

Ozark Rodeo Association



Rule Book 2021-2022

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RULES & BY-LAWS

1. All terms for officers and directors will be 2 years with the turnover as follows: Vice President, Pee Wee/Jr/Open Bulls, Pole Bending, Chute Dogging/Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Bronc Riding. Following year election will include President, Mutton Busting/Calf Riding, Barrel Racing, Breakaway/Calf Roping/Ribbon Roping, Goat Tying.
2. The President or Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Ozark Rodeo Association to be referred to as (ORA) and Board of Directors.
3. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his/her duties.
4. Officers of the Association will have the authority to represent any event or contract.
5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes and other official reports of the Association and shall conduct its official correspondence. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all books, documents and papers relating to the Association at such place as shall be designated by and available to the Board of Directors.
6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received by him/her and shall deposit it in the name of the Association. He/she shall pay out and disperse any monies of the Association, via check or debit card drawn on the Associations account and shall make a statement of the current financial condition of the Association and a detailed report of its condition at each board meeting.
7. Secretary-Treasurer must be bonded and a Notary of Public in the State of Missouri. The cost of the bond to be borne by the Association.
8. All Officers and Directors shall serve without salary, except the Secretary, who shall receive an amount to be determined by the Board, for expense. Expenses other than meeting attendance, incurred by Officers or Directors directly concerned with Association business may be turned in and if approved by the Board, will be paid.
9. Officers and Directors may be removed at any time by a majority of the general membership for infraction of rules.
10. All Officers and Directors shall be contacted via email from the ORA office before all board meetings for time and place. Any votes conducted by the Board via email or telephone for emergency purposes, shall be recorded by the Secretary. All Officers and Directors must be contacted.
11. Officers and Directors may vote via telephone and will follow-up via email should they be unable to attend the meeting of said vote.
12. Resignation of Officers and Directors must be presented to the Board of Directors in writing. The Board may fill any vacancies among officers or directors by vote of a majority of Directors attending a meeting where and when a quorum is present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

1. Any member in good standing may nominate officers.
2. Officers and Directors will be voted on by a majority vote at the annual fall meeting.
3. All terms for Officers and Directors will be 2 years with the turnover as follows: Vice President, Pee Wee/Jr/Open Bulls, Pole Bending, Chute Dogging/Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Bronc Riding. Following year election will include: President, Mutton Busting/Calf Riding, Barrel Racing, Breakaway/Calf Roping/Ribbon Roping, Goat Tying. Officers and directors can hold their positions indefinitely with majority vote.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be hired by the Board and shall have no vote at Board of Directors meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer agrees to give the Board a 4-month notice of resignation in order to properly transition to an incoming secretary.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

1. Dues shall be set by the Board and approved by members each year.
2. Members shall carry same membership card number each year. A number will be retired if a member does not continue membership.
3. Memberships (\$50.00 youth, \$60.00 adult) and half (\$75.00) of total sponsorship (\$150.00) is due at the fifth (5th) rodeo and the remainder (\$75.00) due at a later date TBD.
4. **Points will not be awarded until all fees are paid in full on the required date.**
5. Any person becoming a member of this Association shall comply with all of its rules and decisions and shall be bound by it. **The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse or revoke membership at any time.**
6. Each member will be issued a ½ Price Buddy Pass. All rodeo committees may not recognize the use of this Buddy Pass. Contestants that have called in their entry by call in date shall not have to pay a gate fee at the performance in which they are competing as a paid contestant. However, the Buddy Pass, which may be used by a family member, friend, etc. must be presented while the contestant is present as they enter through the admission gate. The buddy pass will only be valid on the night that particular contestant is competing.

MEETINGS

1. Directors' meetings shall be held each month during rodeo season, place to be designated by Board of Directors. Board Members must attend 2 or more board meetings and attend 50% of the rodeos to Help.
2. All officers except the President and Secretary have a vote during the Directors' meetings. The President, however, will be called to vote in order to break a tie. Directors, President & Secretary will have vote at all general membership meetings provided they meet the general membership voting requirements.
3. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request of two or more Directors.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages used directly before or during any business meetings.
5. Directors meetings are open to any bona fide member of ORA. The member may express to subject but have no vote. A Director's meeting can be closed in cases of reviewing a suspension.
6. There will be a general membership meeting held at the finals.
7. All decisions regarding rule adaptations, amendments or deletions must be approved by the Board of Directors before said rule shall take effect. Any new rules that effect the entire membership shall be voted by the general membership; any new rules that effect an event only will be voted on by members competing in said event. Most rule votes will be held during the general membership meeting unless the Board of Directors calls a special vote.
8. A quorum must be present at all meetings, which will be defined as:
 - a. Board of Directors: 60% plus 1 (Majority)
 - b. General Membership: 25% of paid members
9. Board of Directors may call an Emergency General Membership meeting during the rodeo season, with one-week prior notification to members. This notification will be advertised through social media and web site notification from the ORA secretary's office.

GENERAL RULES

ALL CONTESTANTS SHALL OBSERVE THE GENERAL RULES SET BY THE ORA BOARD THAT ARE PRINTED IN THIS RULEBOOK.

Disclaimer: The Board of Directors recognizes that situations may arise, not discussed in this rulebook, and reserves the right to make decisions in the best interest of the ORA.

1. A contestant must be a paid member of the ORA, in good standing, attend 5 or more sanctioned rodeos in an event to be eligible for the ORA finals and year end awards.
 - a. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.
2. There will be no limit to the number of ORA sanctioned events per weekend, however all ORA sanctioned events must be approved by the Board of Directors.
3. There will be no exhibition runs/rides before actual contestant competition run/ride. Exhibitions will only be allowed when a performance is not full or during slack. No more than 5 exhibition runs per will be allowed during the performance. Exhibitions will be ran after the general performance is concluded. (If contestant would exhibition before actual competition run/ride this will result in disqualification. And no refund of entries.)
4. Fees and money distribution are as follows.
 - a. The number of contestants will determine payback in all **youth** events. Payback in **youth** events are as follows.

# of Contestants:	Monies:	Percent:
1-3	1	100%
4-6	2	60-40%
7-10	3	50-30-20%
11+	4	40-30-20-10%
 - b. The number of contestants will determine payback in all **open** events. Payback in **open** events are as follows.

# of Contestants:	Monies:	Percent:
1-4	1	100%
5-8	2	60-40%
9-12	3	50-30-20%
13+	4	40-30-20-10%
 - c. Association fees are distributed as follows.
 - i. Ground money will be put into Finals Fund in that event. If no contestant wins event, all ground monies will be split equally between contestants competing in said event at finals.
 - ii. Awards fund receives \$2.00 of the \$11.00 collected.
 - iii. Finals fund receives \$2 of the \$11.00 collected.
 - iv. Judges are paid \$1.00 each (max 2) of the \$11.00 collected.
 - v. Rodeo Secretary \$1.00 of the \$11.00 collected.
 - vi. Association Secretary is paid \$1.00 per entry of the \$11.00 collected.
 - vii. Remaining \$3.00 of the \$11.00 collected offsets cost of hired personnel.
 - d. All non-members will be charged a fee of \$5.00 to be kept by stock contractor.
5. The Board of Directors will set membership dues for the current rodeo year by Feb.1st or at the first Board of Directors' meeting for the current rodeo year.

