

# Junior Bull and Bronc Rider's Association

## PARENTS CONSENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: YES or NO (please circle) Age as of 09/01/11 \_\_\_\_\_

Age group (s) competing in: \_\_\_\_\_ Bulls \_\_\_\_\_ Broncs \_\_\_\_\_

I/We certify that the age and date of birth of the above participant is correct, and if participant is a minor, I/we hereby consent to our child participating in the Junior Bull and Bronc Riders Association. In consideration of participating and/or allowing our child's participation in the Junior Bull and Bronc Riders Association, I/we agree we will in no manner hold the Junior Bull and Bronc Riders Association its agents, officers, directors, rodeo producers or any individuals connected with the rodeo or association liable or responsible in case of accident or injury to the contestant, stock, or property and further hereby RELEASE and agree to hold harmless the Junior Bull and Bronc Riders Association, directors, officers, rodeo producers or any individuals connected with the rodeo or event from any and all liability for damage to person or property as a result of or related to the participation of any minor or adult.

**The Junior Bull and Bronc Riders Association highly recommends the use of all safety gear. Everyone is required to wear a mouth piece and a protective vest. Helmets are not required but are recommended by some.** *Do realize that by wearing protective head gear, some inherent risks are increased because of the helmet. Do to the fact that there is no helmet on the market specifically designed for bull riding and the helmets being marketed to this sport have not been proven to reduce the overall risk in this sport using scientific studies, statistical analysis, and criteria directly related to the overall injury and death rate, the reward to risk ratio cannot be sufficiently calculated and you are left to making your own decision to its benefit or detriment.*

I/We understand and comprehend that riding rough stock (i.e.-including but not limited to: bull riding, calf riding, sheep riding, bronc riding, steer riding, heifer riding, pony riding) and being in the vicinity of rough stock (including but not limited to: arena, behind chutes, back pens, or anywhere the general spectatorship on a normal basis do not enter) is inherently dangerous. The risk of injury to person and property and even DEATH is heightened by entering these areas and especially by riding bucking animals as well as being in the vicinity of such animal. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

All contestants / participants and parents/guardians should know and understand all the rules, but particularly the ones that pertain to your age group. By contesting/riding in a JBRA event you agree to abide by these rules. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

**I/We have read the rule book in its entirety and understand fully, its content.** \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Legal Guardian signature) (Contestant signature) (Helper)

I/We am/ are fully aware of the dangers involved and have read this release and fully understand its terms.

*Parent or Legal Guardian's signature must be witnessed by secretary y or be notarized.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Legal Guardian signature) (Contestant signature) (Helper)

*For office use ONLY*

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

**JBR MEMBER PROFILE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Years riding: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in JBR: \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Earnings: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorite Song: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Movie: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments in and out of the arena: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Information about YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorite JBR Event/Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite JBR Moment: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Bull, Bronc, and/or Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names and family Members and a Little about what they do: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have access to the Internet? Yes  No

Member's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a "BLUE" CDIB card? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size (use numbers and sizes): \_\_\_\_\_

JACKET SIZE (use numbers and sizes): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



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**2011/2012 OFFICIAL RULE BOOK OF THE JBR  
Junior Bull and Bronc Rider’s Association  
DBA “JBR”  
Amended for the 2011/2012 Series**

DESIGNATED – DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS - LOCATION/CONTACT INFO.

Chairman	Jimmy Morris	Atoka	580-618-5108
Co-Chairman	J Paul Ganzel*	Collinsville	918-698-7979
Rodeo Sec	Charlene Ganzel*	Collinsville	918-693-2571
Treasurer/Secretary/Rodeo Sec	Debbie Tribble	Slick	918-695-4466
Secretary	Dawn Atwood*	Talala	918-853-1537
Board Member	Jerry Atwood*	Talala	918-845-5007
Board Member	Kenneth Kurn	Broken Arrow	918-770-5495

**\*IF MORE THAN ONE FAMILY MEMBER OR PRIOR FAMILY MEMBER RESIDES ON BOARD,  
ONLY ONE MAY VOTE ON ANY ONE ISSUE**

**NO VOTING BOARD MEMBER MAY MAKE A FINANCIAL PROFIT OR HAVE INTENTIONS OF MAKING  
A FINANCIAL PROFIT, DIRECTLY FROM THE JBR (EXCLUDING ADVISORY BOARD).**

**ADVISORY BOARD**

- Erik Bortnem
- Andrew Clark
- Thomas McCause
- Donny Yocham
- Kode Stuart
- Shelby Atwood

*All approved contract personnel or persons with a vested interest (judges, bullfighters, announcers, stock contractors, pick-up men) are automatically on the advisory board.*

**The majority vote of all advisory board members present shall break any ties within a board vote.**

**APPROVED LIVESTOCK CONTRACTORS**

- Brad Dailey                      Locust Grove, OK
- Jess Doty                         Kansas, OK
- Jack Simmons                 Kansas, OK

Steve Gussert	Haskell, OK
JD Moore	Stringtown, OK
Dustin Hull	McAlester, OK
Matt Chance	Rose, OK
Justin Blizzard	Leach, OK
Brad Gower	Bristow, OK
Travis Williams	Copan, OK
Brandon Wren	Coweta, OK
David Berry	Locust Grove, OK
Bret Pope	Garnett, KS
Chad Reymer	Sulphur, OK
Will Cook	Madill, OK
KJ Pletcher	
Cheyenne Owens	
Howard Dorsey	
Todd Tatum	

#### APPROVED BULLFIGHTERS

Steve Gussert (M)  
Josh Fogleman (M)  
Jason Steadman (M)  
Chuck Switsher (S)  
Cory Durham (M)  
Evan Alerd (M)  
Destry Eldred (M)  
Jess Doty (M)  
Chad Dowdy (M)  
Anthony Moore (M)  
Cody Webster (S)  
Stephen Bruner (S)  
Lucas Littles (S)  
Thomas Davis (S)  
Russ Renfroe (R)  
Nathan Harp (R)  
Broc McGuire (R)  
Pate Blevens (R)  
Caleb Nutt (R)  
Kyle Lippincott (R)  
Mitchell Leach (R)  
Clint Smith (R)

(M) – Mentor  
(S) – Standard  
(R) – Rookie

#### APPROVED PICK-UP MEN

Brad Dailey  
Trent Dailey  
Jess Doty  
Clayton Strong

Todd Williams  
Danny Lawrance  
Tadd Bell

#### APPROVED ANNOUNCERS

Jim Pilant  
Brett Weldon  
Robert (Skid) Seymoore  
Lynn Phillips  
Blake Burns  
Garret Yeragan  
Jody House  
Ted Glover  
Branden Wren  
Roy Weathers  
Daryll Masey

#### APPROVED JUDGES

Blake Burns  
Travis Williams  
JM Mathews  
Kip Huddleston  
Steve Gussert  
Bill Hensinger  
Larry Newton  
Ronnie Nichols  
Jeff Hackler  
Daniel James  
Bryan Wesson  
JD Moore  
Jamie Valega  
David Wesson  
Jeff Kimble  
Steve Lowery  
Dustin Hull  
Steve Washington  
Cody Stuart  
Jeremy Denton  
Trent Dailey  
John Dixon  
Erik Bortnem  
Bobby Treywick

# Bylaws of the JBR Association

**Principal Office:** The principal office of the JBR may change from year to year and will be a post office box in the town of most convenience to those board members approved by the board to receive official mail. *P.O. Box 32 / Slick, Ok 74071*

**No Discrimination:** Discrimination of any JBR member because of race, color, religion, sex, or ethnic origin will not be permitted.

**Key Terms:** The words director and member are interchangeable.

**Quorum:** Defined as 60% of current board members. Immediate family members count as one board member when calling a quorum. To authenticate a vote a quorum call must first be made. Once the quorum has been met, a majority decision of the quorum will validate the vote.

**General Powers:** The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct the business and affairs of the JBR and the power to make, adopt or amend the Bylaws and the JBR Official Rodeo Rules. The Board of Directors may take any action that it considers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the JBR.

**Composition of Board:** The JBR Board of Directors shall consist of “Board Members”, the number to be determined by the current Board of Directors, based on current needs. Titles of those members may change, by majority vote of the quorum from time to time, based on the need of specific duty clarity.

**Number and Tenure:** The Board of Directors shall add and remove board members and/or rearrange titles during the first meeting after the series finals. Additions will be taken from the current advisory board members who have served at minimum a full season without missing more than one meeting in any one series. Titled board members shall come from current board members.

**Advisory Board:** The advisory board is open to anyone and openings will be publicized near the end of each season. To protect the interests of the JBR, the board of directors, by majority vote of the quorum of the Board of Directors, may deny anyone from this position with or without justification. Some parts of some meetings may be closed to the advisory board and/or JBR members, and/or unaffiliated individuals attending a particular meeting. All present will be notified of topics and reasons for limiting the presence of some to all or portions of said meeting.

**Vacancies:** Vacancies or additions to the Board of Directors or Officers shall be voted on by the current Board of Directors with quorum. Whenever the office of any Director or Officer becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Board of Directors may elect a successor chosen from all qualified applicants.

**Removal:** Any Director (board member) or Officer may be removed at any time with or without cause, by majority vote of the quorum of the Board of Directors, excluding the vote of any Representative who is the Director or Officer sought to be removed. Director (board member) or officer is automatically removed if two consecutive meetings are missed without prior approval from the majority of the board or three or more meetings are missed in any one season without prior approval from the majority of the board.

**Voting by the Board:** Each Director (board member) regardless of title will have only one vote for voting purposes. A quorum of 60% of current board members must be present at time of vote. If more than one family member is a Director or Officer then only one vote will be counted. The majority, with or without quorum, opinion of present advisory board members on any one issue will be used to break all ties when needed.

**Meetings:** A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held, without notice other than these Bylaws, immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of Members (before, during, or after the Series Awards Ceremony). The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of any director or officer upon proper notice of meeting. *Scheduled Regular monthly meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (call a board member to verify time, date and place)*

**Notice of Meetings:** Notice of each meeting, other than the first Wednesday of each month, of directors, shall be given to each director. Such notice is to be given at least two days prior to the meeting.

**Chairman:** Lead and direct to the best of his or her ability all aspects of the JBR and it's interests. Be knowledgeable of the rule book and the sport. Be the link between outside connections and the JBR (Public Relations). Take criticisms and present them to the board for possible corrections to the association's potential weaknesses.

