

**Fort Bend County  
Youth Rodeo  
Association**



**RULE BOOK  
2006**

## Mission Statement

Fort Bend County Youth Rodeo Association is a junior rodeo association for kids up to 19 years of age. We provide a safe place for Fort Bend County's Youth to have fun and experience the great sport of rodeo. We have a long history of helping young people grow-up and become successful in their lives.

Scholarships to help further education are available through a generous sponsorship program. All qualified members compete for the scholarship awards.

In addition to learning athletic skilled in the arena, Fort Bend County Rodeo Association educates young rodeo athletes on the importance of being in top physical condition and preventative health issues.

Fort Bend County Youth Rodeo Association is devoted to the promotion of junior rodeo and the continued support and encouragement of our county's youth. The aims and purposes of the organization are directed toward the interests of the western minded youth of the county.

Where there is a need for a wholesome youth program, sufficient community interest, and enthusiasm to support it; where there is a non-profit organization or group of people willing to promote and carry it through; then you have the combination necessary to put on a successful Youth Rodeo.

WARNING  
UNDER TEXAS LAW  
(CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE  
AND REMEDIES CODE),  
AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS  
NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY  
TO OR THE DEATH OF A  
PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE  
ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM  
THE INHERENT RISKS OF  
EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

## Horse Humane Policy

It is the responsibility of every FBCYRA member to ensure that proper care is taken of their horse according to acceptable methods of good equine husbandry. A healthy horse requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and correct health care.

Cruel and inhumane training methods are not appropriate in Fort Bend County Youth Rodeo events.

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## FORT BEND COUNTY YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I

##### NAME

The name of the corporation is Fort Bend County Youth Rodeo Association.

#### ARTICLE II

##### PURPOSE

The purpose or purposes for which the Association is organized are: to provide a safe place for youth of Fort Bend County to have fun and experience the great sport of rodeo, to develop within the youthful contestants a spirit of fair competition and appreciation of good sportsmanship, to educate the young rodeo athletes on the importance of being in top physical condition and preventative health issues, and to give scholarships to help further education.

#### ARTICLE III

##### MANAGEMENT

The management of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Board of Directors (consisting of four (4) elected principle officers) and Board of Directors (consisting of two (2) elected directors from each voting precinct of Fort Bend County and five elected directors-at-large). If there are no representatives from a precinct willing to serve on the board, then the position will be filled at-large. All of these members will serve a two year term. (As an exception, half of the initial Board will be elected to a one year term so that all of the Board's terms of offices will not expire at the same time).

#### ARTICLE IV

##### REGISTERED OFFICE

##### Section 1.

The registered office of the Association shall be Post Office Box 1082, Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

##### Section 2.

The Association may have other offices at such address or place within the County as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

**ARTICLE V  
MEETINGS**

**Section 1.  
Meeting Location**

All meetings of the association members may be held at such time and place within the County as stated in the notices of the meeting or in a duly executed Waiver of Notice.

**Section 2.  
Annual Meetings**

Three annual meetings of the association members shall be held within the County as designated by the membership.

**Section 3.  
Special Meetings Association Members**

Special meetings of the association members may be called at any time upon request of the President, one-third of the General Directors, or written request signed by at least twenty-five (25) Association members in good standing.

**Section 4.  
Notices**

Minimum of five (5) days written notices of all meetings of the association members stating the time and place of the meeting shall be mailed to each member entitled to vote.

**Section 5  
Quorum**

Twenty (20) or more members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business for annual meeting or special meeting.

**Section 6  
Voting**

Each Association member, as herein defined, shall be entitled to vote at any Annual or Special meeting of the Association members. When a quorum is present at any legally called meeting, the vote of the majority of the members present in person shall decide any question brought before such meeting. The membership present at a duly authorized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, for as long as a quorum is present. Each individual association member in good standing and present may vote.

**ARTICLE VI  
CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

There shall be three (3) classes of members as follows:

- a. Contestant Member. Boys and Girls who are currently eligible to participate in competition as of September 1st who have not reached their birthday on or before August 31st are eligible according to the eligibility requirements stated of FBCYRA. This member does not have voting rights.
- b. Association Member. Comprised of parents and interested adults who currently pay annual dues of membership and who are thereby qualified to be a voting member.
- c. Honorary Member. Comprised of persons who have rendered notable service to the association and who may, by unanimous vote of the Directors present at the regular or duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, be elected to Honorary Membership. This non-dues paying member does not have voting rights.

**ARTICLE VII  
DUES**

The annual dues will be paid by each Association member and a filing fee will be paid by each contestant member. An Honorary member shall not be charged dues. Dues and filing fees will be determined by Association members.

**ARTICLE VIII  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.  
Number**

The Board of Directors shall consist of seventeen (17) members who reside in Fort Bend County as describe in ARTICLE III.

