judge or MKYRA Board Member who fines the above contestant shall give written documentation of the incident to the MKYRA Board within seven (7) days. Documentation shall give description of incident, list witnesses, and the rule infraction. Upon receipt of documentation the MKYRA Board shall hold a formal hearing.

5. **After a formal hearing presented to the MKYRA board**, any stock contractor, judge, employee, director, MKYRA personnel, members, parents, or appointed helper found guilty of being physically or verbally abusive to any MKYRA members, abusive to any stock, consuming or distributing alcohol or drugs on the rodeo grounds may be fined \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense, \$300.00 for the third offense, may lose sanctioning, and/or be banned from the association depending on the offense.
6. Only contestants will be allowed to register complaints or disputes with the judges before the end of the performance. Any dispute **must be brought up at the performance of which it occurs** and be settled no later than immediately following the performance. Formal written grievances (grievances specified as a rule infraction and not a judges call) must be signed by at least three people, reference the rule number and page number in the MKYRA rule book and mailed to the MKYRA secretary within seven (7) days of grievance or no action will be taken. The MKYRA board will

respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of the grievance.

7. **Contestants may be disqualified** from a particular event or rodeo for any of the following infractions listed below by the rodeo judges and/or MKYRA Board Member. The person or persons disqualifying the contestant shall notify contestant as soon as possible.
  - a. Having any association with alcoholic beverages, narcotic or other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved Mo-Kan Youth Rodeo Association event, whether at a motel, on the rodeo grounds, going to or from the rodeo.
  - b. Rowdiness, quarreling or unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - c. Mistreatment of any rodeo livestock or contestant's horse, including excessive whipping in or around the arena area.
  - d. Not being ready to compete when called upon after the third and final call (Contestant must be in area within 30 seconds of third call).
  - e. Attempting to cheat, fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce the judges at any time between opening and closing of a rodeo, by contestants or parents.
  - f. Tampering with chutes or livestock in any way.
  - g. Vandalism on or off the rodeo grounds.
  
8. **MKYRA has adopted the National High School Rodeo Association RuleBook** as it's first source of clarification if in any case the current MKYRA Rule Book does not clearly cover an event rule.
  
9. Contestants will need to specify on their membership application if they want their newsletters mailed or emailed. If the option to mail is selected, newsletters will be passed out at the Rodeo's during contestant sign-in and then the remaining will be mailed. The

newsletters will also be posted to the MKYRA website.

## **RODEO AND ARENA RULES**

- 1. Contestants shall not have to pay a gate fee at the performance** in which they are competing as a paid contestant. Parents, non-competing siblings, and all spectators will pay a gate fee.
- 2. No contestant or spectators are allowed in the arena** during a performance except when competing in their events with the exception of the designated helper, arena director and rodeo officials.
- 3. No contestant shall be allowed to tamper with the rodeo livestock** prior to and/or during any rodeo performance. Contestants will be disqualified for being in a pen with livestock at anytime except when accompanied by a stock contractor, arena director, judge or when assigned to work in those pens.
- 4. Rough stock** should be drawn by the judges and posted no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the rodeo. All timed events will have stock and positions drawn. The draw and positions should be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the rodeo.
  - a. Each contestant is responsible for knowing his/her stock number. If the wrong stock is taken, it shall result in an automatic no time.
- 5. No re-run** will be awarded due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant in any event.
  - a. No action by the helper or contestant will constitute a re-ride or re-run.
- 6. All roping and timed event stock** will be run through prior to the

first performance at each rodeo.

7. **All brands and ear tags** must be clearly readable on all stock prior to rodeo.
8. **A contestant** on his/her horse may use no electrical devices.
9. **A contestant** cannot be fouled by any non-moveable obstacle.
10. **Rodeo judges** and/or arena directors may inspect any contestant's equipment before, during, or after a rodeo performance for safety and rule infractions. Safety issues may be addressed from time to time as the MKYRA board deems necessary.
11. **Any contestant** may review the records of all contestants in any event, in which he/she participates in at the end of each go-round, at a reasonable time so secretary and/or judge may be present.
12. **Scores** will not be changed once turned in, except for an obvious mathematical error. Markings must be totaled and checked by the rodeo secretary.
13. **Any complaint** during an event must be presented to the judge during that event and before the next event starts.
14. **Any member** receiving an overpayment of prize money must repay the amount of overpayment within 14 days following notification or they will pay a fine plus the amount of overpayment and will be ineligible to compete any MKYRA rodeos or any other MKYRA event until the amount of the overpayment and said fine is paid in full.
15. **No contestant** may compete on the same head of stock twice at any

rodeo in the same event, except for re-rides or re-runs.

16. **Ground money** from the stock contractors will be awarded to all contestants entered in a specific event which no one contestant received a time or a score for that rodeo.
17. **Contestants shall not interfere with Bonafide press - Professional Photographers** or within the view of the spectators. A Contestant wishing not to have their picture taken must contact the photographer prior to his/her event. Photographer must comply with the contestants' request.
18. **Photographers** will not be required to wear a hat while working in the arena.
19. **Contestants on the back of the Box or Arena.** At the discretion of the arena director and/or rodeo judges, contestants will be requested to move if they are obstructing the view of paying spectators.
20. **Contractor Personnel** shall not interfere with competition of a contestant.
21. **MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS.** Any timed-event or rough stock contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from a MKYRA judge that he/she is mistreating an animal will be disqualified.
22. **Any contestant may wear protective headgear** in any event while competing. Velcro leg straps are not approved nor endorsed by MKYRA or any of their stock contractors or affiliates.
23. **Contestants are allowed one helper only.** Helper may consist of one person on horseback or on foot. Helper may proceed to the

front-center of the arena, release the contestant's horse, and then step back to the arena fence. Helper may not hit the horse once the Contestant crosses the plane of the arena gate. Contestant may also lead their horse into the arena and then mount. Once inside the arena gate, contestant must mount horse within one horse's length of the gate and proceed with event in a timely manner. All others must remain off chutes and out from in front of the chute except for helper. **ALL HELPERS MUST BE IN FULL RODEO ATTIRE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## CONTRACTORS AND COMMITTEES

1. **To be an approved MKYRA rodeo, the stock contractor** must submit sanctioning forms to the MKYRA secretary thirty (30) days prior to the rodeo. If any emergency situation exists, the MKYRA board may approve sanctioning forms received less than thirty (30) days in advance.
2. Stock contractors shall pay an annual fee of \$50.00 to the MKYRA Association. Contractor fee shall be submitted with the first rodeo-sanctioning request of new season.
3. Contractors shall provide day sheets for each performance, list the correct order of events, and list the correct order of contestants. (1 per contestant)
4. **To be a MKYRA sanctioned rodeo**, all MKYRA events must be included, Ambulance must be readily available at the start of each performance through the end of all slack. All rules, regulations, and contracts must be upheld.
5. **Contractors and Committees shall be responsible** for all fees associated with insufficiently funded checks, payment of ground and/or prize money, and any rule violation fines. Contractor/Committee has thirty (30) days from insufficient fund notification to take appropriate action. If appropriate action (reimbursement of bank charges, checks properly funded, and fines paid) has not been taken care of after the thirty (30) days Contractor/Committee will be fined an additional \$25.00 per insufficiently funded check. Until all funds/fines have been reimbursed/paid Contractor/Committee will not be allowed to put on a MKYRA Sanctioned Rodeo.

6. **All contestants are to be paid prize/ground money after the last performance of the rodeo if they are present.** If not present prize/ground money will be sent by the rodeo secretary within five (5) working days to the contestants. The association fees must also be paid within those five (5) working days. Ground money in the form of Day money from the stock contractor will be awarded to all contestants entered in a specific event which no one contestant received a time or score for that rodeo. Day money must be picked up the day of the rodeo or by the last day of the performance of a series of performances held in the same weekend by the same contractor or monies will be forfeited.
- a. The Rodeo Secretary shall report all results (points, places, times, and monies paid to all contestants) for each rodeo to the MKYRA secretary within **ten (10) days** of that rodeo. If results are not received within 10 days, a \$25.00 fine may be assessed.
- b. **All contestants** receiving ground/prize money must cash checks within thirty (30) days of receipt. All checks not cashed after the thirty days will exempt all responsibilities of funds by Contractors, Committees, and the MKYRA.
7. Married youth are allowed to participate as long as they are within MKYRA age limits:

AGE DIVISIONS:

- **Mutton Busting** - 6 years and under as of (Labor Day) which marks the first day of current rodeo year.
- **Pee Wee** - 8 years and under as of (Labor Day) which marks the first day of current rodeo year.
- **Junior** - 9 to 13 years as of (Labor Day) which marks the first day of current rodeo year.
- **Senior** - 14 to 19 years as of (Labor Day) which marks the first

day of current rodeo year and/or the summer following their senior year in high school. Seniors are not to exceed 19 years of age.

