



## **Rule Book**

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**BY-LAWS AND RULES IN ADDITION TO  
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION RULE BOOK**

# Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association

## BYLAWS

### Section I: Name of Association

The name of the Association shall be: Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association (dba) COPWRA

### Section II: Period of Duration

The duration of the Association shall be perpetual.

### Section III: Purpose

The purpose for which the Association is formed are as follows:

1. To perpetuate the sport of rodeo through continued growth of youth competitors.
2. To provide a safe humane and competitive environment for youth to rodeo.

### Section IV: Powers of the Association

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted:

1. By the Oregon Nonprofit Association Act which it is incorporated, and/or
2. By a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (6).

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall be for the benefit of or shall be distributed to its members, officers, or directors, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Minimum account balance to carry over to the proceeding rodeo season shall be no less than \$5,000

### Section V: Registered office /Place of business

The principal place of business of the Association will be the residence of the Association Secretary.

### Section VI: Board of Directors

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of directors shall be no less than six (6) members. The number of directors, term and election of directors, removal of directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.
2. The Board of Directors has the authority to make Bylaws/rules for the Association.
3. The Board of Directors shall include: President, Vice President, Rodeo Secretary, Association Secretary, Treasurer, Rough Stock Director, two Awards Chairman (1 event and 1 all around), Timed Events Director, Track Director, Barrel Racing Director, Goat Tying Director, Calf Tying Director, Volunteer Director, Queen Director.
4. Terms to be served by board members will be for a minimum of a two (2) year period. A director may be re-elected without limitation on the number of terms he/she may serve. Nomination and election of directors will take place at the annual general membership meeting. Any member nominated or appointed for a directorship must be in good standing with the Association and must have been a member for a minimum of two years prior to running/election.
5. Each Association family in good standing will be entitled to cast one vote for a director. The candidate for each position receiving the most votes will be elected to be the board of directors. If only one nominee, vote does not go to members, they will be appointed by directors.
6. Removal of director at any time with or without cause may be done with majority vote of the board of directors. If there is an inactive director, the board of directors has right to remove that person and appoint a new director to fulfill the term.

7. Resignation of directors must be presented in writing to the board of directors and at any meeting the board may fill any vacancy by majority vote. Such election shall be for the unexpired term.
8. Meeting by telephone/email may be held as long as all directors are notified and agree.
9. No Salary or other compensation will be set for any director.
10. Other Committees may be established as the directors deem necessary, such committees shall be advisory only and may not authorize payment for the Association. Committee members do not have a vote on the board.
11. No member, officer, director, employee, agent or attorney of the Association shall be personally responsible or liable for debts, costs, or judgment imposed upon, against or incurred by the association. This does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law by such person.
12. The Association Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Bylaws/Rule book in a manner prescribed by the nonprofit association act. Changes can be made by majority vote of the director's present. Prior to the adoption of the amendment, each director shall be given at least two (2) days' notice of the date, time, place of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

#### Section VII: Members

1. Each family will be entitled to vote. Meaning that for each paid family membership, one (1) vote is acquired. Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote on matters before the general membership.
2. Termination of membership may be done by the board of directors. Written notice of termination and reasons for the termination must be sent to the member by certified mail.
3. Voluntary withdrawal may be permitted by any member; however, no reimbursement will be made of fees or membership dues.
4. Annual general membership meeting will be held at the last rodeo of each season. Membership will be notified of the time and place. At this meeting directors will be nominated and elected. COPWRA official rule and/or rule changes will be proposed and discussed. A rule change proposal form must be submitted for each proposal. COPWRA board of directors will sustain or reject the proposed rule/changes during at a meeting before the next rodeo season, by majority vote.

#### Section VIII: Dissolution

This Association may be dissolved by a voluntary petition in accordance with the Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act. Upon dissolution, all assets in the treasury shall be distributed equally to the existing membership after the payment of all debt.

#### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the COPWRA is open to any adult who is interested in the promotion or betterment of Pee Wee Rodeo; to families with members eligible to compete in Pee Wee Rodeo; and to individual children eligible to compete. The annual membership fee shall be established by the Board of Directors.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### A. Director

Directors shall be elected by majority vote from the membership to serve 2 year terms. The terms shall be alternating, with three directors being elected each year. The President of the Assoc. shall also serve on the Board as non-voting members; in the case of a tie vote among the Directors, the President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

B. Chairman of the Board

The President shall serve as Chairman, and shall convene Board meetings and provide the agenda.

C. Responsibilities

The Board shall be responsible for the continued operation of the Assoc. They shall establish Assoc. policies and rules, interpret and arbitrate any questions or challenges, and oversee the financial matters of the Assoc.

III. ASSOC. OFFICERS The officers of the Assoc. shall be as follows:

A. President or Co-Presidents

Presides at all meetings of the membership, handles all administrative functions, and convenes Board of Directors meetings.

B. Vice-President

Responsible for coordinating all Rodeo activities, and for performing the duties of the President in the case of his/her absence or disability.

C. Association Secretary:

Handles any correspondence for the Association. Keeps minutes of Assoc. Membership and Board of Directors meetings. Handles all matters with association's marketing, website, and advertising.

D. Rodeo Entries/ Point Secretaries

Keeps membership records and mailing lists. Handles all matters pertaining to Assoc. Rodeo events, including entries, points, etc. This position may be shared by two people with the duties split at the preference of the secretaries.