**Section 2.  
Term of Office**

Each Director will be elected to a two (2) year term with the exception of the initial Board. One-half (1/2) of the Board elected will serve a one (1) year term. (This will prevent a complete turnover of Board Members at the end of the first term).

Section 3.  
Nominations and Elections

The Board of Directors will be elected by the following procedure at the annual meeting:

- a. Each year, at the annual meeting, a Director will be nominated and voted on by the Association members present and good standing.

Section 4.  
Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held within the County with notice as to such time and place shall be determined by the Board from time to time. A quorum must be present in order to transact any business. Nine (9) Board members will constitute a quorum.

Section 5.  
Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time due to rule infractions up to 24 hours prior to event, or upon a written request of one-third (1/3) of the Directors to the President. Any item that requires a vote for the August Rodeo, 24 hours notice is all that is required. A quorum must be present in order to transact any business. Nine (9) Board members will constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**OFFICERS- THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1.  
Election of Officers (The Executive Board)

The Executive Board (Officers) shall be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting and voted on by all Association members present and in good standing. The Executive Board will be composed of four (4) members, consisting of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 2.  
Term of Office

Officers will serve a two (2) year term.

Section 3.  
Removal of Officers

Each Officer of the Association shall hold office until his successor is chosen and qualified or until his death or until his resignation or removal from office. An officer, elected to office, may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors. If a Director or Officer misses three (3) consecutive meetings, without being excused, he will automatically be removed from the Board.

Section 4.  
President

The President shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings and have general and active management of the business and affairs of the Association; shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors and Executive Board of Directors are carried into effect; shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe; and shall write letters on behalf of the organization.

Section 5.  
Vice-President

The Vice-President shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, prescribe, or as the President may, from time to time, delegate to him.

The Vice-President shall preside at legally called meetings of the Association in the absence of the President.

Section 6.  
Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and general membership meetings and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He/She shall give or cause notice to be given to all Board meetings; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Executive Board of Directors. He/She shall keep in safe custody, the seal of Corporation, and when authorized by the Board, affix the same to any instrument requiring it, and when so affixed, it shall be attested by his/her signature or by the signature of the Treasurer.

Section 7.  
Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements of the Association and shall deposit all money and other valuable affects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board. He shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Executive Board of Directors, at the regular meetings of the Board or whenever they may require it, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and the financial condition of the corporation, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Board of Directors may prescribe.

**ARTICLE X  
FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of this Association shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st of each year.

**ARTICLE XI  
CHECK AND BANK ACCOUNTS**

All checks and demands for money and costs of the Association shall be signed by such officer as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate. Every odd number year a CPA shall confirm the bank balances and review the detail or upon change of Treasurer.

**ARTICLE XII  
COMMITTEES**

The Executive Board of Directors may designate one or more committees of the Board. One of which will be a Rules Committee consisting of 5 Board of Directors. The Rules committee will be appointed by the President for the summer series and August rodeo. All other committees shall consist of two or more Directors.

Such committee or committees shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors, in the management of the Association business to the extent provided in such resolution by the Executive Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIII  
INDEMNITY**

The Corporation shall have the power to indemnify any Director or Officer of the Corporation for the expenses and cost (including attorney fees) actual and necessarily incurred by him, in connection with any claim asserted against him, by action in court or otherwise, by reason of his being or having been such Officer or Director, except in relation to matters as to which he shall have been guilty or negligent or misconduct in respect of the matter which the indemnity is sought.

**ARTICLE XIV  
AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the voting members present at any annual or special meeting of the Association duly called and regularly held, thirty (30) days notice of such proposed changes having been presented in writing to the Executive Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XV  
DISSOLVED CORPORATION ASSETS**

In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, all assets are to be distributed to the Fort Bend County Fair Association, an exempt organization.

## Fort Bend County Youth Rodeo Association

### Contestant Membership

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Ft Bend County Rodeo Youth Rodeo and practice sessions, a contestant must be a current paid up member. Contestant must attend school or one parent must reside in Ft Bend County.

#### **Membership Application**

To become a contestant, a contestant member must file with the Association Secretary the following:

1. A properly filled out and notarized "Minors release" or release of liability.
2. A copy of your birth certificate to be kept on file permanently (not required each year). It is for the purpose of providing positive identification for placement of the contestant in the correct age group. This will be kept in a permanent file by the Secretary.
3. Must fill out a FBCYRA membership Application.
4. A copy of current school year report card.

#### **Contestant Rules**

All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the event in which he or she has entered. All decisions of the Rules Committee will be final.

A five member rules committee will be appointed by the President for the summer series and August rodeo. Committee members will be of Board of Directors.

#### **Infractions**

In order to keep the sport of rodeo at its highest level, all contestants are required to conduct themselves well, in or around the rodeo arena.

Any of the following infractions will automatically disqualify anyone from competition:

1. If a contestant causes unnecessary disturbance, such as quarreling with officials, drinking alcoholic beverages, using profanity, etc. at any event sponsored by FBCYRA.