**Co-Chairman:** The co-chairman shall keep the chairman in line and perform the duties thereof if needed.

**Rodeo Secretary:** The rodeo secretary shall take call-ins, take entries, calculate points, calculate season earnings, produce ineligible list, calculate payout, and produce promotional material, as well as all dealings with contestant welfare or any combination thereof.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account or review financial transactions of the JBR. Day to day financial transactions of the JBR should be handled by one individual as designated by the Board of Directors. The person(s) handling the day to day transactions and handling the review shall not be the same individual. The person shall not pay out or disburse any monies of the JBR except by check and only for the purposes of the JBR. The Co-Chairman's and/or the treasurer's signature's will be required on all checks. The board at each board meeting will be informed of all checks written between meetings in the financial report. *(for what and to whom)*

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep the records of all proceedings and other official reports of the JBR and the minutes of the meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence and keep all records, books, documents and papers relating to the JBR, shall act as the conduit administration to the JBR and in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary.

**Board Member:** Board members will keep informed of all issues within the interests of the JBR and perform needed duties within their scope as they arise.

**Advisory Board Member:** Advisory Board Members will keep informed of all issues within the interests of the JBR and perform duties within their scope as they arise, these members will be in the pool to pick future board members from. OR They will represent a specific faction within the JBR and give specific insight to the current board on how decisions may or may not affect their interests.

**Appointment and Removal:** The Board of Directors shall elect a person of known integrity to serve as Chairman, Co-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and Rodeo Secretary of the JBR. The Board of Directors may remove the same from office when ever in its judgment, the best interest of the JBR would be served thereby.

**JBR Event Sanctioning:** Each rodeo shall be approved by the Board of Directors as an official JBR event. Special conditions requested by a rodeo producer and/or committee will be approved by the Board of Directors and agreed upon in writing. All JBR sanctioned events will use JBR official rules and JBR approved contractors, rodeo secretaries, judges, pickup men, and bullfighters.

**JBR Official Website:** The JBR official website will be the communication of the membership. The members of the JBR shall be considered notified of these official communications by virtue of the posting on the JBR website. [www.jbrnow.com](http://www.jbrnow.com)

**Use of JBR Logo:** Upon becoming an active member of the JBR a member shall have a limited license to use the JBR logo, only to indicate that person's membership in the JBR. A member may not use the JBR logo or any other trademarks, trade names or logos of the JBR in any other manner without written consent of the JBR.

**Conflict of Interest:** No board member making decisions in the interest of the JBR shall be in a position to gain a profit or be anticipating a potential profit from the JBR, its events, contestants, sponsors, or any entity with direct affiliation thereof. This includes announcers, stock contractors, bull fighters, vendors, sponsors, pickup men, equipment lessees, committee members, or any conflicting interest entity with the JBR. If the board sees a conflict then said board member will either rectify the situation or be immediately removed from position. Advisory board members are an exception. A Board members can not serve in a leadership position in any organization or entity that the majority of the board of directors feels is a conflict of interest between said board member and the said organization and/or entity.

**Production Costs VS. JBR Members Money:** Production and marketing costs are to be kept separate from the money raised by JBR members. The money JBR members raise within their communities, per season, to pay for membership (\$100), sponsorship (\$50 per division), will be given in some way shape or form (awards and/or added money) back to the JBR membership for any particular season. Raffle ticket sales (\$250) will go directly into the added money pool at the JBR finals and be split evenly amongst the 10 divisions.

Stock charge and a \$5awards fund/ production fee (i.e – arena set up/tear down) will be withheld from all entry fees at regular season JBR events, the remainder of the entry fee will go directly into the purse. Any money left over from the \$5 awards fund/ production fee after paying for arena set-up, tear down, and trash pick-up will go directly into the awards fund. The responsibility for paying the cost to maintain the JBR and its events is the responsibility of the association. If at any point the association can not meet its financial obligation to survive and the JBR membership does not choose to rise up and honor the obligation, the JBR member's money contribution will be used to meet any financial obligations and the remainder of the money will be refunded.

**THE JBR AND ANY OF ITS AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS WHO ARE QUALIFYING CONTESTANTS TO THE JBR FINALS MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING LIST OF STANDARDS AT ALL TIMES:**

- 1) Emergency Medical Service with backboard and an Ambulance must be on the grounds and available at all times during competition.
- 2) Age groups must be as follows. Stock criteria is given as an optimal goal (a guideline), livestock is unpredictable, therefore associations are to focus relentlessly on trying to keep within these ranges (*alternate breeds can be mixed in if they fit the general dynamic of the age group breed specifications, focus on the caliber of each breed listed*) – *weights must be close to the optimal ranges given*:

6&U – sheep large enough that they don't commonly fall

8&U – Holstein calves 400-600lbs

*Small shetlands*

10&U light (longhorn/corriente type) roping steers, a few beef calves mixed in is ok (be careful they grow fast) – no bucking bred animals, (no animals bought or raised with the intent of having a potential future super star) - weight ranges should be between 450-600 lbs

*Large Shetlands*

12&U overgrown (longhorn/corriente type) roping steers, a few beef calves/steers/bulls mixed in is ok (be careful they grow fast) or minibulls– no bucking bred animals, (no animals bought or raised with the intent of having a potential future super star) - weight ranges should be between 600-800lbs

*Small welch or hackme type horses*

14&U overgrown (longhorn/corriente type) roping steers, a few beef bulls/steers (be careful they grow fast) or minibulls mixed in is ok– no bucking bred animals, (no animals bought or raised with the intent of having a potential future super star) - weight ranges should be between 800-1000lbs

*Large welch or smaller, shorter, and/or lighter framed type horses*

16&U first division bucking bred animals are allowed (leave your ranker bulls at home or move them up) 900-1300lbs (ultimately 19-21 point spinners and jump and kickers)

*Older, weaker, slower end of (19or21) & under horses (old campaigners)*

17-(19 or 21) Just leave your short round bulls and horses and teeth getters and arm yanking eliminators at home

- 3) Have two quality bull fighters minimum working each event and instruct them on the differences of the younger age groups versus the older.
- 4) Association must have either bareback bronc riding and/or bull riding for each age group and livestock category listed above.
- 5) Have two quality pickup men minimum working each event during the bronc riding and one of quality in the arena during the bull riding. Instruct them on the differences of the younger age groups versus the older.
- 6) Fair, impartial, and random draw with all animals and contestants in the draw before draw starts. (no additions after draw starts)

- 7) No close door draws. (make it possible for any contestant that wishes, to witness the draw or if not feasible, such as at the finals, have representatives from each group present during draw)
- 8) Never hold out more money of contestants entry fees than you pay back in purse money (preferably hold out no more that 45% for stock charge, production costs, and or awards).
- 9) Pay back all money received from members, other that entry fees, as prizes, awards, or added money and pay for production costs from another means (gate money, donations, corporate sponsors, etc.)
- 10) Make sure all bovines are tipped at minimum the size of a fifty cent piece (inch and five eights). Keep up with animals that round their horns off and re-tip as necessary.
- 11) Require contractor(s) to have animals house broke, chute broke, and an out or two before they bring them to your event.
- 12) All animals must be branded, ear tagged, glue stickered, or painted branded, and all numbers evidentially visible before the draw.
- 13) Come up with a roster of qualified judges and rotate them as often as possible.
- 14) Post all judges sheets (shortly after each contest), points, payout schedule, rules, standings, financial report, and membership.
- 15) No judge or flank man shall flank or judge in a division where someone from their immediate family is competing
- 16) Implement a no alcohol/drug policy in your rule book.
- 17) Whatever you guarantee at the beginning of a season, make sure you follow through even if it means going and raising outside money.
- 18) Ground money must be given back to contestants in that division in that season. (e.g. - Roll ground money over to the next event and use it as added money in the division it came from. If after last performance of any finale or finals, ground money is still present, distribute it evenly among those contestants who competed in that division at the finale or finals or pay back as ground money at individual event.
- 19) Form a board that has sole rights to all the decision making involving the day to day business of running your organization and have in your bylaws that no person may hold a decision making position with intent to profit from the organization or be salaried by the organization or on payroll in any way. (stock contractors, promoters, vendors, sponsors, etc.)
- 20) Have a rule book, distribute it to your members, and adhere to it.
- 21) Mouth piece and protective vest is required by all contestants.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERKS OF BECOMING A JBR AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION.

- A contestant may represent more than one association at the JBR finals as long as that member met the requirements of each association (increases your contestant base).
- If an association sends its entire membership, said association is entitled to order anything the JBR orders (buckles, coats, etc) at the JBR's discount rate. (more goodies for the kid's money, e.g.- afford a quality buckle for every member)
- Only one association will be accepted per geographic area in which said association currently draws contestants from (areas may slightly overlap to benefit both associations and increase numbers for both).
- Entry fees at the JBR finals will be 3.5 times the regular season entry fee, with 100% going into the purse.
- Contestants will not have to pay at the gate to get into the finals.
- Gate money at the finals will be the same as a regular season rodeo for spectators and helpers.
- All associations will have right to hang sponsor banners outside the arena during the JBR finals.

- Any profit from the JBR final's ticket sales will be kept in an interest bearing account and used to enhance the following JBR finals.
  - Each association will have opportunity to send a judge or judges to the JBR finals. This will be based on contestant numbers from each association and a draft. (additional travel and lodging expense will be paid by home association)
  - Pick-up men, announcers, and bullfighters will be at the discretion of the JBR board. A bullfighter (cowboy protection) competition may be implemented if more than one association wants to send a team and all are willing to contribute to cost of said endeavor.
  - The JBR rule book will be used at the JBR finals. (if your judge is coming make sure he memorizes it)
  - Stock will first be utilized from the JBR contractors, next from accepted associations who are willing to bring stock, only then will stock be brought in from outside the JBR family.
  - Accepted associations will be required to have members sell \$250 worth of raffle tickets for each member eligible to enter the JBR finals. This money will go directly into the added money pool from all contestants at the JBR finals and be split between the 10 divisions.
  - Association will be responsible for cost of their raffle tickets and bringing an award to the finals (e.g. – go-round buckles or portion of cost of the buckles based on numbers of contestants coming from said association).
  - **Raffle ticket money must be turned in by March 17, 2012.**
  - It is requested that the board members from each association volunteer to help with the duties of putting on the finals (e.g. – set up, tear down, trash, pull gates, stripping chute, draw, copies, hang banners, etc.,etc, and etc.)
  - Each association is responsible for the stock charge for each contestant they send or stock charge will be added to the contestant's entry fees.
  - Each association has the opportunity to use the JBR finals as your finals and stop losing money from having a member only finals. (send all your members and when figuring season points, just act like your contestants are the only ones there)
- OR
- Send only your top ??? from each division and split the burden amongst the whole membership in raising the \$250 per JBR final's contestant. (e.g.- In the calf riding you have 15 members, each sells \$50 of raffle tickets at the beginning of the season and you only send your champ and reserve champ.  $50 \times 15 = \$750$  /// 2 contestants  $\times$  \$250 = \$500 (added \$ contribution at JBR finals), leaving \$125 for each JBR finalist for travel money).
- These requirements, responsibilities, and perks will be amended with the aid of representatives from each association before the start of each season.

