
SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC

2022

PURPOSES AND AIMS

To maintain order and standards similar to those followed by the Alabama High School Rodeo Association and the National High School Rodeo Association among members at their functions with a goal towards preparing younger student contestants for future participation in those organizations. This association is formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

To promote SEYRA on a Statewide scale and work towards this by bringing, Statewide recognition to this activity for students who are 18 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2022.

To promote the highest type of conduct & sportsmanship at various rodeos by setting standards to be met.

To keep the Western Heritage alive in America and in the State.

To promote a close relationship among the people interested in this activity and the organization they represent.

To increase and maintain interest of the children in rodeos and other functions of the nation.

To follow all rules, the Constitution and By-Laws, as set down and duly adopted by the Association keeping in conformity as much as possible with the Constitution and

By-Laws set out by the South Eastern Youth Rodeo Association and National Rodeo Association.

There will be no discrimination due to race, sex, or religion.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall insure to the benefit or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers or other person, except that the reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 hereof.

In the event of dissolution of this organization, any assets belonging to the SEYRA after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation will go to the South Eastern Youth Rodeo Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Any member, student or adult, who makes himself/herself incompatible to the operation of the program by words or deeds, may be suspended for a designated period of time, or impeached, after review of the situation by the Board of Directors, or by an appointed Investigation Committee, and upon which action will be taken by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Membership shall be divided into (3) major categories:

1. Student membership: elementary, junior high, and high school students interested in the sport of rodeo and the affairs of the SEYRA. Students are eligible to contest at rodeos as long as they meet requirements with these rules.
2. Adult membership: consist of parents/guardians of student membership.
3. Supportive membership: any person or organization wishing to support the Southeastern Youth Rodeo Association by donations.

DUES

Dues vary according to type of membership and are subject to changes as they occur by action of the Board of Directors. All dues are payable to the rodeo Secretary by a deadline set by the Board.

OFFICERS

There shall be adult officers in the SEYRA. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, 2nd Secretary, Treasurer, Point Keeper and Board of Directors composed of an adult director for each event that is presently being offered for competition by the SEYRA. All officers and board members serve a one-year term with election being held annually at the Annual Meeting held at the finals each year. A special vote maybe held during the year of the following stipulations:

Vote on issues that arise during the course of the year to allow for rule change. Notice proposed rule change is to be given to general membership, by written notification, at least 10 days prior to general membership meeting. Said notice will specify the rule change proposed and there must be 2/3 of general membership present to be considered by the Board of Directors, said vote shall be taken in writing.

Voting for Directors and Officers positions will be conducted during the mandatory meeting during the finals. SEYRA Officers and Board of Directors term of office will begin December 1st of each year thereafter.

The SEYRA shall conduct a Championship Finals Rodeo which will be held as a 2day 2 go which determines the points from the 2-day finals and combines with the regular season rodeos. **Contestant members MUST have competed in at least HALF the SEYRA scheduled season rodeo's to be eligible to compete at the finals and must meet all other membership requirements to be eligible for the year-end awards. Contestants must compete in each round of each event qualified for at state finals to be eligible for an award in that event.**

SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines are SEYRA sanctioned rodeos, payout requirements and special event rules:

1. All matters relating to the operation of the South Eastern Youth Rodeo Association and rodeos sanctioned thereby shall be approved and contested according to rules set out in the National High School Rodeo Association Rules, Constitution and By-Laws, (hereinafter referred to as High School Rule Book) to the extent that same would apply to situations pertaining to the SEYRA.
2. South Eastern Youth Rodeo Association contestants consist of 18 years of age in the year the contestant joins the Association. It will be incumbent on the applicant's parent/guardian to seek an exception to this rule if a child's age problem results from a learning disability or a medical or psychological problem. In order to gain an exception to this rule the applicant's parents will need to provide the Association official documentation, which confirms the problem sufficient to satisfy the Board of the SEYRA. The Board will be afforded some discretion in this matter after reviewing documentation and the totality of the circumstances