8. If a junior contestant wishes to participate in the senior events, he/she must give the rodeo secretary or point's tabulator a notarized approval form signed by his/her parents prior to competition in that rodeo and must meet the approval of the MKYRA Board. This decision cannot be reversed. If the decision is made during the rodeo year, all junior points will be forfeited. If the decision is made to participate in a senior event, he/she will no longer be able to participate in a junior event. This same rule applies for peewee participants wishing to participate in a junior event. No contestant may participate in two different age groups.
9. **No contestant or stock contractor** may participate in the finals if any outstanding fines or sponsor money is owed to the MKYRA are not paid in full within three weeks of the finals. This also includes Contestant's parent or legal guardian. Fines also include but are not limited to insufficient funded checks or violation fines of any rule printed in this book. If the fines are not paid up by the start of the next rodeo season, that contestant may not join.
10. **There shall be two competent MKYRA approved judges**, one rodeo secretary, one arena director (to be appointed by the stock contractor), two timekeepers, and at least two bullfighters at each rodeo. The rodeo secretary may be a backup timer, but may not be the head timer. All rodeo personnel must be experienced and qualified.
  - a. In the event of a non-appointed arena director by the stock contractor, the MKYRA will designate an arena director. Arena directors will help keep the performance flowing smoothly, and

be the go between for contestants (except when declaring/asking for a re-ride or re-run), contractors, judges and secretaries.

- 11. Judges will be paid a minimum** of \$75.00 per rodeo performance and a minimum of \$20.00 for each designated slack. This to be paid by the Stock Contractor or Rodeo Committee.
  - a. Judges wishing to collect contestant fees are required to purchase and carry a special non-voting MKYRA Membership card. Contestant fees for non-member judge shall go to the MKYRA Association.
  - b. **A judge** may only judge three (3) consecutive rodeos for a stock contractor in one rodeo year. Any variance with this rule will be at the approval of the MKYRA Board of Directors.
  - c. **Judges sheets must be signed and available for review.**
- 12.** Electric Timers will be required for the events of Barrel Racing and Pole Bending. Failure of the contractor to provide this equipment will be subject to fines determined by the Board of Directors.
- 13. A copy of the MKYRA rulebook** will be mailed to any club, committee, or organization sponsoring a MKYRA sanctioned rodeo if requested.
- 14. MKYRA** reserves the right to fly major sponsor's flags and/or banners and merchandise at any sanctioned MKYRA event.
- 15. Due to the number of MKYRA members,** not all contestants will be able to compete at the performance of their first choice. The rodeo secretary may advise contestant that another performance

may need to be filled before a slack performance may be run. No verbal phone abuse will be tolerated before, during or after a call in. If the secretary feels she/he is abused or harassed by any member or member's family, during a call in or at another time, the rodeo secretary has the right to deny entry into that rodeo or future rodeos put on by that stock contractor. A special slack performance, if offered by the rodeo contractor, may be allowed to MOKAN members competing in a High School Rodeo or International Finals Youth Rodeo, when there is a conflict with a MOKAN sanctioned rodeo. Entry fee requirements must be made with the contractor prior to the start of the rodeo. Immediate family members and team roping partners of that High School rodeo participant may also be allowed to participate in the slack. Prior Board approval will be required for each member in each event allowed in the slack.

## JUDGES

- 1. The MKYRA board must approve all judges.** They must pass a test provided by the MKYRA board and score a minimum of 70% on current test. The MKYRA board may approve judges on prior rodeo judging knowledge and have a current judge's test on file with the MKYRA board. Judges wishing to collect contestant fees are required to purchase and carry a special non-voting MKYRA membership card. Contestant fees for non-member judges shall go to the MKYRA association.
- 2. In all rough stock events,** one judge will carry a stopwatch to be used to time all rides from start to the time that in the judge's opinion the rider disqualifies himself in any manner. In the case of a dispute between the sound of the timer's signal and the judge's watch as to whether or not the contestant successfully completed the five, six, or eight second ride, the judge's watch shall be the official time. The watch used must go down to one hundredth of a second. A contestant will not be penalized, if an infraction occurs after the horn sounds.
- 3. Score tabulators:** Person in the arena during rough stock events for the purpose of receiving and totaling the judges' scores. **Judges are to remain apart and not discuss scores.**
- 4. Judges** must turn in a diagram to the rodeo secretary of all stakes placed in the arena.
- 5. No barrier judge, field flag judge, nor riding judge** may be changed during the course of a go-round, except in the case of sickness or injury.

6. **Judges** must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the rodeo books. **Judges sheets must be signed and available for review.**
  7. **The judges will record penalties.** All times will be written down whether or not the contestant was disqualified.
  8. A **judge** may only judge three (3) consecutive rodeos for a stock contractor in one rodeo year. Any variance with this rule will be at the approval of the MKYRA Board of Directors.
- \*\*\*\*In order for a judge to be included on the finals ballot he must have judged at least 1 MKYRA Rodeo.\*\*\*\***

## FINALS

- 1. The MKYRA Finals Rodeo** will be held each year on Labor Day weekend of the current season. The MKYRA board will decide the location of the finals.
- 2. No contestant or stock contractor** may participate in the finals if any outstanding fines or sponsor money owed to MKYRA is not paid in full within three weeks of the finals. This also includes Contestant's parent or legal guardian. Fines also include but are not limited to insufficient funded checks or violation fines of any rule printed in this book. If the fines are not paid by the start of the next rodeo season, that contestant may not join.
- 3. Any member qualifying** for the finals must be in good standing before being allowed to enter the finals.
  - Must have Birth Certificate, social security number and if in High School a grade card reflecting last semester grades to the MKYRA Secretary.
  - Sponsorship money and any required fundraiser money turned in to the Designated Board Member who is appointed by the Board.
    - In order to compete in the Finals, members must have competed in at least one-third (1/3) of the sanctioned rodeos and competed in at least one-third (1/3) of the event(s) qualifying for the finals rodeo and have at least one point in that event. The top 15 contestants in each age group and in each event shall be eligible for the MKYRA Finals Rodeo.
    - Team Roping teams will be made up of the top 15 headers and top 15 heelers. Each contestant will only be able to participate once as a header and once as a heeler. Partners need not be in the top 15, but must be a MKYRA member and have competed in at least 1/3 of the

sanctioned rodeos. Partners are not required to meet the point requirement.

- 4. Pee Wee Boys** will be allowed points from **4** events to count towards the all-around.

**Pee Wee Girls** will be allowed points from the top **3** of the following events: barrels, pole bending, goat tail untying, or mutton busting to count towards the all-around.

**All mutton busting points will count towards the year end awards for the mutton busting events. Only points of 50 or above will count towards the All Around points.**

- 5. ALL GENERAL RULES** will apply to the MKYRA Finals Rodeo.

## YEAR END AWARDS

- 1.** The top fifteen (15) point contestants of each event in each age division will be allowed to compete at finals. Additional contestants will be allowed to compete only when ties occur in the fifteenth (15) position.
- 2.** It is the aim and goal of this association to present year-end awards to the top fifteen (15) point contestants participating in finals. A contestant maybe excused from participation in the finals and still be eligible for their year end awards with a medical release. The top four (4) point contestants of each event (unless a tie occurs in the 4<sup>th</sup> position), All-Around Champion, and Reserve All-Around Champion, in each age division (male/female) will receive awards. Queen, Princess, Little Miss, Graduating Seniors, and any Special Purpose Awards will also be given as determined by the board.

3. Awards are based on the financial capacity of the MKYRA Association at each year-end.
4. Association must retain a yearly roll-over balance of not less than \$500.00 minimum.

## GENERAL ROUGH STOCK RULES

1. **Any exhibition rider** must be on the judge's sheet prior to their event.
2. **The MKYRA Board** has the right to disallow any stock they feel are undesirable for youth.
3. **No stock contractor or their employees** will be allowed to push the contestants through or verbally abuse them. In all rough stock events, the gate will not be opened until the contestant gives the go-ahead, except in the case of an emergency.
4. **Mouthpieces are mandatory** for all rough stock riders.
5. **MKYRA strongly suggests the use of protective vests and helmets** by all rough stock riders in every rough stock event. MKYRA will not provide any protective vests for the contestant's use. Protective vests are not approved nor endorsed by MKYRA or any of their stock contractors or affiliates.
6. **Judges must be asked for a re-ride** before the contestant leaves the arena.
7. **Re-rides** may be offered for the following reasons:
  - a. Failure to get out of the chute on a chute-fighting animal after two honest attempts.
  - b. Stock is marked twelve (12) or less by both judges.
  - c. Rider is fouled at the chute (if declared immediately).
  - d. Stock falling on its side.
  - e. Stock stopping (half second or more is classified as a stop, anything else is a hesitation).
  - f. Stock comes out of the chute backwards, if the contestant

declares himself immediately.