*For 2012 finals, contestant age will be as of September 1, 2011 and finals will be in June, 2012. Hopefully this will keep a majority of contestants from qualifying in one division and having to ride in separate division at the finals.*

*For more information call:*

*Jimmy Morris 580-618-5108  
J. Paul Ganzel 918-698-7979  
JBRNOW.com*

## CALL-IN

You must call in the Monday or Tuesday evening, from 6:00- 9:00 p.m., prior to the event. If you get a busy signal, no answer (*on phone with another entry and hasn't answered call waiting yet*), or goes directly to voice mail it is your responsibility to keep trying until you get in – someone will be manning the phone during this time frame. **NO CALL IN POINT WILL BE GIVEN IF NOT CALLED IN ON THIS DAY and TIME FRAME OR IF NOT PRE-ENTERED.** If you choose to enter late you are gambling on whether or not someone will answer the phone.– Stock will be ordered approximately 48 hours prior to sanctioned event and once ordered, waiting list entries will be taken only (this is also the deadline to draw out without paying a turnout fine). The only call-in number is **(918)346-3450**. Please note: you must speak to a live person- there will be no message entries. There will also be a pre-entry sheet at the secretary's table for the next scheduled event where you can pre-enter and not have to hassle calling in. The rider will still get their “call-in” point if they pre-enter.

All riders must be paid up 45 minutes prior to scheduled start time of JBRA sanctioned event or you chance being drawn out of the your specific division(s) entered and placed on the ineligible list. **If you called in and are not paid up 45 minutes prior to the sanctioned rodeo, the rider will be responsible for the stock charge and award fund/production charge. Once placed on the ineligible list, the rider must pay fine to a designated board member before being allowed to enter another event, or they will be placed on the “waiting list” with no guarantee of entry.** It will be the rider's responsibility to get payment to a “designated board member”. (Please see list of designated board members on page 1). **If unforeseen circumstances arise and you can not pay up 45 minutes prior to start of sanctioned rodeo, it is the rider's responsibility to contact someone that can pay their fees for them. Fees can be paid in advance for upcoming events as a convenience (that will cover rider's “call-in” as well.)** This needs to be paid to rodeo secretary at the prior event. **PLEASE NOTE: THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

## ELGIBILIY

Any fines occurred must be paid before contestant is eligible to enter.

## CONTESTANT/HELPER RESPONSIBILITY

**ALL CONTESTANTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE RULES, BUT PARTICULARLY THE ONES THAT PERTAIN TO YOUR AGE GROUP. BY CONTESTING/RIDING OR BEING IN ANY AREA NOT SPECIFIC TO THE GENERAL SPECTATORSHIP WHILE AT A JBRA EVENT YOU MUST AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES.**

Liability forms must be signed by parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). Before each JBRA season. The contestant and contestant's Parent(s) and or legal guardian(s) will inspect arena, chutes, ground, pens, livestock, cowboy protectors, arena personnel, gate pullers, EMT personnel, and restricted areas to determine the safety (minimal risk) – **BULL RIDING and BRONC RIDING ARE INHERITLY DANGEROUS** - condition, and qualifications of each and will hereby either warrant each safe and qualified for safe operation in the production of event or should any of the undersigned find that any condition of the rodeo production unsafe, the contestant should bring to the attention of a board member the matter of concern. If concern is addressed and member and/or parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) are not completely satisfied, contestant should turn out.

# JBR MEMBERSHIP

Membership fee is \$100 per rider. **HALF** of the membership must be paid up front in order for points to start accumulating.

The remainder of the membership dues and the one time \$50 sponsorship per division (ex. – sr. bulls-\$50, 21 &U broncs - \$50), **must be turned in by your fifth sanctioned event competed in order for points to continue to accumulate**. *This money is used to buy awards, knowing an accurate estimate of members and having adequate time, gives more power in negotiating with vendors on price and results in nicer and /or more goodies for your money.*

**Raffle ticket money** (\$250 going into the added money at finals) **must be turned in by March 17, 2012 in order to qualify for the finals and be eligible for any series awards.** Don't lose the tickets – you will not be issued replacements and don't forget to turn in the stubs on or before this date.

**In order to be eligible for series awards, series buckles, series prizes and enter the Finals, Members must:**

- Compete in at least 13 out of the 19 of the regular season rodeos. The two performances at the finals DO NOT count to fulfill this requirement. (*see dr.release and buy-in below*)
- Sell \$250 worth of raffle tickets - Contestants are encouraged to sell extra raffle tickets--if desired, **extra money raised may be applied towards membership dues and/or sponsorship.** *If you pay this out of pocket make sure you put your name on the tickets.(400 + 50 for each extra division)*
- pay a \$100 membership (one-time, per person)
- pay a one-time \$50 sponsorship per division -for example, if a contestant enters the bronc riding and bull riding and wants points to count in both events- they must remit a one time \$50 sponsorship for bull riding and a one time \$50 sponsorship for bronc riding or if they compete in “Juniors” and “Seniors” and want points to count in both, they must pay a one-time \$50 sponsorship in each of those events they want points to accumulate in (\$50 sponsor will receive a business card size space in finals program, if business card is remitted).
- \* A member must compete in 13 regular season rodeos and pay the \$50 sponsorship for each division entered at finals. Membership dues and raffle tickets are a one time occurrence regardless of number of divisions entered at finals.
- If unforeseen circumstances arise, contestant can pay a pro-rated progressive buy in fee for each rodeo missed.

1. One missed sanctioned event - \$60 buy-in
2. Two missed sanctioned events - \$150 buy-in
3. Three missed sanctioned events - \$240 buy-in
4. Four missed sanctioned events - \$330 buy-in
5. Five missed sanctioned events - \$420 buy-in

- A valid doctor release written on certified doctor letterhead and signed by your doctor will count as “rodeos competed in” for rodeos missed during the dates on the release only.
- **You do not have to have a membership to compete at individual events. You must have a membership, to receive free gate admission.**
- No refunds of any money will be issued unless from overpayment or mistake.
- **Checks- No checks will be accepted for entry fees.**

# GENERAL RULES

Age is determined of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the starting month of a season. A contestant may ride in his/her appropriate age group and/or the next higher age group (*no higher than next*), but not in a lower age group. A photo copy of contestant's birth certificate must be presented to JBRA board upon request. (a copy attached to membership form may save future inconvenience)

If in agreement with parent (s) and/ or guardian (s) and the majority of the JBR board of directors that due to contestants **size AND maturity**, said contestant should be riding up an age group, contestant may forfeit the opportunity to ride in his or her appropriate age group and compete in the next two age groups higher. **This will only be considered in age groups of 6 and under, 8 and under, 10 under, and 12 and under.**

All scores are unofficial until Judges' sheets have been checked for addition errors and re-tallied. All decisions made by the judges will be final. Animal score and rider score will be recalculated for accuracy, by rodeo secretary with witness, and any discrepancy will be initialed before posting and payout.

Once entry fees have been paid, under no circumstance will they be refunded.

## **TIES:**

Ties throughout the season will remain ties. Ties at the finals for both points and money will be broken by the back judge who is judging the same delivery as contestant started from. If no back judge or tie still exists, tie will remain.

Unless - there is a tie for an award, other than prize money.(e.g. go-round buckle, average spurs, etc.) Then tie will be broken as follows:

1. Utilize lone score from back judge on contestant's delivery start side. If tie still exists, then...
2. Utilize solely, the Arena Judges' combined score. If tie still exists, then...
3. Ride off will take place to break tie. A quarter point system will be used by the judges. If tie still exists due to buck off, ground time will be compared.
4. If both ride and tie again. Start back with number one and progress until tie is broken.

*The most evenly scored bulls based on judge's sheets will be used, at stock contractor's discretion, for the ride off. Once agreed upon, contestants will flip a coin (letting it hit the ground) to see who draws first, then draw their own stock.*

Emergency Medical Service with backboard and an Ambulance must be on the grounds and available at all times during competition.

**Photo Finish Rule:** If for any reason a contestant is running late or needs to leave early, if given advance warning, that contestants stock can be bucked first or held to the last of his or her division and age group. No other changes to accommodate contestant's need to rearrange the order of stock being bucked will be administered.

## DRESS CODE

Everyone, including but not limited to contestants, parents, and volunteers will adhere to a western dress code that will be in effect and enforced. This will consist of a long-sleeved (free arm sleeve must be rolled down) collared shirt, western hat, and western footwear (no profanity, tobacco endorsements, alcohol endorsements, or drug paraphernalia will be visible on clothing or apparel) being worn in arena as well as behind chutes. A protective helmet may be substituted for a hat during the ride. Contestant will be subject to monetary fine and/or disqualification if he or she chooses not to adhere to this rule. **If contestants helper(s) choose not to adhere to this rule, contestant will receive a \$20 fine.** Anyone else will be asked to remove themselves from these areas and expected to do so, immediately with no return, or face any of the above consequences

## DRAW

**Each contestant in each age group and division will have an equal opportunity to draw at the entire herd.** Stock will be drawn by contestant themselves, contestant representative, judge, or unbiased individual (one who does not have a child in that particular division). An amount of animals equal to or more than the number of contestants must be in the draw before the draw begins. Re-ride animals may be designated before draw. Any excess animals in the draw will be drawn for re-rides and placed in that order above designated re-ride animals. An animal that is bucked twice in an age group must be in the initial draw twice labeled as 1<sup>st</sup> out and 2nd out. If an uncorrectable error has been made before first animal is bucked in a division/age group, then entire group will be re-drawn. If error is brought to judges' or arena director's attention after first animal is bucked then the fairest most logical approach will be taken to resolve the dilemma. Re-rides will be posted as well as draw before the specific division's start. Draw will be done in a non-disclosed location so any contestant may witness. Animals turned out after rodeo starts are considered already bucked and go at the bottom of the re-ride list, not the top.

## PAYOFF

Each division has a separate payout formula. This will be posted at all events. (calculation based on last place paying at minimum your entry fees back) **At rodeos with added money - added money will be distributed with the same percentages and placings as a regular rodeo. Finals will be a two head average. Money will be distributed equally for each go-round with the average paying time and a half a go-round.**

**Entry fees at the finals will be 3.5 times a regular series rodeo entry fee.** ( e.g. – senior regular 1 go-round rodeo fees = \$50, at finals they would be \$50 for first go-round, \$50 for second go-round, \$75 for average – for a total of \$175 -----sheep would be  $30 + 30 + 45 = \$105$ ) Added money will also be divided with this formula.

If no qualified scores are given in any go-round. Ground money will be rolled over to the next event or Go-round and used as added money in the division it came from. If after last performance of any finale or finals, ground money is still present, it will be evenly distributed among those contestants who competed in that division at that finale or finals.

# POINTS

Points will be awarded per go-round (each rodeo and each round of finals), On the two head average at finals, points will be awarded as if it were a rodeo.