E. Treasurer

Keeps all records of monies received in the name of the Assoc., makes deposits and withdrawals, and at each membership meeting presents a current financial report.

IV. ASSOC. OFFICIALS

1. In addition to the Elected Officers the following officials may be appointed: Timed Event Director: Handles all matters related to events in the Arena. Rough Stock Director: Handles all matters related to rough stock events. Track Director: Handles all matters related to events held on the Track. Barrel Director: Handles all matters related to the Barrel Racing. Goat Director: Handles all matters related to the Goat Tying. Calf Tying: Handles all matters related to Calf Tying and Double Mugging
2. Awards Director: Handles purchasing and events related to Awards for year-end events awards and all around awards, this is a two person position.
3. Queen Director - Can be an elected position or volunteer, pending interest. This is a voting board position
4. Volunteer Director- coordinates, communicates, organizes the positions at rodeo for families to signup and help at, reconciles who showed up and didn't and collects the fines.
5. Nominations of Officers and Board Members shall be made by a nominating committee consisting of out-going officers and the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Only members in good standing may be nominated.
6. Board Members and Officers shall take office October 1st.

## GENERAL RULES

All rodeos sanctioned by the COPWRA shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

1. Eligibility to Compete: Membership in the COPWRA is required. COPWRA rodeos are open to all children ages 3 to 14, as of January 1st of the current year. If contestant is entered in the wrong age division by the parent, they will be disqualified and not receive points. It is important to check the draws before the start of the rodeo weekend.

2. Age Divisions: (*Ages as of January 1st of the Current Year*)

Underage: Junior: Intermediate: Senior:

3 to 5 Years

6 to 8 Years

9 to 11 Years

12 to 14 Years

3. Entries and Fees: Contestant's entries MUST be paid online at time of entry as specified by entry forms. There is a \$25 late fee for any entries received after the deadline. Must have a Current Membership or Permit for your entry to be accepted. There will be a \$50 late fee per member for any memberships that are not postmarked/purchased online by the designated date on membership form.

4. A \$50 fee will be charged on all non-sufficient fund (NSF) checks paid to COPWRA by members. The second time a NSF check is received, there will be a \$100 fee. If there is a 3rd offense, the contestant will not be allowed to enter a rodeo until all fees are paid. Cash ONLY or 'cashier's check or money order will be accepted for future entry fee or membership payments for that member. The charges and fees can be at the discretion of the COPWRA Board.

5. Drawing Out: After entry deadline, entry fees will only be refunded upon receipt of a medical or vet statement due to injury or illness, or under extenuating circumstances at the approval of three (3) board members. TURNOUT FEES WILL BE ASSESSED FOR THE GOOD OF THE RODEO.

6. Non-notified turnout fee of \$50 per kid for a non-notified turnouts in their event. This fee must be paid for contestant to be eligible for year-end jacket and prizes and to be in good standing to for following year's membership.

7. Waivers and Liability: All contestants shall have the signature of a parent or guardian on the official COPWRA release of liability. The Assoc. assumes no liability or responsibility for injury or damage to the personal property or stock of participants, owners or assistants. Each participant by act of his entry and signature of his parent or guardian allowing him/her to compete in COPWRA rodeos waives all claims against the Assoc. for injuries, or damage which he/she may sustain.

8. Required Equipment and Attire During Rodeos/Awards Banquet: Participants must wear the following western attire: hat (western or none); long sleeve shirt with a collar, tucked in, sleeves rolled down; western boots (NO FAT BABIES-WIDE BOOTS); western pants. Penalty for improper attire is the possible disqualification from the event. This dress code of western attire is required for contestants who attend the Annual Awards Ceremony. Western saddles and equipment are required to compete in timed events. The use of "tie on" devices to secure contestants onto saddles in the timed events will not be allowed in any event, unless the rider is handicapped. Rough Stock Riders: Contestant must wear and furnish their own riding vest and helmet.

9. Points and Awards: At rodeos, points shall be awarded in the all events offered by COPWRA.

10. Points are awarded to the first ten (10) places in each age group eligible to do that event, as follows: 1st=10 points; 2nd=9 points; 3rd=8 points; 4th=7 points; 5th=6 points; 6th=5 points; 7th=4 points; 8th=3 points; 9th=2 points; 10th=1 point. In case of a tie the points for that place and the next lower place are added together and equally divided between the tied contestants.

11. For contestants to be eligible for year-end contestant jacket, year-end awards, and all around awards they must compete in 6 of the 8 rodeos. Each weekend counts as two separate rodeos. Only participants who are members of the COPWRA are eligible to compete and to receive points. Points are accumulated during the rodeos of the current year and are used to establish winners for the year of each individual event and for the all-around cowboy and cowgirl in each age division (Underage, Junior, Intermediate and Senior). There will be 2 All-Around winners, a girl and a boy from each age division. Event buckles will be given for 1st place in each event. The Awards committee and officers will decide each year on the number of awards to be given in each event and the All-Around on the number of contestants. The All-Around winner is the contestant earning the most total points won in two or more events during the current year (adding points earned in each event together). If no contestant wins points in two or more events, the All-Around honors will go to the contestant entered in two or more events but winning the most points in a single event. If no contestant entered in two or more events wins any points, the All-Around award will go to that contestant winning the most points in a single event. Year-end event awards will be given out based on a scale of the numbered of qualified contestant per event division. If there are qualified contestants with no points, they will not receive awards. These are minimum for how many places for event awards, it is up to awards director's discretion to go down further based on budget 0-10 = 4 places, 11-20 = 6 places, 21-30 = 8 places, 31-40 = 10 places, 41-50 = 12 places, 51-60= 14 places.