2. If a contestant's parents, family members or guests cause unnecessary disturbance, such as quarreling with officials, using profanity, etc. at any event sponsored by FBCYRA.

3. If a contestant is not enrolled in school.

4. If a contestant has reached their 20th birthday on or before August 31st of the previous year.

5. A student is no longer eligible after the 1st of September following his/her graduation from high school.

6. The contestant's use of alcoholic beverages or drugs.

7. Contestants are prohibited from using tobacco in any form in the arena.

8. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the sport of rodeo in or out of the arena; including profanity, fighting or quarreling, failure to pay bills, bad checks, vandalism, theft, and mistreatment of stock or being boisterous.

9. Entering pens of drawn stock without consent or presence of judges.

10. The contestant receives assistance of any kind during his or her run.

11. Misconduct of any nature will be considered by the FBCYRA Board of Directors and when ruled necessary, the contestant will be disqualified. Contestant may be disqualified for any of the following:

- a. Falsification of name, age, records or signature of parents or failure to comply with Association rules.
- b. Cheating or attempting to cheat. The attempt to fix, threaten, bribe or harass the judges, Officers or Board members at any time between opening and closing dates of the rodeo, in or out of the arena.
- c. A contestant must attempt to slow down their horse when exiting the arena gate. Any whipping and /or spurring after entering the alley upon exiting the arena will result in the contestant's disqualification.

#### **General Rules**

1. The management of the Association assumes no responsibility or liability for injury to any persons or the stock of any owner, contestant or assistant.

2. FBCYRA will provide Emergency Medical personnel or the equivalent with first-aid facilities where Emergency Medical personnel are not available, for all participants.
3. Only officials may occupy the judge's stand.
4. All stock is to be numbered and drawn for rough stock, tie down calf roping, ribbon roping, team roping and breakaway goats and chute dogging. The above events are not to be posted over two (2) hours prior to performance or slack performance and must be posted on arena bulletin board. All stock must have been used once prior to competition. No contestant may compete twice on the same head of stock at any rodeo in the same event unless for courtesy contestant.
5. The Secretary is to retain a complete original set of books of the rodeo at her office for one year.
6. Rodeo clowns are forbidden to use vulgar and suggestive jokes and acts at youth rodeos.
7. In order to change positions because more than one contestant is riding the same horse, the Secretary of the rodeo must be notified at least one (1) hour prior to posted starting time of the rodeo performance.
8. No one is allowed in the roping box except the contestant unless the contestant requests assistance or a director deems necessary.
9. In all roping events, the back gate of the arena may be left open or closed as stated on entry blank.
10. During the rodeo, contestants must wear strictly western attire with number visible on back in the arena at all times including slack performances. Shirts, long-sleeved properly worn and buttoned, no caps. The wearing of western hats is left to the discretion of the management of the rodeo. However, in ribbon roping girls are allowed to wear tennis shoes or go barefoot. Boots must be worn at all practices and rodeo. Any person entering the arena must be in western attire for the rodeo.
11. Saddle and proper riding equipment must be used.
12. Every contestant must check the posted lists and be responsible for being ready to compete. Anyone not present when it is time to compete will be disqualified in the event after he/she has been called three (3) times.
13. Individuals and persons not competing will not be allowed inside the arena fences. With exception of workers. Each rough stock rider may have two helpers to assist him with only one being in the arena. Arena director reserves the right to clear arena of any individuals or persons that are not competing at his or her discretion.
14. Any contestant that qualified for the finals must compete in the final performance of that event or forfeit any points he or she has won in previous go-rounds in that event. The only excuse will be sickness or injury to self or death or sickness in family, or emergencies beyond control. Any contestant failing to participate in team events while physically able to perform or compete will be disqualified from the rodeo.
15. Courtesy partners will be provided prizes, but no points for courtesy participants will be awarded.
16. There will be a one minute time limit on all events except for Beginners class.
17. Only contestant and mount may cross start line without being disqualified. Type of entry is left to discretion of contestant after entry of the alleyway.
18. Age groups apply as follows and are determined by the age at the last September 1st:
  - 4 years and under – Beginner Class
  - 5 years through 8 years – Sub-Junior Class
  - 9 years through 13 years – Junior Class
  - 14 years and over – Senior Class

#### Rodeo Events and Age Classes

Beginner - Boy and Girls – 4 and under  
Figure 8 Barrel Race

Sub-Junior - Boys and Girls – 5 to 8  
Figure 8 Barrel Race  
Pole Bending  
Cloverleaf Barrels (Boys and Girls)

## Junior – Boys and Girls – 9 to 13

Breakaway Roping (Sub-Junior, Junior Boys, and Junior Girls)

Ribbon Roping (Boy and Girls)

Pole Bending (Boys and Girls)

Figure 8 Barrel Race (Boys and Girls)