3. **Membership fee** shall be \$ 75 for single and \$ 125 for family. Deadline for memberships is May 29, 2022. **Entry fees for all divisions will be on every entry form filled out at each rodeo. CASH ONLY! NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANYTIME FOR ENTRY FEES! Fees MUST be paid in FULL at the rodeo BEFORE COMPETING! Fees may be subjected to change contingent upon stock charge. Fees MUST BE PAID BY 8:30AM. If an emergency & will be late please call 850-712-4012.**

4. All contestants must submit to the Secretary a “Minor Release Form” signed, notarized, and sealed. No contestant will be allowed to rodeo without this form. A student who is 18 years of age or younger may ride as a local. A student participating as a local must call in to the rodeo call-in secretary on the scheduled call-in night and must pay entry and permit fees at the rodeo. Local entrants must have a signed, notarized, and sealed “Minors Release Form”. Non-members will be allowed for jackpot money, but not for year end awards. Entry fees vary for each event. Each contestant will be required to pay a ground fee of \$5 per rodeo. A stock charge fee of \$8 will be charged to each contestant competing in

5. **Events are as follows:**

6 & under buckaroos events: Stick Horse Race, Stick Horse Pole Bending, Lead in Barrel Racing, Lead in Pole Bending, Roping Dummy, Goat Tail Pull, Goat Throw, Sheep Riding

6 & under alone events: Calf Riding, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying.

7-9 Year old: Steer Riding, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying (Girls & Boys), Breakaway Roping.

10-13 Year old: Bull Riding, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying (G/B), Chute Dogging, Breakaway Roping(G/B), Team Roping(G/B), Calf Roping.

14-18 Year Old: Bull Riding, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying (G/B), Chute Dogging, Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping (G/B), Team Roping.

A Queen Contest will be held at the finals each year. Queen and Princess forms must be completed by the deadline.

6. **Age Groups:** Whichever age group the child enters at the first rodeo that child **MUST FINISH THE YEAR IN THAT AGE GROUP!** For example: if your child is 13 years old as of January 1, but then has a birthday during the current season which the child turns 14 that child **CANNOT MOVE UP IN AGE GROUP!**
7. Jackpot payoff is computer generated when applicable, and is composed of a percentage of the entry fees. Ground money will **NOT** be paid out for any event.
8. The National High School Rodeo Association points system will be used for regular season rodeos.

10 Points-1st place

9 Points-2nd place

8 Points -3rd place

7 Points- 4th place

6 Points-5th place

5 Points-6th place

4 Points- 7th place

3 Points- 8th place

2 Points- 9th place

1 Point- 10th place

The second day of finals the points will be modified to a 1.5 point scale in an attempt to avoid leader ties. Those points will be as follows:

15 Points - 1st place

13.5 Points - 2nd place

12 Points - 3rd place

10.5 Points - 4th place

9 Points - 5th place

7.5 Points - 6th place

6 Points - 7th place

4.5 Points - 8th place

3 Points - 9th place

1.5 Points - 10th place

9. Stock charges, late charges and award fees must be paid if a member attends a rodeo and fails to compete. No further entries will be accepted from said member until all such fees are paid. In the event a contestant cannot attend a rodeo and notifies the call-in secretary by 5:00 p.m., on Thursday following call-in for the Rodeo, they will not be fined,
10. Call-in will be taken from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on the specified call-in date. Members entering late will be assessed a **\$10 late fee** to be paid at the time the contestant pays his/her entry fees. No entries will be taken after Thursday night following the call-in date unless approved by one the two of the SEYRA. You must be on the program to rodeo and to be on the program you must call in for each rodeo. **Secretaries will begin fees two hours prior to the Grand Entry. Secretaries will stop taking entry fees 30 minutes prior to the Grand Entry unless otherwise approved by one of the Secretaries of the SEYRA. If the event fees are paid late, a \$10 fine will be assessed and must be paid with the entry fees in order to compete at that rodeo. FINES WILL BE ENFORCED!**
11. All committees desiring approval of a SEYRA rodeo must request an approval form from an officer on the board. Upon receipt of same, the President within a reasonable period of time, will either approve or not approve said rodeo. A form approved by the Board of Directors shall be used for this

purpose and shall not be accepted unless the same is completed in full at the time it is submitted.

