
SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC. v4

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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, 2024.

*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 Southeastern 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 inure to the benefit or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other person, as we operate as a not-for-profit organization.

*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 Southeastern Youth Rodeo Association.

OFFICERS

There shall be adult officers on the SEYRA board. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, 2nd Secretary, Treasurer, Points Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator and Board of Directors which is an adult director for each event that is presently being offered for competition by the SEYRA. All elected officers and directors will serve a one-year term, with the option to renew. All positions requesting to be renewed will be voted on by the current board and available positions will be voted upon at the end of the season. A special vote may be held during the year under the following stipulations:

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

Nominations for the Officer and Director positions will be open to the public in the final quarter of the season, all nominees will be reviewed and approved by a Nominating Committee. Voting for Directors and Officers will be conducted via google docs and will conclude on or before finals. SEYRA Officers and Board of Directors term of office will begin November 1st of each year thereafter.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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. The Board of Directors or an appointed Investigation Committee, will review the situation then action will be taken by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Membership may be denied for contestants based on past behavior of contestant and/or parent, this action will be dependent upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any attempt to discredit or spread false information about the board or association will result in immediate dismissal of your membership with no refund, subject to the board's discretion. This includes posts on any form of social media. Membership for following years may be denied based on such defamatory behavior

Membership shall be divided into (3) major categories:

- A. **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.
- B. **Adult membership:** consist of parents/guardians of student membership.
- C. **Supportive membership:** any person or organization wishing to support the Southeastern Youth Rodeo Association by donations.

STUDENT MEMBERS:

1. **Age.** Southeastern Youth Rodeo Association contestants consist of 18 years of age on Jan 1st 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 discretion in this matter after reviewing documentation and the totality of the circumstances
2. **Membership fee** shall be \$ 75 for single and \$ 125 for family. Deadline for membership is May 11, 2024. DUES 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.
3. **Minor Release Form:**
 - All contestants (members and non-members) must annually submit to the Secretary a "Minor Release Form" signed, notarized, and sealed.

- This form must be uploaded to the following page <https://forms.gle/C96yu9hzp4muQE3T7> BEFORE THEIR 1st RODEO of the year or your contestant will be drawn out of the rodeo.
- This form is part of the membership packet and can be found on the website @ www.seyra.org, it can also be found at <https://forms.gle/C96yu9hzp4muQE3T7>.
- No contestant will be allowed to rodeo without this form.

4. Age Groups:

- Whichever age group the child enters at the first rodeo that child MUST finish the year in that age group. They may not change divisions mid-year.
- The divisions are: 14-18, 10-13, 7-9, 6 & under and Buckaroos. Buckaroos and 6 & under are two different divisions, for the same age group, those contestants are free to compete in either or both classes.
- The first season a contestant participates in the 6 & under class will be considered their rookie year (see Rookie section below).

5. Rookies

- 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 is a contestant that has not competed previously as a member of 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.
- Any contestant that receives a disciplinary from school or court that is associated with alcohol or drugs may forfeit membership with the Southeastern Youth Rodeo for the remainder of that Rodeo season at the discretion of the board.

LOCALS:

- A student who is 18 years of age or younger and is not a member may ride as a local.
- A student participating as a local must submit the call-in form before the deadline. They will receive an invoice and MUST pay online no later than the Wednesday before the rodeo.
- **Payments must be received by the Wednesday before the rodeo** in order to be able to remain in the draw. No late pay option is available for locals.
- Local entrants must have a signed, notarized, and sealed "Minors Release Form". The form can be found at [Click here for Waiver](#) and is good for the whole season.
- This form must be uploaded to the following page <https://forms.gle/C96yu9hzp4muQE3T7> BEFORE THEIR 1st RODEO of the year or your contestant will be drawn out of the rodeo.
- Non-members will be allowed to compete for jackpot money, but not for year-end awards.

- No show, no pay will disqualify contestant from participating in remaining rodeos.(locals)
- Locals must purchase a back number for \$5.00, the back number may be sold back to the office for \$3.00 at the end of the day or kept for future rodeos.
- Locals must check in before the rodeo and have their back number recorded in the office for each show.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Adult volunteers who will be in the arena at any time must have a signed waiver on file in the office.

SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES

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

- All matters relating to the operation of the Southeastern Youth Rodeo Association and rodeos sanctioned thereby shall be approved and contested according to rules set out in this rule book. Where our rule book is lacking, we shall fall back on the National High School Rodeo Association Rules, Constitution and By-Laws, (hereinafter referred to as High School Rule Book or NHSRA) to the extent that same would apply to situations pertaining to the SEYRA. However, if something is spelled out in our rule book that differs from the High School Rule Book, our rules shall supersede those of the High School Rule Book.

Back Numbers:

1. **One** back number is provided to each contestant. Numbers **MUST** be worn at all times as part of the required full western attire at each rodeo.
2. Locals must purchase a back number for \$5.00, the back number may be sold back to the office for \$3.00 at the end of the day or kept for future rodeos.
3. Locals must check in before the rodeo and have their back number recorded in the office for each show.
4. Steer riders will be allowed to leave their numbers on their shirts while competing rather than placing their back numbers on their vests, upon request they will be issued a second number for their vest.
5. Replacement numbers may be purchased at the office at a reasonable charge to the contestant.
6. Back numbers must be worn at all times on the grounds on Rodeo day. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. (Exclusions apply for exceptionally young buckaroos). Warnings may be given, but are not required. **WEAR THOSE BACK NUMBERS.**

7. At two-day rodeos, back numbers MUST be worn at ALL times while on the grounds. This applies for members and locals. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
8. A contestant who competes without their back number will be disqualified.

Call in / Call out & Check in

1. **Call-in** will be conducted through google forms and will be due on the Monday two weeks prior to the rodeo, by 9pm. The Google Forms are time stamped, members entering late will be assessed a **\$10 late fee** to be paid at the time the contestant pays his/her entry fees.
2. **Late call-in** with the **\$10.00 late fee** will be available until 7pm Wednesday night following the call-in date. No entries will be accepted after this time unless approved by one of the SEYRA Secretaries. You must be on the program to rodeo and to be on the program you must call in for each rodeo.
3. **No show without valid call-out:** Stock charges, late charges and event fees must be paid if a member enters a rodeo and fails to compete. No further entries will be accepted from said member until all such fees are paid.
4. **Draw-out without penalty:** In the event a contestant cannot attend a rodeo and notifies the call- in secretary via the designated google form by 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday before the Rodeo, they will not be fined.
5. Medical draw after the above listed “draw out without penalty” requires doctor’s note or vet note. Deadline for **Medical draw-out** with fees refunded is **7pm Thursday evening** before the event. A medical draw out after this time will require payment of fees.

CHECK IN

1. Member’s entry fees shall be paid online by the appointed deadline or by **CASH ONLY** at check in! **NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANYTIME FOR MEMBER’S ENTRY FEES. NO ONLINE PAYMENTS ON RODEO DAY.**
2. Secretaries will begin accepting fees at regular check-in up to 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 SEYRA secretaries.
3. **Early check in:** will be available via on-line payment and must be received by the appointed deadline. If you fail to pay before the deadline, you will be required to pay cash at regular check-in.
4. **Late check-in:** 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!**

ENTRY FEES:

1. Member’s entry fees shall be paid by **CASH or INVOICE (by deadline)ONLY! NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANYTIME FOR MEMBER’S ENTRY FEES.**
2. Fees **MUST** be paid in **FULL** at the rodeo **BEFORE COMPETING.**

3. Fees may be subjected to change contingent upon stock charge.
4. Fees **MUST BE PAID BY 8:30AM on rodeo day. If an emergency & will be late, please call 850-712-4012.**
5. Local's entry fees shall be submitted online and received by the Wednesday prior to the event.
6. **No show:** In the event of a no show, all fees must be paid before the next show or contestant will not be allowed to compete.
7. Entry fees vary for each event. **SEYRA Event pricing 2024** Each contestant will be required to pay an office fee of \$10 per rodeo. Stock charges are incorporated into the event price.