8. **Re-rides are never given** because of broken equipment furnished by the contestant.
9. **Re-rides:** if animal that is drawn for a re-ride is already drawn for another contestant in the same go, the contestant with the animal drawn will take his turn before the contestant who drew the animal for a re-ride.
10. **Contestants** may be disqualified for hang-ups at any time at the discretion of the judge.
11. **All bulls, steers, heifers and calves horns** will be tipped to the size of a quarter.
12. **All flank straps** used in any and all rough stock events shall have no foreign objects attached. They will consist of leather or rope with or without fleece attached.
13. **Junior Bulls** will not be substituted for steers in the steer riding.
14. **The contestant** has the option to flank his calf in the calf riding.
15. **Each contestant is responsible for knowing his/her stock number.** If the wrong stock is taken, it shall result in an automatic no time.
16. During roping events one (1) judge and one (1) stockman shall be mounted in the arena. Stockman to facilitate stock dispersal. Neither judge, nor stockman may be cause for foul.

## **SENIOR BOYS - BAREBACK RIDING (MALES 14-19)**

1. Contestant is required to ride eight (8) seconds to receive a score.
2. One-handed rigging is to be used.
  - a. Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
  - b. Judges will have final decision of legality of riggings.
3. Rigging Specifications:
  - a. Riders may use their own rigging if it is not less than ten (10") inches in width at the handhold and not over a six (6") inch D-Ring or not a freak.
  - b. All bareback riders must use padding under their rigging and padding must extend two (2") inches behind rigging. The pad used must be a regulation pad. Senior riders may not use three-quarter ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ") inch foam pads.
  - c. A rider may cinch his own rigging and examine it to determine if it is satisfactory before the horse is released into the arena. Rigging may be pulled from either side.
4. To receive a qualified ride, the rider must mark the horse out (have his spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and his rowels touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute). The mark out rule may be waived at the discretion of the official rodeo judges if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
5. Any horse requiring a neck rope or its head to be fastened in the chute may have the first jump rule waived at the discretion of the

judges. The contractor and contestant will decide the use of a neck rope.

- a. If the first jump rule is waived, the rider is to immediately take the horse as is. There will be no tape or any other adhesive materials or substances other than dry rosin and/or Benzoin used on the rigging or rider's glove, which will be a plain glove.
6. The rider must have his riding hand visible to the judge after the rigging is set and pulled. If a re-pull is needed, the riding hand must be removed and made visible to judge.
  - a. The rider may not pull the rigging with the hand already placed in the handhold.
7. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. A rider who is fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes, must declare himself immediately by double grabbing or getting off in order to receive a re-ride. A rider must be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks, provided the rider completes a qualified ride.
8. No hot shot shall be used until the animal turns his head out of the chute.
9. The contestant is disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - a. Rigging comes off before the time limit.
  - b. Rider is bucked off before the time limit.
  - c. Rider's rowels are too sharp.
  - d. Riding with locked rowels.
  - e. Rider touches the animal, self or equipment with his free hand.
  - f. Wedges, gimmicks, finger tucks, palm tucks, etc. are used.

10. Judges will decide on the matter of re-rides.
11. If a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging at any point, he shall be disqualified at the discretion of the judges. The stock contractor or pick-up men may bring this to the judge's attention.
12. Horses must be drawn for contestants.

**JUNIOR BOYS - BAREBACK  
RIDING (MALES 9-13)**

1. All senior bareback riding rules (Males 14-19) apply to Junior Boys 9-13 EXCEPT:
  - a. Contestant is required to ride six (6) seconds to receive a score.
  - b. Riders are NOT required to mark the animal out.
  - c. Riders will be disqualified, at the judge's discretion, if he locks his spurs in the D-Rings.
  - d. Junior riders may use three-quarter ( $\frac{3}{4}$ " ) inch foam pads.

MKYRA suggests use of a soft handhold.

2. Junior Boys Bareback riders may not ride with any gimmicks or other binding materials.

**SENIOR BOYS - SADDLE BRONC  
RIDING (MALES 14-19)  
(OPTIONAL EVENT)**

1. Contestant is required to ride eight (8) seconds to receive a score.
2. A plain halter, one rope rein, and standard saddle must be used.
  - a. Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether equipment is objectionable.
  - b. Judges will have final decision of legality of equipment.
3. Saddle Specifications:
  - a. Rigging: 3/4 double-front edge of "D" ring must not pull further back than directly below the center point of the swell. Standard E-Z or ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed five and three quarters (5 3/4") inches on the outside width measurement.
  - b. Swell undercut: No more than two (2") inches – one (1") inch on each side.
  - c. Gullet: Not less than four (4") inches wide at the center of the fork on the covered saddle.
  - d. Tree: Saddles must be built on a standard tree. Specifications: Fork - fourteen (14") inches wide, Height - nine (9") inches maximum, Gullet - five and three quarters (5 3/4) inches wide.
  - e. Cantle: five (5") inches maximum height, fourteen (14") inches maximum width.
  - f. Stirrup leather must be hung over the bars.
  - g. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.
  - h. No freaks allowed.

- i. The front cinch on the Bronc saddle must be mohair and shall be at least eight (8") inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate a cinch "D" or rings.
4. Contestant may pull riggings and cinch saddle from either side.
5. Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle.
6. Riding rein and riding hand must be on the same side.
7. To receive a qualified ride, rider must mark the horse out (have his spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and his rowels touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute). The mark out rule may be waived at the discretion of the official rodeo judges if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
8. Any horse requiring a neck rope or it's head to be fastened in the chute may have the first jump rule waived at the discretion of the judges. The contractor and contestant will decide the use of a neck rope.
  - a. If the first jump rule is waived, the rider is to immediately take the horse as is.
9. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. A rider who is fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes, must declare himself immediately by double grabbing or getting off in order to receive a re-ride. A rider must be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks, provided the rider completes a qualified ride.
10. No hot shot shall be used until the animal turns his head out of the chute.

- 11.** The contestant is disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - a. Saddle comes off before the time limit.
  - b. Rider is bucked off before the time limit.
  - c. Rider's rowels are too sharp.
  - d. Riding with locked rowels.
  - e. The rider touches the animal, self or equipment with his free hand.
  - f. Losing one or both stirrups.
  - g. Wrapping the rein around the hand.
  - c. Changing hands on the rein.
- 12.** Judges decide on matter of re-rides.
- 13.** Horses must be drawn for contestants.

## **SENIOR BOYS - BULL RIDING (MALES 14-19)**

1. Contestant is required to ride eight (8) seconds to receive a score.
2. Contestant is required to ride with one hand and wrap with or without handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent rope from falling off the animal when the rider leaves the bull. The rope must have a bell.
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Riders who are fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes, must declare themselves immediately by double grabbing or getting off in order to receive a re-ride. The rider must be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks, provided the rider completes a qualified ride. The bell must be under the belly of the animal.
4. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on bull ropes. No hot shots will be used on an animal while the contestant is attempting to mount or is mounted, except when the animal turns his head out of the chute.
5. The contestant will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - a. Getting bucked off before the time limit.
  - b. Rider touches the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
  - c. Rider's rowels are too sharp.
  - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.

6. Judges will decide on re-rides.
7. Bulls must be drawn and have horns tipped to the size of a quarter.

## **JUNIOR BOYS - STEER RIDING (MALES 9-13)**

1. Contestant is required to ride for six (6) seconds to receive a score.
2. Contestant is required to ride with one hand and wrap with or without handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent rope from falling off the animal when the rider leaves the steer. The rope must have a bell.
3. Time starts when animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Riders who are fouled on the chutes or when animal falls coming out of the chutes, must declare themselves immediately by double grabbing or getting off in order to receive a re-ride. The rider must be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks, provided the rider completes a qualified ride. The bell must be under the belly of the animal.
4. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on steer ropes. No hot shots will be used on an animal while the contestant is attempting to mount or is mounted, except when the animal turns his head out of the chute.
5. Contestant will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - a. Getting bucked off before the time limit.
  - b. Rider touches the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
  - c. Rider's rowels are too sharp.
  - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
6. Judges will decide on re-rides.

7. **Steers are to be used in the Steer riding.** Junior Bulls cannot be substituted for steers. Steers must be drawn and have horns tipped to the size of a quarter.