For each go-round and average, points will be awarded as follows:

10 points per entry available, first place receiving 100% of total points and second receiving 10 points less. Then a progressive 10 point reduction for each lower placing for all contestants that make a qualified ride.

*E.g. 11 contestants = 110pts*

*1<sup>st</sup> = 110pts*

*2<sup>nd</sup> = 100pts*

*3<sup>rd</sup> = 90 pts*

*4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> continues through the last qualified ride, if only 6 contestants make a qualified ride then points will only be awarded through 6<sup>th</sup> place*

*Then add, if deserved:*

Call in: – 1 pt

Competition: – 1 pt

**NOTICE: Riders will only receive call-in point if pre-entered or call in on Tuesday or Wednesday between 6 -9 pm prior to event. Competition point will be awarded only if rider leaves the bucking chute with the animal.**

Splits will be averaged. (Ex. If there is a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> split- you would add 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place points together and divide by 2.) Non-member's points will be eliminated. Members will only receive points for the place they actually place in. (Ex: if 3<sup>rd</sup> place is a non-member and 4<sup>th</sup> place is a member, no one will get 3<sup>rd</sup> place points and 4<sup>th</sup> place will receive 4<sup>th</sup> place points.)

At a finals where contestants from other associations are competing for money and finals awards. JBR season points will be calculated using JBR members only. (*act like the other contestants are not entered*)

Points will accumulate throughout the season to determine series championship awards

A copy of all judges' sheets will be posted within a reasonable time following completion of each individual riding division. Updated points will be posted no later than the following event. It is the contestant and/or contestant's parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to audit points and judges sheets on a routine basis and bring any discrepancies or mistakes to the secretary immediately upon notice of such discrepancy or mistake. **Judges sheets need to be audited by you before leaving said event.**

# MISCONDUCT/CONSEQUENCES

Any official of the JBRA, its members, non-members, parents, guardians, contestants, exhibitionists, volunteers, helpers, spectators, or any person associated with the JBRA or not associated with the JBRA are expected to conduct themselves in a polite, fair, and respectful manner at all JBRA functions or at any time representing the JBRA. Including, but not limited to:

- 1 The intentional falsification of a name, age, or other personal information, pertaining to a member or non-member will not be tolerated; this is cause for immediate suspension.
- 2 The consumption or possession of alcohol and/or drugs, before, during, or after a JBRA event is strictly prohibited. Immediate disqualification, monetary fines, suspension, and/or forfeiture of all entry fees can result. You will immediately be asked to leave the premises and/or the local law enforcement will be called.  
If you are under a Physician's care and use a prescribed drug, please bring it to the attention of the rodeo secretary at time of entering a JBRA function. This is for our files and for your medical safety, in case of an emergency.
- 3 Fighting, quarreling or the use of profane language or gestures will result in disqualification, fines or possible suspension, as deemed appropriate by board of directors.
- 4 Mistreatment, endangerment, or neglect of rodeo livestock will not be tolerated.
- 5 Any violation of rules may result in being asked to leave the event.  
If deemed severe by board of directors or if asked 3 or more times on minor violations - Contestant's membership may be revoked and points will become void.
- 6 Any attempt made by a contestant or agent of any contestant, to fix, bribe, threaten, influence, or harass the judge(s) at anytime, before-during-or-after and event will be dealt with **severely** by board of directors.
- 7 Parents, or other persons, inappropriately approaching, engaging or in any way causing a distraction to the judges or officials during an event, for any reason, will be subject to the penalties described below.
- 8 Turn out fines will be assessed for entering an event and failing to pay entry fee. You may call and draw out no less than 48 hours prior to start of performance. The fine will consist of stock charge and award fund fee.
- 9 **Parents or other persons approaching, engaging, petitioning, or protesting in any way which is distracting to the judges, arena directors, JBRA officials, contestants, or spectators during an event, or at a JBRA function, for any reason will be subject to having their child disqualified from said event, suspension either temporary or permanent from the JBRA, said parent or person banned from future JBRA events, entry fee forfeiture, monetary fine, or other more severe actions deemed necessary by the board of directors to rectify the immediate occurrence and prohibit like future occurrences from happening.**
- 10 **Any person may be: denied access to events, denied access to meetings and or JBR functions, denied membership, revoked of membership, withdrawn completely or suspended-- with or without cause, at any time by a majority vote of a quorum of the board of directors if thought by the board of directors such actions would be of the best interest to the JBR and/or it's membership.**

# FINES AND PENALTIES

MISCONDUCT by a JBRA contestant, member, parent/guardian, companion, spectator, vendor, or present person could result in a suspension, disqualification, entry fee forfeiture, removal from premises, being banned from future JBR events and functions and/or monetary fines accordingly. Judges, arena director, officers or board members have the authority to disqualify a contestant from an event for any serious rule infraction. Suspension from the association, either temporary or permanent will be determined by vote of the board of directors. Serious rule infractions are determined by the board of directors in response to witnessed events, or complaints by spectators, contestants, stock contractors and/or judges.

## . PROTESTS

Anyone wishing to file a protest shall go to the arena director, **not judge**, before the next rider competes and voice their protest. Arena director will decide if contest can continue while protest is taking place or if protest needs to be taken care of before next animal is bucked. A \$50 Protest Bond will be immediately posted by contestant and held by secretary until final conclusion. To determine if subject is deemed worthy (a rule book infraction, not a judges opinion call – all judges calls are final except when in direct conflict with the rule book), the arena director will request a copy of the rule book and form a committee consisting of all judges and at minimum two board members. The committee will determine the validity and outcome. (You can either agree with the outcome or agree to disagree with the outcome) If found to be a valid protest, the \$50 bond money will be refunded, the situation rectified, and/or corrective measures will be implemented. **Valid protests are a result of an entity not following the JBR rule book or not having a rule to cover a particular occurrence. Gripe sessions result from not agreeing with an opinion call - - - Limit the gripe sessions.** Under no circumstance will the \$50 bond be returned on an invalid protest.

If protest is found to be just a complaint or difference of opinion, (constructive criticism helps bring to light inconsistencies or flaws and allows for correction if deemed necessary for the betterment of the association and all involved, but also has its place and time) the \$50 dollar protest bond will be forfeited by contestant and contestant will leave arena immediately. Complaints can be taken directly to the nearest board member outside the arena, dropped in the suggestion box, or to the judges after the rodeo (at the scheduled judge conference only). Once arena director suggest a protest bond be placed by contestant or contestants representative, contestant or contestant representative will have 15 seconds to commit to placing bond or leave arena.

**Under no circumstance will loud boisterous complaining continue to take place in the arena, behind the chutes, or anywhere on the grounds. If this occurs, arena director, board member, or judge, at his or her discretion will administer a \$100 fine which must be paid before contestant enters another JBR. If behavior still persists, contestant and/or contestant representative will be asked to leave the premises and return at earliest, the next event. If this behavior becomes common, contestant and/or contestant representative will be banned from future JBR functions with no chance of return of any monetary investments. (If you have no chance of being happy coming to the JBR, we want you to find a happy place to go – If a problem exists you have two choices, be a part of the solution, or be a part of the problem.)**

The judges will have a question answer session after each performance (not during the performance). Use this to better educate yourselves on what is going through the judges minds in the numerous tough decisions they make throughout a performance.

# GENERAL RIDING RULES SHEEP-SENIOR BULLS

- A cushioned pad (neoprene) must be between bull rope and animal extending over the animals backbone.
- Riding is to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand hold.
- No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off animal when rider dismounts.
- A bell must be on bottom of rope, **excluding sheep riding.**
- Livestock is to be ridden for given time limit in each age group. **Time starts when animal's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the chute or if animal comes out backwards when inside hip breaks plane of chute.**
  - 6 & U - 6 seconds
  - 7 - 8 - 6 seconds
  - 9 - 10 - 6 seconds
  - 11 -12 - 8 seconds
  - 13 - 14 - 8 seconds
  - 15-16- 8 Seconds
  - 11 –19or21 - 8 seconds finger tuck allowed in bull riding
- If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in his hand he is to be marked.
- No more than 2 people may be on chute to pull contestant's rope excluding a spotter.
- Hooks or rings can not be used on bull ropes (except with board approval).
- All bovines are to be tipped nearest to the size of a fifty cent piece as possible.
- Rider will be disqualified for any of the following reasons: being bucked off, touching ground, touching animal or self with free hand, placing spurs in bull rope before or while leaving the chute, using sharp spurs, placing spurs or chaps under the rope being tightened, taking a finger tuck (unless age group allows), or hand wrap above the wrist, touching with free hand/arm any part of the arena to aid his or her ride (just touching does not constitute a disqualification).
- **If rider has been advised he is next to go and he is not above the animal with his glove, hat/helmet, and vest, on when the previous animal leaves the arena he or she will be fined \$20.** (excluding unforeseen circumstances and uncontrollable situations)
- Head fighting bulls or steers having bad horns must be dehorned or kept out of the draw.
- All contestants and riders are required to wear protective vest and mouth piece, protective head gear is recommended by some, but not required. *Do realize that by wearing protective head gear, some inherent risks are increased because of the helmet. Do to the fact that there is no helmet on the market specifically designed for bull riding and the helmets being marketed to this sport have not been proven to reduce the overall risk in this sport using scientific studies and statistical analysis and criteria directly related to the overall injury and death rate, the reward to risk ratio cannot be sufficiently calculated and you are left to making your own decision to its benefit or detriment.*
- Competing on incorrect stock will result in disqualification on that ride. It is the contestant's responsibility to verify correct stock. If unverifiable, next re-ride will be awarded.
- Slap – If rider touches him or herself, the ground, rope, or animal with free arm from the elbow down – rider will be disqualified. If rider gets swatted with a horn at no fault of rider consider a score (if it had been a Mulley would the slap had taken place, did it help aid the rider, did the rider grab the horn – use common sense in your decision)
- If judge is approached by contestant, parent, or anyone with a question, comment, or conversation during competition (unless it has to do with the production of the sanctioned event) –**said person should be immediately informed by judge that all questions and/or comments and/or conversation must be presented to arena director** and arena director will act as a go between.  
**Opinion calls have no chance of being overturned, rules from the JBR rule book not followed by a judge can and should be protested.**

- Parent and or helper must remain in the chute area until contestant they are helping either makes a qualified ride or is disqualified. Once animal leaves the chute any interference by parent or helper, during the 6 or 8 second ride, will cause rider to be disqualified. Interference after the 6 or 8 second ride will result in a \$20 dollar fine.
- Bull riding rowels will be limited to three styles. Pictures of acceptable rowels will be posted on the JBR website and at the secretaries table. Riding with altered rowels or rowels of a style not accepted by the JBR will result in disqualification.

**6& Under Sheep Riding:**

Must wear mouthpiece, protective vest, helmet is optional. The ride is 6 seconds, no ground time. **Riders will ride with one hand.** Sheep will not be flanked. Stock is drawn. It is contestant's, parent's and/or helper's responsibility to make sure sheep are at the opposite end of arena and a lead sheep is present.