EVENTS are as follows (see event rules for specifics on each event):

- **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, Goat Tie, Mounted Goat Throw, Sheep Riding (Sheep will take place only if the minimum #of entries achieved)
- **6 & under alone events:** Calf Riding, Bareback Ponies, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying.
- **7-9 Year old:** Steer Riding, Bareback Ponies, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying (Girls & Boys), Breakaway Roping.
- **10-13 Year old:** Bull Riding, Bareback Horses, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying (G/B), Chute Dogging, Breakaway Roping(G/B), Team Roping, Calf Roping.
- **14-18 Year Old:** Bull Riding, Bareback Horses, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying (G/B), Chute Dogging, Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping (G/B), Team Roping.
- ★ If SEYRA is unable to obtain stock for an event, SEYRA reserves the right to cancel an event. If the event is canceled after call-in, this event will count toward a contestant's rodeo count (for awards and finals qualifications) only if the contestant was signed up for the event in said rodeo at the time of cancellation. No fees will be collected or retained for canceled events.
- ★ If there are not enough riders signed up for a stock event for the association's stock contractors to be adequately covered, SEYRA board reserves the right to cancel an event. If an event is canceled for this reason, no event fees will be collected or retained and this event will NOT count toward any contestant's rodeo count.

JACKPOT:

1. Jackpot payoff is computer generated when applicable, and is composed of a percentage of the entry fees.
2. Office fees and stock fees will NOT be paid out for any event.
3. Jackpot money will be available the day of the rodeo.

4. Jackpot envelopes will be dated. Any envelope held for more than three rodeos will be absorbed back into the association's account, this includes Buckaroo money. All Jackpot money must be picked up by Finals - only Finals Jackpot money that is not picked up will be available at Awards.
5. Buckaroos ALL earn payout at every rodeo where they participate in buckaroo events. This money will be held for three rodeos after which time the funds will be absorbed back into the association's account. All Buckaroo money must be picked up by Finals. Unclaimed funds will be absorbed.

POINTS:

- 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

QUEEN & PRINCESS

- A Queen Contest will be held at the finals each year. Queen and Princess forms must be completed by the deadline. This information can be found on our Facebook page and our website, www.seyra.org.
- Must be at present for the entirety of rodeo or SEYRA sanctioned event
- Must conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a representative of our association
- Must work with announcer a week to two week prior for grand entry plan
- Need to come up with a plan for end of year gifts for new contestants and raise money for said gifts
- In anyway try to promote SEYRA
- Be as helpful and courteous to all contestants

MEMBER REQUIREMENTS: FINALS and END OF YEAR AWARDS:

Requirements must be met to compete at finals and be eligible for awards.

- Raffle Tickets and/OR Sponsorships- Due May 25,2024,
 - Drawing May 26th Rodeo
 - Individual Requirements- \$200.00
 - Family Requirements- \$350.00
 - Families with 5 or more contestants will be required to sell an additional \$50.00 per contestant.
 - Contestants may choose to meet this requirement in one of two ways or a combination of the two. You may sell a sponsorship (sponsorship forms will be available online) or sell raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will be available at the office and are due no later than 5/25 so that they may be included in the drawing that will take place the following day.
 - You are welcome to complete both to help the association raise money for end of the year awards, but to complete your requirements only one is required.
- LATE SPONSORSHIP FEES MAY BE ACCEPTED WITH A LATE FEE OF \$100.00 to be submitted by July 1, approval must be given by Volunteer Coordinator. It is the contestant's parent's responsibility to obtain approval for late pay.
- Work Hours- **Requirement must be met by the end of the September 14th Rodeo.**
 - General Contestants (6&under ride alone - 18yo) will require a total of three work cards per contestant. Buckaroos will require only 2 work cards.
 - Work Card Due Dates
 - #1 and #2 due May Rodeo
 - #3 due September Rodeo
 - *Buckaroo contestants are required 1 work card due in May and 1 due in September
 - On a card you will have 10 horseshoes (slots) to fill. Volunteering for 7-9 pole bending gate holders is one, buckaroo barrels is one, assisting in gate calling for 10-13 barrels,assisting with rough stock etc.
 - Contestants will be responsible for having directors sign off/STAMP work hours. Must be Stamped the day of the rodeo in order for the hours to count.
 - Contestants will need to ask where the director has a need for them to assist.
 - If a parent works the contestants hours they must make sure time is recorded on the card.
 - The rodeos run smoother with help from our rodeo families, we appreciate you!
 - Failing to fulfill this requirement will result in not qualifying for finals/awards.
- **Must compete in a minimum of 4 SEYRA Rodeos, as members. not including the finals.**
 - Buckaroos must compete in at least 2 events per rodeo, in at least 4 rodeos, to qualify for finals.