Steer Riding (Boys 9 to 13)

Goat Tying (Sub-Junior and Junior Girls)

Team Roping (Boys and Girls)

Tie down (Boys 9 to 13)

Cloverleaf Barrel Race (Girls 9 to 13)

## Senior – Boys and Girls 14 and over

Chute Dogging (Boys)

Ribbon Roping (Boys and Girls Team)

Tie Down Roping (Boys 14 and over)

Cloverleaf Barrel Race (Girls)

Pole Bending (Girls)

Bareback Bronc (Boys)

Team Roping (Boys and Girls 14 and over)

Bull Riding (Boys)

Goat Tying (Girls)

Breakaway Roping (Girls 14 and over)

Queens Contest (Girls)

Chute Dogging – Two Lines

1. 5' end of open gate time starting line.

2. 15' end of open gate steer cannot be thrown until any part of animal crosses line. If steer gets loose dogger may take no more than one (1) step and catch steer. Steer considered thrown if flat on side or back; all four feet straight.

## Roping Events

1. Barriers and Score line: A measuring tape must be on hand for the barrier judge. Barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string each performance and whenever it may have been weakened, or at request of next contestant. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in the rope on either end. The barrier must be measured and restrung between each go round. A ten second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier. In all timed events a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within ten (10) feet of post. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.

2. If barrier flagman is used, animal is to be flagged when its nose reaches starting or deadline in front of flagman. Barrier Judge shall be sure that no one can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.

3. Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed until the go round is complete. If it is changed, the whole go round must be re-run.

4. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.

5. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant or team will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier.

6. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant or team will get stock back if stock is not contested. All penalties from the prior will be added.

7. If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestant or team must take the same animal over during or immediately after the same event.

8. If a contestant does not ask for calf, or is fouled at box, by barrier rope or barrier trip rope he must stop his horse as soon as possible without throwing his rope. If contestant throws his or her rope, it will forfeit re-run. Barrier rope interfering with horse is not considered a foul.

9. Field Flagmen: In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get the same animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent including penalty will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final.

a. If rope is on animal, roper will get animal lap and tap.

b. A field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop. Once a contestant has been flagged out; he will receive no stock back.

10. Time keeper, barrier judge or field flag judge shall not be changed until the go round is completed, except in extreme emergency.

11. During any performance, if animal becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, the judges and arena director must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be skipped or replaced in the draws. During any performance, if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestants, or if automatic barrier fails to work and stock is bought back, the animal will be returned by the arena director and labor crew during or at the end of the performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to pens for contesting. At least several head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be re-penned by itself. Decision will be made by arena director about when stock is re-penned.
12. If a calf or steer is not removed from the arena in time or escapes in the arena while the next contestant is contesting, the contestant will get his stock over, if judge rules interference. Decision to be made before contestant leaves arena.
13. Ropers in tie down and ribbon roping can not build a loop. If second loop falls to the ground before being thrown, it will be considered used and no time will be given to the contestant if the first loop has been missed. This applies to any roping event.
14. In case of emergency, if assistance is needed to prevent injury to contestant or animal, decision is left up to the flagman.

### **Senior Tie down Calf Roping (Boys 14 and over)**

#### **Junior Tie down Calf Roping (Boys 9 to 13)**

**Calves must weigh 135 to 160 pounds.**

1. There shall be two or more timers (with stop watches or electric timer), a field judge and a barrier judge. Flagmen are also required to have a stopwatch. Time to be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director if present. Two (2) loops will be permitted and should the roper miss with both, he must retire from the arena and no time will be allowed. If roper intends to use two (2) loops, he must carry two (2) ropes and must use second rope for the second loop.
2. Contestant must use neck rope and adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside or he will be disqualified. If horse drags calf, field judge may stop horse. If contestant causes unnecessary roughness to livestock, a no time can be assessed by the flag judge. Contestant may choose anyone to start his calf.
3. Rope must be tied hard and fast, contestant must dismount, go  
18 down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three

feet. If calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and be thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hands on calf. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge, and roper must not touch string after giving finish signal until after judge has completed his examination. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked NO TIME. A legal tie shall consist of one or two wraps and a half-hitch.

4. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves, timing six (6) seconds from the time rope horse takes his first steps forward after roper has remounted. **ROPE MUST BE REMOVED FROM CALF AND THE ROPE MUST REMAIN SLACK UNTIL FIELD JUDGE HAS PASSED ON TIE.**
5. If re-run calf is given and the roper used two loops and missed the first loop the first run, the roper can use only one loop on his re-run calf.
6. Any hazing beyond the length of the score line in roping events will result in disqualification of the contestants involved.