12. **One** back number is provided to each contestant.

Numbers **MUST** be worn while in the arena at all times as part of the required full western attire at each rodeo. Steer riders will be allowed to leave their numbers on their shirts while competing rather than placing their back numbers on their vests. If a contestant loses his/her back number, a temporary number will be allowed for one day only. One replacement number will be provided to each contestant and any additional numbers will be provided at a reasonable charge to the contestant.

13. Paying your membership fees and submitting necessary forms for the first time and entering one rodeo constitutes a contestant's Rookie Year unless circumstances such as an injury or illness occurs prior to the first rodeo and the excuse is approved by the Board of Directors. A **ROOKIE CONTESTANT THAT HAS NOT COMPETED PREVIOUSLY SEYRA**. Buckaroos do not qualify for Rookie. "Rookie" is for contestants who can ride by themselves. Age groups 6 & Under, 7-9 , 10-13 & 14-18 will be awarded Girl & Boy.

14. An Event Champion in each age group shall be named in each event based on total points earned during the regular season and at the finals. An All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Cowgirl Champion shall also be named. A Miss South Eastern Youth Rodeo Queen and Princess shall also be crowned at the finals.

In the event of a financial hardship of the SEYRA, the Board of Directors may make adjustments, as needed, to any/all prizes to be awarded each year at the finals.

15. Contestant members must have participated in at least half of the SEYRA scheduled season Rodeo's to be eligible to compete at finals and must meet all other membership requirements to be eligible for year-end awards. Contestant must compete in each round of each event qualified at the finals for an award in that event.
16. ALL members are required to sell raffle tickets in order to be eligible to compete in the REGULAR SEYRA RODEO AND FINALS. Minimum raffle tickets are as announced on the SEYRA page each year which is SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Each SEYRA Contestant is responsible for having their raffle tickets turned in by the deadline. All raffle ticket money must be turned into the secretary at the designated time. NO RAFFLE MONEY MEANS NO FINALS!
17. Any contestant that receives a disciplinary from school or court that is associated with alcohol or drugs will forfeit membership with the South Eastern Youth Rodeo for the remainder of that Rodeo season.

18. **EVENT RULES:**

***For the safety of our contestants, staff and volunteers, it is imperative that we have **ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL ONLY IN THE ARENA FOR ALL EVENTS**. If you are desiring to volunteer, welcome. BUT you must check in with the event Director **for a specific role**. We do not need extra parents or

contestants in the arena to cheer them on or video. The EVENT DIRECTOR and the ARENA DIRECTOR require order in the arena. Your presence is at the EVENT or ARENA DIRECTOR'S discretion.***

- 1. Breakaway Roping:** A thirty-second time limit. Contestants may use two loops but must carry two loops no rebuilding. Rope must go over calves' nose & break free from saddle. Contestants cannot break rope from saddle horn by hand. Each rope MUST have a white flag (MUST BE BIG ENOUGH TO SEE, EXAMPLE: HANDKERCHIEF SIZE IS APPROPRIATE SIZE). Each rope MUST be tied on tightly with the provided string in the office. String will be provided at each rodeo by the SEYRA. 10-second penalty for breaking the barrier.
- 2. Tie down Calf Roping:** Tie down calf roping will have stock weight of 160-200 lbs. A 45-second time limit will apply in this event. 10-second penalty for breaking barrier. You must daylight your calf if you jerk him down.
- 3. Team roping:** Three loops per team are allowed with a 45-second time limit. If only one rear leg is caught on the steer, 5 seconds will be added to the time. 10-second penalty if the barrier is broken. Legal head catches are half heads, slick horns or full neck catch. If the steer falls, do not drag him. If stock is drug at any time it will be an automatic DQ! Contestants can enter two times either both times as header or heeler (with

different partners) or once as header & once as heeler. Each participant will pay a stock charge NO SPLITTING.