Finals:

- The SEYRA shall conduct a Championship Finals Rodeo which will be held as a 2day finals.
- Members **MUST** have competed in at least **HALF** the SEYRA scheduled season rodeo's to be eligible to compete at the finals. (For the 2023 Season half = 4 rodeos)
- Members may only compete at finals in the **EVENTS** they have competed in at 4 or more previous rodeos.
- Members must meet all other membership requirements to include volunteer hours to be eligible for the year-end awards.
- **DAY ONE** shall run as a regular rodeo on Saturday.
- **DAY TWO** will run as a short go for the top 15 in each event.
- Due to the cost involved and the fact that it is the short go with fewer contestants **DAY TWO** of finals will be used to award points. The events will not pay out jackpot for day 2 of finals.
- In order to make it to the short-go on day two of finals, one must:
 - Have competed in day one of finals.
 - Have points in the event.
 - Be in the top 15 of those eligible for finals.
 - Bulls, Calves & Bareback will run both days regardless.
- **Contestants must participate in each round of each event that they have qualified for at finals to be eligible for awards in that event.**
- **Contestant must participate in finals to be eligible for All-Around awards.**
- **Participatory action** includes no time, safe effort, and a regular completed run.
- **Non-participatory action** includes but is not limited to a no show, a draw out, a scratch, a three-call. Such actions will cause the contestant to be ineligible for awards in the offending event.
- Contestants who have medically drawn out (with a doctor's or vet's note or from injury at finals rodeo) will be eligible for awards.
- Buckaroos must compete in 2 events in more than half the rodeos & 2days finals in order for awards.

Finals Points:

- 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

- ★ In the event that there is still a tie the winner will be determined for timed events by using the average for the 2-day finals, for rough stock ties will be determined by ground time for 2-day finals.

END OF YEAR AWARDS:

- 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 in each age group.
- Rookie of the year in each age group shall also be recognized.
- A Miss Southeastern Youth Rodeo Queen and Princess shall also be crowned at the finals.
- Each contestant will be eligible for only ONE general award, all buckaroos will be eligible for the buckaroo general award..
- ★ 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.

GROUND RULES:

1. ***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, 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 requires order in the arena. Your presence is at the EVENT DIRECTOR'S discretion.***
2. Grand entry: NO contestant IS TO PASS the Queen or Princess at any time during the Grand Entry. All contestants are encouraged to participate in the Grand Entry and must meet at the designated location before the start of the rodeo, on horses, in full western attire with their back numbers in place.
3. **NO DOGS** are to be in the arena or the alleyway at any time. This is for the safety of our contestants and the arena volunteers. If your dog is in the arena or the alleyway, you may receive a warning or your contestants risk disqualification for the day's events.
4. No unauthorized people on the bucking chutes for any events.
5. **3-call rule:** In order to keep things moving, our association will utilize a 2-minute 3 call in our speed events. 1st call then 60 second pause before 2nd call, 30 second pause

before 3rd call and 30 seconds for the contestant to begin their run. At the end of the third call waiting period if the rider has not shown up to ride, the rider will receive a scratch. This 3 call will be speeded up if the only if the announcer has been told the contestant is a scratch.