## **CALF RIDING**

### **(PEE-WEE BOYS 7-8 YEARS OLD)**

1. Contestant is required to ride for five (5) seconds to receive a score.
2. Contestant is required to ride with one hand with or without a handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent rope from falling off the animal when the rider leaves the calf. Rope must have a bell.
3. Time will start when the animal's inside front shoulder breaks the plane of the chute. No re-rides will be given, except, for the calf laying down in the chute and failing to get up. The bell must be under the belly of the animal.
4. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on calf ropes. No hot shots will be used during the calf riding event.
5. Contestant will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
  - a. Getting bucked off before the time limit.
  - b. Rider touches the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
  - c. Rider's rowel are too sharp.
  - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
6. Judges will decide on re-rides.
7. **Roping calves are not to be used in the calf-riding event.** Calves must be drawn.
8. Calves in the calf-riding event will not be flanked, but contestant has the option to do so.

## **MUTTON BUSTING (BOYS & GIRLS 6 AND UNDER)**

1. A full ride is five (5) seconds long. Contestant does not have to ride the full five (5) seconds to receive a score.
2. No ropes will be tied hard and fast around sheep. No contestant will be tied onto the sheep. Only ropes similar to bull and steer riding ropes may be used. All ropes should have a bell on them.
3. Judges will decide on re-rides.
4. Judging of mutton busting will be as follows:
  - a. Rides lasting between 0 and 5 seconds will result in a score of (10) times the timed ride. (Example – A ride lasting 3.4 seconds will result in a score of 34 points)
  - b. Riders holding on with 2 hands will only be allowed a score of five (5) times the timed ride for a maximum of 25 points.
  - c. Riders touching the animal, self, or equipment with the free hand will only be allowed a score of ten (10) times the timed ride for a maximum of 50 points.
  - d. Rides lasting the full (5) seconds will result in a score of 50 points, plus the **scoring judge's** points allowed for the rider and sheep (up to 25 points each), for a total possible score of 100 points.

**1 Judge shall time length of ride**

**1 Judge shall score rider and sheep performance**

This will be based exactly as rough stock events. In case of ties, places will be split accordingly same as rough stock.

- e. Assisted riders will be allowed a maximum of 15 points.

5. Sheep are to be drawn.
6. This will be a point/finals event and held at all MKYRA sanctioned rodeos.

### **MINI BAREBACK (PEEWEE BOYS 7-8)**

1. All bareback riggings must be made of leather only. Handhold must be loose and no rawhide to be used.
2. Flank straps to be correctly fitted and adjustable to fit ponies.
3. Riding gloves must be made of thin soft leather and must not have any chocks in them. Benzoin is not to be used. No finger tucks.
4. Contestant will not be disqualified for a missed markout.
5. Contestant is required to ride for five (5) seconds to receive a score.
6. All stock must be handled and tried out before going to a rodeo.
7. Minimum weight for stock is 400 pounds.
8. Stock must be removed from arena before next stock is bucked.

## **BARREL RACING**

### **(SENIOR FEMALES 14-19 / JUNIOR FEMALES 9-13 / PEEWEE 8 & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS)**

5. The start/finish line and position of the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The start and finish line is the same line.
6. The distance of the pattern may be reduced to accommodate existing ground areas in different arenas. All contestants must run the course over the same distance. Barrels shall be placed at least twenty (20') feet from fence whenever possible. Barrels shall be made of steel, barrels shall be 55 gallon drum in size, and shall have both ends in tact.
3. An electric eye timer and at least two manual back up watches will be used. The time indicated by the electric timer will be the official time. When the electric timer fails to work for three consecutive contestants during a performance, the manual back-up time will be used for those electronically missed until the electric timer may be fixed. The electric eye times will remain unaltered. The electric timer will then be used for timing the rest of the rodeo.
4. Failure to follow the course shall cause disqualification. If a contestant is disqualified for not following the pattern he/she may not restart the pattern. **No practice runs will be allowed.**
5. A five-second penalty will be added for each barrel knocked over to the ground even if the barrel stands back up.
6. Touching barrel is permitted by horse or contestant.
7. While one horse is running, no other horse will be allowed in the

- arena. The contestant must be inside the arena gate within thirty (30) seconds after the final call or be disqualified. The contestant then has thirty (30) seconds to get her/his horse set and start the pattern by crossing the timer or the contestant will be assessed a \$15.00 fine to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or she/he will not be allowed to compete.
8. The contestant may be allowed a running start. The arena gate must be closed immediately after she/he enters the arena and will be kept closed until the pattern is completed and her/his horse is under control.
  9. Time will begin when the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose reaches the finish line. The flagging judge will not move from the start finish line during the entire event.
  10. Contestant may start on either the right or left barrel. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one right turn and two left turns. When starting on the left barrel, there will be two right turns and one left turn
  11. Should for any reason, the barrels not be placed on the marks or the flagman not be in the correct place, things must be put in correct order. All contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be re-run with no penalty after allowing sufficient time to correct any error. Judges will make all decisions concerning correct setting of barrels. All barrels will be placed to the inside (inside meaning to the inner part of the arena) of the stakes.
  12. Ground conditions permitting, the barrel pattern will be raked at the start of barrel racing and after every ten contestants. Judges will have final decision on necessity of raking.

- 13.** No two contestants in the same division may ride the same horse. If this happens, both contestants will be disqualified.
  
- 14.** Junior and Pee wee contestants may be led into the arena directly in front of the chutes, provided the helper is dressed in rodeo attire. Helper may not hit the horse once it passes the plane of the arena gate.

## **POLE BENDING (SENIOR FEMALES 14-19 / JUNIOR FEMALES 9-13 / PEEWEE 8 & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS)**

1. The start/finish line and position of the poles must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The start and finish line is the same line.
2. The pole-bending pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be twenty-one (21') feet apart and the first pole is to be twenty-one (21') feet from the starting line. Poles shall be set on top of the ground in a straight line. The poles will be six (6') feet in height with a base between 12 and 14 inches in diameter. The poles are to be striped red, white and blue with each color being at least six (6") inches wide the entire length of the pole so they may be clearly visible to the horse and rider. Pole bases shall be made of plastic or rubber. Hollow bases shall be filled with sand.
3. An electric eye timer and at least two manual back up watches will be used. The time indicated by the electric timer will be the official time. When the electric timer fails to work for three consecutive contestants during a performance, the manual back-up time will be used for those electronically missed until the electric timer may be fixed. The electric eye times will remain unaltered. The electric timer will then be used for timing the rest of the rodeo.
4. Failure to follow the course shall cause disqualification. If a contestant is disqualified for not following the pattern he/she may not restart the pattern. **No practice runs will be allowed.**
5. A five-second penalty will be added for each pole knocked over to the ground even if the pole stands back up.
6. Touching pole is permitted by horse or contestant.

7. While one horse is running, no other horse will be allowed in the arena. The contestant must be inside the arena gate within thirty (30) seconds after the final call or be disqualified. The contestant then has thirty (30) seconds to get her/his horse set and start the pattern by crossing the timer or the contestant will be assessed a \$15.00 fine to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or she/he will not be allowed to compete.
8. The contestant may be allowed a running start. The arena gate must be closed immediately after she/he enters the arena and kept closed until the pattern is completed and her/his horse is under control.
9. Time will begin when the horse's nose reaches the start line and will be stopped when horse's nose reaches the finish line. The flagging judge will not move from the start/finish line during the entire event.
10. Contestant may start either to the right or left of the poles and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. A contestant will be disqualified for not following the pattern and/or breaking the plane of the poles.
11. Should for any reason, the poles not be placed on the marks or the flagman not be in the correct place, things must be put in correct order. All contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be re-run with no penalty after allowing sufficient time to correct any error. Judges will make all decisions concerning correct setting of poles.
12. Ground conditions permitting, the pole pattern will be raked at the start of pole bending and after every ten contestants. Judges will have final decision on necessity of raking. Only the end poles

will be raked.

- 13.** No two contestants in the same division may ride the same horse. If this happens, both contestants will be disqualified.
- 14.** Junior and Peewee contestants may be led into the arena directly in front of the chutes, provided the helper is dressed in rodeo attire. Helper may not hit the horse once it passes the plane of the arena gate.

**BOYS AND GIRLS BREAKAWAY ROPING  
(SENIOR FEMALES 14-19 / JUNIOR FEMALES 9-13 /  
JUNIOR MALES 9-13)**

1. Breakaway roping shall require a regulation loop. The contestant's rope or ropes will be tied to the saddle horn with string. All contestants must use the string provided by MKYRA. The string may be picked up from the rodeo secretary when fees are paid. The string will be clearly identified with a fluorescent paint.  
  