### **Breakaway Roping (Sub-junior and Junior Boys 5-13)**

#### **Breakaway Roping (Junior Girls 9-13)**

#### **Breakaway Roping (Senior Girls 14 and over)**

1. There will be two or more timekeepers, a deadline or barrier judge and two field judges, one for flagging and one for clean catch. One is to flag when string breaks from the roper's saddle horn. The other judge is to verify a clean bell-collar catch when rope breaks away from saddle horn. Either one can disqualify the roper for an illegal catch. The rope must be tied with string and a rag or handkerchief attached to the rope at the saddle horn, so when the calf is roped, rope will break away from saddle horn. The loop must go over calf's head, be a clean bell-collar catch and time will stop when the string breaks from the saddle horn. Breaking string with hand will disqualify the roper.

### **Team Roping**

1. Three loops will be allowed.
2. The ropes must dally or tie hard fast.
3. Must face horses.
4. Header can either catch horns, half head, or around neck.
5. Any heels caught behind both shoulders are legal if rope goes up the heel.
6. A five (5) second penalty will be added to time for catching only one heel.
7. Dallies must hold until flagman drops flag.

8. Steer must be turned by the header before heeler heels at the steer.
9. Figure eight on head catch will result in a NO TIME.

**Junior Ribbon Roping (Boys and Girls Team 9-13) (no calves to weigh over 160 pounds)**

**Senior Ribbon Roping (Boys and Girls Team 14 and over)**

1. There shall be the same number of judges and timers as in tie down calf roping. There will be allowed one roper and one runner to each team. The runner must be on foot. A short length of ribbon of about one-half (1/2) inch in width and ten (10) inches or more in length should be fastened to the calf's tail while it is in the chute and there should be enough ribbon to allow for contestant to grab and remove with out any trouble. Ribbons must be put on calves' tails with rubber bands. Arena conditions will determine start and deadline, but roping score line is desirable and should be used under most conditions.
2. A boy and girl must work together in the event. (Boy ropes and girl removes ribbon). Boy must be off horse before runner crosses the line. Contestants must team up on their entry forms when entering. Courtesy partners will be drawn. Each contestant must be entered in at least one (1) other event.
3. The contestant who is entered may take two loops if he is carrying two ropes. Runners may choose where they wish to stand in the arena. The flagman stands on the flag line or score line. After the calf is roped, the girl removes the ribbon from the calf's tail and runs back across the line. The roper does not need to remove the rope from the calf before the runner crosses the line.
4. If runner or roper sees there is no ribbon on the calf's tail, he or she should call attention to it immediately and team will be given same calf.
5. The rope must be secure or securely hold the calf until the ribbon is removed or until the boy or girl has his/her hands on the calf.
6. If a re-run is given and roper carried two (2) loops but misses the first loop, roper can use only one (1) loop on re-run.
7. Runner must hand ribbon (or portion thereof) to flag judge and NOT throw ribbon on ground.

**ROUGH STOCK**

**Judging Bronc Riding**

1. The ride and the animal to be marked separately. Mark the ride according to how much rider spurs a horse. 0-25 score on rider. 0-25 score on horse; on each side. Judges are to sign all score sheets. Both judges are required to have stop watches.
  - a. Equipment Requirements: All rough stock contestants will be required to wear flack jackets and have mouth pieces in place.
2. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching the bronc horse when horse's feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
3. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge shall tell the rider to take his feet off of the horse's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived.
  - a. Rider shall be disqualified in the bronc riding for not following the judges' instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute.
  - b. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate, at the judges' discretion, e re-ride may be given, or the spurring rule may be waived.

**Bull Riding**

1. The ride and the animal shall be marked separately. Mark 0-25 on the rider. 0-25 on the bull: on each side. Judges are to sign all score cards. Both judges are required to have stop watches.
2. Contestants may pull riggings from either side in all riding events
3. If an animal that is drawn in a riding event becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, the judges and arena director must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be skipped or replaced in the draw.

**Bareback Bronc Riding (Boys 14 and over)**

1. One hand rigging is to be used. Rider may use own rigging if rigging is not over ten (10) inches in width at hand hold and not over six (6) inches "D" ring, or not a freak. Judges to decide on all rigging. Allow only one person in arena to help contestant.

2. Rigging must lie flat on the horses back while rigging is being cinched. Stock contractor may call judges to pass on whether rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back. All cinches must be at least five (5) inches wide. No rigging may have metal, fiberglass or other objectionable material protruding underneath rigging. All rigging must have enough sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath to cover the bars.
3. Judges may disqualify bareback rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.
4. Rider who is knocked off at chute or when a horse falls out of the chute will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of judges. Riders may be given re-ride if flank comes off or breaks, provided rider completes qualified ride. Horses will be ridden eight (8) second; time to start when horse leaves the chute. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges. If the rigging comes off horse without breaking, rider is disqualified.
5. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly flanked and cinched. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
6. No "hotshots" shall be used until animal turns his head out of the chute, unless requested by contestant. Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider:
  - a. Riding with rowels too sharp in opinion of judges.
  - b. Being bucked off.
  - c. Touching animal or oneself with free hand.
4. Riders who are knocked off at chute or if bull falls, will be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of the judges. Rider not to use sharp spurs.
5. If flank comes off, a re-ride may be given at the discretion of the judges and on the same bull provided rider has made a qualified ride.
6. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - a. Being bucked off.
  - b. Touching animal or oneself with free hand.
  - c. Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
7. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand he is to be marked. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability. Bell must be under belly of bull. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.