**7 – 8 Calf Riding / 9 -10 Senior Calf Riding:**

Must wear mouthpiece and protective vest, helmet is optional. The ride will be 6 seconds, no ground time is given. Riders will ride by the one-hand rule. Stock will be drawn and will be flanked. Calves may be defined as young bulls, heifers, or steers.

**11 -12 Steer Riding / 13-14 Steer Riding / 15 – 16 Junior Bull Riding:**

Must wear mouthpiece and protective vest, helmet is optional. The ride will be 8 seconds, no ground time is given. The rider will follow the one hand rule. Stock will be drawn and flanked. Steers may be defined as young bulls, heifers, or steers.

**17-21 Senior Bull Riding:**

Must wear mouthpiece and protective vest, helmet is optional. The ride will be 8 seconds, no ground time is given. The rider will follow the one hand rule. Stock will be drawn and flanked. Occasionally a steer may have earned his way to this division Finger tuck is allowed.

# GENERAL RIDING RULES BAREBACK BRONCS

- Riding is to be done with one hand and a JBR approved bareback rigging and JBR approved pad.
- Contestant must ride with loose (not locked), blunt rowels. (no bull riding rowels)
- Livestock is to be ridden for given time limit in each age group. Time starts when animal's inside shoulder breaks the plane of the chute or if animal comes out backwards when inside hip breaks the plane of the chute.
- See mark out below
- No more than 2 people may be on chute to pull contestant's rigging excluding a spotter and head man. It is the contestant's responsibility to find someone to head his or her horse out of the chute if deemed necessary.
- Rider will be disqualified for any of the following reasons: missing horse out, being bucked off, touching animal or self with free hand (exclude the back of the arm hitting a horse's rear end during kick), using sharp, locked rowel spurs, or bull riding rowels.
- **If rider has been advised he is next to go and he is not above the animal with his glove, hat/helmet, and vest, on when the previous animal leaves the arena he or she will be fined \$20.** (excluding unforeseen circumstances and uncontrollable situations)
  - Competing on incorrect stock will result in disqualification on that ride. It is the contestant's responsibility to verify correct stock. If unverifiable, next re-ride will be awarded.
  - Parent and or helper must remain in the chute area until contestant they are helping either makes a qualified ride or is disqualified. Once animal leaves the chute any interference by parent or helper, during the 6 or 8 second ride, will cause rider to be disqualified. Interference after the 6 or 8 second ride will result in a \$20 dollar fine.

## BRONC RIDING

**7 -8 Broncs:** No bull riding rowels, rowels must be loose not locked. Must mark horse from chute **Spurs must be, at minimum, level with the flats of the shoulder when the horse's inside shoulder passes the plane of the chute.** Protective vest and mouthpiece are mandatory. Helmet is optional. Ride is for 6 seconds. Rider will follow the one hand rule. JBR Approved rigging and pad must be used.

**9 -10 Broncs:** No bull riding rowels, rowels must be loose not locked. Must mark horse from chute. **Spurs must be, at minimum, level with the flats of the shoulder and in contact with horse when the horse's inside shoulder passes the plane of the chute.** Protective vest and mouthpiece are mandatory. Helmet is optional. Rider will follow the one hand rule. Ride is for 6 seconds. JBR Approved rigging and pad must be used.

**11-12 Broncs:** No bull riding rowels, rowels must be loose not locked. Must mark horse from chute. **Spurs must be, at minimum, level with the flats of the shoulder when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump from chute.** Protective vest and mouthpiece are mandatory. Helmet is optional. Rider will follow the one hand rule. Ride is for 8 seconds. JBR Approved rigging and pad must be used.

**13 -14 Broncs:** No bull riding rowels, rowels must be loose not locked. Must mark horse from chute. **Spurs must be, at minimum, level with the flats of the shoulder and be in contact with horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump from chute.** Protective vest and mouthpiece are mandatory. Helmet is optional. Rider will follow the one hand rule. Ride is for 8 seconds. JBR Approved rigging and pad must be used.

**15 -16 Broncs:** No bull riding rowels, rowels must be loose not locked. Must mark horse from chute. **Spurs must be above the point of the shoulder and making contact with horse when front feet hit the ground on**

**the first jump from the chute. Do not have to hold mark out until front feet leave ground (bounce is acceptable)** Protective vest and mouthpiece are mandatory. Helmet is optional. Rider will follow the one hand rule. Ride is for 8 seconds. JBR Approved rigging and pad must be used.

**17 -21 Broncs:** No bull riding rowels, rowels must be loose not locked. Must mark horse from chute. **Spurs must be above the point of the shoulder and making contact with horse when front feet hit the ground on the first jump from the chute and maintain contact until horses feet leave ground. (STANDARD MARK-OUT)** Protective vest and mouthpiece are mandatory. Helmet is optional. Rider will follow the one hand rule. Ride is for 8 seconds. JBR Approved rigging and pad must be used.

**Free Roll- If horse stalls, or comes out backwards mark-out rule will be waved and a free-roll given at judges discretion. If parent or helper causes the stall by holding on to animal and not aiding animal out of chute, then no free-roll will be given.**

## MARK OUT

The goal of a mark out is to have spurs making contact with horse above point of the shoulder when the horse's front feet hit the ground the first jump from the chute and maintain contact until front feet leave ground. Judges need to form a mental picture before the start of competition on what constitutes a mark-out in each age division going from 8&U with minimal requirements to 19or21&U where they need a solid mark out, and with the age groups in between the mark out requirement must be less and less liberal as the age gets older. **SEE BRONC RIDING (above) FOR DESCRIPTION OF MARK-OUT FOR EACH AGE GROUP**

# RERIDES

- There will be no re-ride for contestant equipment failure. Re-ride options are given at the discretion of the judges based on the JBR rulebook. **JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL unless a valid protest is made.**
- When applicable, judge is to give score as well as option as a choice to contestant
- Re-rides will be offered to contestant when either of two judges, or back judge if present in their own opinion can justify giving one based on the rules below. **Contestant must not ask the judge for a re-ride, yet it is the judges responsibility to inform contestant before next contestant rides that he was offered a re-ride and when applicable, a score with an option of a re-ride.** Be prepared to defend and justify (jot it down) your opinion one way or the other. If contestant feels he or she deserved a re-ride, he or she may approach arena director with dilemma and arena director in a reasonable amount of time, arena director, will relay judge's justification and or explanation as to why re-ride was not awarded.
- Under no circumstance should a contestant be forced to declare him or herself, if fouled, to receive a re-ride, whether contestant makes a qualified ride or gets bucked off does not affect the re-ride option if deserved. If foul was severe enough to hinder riders start, then score with an option would be given.
- If judge is approached by contestant, parent, or anyone with a question, comment, or conversation during competition (unless it has to do with the production of the sanctioned event) –**said person should be immediately informed by judge that all questions and/or comments must be presented to arena director** and arena director will act as a go between.

## LEGITIMATE REASONS FOR A RE-RIDE OR RE- RIDE OPTION:

### Sheep

- If at any point sheep maintains two full strides at a gate slower than a trot (walking) or stops before reaching end of arena, lead sheep, group of sheep, or six second buzzer. **This is a judges opinion call.**
- If contestant is in the middle when sheep starts to fall then contestant will receive an automatic re-ride if fall occurs.
- **Falls and poor animal performance re-rides due to rider being off balance, off center, slid back, bowed forward, etc. (with no immediate effort to re-center with a successful result) - do not constitute a re-ride. THIS IS A JUDGES OPINION CALL AND IS NOT BLACK AND WHITE.**
- If sheep goes to belly, rider is not disqualified for feet touching ground nor is a re-ride awarded unless forward motion is lost.
- There are no fouls at the chute in the sheep riding. It's the parents/helpers responsibility to make sure the sheep comes out straight.

### 7/8 Broncs-

- **There are no fouls at the chute in the 8 & U broncs.** It's the parents/helpers responsibility to make sure the animal comes out straight.
- In the 8& U broncs, forward motion (walking) throughout the ride constitutes a 15 pointer, this is your bottom, anything less (stop) would be a re-ride.

## 7/8 Calves

- **There are no fouls at the chute in the 8 & U calves.** It's the parents/helpers responsibility to make sure the animal comes out straight.
- In the **8 & under calves**, any calf **that does not maintain at minimum:**
  - a rocking horse motion (the angle of the back should change periodically throughout the ride and not maintain a horizontal position to the ground, lunging with no kick is acceptable, as is kicking with little forward motion)
  - a change in elevation (leaping in air with no kick)
  - and/or a change in direction (spin with little or no kick)

...for the majority of the six second ride or stops should be given a re-ride.

**EXCEPT IF:** **poor animal performance is due to rider being off balance, off center, slid back, bowed forward, etc. (with no immediate effort to re-center with a successful result) – contestant will NOT receive a re-ride.** Again a judges opinion

*Walking (and possibly trotting) in a circle for the majority of the ride would constitute a re-ride option. Again a judges opinion.*

## 9/10 calves/broncs

- **There are no fouls at the chute if helper is in chute when contestant nods for the animal (excluding flankman).**

## 12 & U thru 17-21

- **Helper must not be in chute with animal and contestant. If deemed necessary, the JBR will assign someone to be in chute.**

## All age groups and divisions unless specified above:

- Stop before 6 or 8 second as(check your watch, don't rely on the buzzer). Contestant is given option of re-ride at point of stop. If contestant rides to the whistle then score and option will be given. If contestant gets bucked off after stop then re-ride option will be given.
- Fall/Stumble (to belly, side, butt, or chest) Contestant is given option of re-ride at point of Fall/Stumble. If contestant rides to the whistle then score and option will be given. If contestant gets bucked off after Fall/Stumble then re-ride option will be given.
- At no time will a re-ride be given due to the failure of contestant's equipment.
- If a re-ride is offered, the rider must give the judge his decision immediately.
- A re-ride will be offered to any rider that makes two **legitimate** attempts on an animal, **deemed by judge**, to be impossible to get out on. **AGAIN - - !! COWBOY UP !!**
- Re-ride animals due to lack of performance will not be placed back in the draw at any one event for needed re-rides. At a two head average these animals may be put back into the draw in the second go-round)
- Re-ride animals will be declared before the contest and be placed in order at the bottom of the posted sheets. A turn-out animal once the competition begins goes to the bottom of the re-ride list.