12. Arena or Track Personnel: During a performance, only designated personnel are permitted in the arena or on the track. These include the stock contractor, chute help, arena personnel and rodeo officials. Contestants are allowed in the arena only to compete in an event. Judges, timers and flaggers must be people of experience. The Assoc. reserves the right to replace any of the above judged to be performing unsatisfactorily. The Assoc. reserves the right to replace any personnel working at the rodeo who, judged by a committee of three officials, is endangering the safety of any participant for any reason. The board of directors will designate 2 (two) qualified Pick-up men for each rodeo, to be in the arena during the rough stock events. These will be the only two people allowed horseback in the arena during these events, unless otherwise approved by the board.

13. Disqualification and/or Loss of Points: A contestant may be disqualified from competition in any or all events of a rodeo by Assoc. officials for violation of rules stated herein, or for any of the following: Mistreatment of stock, including his/her own; Quarreling with judges or officials; Failure to give assistance when requested by official. A contestant may lose accumulated points, or be suspended permanently or temporarily from competition for any of the following: a) Bad Checks (this carries a penalty of loss of points accumulated up to the time of the NSF check and disbarment from competition until the check is made good); b) Fighting in arena or on rodeo grounds; c) Attempting to influence, harass or coerce judges (by contestant or parent/ guardian); d) Foul language, conduct or speech detrimental to the sport of rodeo (by contestant or parent/ guardian); and e) Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

14. At all Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Assoc. functions, any physical or verbal abuse by anyone to anyone will not be tolerated. Any infraction may result in an appearance before the Board, possibly resulting in the notification of authorities and/or expulsion from the Assoc. It is the responsibility of the contestant and parent(s) to be familiar with the rules governing the COPWRA rodeos as stated in this book.

15. Protests: The decision of the judges, flagmen, timers and rodeo officials is final. If protest or conflict occurs a quorum of board or directors or officers will be called and the problem will be dealt with immediately. Protests may be lodged with a rodeo official by the contestant; the decision of a protest committee of not less than three Assoc. officers, rodeo officials and/or Board Members is final. Video evidence will not be used to review a run in any circumstance.

**16. Makeup runs are NOT allowed.**

- In order to request a same day draw position change because of a conflicting event, it needs to be submitted in writing/email to the board at least 14 days prior to the rodeo date. A decision will be made at board's discretion by voting. This submission process is not necessary for a sibling sharing a horse in an event conflict.

**17. No alcohol to be in or around the arena at any time.** This includes warm up areas, keep it at your trailer.

18. No two girls or boys may ride the same horse in same age division for pole bending. No two girls or boys may ride the same horse in same age divisions in barrel racing. There is only one EXCEPTION to this rule, if sharing a horse in Underage one of the contestants must be a lead line. Horse can only be shared by immediate family (siblings).

19. All Families are required to volunteer at each rodeo they have a contestant entered in. For unusual/extenuating circumstances accommodation requests can be made to the Volunteer Director in advance of the rodeo. For families that do not show up or do not sign up for their volunteer assignment, they will be charged a \$25 No Show Fee Per Rodeo (*\$50 per weekend*) and that payment will be due prior to receiving any year end event or membership awards.

**Rough Stock Events:**

1. Rodeo Stock: All animals used in bucking events will have been tried at least once before being put into the draw, with the exception of steers, cows and calves. Stock Contractors are to provide at least 1 over more stock than number of contestants.

2. Drawing of stock: chutes will be drawn for each contestant before the event starts in the order that the contestant is listed on the day sheet in all divisions. Any attempt to trade or influence the draw of stock will result in contestant being disqualified from that event. One designated person is to flank ALL rough stock. ALL stock will be flanked with exception of it will be director's decision in Junior Calf Riding. If a contestant elects not to ride the animal once it is loaded in the chute, he/she must formally scratch with the chute boss.

3. Judge/Directors discretion to call time and turnout out a kid for not being ready in the chute, need to be prepared, will be turned out if taking excessive amount of time.

4. Equipment and Riggings: All rough stock event contestants must wear an approved safety helmet and a protective vest and a belt or rope around the waist. Contestants must provide their own protective vest. All bareback riggings and bull/calf ropes must be approved by the stock contractor and if a rigging/rope is made to ride one-handed contestant must ride one handed, and if a rigging/rope is made to ride two-handed contestant must ride with two hands in the rigging/rope. When a contestant uses their own bareback rigging they are required to provide a protective pad. No sharp or locked rowels are to be worn, except in calf riding in which locked rowels will be permitted provided there is at least a 1/4 turn (applies to all divisions). No wraps or handholds that interfere with free and easy release from the animal are allowed. Mouthpieces are mandatory in all rough stock events in all age divisions.

6. Boys only in the Senior & Intermediate division.

7. No kids, unless it is their turn to compete, will be allowed in arena during any rough stock event.

8. Riding is to be done with one or two hands at the choice of the contestant. If a contestant starts a rough stock ride with two hands, he must complete the ride with two hands. If contestant starts one handed they must finish with one hand.

