

**Missouri-Kansas  
Youth Rodeo  
Association, Inc.**

**Rules and Regulations**

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**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 MoKan 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).**

## GENERAL RULES

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

#### MEMBERSHIP

1. The board of directors will set Membership Dues by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of the current rodeo year.

Membership dues will include:

- a. Members shall carry the 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 \$75 as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of the current rodeo season. For multiple family members of the same household, they will pay an additional \$40 per family member. Each year members will also be required to EITHER sell raffle tickets as a part of our fundraiser or get a sponsor for a maximum amount of \$300. Your money will be required to be turned in for the raffle tickets or money sponsor totaling \$300 by June 15<sup>th</sup> of that rodeo year, unless specified otherwise by the MKYRA board, and sponsorship/raffle money is mandatory for all members.
- 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 the 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. If the

- Rodeo Secretary chooses to sell memberships, a \$2 office charge may be added to the membership fee.
- d. Membership cards will be issued to members upon receiving copies of the Social Security Number, notarized application, birth certificate and grade cards for grades 9-12. 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. Rule Changes must be submitted to the association secretary as of a date set by the MKYRA Board of Directors. To be eligible to submit rule changes, members must attend at least 2 (two) board meetings throughout the rodeo season.
  - f. All members will have access to a rulebook, printable/viewable online from our website, and membership card.
2. Membership in the MKYRA is from the beginning of the rodeo season through Finals, January to December. Previous members must pay dues by the first rodeo of the new season.
  3. For points to count at a MKYRA rodeo: 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.
    - a. 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.
    - b. New members must submit a signed-notarized application form and a copy of their birth certificate to the MKYRA secretary.
    - c. Any contestant not attending an organized school, this included GED, must meet with the board of directors for further instructions on providing proof of school enrollment.
    - d. High School students must submit proof of high school enrollment or their most recent grade card.
    - e. Entry fees are cash only at all MKYRA rodeos.

4. All non-member contestants must meet the following criteria before they may compete:
  - a. Will be required to pay a \$10 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, failure to do so will forfeit any fees paid and payouts.
  - d. Non-member contestants may enter an unlimited number of rodeos during any season.
5. Age Divisions
  - a. Mutton Busting: 6 years and under as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, which marks the first day of the current rodeo year.
  - b. Pee Wee: 8 years and under as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, which marks the first day of the current rodeo year. (see part of (d) in regards to competing up)
  - c. Junior: 9 – 13 years as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, which marks the first day of the current rodeo year.
  - d. Senior: 14-19 years as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, which marks the first day of the current rodeo year and/or the summer following their senior year in high school. Seniors are not to exceed 19 years of age. 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.**
6. ALL PARENTS OR KIDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HELP AT 1/3 RD OF THE RODEOS IN ORDER TO BE IN GOOD STANDINGS FOR FINALS. SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FIRST RODEO OF THE SEASON.

**No contestant may participate in two different age groups.**

### **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 fine per contestant for paying fees after the rodeo has started. A 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 fee per contestant per entry will be collected by the rodeo secretary for the MKYRA Timer Fees.
3. A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant **per rodeo**. Of that \$3 fee, \$2 will be collected by the Stock Contractor and \$1 will be collected by

#### **MKYRA.**

4. A \$2 fee per contestant per entry will be collected by the rodeo secretary to be divided equally between the MKYRA Judges.
5. All non-members will pay an additional \$8 non-member fee, entry fee, judges fee, timer/contestant fee per event.
  - a. In order for a non-members 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 fees.
6. **DOCTOR RELEASE:** A contestant may request a doctor release, thus waiving all obligations for entry fees and stock charges.
  - 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 bet 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. Judges may authorize a Turn Out or Draw Out on Vet Release. Seven (7) day time period to begin on the first day release is used.

## 8. TURNOUTS

- 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 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 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 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 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**

Point System for the MKYRA shall be as follows:

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
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 the case of ties a minimum of half (1/2) point will be awarded, 3 way tie for 10<sup>th</sup> each will receive a half (1/2) point.

1. All age divisions will be allowed points from top 4 events to count towards their year-end all-around score.
2. When a member receives points at a MKYRA rodeo and a nonmember places above that member the non-member will be removed and the member will be moved to that place. This will only affect the points not the placing at a MKYRA rodeo when money is paid out.
3. Any two go-round rodeos 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.

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### AGE DIVISIONS / ENTRY FEES

A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant PER rodeo  
Non-Member Fees are \$10.00 and will replace the \$5.00  
MKYRA Fee.

<b>SR BOYS (14-19)</b>	<b>ENTR Y FEE</b>	<b>STOCK Fee</b>	<b>MKYR A FEE</b>	<b>JUDG E FEE</b>	<b>TIME R FEE</b>
<b>BAREBACK RIDING</b>	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>SADDLE BRONC RIDING</b>	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>CALF ROPING</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>CHUTE DOGGING</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>STEER WRESTLIN G</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>BULL RIDING</b>	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>TEAM ROPING (PER ROPER)</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>RIBBON ROPING ROPER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

- A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant PER rodeo •  
Non-Member Fees are \$ .00 and will replace the \$5.00 MKYRA Fee.

- Stock Charges and Entry Fees will not exceed the following (in

<b>RIBBON ROPING RUNNER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
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Team Roping is open to all age groups, boys and girls.