6. All timed events will run to a closed gate.
7. Mistreatment of rodeo stock or contestant's horses in or outside of the arena will be cause for a automatic disqualification for the weekend.
8. Only contestants can protest a call and must be respectful in doing so. The protest must only be made directly to the director for all events except rough stock, (only rough stock riders will present their protest directly to the judges) and must be done prior to the end of the event. Cell phones footage will not be allowed as reference for review during the protest.
9. The final decision will be made by the event director and/or judge.
10. No contestant may talk to a judge or timer while an event is going on. Please see your event director.
11. Western attire: Cowboy hat/helmet, Jeans, Boots, long sleeve button/snap shirt with collar and cuffs. Any competitor who lacks western attire during their event will be disqualified for the event. Western attire must be worn while volunteering and when entering the office for any reason.
12. 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! Or risk their contestant being disqualified.
13. There will be no crowding around the box or alleyway unless you are assisting a contestant.
14. All contestants must leave the arena in a timely manner after their run
15. Contestants are not allowed to warm up in the arena unless otherwise stated by the arena director.
16. 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.
17. In the event that a stock is to be moved up or down in a class after it has been placed for the season, it will require the approval of judges, event director, a board member, & stock contractor.
18. Buzzer is for entertainment only when official time stands by official timer and judges.
19. Judge has the final call on their decisions.

CONDUCT: ALL BELOW LISTED ITEMS ARE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF CONTESTANT

1. Misconduct by any individual member, or parent of member shall be considered by the SEYRA officers and event directors, and if necessary, a disqualification will be given to that contestant for that rodeo. If misconduct is severe the officers have grounds to dismiss the contestant for the remainder of the year. A contestant may be disqualified for the following: Profanity, bullying, use of alcohol or drugs, falsification of name, age, or other such acts will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification at the discretion of the officers.
2. Contestants or parents of members caught fighting in the arena or on rodeo grounds will result in a disqualification.
3. Mistreatment of rodeo stock or contestant's horses in or outside of the arena will cause automatic disqualification for the weekend.
4. 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.
5. There will be no bashing or harsh language towards the Southeastern Youth Rodeo on Social Media nor at the arena. If this occurs, you or your contestant will be disqualified at that current rodeo or the next rodeo. A fine could be charged toward this behavior.
6. Any attempt to discredit or spread false information about the board or association will result in immediate dismissal of your membership with no refund, subject to the board's discretion. This includes posts on any form of social media. Membership for following years may be denied based on such defamatory behavior.
7. 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! Or risk their contestant being disqualified.
8. Mistreatment of rodeo stock or contestant's horses in or outside of the arena will cause for automatic disqualification for the weekend.
9. NO DOGS are to be in the arena or the alleyway at any time. This is for the safety of our contestants and the arena volunteers. If your dog is in the arena or the alleyway, you may receive a warning or your contestants risk disqualification for the day's events.
10. Back numbers must be worn at all times on the grounds on Rodeo day. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. (Exclusions apply for exceptionally young buckaroos). Warnings may be given, but are not required. WEAR THOSE BACK NUMBERS.

11. At two-day rodeos, back numbers MUST be worn at ALL times while on the grounds. This applies for members and locals. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
12. A contestant who competes without their back number will be disqualified.
13. Any LOCAL (non-member) No show, no pay will disqualify contestants from participating in remaining rodeos.
14. Any contestant that receives a disciplinary from school or court that is associated with alcohol or drugs may forfeit membership with the Southeastern Youth Rodeo for the remainder of that Rodeo season at the discretion of the board.

EVENT RULES:
BUCKAROO EVENTS

- **Sheep riding:**
 - Due to the cost of stock for this event, there will be a minimum # of riders required in this event to be able to hold the event.
 - We will post on the FB page whether we have enough riders. We will allow late call-in for 3 days past call-in to attempt to get the minimum # of riders if necessary.
 - We will post to the FB page in the event that it is canceled one full week prior to the rodeo.
 - Contestants must get on the sheep in the chute, once the chute opens, they must ride alone.
- **Buckaroo events:**
 - All buckaroo events (excluding sheep) 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 minutes after the rodeo has started.
 - A 6 & under ride alone participant is restricted from entering Lead line Barrels and Poles and ride alone in the same rodeo.
 - You must compete in 2 events in more than half the rodeos & 2days finals in order for awards.

TIMED EVENTS

- **Pole Bending:**
 - TIME LIMIT: 60 seconds.
 - PENALTY: 5 -second penalty for each downed pole.