Draw partner option: A team roper can only enter once per rodeo with a draw partner. A team roping contestant with no partner may request a partner be supplied as a draw partner from a volunteer list entered contestants in that event during that rodeo/round. The contestant requesting a draw partner will be charged their own stock fee as well as the stock fee for the draw partner. No points will be awarded to the drawn partner, however, day money will be available **if** the draw partner pays an entry fee to the office prior to the start of the event (preferably at check-in). Volunteer list will be on hand at call-in. Request for a draw partner **MUST** be made at the time of call-in for each rodeo.

Substitute Partner option: This rule is designed to be used in one or two instances:

- a) If a contestant's team roping partner calls in and stock was ordered for his/her team, and partner does not show up, then **BEFORE** the rodeo starts, upon approval of event director and arena director, a substitute partner may be drawn from a list of willing contestants in said event. **Points will not be awarded to the substitute partner;** however, day money will be available **if** entry fees have been paid for the original team.

b) If contestants team roping partner is called in and stock is drawn for his/her team, and partner is injured, sick, or unable to compete due to medical reasons suffered during the day's rodeo, then before that events starts, upon approval of event director and arena director, a substitute partner may be drawn from a list of willing contestants in said event. Points will not be awarded to a substitute partner; however, day money will be available if entry fees have been paid for the original team.

IF FOR ANY REASON WE FEEL THE CHILD OR STOCK IS IN DANGER DURING ANY ROPING EVENTS WE WILL CUT THE ROPE!

4. **Pole Bending:** A sixty-second time limit shall apply in this event. If you break the pattern, you may finish the pattern in a timely manner, but not start over. Each horse must only run once in each age group. A 5-second penalty will be applied for each downed pole. If the pattern is broken, contestants will receive an automatic no time.
5. **Goat tying:** A sixty-second time limit will be applied in this event. Smaller goats will always be used for the younger contestants. Goat must stay tied for 6 Seconds. PLEASE NOTE: if the arena is short, the alleyway will be declared part of the arena. If so, this will be announced

prior to the starting of the rodeo. Goats are 100 ft. from the score line, which is a timer, and 15 ft. off center goat ropes are 10ft in length. If the contestants horse crosses over the rope or goat, or If the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope prior to the contestant signaling for time, a TEN second penalty will be assessed. AT NO TIME DURING THE RUN SHOULD ANYONE TOUCH THE HORSE! ONCE THE RUN IS COMPLETED, SOMEONE CAN CATCH THE HORSE AND EXIT THE PEN. THIS GOES FOR PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF THE ARENA!

6. **Bull Riding:** All bull riders must ride with helmet, vest, and protective mouthpiece. Riders are responsible for having all their gear on and their rope on their bull when its their time to ride. Ages 7-9 must ride the full 6 seconds. Ages 10-18 Must ride the full 8 seconds. Any contestant that turns out stock or does not attempt to ride will NOT be eligible for entry fee return.
7. **Chute dogging:** Has a 30 second Time Limit. Score line is 10 feet from the Chute Gate. Two Judges (Field Flag Judge & Barrier Judge) Field Judge is to watch the contestant and steer until the animal is turned loose. Will flag when the animal is legally thrown indicating the end of the run. The Barrier Judge will stand on the start line on the right side of the steer flag when the animal's nose crosses the line indicating the start of the run. Contestant with steer loaded in chute, dogger gets beside the steer, right hand on

shoulder blade or behind right front shoulder. When a dogger calls for the steer the chute gate will be opened. Doggers must keep their right hand on the shoulder blade or behind shoulder until the steer's nose crosses the score line, right arm CANNOT be under the steer's neck until you cross the score line. If a dogger moves into a throwing position or touches either horn(s), or ear(s), before the steer's nose crosses the score line will receive a 10 second penalty added to time. If a steer is thrown before the score line will be disqualified. Dogger must bring the steer to a stop or change its direction and twist it down. Steer will be considered thrown down only when it is laying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight. Judges have final call on transition on movement with contestants and steers.