**Intermediate Bareback Riding:**

1. Bareback Riding Regulations: Contestants may use their own riggings, if first approved by the stock contractor, and if they meet the following criteria; not over ten inches wide at handhold, not over six inch "D" ring, and not a "freak."
2. Contestants are responsible for pulling riggings; if rigging comes off during ride (without breaking) contestant is disqualified.
3. Riding is to be done with one or two hands at the choice of the contestant. If a contestant starts a rough stock ride with two hands, he must complete the ride with two hands .If contestant starts with one handed they must finish with one hand.
4. Rider off to the side of the animal far enough to be judged "out of control of the ride" may be disqualified by the judges.
5. All rough stock must be flanked. Re-rides based on flanking is judge's discretion. Junior Calf Riding is directors' decision if calves get flanked, not the parent's.

### **Senior Bareback Steer Riding Rules:**

1. Steers or heifers weighing 600 - 900 lbs. should be used for this event. Horns must be tipped to at least the size of a half dollar. Bulls are not to be used.

#### II. Time Limit:

1. Animal must be ridden for 6 seconds.

#### III. Event Rules:

1. This event is open to boys only.
2. To qualify, the rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching animal when animal's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.
3. Judges may require contestant to take his hand out of rigging after a animal is cinched. If handhold is too tight, rigging will be declared illegal. Stock contractor may request to take such action. The judge on the latch side will refer to his watch for a time verification. In any instance where the time is six seconds or more on the judge's watch, the contestant shall be entitled to a marking without penalty. In the instance the whistle blows before the six seconds, the judge must go with the whistle.

#### VI. Equipment

1. Riding to be done with one-handed rigging and contestant must supply own rigging.
2. No metal will be allowed in riggings or hand-holds, resin handle bareback rigging to be used in the Steer riding events only. Only leather or rawhide is allowed for hand-hold, with a maximum of three-fourths (3/4) inch of rawhide allowed. Flat-head rivets and/or screws and "t" nuts are allowed to secure hand-hold. The only other metal allowed will be in the "D" rings.
3. All contestants must wear helmets approved for rodeo events.
4. All contestants must wear an Athletic Protective Mouth Piece while contesting. Mouth piece may not be trimmed any smaller than the size required to cover all teeth.
5. All contestants must wear a vest designed to protect the chest and back while contesting in the Bareback Riding Event. The vest shall be one manufactured for rodeo/equestrian events and sold by retailers.

### **Saddle Bronc Steer/Cow Riding**

1. Riding to be done with one rein and saddle. Standard Bronc rein and saddles must be used.
2. One arm must be free at all times and must not touch animal or rein with the free hand. Rein must be attached to the neck of the livestock. Back cinch to be buckled around livestock's hind quarters below tail.
3. Ride will be judged to a maximum of 6 seconds from the time that the livestock's shoulder passes through the plane of the chute.



4. To qualify, rider must attempt to have spurs over the break of the livestock shoulders and touching the livestock when livestock's feet hit the ground on the first jump. If a livestock stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell the rider Mark out rule will be waived
5. Mark out rule will be waived only if rider is fouled on pull gate, back of chute, or neck rope, all at judges' discretion. If livestock comes out of chute backwards, mark out rule will be waived.

### **Calf/ Senior Bull "Large Steer" Riding Regulations:**

1. Contestants may use their own bull ropes, provided they meet the following criteria: rope has a bell, no metal rings, has a hand hold, has no knots or hitches to prevent free release from animal.
2. Riding is to be done with one or two hands at the choice of the rider. If a contestant starts a ride with two hands, he/she must complete the ride with two hands. Senior contestants must ride one handed. If riding one handed, rider will be disqualified if the animal is touched with the free hand or body part above the waist. If the rider is off to the side of the animal far enough so that the bell is no longer under the belly, or otherwise is judged "out of control of the ride" by the judges, the rider may be disqualified.

### **Length of Rough Stock Rides:**

1. **All rough stock rides will be 6 seconds except in the Senior Bull Riding/Large Steer will be 8 seconds.**
2. Junior Calf Riders must make a qualified ride to receive points or placings.
3. Intermediate and Seniors must make a scored ride. Senior Saddle Steer, is 6 seconds. All rough stock time limit is 6 seconds, except Senior Bull/Large Steer Riding (COPWRA right to default to all NHSR)

### **Timed Events:**

1. Judging: All events shall have a field judge. If timed from the arena, there will be two timers, if timed from the announcer's stand; there will be a flagger in the field in addition to the two timers.
2. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to enter the starting gate within 60 seconds of being called by the gate keeper or announcer. In the Timed Events each contestant is responsible for their own equipment and failure of that equipment will not result in the option for a rerun.
3. Competitor's Horse:
  - a. If one or more contestants use the same horse in the same event, the contestant is required to notify the Rodeo Assoc. on their entry form that they are sharing a horse and in which events the horse will be shared (see General Rule 18 for specific rules on sharing horses). When sorting the order of the event, the Rodeo Assoc. will separate the contestants which use the same horse by at least eight (8) contestants.
4. Any help beyond the eye in the underage barrel racing, pole bending or goat tail will be considered as assist and those contestants will be placed below all other contestants that have no assistance. When parents are in the arena and cross to the other side of the eye (even if they don't break the eye, they go behind it) it is considered help. Assists or leading of a contestant can only be done by someone on foot. Contestants may not be led by someone else on riding another horse or no riding double.