Stock Charges and Entry Fees will not exceed the following (in addition to office fees / fee difference for Non-Members):

### **SENIOR BOYS**

- A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant PER rodeo •  
Non-Member Fees are \$ .00 and will replace the \$5.00 MKYRA Fee.
- Stock Charges and Entry Fees will not exceed the following (in **JUNIOR BOYS**

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addition to office fees / fee difference for Non-Members):

<b>JR BOYS (9-13)</b>	<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>STOCK CHARG</b>	<b>MKYR A</b>	<b>JUDGE FEE</b>	<b>TIME R FEE</b>
<b>BAREBACK RIDING</b>	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>BREAKAWAY RIDING</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>CHUTE DOGGING</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>STEER RIDING</b>	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>SADDLE BRONC RIDING</b>	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>GOAT TYING</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>TEAM ROPING (PER ROPTER)</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

- A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant PER rodeo •  
Non-Member Fees are \$ .00 and will replace the \$5.00 MKYRA Fee.

- Stock Charges and Entry Fees will not exceed the following (in

<b>RIBBON ROPING ROPER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>RIBBON ROPING RUNNER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

### SENIOR GIRLS

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addition to office fees / fee difference for Non-Members):

<b>SR GIRLS (14-19)</b>	<b>ENTR Y FEE</b>	<b>STOCK/ Tractor Fee</b>	<b>MKYR A</b>	<b>JUDG E FEE</b>	<b>TIME R FEE</b>
<b>BARREL RACING</b>	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>POLE BENDING</b>	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>GOAT TYING</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>BREAKAWA Y ROPING</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

- A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant PER rodeo • Non-Member Fees are \$ .00 and will replace the \$5.00 MKYRA Fee.

- Stock Charges and Entry Fees will not exceed the following (in

<b>TEAM ROPING (PER ROPTER)</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>RIBBON ROPING ROPER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>RIBBON ROPING RUNNER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

### JUNIOR GIRLS

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addition to office fees / fee difference for Non-Members):

<b>JR GIRLS (9-13)</b>	<b>ENTR Y FEE</b>	<b>STOCK/ Tractor Fee</b>	<b>MKYR A FEE</b>	<b>JUDG E FEE</b>	<b>TIME R FEE</b>
<b>BARREL RACING</b>	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>POLE BENDING</b>	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>GOAT TYING</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

- A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant PER rodeo •  
Non-Member Fees are \$ .00 and will replace the \$5.00 MKYRA Fee.

- Stock Charges and Entry Fees will not exceed the following (in

<b>BREAKAWAY ROPING</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>TEAM ROPING (PER ROPTER)</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>RIBBON ROPING ROPER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>RIBBON ROPING RUNNER</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

### PEEWEE BOYS & GIRLS

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addition to office fees / fee difference for Non-Members):

<b>PEEWEE BOYS &amp; GIRLS (8U)</b>	<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>STOCK/ Tractor Fee</b>	<b>MKYRA FEE</b>	<b>JUDGE FEE</b>	<b>TIMER FEE</b>
<b>BARREL RACING 8U BOY/GIRL</b>	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>POLE BENDING 8U BOY/GIRL</b>	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

- A \$3 office fee will be paid by each contestant PER rodeo •  
Non-Member Fees are \$ .00 and will replace the \$5.00 MKYRA Fee.

- Stock Charges and Entry Fees will not exceed the following (in

<b>GOAT TAIL UNTYING 8U BOY/GIRL</b>	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>MUTTON BUSTING 6U BOY/GIRL</b>	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>TEAM ROPING 8U BOY/GIRL (PER ROPER)</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>CALF RIDING BOY / 7 &amp; 8</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>MINI SB &amp; BAREBACK BOY / 7 &amp; 8</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>TEAM ROPING 8U BOY/GIRL (PER ROPER)</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<b>DUMMY ROPING BOY/GIRL 7 &amp; 8 / 6U</b>	\$5.00	N/A	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

## PAYBACK

Payback will be determined by the number of contestants.

NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS	MONIES	PERCENT
1-4	1	100%
5-9	2	60-40%
10-14	3	50-30-20%
15-19	4	40-30-20-10%
20-24	5	35-30-20-10-5%
25 OR MORE	6	30-24-18-13-10-5%

## 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 the same.
2. Being under the influence in the arena, back pens, chutes, warm up area, crows nest will result in immediate disqualification and fine to be determined by the MOKAN Board. MKYRA has a zero tolerance policy for under age use of alcohol or other intoxicants, or tobacco products. In addition, their membership may be terminated subject to the Board's discretion.
3. All MKYRA rodeo contestants, 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 the 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. **PARENTS AND ARENA VOLUNTEERS MAY WEAR COLLARED SHORT SLEEVED SHIRT, cowboy hat or**

**protective headgear, long pants and CLOSE TOED SHOES in the arena.**

- a. Contestants must make an active effort to keep their hats on while in the arena. If a contestant's hat falls to the ground, the contestant must pay a \$2.00 fine to the MKYRA association secretary.
  - b. Helpers and Volunteers may WEAR a COLLARED SHORT SLEEVE shirt, COWBOY HAT, JEANS and CLOSED TOED SHOES. IF you are not inside the Plane of the arena a dress code will not apply.
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 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. Rowdiness, quarreling, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
    - b. Mistreatment of any rodeo livestock or contestant's horse, including excessive whipping in or around the arena area.
    - c. Not being ready to compete when called upon after the third and final call. Contestant must be in the area within 30 seconds of the third call.
    - d. Attempting to cheat, fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harasser coerce the judges at any time between opening and closing of a rodeo, by contestants or parents.
    - e. Tampering with chutes or livestock in any way.
    - f. Vandalism on or off the rodeo grounds.
  8. MKYRA has adopted the National High School Rodeo Association Rulebook as its 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. Gate fee: \$10 for 13 and up, \$5 for 4-12. Yearly passes can be purchased

- number of rodeos minus 2. Ex: 14 rodeos, yearly pass for adult would be \$120.
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 any time 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 stock contractor/secretary and posted no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the rodeo. All timed events will have stock and positions drawn. The draw and positions should be posted no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the rodeo.
    - a. Each contestant is responsible for knowing his/her stock number.
    - b. 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 contestants in any event.
  6. No action by the helper or contestant will constitute a re-ride or re-run.
  7. All roping and timed event stock will be run through prior to the first performance at each rodeo.
  8. All brands and ear tags must be clearly readable on all stock prior to rodeo.
  9. A contestant on his/her horse may use no electrical devices.
  10. A contestant cannot be fouled by any non-moveable obstacle.
  11. 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.
  12. Any contestant may review the records of all contestants in any event, in which he/she participates at the end of each go-round, at a reasonable time and secretary and/or judge will be present.