6. Age divisions are as of January 1st of the competing rodeo year and are as follows: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, Adult (ages 20-39, Over 40, and Open. Open events are not considered an “age division” and are open to everyone.
7. ALL AROUND POINTS will be awarded to one boy and one girl in each age division - to the contestant with the highest number of points in 2 or more events Except for Adult and Over 40 and there will only be one person. Age division must be declared when membership dues are paid.
8. All non-member contestants must meet the above fee of \$5.00 (See 4D) and the following criteria before they may compete:
 - a. YOUTH DIVISION:
 - i. Submit a release form notarized or signed in the presence of two ORA Board Members or Stock Contractor and a parent or legal guardian.
 - b. Proof of age may be required before payout of winnings.
9. For points to count at an ORA rodeo:
 - a. All contestants must pay their membership dues and sponsorship fees prior to competition at that rodeo to receive points.
 - b. Youth contestants (existing members and new members) must submit an application form notarized or signed in the presence of two ORA Board Members or Stock Contractor and a parent or legal guardian to the ORA Secretary at that rodeo, or to the point tabulator before he/she can participate and receive points.
10. Contestants should check in with the Rodeo Secretary and pay fees 30 minutes prior to the start of the rodeo (the Grand Entry specifies the start of a rodeo). The Rodeo Secretary at her/his discretion may assess a fine of \$10.00 per contestant for paying fees after the rodeo has started.
11. The Rodeo Secretary will have seven (7) working days to mail rodeo winnings to the contestants if not collected at that rodeo; and, the Association fees must also be paid within those seven (7) working days.
 - a. The Rodeo Secretary must turn in all points, places, times, and monies paid to all contestants for each rodeo to the ORA point tabulator within seven (7) working days of that rodeo and judges sheet submitted to the Association.
12. If a contestant wishes to move up in an age division, he/she must give the Rodeo Secretary or point's tabulator a notarized approval form signed by his or her parents prior to competition in that rodeo and must meet the approval of the ORA Board. This decision cannot be reversed. If the decision is made to participate in that senior event, he/she will no longer be able to participate in that junior event. NO contestant may participate in two different age groups in the same event.
13. If an ORA member, member's parent, member's legal guardian or any other participant has had intoxicating beverages and/or illegal drugs at any time prior to or during 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.
14. All ORA rodeo contestants, hired staff, contract labor, and helpers must follow dress code in the arena: long sleeved western shirt tucked in with sleeves rolled down, (women can wear long sleeve western shirt without button up or a collar), cowboy hat or protective headgear, long pants, and western boots (arena to be specified as the area within the arena fence including the bucking chutes and alleyway to the arena gate) during the performance, starting 1 hour prior to performance, and including 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 the rider may roll up his sleeve, on his riding arm not to exceed the elbow, when he is competing, or another medical reason. It is the announcer's, the Rodeo Secretary's, and the local arenas responsibility to inform local contestants of dress code. Dress code will be posted at all the entry offices.
 - a. During morning, slack dress code will consist of an ORA T-shirt or Long Sleeve Button up, cowboy hat or protective headgear, long pants, and western boots. Must be in dress code starting 1 hour prior to the start or you will be disqualified from that rodeo at the discretion of the official rodeo judge.
15. Protective gear must be worn in events as per the guidelines of the Association.

16. If in the opinion of the official rodeo judges, a contestant, parent, and or legal guardian is harassing the judges or rodeo personnel at any rodeo, he/she will not be permitted to compete in the remainder of that rodeo nor receive points or prize money. Entry fees and stock charges will not be refunded when a contestant is not allowed to compete due to an infraction of this rule.
17. Only contestants will be allowed to register complaints or disputes with the judges before the end of the performance. Any dispute during an event must be presented to the Arena Director who will present it to the judge. Any dispute must be brought up at the performance at which it occurs and may be settled no later than immediately following the performance. Formal written grievances (grievances specified as a rule infraction and not a judge's call) must be signed by at least three people, reference the rule number and page number in the ORA rule book and mailed to the ORA secretary within seven (7) days of the grievance or no action will be taken. The ORA board will respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of the grievance.
18. The point system shall be:
 - a. 10 points for first place
 - b. 9 points for second place
 - c. 8 points for third place
 - d. 7 points for fourth place
 - e. 6 points for fifth place
 - f. 5 points for sixth place
 - g. 4 points for seventh place
 - h. 3 points for eighth place
 - i. 2 points for ninth place
 - j. 1 point for all contestants who participated but did not place in the top nine.

The member's event position points will remain the same even if non-members place within the top nine, member's points will not be moved up.

***Mutton Busting:**

If a Mutton Buster does not have a QUALIFIED ride, they will ONLY receive 1 point toward all around points. Pay out and event points will remain the same based on scores.

***9 & under Rough Stock events:**

You must have a qualified ride to get a score. If not, a qualified ride you will only get 1 point.

19. Any two-go-round rodeo will have points given on each go-round and on average. The high point winner who earned points in two or more events will be named the all-around champion.
20. Rough stock events will have a draw that shall be done by the start of the rodeo. All timed events will have stock and positions drawn except for roping events which will draw for stock only.
21. Emergency medical service and transportation will be readily available at the start of each rodeo performance. Should emergency services be required during the rodeo, the responders are free to perform their duties to assure the injured get the promptest and best medical care available. The rodeo may continue if another emergency responder crew/ambulance is in route to the arena. If another crew cannot be dispatched to the site but can be readily available, the rodeo may continue at the discretion of the stock contractor, the ORA officers present, and the ORA board members present.
22. No re-run will be awarded due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant in any event, and no action by the helper or contestant will constitute a re-ride or re-run.
23. There shall be two (2) competent ORA approved judges, one (1) Arena Director, two (2) timers and at least one (1) bullfighter at each rodeo. All rodeo personnel must be experienced and qualified. Arena Directors will be the go between for contestants, contractors, judges and secretaries.
 - a. All sanctioned contractors are required to use ORA approved judges. Safety issues may be addressed from time to time as the Board sees fit.
 - b. A judge's decision that is made within the guidelines of the current ORA rulebook and not in violation of and/or in malicious conflict with the current ORA rulebook is final and the

Board of Directors will support the decision/ruling of the judge. If a judge's decision is found by the Board to be in violation of and/or in malicious conflict with the current ORA rulebook consequences will be levied by the Board against the judge.

24. Contestants are allowed one helper only. The helper may consist of one person on horseback or on foot. If helper is on horseback, he/she may not proceed any farther inside the gate of the arena more than one horse's length. Helper must then exit the arena. All others must remain off the chutes and out from in front of the chutes. No stock may be loaded into the chutes during barrel racing and pole bending.
25. No contestant or spectators will be allowed in the arena during a performance except when competing in their events with the exception of one designated helper, Arena Director and Rodeo Officials with the exception of calf roping rule #9.
26. No contestant shall be allowed to tamper with the rodeo livestock prior to and/or during any rodeo performance. Contestants/family members will be disqualified for being in a pen with livestock at any time except when accompanied by a stock contractor, Arena Director, judge or when assigned to work in those pens.
27. No hot shot will be used inside the arena.
28. After a formal hearing presented to the ORA Board, any stock contractor, judge, employee, director, ORA personnel, members or other appointed helper found guilty of being physically or verbally abusive to any ORA members, abusive to any stock, consuming or distributing alcohol or drugs on the rodeo grounds may be fined \$100.00 for the first offense and any further offense will be taken before the Board of Directors with the possibility of losing sanctioning and/or being banned from the Association depending on the offense.
29. The ORA Finals Rodeo will be held at the end of scheduled season. The ORA Board of Directors will decide the date and location of the finals. The location will provide proper facilities to appease the entire Association and all spectators.
 - a. In order to compete in the Finals, you must be a paid member in good standing.
 - b. To be eligible to participate in the ORA Finals, a contestant must be a member in good standing, and this includes rodeo personnel.
 - c. Each qualified contestant must submit a sponsorship fee of \$150.00 to the Association Secretary, \$75.00 of which is due at your fifth rodeo and \$75.00 of which is due at later date TBD.
 - d. Points are awarded for each go-round at the Finals and for the average.
 - e. All competitors must compete in the first & second round to be eligible for year-end awards. If you do not attend finals, you will NOT receive any year-end awards or Jacket
 - f. NO EXHIBITIONS AT THE FINALS.
 - g. To receive year-end awards, you must compete at the Finals. (Exception: medical or emergency condition, approved by the Board)
 - h. All rough stock for the finals will be voted on by the qualifying contestants but the Event Director reserves the right to make the final decision based on what he/she believes to be the best stock and in the best interest of the ORA.
 - i. Timed event stock and sheep for the finals will be bid on by the contractors and chosen by the Board of Directors.
 - j. Announcers, timers, chute help, Judges, pickup men, photographer, and bullfighters for the finals will be chosen by the Board of Directors.
 - k. If any member is unable to attend any one night of ORA Finals due to another event or unforeseen circumstances, they must submit a written request to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. If approved, they will have their second go after that performance is over.
30. If a contestant fails to show up at an ORA rodeo he/she has entered in without notifying the Rodeo Secretary within 24 hours of the rodeo, the entire entry will be assessed for each event by the ORA. The ORA will forward the stock fees to the stock contractors. 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 and the stock contractor 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.