### **Steer Riding (Boy 9-13)**

**Rules same as for Bull Riding.**

**Sub-Junior Cloverleaf Barrel Race (Girls & Boys 5-8)**

**Junior Girls Cloverleaf Barrel Race (Girls 9-13)**

**Senior Girls Cloverleaf Barrel Race (Girls 14 and Over)**

### **Bull Riding (Boys 14 and Over)**

1. No "hotshots" will be used on bull after a rider sits down on bull, unless rider requests such use.
2. Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.
3. No more than two (2) men may be on chute to pull contestant's rope. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him. Rope must have bell, no bell-no marking. Bull will be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when animal leaves chute.
1. This is a timed event. Electric Times and flagmen used. All time's electric and hand held times recorded. In the event that the electric timers malfunction and cannot be repaired, hand held times will apply to all run.
2. The starting line should be at least (50) yards from entry gate. No barrel may be more than forty (40) feet or less than twenty (20) feet from any arena fence.
3. Locations for the starting line and all the barrels must be permanently marked for the entire rodeo. Arena will be raked or dragged every ten (10) runs. Barrels must be painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
4. The contestant will start from behind one starting line, run around barrel number one, then around barrel number two and continue around barrel number three, finishing by crossing the starting line on the way back. This pattern may be reversed, starting by going around barrel number two (the one on the left when facing the barrel from the starting position) then go to barrel number one and on to barrel number three. All Forward Motion.

- Time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when she/he crosses it on the way back after running pattern. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a barrel and it stands up again on its other end, it will be considered the same as knocking it over and a five (5) second penalty will be assessed. Breaking the pattern disqualifies contestant for that run. Back gate will be opened for Sub-Juniors, Junior and Senior classes. At least three (3) panels will be set up at the end of the alley.
- Touching barrel (without knocking it over) by horse or contestant is permitted.

**Beginner Figure 8 Barrel Race (Boys and Girls 4 and under)**  
**Sub-Junior Figure 8 Barrel Race (Boys and Girls 5-8)**  
**Junior Figure 8 Barrel Race (Boys and Girls 9-13)**

- The starting and finish line, and the position of the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo.
- Barrels must be twenty (20) yards apart, if possible. Barrels must be painted so as to be easily seen by horse and rider.
- Score line must be at least twenty-one (21) feet from the first barrel if arena permits. The score line should be at least (50) feet from entry gate.
- The pattern may be run to the left or the right of the first barrel. All Forward Motion.
- Contestants will be disqualified for not following correct pattern. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over. A barrel that changes ends after being struck will be considered knocked over.
- Touching barrel (without knocking it over) by horse or contestant is permitted.
- Electric timers and flagmen will be used as this is a timed event. All times, electric and hand held, will be recorded. In the event that electric timers malfunction and cannot be repaired, hand held times will apply to all runs.
- All Barrels must be placed inside of the stake.
- Back gate will be closed for beginner and sub-junior unless requested open by parent or guardian. Back gate will be open for junior class unless requested closed.

**Sub-Junior Pole Bending (Boys and Girls 5-8)**  
**Junior Pole Bending (Boys and Girls 9-13)**  
**Senior Pole Bending (Girls 14 and over)**

- Pole Bending is a timed event. A clearly visible starting line should be provided. Electric timers and Flagmen will be used. All times, electric and hand held times will be recorded. In the event that electric timers malfunction and cannot be repaired, hand held times will apply to all runs. Poles must be painted so as to be seen easily by horse and rider. Back gate will be closed in Sub-junior class (unless requested open by parent or guardian). Back gate will be open for Junior and Senior class unless requested closed.
- The pole bending pattern is to be run around six (6) poles. Each pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet apart and the first pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet from the starting line.
- All Poles are to be either to the left or right side of the stake.
- A contestant may start either to the right or the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each pole knocked down. If horse's nose breaks the plain of any pole on the wrong side, ride will result in no time for broken pattern. If the contestant backs up, it is considered a broken pattern.
- Touching poles (without knocking it over) by horse or contestant is permitted.
- If a contestant knocks a pole to the ground and it stands up again, it will be considered the same as knocking it over and a five (5) second penalty will be assessed.