**5. In Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat Tying there is no running from outside of the gate, thru the gate. The rider must have control of the horse through the gate. If the contestant runs their horse through the gate, they will be disqualified.**

### **Goat Tying Rules:**

#### **General:**

- Underage parents can be on the track in Underage Goat Tail untying to catch horse before contestant dismounts without incurring an "assist"

- Junior Boys and Girls Goats parents can be on the track to catch their child's horse (once the contestant is clear of the horse) and to help Juniors remount.
  - Intermediate Boy, Intermediate Girl, and Senior Goats does not allow parents to be on the track at all, not to catch or slow down horse or stop horse from crossing the rope.
  - If there is a reason why a contestant gets a rerun they would tie the same goat and the extra tie would count towards the drawn animal. If the contestant was the fourth draw on the goat they would still tie the same goat; which would make it the fifth tie. The goat director makes the decision on how many times the goat are tied before the switch.
  - When watering, raking and/or dragging arena will be the directions discretion.
1. Starting lines in the goat tying will be subject to ground rules. A clearly visible starting line shall be provided. The stake and the starting line will be permanently marked for the entire go-round.
  2. Arena permitting, the gate will be in the center. Arena gate must be closed immediately after contestant enters the arena and kept closed.
  3. Time to be started between two eyes marking the starting line. Time will start when the horses' nose crosses the starting line.
  4. All goats are to be tied down three (3) times before the Rodeo. If goats have been used at a previous rodeo, they do not have to be tied down before the rodeo.
  5. All goat collars need to be the same and snug. Ropes all need to be the same length. Goats need to be the same size and weight in each age division. (i.e.; smallest goat for underage, to largest goats for seniors.) Flaggers to stand in the same place for each contestant.
  6. All goats to be tied a maximum of five (5) runs before another run on the goats can begin.
  7. Goat handler must stand directly behind the goat. Judges and directors will position themselves so they have a clear view of the goat rope and the horse.
  8. Time limit shall be one (1) minute.
  9. There should be a 15yard starting line. Starting line should be a minimum of 100 feet from the stake. The goat should be tied to a stake with a 10-foot rope. The stake should be completely underground so that no part of the stake is visible.
  10. The contestant should be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from the horse, throw the goat by hand, cross, wrap and tie by hand, at least 3 feet of the goat together with a goat string, be it leather or rope, or a pigging string. No wire is allowed.
  11. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, goat must be elevated high enough to have the opportunity to regain its feet and then stand clear of the goat when the tie is finished.
  12. Legs must remain crossed and secure for 6 seconds after the completion of the tie. While judge is performing 6 second time limit, the contestant may not touch, gesture, motion or make any noise to distract the goat.
  13. A legal tie is at least one complete wrap around 3 legs with a half hitch, hooey or knot.
  14. 10 second penalty will be assessed for a contestant's horse crossing the goat rope or coming in contact with the goat. It will be judge's discretion if the contestant will get a rerun if the goat breaks away from the rope at any time during the run.

#### **Junior and Intermediate Boy Goat Tying:**

1. Refer to Girls Goat Tying Rules with the following addition:
2. Boys will be required to tie goats with a piggin' string only.
3. Contestant must string front leg and then cross and tie any three legs with a piggin' string. There must be at least one wrap around all three legs and finished with a half hitch or hooey. A hooey is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly or all the way pulled through.
4. Junior division the goat will be held until flanked

#### **Underage Goat Tail Undecorating:**

Same as Goat tying except the goat will be held. The contestant must race to goat and pull the ribbon off the tail and put hands up to get a time. Holding horse while contestant dismounts is not considered a lead

and is encouraged. No one is allowed to help assist the contestant with the goat or ribbon pulling at any time. All contestants that are led down and/or helped dismounting from their horse will place below the contestants that go on their own with no assistance.

### **Senior Boys Calf Tying Rules:**

1. Calf will be tied from post; contestants will draw for cattle; time starts when hand leaves post.
2. Length of rope must be the same for everyone.
3. Contestant must tie up 3 legs, put two wraps and a half hitch or hooley on the calf for a qualified tie. A hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly or all the way pulled through.
4. There will be a :30 second time limit to get calf tied.
5. The calf must stay tied 6 seconds after all human contact is off the calf.

### **Barrel Racing Rules:**

1. When Barrel Racing is held in an indoor arena, three barrels will be set in the configuration of 20-60-80 feet in a triangle with the starting line set 20 feet from the front barrels. When Barrel Racing is held in an outdoor arena, three barrels will be set in the configuration of 40-80-90 feet in a triangle with the starting line no less than 35' to 1st and no more than 45'. There will be 80' between the 1st and 2nd barrels and 95' to the 3rd. The Barrel Director will set the barrel pattern for arena conditions, and arena dimensions upon directors' discretions.
2. A running start may be used, with the flagger signaling start of time when contestant crosses start line. A cloverleaf pattern will be run around the barrels, in either direction. Rake will occur every 10 barrel runs, it is the director's discretion to rake sooner based on ground conditions. Except there will be no raking during the underage barrel racing.
3. Time will be stopped when the contestant recrosses the start line. Contestants may set up or touch barrels without penalty. A penalty of 5 seconds will be added to the contestant's time for each barrel knocked over.
4. Disqualification will result from crossing back over the starting line before completing the run, or from breaking pattern. Judge's discretion or ruling will be final. The Senior Barrel Racing event is for female contestants only.
5. Any age group can fix their run.
  - a. Only underage will still get a time bearing so they do not cross back over the eye at any time.
  - b. No other age group will get a time for a fixed/corrected pattern.
6. Intermediate and Seniors barrel racing for females only.