- NO TIME: Broke pattern.
 - If you break the pattern, you may finish the pattern in a timely manner, but not start over.
 - Not following the pole bending pattern will receive no time .
 - A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking their forward motion to retrace their tracks to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the pole on the off side .
Example: Should a contestant run by a pole and have to back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern .
 - If a pole is knocked down and the contestant does not follow the weave pattern around the original base position of the fallen pole, it is considered a broken pattern .
 - If a horse re-crosses the starting line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive no time .
 - If a contestant's horse breaks the timer light, by backing through before starting time, time will be considered started .
- **Barrel racing:**
 - TIME LIMIT: 60 Seconds
 - PENALTY: 5-seconds for each barrel knocked down.
 - Clover leaf pattern is enforced during this event.
 - If you break the pattern you may finish in a timely manner, but you may not start over.
 - If a contestant breaks the pattern, it's an automatic no time.
 - A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking their forward motion to retrace their tracks to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the barrel on the off side.
 - If a horse re-crosses the starting line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive no time .
 - If a contestant's horse breaks the timer light, by backing through before starting time, time will be considered started.
- **Goat tying:**
 - TIME LIMIT: 60 seconds.
 - PENALTIES: 10 second penalty if the contestant's horse crosses over or comes in contact with the goat or rope prior to the contestant signaling for time.
 - At no time during the run, before the contestant signals for time should ANYONE inside or outside of the arena TOUCH THE HORSE! Once the run is completed, someone may catch the horse and exit the arena.
 - Smaller goats will always be used for the younger contestants.
 - 3 legs tight.
 - Boys must have one leg stringed.
 - Goat must stay tied for 6 Seconds.
 - Contestants will receive no time for touching the goat or tie string after signaling they are finished.

- Goats are 100 ft. from the score line, which is a timer, and 15 ft. off center goat ropes are 10 ft in length. 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.
- Goat tying is a step-below Tie Down Calf Roping. One may either Goat Tie OR Tie Down Calf Rope in a given rodeo. One may not compete in both events in a single rodeo. One may compete solely in Tie Down Calf Roping, or they may begin in goats and graduate up to Tie Down. Once you move up to Tie Down, you cannot go back to Goats. Awards will only be available in whichever event you finish the year in, provided you compete in the required number of rodeos for that event.

ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

- 90 Sec to call regular season 60 Sec at finals.
- Clock shall start when contestant is on or over the animal preparing to call for the gate
- It will be up to the judges to apply the clock to the contestant and the judge shall be eligible to stop the clock to allow more time if necessary for the safety of the stock, contestant and arena personnel.
- All rerides shall be requested by the contestant before leaving the arena. Either contested to director or to judge.
- **Bull Riding:**
 - Qualified ride is 8 seconds. Time to start when the animal's shoulders have crossed the plane of the gate.
 - All bull riders must ride with a helmet, vest, and protective mouthpiece.
 - Riders are responsible for having all their gear on and their rope on their bull when it's their time to ride.
 - Any contestant that turns out stock or does not attempt to ride will NOT be eligible for entry fee return.
 - Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from coming off the bull when the rider leaves the bull will be permitted.
 - Rope must have a bell when the bull leaves the chute. No bell, no marking. Bell must be under the belly of the bull.
 - No assistance will be allowed for a qualified ride past the plane of the chute. One person will be allowed in/on the chute to assist the rider (pull rope).
 - Ropes cannot be used that have knots, wires, or other aides for the purpose of placing spurs therein.
 - Bull having dangerous horns in the opinion of the judge must be dehorned, tipped, or kept out of the draw. Tips must be no smaller than the size of a 50-cent piece.
 - If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the loose rope in his riding hand, provided he has not touched the ground or has not fouled the animal with his free hand, he is to be marked.
 - Only five (5) points “plain” or “notched” spur rowels (one rowel per shank) may be used in the bull riding.