**Junior Goat Tying (Girls 5-13)**  
**Senior Goat Tying (Girls 14 and over)**

- Goat tying is open to Sub-junior, junior and senior girls.
- Goat will be placed One hundred five (105) feet from start line.
- Goat shall be staked with a rope at least ten (10) feet in length.
- Stake is to be driven into ground so that none of it is visible.
- No billy goats shall be used.
- Contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from starting line to goat, dismount, throw goat by hand and tie any three (3) feet together with goat string, give finish signal and stand clear. The run time will end when contestant gives finish signal.

7. The tie will be passed on by a field judge, and if it is not secure for five (5) seconds, the contestant will receive a NO TIME. Time will begin when contestant has moved at least three (3) feet from the goat and rope.
8. Legs must be crossed and tied to qualify as a legal tie. There will be one or more wraps and a half-hitch.
9. Time will start when mounted contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when the flag judge signals the completion of the tie.
10. Should contestant's horse run over the goat or the rope the goat is tied with, while she is mounted, she will be assessed a ten (10) second penalty. Contestant is considered mounted until both feet hit the ground.
11. Should the goat break loose from stake, it will be left to the flag judge as to whether the contestant gets a re-run or NO TIME.
12. Goat to be changed every five (5) contestants.

#### **Queen's Contest (Girls 14 and over)**

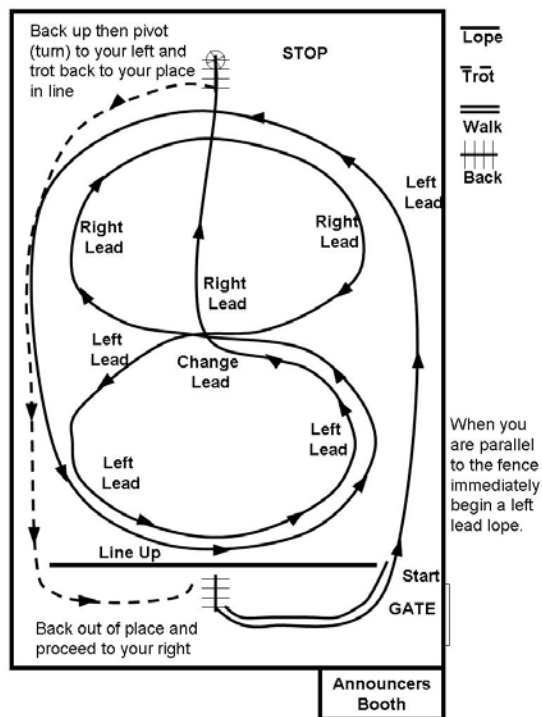
1. Each contestant will be judged on horsemanship, appearance, and personality with up to a total score of one hundred (100) points being possible. This contest will be divided into two (2) parts. The horsemanship judging will be held in the rodeo arena and the following rules will apply:
  - a. The Queen contestants will enter the arena single file, line up with back to the announcer.
  - b. Upon call, each contestant will perform the required pattern, individually. There is a total score of fifty (50) points. The pattern performance is worth up to twenty-five (25) points and horsemanship is worth up to twenty-five (25) points.
  - c. Contestants will wear western attire consisting of: western blue jeans, long sleeved shirt, western hat, boots and a belt – no vests.
  - d. Riding equipment should be neat and clean. Split reins are recommended but a roping rein or barrel rein is accepted and will not be counted off for.
  - e. The Queen's pattern is shown on the following page.

2. The second part of the contest is the personality and appearance judging. The personality judging is worth up to twenty-five (25) points and the appearance judging is worth up to twenty-five (25) points.
3. Each Queen Contestant must enter at least one (1) other event in the rodeo.

#### **Instructions for the Pattern**

1. Enter through the gate single file and at a walk.
2. Line up with back to announcer.
3. When your turn comes to perform the pattern, back out of the line (in a straight a line as possible) then turn to your right and walk over to the fence line.
4. Once your are at the fence line immediately (preferably from a walk) begin loping in the left lead.
5. Stay within the two cones during the pattern (except for your stop which will be past the cones).
6. In left lead make a wide circle within both cones.
7. Once you reach the center of your circle turn in to your left and before the fence change to the right lead and proceed to make the upper half of the figure eight.
8. Once you come back to the center and before the fence again change to your left lead and make the lower portion of the figure eight.
9. Then at the middle point of the center change to the right lead and lope down the center (towards the roping box) and PAST the cones and stop.
10. Then back up and pivot (turn) to your left and trot back to your place in line.

## METHOD FOR DETERMINING EVENT PLACING



### Summer Series

Contestants must compete in the specified number of summer series events in order to receive points. If contestant competes in more than specified number, the lowest points will be dropped.

### August Rodeo

In the go-round, time or score will be on individual contestants in each event. The ten contestants in each event with the best time or score will go to the finals. If less than ten contestants receive a qualified time or score in an event, less than ten contestants will go to the finals. In the event of a tie for 10th place, tied contestants will go to the finals.