13. Scores will not be changed once turned in, except for an obvious mathematical error. Markings must be totaled and checked by the rodeo secretary.
14. Any complaint during an event must be presented to the judge during that event and before the next event starts.
15. 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.
16. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any rodeo in the same event, except for re-rides or returns.
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. Photographers 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 one (1) warning from 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 (1) helper only. Helpers may consist of one person on horseback or on foot. Helpers may proceed to the front-center of the arena, release the contestant's horse, and then step back to the arena fence. Helpers may not hit the horse once the contestant crosses the plane of the arena gate. Contestants may also lead their horse into the arena and then mounts. Once inside the arena gate, contestants must mount horses within one horse's length of the gate and proceed with the event in a timely manner. All others must

remain off chutes and out in front of the chute except for the helper.  
ALL HELPERS MUST BE IN COLLARED SHIRT, COWBOY  
HAT, AND CLOSE TOED SHOES.

### **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 fees shall be submitted with the first rodeo sanctioning request of the new season.
3. To be a MKYRA sanctioned rodeo, all MKYRA events must have a certified EMT on site prior to the start of the rodeo. All rules, regulations, and contracts must be upheld.
4. Contractors and Committees shall be responsible for all fees associated with insufficiently funded checks, payment of ground and/or prize money, and nay rule violation fines. The 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 the Contractor/Committee will be fined an additional \$25.00 per insufficiently funded check. Until all funds/fines have been reimbursed/paid the Contractor/Committee will not be allowed to put on a MKYRA Sanctioned Rodeo.
5. All contestants are to be paid prize/ground money after the last performance of the rodeo if they are present. If ground money is not

picked up by the end of the performance it will not be paid. If not present, the prize 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 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. Ground 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. Day money for go round wins at all two (2) or more performance rodeos, will be mailed within five (5) days of the conclusion of the rodeo.

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. (REMOVE THE FINE) b. All contestants receiving prize money must cash checks within thirty (30) days of receipt. All checks not cashed after the thirty (30) days will exempt all responsibilities of funds by Contractors, Committees, and the MKYRA.

6. There shall be two competent MKYRA approved judges, one rodeo secretary, one arena director, 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.

7. Judges will be paid a minimum of \$75.00 per rodeo performance and a minimum of \$20.00 for each designated slack. This is 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 judges shall go to the MKYRA Association.

- b. Judges' sheets must be signed and available for review.
8. 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.
  9. A copy of the MKYRA rulebook will be mailed to any club, committee, or organization sponsoring a MKYRA sanctioned rodeo if requested.
  10. MKYRA reserves the right to fly major sponsor's flags and/or banners and merchandise at any sanctioned MKYRA event.
  11. 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 contestants 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 MKYRA members competing in a High School Rodeo or International Finals Youth Rodeo, when there is a conflict with a MKYRA 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.
  12. All pick up personnel, arena personnel, and bullfighters must be approved by MKYRA.
  13. THE Stock contractor will have stock numbers to the MKYRA BOARD NO LATER AN 3 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RODEO OR A \$100 FINE WILL BE ASSESSED.

### **JUDGES**

1. The MYRA board must approve all judges. They must pass a test provided by the MKYRA board and score a minimum of 70% on the 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 nonmember 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 judges 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.
  - In order for a judge to be included on the final ballot he must have judged at least one (1) MKYRA Rodeo.

## **FINALS**

1. The MKYRA Finals Rodeo will be held each year on/after Labor Day weekend of the current season. The MKYRA board will decide on 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 the 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 finals must be in good standing before being allowed to enter the finals.

a. Must have a birth certificate, social security number and if in High School a grade card reflecting last semester grades to the MKYRA Secretary.

b. Sponsorship money and any required fundraiser money turned in to the Designated Board Member who is appointed by the Board.

c. 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.

d. Team Roping teams will be made up of the top 15 headers and top heelers (ONLY IF ALL EVENTS HAVE 15 CONTESTANTS PER EVENT). Each contestant will only be able to participate once as a header and once as a heeler, unless roping as a helper for other contestants. 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.

e. All age divisions will be allowed points from ALL events to count towards the all-around.

f. All mutton busting points will count towards the year end awards for the mutton busting events. Only points 24 of 50 or above will count towards the All-Around points.

g. ALL GENERAL RULES will apply to the MKYRA FINALS RODEO

### **YEAR END AWARDS**

1. The ALL point contestants of each event in each age division will be allowed to compete at finals, UNLESS ALL EVENTS/DIVISIONS ARE FULL WITH 15 CONTESTANTS EACH THEN ONLY TOP 15 WILL COMPETE AT FINALS. 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 may be excused from participation in the finals and still be eligible for their yearend awards with a medical release. Buckles will be handed out to the top 2 contestants and 1 contestant per payout after that, based on the average number of competitors per event throughout the season. Other awards will be handed out through the top 10 at the end of finals in each division.