**a. Breakaway string shall be #18 twisted mason line.**
2. The barrier judge will inspect the tie to the horn and the flag on the rope. All flags must be a twelve by twelve (12"x12") inch white flag attached at the knot end of the rope so it is visible to the judge when the string breaks from the saddle horn.
3. Each roper will be allowed two loops, one per rope. If the roper intends to use two loops, he/she must carry two ropes. Loops cannot be rebuilt while roping. If the second loop or coils fall from the saddle and touches the ground, the loop may not be used. Should the roper miss with both loops, he/she must retire from the arena and receive no time.
4. The contestant must make a clean catch; that is, the loop must pass completely over the animal's head; then, catch-as-catch-can. The flag judge will signal for time to stop when the rope breaks from the saddle horn by the motion of the calf or horse without the assistance of the rider.
5. The contestant will receive no time should he/she break the rope away from saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope

and then stop the horse to make the rope break away from the saddle horn.

6. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before the roper may rope.
7. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. The calf will not be tied.
8. If a judge flags the contestant on their first loop and discovers it is not a legal catch. The contestant will return for his/her second loop from the roping box, lap and tap, and time will be added to first time. No barrier to be used on lap and tap. Judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears the gate. If the judge sees that he/she has made an error in flagging, he/she must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena.
9. If the calf escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The roper will return to the roping box, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding the first time to the additional time required to rope the calf. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears the gate.
10. The score line will be a minimum length of four (4') feet to a maximum length of the roping box length minus four (4') feet. Length of the score line to be determined according to the livestock, the length and conditions of arena, and the discretion of the judges. Only one hazer will be allowed unless judge requests an extra hazer and he/she/they may not stand beyond the score line without the approval of the judge.

11. If the barrier is broken at any place other than the designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within ten (10') feet of the post.
12. The contestant shall ride from behind a barrier. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier.
13. If the barrier equipment fouls the horse, rider, or equipment, the contestant must declare himself/herself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run.
14. The contestant cannot be fouled by any non-moveable obstacle.
15. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
16. The contestant must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if calf is ready. The contestant may be disqualified for loping the horse around the arena when the calf is loaded and ready or not being inside the arena gate within thirty (30) seconds after the final call. The contestant then has thirty (30) seconds to get his/her horse in the box or he/she will be assessed a \$15.00 fine to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or he/she will not be allowed to compete.
17. Contestant's time will be taken between two (2) flags. There is a thirty second time limit for this event. "Time" will be signaled when the 30 second have elapsed.
18. The calves must be drawn and must be uniform in size. Calves should not exceed 350 pounds. Calves' horns should not exceed two (2") inches in length.

- 19.** When contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a re-run may be given at the judge's discretion, rider must declare himself/herself immediately.
  
- 20.** During roping events one (1) judge and one (1) stockman shall be mounted in the arena. Stockman to facilitate stock dispersal. Neither judge, nor stockman may be cause for foul.

## **SENIOR BOYS CALF ROPING (MALES 14-19)**

1. Each roper will be allowed two loops, one per rope. If the roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes. Loops cannot be rebuilt while roping. If the second loop or coils fall from the saddle and touches the ground, the loop may not be used. Should the roper miss with both loops, he must retire from the arena and receive no time.
2. Contestants must rope the calf, dismount, go down the rope, throw the calf by hand, and cross and tie any three (3) legs. The time will stop when both contestant's hands are clear of the calf. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be day-lighted (calf must be elevated high enough that it has the opportunity to regain it's feet). If the roper's hand is on the calf when it falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold until the roper gets his hand on the calf. The contestant must then remount and ride forward to allow slack in the rope. The field judge will examine the tie. The calf's three (3) legs must remain crossed and tied for six (6) seconds after the roper has remounted and ridden forward allowing slack in the rope. The field judge shall have a stopwatch to assure equal timing for all contestants.
3. The contestant shall have a neck rope or equivalent equipment adjusted in such a manner that will keep the horse from dragging the calf. If the horse excessively drags the calf (five (5') feet or more) after the roper has re-mounted, ten (10) seconds will be added to the time by the field judge.
4. If the tie comes loose or the calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked "no time". The roper will be disqualified for removing the rope from the calf

before the tie has been passed on by the field judge. The untie man must not approach the calf until the judge signals time.

5. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before the roper may rope.
6. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
7. If the calf escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The roper will return to the roping box, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding the first time to the additional time required to rope the calf. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears the gate.
8. The score line will be a minimum length of four (4') feet to a maximum length of the roping box length minus four (4') feet. Length of the score line to be determined according to the livestock, the length and conditions of arena, and the discretion of the judges. Only one hazer will be allowed unless judge requests an extra hazer and he/she/they may not stand beyond the score line without the approval of the judge.
9. If the barrier is broken at any place other than designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within ten (10') feet of the post.
10. The contestant shall ride from behind a barrier. A ten-second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier.
11. If the barrier equipment fouls horse, rider, or equipment, contestant must declare himself immediately by pulling up. The contestant

will receive a re-run.

12. The contestant cannot be fouled by any non-moveable obstacle.
13. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
14. The contestant must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if calf is ready. The contestant may be disqualified for loping the horse around the arena when the calf is loaded and ready or not being inside the arena gate within thirty (30) seconds after the final call. The contestant then has thirty (30) seconds to get his horse in the box or he will be assessed a \$15.00 fine to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or he will not be allowed to compete.
15. Contestant's time will be taken between two (2) flags. There is a thirty (30) second and sixty (60) second time limit for this event. "Time" will be signaled when thirty (30) seconds has elapsed and calf has not been legally caught. If calf is legally caught within thirty (30) seconds, the contestant's "time" will be signaled when sixty (60) seconds has elapsed.
16. Calves must be drawn and will be uniform in size. Calves are not to exceed 250 pounds. Calves horns should not exceed two inches (2") in length.
17. Roper will be flagged no time for touching calf, or string, or by touching rope to train his horse after giving finished signal, or by dragging calf after he remounts horse.
18. When the contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a re-run may be

given at the judge's discretion, rider must declare himself immediately.

- 19.** During roping events one (1) judge and one (1) stockman shall be mounted in the arena. Stockman to facilitate stock dispersal. Neither judge, nor stockman may be cause for foul.

**TEAM ROPING**  
**(ALL AGES - MALE AND FEMALE)**

1. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Each team will be allowed three loops. No tied ropes are allowed.
2. Legal catches: Both horns, half of head, or around neck. Front leg catch is illegal. Judges will decide any questions as to catches.
3. If Hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels. One hind foot catch receives a five (5) second penalty. If loop crosses itself on head catch, it is illegal (this is called a "figure eight"). This does not include heel catches. No cross firing - header must be dallied and the steer turned before heeler throws his/her loop.
4. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his/her hands. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is an illegal catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However; should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
5. Time will be taken when steer is stopped, both horses' front feet are on the ground and facing steer in line with ropes dallied (one complete turn around the horn) and tight. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels. A broken or dropped rope will be considered no time. No foul catches can be removed by hand. If either roper dismounts his horse before the flag is dropped, the team shall receive no time.

6. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before a loop is thrown.
7. Roping steer without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
8. In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the steer back, lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
9. If the steer escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The ropers will return to the roping box, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding first time to the additional time required to catch the steer. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when steer's head clears the gate.
10. The score line will be a minimum length of eight (8') feet to a maximum length of the roping box length minus two (2') feet. Length of the score line to be determined according to the livestock, the length and conditions of arena, and the discretion of the judges.
11. If the barrier is broken at any place other than designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within ten (10') feet of the post.
12. Header shall ride from behind a barrier (left side of box). Heeler shall ride from behind the barrier line. A ten-second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier. Header must throw first loop at head.
13. If barrier equipment fouls horse, rider or equipment, contestant

must declare himself/herself by pulling up. Contestant will receive a re-run.

14. Contestant cannot be fouled by any non-moveable obstacle.
15. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
16. The contestants must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if steer is ready. The contestants may be disqualified for loping their horses around the arena when the steer is loaded and ready or not being inside the arena gate within thirty (30) seconds after the final call. The contestants then have thirty (30) seconds to get their horses in the box or they will be assessed a \$15.00 fine each to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or he/she will not be allowed to compete.
17. Contestants' time will be taken between two (2) flags. There is a sixty-second time limit for this event. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
17. The steers must be drawn, be uniform in size, and have their horns properly wrapped.
19. When Header calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a re-run may be given at the judges discretion, rider must declare himself/herself immediately.
20. Steer must not be handled roughly nor beat, whipped, kicked or run over by contestants or horses at any time and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.
21. Contestant may enter once as a header and once as a heeler.