8. **Bareback ponies/horses:** Contestants in the 7-9 age group must ride for a full 6 seconds. 10-18 years of age contestants must ride for a full 8 seconds. You must wear a helmet and supply your own rigging. Age 7- 9 & 6-under is **NOT** allowed to take a bind, taking a bind will lead to a disqualification! Age 10-13 will be marked 5 points on each side (so 10 points total) if not marked out. Age 14-18 if no mark out is made it will be an automatic no score.
9. **Sheep riding:** Contestants must get on the sheep in the chute, once the chute opens they must ride alone.

10. **Barrel racing:** Clover leaf pattern is enforced during this event. If you were to break the pattern you may finish, but cannot start over. For each barrel knocked down 5 seconds will be added to your time. If a contestant breaks the pattern it's an automatic no time.
11. **Buckaroo events:** all buckaroo events will be held outside the arena at each rodeo. You must check-in with the office to make payment during regular check-in time. Additionally, you must check in with the buckaroo director at the start of the rodeo. If you do not check in and compete you will not receive a refund of any type. It's your responsibility to have your child ready for their event. Buckaroo events will start usually around 15 minute after the rodeo has started. You must compete in 2 events in more than half the rodeos & 2days finals in order for awards.

REMINDERS:

1. READ the rule book before the first rodeo.
2. There will be no disagreements made in the arena
3. If something happens in your event you must address or as soon as your event is finished to your event director!
4. The final decision will be made by the arena director, event director and judge. No protest by a contestant will be permitted except through an event director.
5. The arena director is to assure that the rodeo is conducted in accordance with the SEYRA and where applicable the NHSRA rule book to the best interest of the contestant.
6. No contestant may talk to a judge or timer while an event is going on. Please see your event director.
7. Western attire: Cowboy hat/helmet, Jeans, Boots, long sleeve button/snap shirt with collar and cuffs.
8. Parents are allowed to assist their child in pushing stock, tailing a calf etc. But once the child is finished the parent shall leave the arena. PARENT OR HELPER MUST BE IN FULL WESTERN ATTIRE WHILE IN THE ARENA! NO EXCEPTIONS!
9. There will be no crowding around the box or alleyway unless you are assisting a contestant.
10. All contestants must leave the arena in a timely manner after their run
11. Contestants are not allowed to warm up in the arena unless otherwise stated by the arena director.

12. Grand entry NO CONTESTANT IS TO PASS THE QUEEN OR PRINCESS AT ANY TIME!
13. Hat Rule: All contestants must wear a **western hat or protective helmet**. Barrel racers, pole benders, and goat tiers: hat must be on when you cross the plane of the arena. If the contestant's hat comes off prior to crossing the plane of the arena, it will result in a \$5 hat fine to be paid before your hat is returned.
14. There shall be no abuse of our on site vendors. Any abuses should be reported to a Board Member so that action may be taken. A contestant risks disqualification for the day or the season based on **their personal behaviors as well as that of their family members**. Such abuses include but are not limited to harsh language, physical altercations or theft of product or SERVICES. Our cowboys young and old are expected to behave respectfully. These vendors include but are not limited to Concessions, Photographer, Horse health service Reps, as well as product vendors. If it is reported that someone has not paid their tab at concessions, has stolen an item or has reposted photographs by a professional photographer that they have not purchased they are in direct violation of this rule.
15. **THERE WILL BE NO BASHING OR HARSH LANGUAGE TOWARDS THE SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH RODEO ON SOCIAL MEDIA NOR AT THE ARENA. IF THIS OCCURS YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AT THAT**

**CURRENT RODEO OR THE NEXT RODEO, A FINE
COULD BE CHARGED TOWARDS THIS BEHAVIOR!**

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