Ex: 1-4=2 buckles, 5-9=3 buckles, 10-14= 4 buckles, 15-19=6 buckles and so on.

2. All-Around Champion and Reserve All-Around Champion, in each age division, male and 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 that is 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 an 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 their 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 aquarter.
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 a judge, nor stockman may be the cause for foul.
17. That all girls are allowed to enter and receive points in the rough stock events in peewee, junior and senior division. All rules for those events still apply to the girls. Allowing Girls to compete with the boy

## **SENIOR-NOVICE BAREBACK RIDING (14-15) & BAREBACK RIDING (16-19)**

1. Contestants are required to ride eight (8) seconds to receive a score.
2. One-handed rigging is to be used.
3. Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
4. Judges will have the final decision of legality of riggings.
5. Rigging Specification:
  - 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 (3/4") inch foam pads.
  - c. A rider may cinch their 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.
6. To receive a qualified ride, the rider must mark the horse out; have their spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and their 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.
7. Any horse requiring a neck rope or its head to be fastened in the chute may have the first jump rule waived at the direction 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.

- b. The rider must have their 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.
  - c. The rider may not pull the rigging with the hand already placed in the handhold.
- 8. Time starts when the animals 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 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.
- 9. No hot shot shall be used until the animal turns his head out of the chute.
- 10. 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 their free hand.
  - f. Wedges, gimmicks, finger tucks, palm tucks, etc. are used.
- 11. Judges will decide on the matter of re-rides.
- 12. If a bareback rider is unable to free their hand from the rigging at any point, they shall be disqualified at the discretion of the judges. The stock contractor or pick-up men may bring this to the judge's attention.
- 13. Horses must be drawn for contestants.
- 14. Contestants are required to use a protective mouth guard and protective vest.

### **JR NOVICE BAREBACK RIDING (9-11) &**

## **JR BAREBACK RIDING (12-13)**

1. All senior bareback riding rules (14-19) apply to Junior Boys 9-13 EXCEPT:
  - a. Contestants are required to ride for 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 they lock their spurs in the D-Rings.
  - d. Junior riders may use three-quarter (3/4") inch foam pads.
  - e. MKYRA suggests the use of a soft handhold.
2. Junior Boys Bareback riders may not ride with any gimmicks or other binding materials.

## **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

### **PEE WEE (UNDER 8), JR NOVICE (9-11), JR (12-13), SR NOVICE (14-15), SR (16-19)**

1. Contestants are required to ride for eight (8) seconds to receive a score for Senior. The Junior division is required to ride six (6) seconds to receive a score. Pee Wee division is required to ride five (5) seconds. Junior Division and Pee Wee division riders are NOT required to mark the animal out. All other Saddle Bronc rules apply to Junior Boys (9-13) and Pee Wee Boys (under 8) except ones just mentioned.
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 the final decision of legality of equipment.
3. 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 or ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed five and three quarters ( $5\frac{3}{4}$ ) 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 ¾) 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. Contestants may pull riggings and cinch saddles from either side.
  5. Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddles.
  6. Riding rein and riding hand must be on the sameside.
  7. To receive a qualified ride, the rider must mark the horse out, have his spurs over over 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 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.
  9. Time starts when the animals 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 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 their free hand.
    - f. Losing one or both stirrups.
    - g. Wrapping the rein around the hand.
    - h. Changing hands on the rein.
  12. Judges decide on matters of re-rides
  13. Horses must be drawn for contestants.
  14. Contestants are required to use a protective mouth guard and protective vest. Pee Wee contestants must also use helmets.

### **SR NOVICE BULL RIDING (14-15) & SR BULL RIDING (16-19)**

1. Contestants are required to ride for eight (8) seconds to receive a score.
2. 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 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 their 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.
8. Contestants are required to use a protective mouth guard, protective vest, and helmet.

### **JR STEER RIDING (9-11)**

1. Contestants are required to ride for six (6) seconds to receive a score.
2. 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 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 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. 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 their 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.
8. Contestants are required to use a protective mouth guard, protective vest, and helmet.

### **JR BULL RIDING (12-13)**

1. Contestants are required to ride for eight (8) seconds to receive a score.
2. 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 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 received 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 their 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.
8. Contestants are required to use a protective mouth guard, protective vest, and helmet.

## **CALF RIDING (PEE WEE / 7-8 YEARS OLD)**

1. Contestants are required to ride for five (5) seconds to receive a score.
2. Contestants are 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. The rope must have a bell.
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder passes 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 their 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 contestants have the option to do so.
9. Contestants are required to use a protective mouth guard, protective vest, and helmet.

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

1. A full ride is five (5) seconds long. Contestants do 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 zero (0) and five (5) seconds will result in a score of ten (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 two (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 fifty (50) points.
  - d. Rides lasting the full five (5) seconds will result in a score of fifty (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 one hundred (100) points.
  - e. Assisted riders will be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) points.
5. Judge shall time the length of the ride.
6. Judge shall score rider and sheep performance.
7. This will be based exactly as rough stock events. In case of ties, places will be split accordingly, same as rough stock.
8. Sheep will be DRAWN.
9. This will be a point/finals event and held at all MKYRA sanctioned rodeos.
10. Contestants are required to use a protective mouth guard, protective vest, and helmet.

#### **MINI BAREBACK (PEEWEE / 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. Contestants will not be disqualified for a missed mark out.
5. Contestants are 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 the arena before next stock is bucked.
9. Contestants must use protective mouth guards, protective vests, and helmets.