22. Header and Healer points will be kept as separate and individual events.
23. During roping events one (1) judge and one (1) stockman shall be mounted in the arena. Stockman to facilitate stock dispersal. Neither judge, nor stockman may be cause for foul.

## **GOAT TYING**

### **(SENIOR FEMALES 14-19 / JUNIOR FEMALES 9-13 / JUNIOR MALES 9-13)**

1. Goat shall be staked at the end of a ten (10') foot tether at a permanent location as marked for the entire rodeo. The stake shall be level with the surface of the ground.
2. The goat should be held by the collar in a vertical position behind the stake until the time starts. Contestant crosses starting line and rides toward the goat. Contestant dismounts, throws goat, crosses and ties any three (3) legs. Contestant may go down the rope. If goat is down, it must be elevated so that at least three (3) legs are straight underneath the goat, and the goat must be re-thrown. If one hand is on the goat when it falls, it is a legal throw. Contestant will be penalized ten (10) seconds if horse hits the rope or goat while rider is still mounted. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse while rider is mounted, she will receive no time.
3. Contestant is still mounted until both feet have touch the ground. Senior girls and Junior boys will have a 30 second time limit to get their goat tied. Junior girls will have a 45 second time limit to get their goat tied.
4. No foreign materials such as wire will be used as tying materials. Thong, pigging string or rope will be used for Girls Events. Pigging string only can be used for Boys Events.
5. If the goat should break away, it will be left to the judge's discretion whether contestant will get a re-run.
6. The judge and goat handler must stand directly behind the goat in

order to give both right and left handed contestants the same advantage.

7. The contestant must be inside the arena gate within thirty (30) seconds after the final call or be disqualified. The contestant then has thirty (30) seconds to cross the score-line or she will be assessed a \$15.00 fine to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or she will not be allowed to compete. A contestant may enter the arena at the speed of her choice. Arena gate will be closed after she enters and will be kept closed
  
8. Time will start when contestant crosses the starting line. Time will stop when contestant signals Judge by throwing both hands in the air that tie is completed. Tie must hold for six (6) seconds after completion. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one or more wraps with a half hitch, hooley, or knot. Timing of tie will begin when the contestant stands at least three (3') feet away from the goat. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal. The tie will be passed on by a field judge, and if it is not secure for six (6) seconds, the contestant will receive a no time. The field judge shall have a stopwatch to assure equal timing for all contestants. **Contestant will receive a no time for touching the goat or tie string after signaling she is finished. Hand clapping, kicking dirt at goat, or any other attempt to enhance competitive opportunity after signaling for time will result in disqualification.**
  
9. Goats will be drawn and must be uniform in size. Junior girls' goats are not to exceed 50 lbs. Senior girls and Junior Boys goats are not to exceed 75 lbs. No pigmy goats will be allowed.
  
10. No more than three consecutive runs on one goat will be allowed.

11. The contractor may stake more than one goat in the arena at one time.
12. All goats with horns must have their horns tipped.
13. All fresh goats must be tied at least three (3) times before the start of the rodeo.
14. Unnecessary roughness of the goat at the judge's discretion may result in disqualification.
15. **Goat handler must be 18 years old, works for the Stock Contractor or be a Board Member or a Parent with a child not in that event.**



## GOAT TAIL UNTYING (PEEWEE 8 & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS)

1. There will be a 45 second time limit.
2. Goats must be of uniform size. (See Junior Boys and Girls Goat Tying section)
3. Equipment – 3 foot (including snaps) long soft rope for tethering goats with a metal snap affixed to each end. Stake with tether ring. Acceptable is a stake with an eye rolled into it and with a length of rope with a loop tied in one end and attached to the stake at the eye. All adjusted so that no part of the stake protrudes above the ground and just enough of the loop of the length of rope sticks above the ground so the tether rope may be snapped on to it.
4. Contestant must ride his/her horse across the start line, race to where the goat is tethered, dismount, catch the goat, remove the ribbon from the goat's tail, and run back across the finish line, which will be located 10 feet from tether stake back in the direction of the start line. Contestant must cross the finish line with ribbon in hand.
5. The goat will be tethered at a point 100 feet from the start line and held at the point furthest away from the starting line and facing the starting and far enough away from fences or walls that there is room to reasonably compete.
6. The goat will be held by a goat handler facing the starting point until the start line flagger flags the start of the time. He/She will then release the goat and step back out of the way. **The committee along with the goat holder should have a second individual (to be a board member or stock contractor) to help stop and catch the contestant's horse. Keeping safety of the**

**contestant's is a number 1 priority.**

7. Time runs from the time the start line flagger drops his/her flag starting the time until the judge drops his/her flag as the contestant crosses the finish line.

**Disqualifications not covered:**

8. Undue roughness in handling the goats.
9. If horse runs over the goat or the goat tether when rider still has control of their horse. (If rider has dismounted and surrendered control of their horse and the horse runs over the goat or the goat tether, no penalty will impose).
10. Crossing the finish line without the ribbon in hand.

## **BOYS CHUTE DOGGING**

### **(MALES 9-19)**

1. With gate open on bucking chute to 90 degrees, at that point, chalk a line parallel to bucking chutes three (3') feet beyond the end of the open chute gate.
2. With steers loaded in chutes, dogger gets beside steer in chute. Dogger shall place left hand on steer's neck, right hand can grab under neck, but no choking. Dogger may have assistant (**behind chute only**) to tail steer. When dogger is ready, chute gate will be opened. Dogger must not impede steer's progress until steer's nose crosses the white chalk line. When steer's nose crosses line time will begin and dogger may bring hands forward to begin process of wrestling down.
3. All steers at any chute dogging event shall be hipped in a consistent manner by the same person, which cannot be a contestant.
4. Contestant must bring steer to a stop or change direction and twist steer down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or thrown by wrestler putting steer's horns into ground, steer must be let up on all four feet and then thrown.
5. Steer will be considered legally down when lying flat on its side with all four (4) legs clear from under him. Contestant must have hand on steer when flagged. If steer gets loose from dogger, he may take no more than one step to catch steer.
6. When contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a re-run may be

given at the judge's discretion, dogger must declare himself immediately.

7. There will be two judges, one line judge to start time and enforce arm rule, and one flag judge to stop time. It is suggested that the flag judge be mounted.
8. Dogger will receive a 10 seconds penalty for going to the horn before the chalk line.
9. Contestants' time will be taken between two (2) flags. There is a sixty-second time limit for this event. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
10. The steers must be drawn, weigh 600 lbs. or less, and be uniform in size.
11. If using the team-roping steers, they must be penned at the opposite end of the arena from the chutes.
12. Senior Boys may compete in either Chute Dogging or Steer Wrestling but **NOT** both events in the same Rodeo or at the year end finals. If points are accumulated in both events, the event with more points will be counted towards the all-around race and the event with the lesser points will be dropped from the all-around. A buckle may only be won in one event or the other.

**SENIOR BOYS- STEER WRESTLING (MALES 14-19)**  
**(OPTIONAL EVENT)**

1. Steer must be caught from a horse. After catching steer, contestant must bring it to a stop and twist it down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or if thrown by wrestler putting steer's horns into ground, steer must be let up on all four (4) legs and then thrown.
2. Steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on its side with all four feet and head straight. Contestant must have hand on steer when flagged. If steer gets lose from dogger, he may take no more than one step to catch steer.
3. Only one (1) hazer is allowed and hazer cannot help dogger in throwing the steer after being caught. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the discretion of judges. The decision of the judges is final.
4. If the steer escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The dogger and hazer will return to the roping, box lap and tap, with the same animal, adding first time to the additional time required to catch the steer. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when steer's head clears the gate.
5. The score line will be a minimum length of eight (8') feet to a maximum length of the roping box length minus two (2') feet. Length of the score line to be determined according to the livestock, the length and conditions of arena, and the discretion of the judges.
6. If the barrier is broken at any place other than designated place, the barrier will not be considered broken. The barrier will not be

considered broken unless the ring falls within ten (10') feet of the post.

7. Dogger shall ride from behind a barrier (left side of box). Hazer shall ride from behind the barrier line. A ten-second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier.
8. If barrier equipment fouls horse or rider, contestant must declare himself by pulling up. Contestant will receive a re-run.
9. Contestant cannot be fouled by any non-moveable obstacle.
10. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
11. The contestant and hazer must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if steer is ready. The contestant and hazer may be disqualified for loping their horses around the arena when the steer is loaded and ready or not being inside the arena gate within thirty (30) seconds after the final call. The contestant and hazer then have thirty (30) seconds to get their horses in the box or contestant will be assessed a \$15.00 fine each to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or he/she will not be allowed to compete.
12. Contestants' time will be taken between two (2) flags. There is a sixty-second time limit for this event. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
13. When contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a re-run may be given at the judge's discretion, rider must declare himself immediately.