- a. A doctor release and vet release may only be used twice each during a rodeo season.
 - b. All delinquent fees must be paid before a contestant can compete in the next ORA sanctioned rodeo. A "Black List" will be provided to the Rodeo Secretary and will show all members and non-members with outstanding fines. Those with names on list are not eligible to compete until fines have been paid to the Association Secretary.
 - c. Any contestant, member's parent, or member's legal guardian who writes a bad check to the ORA, stock contractor or rodeo committee will be subject to the following fines and penalties.
 - i. FIRST OFFENSE: Amount of bad check plus expenses incurred.
 - ii. SECOND OFFENSE: Amount of bad check plus expenses incurred. Contestant will not be allowed to compete until paid in full. Points acquired at that rodeo will be forfeited. After second offense Association will only accept cash from contestant for the remainder of season.
 - d. The person calling in entries to the Rodeo Secretary will be allowed to call in their family and one other family's entries; however, the caller will be responsible for all fees and stock charges pertaining to those called in. The same penalties apply to that person or their children.
 - e. Anyone calling in after the designated call in times will be assessed a \$10.00 fine at the discretion of the Rodeo Secretary.
31. In all rough stock events, one judge (on latch side of bucking chute) 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 six (6), seven (7) or eight (8) 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.

32. Stock Charges / Entry Fees are as follows:

AGE DIVISION	EVENT	ENTRY FEE	STOCK/TIMER CHARGE	ASSOCIATION FEE	PAY BACK
6&Under	Mutton Bustin	36.00	13.00	11.00	12.00
6&Under	Goat Untying	36.00	12.00	11.00	13.00
9&Under	Calf Riding	46.00	18.00	11.00	17.00
9&Under	Bareback Pony	46.00	18.00	11.00	17.00
9&Under	Goat Tying	36.00	12.00	11.00	13.00
9&Under	Barrel Racing	34.00	8.00	11.00	15.00
9&Under	Pole Bending	34.00	8.00	11.00	15.00
9&Under	Breakaway Roping	36.00	13.00	11.00	12.00
10-14	PeeWee Bulls	51.00	20.00	11.00	20.00
10-14	Steer Riding	51.00	20.00	11.00	20.00
10-14	Goat Tying	38.00	12.00	11.00	20.00
10-14	Barrel Racing	37.00	8.00	11.00	18.00
10-14	Pole Bending	37.00	8.00	11.00	18.00
10-14	Breakaway Roping	39.00	13.00	11.00	15.00
15-19	Jr Bulls	61.00	26.00	11.00	24.00
15-19	Bareback	61.00	26.00	11.00	24.00
15-19	Saddle Bronc	61.00	26.00	11.00	24.00
15-19	Breakaway Roping	42.00	13.00	11.00	18.00
15-19	Goat Tying	40.00	12.00	11.00	17.00
15-19	Barrel Racing	41.00	8.00	11.00	22.00
15-19	Pole Bending	41.00	8.00	11.00	22.00
Youth	Team Roping	57.00/Team	16.00/Team	22.00/Team	24.00/Team
Youth	Calf Roping	47.00	15.00	11.00	21.00
Youth	Chute Doggin	47.00	15.00	11.00	21.00
Youth	Steer Wrestling	47.00	16.00	11.00	20.00
Open	Bull Riding	66.00	28.00	11.00	27.00
Open	Bareback	66.00	28.00	11.00	27.00
Open	Saddle Bronc	66.00	28.00	11.00	27.00
Open	Steer Wrestling	51.00	16.00	11.00	24.00
Open	Chute Doggin	51.00	15.00	11.00	25.00
Open	Ribbon Roping	66.00/Team	15.00/Team	22.00/Team	29.00/Team
Open/40+	Team Roping	76.00/Team	16.00/Team	22.00/Team	28.00/Team
Open/Adult/40+	Calf Roping	51.00	15.00	11.00	25.00
Open/Adult/40+	Barrel Racing	43.00	8.00	11.00	24.00
Open/Adult/40+	Pole Bending	43.00	8.00	11.00	24.00
Open/Adult/40+	Goat Tying	42.00	12.00	11.00	19.00
Open/Adult/40+	Breakaway Roping	45.00	13.00	11.00	21.00

33. All brands and ear tags must be clearly readable on all stock prior to rodeo.
34. All roping and timed event stock will be run through prior to the first performance at each rodeo.
35. Any non-movable obstacle cannot foul contestant.
36. Judges must turn in a diagram to the Rodeo Secretary of all stakes placed in the arena.
37. A copy of the ORA rulebook will be available to any club, committee or organization sponsoring an ORA sanctioned rodeo if requested.
38. Rodeo judges and/or Arena Directors may inspect any contestant's equipment before, during or after a rodeo performance for safety or rule infractions.
39. Due to the number of ORA members, not all contestants will be able to compete at the performance that is their first choice. The Rodeo Secretary will advise a contestant which performance needs to be filled. NO verbal phone abuse will be tolerated before, during or after call in. If the secretaries feel they are abused or harassed by any member or his or her family during 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.
40. 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 the Secretary and/or judge may be present.
41. Scores will not be changed once they are turned in, except for an obvious mathematical error. Markings must be totaled and checked by the Rodeo Secretary.
42. No barrier judge, field flag judge, riding judge or timer may be changed during the course of a go-round, except in the case of sickness or injury.
43. Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the Rodeo Secretary has made a final check of the rodeo books.
44. The judges will record penalties. All times will be written down whether or not the contestant was disqualified.
45. Contestants may be disqualified from a particular event or rodeo for any of the following infractions:
 - a. Having any association with alcoholic beverages, narcotic or other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved ORA sanctioned event.
 - b. Rowdiness, quarreling or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - c. Mistreatment of any rodeo livestock or contestant's horse, including excessive whipping.
 - d. Not being ready to compete when called upon after the third and final 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 the chutes or livestock in any way.
 - g. Vandalism on the rodeo grounds.
 - h. Contestant may be disqualified by the judges for any listed offense in this rulebook.
 - i. Contestant shall be notified as soon as possible by the person/persons disqualifying them.
46. Fines
 - a. Anyone harassing, threatening, disturbing judges, or trying to fix draw will be subject to a \$100.00 fine. Anyone found executing a forcible attempt, i.e., pushing, shoving or striking judge, during or after the rodeo, against a judge will be issued a 30-day suspension from competing in any ORA Rodeo and all other ORA events, effective immediately or until he/she appears before the board at a normal scheduled board meeting. Guilty party will be subject to fine and suspension immediately, and without written notification. Verbal notification by any secretary when calling to enter, or by ORA Secretary, judging representative or officer is considered proper notification. Any further offense will be taken before the Board of Directors with the possibility of losing sanctioning and/or being banned from the association depending on the offense.
 - b. Any officer or rodeo official that is aware of any infraction pertaining to judging that does not turn guilty party in, will be subject to a \$50.00 fine, subject to impartial Board of five people.
 - c. Any judges found to be in violation of and/or acting in malicious conflict with the current rules of the ORA shall be fined as little as \$50.00 and as much as \$500.00 depending on the severity of the infraction. Said fine shall be determined and assessed by the current Board of Directors.