## **BARREL RACING**

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

1. The start/finish line and position of the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The start and finish line are the same.
2. 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 the fence whenever possible. Barrels shall be made of steel. Barrels shall be 55-gallon drum in size and shall have both ends intact.
3. An electric eye timer and at least two manual backup 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, **BUT MAY FINISH THE CURRENT 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 a barrel is permitted by horse or contestant. Assisted rider's helper may not touch a barrel, this will result in disqualification.
7. While one horse is running, no other horse will be allowed in the arena.

8. The contestant must be inside the arena gate within thirty (45) 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 CAN BE DISQUALIFIED AND ASKED TO LEAVE THE ARENA.
9. 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 his/her horse is under control.
10. 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.
11. Contestants may start on either the right or left barrel. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one turn and two left turns. When starting on the left barrel, there will be two right turns and one left turn.
12. 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 the correct setting of barrels. All barrels will be place to the inside (inside meaning to the inner part of the arena) of the stakes.
13. Ground conditions permitting, the barrel pattern will be raked after every 10 riders regardless of age division in barrels and after every ten contestants.
14. Judges will have the final decision on the necessity of raking.
15. No two contestants in the same division may ride the same horse. If this happens, both contestants will be disqualified.
16. 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.

17. PeeWee contestants may be assisted, assisted defined as nay helper that crosses the time line with or without leading the horse, but assisted riders will NOT be placed above any un-assisted rider.

\*Example: Sarah was led by her mom and ran a 20.011 second run but placed 8<sup>th</sup> behind Bob who ran a 50.025 second run all by himself and placed 7<sup>th</sup>.)

### **POLE BENDING**

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

1. The start/finish line and position of the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The start and finish line are the same.
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') 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 twelve (12'') and fourteen (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 backup 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 a pole is permitted by horse or contestant. Assisted rider's helper may not touch a pole, this will result in disqualification.
7. While one horse is running, no other horse will be allowed in the arena
8. 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 he/she will not be allowed to compete.
9. 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 his/her horse is under control.
10. 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.
11. Contestants may start on either 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.
12. 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 the correct setting of poles.
13. Ground conditions permitting, the pole pattern will be raked at the start of each age division of pole bending and after every ten contestants. Judges will have the final decision on the necessity of raking. Only the end poles will be raked.
14. No two contestants in the same division may ride the same horse. If this happens, both contestants will be disqualified.
15. 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.

16. Pee Wee contestants may be assisted, assisted defined as nay helper that crosses the time line with or without leading the horse, but assisted riders will NOT be placed above any un-assisted rider.

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### **BOYS AND GIRLS BREAKAWAY ROPING (SENIOR 14-19 / JUNIOR 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.  
**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 a 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 the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around

- the horn, the contestant may ride forward, un-dally 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 the first time. No barrier is to be used on lap and tap. The judge will signal time to start when the calf's head clears 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 the arena, and the discretion of the judges. Only one hazer will be allowed unless the 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 rerun.
  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 the 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 her/his horse in the box or the contestant 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 seconds 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. The calves will be drawn, the order run is based on how the calves enter the chute. Contestants will need to be listening to names and number on calves to be ready to run.
19. When a contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a rerun may be given at the judge's discretion, the 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.
21. Any barrier malfunction shall result in a re-run on the drawn stock unless stock is deemed unfit to use.

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

1. Each roper will be allowed two loops, one per rope. If the roper intends to use two loops, they 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, they 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 (the calf must be elevated high enough that it has the opportunity to regain its 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 their 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 remounted, ten (10) seconds will be added to the time by the field judge.
4. If the tie comes loose or the calf gets to their 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 the arena, and the discretion of the judges. Only one hazer will be allowed unless the judge requests an extra hazer and 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 the horse, rider, or equipment, the contestant must declare immediately by pulling up. The contestant will receive a rerun.
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 the calf is ready. The contestant may be disqualified for loping the horse around the arena when the calf is loaded and if you are not 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 they will be assessed a \$15.00 fine to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or they 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 have elapsed and the calf has not been legally caught. If the 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. The calves will be drawn, the order run is based on how the calves enter the chute. Contestants need to be ready and listening for names and numbers.
17. Roper will be flagged no time for touching a calf, or string, or by touching rope to train their horse after giving a finished signal, or by dragging the calf after remounting the horse.
18. When the contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a rerun may be given at the judge's discretion, the 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.
20. Any barrier malfunction shall result in a re-run on drawn stock unless stock is deemed unfit to use.

**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 the 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 the heeler throws his/her loop.
4. If a steer is roped by one horn, the roper is not allowed to ride up and put 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.
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 the 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 the 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 the first loop at head.
13. If barrier equipment fouls horse, rider or equipment, contestant must declare himself/herself by pulling up. Contestants will receive a rerun.
14. Contestants 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 the 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.
18. The steers must be drawn, be uniform in size, and have their horns properly wrapped. The calves will be drawn, the order is based on how the stock enters the chute. Contestants need to be ready and listening for names and numbers.
19. When Header calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a rerun may be given at the judge's 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. Contestants may enter once as a header and once as a heeler.
22. Header and Healer points will be kept as separate and individual events per age division.

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.
24. In team roping you may use a non-contestant to assist you in roping; such as a family member, friend of family, etc. Non-contestants can help as many times in the rodeo as needed. Non contestants receive no payouts. The contestants are responsible for paying the \$10 fee for the non-contestants.
25. Any barrier malfunction shall result in a re-run on the drawn stock unless stock is deemed unfit to use.