- The matter of re-rides shall be decided by judges and are final once decision has been made.
- When re-ride is offered, for anything except lack of performance (weak performance of animal based on the majority of the herd), contestant may ride same animal if stock contractor agrees or may choose the designated re-ride animal. If said animal is being bucked a second time already or is on the re-ride list already, then contestant must take next re-ride animal on the re-ride list animal,
- Foul at gate - Foul must be great enough that contestant's ride was hindered. ex. bull hips himself so hard causing an immediate direction change and contestant gets pile driven to ground or left sitting on flank, gate hits contestants leg hard enough to disrupt timing and off balance rider (be careful, not the same as just getting beat out of the chute) Contestant jobbing spurs in bull as gate opens and bull jumping up in front of box **does not** constitute a re-ride unless contestant is fouled on gate on way out. Realize a contestant could make a qualified ride and still be offered a re-ride for a foul. *For sheep see judge's criteria.*
- Foul in arena – e.g. *if bull runs a contestants leg down fence and drags him off, contestant will receive a re-ride, if bull hits contestants leg on fence and only disrupted his ride because he or she looked at fence, then no re-ride will be given. – e.g. - if bull kicks through the arena fence causing a severe hesitation and forces rider out of time then re-ride should be given, if bull kicks through the arena fence and there is no timing change, then no re-ride should be awarded*  
You get the drill - - this is a cowboy sport - - COWBOY UP!
- Flank comes off – if **flank comes off** prior to 6 or 8 second whistle contestant receives a re-ride **as long as contestant makes a qualified ride up to the point of flank coming off**. If contestant makes a qualified ride, then a score with an option will be given. *No flank in sheep riding.*
- **In the bronc riding, contestant must be in the neck or attempting to spur in the neck to receive a re-ride due to non-performance of animal.**
- Poor animal performance – be careful – realize every effort is made to make the pens as even as possible, yet at this level is an impossibility. Don't get caught giving a re-ride on the strongest animal there. Nor get caught not giving a re-ride on a weak animal that doesn't fit the herd. BE CONSISTENT and if you make a mistake on the first animal out in a specific age group and realize it shortly after – BE CONSISTENT. **Ex.**

*First calf out is weak, you as a judge are faced with a decision. Re-ride or no re-ride. There is no right or wrong answer only a possible mistake. If this calf is weaker than the rest of the herd and you give a re-ride then all is good. If this calf is middle of the road or one of the better ones there, than you made a mistake. **TOUGH DECISION** It is too late to fix the mistake, if made, you have to roll on with consistency. At minimum this calf becomes your basis for future re-rides – if any of the rest of the calves are as weak or weaker, than a re-ride is awarded. If all the rest are stronger than your re-ride cutoff may go up and a contestant may very well receive a re-ride on a slightly stronger calf. If this was the strongest calf in the herd than all contestants who cover would receive a re-ride and we would start a new contest with a new draw and rethink your re-ride standards for this pen of calves. Again whatever bind you might get your self into with a tough decision ---be consistent. There may very well be no way of knowing if you made the right or wrong decision until the contest is over. Don't try to fix a mistake with another mistake, just be consistent and firm.*

# JUDGES CRITERIA

(What the JBRA expects from judges)

*and a more detailed description of some rules and how they will be implemented*

- Judges should use colored handkerchief to declare disqualification by throwing on ground.
- If back judge is present then he or she will have official time.
- If no back judge is present then latch side judge will have official time. The only time non-latch side judge's time will be used is if slap, fall, or disqualification that latch side judge could or did not see or a malfunction.
- Mark all judges' sheets in pen and **initial any scribbles or changes**.
- Record all disqualification times and give reason why.
- Mark all stock and make comments if pertinent e.g. was about to stop, weakening etc.
- Sign all judges sheets
- Ride and animal are to be marked 1-25 separately by each judge. For a grand possible total of 100pts. **Quarter and/or Half points can and should be utilized.**
- Check arena conditions. ex: shoot gates swing and have twist rope, arena worked, all gates chute, etc. (safety)
- Check all bulls for sharp horns prior to event, if stock is drawn before animals arrive then give three options: 1) horns meet tipping requirements 2) give stock contractor option of tipping bull before competition, 3) automatic re-ride animal
- One judge is to be designated to check for vests, mouthpieces, western attire, pinky tuck (when age group does not allow it), and rowels before contestant calls for livestock – it is a disqualification if they leave the chute not abiding by these rules, yet bring to light and give opportunity to make corrections before they nod
- Catching and using knots are not illegal, it happens, catching knots while in chute or while leaving chute are grounds for disqualification. Watch for it.
- **Stock contractors have the right to utilize the pick-up men and bull fighters to achieve what they feel will be the best strategy to gain the best performance from their animals.** Ex.--*Catch this bull to the left about three out, let this horse follow you to the left, step in behind this one as he leaves, stay back, don't let him see you, etc.*
- **Hot shots can be used at the discretion of the stock contractor when animal is leaving the chute (must be black hand held type). If used in the sheep riding must be used on all or none at all.**

## SCORING (Sheep – SR. Bulls)

Animal to be marked according to difficulty to ride. Things to consider when marking animal: speed, rear, kick, forward motion, reverse motion, belly roll, sun fish, lead changes, lunge, spin, direction changes, drop, shoulder roll, rhythm, fade, strength, power, hop, skip, drift, flat, slow, lumbersome, etc. and especially a combination of some and all of the above. All these things contribute to the degree of difficulty.

Remember it is either a 6 or 8 second score. ex:

- 6 seconds - An animal may be a 22 pointer for 2 seconds, 20 pointer for two seconds, and a 0 pointer for two seconds (stop for two seconds) – for a grand total of 14 (find an average) with an option of re-ride.
- 8 seconds - 20 pointers for 5 seconds, 15 pointer for 3 second, – for a grand total of 18pts (find an average)

You know the drill, mark the animal accordingly.

*One of the goals of the JBRA is to give opportunity for kids to develop the skills and techniques needed to compete at a professional level once they progress through our seven age groups. The development of skills and techniques, that will best prepare our kids for his or her next level of progression, must be second only to safety and fairness. You as a judge **must** contribute to this cause. Aggressiveness is a must to succeed in this sport and should be rewarded, but loss of control due to aggressiveness on the other hand should be discouraged not rewarded.*

A rider's score:

- **Sheep-** remember the next step up the ladder is calf riding.  
An 18 point sheep is one which runs moderately throughout the ride predetermined average/spread – get a visualization of this caliber sheep in your mind before they buck the first one):. Again refer to “things to consider” when marking a sheep higher or lower. **Mark the stock score and then consider the rider score.** You as a judge should be looking for qualities that will help, not hinder the contestant's skill and technique building process from sheep to calves. ex.

In order for a kid to make an 18 point ride on an 18 point sheep, he or she must remain in **CONTROL** and in good **FORM (balanced, in time, centered, stay on rope, arm in time with animal and body, etc.)** through out the ride. Control and form meaning in a position that if that sheep started bucking or had a direction change the contestant is in position to ride. If at any time throughout the ride any part of the contestants body is out of position (free arm dropped, body off centered, leaning back, draped forward, slid off rope, hanging at end of riding arm and spurring, etc) points will be deducted based on duration and extremity of lack of form and control. If a contestant rides his or her sheep correctly then no points will be deducted. Hence an 18 point ride on an 18 point sheep. This holds true for a 17 pointer, 19 pointer etc. If a contestant rides his or her sheep picture perfect then no points will be deducted and possibly points added for “making a tough one look easy”. Spurring may or may not increase a contestant's score and very well may reduce it. In order for spurring an animal to increase the ride score over the animal, contestant must maintain control and form throughout the ride or the two entities will cancel each other out. ex.

A contestant spurs a sheep every stride, but lets his or her arm drop and/or leans away from his or her hand. – the increase for spurring would be cancelled out by the loss of control. Hence no deduction for lack of form, but also no increase for spurring. If you marked the sheep a 17 then

the ride score would also be a 17. If the loss of control was great enough, no matter how hard and fast a kid spurs, the ride score will be reduced. Aggression is great, but must be controlled. **If control and form are not compromised while spurring**, then increase ride portion of score accordingly.

- **Calves**- remember the next step up the ladder is steer riding.

An 18 point calf is one which jumps and kicks moderately with few if any direction changes average/speed – get a visualization of this caliber calf in your mind before they buck the first one): Again refer to “things to consider” when marking a calf higher or lower. **Mark the stock score and then consider the rider score.** You as a judge should be looking for qualities that will help, not hinder the contestant’s skill and technique building process from calves to steers. ex.

In order for a kid to make an 18 point ride on an 18 point calf, he or she must remain in **CONTROL** and in good **FORM** throughout the ride. **Quality control and form meaning: in time with calf (like a rocking chair), staying on rope (not getting jerked off rope and using kick to reposition back to it), arm up and in time with calf and body motion, centered, compensating for direction changes without having to struggle, not leaning back, at end of arm, or away from arm, not draped forward, not having free arm dropped down to side, etc.** If at any time throughout the ride control and form are compromised, points will be deducted based on duration and extremity of lack of form and control. If a contestant rides his or her calf correctly then no points will be deducted. Hence an 18 point ride on an 18 point calf. This holds true for a 17 pointer, 19 pointer etc. If a contestant rides his or her calf picture perfect then no points will be deducted and possibly points added for “making a tough one look easy”. Spurring may or may not increase a contestant’s score and very well may reduce it. **In order for spurring an animal to increase the ride score over the animal, contestant must maintain control and form throughout the ride or the two entities will cancel each other out.** ex.

A contestant spurs a calf every jump, but lets his or her arm drop and/**or leans away from his or her hand** or allows himself or herself to slide back off rope while spurring, or loses timing and has to regain, etc. – the increase for spurring would be cancelled out by the loss of control. Hence, no deduction for lack of form, but also no increase for spurring. If you marked the calf a 17 then the ride score would also be a 17. If the loss of control was great enough, no matter how hard and fast a contestant spurs, the ride score will be reduced. Aggression is great, but must be controlled. If control and form are not compromised while spurring, then increase ride portion of score accordingly.

- **Steers** – Remember the next step up the ladder is Junior Bulls.

An 18 point steer is one which jumps and kicks with some snap/drop and speed not covering a whole lot of ground. Should include some direction changes and/or lead changes or circle. Lack of these qualities should reduce score and additions (things to consider above) should increase score.

Riders score – refer to calf riding and sheep riding

- **Junior Bulls**-

An 18 point Junior bull will possess the same qualities as an 18 point steer yet with more intensity, speed and/or size. For the most part, this age group is just a smaller version of the

senior bull riding utilizing younger bulls and some larger bulls that have not stepped up to meet the standards to justify them being in the senior draw.

Riders score – refer to calf riding and sheep riding

- **Senior Bulls-**

Judge it as you would any major bull riding event. Use full spread. Rarely should you see anything less than a 16 or stronger than a 21.