Within 5 days of the said infraction, a current paid member must request a review, in writing to the board of directors.

- d. Long sleeve shirts rolled down and western hats must be worn at all times when in the arena. A \$25.00 fine will be assessed for non-compliance. At the judge's discretion if the rider purposely loses their hat while in the arena there will be a \$5.00 fine. This fine will go into the awards fund and must be paid at the next rodeo.
 - e. If above offenses are not taken care of within ten days (10) of notification by the Secretary, the members name shall appear on the suspended list. Exception would be rule 1A, which is immediate suspension.
 - f. Any member appearing on the suspended list will forfeit their points accumulated that season.
 - g. Any fine may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
 - h. Any member receiving overpayment of prize money must repay amount of overpayment within 10 days following notification or shall pay a \$25.00 plus amount of the overpayment and shall be ineligible to compete in any ORA rodeo or any other ORA event until the amount of the overpayment is paid in full. Members will be notified by certified letter.
 - i. Where a specific penalty is not fixed for the violation of the Articles, by-laws or ORA rules, the Board of Directors by majority vote, may issue a reprimand; impose a fine not to exceed \$500.00, declare the member's ineligible for a period of not more than five years or any combination of such penalties. In the event that the Board of Directors finds the conduct of the accused to be severely damaging to the ORA or its members of the sport of rodeo, the Board of Director's by three-fourths vote may expel such member from the ORA indefinitely. Any member accused of an act or conduct for which he or she may be expelled shall be given the opportunity to have a hearing before the Board, in which that member may refute, deny, defend against, or oppose any and all charges.
 - j. Any member appearing on a suspended list will not be allowed to compete at any rodeo until suspension is cleared.
47. To be an approved ORA rodeo, the stock contractor must submit sanctioning forms to the ORA Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the rodeo. If any emergent situation exists, sanctioning forms received less than thirty (30) days in advance may be approved at the discretion of the ORA Board.
48. No contestant or stock contractor may participate in the finals if any fines that are owed to ORA are not paid in full two weeks prior to the finals. This also includes contestant's parent or contestant's legal guardian. Fines also include but are not limited to insufficient funds checks or violation fines for 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.
49. RAINOUT RULE: In the event of rainout: Rodeo cannot be cancelled, only postponed no more than 48 hours from the first night scheduled performance to be held at the contractor's discretion on Saturday or Sunday.
50. Rule change procedure shall be as follows:
- a. Rule changes will be made on every odd year. If a rule change is needed before then, it must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for approval.
 - b. Change presented to and discussed with the Event Director of effected event or contestant's event.
 - c. The Event Director must identify all rules in the current rulebook that are affected by the change.
 - d. The Event Director must write the clarification with the member who presented the proposed change.
 - e. The Event Director must present the proposed, clarified rule change to the Board of Directors.
 - f. The Board of Directors will then make the determination of where to place the proposed rule change on the next ballot.
51. In events where stock is drawn, it will be the contestant's responsibility to make sure they compete on the correct animal which will be the animal that has been drawn for them. No score and no re-run will be given if contestant competes on in-correct stock. Only exception will be an error in posted draw vs. official judge's sheet.

52. New contractors coming into the ORA cannot take a present ORA approved rodeo away from a present ORA contractor for 5 years.
53. Any ORA rodeo committee wishing to change contractors must do so by written request to the Board of Directors, stating reason for requesting change.
54. Board of Directors will decide if contractors, on a trial basis, will bring stock to ORA finals.
55. Event Director shall have option of taking stock charge away from contractor for poor stock not meeting rule requirements.
56. If ORA does not have a covered rule for a set event refer to National High School Rodeo rules.

GENERAL ROUGH STOCK RULES

1. Any exhibition rider must be on the judge's sheet prior to their event.
2. The ORA Board has the right to disallow any stock they feel are undesirable for youth.
3. ORA require all youth under the age of 18 the use of protective vests and a protective helmet with full face guard. ORA will not provide any of this equipment for the contestant's use.
4. Open and Junior Bull riders who are fouled must immediately declare themselves or accept the foul. In other rough stock divisions, judges may be asked for a re-ride before a contestant leaves the arena. Re-rides may be requested 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 on the chute. (Judge's discretion)
 - d. Stock falling on its side
 - e. Stock stopping (half second or more is classified as a stop, anything else is hesitation)
5. Re-rides are never given because of broken equipment furnished by the contestant.
6. Re-rides: If an animal 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.
7. All bulls, steers, heifers, and calves' horns must be tipped to the size of a quarter.
8. Jr. & Open bulls, Jr. & Open Bareback & Saddle bronc riders must be out in reasonable time providing stock cooperation and at the judge's final discretion. If deemed to be unreasonable, a judge may disqualify.
9. No stock may be loaded into the chutes during barrel racing and pole bending events.

BAREBACK RIDING

AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN: ALL AGES

1. Contestants are required to ride eight (8) seconds.
2. A one-handed rigging is to be used. Judges will have the final decision of legality of riggings. Nylon or Leather latigo may be used.
 - 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 O-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 3/4" 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.
3. 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, judge will declare. 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.
4. Judges will decide on re-rides.
5. Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.

6. Any horse requiring a neck rope or its head to be fastened in the chute, may have the mark out but rule waived at the discretion of the judges. The use of a neck rope will be decided by the contractor and contestant.
 - a. If the mark out rule is waived; the rider is to immediately take the horse as is.
7. 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.
8. The rider may not pull the rigging with the hand already placed in the hand hold.
9. 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 the judge.
10. To receive a qualified ride, the rider must have his spurs or the heel of his boot over or in front of the break of the shoulders and his rowels or heel touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
11. The rider must mark the horse out. The mark out rule may be waived at the discretion of the official rodeo judge if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
12. The rider 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.
13. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN - ALL AGES

1. Contestants are required to ride eight (8) seconds.
2. A plain halter, one rope rein, and standard Association Bronc Saddle must be used. (See rule 5 for specifications)
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Judge may declare a re-ride when a rider is fouled on the chutes or when the animal falls coming out of the chutes. The rider will be given the option of a re-ride if the flank strap comes off or breaks provided the rider completes a qualified ride.
4. Judges decide on re-rides.
5. Saddle specifications:
 - a. Rigging: $\frac{3}{4}$ double front edge of "D" ring must not pull further back than directly below the center point of the swell. Standard E-Z at ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed five-and three-quarter inches ($5 \frac{3}{4}$ ") on the outside width measurement.
 - b. Swell undercut: No more than two inches (2") one inch (1") on each side.
 - c. Gullet: Not less than four inches (4") wide at the center of the fork on the covered saddle.
 - d. Tree: Saddles must be built on a standard tree. Specifications: Fork - fourteen inches (14") wide, Height - nine inches (9") maximum, Gullet - five and three quarters inches ($5 \frac{3}{4}$ ") wide.
 - e. Cantle: five inches (5") maximum height, fourteen inches (14") 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 inches (8") in width at the center but may be tapered to accommodate a cinch "D" or rings.
6. Contestant may pull riggings and cinch saddle from either side.
7. Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether saddles are objectionable.