### **Pole Bending Rules:**

1. Six poles will be set in a straight line, 21 feet apart. Start line will be 21 feet from the first pole. A running start may be used, with the flagger signaling start of time when contestant crosses start line. Contestant races to the last pole, pivots it and bends back through poles, pivots first pole and bends back to the last pole. He then pivots it and races back across the start line, at which point time will be stopped. Rake will occur every 10 pole benders, it is director's discretion to rake sooner based on ground conditions
2. Run may be started on either side of the poles. Contestants may set up or touch poles without penalty. A penalty of 5 seconds will be added to the contestant's time for each pole knocked over.
3. Disqualification will result from crossing back over the starting line before completing the run, or from allowing the horse's shoulder to pass a pole on the wrong side. Judge's discretion and ruling will be final.
4. The Intermediate & Senior Pole Bending event is for female contestants only.
5. Any contestant can correct/fix their run.
  - a. Only underage will still get a time bearing so they do not cross back over the eye at any time.

- b. No other age group will get a time for a fixed/corrected pattern.

### **Breakaway Roping Rules:**

1. Calf will be released and contestant will be allowed 45 seconds to rope or two loops thrown. Intermediate and Senior Breakaway contestants must carry 2 (two) ropes if a 2nd loop is to be thrown, and no loops may be rebuilt. Loop must be tied with a string to the saddle horn and must be released from the hand when the calf is roped. The loop must go over the calf's head and catch as catch can. Time will stop when the string breaks from the horn. Calf must break the rope away from the horn.
2. Contestants will receive a no time should they break the rope from the horn or if the flagger/field judge can determine if the rope was not tied on.
3. If an animal escapes from the arena during a 45 second run, flag will be dropped and the roper gets the calf back lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the calf left the arena. Officials present during breakaway roping will be as follows: field flagger/field judge, a deadline referee, and an experienced roper on horseback. Judge's discretion and ruling will be final.
4. Intermediate and Senior contestants will have a barrier placed in the box. A 10 (ten) second penalty will be added to the contestant's time if the barrier is broke by the contestant's horse before calf is released from the chute. Breakaway ropers must start out of the right box. In the Junior breakaway, there will be a string or ribbon stretched across the box acting as a barrier, there is no barrier for the Junior breakaway.
5. If the barrier malfunctions the contestant will be awarded an automatic rerun. If any other discrepancies occur at the roping chute, the decision will be made by the Arena Director and/or the flagger.
6. Senior Breakaway will be divided into two events, if there are at least (10) Cowgirls & (10) Cowboys in each division. This decision will be made annually by the Directors.

### **Intermediate Double Mugging Tie Down Roping Rules:**

1. Time to be taken between barrier and field flagger.
2. Catch as catch can. Roping the calf without releasing the rope from hand is not permitted.
3. Rope must be "tied hard and fast" to saddle horn. The contestant must rope the calf, dismount the horse, and go down rope at which time mugger will flank calf and roper must cross and tie three legs. If calf is down when the mugger reaches it, the contestant can take the calf.
4. After roping the calf, roper must dismount and wait for mugger to throw calf by hand. Mugger holds foreleg and gives foreleg to roper. At this time, mugger can assist in holding calf down in a way that the calf is unable to gain its feet. After roper has completed tie and throws hands in air signaling time, mugger must step away from calf.
5. Mugger may remove rope from calf (before roper has finished the tie) if necessary for safety reasons. This will not disqualify the run.
6. The contestant's horse must have a neck rope and keeper to be able to compete in this event. A neck rope must be used and contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
7. Tie must hold for 6 seconds once all human touch is off the calf. Once all human touch is gone off the calf, then 6 sec starts and calf must stay tied, flagger times the 6 seconds. If the tie comes loose before the 6 seconds, the roper will be given a no time.
8. The calf must be crossed and tied with at least one wrap and hooley.
9. Mugger must be an adult, over 18 years of age.
10. Time Limit is 90 seconds.

### **Senior Boy Tie Down Calf Roping Rules:**

1. A neck rope must be used. Contestants must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
2. Calves may be pushed out by contestant's assistant providing they are ready.
3. Two loops will be permitted.
4. If a roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes.
5. A dropped or fallen rope that must be recoiled and/or rebuilt shall be considered a thrown rope.
6. Contestants cannot receive any assistance after crossing starting line.
7. The contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw the calf by hand. Must cross and tie at least three legs.
8. Any catch is legal, catch as catch can rule.
9. If the calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three feet. (Calf must be elevated high enough that it has the opportunity to regain its feet) and calf must be re-thrown.
10. If roper's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.
11. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs, and a half hitch or hooley (A hooley is a half hitch with a loop, the tail of the string may be partly or all the way pulled through). The tie must hold six (6) seconds, and three legs must remain crossed until passed on by the judge. Six second time will start when roper has remounted and his horse has taken one step forward.
12. If roper's rope comes off calf as roper starts to work with tie, the six (6) second time will start when roper clears the calf. Rope will not be removed and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
13. In case the field judge flags out a roper that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same calf back, lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalties. Contestant to only get to use remaining loop
14. :90 second time limit.