**RIBBON ROPING**  
**(SENIOR 14-19/JUNIOR 9-13)**

1. The point system in the ribbon roping will follow the same criteria as the team roping. Points will be kept separately for the Roper and Runner for all around points per age division.
2. This is a mixed event only, one boy and one girl. The event will be run together with payouts and points figured as one event. Either can be the roper or runner. Junior and Senior may compete together. You must be a contestant to participate in the event. You can compete only **once** as a Runner or Roper per rodeo, but you can switch roles of Roper and Runner throughout the season. If you need a replacement because of medical or vet, the MKYRA board will draw a name from members already entered in the same rodeo.
3. Roping Box shall be part of the arena during the roping events.
4. Once the score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed in that way nor can the length of the box.
5. Lap and Tap- No barrier to be used. If a barrier judge is used to flag the start, they shall flag the animal when the animal's nose crosses the starting line. It is always the decision of the barrier judge whether the barrier is broken.
6. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If a contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or the barrier rope is broken

- and string unbroken, the barrier judge may assess a ten second penalty. Otherwise, this will be considered a broken barrier.
7. If an automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestants will get time, but there will be no penalty for the broken barrier. If an automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestants will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field, entitling the contestant to a re-run without penalties. If an automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestants must take the same animal over during or immediately after the same performance. If barrier equipment hangs on an animal and the contestant tries the animal, they accept the animal. If a contestant pulls up, they will receive the same animal back.
  8. Calf belongs to the contestant when they call for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
    - a. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop the flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestants will receive the original animal back with the lap-andtap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run.
    - b. In cases of mechanical failure.
    - c. If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by a barrier, contestant shall get their calf back, providing contestant declares immediately by pulling up.
  9. In the ribbon roping a horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown.
  10. The finish line will be marked 30 feet in front of the roping box. Flag judge stands on this line.
  11. Time to be taken between two flags.
  12. It shall be the arena director's responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock drawn for must be run during that performance and only that time or score taken.
  13. This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo.
  14. Time Limit: There will be a thirty (30) second time limit with a one minute time limit optional per board approval.
  15. There will be a one (1) loop limit in all go-rounds at all rodeos.

16. A neck rope must be used. Contestants must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
17. Calves may be pushed out by contestant's assistants provided they are ready. Catch as catch can. Any catch that holds the calf is legal. Rope must be tied on.
18. Runners can stand anywhere they choose in the arena past the thirty (30') foot mark.
19. Roper must rope the calf, dismount and be in contact with the calf when the Runner removes the ribbon or the team will receive no time. Calf does not need to be flanked.
20. Runner must cross the finish line to get time. Flag judges will flag time when the runner crosses the finish line with ribbon in hand and give to the judge or team will receive no time.
21. Ribbon – flagging tape shall be approximately ½ inch in width and twelve (12”) inches long. The ribbon itself must be fastened to the top of the tail with a rubber band.
22. The runner removes the ribbon and runs across the finish line. Ribbon must be removed by the runner. Any part of the ribbon is legal.
23. Rope must hold calf until roper touches calf.
24. Scoring and Penalties: In order for time to be considered official, barrier flags must operate. Timed event judges will not flag contestants out until time is recorded. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestants if the run is not legal. There will be a ten-second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.

Roping a calf without releasing the loop from hand will disqualify catch. Contestants will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of the calf or their horse. If any part of the pusher breaks the plane of the chute gate before the calf releases the barrier, the contestant receives no time. No rattling of chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him/her. This applies in both the performance and the slack. The contestant and/or person rattling the chute shall be disqualified. A contestant will receive a notime for the run if they bring the animal over backwards (between 10 and 2 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air. If barrier penalties, then lap and tap start.

25. In ribbon roping, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the

contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and the roper remains behind the plain of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the mis-draw procedure, at the judge's discretion.

26. If the roper has legally roped the calf and there is no ribbon on the calf when the runner reaches the calf the team will get a rerun.
27. Any barrier malfunction shall result in a re-run on the drawn stock unless stock is deemed unfit to use.

**GOAT TYING**  
**(SENIOR 14-19 /JUNIOR 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 the starting line and rides toward the goat. Contestant dismounts, throws goat, crosses and ties any three (3) legs. Contestants may go down the rope. If the 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. Contestants will be penalized ten (10) seconds if horse hits the rope or goat while the rider is still mounted. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse while the rider is mounted, they will receive no time.
3. Contestant is still mounted until both feet have touched 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 the 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 they will be assessed a \$15.00 fine to be collected before the next MKYRA sanctioned rodeo or they will not be allowed to compete. A contestant may enter the arena at the speed of their choice. Arena gates will be closed after they enter and will be kept closed.
8. Time will start when the contestant crosses the starting line. Time will stop when the contestant signals Judge by throwing both hands in the air that the 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, hooey, 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 contestants out if the 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 no time. The field judge shall have a stopwatch to assure equal timing for all contestants. Contestants will receive no time for touching the goat or tie string after signaling they are finished. Hand clapping, kicking dirt at the 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.

**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 a 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 their 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. Contestants 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. They will then release the goat and step back out of the way. The judge and the goat holder can have a second individual in the arena 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 their flag starting the time until the judge drops their flag as the contestant crosses the finish line.
8. Disqualifications not covered:
  - a. Undue roughness in handling the goats.
  - b. If a horse runs over the goat or the goat tether when the rider still has control of their horse. (If a rider has dismounted and

- surrendered control of their horse and the horse runs over the goat or the goat tether, no penalty will be imposed).
- c. Crossing the finish line without the ribbon in hand.

## **DUMMY ROPING**

### **(PEEWEE 3-6)**

1. Event will consist of a dummy with a calf head attached.
2. Calf heads and dummy will be provided by MKYRA board.
3. A line will be drawn behind the dummy to begin the roping competition.
4. Each contestant will throw three (3) loops at the dummy. Each contestant that catches will then throw another loop from twelve (12) inches farther back from the first line up to a distance of 12 feet.
5. The contestant with the most consecutive catches for the distance will win the event
6. If no one catches in the first round, all contestants will rope again until a contestant catches.
7. If a contestant steps on or crosses the line that will be considered a miss.