8. Dry rosin may be used on chaps and saddle.
9. Riding rein and riding hand must be on the same side.
10. To receive a qualified ride, the rider must have his spurs or the heel of his boot over or in front of the break of the shoulders and his rowels or heel touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
11. The rider must mark the horse out. The mark out rule may be waived at the discretion of official rodeo judge if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
12. Rider is disqualified when:
 - a. The saddle comes off before the time limit.
 - b. The 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.
 - h. Changing hands on the rein.
13. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

BULL RIDING

AGES: 15 - 19, OPEN ALL AGES

1. Contestants are required to ride eight (8) seconds.
2. Contestants are required to ride with one hand and wrap with or without handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent the rope from falling off the animal when the rider leaves him. Ropes must have a bell. The bell must, be under the belly of the bull ONLY. No bell - No marking.
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 immediately. 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.
4. Judges will decide on re-rides. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on bull ropes. No hot shots will be used on an animal.
5. The rider will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
 - a. Getting bucked off
 - b. Touching the animal, self, or equipment with free hand
 - c. Sharp spurs
 - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
 - e. For intentionally placing spur/spurs in knots in rope.
6. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

CALF RIDING

AGES: 9 and under

1. Calf riding will be scored:
 - a. Full five (5) second ride, 1 hand, 30-50 points from each judge with total 60-100 points possible.
 - b. No 2 handed rides allowed and any 2 handed ride will result in a no score.
2. Contestants are required to ride with one-handed wrap with or without a handhold. No knots or hitches are allowed to prevent rope from falling off. Judges may not approve a rope wrap and the rope must have a bell.
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.

4. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.
5. Contestants may compete in mutton and calf riding, as long as age applies, both will count to all around points.

STEER RIDING

AGES: 10 TO 12

1. Contestants are required to ride for six (6) seconds and will be scored as bull riding
2. All steers must be flanked.
3. Contestants are 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 him. The rope must have a bell. The bell must be placed under the belly of the animal.
4. 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 may ask for a re-ride before leaving the arena. 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.
5. Judges will decide on re-rides. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on bull ropes. No hot shots will be used on an animal.
6. Rider will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
 - a. Getting bucked off.
 - b. Touching the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
 - c. Sharp spurs.
 - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
 - e. Intentionally placing spur/spurs in a knot in the rope.
7. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

PEE WEE BULL RIDING

AGES: 12 TO 14

1. Contestants are required to ride for seven (7) seconds and will be scored as bull riding.
2. All Pee Wee Bulls must be flanked.
3. Contestants are 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 him. The rope must have a bell. The bell must be placed under the belly of the animal.
4. 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 may ask for a re-ride before leaving the arena. 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.
5. Judges will decide on re-rides. Hooks, rings or posts will not be used on bull ropes. No hot shots will be used on an animal.
6. Rider will be disqualified when any of the following occur:
 - a. Getting bucked off.
 - b. Touching the animal, self, or equipment with free hand.
 - c. Sharp spurs.
 - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while the rope is being tightened.
 - e. Intentionally placing spur/spurs in a knot in the rope.
7. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

MUTTON BUSTING

AGES 6 & UNDER

1. Mutton Busting will be scored:
 - a. Full 5 second ride, 1 hand 40-50 points from each judge, total 80-100
 - b. Ride with 1 hand, but does not make full 5 second ride 29-32, total 58-78
 - c. Full 5 second ride, 2 hands 18-28, total 36-56
 - d. No full ride, 2 hands, or with help 10-17, total 20-34
2. No ropes will be tied hard and fast around the sheep. No contestants will be tied on to the sheep. Only ropes similar to bull and steer riding may be used. Judge may disapprove wrap.
3. Re-rides will be at the judge's discretion:
 - a. If the sheep stops within the first two (2) seconds the attempted ride, prohibiting the contestant a fair chance at a competitive score.
 - b. If the contestant is fouled on the chute gate.
4. Sheep must weigh 195 lbs.
5. Sheep must have feed or another sheep ½ way down the pen in hopes that when the sheep is let out of the chute it will run straight.
6. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.
7. Contestants may compete in mutton busting and calf riding as long as age applies, and both count towards all around points.

BARREL RACING

AGES: 9 & under, 10-14, 15 to 19, Adult, Over 40, and Open

1. Barrel racers cannot enter two horses in the same age division or open.
2. No two contestants in the same age division or open may ride the same horse (example same animal can't be ridden twice (2) in the same age division) with the exception of 9 & under.
3. Prior to first performance of all ORA approved rodeos, measurements shall be made with a tape measure only, written down, given to each judge and Rodeo Secretary for future reference. Barrels must be staked. If stakes are not visible after first performance, they must be re-measured according to first performance measurements.
4. The contestant may be allowed a running start. The arena gate must be closed immediately after the contestant enters the arena and kept closed until the pattern is completed and his/her horse is under control.
5. 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.
6. Judges are responsible for marking off barrels before the beginning of first performance of rodeo and checking of such prior to beginning of each rodeo performance thereafter with a tape measure.
 - a. Judges are responsible for placing barrels to inside of the stakes prior to the event.
7. No obstacles may be set up to run through for the starting line.
8. Flagman's starting line must be a visibly marked place. Once a section has begun, flagman cannot move from position.
9. Barrels will be placed at a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from fence, the third barrel measurement will be no more than 20 feet more than the distance between barrels #1 and #2 providing the space is available in the arena.
10. There should be a minimum of 40 feet to the scoreline, should be lengthened to 60 feet and the barrel pattern should be centered after the scoreline to get maximum use of space available.
11. The barrels used in any approved barrel race must be metal, closed- end, fifty-five (55) gallon size. It is required that barrels be painted or covered with a visible uniform color.

12. Contestants may start on either the right or left barrel. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one (1) right turn and two (2) left turns. When starting on the left barrel, there will be two (2) right turns and one (1) left turn.
13. Lead-ins on foot past the timer will only be allowed for 6 & under and will count for points contestants over 6 years old or riding double will constitute an exhibition and competitor will not be eligible for points.
14. A rider will be allowed legitimate time while making an honest effort to enter the arena before third call is announced. If it is determined an honest effort is not being made for prestart and a legitimate amount has been given for prestart, the judge will make the decision to make third and final gate call.
15. Barrel racers who are entered in rodeo shall not time at same rodeo.
16. Barrels are to be placed in a cloverleaf pattern, not staggered.
17. Contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel.
18. There shall be no tires on barrels.
19. In case of two (2) or more go-rounds in a regular rodeo, positions will be drawn each go. This does not apply at finals.
20. It is the barrel racers responsibility to know their position and notify the judge if they have been called out of order.
21. If the electronic timer fails on one-third (1/3) or more barrel racers, back up times will be used for all contestants. Anything less than 1/3 will receive back-up times while rest of contestants receives timer times.
22. Electric timers must be used at all rodeos and finals.
 - a. Electronic timers will be staked inside the arena. The judge will stand directly behind the timer.
23. Arena must be dragged and/or raked before rodeo & during the performance and slack and at least after every fifteen - (15) contestants **weather permitting**.
24. Barrel racers will not be permitted to work their horses around the stakes or barrel closer than ten (10) feet from the stakes used in ORA competition. Noncompliance of this rule can result in disqualification.
25. If contestant knocks barrel over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If barrel is knocked over and it stands up again on its other end, this will be considered as knocked over and the five (5) second penalty charged.
26. Contestant will be disqualified if after crossing line and being flagged at the beginning of the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of a true clover leaf pattern.
27. If re-run is granted: If timekeeper or flagman fouls the contestant, she will make her re-run during or after that performance of the rodeo, at a time decided on by the judges and contestant.
28. If for any reason, a re-run is needed, any penalty from first run will not carry.
29. If whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.
30. If Event Director or Director does not approve of barrel pattern, judge will change stakes to Director's approval.
31. All Barrel Racers may roll their times from an aged event to open but it must be declared when paying your fees.
32. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

POLE BENDING

AGES: 9 & under, 10-14, 15 to 19, Adult, Over 40, and Open

1. Pole benders cannot enter two horses in the same age division or open.
2. No two contestants in the same age division or open may ride the same horse (example same animal can't be ridden twice (2) in the same age division) with the exception of 9 & under.
3. Prior to first performance of all ORA approved rodeos, measurements shall be made with a tape measure only, written down, given to each judge and rodeo secretary for future reference. Poles must be staked. If stakes are not visible after first performance, they must be re-measured according to first performance measurements.
4. The contestant may be allowed a running start. The arena gate must be closed immediately after the rider enters the arena and kept closed until the pattern is completed when the horse is under control.