### **Junior Breakaway Sled Event Rules:**

1. The breakaway sled event for juniors is designed to be a safe, controlled preliminary step to roping live cattle.
2. Contestants will be allowed two loops in this event. They may either tie a second loop onto the saddle, or contestants may coil up to build a new loop.
3. The end of the rope will be tied to the saddle horn with a piece of marking ribbon. The ribbon will be provided by COWPRA and will be available by the roping boxes.
4. The time for the event will start when the contestant's horse breaks the plane of the roping box, and the time will be stopped when the contestant catches and the rope breaks from the saddle horn.
5. The sled will be started at least 10 feet from front of roping chute and put in motion when the contestant nods their head. The breakaway dummy will be pulled by a four wheeler.
6. Contestant's horse must start from the back corner of the box.
7. There will be a string or ribbon stretched across the box acting as a barrier, there is no barrier for the Junior breakaway.
8. If a contestant misses on his or her first try, the breakaway sled will remain in motion while the contestant produces a new loop. They have until the end of the arena to rope it again.
9. The contestant must throw their loop from a position behind the breakaway sled. Riding up beside the sled and "hooking" the dummy or "laying" a loop on the sled is unacceptable.
10. Junior Breakaway Sled Roping, it must be a clean neck catch to be a qualified time, catching the entire body will result in a no time.
11. The time limit for the event is when the breakaway sled reaches the end of the arena.

### **Chute Dogging for Senior Boys:**

1. Chute shall be part of the arena during dogging events.
2. Once score line (gypsum line) has been set it will not be changed in that go.
3. Score line will be parallel to chute. It will be set at ten (10) feet in front of chute or ten (10) feet in front of straightaway chute. The measurement will be made with chute gate in the closed position.
4. The line (barrier) judge will flag the start when the animals' nose crosses the score line.
5. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
  - a. In any timed event, if animal escapes from the arena, field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap and tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run.
  - b. In cases of mechanical failure.
  - c. If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by chute, contestant shall get his steer back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up.
6. Time shall be taken between two flags.
7. It shall be the judge'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.
8. This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo.
9. All steers shall be turned out in the same direction and the same chute will be used.
10. Time Limit: There will be a thirty (30) second time limit with optional one (1) minute time limit at state/province rodeos. There will be a mandatory thirty (30) second time limit at the National Junior High Finals.
11. This event is open to boys only.
12. At all junior high rodeos, a straightaway chute may be used in lieu of a bucking chute. The chute must have a gate with at least thirty six inch (36") clearance. It should be at least six foot in length (6'). Ideally it will also have a side entrance gate for dogger to enter. The straightaway chute will be used at all National Junior High Finals Rodeos. If bucking chute is used it must be left delivery and all chute dogging runs must be made from the same chute.
13. With steer loaded in chute, dogger gets beside steer with hand and arm in front of shoulder of steer, or behind shoulder if dogger desires, and can wrap under neck. When dogger calls for steer the chute gate will be opened. Dogger must maintain his arm and hand position without impending forward progress of steer. If forward progress is impeded by choking or any other means, dogger will receive a no-time. Should dogger grab horn or ear, a 10- second penalty will be assessed. Steer must cross score line before being thrown or starting to slow the steer's forward progress to start throwing process. If steer is thrown before crossing line, it will result in a disqualification since time has not started. Dogger cannot do anything to start throwing process until time has started in the field.
14. It is the contestant's responsibility to check for broken horns.
15. There will be a designated helper assigned by the Arena Director. The helper cannot pass the plane of the chute gate.
16. Contestant is considered working the steer when the steer leaves the chute.
17. If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch steer.
18. After crossing the start line, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change its direction and twist it down.
19. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the 104 ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then thrown.
20. Steer will be considered thrown down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight.
21. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
22. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up.
23. A steer falling in the opposite direction the steer wrestler is attempting to throw him (dog fall) the contestant may choose to turn the steer's head to correspond with the leg position to make this a legal fall.

Scoring and Penalties:

1. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.
2. Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded.
3. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
4. Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer.
5. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chute.
6. Time should be taken with the average of two (2) times at all rodeos.
7. Dogger will be disqualified if animal is thrown before start line.
8. If steer falls on its own before nose crosses line, steer must be let up and not thrown until steer's nose crosses line.
9. There will be a 10 second penalty added if dogger moves right arm to the right horn (throwing position) before start line. This will be referred to as breaking the barrier.

Reruns: Refer to Steer Wrestling section of NHSRA Rulebook with the following change:

1. A steer must be rerun before it is used by another contestant. Fresh steers may be added to the herd after they have been released from the chute and thrown down. It is the responsibility of the steer wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.

Optional Rules:

1. A whistle may be used to signal when the steer has crossed the start line.
2. The same judge can be used to flag the start and the finish.

Equipment:

1. Chute will be used to release steers.
2. Gypsum, baby powder, chalk, etc. will be used to mark start line in front of chute.

Livestock Requirement:

1. Refer to the NHSRA Steer Wrestling Rulebook with the following exception:
  - a. Fresh steers added to bunch that have not been used must be bull-dogged from the chute and thrown down. It is the responsibility of steer wrestlers to throw the cattle at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.
  - b. Chute Dogging Cattle Weight Recommendations:
    - a. a minimum weight of 350 lbs.
    - b. a maximum weight of 475 lbs.

Officials: 1. There shall be two or more timers, a field flag judge, and a barrier judge.

2. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision will be final.
3. Field flagger is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose.
4. Barrier judge will stand on the start line on right side of the steer and flag when the animal's nose crosses the line indicating the start of the run.
5. Field flagger will flag when the animal is legally thrown indicating the end of the run.