The previous throw and catch will stand as the contestant's last catch

8. Contestants must have and maintain control of the rope. I.e. must still have a hold of the rope at the end of the throw.
9. Two dummies may be set up and run at the same time to expedite the event.
10. It will be run outside of the arena until finals then maybe will be inside the arena.
11. Judges will be appointed by the MKYRA board to score the dummy roping.
12. **AGES 7-8 IS HEAD CATCH ONLY.**
13. **AGES 3-6 IS ANY CATCH THAT LOOP GOES OVER HEAD.**

14. PeeWee contestants can only enter in dummy roping if they are not entered in any live cattle roping events other than as an exhibition run.

### **Mounted Dummy Roping (PEEWEE 7-8)**

Time Limit: There is a 45 second time limit for Mounted Dummy Roping.

#### **Event to be held inside the arena**

- 1) Time will start when contestant crosses the starting line signaled by Line Judge (#1) and will stop by barrier Judge (#2) once slack is pulled.
- 2) The contestant must tie the end of the rope(s) to the saddle horn with a breakaway string provided by the producer of the rodeo in a manner similar to the breakaway roping. Each roper 15 will be allowed 2 loops. If the roper intends to use 2 loops, he/she must carry 2 ropes and have the 2nd rope tied on in a manner similar to breakaway. If the 2nd loop or coils fall from the saddle and touch the ground, the loop may not be used.
- 3) 10 second penalty for breaking the barrier line (located 6' from the highest peak of the calf head)
- 4) Event will consist of 2 bales of straw being laid flat, set on top of each other with a calf head positioned in the bale at a 45 degree angle.
- 5) Timeline (starting line) will measure 24' from the back of the straw bale. With the barrier line to be 6' back from the highest peak of the calf head. There will be a judge standing at each line, to signal start and finish.
- 6) A parent can help build a loop and settle the horse prior to the designated start line. Once the contestant moves the horse forward past the start line, the parent can no longer assist the contestant.
- 7) Contestant's loop must be thrown prior to the plane of the saddle horn crossing the rear of the bale. Otherwise if the contestant's saddle horn is past the rear of the bale when their loop is thrown they will be disqualified.
- 8) Only one contestant will be allowed in the arena at one time.
- 9) PeeWee contestants can only enter in dummy roping if they are not entered in any live cattle roping events other than as an exhibition run.

### **SCORING AND PENALTIES**

- 1) Contestants will cross the designated start/time line; time will start with the judge signaling by flag.
- 2) Once the contestant reaches the barrier line designated behind the hay bale, the contestant must throw their loop. Rope must leave the hand of the roper from a swing and a throw.
- 3) If they miss on the first loop they can pull their second loop and attempt the 2nd throw, as long as it is within the 45 second overall time limit.
- 4) If a contestant's horse steps on or over the barrier line a 10 second penalty will be assessed.
- 5) Time will stop when the contestant has slack of the rope in hand and has made a motion to tighten that slack.
- 6) If a horse needs to be repositioned, the contestant may reset the horse, but is not allowed to cross over the starting line or circle around the bale, if this occurs a "no time" will result.
- 7) Parents cannot help once time has started.

**CHUTE DOGGING**  
**(JR 9-13 / SR 14-19)**

1. With the gate open on the bucking chute to 90 degrees, at that point, chalk a line parallel to the bucking chutes three (3') feet beyond the end of the open chute gate.
2. With steers loaded in chutes, the dogger gets beside the steer in the chute. Dogger shall place left hand on steer's neck, right hand can grab under neck, but no choking. Dogger may have an assistant (behind the chute only) to tail steer in the JR division and hip steer in the SR division. When the dogger is ready, the chute gate will be opened. Dogger must not impede the steer's progress until the steer's nose crosses the white chalk line. When the steer's nose crosses line time will begin and the dogger may bring hands forward to begin the process of wrestling down.
3. All SR division steers at any chute dogging event shall be hipped in a consistent manner by the same person, which cannot be a

contestant. JR Division steers can be tailed until the steer crosses the timeline.

4. Contestants 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 a wrestler putting steer's horns into the 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. Contestants must have a hand on the steer when flagged. If the steer gets loose from the dogger, they may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
6. When contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a rerun may be given at the judge's discretion, the 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 less than 600 pounds, 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 STEER WRESTLING

(14-19)

1. Steer must be caught from a horse. After catching steer, contestants 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 a 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. Contestants must have hand on steer when flagged. If the steer gets loose from the dogger, they may take no more than one step to catch the 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 the 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 the 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 the horse or rider, the contestant must declare by pulling up immediately. Contestants will receive a rerun.
9. Contestants 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 the 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 they will not be allowed to compete.
12. Contestants' time will be taken between two (2) flags. There is a sixtysecond time limit for this event. "Time" will be signaled when the sixty (60) seconds have elapsed.
13. When a contestant calls for the stock and the animal falls (completely down) before crossing the score line a rerun may be given at the judge's discretion, the rider must declare himself immediately.
14. The steers must be drawn, be uniform in size, and have their horns tipped.
15. No roping cattle or cattle used for any other event will be used for steer wrestling.
16. 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.
17. Any barrier malfunction shall result in a re-run on the drawn stock unless stock is deemed unfit to use.