5. 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.
6. Judges are responsible for marking off poles before the beginning of first performance of rodeo and checking of such prior to beginning of each rodeo performance thereafter with a tape measure.
 - a. Judges are responsible for placing poles to inside of the stakes prior to the event.
 - b. Judges are responsible for placing poles after one is moved or knocked down during a run.
7. No obstacles may be set up to run through for the starting line.
8. Flagman's starting line must be visibly marked place. Once a section has begun, flagman cannot move from position.
9. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six (6) 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 no more than fourteen inches (14") in diameter. Poles shall be regulation in size 1 1/2" PVC, 6-foot-tall with 12" no more than 14" rubber base.
10. There should be a minimum of 40 feet to the score line, should be lengthened to 60 feet and the barrel pattern should be centered after the score line to get maximum use of space available.
11. Lead-ins on foot past the timer will only be allowed for 6 & under and will count for points, if over 6 years old or riding double will constitute an exhibition and competitor will not be eligible for points.
12. The contestant may start either to the right or left of the poles, run beside the poles, to last pole, then weave back to the first pole, rounding the first pole, weaving back to the last pole, and run home. A contestant will be disqualified for not following the pattern. Crossing the timeline before pattern is finished will result in disqualification. A five (5) second penalty shall be added for each pole knocked over to the ground (top of pole must touch the ground before 5 second penalty applies) even if the pole stands back up. While one horse is running, no other horses will be allowed in the arena. Touching a pole is permitted by horse or rider.
13. 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.
14. Pole benders who are entered in rodeo shall not time at same rodeo.
15. Contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a pole.
16. In case of two (2) or more go-rounds in a regular rodeo, positions will be drawn each go. This does not apply at finals.
17. It is the pole benders' responsibility to know their position and notify the judge if they have been called out of order.
18. If the electronic timer fails on one-third (1/3) or more pole benders, back up times will be used for all contestants. Anything less than 1/3 will receive back-up times while rest of contestants receives timer times.
19. Electric timers must be used at all rodeos and finals.
 - a. Electronic timers will be staked inside the arena. The judge will stand directly behind the timer.
20. Arena must be dragged and/or raked before rodeo & during the performance and slack at least after every fifteen - (15) contestants weather permitting.
21. Pole benders will not be permitted to work horses around the stakes or poles closer than ten (10) feet from the stakes used in ORA competition. Noncompliance of this rule can result in disqualification.
22. If contestant knocks a pole over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over.
23. Contestant will be disqualified if after crossing line and being flagged at the beginning of the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of a pattern.
24. If re-run is granted: If timekeeper or flagman fouls the contestant, he/she will make his/her re-run during or after that performance of the rodeo, at a time decided on by the judges and herself.
25. If for any reason, a re-run is needed, any penalty from first run will not carry.
26. If whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.
27. If event director does not approve of pole pattern, judge will change stakes to director's approval.

28. A rider will be allowed legitimate time while making an honest effort to enter the arena before third call is announced. If it is determined an honest effort is not being made for prestart and a legitimate amount has been given for prestart, the judge will make the decision to make third and final gate call.
29. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.
30. All Contestants may roll their times from an aged event to the open. You must declare it when you pay your fees.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

AGES: 9 & under, 10-14, 15-19, Adult, Over 40 and Open

1. 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.
2. The contestant shall ride from behind a barrier. A ten (10) second penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.
3. 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 feet (10') of the post.
4. If the barrier equipment fouls horse, rider, or equipment, the contestant must declare himself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run. If barrier equipment stops calf or turns calf back, calf will be brought back and decision of judge will determine if calf is re-run or re-drawn.
5. No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.
6. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
7. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given
8. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before the roper may rope.
9. The score line will be six (6) to ten (10) feet, at the discretion of the judge. Two (2) hazers will be allowed one on score line and other may not stand beyond 25 feet (25') from front of the box. Hazer must not come in physical contact or throw objects at the calf, under penalty of disqualification of the roper.
10. If the calf escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The roper will begin in the roping box, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding the first time to the additional time required to rope the calf. The roper will only be allowed his/her remaining, unused loop. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears the gate.
11. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. The loop must be thrown.
12. Calves must be
 - a. Uniform in size.
 - b. Calves are not to exceed 350 pounds.
 - c. Calves will not be used if sick, blind or not healthy enough to be run.
 - d. All calves will be branded or numbered with ear tags.
 - e. All fresh calves must be tied down and ran through prior to draw of performance.
 - f. Calves horns should not exceed two (2) inches in length.
13. Names of ropers and stock drawn shall be posted one (1) hour before performance.
14. Calves will be chute run at rodeo. Contestants are responsible for knowing number of the stock they have drawn and be ready to rope when judge calls the calf number in the chute.
15. Catch pen gate must remain open.
16. Event director shall have option of taking stock charge away from contractor for poor stock not meeting rule requirements.
17. Breakaway roping shall require a regulation loop. A knot must be at the end of the rope with string tied at the knot. There will be no tail on rope. The contestant's rope will be tied to the saddle horn with NYLON string. All contestants MUST use at least #150 weight NYLON string provided by the stock contractor.

18. The barrier judge will inspect the tie to the horn and the flag on the rope. All flags must be a twelve- inch (12") by twelve-inch (12") flag that is tied at knot and saddle horn and visible to the judge when it breaks loose.
19. Each roper will be allowed one (1) loop, except at finals or at an average roping. If using two loops, a roper must carry two loops. Building or rebuilding a loop is not allowed.
20. The contestant must make a legal catch; that is, the calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop must draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head. 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.
21. The contestant will receive a "no time" should he/she break the rope away from the 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.
22. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit. "Time" will be signaled when the thirty (30) seconds have elapsed.
23. All contestants must have competed in at least 5 rodeos and be in the top 15 in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.
24. Arena will remain clear. No ropers will be in arena with the exception of the roper competing.

CALF ROPING

AGES: - 19 & under, Adult, 40 & over, and Open

1. 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.
2. The contestant shall ride from behind a barrier. A ten (10) second penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.
3. 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 feet (10') of the post.
4. If the barrier equipment fouls horse, rider, or equipment, the contestant must declare himself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run. If barrier equipment stops calf or turns calf back, calf will be brought back and decision of judge will determine if calf is re-run or re- drawn.
5. No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.
6. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
7. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.
8. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before the roper may rope.
9. The score line will be six (6) to ten (10) feet, at the discretion of the judge. Two (2) hazers will be allowed one on score line and other may not stand beyond 25 feet from front of the box. Hazer must not come in physical contact or throw objects at the calf, under penalty of disqualification of the roper.
10. If the calf escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The roper will begin in the roping box, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding the first time to the additional time required to rope the calf. The roper will only be allowed his/her remaining, unused loop. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears the gate.
11. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. The loop must be thrown.
12. Calves must be:
 - a. Uniform in size.
 - b. Calves are not to weigh less than 175 pounds and not to exceed 250 pounds.
 - c. Calves will not be used if sick, blind or not healthy enough to be run.
 - d. All calves will be branded or numbered with ear tags.
 - e. All fresh calves must be tied down and ran through prior to draw of performance.