- Riders may use dry rosin only on gloves and rope.
- All sanctioned events must have an approved bullfighter in the arena during the bull riding.
- The use of a mouthpiece, vest and helmet is mandatory. You will be disqualified if not followed.
- If a flank comes off a bull, the contestant has the privilege of accepting his marking, or having a re-ride. Decisions must be made immediately. Contestant must have a qualified ride to be eligible for a re-ride
- Contestant will have the right to know his score before he makes his decision to accept or reject a re-ride.
- It will be up to the stock contractor's discretion if the use of handheld electronic devices should be used to enable each individual stock to perform at their best.
- DISQUALIFICATIONS:
 - Riders will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
 - Being bucked off.
 - Using sharp spurs.
 - Touching an animal or himself with a free hand or assisting himself with a free hand/arm by touching the animal.
 - Not being ready when it is their turn (At regular season rodeos a contestant will be limited to 90 seconds after being notified it is their turn. At the finals rodeo a contestant will be limited to 60 seconds after being notified it is their turn.)
- **Calf Riding:**
 - Qualified ride is 6 seconds.
 - All bull riders must ride with a helmet, vest, and protective mouthpiece.
 - Riders are responsible for having all their gear on and their rope on their bull when it's their time to ride.
 - Any contestant that turns out stock or does not attempt to ride will NOT be eligible for entry fee return.
 - Contestants must ride with one (1) hand in bull rope.
 - The contestant cannot touch animals with their free hand.
 - No assistance will be allowed past the plane of the chute for a qualified ride. The latch side judge will enforce this rule. One person will be allowed in the chute to assist the rider.
 - At regular season rodeos a contestant will be limited to 90 seconds after being notified it is their turn.
 - At the finals rodeo a contestant will be limited to 60 seconds after being notified it is their turn
 - Rope must have a bell when the calf leaves the chute. No bell, no marking. Bell must be under the belly of the calf.
 - FOULS:
 - Anytime a contestant is fouled at chute gate; he must declare himself with three (3) jumps or take that marking.
 - The use of a mouthpiece, vest and full-face helmet is mandatory. You will be disqualified if not followed.

- Contestants must be willing to ride, and contestants must nod their head to open the gate. If they do not nod, they will not ride, and the entry fees will be forfeited.
- Contestants must ride with a loose rope. No knots allowed
- Bull having dangerous horns in the opinion of the judge must be dehorned, tipped, or kept out of the draw. Tips must be no smaller than the size of a 50-cent piece
- DISQUALIFICATIONS:
 - Riders will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
 - Being bucked off.
 - Using sharp spurs.
 - Touching animal or himself with free hand or assisting himself with free hand/arm by touching animal.
 - Not being ready when it is their turn (At regular season rodeos a contestant will be limited to 90 seconds after being notified it is their turn. At the finals rodeo a contestant will be limited to 60 seconds after being notified it is their turn.)

- **Bareback horses:**

- 10-13 Bareback:

- Must ride for 8 seconds
- Must ride with 1 hand only
- Helmet, vest, and mouthpiece required
- 90 seconds allowed to get out on horse during regular season – 60 seconds at finals
- Rider must ask for re-ride before leaving arena
- No wet rosin
- Must wear spurs with rowels
- Rowels must be free spinning and cannot be sharp
- 5-point deduction per side for no mark out
- No one is allowed inside the chute with horse to help rider
- Not being ready when it is their turn is grounds for DQ (At regular season rodeos a contestant will be limited to 90 seconds after being notified it is their turn. At the finals rodeo a contestant will be limited to 60 seconds after being notified it is their turn.)

- 14-18 Bareback :

- Must ride for 8 seconds
- Must ride with 1 hand only
- Helmet, vest, and mouthpiece required
- 90 seconds allowed to get out on horse during regular season – 60 seconds at finals
- Rider must ask for re-ride before leaving arena
- No wet rosin
- Must wear spurs with rowels
- Rowels must be free spinning and cannot be sharp
- Must mark out to get a score
- Not being ready when it is their turn is grounds for DQ (At regular season rodeos a contestant will be limited to 90 seconds after being notified it is their turn. At the finals rodeo a contestant will be limited to 60 seconds after being notified it is their turn.)

- **Bareback ponies:**

- 6 & Under Ponies:

- Must ride for 6 seconds
- Can ride with 1 or 2 hands but rider must finish how they start
- Helmet, vest, and mouthpiece required
- You have 90 seconds to get out on pony before disqualified
- Rider must ask for re-ride before leaving arena
- No bind allowed
- Not being ready when it is their turn is grounds for DQ (At regular season rodeos a contestant will be limited to 90 seconds after being notified it is their turn. At the finals rodeo a contestant will be limited to 60 seconds after being notified it is their turn.)