### **Dally Team Roping:**

1. 60 second time limit, boys and/or girls combined
2. Team may be composed of one contestant and one adult of 18 years or older. Full points will be given to header (placing 1 -10) and heeler (placing 1-10). When entering it is important contestant is entered correctly in their team roping position. (See Awards section of these rules for specifications on buckles awarded in this event.) A dally team roper can only enter once per rodeo.
3. Header will start behind barrier coming out of the left box and must throw the first loop at head. Heeler will come out of the right box starting behind the barrier line. There will be a ten second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. Steer belongs to roper when he/she calls for him, regardless of what happens, with these exceptions: if the steer gets out of the arena or mechanical failure, flag will be dropped and the roper gets the steer back lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the steer left the arena.
4. Each contestant will be allowed to carry one rope. Roping steers without throwing the loop will be considered no catch. Roper must dally to stop steer. No tied ropes allowed. Senior and Intermediate ropers will have a total of 2 throws. Juniors will get 3 throws total.

5. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer in line, with ropes dallied and tight. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels. **Headers must keep their dally and face.**
6. All changes in lists of roping order to split horses, etc. must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in chute. After stock is loaded ropers must rope in order listed
7. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time; the ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
8. If header accidentally jerks steer off of his feet or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over eight feet before steer regains his feet or the team will be disqualified.
9. A broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time. No foul catches can be removed by hand.
10. If the barrier malfunctions the contestant will be awarded an automatic rerun. If any other discrepancies occur at the roping chute, the decision will be made by the Arena Director and/or the flagger.
11. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands.
12. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field flag judge drops his flag, time will be counted. In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap and tap.
13. There shall be a timer, a barrier judge and a field flag judge. Time to be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and time event director or spokesman.
14. Any question on catches will be decided by the judges.
15. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
16. Any horse that enters a loop with their legs or feet will be a no time.
17. Electric eye with barrier will be used, if it's unavailable then a neck ropes must be tied. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be on neck ropes for cattle used in timed events.
18. If a team roper is disqualified or injured, that team will be eliminated from that event.
19. There will be no flip flopping or change ends in the Team Roping. Once you leave the box as either a Header or Heeler you must stay a Header or Heeler or you will be disqualified.
21. If hondo passes over one horn the loop over the other catch is illegal.
22. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
23. One hind foot receives 5 second penalty.
24. If loop crosses itself in head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
25. The steer's body must change directions and be moving forward before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops he must only be in forward tow for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered a Crossfire. A crossfire is illegal and crossfire catches will receive a no-time.
26. **LEGAL CATCHES FOR DALLY TEAM ROPING:**
  - a. There will be only 3 legal head catches:
    1. Head or Both Horns
    2. Half a Head
    3. A round the Neck
27. Placings will be done as contestant headers and contestant heelers placing seperatly, placings happen based fastest times of headers points 1 – 10, and then heelers 1-10.. Year end awards will be awarded to highest point headers and highest point heelers, a contestant may not win more than one award in the team roping, they will receive an award based on their highest point position. Their total team roping points count towards all around.

### **Underage Dummy Roping:**



1. There will be a designated box (draw in the dirt or white PVC pipe laying flat on ground) that will be a minimum of 12" behind the dummy. Contestant will step into the box and rope the dummy. Once in the box their time will start after they pull there slack their time will stop. Contestant will step back outside box and rebuild their loop before they rope again. Each contestant gets 3 loops. While contestant is outside of box they may have assistance building loop, while inside the box there are not allowed to have any assistance. If they are assisted while inside the box the contestant will be disqualified. The winner will be determined by points but in the case of a tie the fastest time will determine the winner.
2. Points will be as follows:
  - a. Slick Horns: 2 points
  - b. Half Head: 1 point
  - c. Neck: 1 point
  - d. Entire Body: 0 points
  - e. The only legal head catches are Slick Horns, Half Head, and Whole Head.

### **Rodeo Queen and Court:**

1. Contest for Queen and Court: Contest for the Court for the coming rodeo Season will take place Friday afternoon, before the last COPWRA rodeo. Contest will be managed by a competent adult appointed by the Assoc. Officers. Contest is open to all Female participants/members of the COPWRA, except former rodeo queens. Contestants will be given contest rules prior to contest, and judging will be based on ability and performance of contest requirements.

2. Court Responsibilities: Court will solicit donations and/or money for the benefit of the COPWRA. Court will represent the COPWRA by riding a minimum of 2 Central Oregon parades (Redmond, Madras, Prineville and Sisters)but can attend more if desired. Court is required to be at all Grand Entries for COPWRA rodeos. The court will always behave in such a way as to bring credit to the COPWRA. If a member of the court does not represent the COPWRA in a manner acceptable as to fulfilling duties, it will be up to the discretion of the Board of Directors and officers as to whether that member of the court finishes the year as queen or princess.

3. Parental Responsibilities: Court Director/Chaperon will be designated, usually one of the mothers of court members. Transportation to solicit donations and to the parades will be provided by the parents of the court members. Outfits for the court, gear for their horses, etc. shall be chosen and supplied by the court's parents and approved by the Queen Director. The Assoc. may contribute to the court's costs to the extent decided appropriate by the Board of Directors.



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The purpose for which the corporation is formed is: organizing and operating youth rodeos.

The dissolution or final liquidation, assets of the corporation shall be donated to a non-profit youth rodeo organization or, if none exists, to a non-profit organization in the community.