### **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 the same rodeo year. To compete for the Princess title a contestant must be eligible for the Junior Division in the 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 January 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 choose.
6. 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

OF

**MISSOURI-KANSAS YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

A Missouri Not-For-Profit Corporation

**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 their 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 (2) adult alternate 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 qualified.

**Section 2 - Qualifications of Directors:** Directors of the Corporation need not be residents of the State of Missouri. **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 a 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 a 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 33 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 due to personal 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 an 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. 34 **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.

**Section 11 – Sponsorship/Fundraising Director:** The Sponsorship/Fundraising Director shall plan and facilitate fundraising events and solicit sponsors for donations to MOKAN. All marketing materials for sponsors will be ordered and presented at each event as required by contract. All monies used for events and sponsors will be reposted to the treasurer for accounting purposes. A report of money paid and collected will be presented to the board at the board meeting following each event. Any promotional materials required for the website or social media will be presented to the Public Relations/Communications Director and to the MOKAN board of Directors. 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 Sponsorship/Fundraising 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. **Section 12-Youth Board Director:** The Youth Board Director shall work with the youth board members to facilitate participation by the youth membership to assist in tasks assigned by the MOKAN Board of Directors and to carry questions/concerns and ideas to the board from the youth membership for discussion by the board.

## **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 a 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**

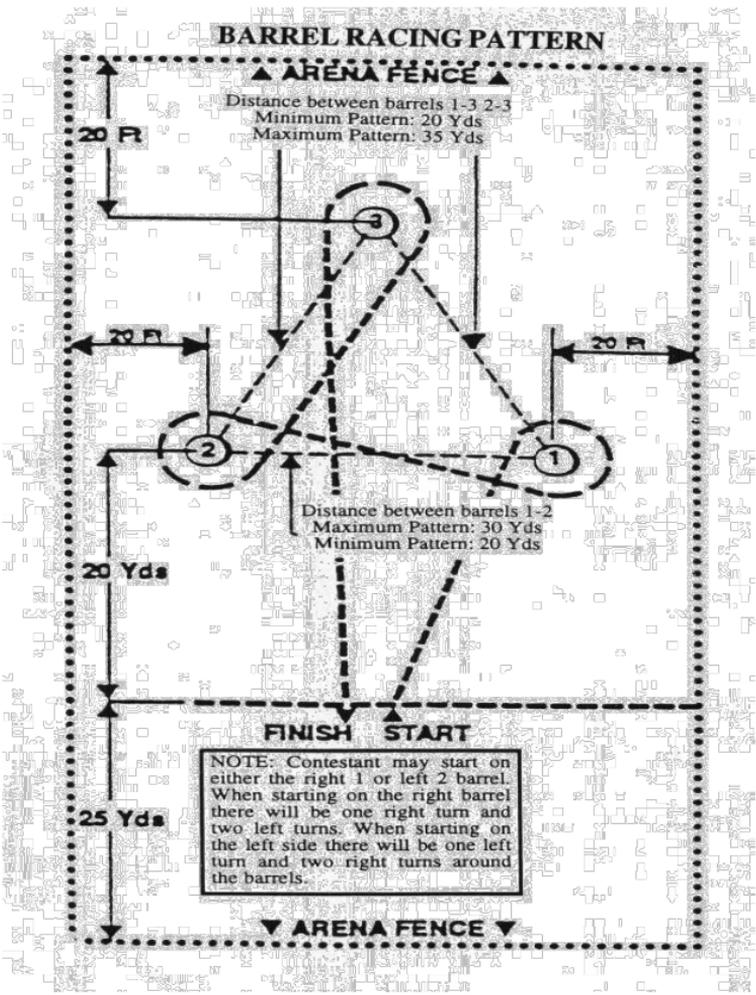
**Section 1 - Rules and Rulebook:** The Corporation may operate under such

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.

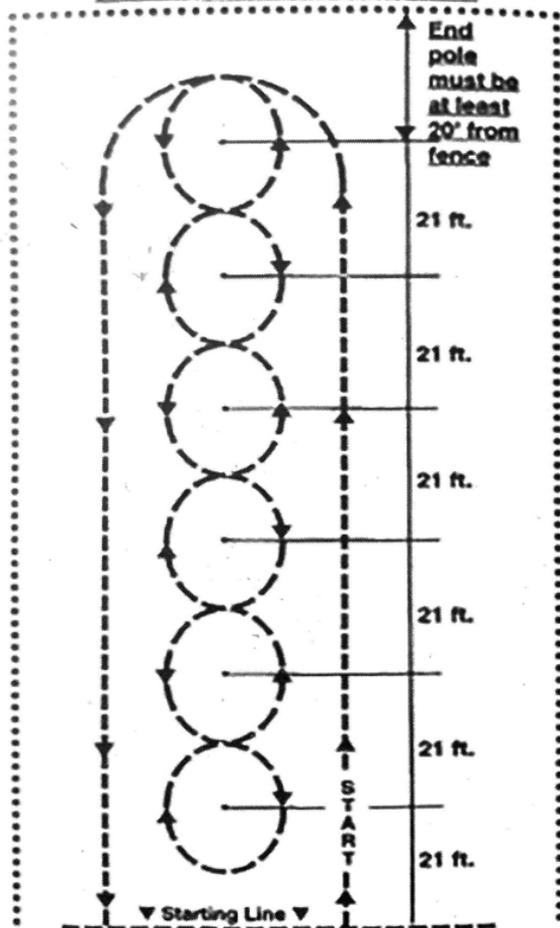
**Section 3 - Loans to Officers Prohibited:** No Loan shall be made by the Corporation to any of its Officers or Directors. Any Director of the Corporation who votes for or assents to the making of any such loan and any Officer participating in the making of such loan shall be jointly and severally liable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





# 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*