- f. Calves horns should not exceed two (2) inches in length.
 - g. Calves will have been tied a minimum of 3 times before participating in their first rodeo.
13. Running order will be posted 1 hour prior to event.
 14. Calves will be chute run at rodeo.
 15. Catch pen gate must remain open.
 16. Event director shall have option of taking stock charge away from contractor for poor stock not meeting rule requirements.
 17. The contestant shall have and adjust a neck rope or equivalent equipment in such a manner that will keep the horse from dragging the calf. If horse drags calf more than ten feet (10') after the calf is roped and tied, the roper will be disqualified.
 18. Each roper will be allowed one (1) loop at a rodeo, except at Finals or at an average roping. If two loops are allowed roper must carry two loops. Building or rebuilding a loop is not allowed.
 19. Contestants must rope the calf, dismount, go down the rope, throw the calf by hand, and cross and tie any three (3) feet.
 20. The time will stop when both of the contestant's hands are clear of the calf.
 21. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be day-lighted (meaning, the calf must be stood on at least three feet. Calf may be helped by roper but at least three feet must be dangling straight underneath the calf and calf must be re-thrown.). If the roper's hand is on the calf when it falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand.
 22. Rope must hold until the roper gets his hand on the calf. When contestant calls for time you cannot touch your tie or your rope, but you can unlatch your jerk line.
 23. The contestant must then remount and ride forward to allow slack in the rope. The field judge will examine the tie. The calf's feet must remain crossed and tied for five (5) seconds after the roper has remounted and ridden forward allowing slack in the rope.
 24. The field judge shall use a stopwatch to assure equal timing for all contestants. If disqualified, the roper has the right to see watch. If judge clears clock before roper sees it contestant gets time.
 25. 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 field judge has passed on the tie. The un-tie man must not approach the calf until the judge signals time.
 26. Calf roping timed only to the 1/10 of a second.
 27. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
 28. Arena will remain clear. No ropers will be in arena with the exception of the roper competing.
 29. All contestants must have competed in at least 5 rodeos and be in the top 15 in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

RIBBON ROPING

Open ALL AGES

1. 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.
2. The contestant shall ride from behind a barrier. A ten (10) second penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.
3. 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 feet (10') of the post.
4. If the barrier equipment fouls horse, rider, or equipment, the contestant must declare himself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run. If barrier equipment stops calf

- or turns calf back, calf will be brought back and decision of judge will determine if calf is re-run or re-drawn 5. No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.
5. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
 6. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.
 7. The horse must break the plane of the barrier box before the roper may rope.
 8. The score line will be six (6) to ten (10) feet, at the discretion of the judge. Two (2) hazers will be allowed one on score line and other may not stand beyond 25 feet from front of the box. Hazer must not come in physical contact or throw objects at the calf, under penalty of disqualification of the roper.
 9. If the calf escapes the arena, the flagman will stop time. The roper will begin in the roping box, lap and tap, with the same animal, adding the first time to the additional time required to rope the calf. The roper will only be allowed his/her remaining, unused loop. 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. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. The loop must be thrown.
 11. Calves must be
 - a. Uniform in size.
 - b. Calves are not to weigh less than 175 pounds and not to exceed 250 pounds.
 - c. Calves will not be used if sick, blind or not healthy enough to be run.
 - d. All calves will be branded or numbered with ear tags.
 - e. All fresh calves must be tied down and ran through prior to draw of performance.
 - f. Calves horns should not exceed two (2) inches in length.
 12. Names of ropers & runner shall be posted one (1) hour before performance.
 13. Calves will be chute run at rodeo.
 14. Catch pen gate must remain open.
 15. Event Director shall have option of taking stock charge away from contractor for poor stock not meeting rule requirements.
 16. The contestant shall have and adjust a neck rope or equivalent equipment in such a manner that will keep the horse from dragging the calf. If horse drags calf more than ten feet (10') after the calf is roped and tied, the roper will be disqualified.
 17. Roper must rope calf, dismount and have a hand on the calf when the runner takes the ribbon off the calf's tail. Any piece of the ribbon is considered legal. It does not have to be entire ribbon. Runner must run back across finish line. If ribbon is not on calf when runner reaches calf, they are to touch calf on hip and then run across finish line. Line Judge will drop the flag to stop the time when the runner crosses the finish line with the ribbon.
 18. Runner may stand anywhere they choose in the arena.
 19. You may enter twice by changing ends or partners. Top placing score will be applied to all around points.
 20. Roper will earn event and all-around points in their age division and must designate at the first rodeo they compete in. Runner will earn points to their age division including all around points and must designate at the first rodeo they compete in. Judge will mark finish line in front of box.
 21. One loop only including at finals.
 22. There will be a 60 second time limit.
 23. Arena will remain clear. No ropers will be in arena with the exception of the roper competing.
 24. You must declare where you would like your points to go for all-around (youth, Adult, Open, over 40 at the first rodeo.
 25. All contestants must have competed in at least 5 rodeos and be in the top 15 in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

TEAM ROPING

AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN - ALL AGES

1. **19 & under contestant** may enter twice by changing ends or partners. **Open Contestants** may enter 4 times but must change ends or partners. The header will start behind the barrier from the left side of the chute. A ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for breaking the barrier. The steer belongs to the team after it crosses the score line or breaks the barrier regardless of what happens with three exceptions:
 - a. If the steer gets out of the arena the flag will be dropped and the ropers get the steer back, lap and tap, with the time added to the first time. The team will only be allowed the remaining unused loops. No barrier will be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the animal's head clears the gate.
 - b. Mechanical failure
 - c. Catch pen gate will be open.
2. Each contestant is allowed to carry only one (1) rope. Each team is allowed two (2) loops in both youth and Open division. Any heeler 55 or older and all girls may use a quick release device in the open and 19 & under division. No ropes will be allowed to be tied on hard & fast. Under no circumstance will any header be permitted to tie on.
3. If a roper is fouled by a non-moveable obstacle in the arena a re-run will not be given.
4. 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 feet (10') of the post.
5. If the barrier equipment fouls the horse, rider, or equipment the team must declare themselves by immediately pulling up. The team will receive a re-run.
6. The roping box will be considered part of the rodeo arena.
7. A Steer must change direction before heeler can rope.
8. Time will be taken when the steer is stopped, both horses' front feet are on the ground and facing the steer with ropes dallied and tight. The steer must be standing up when roped by the head or heels.
9. A broken rope 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.
10. If the steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put the rope over the 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.
11. In case the field flag judge flags out a team that still legally has one (1) or more loops coming, the judge may give the steer back, lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
12. There will be two (2) timers, a barrier judge and field judge. Times are to be taken between two (2) flags. Arena conditions will determine the score line. The judges set the length of the score line. The judges will decide any questionable catches.
13. Legal catches: Head or both horns, half of head, or around the neck. A front leg catch is illegal.
14. If the Honda passes over one (1) horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if the rope goes up the heels. One (1) hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty. If the loop crosses itself on the head catch, it is illegal (this is called a "figure eight"). This does not include heel catches. No cross firing - the header must be dallied and the steer turned before the heeler throws his/her loop. (1 head-2 loops, average 3 loops)
15. The steer must not be handled roughly nor beat, whipped, kicked or run over by contestant or horse at any time. The ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.
16. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) Seconds have elapsed.

17. The contestants must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box if the steer is ready. The contestants may be disqualified for loping their horses around the arena when the steer is loaded and ready.
18. Steers must have humane horn wraps. Wraps must be satisfactory to the team-roping director.
19. Youth Ropers may enter twice at Finals & Open Ropers may enter 4 times by switching ends or partners. Both ropers have to have qualified in the top fifteen (15).
20. No metal to be used on barrier neck rope beyond pulley.
21. For all around points in the team roping event both heading and heeling points will be used at each rodeo for the contestants' total points. If a roper ropes the same end twice only the highest place catch points, go to the all around. Year-end event points will take both sets of points.
22. All steers will be branded or numbered with ear tags. Name of ropers and/or drawn position shall be posted one (1) hour before performance. Steers will be chute run at rodeo.
23. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.
24. Arena will remain clear. No teams will be in arena with the exception of the team competing.
25. **Partner Draw.** If a roper comes and can't find a partner and everyone has already went (2 times in youth & 4 times in open) we will allow him/her to draw a partner. The person they draw understands they will get no points and will only get ½ the money if they should win. The other half goes into the awards fund. The partner that gets drawn will not have to pay an entry fee.