Riders score – refer to calf riding and sheep riding

# SCORING (Bareback Broncs)

## Animal score

- 8&U – forward motion throughout the ride constitutes a 15 pointer, this is your bottom, anything less would be a re-ride. (must stop to receive a re-ride)
- 10&U – 21&U-            Use full spread

## Rider score

*One of the goals of the JBRA is to give opportunity for kids to develop the skills and techniques needed to compete at a professional level once they progress through our six age groups. The development of skills and techniques, that will best prepare our kids for his or her next level of progression, must be second only to safety and fairness. You as a judge **must** contribute to this cause. **Bareback riding is a spurring contest. Mark the ride as if spurring a stationary bale of hay. The horse is marked for difficulty to ride, but the contestants need to be encouraged , by your score, for the spur ride . ex.***

- *Contestant 1 in a particular age group draws horse equivalent to sitting on a stationary bale of hay.  
Stock score – 1/1*
- *Contestant 1 - spurs, toes out, spurs in contact with horse close to mane all the way to rigging, set feet with authority for 8 seconds  
Ride Score – 24/24  
Total combined score of 50pts*
- *Contestant 2 in the same age group draws a 24 point eliminator- hard to ride - no timing  
Stock Score – 24/24*
- *Contestant 2 makes a jam up bull ride on a rank bareback horse(rank meaning hard to spur, nearly any bull rider can ride her, but few bareback riders make a 21 point spur ride on her) – in the dees – never attempts to spur and is just having to bare down the whole ride just to stay on  
Ride Score – 1/1  
Total combined score of 50pts*

*The moral of this is the contestants need to be rewarded for attempting and especially for mastering the skills needed to succeed in levels of bareback riding beyond the junior level. The above scenarios are extremes. There could, but should not be 11 points difference between any of the horses in the JBRA. The ride score of a contestant who is attempting to spur with lots of mistakes should be scored above the ride score of a contestant who never attempts to spur – regardless of caliber of stock mounted by each. **Score the animal. - Separately - Score the spur ride as if they were on a bale of hay.** A contestant who keeps his or her feet in the neck should have a higher ride score than one who remains in the dees. **(in all reality with no attempt to go to the neck constitutes a “0” spur ride, with any attempt at all drastically enhancing that score)** A contestant who scratches at one in the neck should be marked even higher, spurring one but timing is off and in the flats is even higher – you get the picture. **Contestant who spurs in the belly should be marked same as riding in the dees, if there is no attempt to go to the front end.***

# COMMENT TO OUR JUDGES

You as a judge make your own subjective call on many issues. We will support your calls based on opinion and opinion calls will be binding, but be able to justify your reasoning and decision making process. A protest is only valid if your decision was not consistent with the rules.

*(There is a difference between making a mistake, and unjustness. Mistakes will happen, but realize it's a subjective opinion on most calls and not always black and white, opinions vary and so do our judges from rodeo to rodeo, it is **unlikely that an unjust call will be made**, but if that rare occurrence does happen, **his or her decision will still be binding**. Yet, with proof, not speculation, of this occurrence – said judge will be reprimanded and face possibly being banned from judging future JBRA sanctioned events).*

## Definitions:

- Compete – leave chute with animal once called for (honest effort)
- Event – a sanctioned rodeo—(barebacks, sheep thru senior bulls the whole contest)
- Division – specific contest (e.g. sheep riding or Junior bull riding)
- Member in good standing – paid the \$100 membership and is eligible to enter the next event, gets in the gate for free.
- Qualified Finalist – paid for the \$100 membership, paid for the \$50 sponsorship per division, sold and/or turned the money in for \$250 worth of raffle tickets, and is eligible to enter the next event, gets in the gate free, eligible for awards and is eligible to enter the JBR finals if competed in required amount of events.
- JBR and JBRA are one and the same

**ANY TYPOS, INCONSISTENCIES, UNCERTAINTIES, THINGS THAT APPEAR TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE INTERPRETATION, ONCE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION WILL BE CORRECTED AND REVISED. IF REQUIRED, A MAJORITY VOTE WILL BE USED TO RECTIFY THE PARTICULAR SCENARIO. A REVISED, UP TO DATE; COPY OF RULE BOOK WILL BE KEPT AT SECRETARY'S TABLE DURING SANCTIONED EVENTS AND BE UPDATED ON THE JBRA WEB SITE. INTERPRETATION DISCREPANCIES UNTIL RECORDED WILL BE BASED ON ORIGINAL INTENT BY A BOARD DECISION.**

DO THESE ISSUES MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU? IF SO, ASK HOW YOUR ASSOCIATION WOULD HANDLE OR HAS HANDLED EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

Are bull fighters and pickup men instructed on how to reduce injury and risk in the younger age groups?

- 1) We hired six bullfighters from a prominent adult organization and said go get'em boys. And spent a week complimenting them all the while their performance was poor and we didn't even realize that with a little bit of education, numerous bumps, bruises and high risk situations could have been eliminated.
  - 2) We hire quality bull fighters and let them through trial and error figure out the differences between younger divisions and older. *School of hard knocks for the kids.*
  - 3) We hire anyone who says he is or wants to be a bull fighter.
  - 4) **We have all potential bull fighters first fight with our regulars in a round robin. They are evaluated and either hired or not (based on skill and experience). If hired, they are put into three categories; Mentors, Standard, and Rookie. The mentors help mold the rookies into awesome bullfighters while minimizing the risk for all involved.**
  - 5) **All bull fighters get the following education whether they like it or not and we've not had one yet not be appreciative.**
- **Bullfighters who have not fought kid events tend to cause more damage than good.**
    - **Grabbing a sheep rider whose hand is secure while the sheep is running full force tends to wad all three up in a pile. By grabbing the sheep first the action is stopped.**
    - **Not allowing kids in lower age groups to attempt to dismount on their own takes away their ability to learn while the risk is minimal.**
    - **Again when a kid is hung up you as a bullfighter have the ability to stop all the action on the smaller animals by grabbing a tail or neck of the animal. Grabbing the kid does not work and going for their tail seldom does at any level. If you don't think your stout enough to stop the action, at minimum get under the kids arm and work on his hand. (this helps him get to his feet and makes your job easier. Grabbing the kid or tail only makes the situation worse and increases risk. By grabbing a tail and hanging on you have on increased the time the kid is going to hang (look at the physics of it)**
    - **Again on hang ups, if the kid is between the animal and the fence, make it your first priority to step between the animal and the fence. Don't chase and mash**
    - **On the Holsteins stay out from in front of them, you won't make them circle they will just see you and either slow down or stop**
    - **With sheep position yourself near the lead sheep and all the action will come to you rather than you chasing and being behind.**
    - **In the horses and ponies, stay out of the pickup men's way unless there is a wreck that needs a horse mugged to rectify.**
    - **Pickup men if a kid is hung in the lower age groups you will not catch up with that ducking and diving Shetland without causing a wreck. After much debate we have decided risk is reduced by roping the pony and letting him make circles around your horse until bullfighters and parents can stop the action. They too will not catch up to that Shetland afoot unless he is mobbed in a corner.**
    - **Pickup men: realize ponies can and will duck under and in front of your horse.**
    - **Bullfighters don't grab the kid when the whistle blows. Time and time again we see kids at other venues where the bullfighter caused a wreck when the kid would have made a great get off without a wreck if just left alone. Nothing worse than sitting in the middle of one and having a bullfighter vank you off away from your hand, hang you up, trip you and then not be able to keep up and abandon you. And then chase your animal around the arena mashing you into the fence. All the while listening to the announcer compliment the bullfighters on how well of a job they are doing.**
    - **If the kid is attempting to get off be his coach. Remind him which side to get off on. Talk him through it. If he gets in a bind then go to the animal first and chances are the kid will save himself and learn from it. If you keep the animal slow and the kid on his feet he is safe and in a low risk situation. If you get in the middle of it and keep knocking the kids feet out from under him he remains at risk the whole time.**
    - **Work as a team, if there is more than two of you have a plan of who is in and who is out so you don't just get in each other's way.**
    - **Carry a knife, (in your shoe, sock, pocket, sleeve, etc.) one time in your career it will be the only way to solve a situation and possibly save a life.**

Are judges instructed to know the rule book or for that matter know what rule book to follow?

- 1) At a recent finals of more than 400 contestants three judges were asked separately “what rule book are you following and using”. One said the PRCA, one said I don’t know, and the other just turned and walked away. Calls throughout the finals made by different judges in identical situations were contradictory and left many leaving feeling cheated when in reality the rules were used and followed, it just depended which rule book each judge was accustomed to.
- 2) We don’t have a rule book.
- 3) **Our judges are asked to download our rule book and know it front and back and our parents and contestants are asked to know it better than the judges as to make the judges accountable.**

Does your association have bareback and/or saddle bronc riding?

- 1) **Yes**
- 2) No

Are your kids chute breaking someone’s animals week in and week out?

- 1) Yes
- 2) **No, occasionally all young animals will act up, but our contractors spend the time at home to help prepare them.**

Does your association give ground money back to the contestants (or put it into their own pockets)?

- 1) **Yes**
- 2) No

Does each contestant get an equal opportunity to draw at the whole herd?

*Examples of how this might not occur:*

- Contestant shows up late and wants to enter or pay fees after the draw.
  1. Contestant is given a hand picked animal (may be the weakest or strongest animal, may or may not have been in the initial draw. Who is making this decision, hopefully they like you?) – *it may or may not be in your favor, but is definitely NOT fair to you and/or the rest of the contestants*
  2. Contestant is drawn an animal from those that have already been drawn after the draw is complete. When considering to buck that animal a second time (even if they put the whole herd back in the draw, some animals buck better the second time out and some worse – most contractors do not want to buck their better animals two times in one day and therefore will be left out or they only put the better animals in twice to avoid re-rides) - *it may or may not be in your favor, but is definitely NOT fair to you and/or the rest of the contestants. Bucking an animal twice is not the problem, not giving everyone in the draw to draw the animal his first or second trip is a problem.*
  3. Association re-draws the whole field. Not always time effective when trying to start an event on time and if this takes place after the start of the event, judges should draw and would have to interrupt the event to do so– some in the field will be glad this took place and some very upset –*isn’t there a rule that says you must be paid up by a certain time or you will be drawn out.*
  4. **Association tells the contestant a rule is in effect that he or she must be paid by a predetermined time and therefore contestant is drawn out of the competition. (with a cell phone and good credit, there are very few circumstances that would cause a contestant not to be paid by the predetermined time.)**
- How is the stock drawn?
  1. All animals are placed on a list and as contestants pay, the secretary writes the names of contestant next to the animals
    - (a) Not random even when done fairly – usually animals the contractor for sure wants bucked are at the top of the list (could be his better animals or his unproven (green) animals – if unexpected entries are taken then animals are added to the bottom of the list – *showing up early is to your advantage, not fair to those paying up before the predetermined time, but later than some.*
    - (b) Possibility of Corruption – dad figures this out and makes a point to see which animal is next in line, if likeable fees are paid, in not the one he wants, dad makes an excuse and waits until others pay and therefore handpicks his child’s animal. (OR) for reasons of his or her choosing hand picks the contestants animal

2. Chute run
  - (a) Dad will figure out even in the sheep riding which animals are most profitable and somehow that animal will end up the in the right order for his son or daughter to draw it – the methods are too numerous to list including just putting a rope on the best one no matter the order or worse being told to do so
3. Animals drawn in a secured area – very few people are corrupt, but this does leave room for it. Sometimes corruption happens for a good Samaritan intent - it is still corruption even when looked at as a “favor”. First time Billy draws off the top of the herd (over his head), for Billy’s benefit another animal is hand picked for him.
4. We have a computer system, actually it is just excel’s scramble and we think it is random. (though it is not)
5. **Animals drawn by judges or contestants themselves in front of anyone who wishes to observe. Minimizes and nearly eliminates corruption and the mistakes that are inevitably going to occur over time will be discovered and forced to be rectified in a fair manner – same number of animals as contestants or more animals must be in the hat to draw from at the beginning of draw. With this method some animals may not get bucked if a contestant doesn’t show. Our contractors are getting paid for these animals regardless of whether they get bucked or not.**

Do the awards, added money, and contestant requirements to receive such awards and added money on the incentive flyer, website, etc. at the beginning of the season match what was given at the end of the season?