In the finals, time or score will be added to the time or score in the go-round. The best time or score on two runs will be awarded first place, second best time or score will be awarded second place and so on through tenth place. If a contestant fails to receive a qualified time or score in the finals, the contestant will be placed after the contestants that qualify based on time or score in the go-round.

## METHOD FOR DETERMINING ALL-AROUND COWBOYS AND COW-GIRLS

Points will be given for the following events:

Junior and Senior Tie down Calf Roping	Junior Cloverleaf Barrel Race
Bareback Bronc Riding	Senior Cloverleaf Barrel Race
Bull Riding	Sub-Junior Pole Bending
Steer Riding	Junior Pole Bending
Breakaway Roping	Senior Pole Bending
Team Roping	Sub-Junior Figure 8 Barrel Race
Junior Ribbon Roping	Junior Figure 8 Barrel Race
Senior Ribbon Roping	Junior Goat Tying
Sub-Junior Cloverleaf Barrel Race	Senior Goat Tying

1st place - 100 points

2nd place - 90 points

3rd place - 80 points

4th place - 70 points

5th place - 60 points

6th place - 50 points

7th place - 40 points

8th place - 30 points

9th place - 20 points

10th place - 10 points

Points will not exceed 550 in any event except Ribbon Roping, in which there will be awarded 550 points for the boys and 550 points for the girls and Team roping in which there will be awarded 550 points for the Headers and 550 points for the Heelers.

In the event of a tie, points will be added together and divided by the number of contestants involved in the tie.

Contestants must earn points in at least two (2) events. No points will be used from the Queen's contest. If no one qualifies in two events, the one with the most points will win.

There will be awarded a Sub-Junior All-Around and Reserve Champion Boy and Girl.

There will be awarded a Junior All-Around and Reserve Champion Boy and Girl.

There will be awarded a Senior All-Around and Reserve Champion Boy and Girl.

In the go-round, points will be awarded for first through tenth place except as stated earlier in these rules.

Points will also be awarded according to final placing in the event. However, in order to receive points from the final placing in the event, the contestant must receive a qualified time or score in the finals. Points will be accumulated from points earned in the go-round and final placing in the event.

**Fort Bend County  
Youth Rodeo Association  
Scholarship Rules and Regulations**

The FBCYRA Scholarship Committee will be responsible for selecting the contestants who will receive the scholarships.

**Eligibility**

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior.
2. Applicant must be a member in good standing. The member must participate in the FBCYRA their entire senior year (excluding winter practices or medical reasons) to be eligible for the scholarship.
3. One letter of recommendation (Relatives not included) must be submitted with application (Teacher, Employer, or Clergy acceptable).
4. One complete copy of Final High School Transcripts.
5. One Completed copy of the FBCYRA Scholarship Application Form.
6. Applicants will give a personal interview before the scholarship committee.

**Rules and Regulations**

1. The FBCYRA Board of Directors will determine the number and the amount of the scholarships to be given prior to selection.
2. All voting will be done by secret ballot of the scholarship committee. All voting committee members score applicants on score sheets provided by the committee. Score sheets will be maintained on file with the FBCYRA Secretary for one year.
3. Applicants must score a minimum of 60 points on a 100 point system for scholarship eligibility. All applicants will go before the committee for a final interview that will count up to 20 points.
4. The Point system will be as follows:

a. Standardize Test	10 points
b. Essay	10 points
c. Sportsmanship	10 points
d. Extracurricular Activities	10 points
e. Community Service	10 points
f. Overall FBCYRA Participation	30 points
g. Interview	20 points

5. Each applicant must include a typed essay of no more than two (2) 8 1/2" x 11" sheets, double spaced. In this essay, the applicant may supply any information, which they feel is pertinent to the application. Applicant's name and address must be typed as a heading to the essay in the upper right hand corner of page one and two.
6. Parents or immediate family members will not serve on the scholarship committee.
7. Funds will be paid by the FBCYRA Treasure upon receiving a copy of the paid receipt showing proof of enrollment. Enrollment must be in the fall semester after the applicant has graduated from high school. Scholarship payment will not exceed the actual tuition cost; any excess funds will be forfeited if not used in the fall semester.
8. Applications must be post marked no later than June 30th. The committee will meet the 1st week in July prior to scholarship selecting to:
  - a. Screen applicant for eligibility
  - b. Review selection process.
  - c. Set up interview schedules.
9. A five (5) member scholarship committee will be chosen by the President and consist of five (5) Board of Directors. The term will be the current fiscal year.
10. Any issues and/or circumstances pertaining to the applicants, the scholarship, eligibility, and/or committee persons voting rights will be addressed by the Scholarship Committee and determined by majority vote.
11. The FBCYRA Scholarship committee reserves the right to replace any committee member by majority vote from the FBCYRA Board of Directors.
12. In the event of replacing a committee member before their term is up, the FBCYRA President will appoint a new member. Their term will end with the fiscal year.
13. The recipients will be announced at the FBCYRA Annual Rodeo, the Finals night.

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