CHUTE DOGGING

AGES: 19 & under, Open & over 40

1. With the gate open on the bucking chute to 90 degrees, at that point, chalk a line parallel to the bucking chute with the end of the open chute gate.
2. With the steers loaded in the chutes, the dogger gets beside the steer, places his/her left hand on the horn, right hand behind the right front shoulder. When the dogger is ready, the chute gate will be opened. The dogger must keep his right hand behind the steer's shoulder until any part of the steer crosses the white chalk line. At this point, time starts, and the dogger can move his/her right hand to the horn and throw the steer. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit. If contestant goes to the horn before the line a 10 second penalty will be assessed. If contestant throws the steer before the start line this will result in a no time.
3. Any deviation in the rules will constitute disqualification. The judge will decide this.
4. There will be at a minimum of two (2) judges, one line judge to start time and enforce the arm rule, and one flag judge to stop time.
5. There will be no tailing out of steers from the chute.
6. Only the contestant will be allowed in the chute with the steer.
7. The dogger must stop or switch the steer's direction and twist the steer down. If the steer gets loose, the dogger can take only one step to catch the steer.
8. Steers must weigh 600 lbs. or less/be uniform in size within 100 lbs. NO HORN WRAPS.
9. The steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on its side with all four (4) feet straight and the head turned back to steers' hip and on the same side. The contestant must have one hand on the steer when flagged. If the steer gets loose from the dogger, he may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
10. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

STEER WRESTING

AGES: 19 & UNDER, OPEN: ALL AGES

1. No roping cattle or cattle used for any other event will be used for steer wrestling.

2. The steer must be caught from a horse. After catching the steer, the contestant must bring it to a stop and/or change direction and twist it down. If the steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or if thrown by wrestler putting the steer's horn into the ground, the steer must be let up and all four (4) feet and then twisted down.
3. The steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on its side with all four (4) feet straight and the head turned back to steers' hip and on the same side. The contestant must have one hand on the steer when flagged. If the steer gets loose from the dogger, he may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
4. Only ONE (1) hazer is allowed and the hazer cannot help dogger in throwing the steer after it is caught. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the discretion of the judges. The decision of the judges is final.
5. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit. "Time" will be called when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
6. Time is to be taken between two flags. Ten (10) second penalty will be added to the time for breaking the barrier. 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 feet (10') of the post.
7. If the barrier equipment fouls the horse, rider, or equipment, contestant must declare himself immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a re-run.
8. The contestant must enter the arena gate and go directly into the roping box, if the steer is ready. The contestant may be disqualified for loping his horse around the arena when the steer is loaded and ready.
9. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

GOAT TYING

AGES: 9 & under, 10-14, 15-19, Adult, Open & Over 40

1. The goat will be staked at the end of a ten-foot (10') tether at a permanent location as marked for the entire rodeo.
2. The stake shall be level with the surface of the ground, 105 feet from start line (the 5th pole stake).
3. The goat should be held by the collar in a vertical position behind the stake until the time starts. Contestants cross the starting line, ride toward the goat, dismount, throw the goat, and cross and tie any three (3) feet. The contestant may go down the rope. If the goat is down, it must be elevated so that at least three (3) feet 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 the horse hits the rope or the goat. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse while the rider is mounted, he/she will receive a no time.
4. 9 & under girls and boys may have a helper in the arena for the horse after the contestant has dismounted.
5. Contestant is still mounted until both feet have hit the ground.
6. No foreign materials such as wire will be used for tying materials. A piggin string or goat rope will be used.
7. The arena gate will be closed after she enters and will be kept closed.
8. When the tie is completed, the contestant signals the judge by throwing both hands in the air. The tie must hold for five (5) seconds after completion. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one (1) or more wraps with a half hitch, hooley, or knot.
9. Time will start when the horses' nose crosses the starting line. The goat's feet must remain crossed and tied for five (5) seconds after the contestant has signaled for time to stop and has stepped three (3) feet away from the goat. The judge will not flag the contestant out until the time is recorded. The judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if the tie is not legal. The tie will be passed on by a field judge, and if it is not secure for five (5) seconds, the contestant will receive no time. The contestant will receive no time for touching the goat or tie string after signaling his/her finish.

10. If the goat should break away, the contestant will get a re-run.
11. The judge and goat handler must stand directly behind the goat in order to give both the right and left-handed contestants the same advantage.
12. Goats will be drawn for running order and shall be tied for three (3) consecutive ties. Goats must be uniform in size. 9 & under, 10-14 not to exceed 50 lbs. 15-19 Girls, Open not to exceed 75 lbs.
13. No more than three (3) consecutive runs on one (1) goat will be allowed.
14. Unnecessary roughness of the goat at the judge's discretion may result in disqualification.
15. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit on all age divisions and open.
16. All contestants must compete in at least 5 rodeos in each event to be eligible to compete in said event at the finals.

MISS OZARK RODEO ASSOCIATION PAGEANT

Age Divisions

Miss Ozark Rodeo Association Sweetheart (3-6)

Little Miss Ozark Rodeo Association (7-10)

Jr. Miss Ozark Rodeo Association (11-13)

Miss Teen Ozark Rodeo Association (14-17)

Miss Ozark Rodeo Association (18-25)

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. Single, have never been married or pregnant.
2. Miss Contestants must be a Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, or Arkansas resident
Teen/Jr./Little/Sweetheart Contestants must be a resident of Missouri.
3. Miss Contestants must be enrolled in school or work in the state of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, or Arkansas. Teen/Jr./Little/Sweetheart Contestants must be enrolled in school or work in the state of Missouri.
4. Contestants must have not been convicted of a felony.
5. Absolutely no use of Alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco from the time you enter as a contestant until your reign is over if you should win.
6. The Miss ORA Pageant and ORA Board of Directors reserves the rights to refuse any entry.
7. Pageant Director, Assistant Director, and ORA Board of Directors decisions are final.
8. Queens will wear their crown, buckle, and sash at all rodeos and appearances
9. Queens will be expected to carry the flags in the grand entry at the rodeos. You must be at the gate 15 minutes before the grand entry starts.
10. Queens will be expected to help sell raffle tickets during the rodeos, help sell advertising for the finals program book, put up banners at rodeos if need be, and to meet with sponsors in the town where they are held.
11. Queens will always be dressed in western attire when they have on the crown and banner. No short sleeves or shorts. ORA dress code will be in effect when wearing crown and banner.
12. Queens will make sure they put their hats on so they will not come off while doing a queen's run or carrying the flags. If you need to, use a stampede string, bobbie pins, or tape. Make sure it stays on. If your hat comes off in the arena you will pay a \$10.00 fine.
13. Queens will not let other people wear their crown, buckle or sash at any time. Crowns and sashes are expected to remain in good shape throughout your entire reign. If for any reason your crown and sash get ruined throughout the year, you are responsible for replacing it.
14. Queens will not chew gum while in crown and sash or during grand entry.
15. Miss ORA is expected to attend at least one night of 75% of the rodeos except for unexpected circumstances. (i.e. death, illness, school related event, etc.) You must get your attendance approved from a rodeo with the Director and Assistant Director the Monday before the rodeo.
16. Queens must attend finals and the awards banquet.
17. If for any reason the queen cannot fulfill her duties, the first runner up will take over as queen and all awards must be returned.

*For more information please contact the pageant Director Shannon Norris at oraqueenpagant@gmail.com or on the Miss Ozark Rodeo Association pageant Facebook page. She will have the Official Miss ORA Pageant Rulebook along