Examples of what some associations decided to do after their membership got on board:

1. Advertised added money at the finals or finals purse and gave the money as travel money to year end winners instead of finals purse money.
2. Advertised added money at the finals or finals purse and gave money to year end winners instead of average winners at finals
3. Increased the requirements of members to qualify for awards and added money mid- season
4. Give less than promised.
5. **Give back to the members all that is advertized (or more), season in and season out and make no changes to requirements of members to qualify for awards and added money**

Is there an attempt to have fair and impartial judges?

Examples:

1. Same judge’s week in and week out. – Though the quality and fairness of said judges is not in question – anyone who has taken Psychology 101 realizes that the human subconscious forms it’s own biases, stereotypes, and predetermined outcomes from prior experiences.
2. Judges allowed to be belittled, encouraged, etc. – again the subconscious mind of a judge can be trained over time to see things that may or may not exist based on prior experience – the subconscious mind in going to do its best to avoid pain and gain pleasure with the avoidance of pain being the dominant motivator – if dad constantly belittles a judge, said judge is going to react over time in an impartial manner and very well may allow said contestant to win when he or she shouldn’t – same goes if said judge is repeatedly encouraged by a parent to view said contestant as dominant – though the judge is extremely ethical and unbiased, influences over time can change this unknowingly.
3. **Rotate numerous quality unbiased judges. Make every effort not to allow any influence, be it negative or positive**

*– realize 99% of all judges are fair and impartial and are only asked to give their opinion based on their knowledge and experience. It’s the added influence that allows a good judge to become an impartial judge without even knowing it. Some judge’s opinions vary like night and day, this is a good thing as long as you don’t have to see the same judge that never sees as you do week in and week out.*

Will your association continue to buck livestock with no ambulance on site?

Examples:

1. Yes (we can not afford an ambulance)
2. We have a hospital five minutes away and don’t feel we need one.

*An ambulance not on site can't be relied upon to be a predetermined time frame away. There is not a sicker feeling when 20-30 minutes passes while a kid is lying in your arena with a life threatening injury waiting on an ambulance that guaranteed a response time and forgot to call you when they left to go on an unrelated call thirty minutes in the other direction.*

3. Yes, occasionally when we can afford it
4. We have first responders at every event
5. We have a paramedic on site at every event
6. **No, not under any circumstance (even an ambulance on site that is tending to an injured person, may or may not be available to help your child and therefore at times the event is postponed until another arrives)**

Is there an effort to tip all livestock before a contestant competes on such animal?

Examples:

- 1) Only if it is convenient
  - a) "go ahead and get on him, we'll have him tipped by the next event
  - b) It's just a calf (event though a 4 inch slender horn can sure cause a lot of damage)
  - c) He's not mean(doesn't help if you fall or get jerked down on that horn)
- 2) **Yes, and if one slips by and is brought to the attention of the arena director – it will be tipped immediately or a contestant will be given a re-ride option if no means to tip animal are present or if it falls too close to competition**

Does your association have a rule book and do they follow it and enforce it?

Examples:

1. No, we make rules up as we go
2. Yes, but we often modify and change as we go not putting much thought into the consequences of said action on future occurrences and situations
3. **Yes, we abide by our rule book and if any discrepancies come about that are not in it or are unclear in the meaning the board after discussion and debate makes an immediate ruling**

Does your association try to match stock to age of contestants so they have a chance to develop their skills without losing confidence before they even get started?

1. No we are set up to train our young bulls with little concern for the kids health and development in the sport
2. Yes only because we are forced to by kids leaving our association by the droves
3. Yes but we believe that if we use stock that is over the kids ability to ride than the cream will rise to the top and become champions and the weak (that wouldn't survive in the big league anyway) will be weaned out.
4. No we get to keep all the entry fee money if we can buck them all off
5. **Yes we constantly monitor and adjust to accommodate the kid's needs to prosper with stock that is within the kids (overall, average) means to ride and have contractors willing within reason to supply the right type, size, and caliber animal to achieve this goal using a 40% rule. (Meaning a minimum of 40% of the animals should be ridden throughout a season)**

Does your association keep or pay out more of your entry fee and of what they keep where does the money go?

1. We never know from event to event what we are going to pay out.
2. We have a system but don't let the membership see it or know how it works
3. We keep more than we give back
4. We hold out and pocket as much as the members will allow us.
5. A major finals recently held out two thirds of your entry fees
6. **We post our payout at every event. From this posting you can see how much is going into the purse, how much is going to the contractor for stock, how much is going into production costs, and how much is going back to the kids in year end awards.**

How are mistakes dealt with by your association?

1. We don't make mistakes
2. We hope the mistakes we have made are never brought to light.

3. We are so secretive in our records and dealing, that no one including ourselves will ever catch a mistake (Oh, yah we don't make mistakes)
4. Not enough time to correct all mistakes, as long as no one catches it or has an opportunity to catch it then no mistake was made (out of site out of mind)
5. When made we just use the most convenient method to rectify it. *Recently at a prominent finals the short round draw had a mistake – the parent that approached the person in charge new all the calves and several of the kids. The mistake was a legitimate one – two numbers were drawn twice and one left out of the hat – when the parent presented the mistake, knowing only four people had seen the posted sheets, the person in charge told the parent to just change one of the duplicate numbers to the one that was left out. One calf was the best on, one calf was the weakest. One kid was in position to win a championship and one at the bottom. The parent said my ethics won't allow me to do that and the person in charge looked puzzled. The calves were redrawn but if a different parent had brought it to light he could have decided for himself the outcome of the event and possible a different champion would have been crowned. No the person in charge was not dishonest he knew none of the calves and probably none of the kids it would have directly affected, but he was willing to call that parents decision random because of ease and burden to do it right.*
6. **Everything is in the open (judges sheets, points, membership, financial report, etc. is all posted at each venue or is viewable by the membership) and audited by more than one person (the entire membership if so desired) and therefore mistakes are usually caught and rectified before they pose an inconvenience or problem. Our rule book forces us and future leadership to make the right decisions and to rectify many common mistakes in as fair an ethical a manner as possible.**

Does your association post judges sheets, points, payout, and membership?

1. No
2. No, we don't want to be questioned or hassled
3. No, everyone should just realize we don't make mistakes and all the information was translated from person to person flawlessly every time and all outcomes are correct
4. **Yes, all sheets are posted promptly. Mistakes are going to be made and, if given the opportunity, contestants and parents are the best auditors. This way mistakes can be rectified in an expedient time frame and integrity and fairness can be maintained.**

Do you have a board making decisions or one entity?

Examples:

- 1) One entity
  - a) What are the motives of this single entity?
    - i) Profit
    - ii) Own child's benefit
    - iii) Trying and training young livestock
    - iv) Power, ego
    - v) Kids benefit (who has this entity surrounded him or herself with for advice and guidance and how do they take constructive criticism and opposing ideas- ignore, or logically think through to reaffirm opinion or form a new opinion) – no one can do it all alone
- 2) Board
  - a) What are the motives of the board?
    - i) We have a board but when it comes down to it only one person is making all the final decisions
    - ii) Profit
    - iii) Each member's own child
    - iv) Trying and training young livestock
    - v) Power, ego
    - vi) **Giving a fair and equal playing field to all members in all age groups of the association, knowing that all knowledge, life experience, and logic needs to be laid out on the table, discussed, rationalized, and debated for each issue to**

***truly be unbiased and focus on the whole membership as a whole. Knowing that on any one issue, the board may not always agree, but each member will accept the majority decision and no one member will dictate to the others a final decision on any issue.***

Do you make every effort known to you to minimize the ability to be corrupt such as not letting a judge or flank man also be a parent of a kid competing?

- 1) No
- 2) Yes

How do you distribute your added money at your finals?

- 1) We advertised a “\$3500 Finals Purse”, but instead a decision was made at the conclusion of the season to give our year end reserve champ and champion an equal share as travel money to go to another event instead of those competing at our finals.
- 2) We advertised a “\$7000 Finals Purse” – mid season when we realized we would have to pull out of our pockets, we raised the requirements to be eligible for this money - and at the conclusion of the season decided to not give the money to our finals winners, but instead to our year end winners proportionally according to the number of entries in each division.
- 3) We won't know how much of anything we will give until the end of the season and we see how much money is in our budget.
- 4) **We pay out as much or more at our finals than we guarantee, season in and season out.**

How much does it cost to be an eligible member?

- 1) Minimal, (\$100 - \$300) but we take and keep a lot out of your entry fee and this adds up to a large amount by the end of the season. (additional costs may arise as season budget is evaluated and we may ask for more)
- 2) Minimal, (\$100-\$300) but we charge contestants at the gate and have hidden costs throughout the season, this adds up to a large amount by the end of the season. (additional costs may arise as season budget is evaluated and we may gouge you for more)
- 3) Minimal, (\$100-\$400) but we stagger it out and don't let you know for sure what it will cost up front. Some may not even realize how much the total expenditures were for the whole season if we do it this way.
- 4) We advertise a small amount to become a member and guarantee a lot, if we don't meet our monetary expectations we will either force our membership to add to their responsibilities as needed or we will reduce the goodies at the end that we promised.
- 5) ***Nothing, not a dime has to come out of your pocket to join our association. You can withdraw and sell raffle tickets equal to the amount of your membership, sponsorship, and added money contribution Every dime of the membership and sponsorship is used to buy year end awards and each members contribution to the added money is accumulated into one large pool and split equally between each division for added money at the season's finals. A member is eligible to compete in more than one division and encouraged to do so by just selling a sponsorship for each division. (\$100 membership, \$50 sponsorship per division, \$250 added money contribution ) The production money and expense is kept in a separate budget from the kids money. If the production account runs low volunteers go out into the community to raise money to meet the demand. Members through our sponsorship package can utilize the benefits within up to the total cost of membership. (banners in arena, plugs by announcer, etc.)***