14. The steers must be drawn, be uniform in size, and have their horns tipped.
16. No roping cattle or cattle used for any other event will be used for steer wrestling.
17. Senior Boys may compete in either Chute Dogging or Steer Wrestling but **NOT** both events in the same Rodeo or at the year end finals. If points are accumulated in both events, the event with more points will be counted towards the all-around race and the event with the lesser points will be dropped from the all-around. A buckle may only be won in one event or the other.

## MKYRA ROYALTY

To compete for the **Queen** title a contestant must either be an active Senior Division competitor or one who will become Senior Division in same rodeo year. To compete for the **Princess** title a contestant must be eligible for the Junior Division in same rodeo year. Finally, to compete for **Little Miss**, a contestant must be eligible for the Pee Wee Division competition in rodeo year (which begins in September after finals).

Winners in each age division will be selected by a panel of independent judges and are expected to attend most all the current season MKYRA Rodeos. Contestants will be judged in four categories with equal weight given to each in the scoring.

The four categories are as follows:

1. **Speech/Public Speaking** – each contestant must prepare a speech to be delivered in front of the judges. Queen contestants will give a 3-4 minute speech using the topic “How Has Rodeo Shaped Me Into A Role Model For Other Youth?”, princess contestants will give a 2-3 minute speech using the topic “How Does Rodeo Influence Me?”, and little miss contestants will give a 1-2 minute speech using the topic “I Like Rodeo Because . . . “. Contestants need to deliver the speech with minimal notes and should not read the speech.
2. **Personal Interview** - each contestant will be interviewed individually by the panel of judges.
3. **Rodeo knowledge** - each contestant will draw a question to answer in front of the judges. Each question will be related to rodeo rules and basic horsemanship knowledge.

4. **Horsemanship pattern** - each contestant will ride a horsemanship pattern in front of the judges. The pattern will be distributed to contestants in advance so there is plenty of time to practice. Contestants need to use split reins and no tie downs for the horsemanship pattern.
  
5. **Queen, Princess and Little Miss** must attend 70% of MKYRA rodeos while holding their title. If they do not fulfill this requirement, the MKYRA Board of Directors may remove their title if they so chose.

Only one clothing outfit is required for the contest. Each girl should wear western jeans, shirt, hat and boots, in compliance with rodeo code.



**BYLAWS  
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**ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 – Qualifications: The membership of the Corporation shall consist of one class of Members. Qualifications of the Members of the Corporation shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Voting: Except as otherwise provided by status or by the Articles of Incorporation, and subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, each Member shall, at every meeting of the Members, be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Members. Election of the Directors may be conducted by mail. Except as otherwise required by statute, by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws, at all meetings of Members, all matters shall be decided by the vote of a majority of interest of the Members entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy.

Section 3 – Proxies: Proxies shall be in writing and signed by the Members executing them or by there duly authorized attorneys-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise specifically provided in the proxy.

Section 4 – Dues: Members shall be required to pay dues in such amounts as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

Section 1 – Annual Meetings: Commencing with the year 1994, Annual Meetings of the Members for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting shall be on the (first, etc. Monday, etc. in January, etc.) of each year. Failure to hold the Annual Meeting at the designated time shall not result in forfeiture of the charger of the Corporation or dissolution of the Corporation.

Section 2 – Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President, by the Board of Directors or by the President upon the request of Members having one-twentieth (1/20) of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting. The request of the Members shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting and shall be delivered to the President.

Section 3 - Place of Meeting: Annual and Special Meetings of the Members shall be held at such place, either within or without the State of Missouri, as may be designated in the Articles of Incorporation or by resolution or written consent of the Members.

Section 4 - Notice of Meeting: Written or printed notice of Annual and Special Meetings, stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of Special Meetings, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than five (5) nor more than forty (40) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting. If the notice is mailed, it shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail addressed to the Member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage prepaid. No notice shall be required for Annual Meetings.

Section 5 - Conduct of Meeting: The Chairman of the meeting shall have the right and authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts and things as are necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the meeting.

Section 6 - Quorum: Except as otherwise provided by the statutes of the State of Missouri, the presence at any meeting in person or by proxy of Members, one-tenth (1/10th) of the number of Members entitled to vote shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote of a majority of the Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the Members, unless a greater proportion is required by the statutes of the State of Missouri, or the Articles of Incorporation. In the absence of a quorum, either a majority of the Members entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy, or any Officer entitled to preside or act as Secretary of such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days in any one case, no notice need be given of such adjournment to Members not present at the meeting. At any

adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted at the meeting as originally called.

### **ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1 - General Powers:** The property, affairs and business of the Corporation shall be controlled and managed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) adult Directors, one (1) adult alternate Director, one (1) senior boy Director, one (1) senior girl Director, one (1) junior girl Director and one (1) junior boy Director. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased, to a number not less than three (3), and the designation of each Director may be changed from time to time by amendment to these Bylaws. The Directors shall be elected by ballot by the Members at each Annual Meeting of Members to hold office until the next succeeding Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected and qualify.

**Section 2 - Qualifications of Directors:** Directors of the Corporation need not be residents of the State of Missouri. Youth Members must be current members in good standing.

**Section 3 - Removal of Directors:** At a meeting called expressly for that purpose, the entire Board of Directors may be removed, for or without cause by a vote of a majority of the Members then entitled to vote at an election of Directors.

**Section 4 - Quorum:** A majority of the full Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

**Section 5 - Vacancies:** Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6 - Appointment of Committee:** At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall appoint persons to serve on such committees, which the Directors shall deem necessary. Each such committee shall consist of such number of persons and shall have such powers and duties as shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President of the Corporation shall be an ~ member of each committee. Each committee shall be headed by a

current board director or officer. Each committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in their respective memberships. A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1 - Annual Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet for the appointment of Officers and for the transaction of any other business as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Members. Other meetings of the Board shall be held at such times as the Board may from time to time determine. No notice need be given of Annual Meetings of the Board.

Section 2 - Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the Board may be called by the President or Secretary or by a majority of the Board of Directors upon written or printed notice served personally upon each Director, or mailed or telegraphed to his/her address as it appears on the books of the Corporation. Notice of any Special Meeting shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. If the designated meeting place is without the State of Missouri, however, an additional five- (5) days notice shall be given. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope properly addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice were given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any Annual or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or Waiver of Notice of such meeting.

Section 3 - Place of Meeting: Meetings of the Board of Directors, whether Annual or Special, shall be held at such place, either within or without the State of Missouri, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - Actions of the Board of Directors Without a Meeting: Any action which is required to be or may be taken at a meeting of the Directors or any committee designated by the Board may be taken without a meeting if consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, are signed by all of the Directors. Such

consents shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote at a meeting duly held.

Section 5 - Participation: Members of the Board of Directors or of any committee designated by the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment as long as all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other person; participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presents in person at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

Section 1 - Number: The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Officers as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President and Secretary.

Section 2 - Election and Term of Office: The Officers specifically designated in Section 1 of this Article shall be chosen by the Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting, shall be chosen from among the Directors and shall hold office two (2) years or until their successors are chosen and qualified. During the annual meeting a minimum of three (3) elected directors shall be up for election. This shall help ensure continuity of the Board of Directors from year to year. Failure to elect Officers annually does not dissolve the Corporation.

Section 3 - Removal: Any Officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in the judgment of a majority of the Board of Directors the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby. Directors who miss more than 3 consecutive meetings in a row without undue cause unless do to personnel illness and or death of an immediate family member or valid excuse deemed as responsible by the Board of Directors will be replaced by an alternate Board Member. It is up to the Board Member to contact the Board if such occasion arises that a Board Member is unable to attend a meeting. It will be the responsibility of a Board Member who has missed a meeting to contact the Secretary of the Corporation for the date of the next Board Meeting.

Section 4 - Vacancies: Vacancies among the Officers arising from any cause shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors.