- 7-9 Ponies:

- Must ride for 6 seconds
- Must ride with 1 hand only
- Helmet, vest, and mouthpiece required
- 90 seconds allowed to get out on horse during regular season – 60 seconds at finals
- Rider must ask for re-ride before leaving arena
- No bind allowed
- No wet rosin
- No sharp spurs & they must be free spinning
- Not being ready when it is their turn is grounds for DQ (At regular season rodeos a contestant will be limited to 90 seconds after being notified it is their turn. At the finals rodeo a contestant will be limited to 60 seconds after being notified it is their turn.)

- **Chute dogging:**

- TIME LIMIT: 30-seconds.
- PENALTY: 10-second if Contestant is in throwing position before crossing the line (see below).
- DQ: If steer is thrown before crossing the line.
- Score line is 10 feet from the Chute Gate.
- Two Judges + ONE (Field Flag Judge & Barrier Judge & one appointed by the Judges)
- The 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.
- The 3rd person will be appointed by the Judges and will stand on the line.
- Contestants with steer loaded in the chute, dogger gets beside the steer, right hand on shoulder blade or with hand in front of right shoulder but MAY NOT choke steer under throat. When a dogger calls for the steer the chute gate will be opened.
- Doggers must keep their right hand on shoulder blade or with hand in front of right 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.
- 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.
- A straightway chute may be used in lieu of the bucking chute, depending upon its availability.

TIMED ROPING EVENTS

- All timed roping events if you feel you have been fouled you must pull up and declare yourself to be eligible for rerun.
- If you run your stock you accept it!

- **Breakaway Roping:**
 - TIME LIMIT: 30 seconds.
 - PENALTY: 10-second penalty for breaking the barrier.
 - Two loops allowed only when the contestant carries two loops, no rebuilding.
 - The calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop must draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head & the rope must break free from the saddle.
 - Contestants cannot break rope from the 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.

- **Tie down Calf Roping:**
 - TIME LIMIT: 45 seconds.
 - PENALTY: 10-second penalty for breaking barrier.
 - This event is a step-up from goat tying. One may either Goat Tie OR Tie Down Calf Rope in a given rodeo. One may not compete in both events in a single rodeo.
 - One may compete solely in Tie Down Calf Roping, or they may begin in goats and graduate up to Tie Down. Once you move up to Tie Down, you cannot go back to Goats. Awards will only be available in whichever event you finish the year in, provided you compete in the required number of rodeos for that event.
 - Tie down calf roping will have a stock weight of 160-200 lbs. You must daylight your calf if you jerk him down.
 - Two loops will be permitted . Once the second loop is pulled, the first loop is no longer in play .
 - If a roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes .
 - A dropped or fallen rope that must be recoiled and/or rebuilt shall

- be considered a thrown rope .
 - Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw the calf by hand . Must cross and tie at least three legs .
 - Any catch is legal, catch as catch can rule .
 - The contestant will not make unnecessary gestures, motions or noises after the tie or before remounting at the judge's discretion .
 - Contestants will receive a no-time .
 - To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs, and 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) .
 - The tie must hold six (6) seconds, and three legs must remain crossed until passed on by the judge .
 - Six (6) second time will start when the roper has remounted and his horse has taken one step forward .
 - If the roper's rope comes off the calf as the roper starts to work with the tie, the six (6) second time will start when the roper clears the calf .
 - Rope will not be removed and rope must remain slack until the field judge has passed on tie .
 - 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 . If time was not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10-second penalty for any loop used . Contestant to only get to use the remaining loop .
- **Team roping:**
 - TIME LIMIT: 45 seconds.
 - PENALTIES: 5 second penalty if only one rear leg is caught. 10-second penalty if the barrier is broken.
 - Two loops per team only (for safety reasons). Three loops are allowed only at finals.
 - 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 full stock charge.
 - **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 a jackpot fee to the office prior to the start of the event (preferably at check-in).
- Requests 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:
 - 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 (jackpot payment is also an option if the other partner has not paid, see above).
 - 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!**

- All committees desiring approval of a SEYRA rodeo must request an approval form from an officer on the board. Upon receipt of the 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.

REMINDER:

- READ the rule book before the first rodeo.

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