Section 5 - The President: Unless the Board of Directors shall have elected a Chairman of the Board, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and subject to the direction and under the supervision of the Board of Directors, shall have general charge of the business, affairs and property of the Corporation and control over its Officers, agents and employees; shall preside at meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors at which he/she is present; and shall do and perform such other duties and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by these Bylaws or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6 - The Vice President: At the request of the President, or in the event of his/her absence, disability or refusal to act, the Vice President (or in the event there be more than one Vice President, the Vice Presidents in the order of their election or designation) shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Each Vice President shall have such powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 7 - The Secretary: The Secretary shall record all the proceedings of the meetings of the Corporation, Members and Directors in a book to be kept for that purpose; maintain a complete list of all Members entitled to vote at meetings of Members and have said list available for inspection of any Member who may be present at such meetings; act as custodian of the records of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors; see that all books, reports, statements, certificates and other documents and records required by law to be kept or filed are properly kept and filed; and, in general, perform all duties and have all powers incident to the office of Secretary and perform such other duties and have such other powers as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by these Bylaws, the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 8 - The Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have supervision of the funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the Corporation; cause all monies and other valuable effects of the Corporation to be deposited in its name and to its credit in such depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors, if pursuant to authority conferred by the Board of Directors; cause to be kept at the

accounting office of the Corporation correct books of account, proper vouchers and other papers pertaining to the Corporation's business; render to the President or the Board of Directors, whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the Corporation and of his/her transactions as Treasurer; and, in general, perform all duties and have all powers incident to the office of the Treasurer and perform such other duties and have such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him by these Bylaws, the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 9 – Points Secretary: The Points Secretary shall be responsible for the timely and accurate updating of points for each rodeo and for the posting of points on the web site; serves as point of contact for new members and collects membership forms and updates membership list before forwarding to Secretary for permanent storage; prepares Finals program with current points by contestant and advertisements; and, in general, perform all duties and have all powers incident to the office of the Points Secretary and perform such other duties and have such other powers as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by these Bylaws, the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 10 – Public Relations/Communications Director: The Public Relations/Communications Director shall monitor and assist in the representation of the association in all promotional efforts and to assist in obtaining sponsorships for awards and scholarship programs. Promotional efforts include, but are not limited to, the MKYRA web site, social media sites, and any brochures and videos designed to improve public awareness and increase membership; prepares and updates sponsor list for announcers to use at each rodeo; and, in general, perform all duties and have all powers incident to the office of Public Relations/Communications Director and perform such other duties and have such other powers as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by these Bylaws, the President or the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI - EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS**

Section 1 - Execution of Instruments Generally: All documents, instruments or writings of any nature shall be signed, executed, verified, acknowledged and delivered by such Officer or Officers or by such agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as the Board of Directors from time to time may determine.

Section 2 - Checks, Drafts and Other Documents: All notes, drafts, acceptances,

checks, endorsements and all evidence of indebtedness of the Corporation whatsoever, shall be signed by such Officer or Officers or by such agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as the Board of Directors from time to time may determine. Endorsements or 9' instruments for deposit to the credit of the corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories shall be made by rubber stamp of the Corporation or in such other manners as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 3 - Proxies: Proxies to vote with respect to shares of stock of other corporations that may be owned by or stand in the name of this Corporation may be executed on behalf of this Corporation by the President, Vice President or Secretary or by any other person or persons authorized so to do by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII - DISTRIBUTIONS**

No part of the income or property of the Corporation shall be distributed to the Members, Directors or Officers of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII - CORPORATE SEAL**

The Corporation shall have no corporate seal.

## **ARTICLE IX - CORPORATE SEAL**

These Bylaws may from time to time be altered, suspended, amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X – MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1 - Rules and Rulebook: The Corporation may operate under such Rules as may be adopted by the Board of Directors and each Member of the Corporation shall be bound by such Rules. The Corporation shall provide each Member with a copy of the Rulebook of the Corporation. Any rule adopted by the Board of Directors may be appealed at a Special Meeting of the Members in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 2 - Inspection of Records by Members: The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and minutes of the proceedings of its

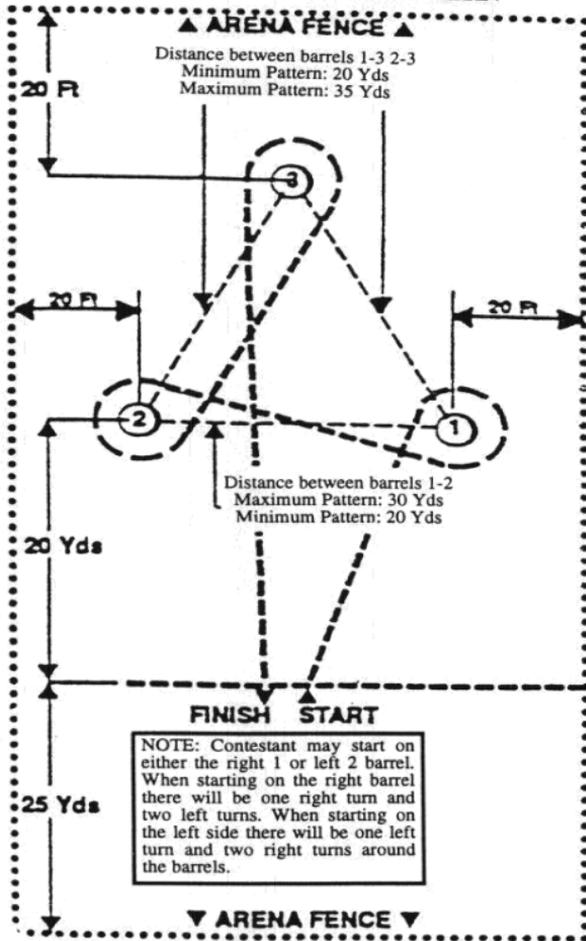
Members, of its Board of Directors and of any committee having any authority of the Board of Directors. The Corporation shall also maintain a record of the names and addresses of its Members who are entitled to vote. All of the books and records of the Corporation may be inspected by any Member, his/her agent or attorney for any proper reason at any reasonable time.

Section 3 - Loans to Officers Prohibited: No Loan shall be made by the Corporation to any of its Officers or Directors. Any Director of the Corporation who votes for or assents to the making of any such loan and any Officer participating in the making of such loan shall be jointly and severally liable to the Corporation for the amount of such loan until its repayments.

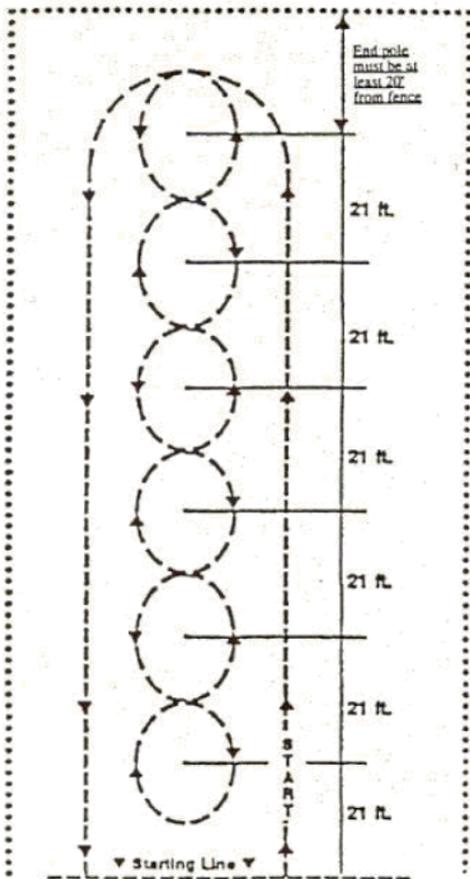
Section 4- Waiver of Notice: Whenever any notice is required to be given under the laws of the State of Missouri or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a waiver of such notice in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time state in such waiver, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

The foregoing Bylaws were approved at a Special Meeting of the Members of the Corporation on \_\_\_\_\_, 1994.

## BARREL RACING PATTERN



# POLE BENDING PATTERN



The MKYRA Board of Directors hopes this Rodeo Season will be a fun and exciting year for all contestants, families, and their supporters. As you make the journey towards the rodeo finals and as you ride through life's day-to-day challenges always keep close to your heart the Cowboy's Prayer.

### ***Cowboy's Prayer***

***Our gracious and heavenly Father, we pause in the midst of this festive occasion, mindful and thoughtful of the guidance that you have given us.***

***As cowboys and cowgirls, Lord, we don't ask for any special favors, we ask only that you let us compete in this arena, as in life's arena. We don't ask to never break a barrier, or to draw a round of steer that's hard to throw, or a chute fighting horse, or a bull that is impossible to ride. We only ask that you help us to compete as honest as the horses we ride and in a manner as clean and pure as the wind that blows across this great land of ours.***

***So when we do make that last ride that is inevitable for us all to make, to that place up there, where the grass is green and lush and stirrup high, and the water runs cool, clear, and deep.***

***You'll tell us as we ride in that our entry fees have been paid.***

***These things we ask - Amen.***