

HIGH COUNTRY RODEO ASSOCIATION



2025 RULEBOOK

2025 ORDER OF EVENTS

JR RODEO

PEE WEE – YOUTH – JUNIOR

BARRELS
POLES
GOAT TYING
CALF ROPING
TEAM ROPING
BREAKAWAY
MUTTON BUSTIN
CALF RIDING
STEER RIDING
CHUTE DOGGIN
JR BULL RIDING

(LEADLINE BARRELS, POLES, AND GOAT TYING IN PW DIVISION
WILL BE RAN WITH ALL OTHER PEE WEE'S.)

OPEN PRO RODEO

POLES
CHUTE DOGGIN
BRONC RIDING
BREAKAWAY
BARRELS
TEAM ROPING
BULL RIDING

HCRA MISSION STATEMENT

“PROVIDING THE HIGH COUNTRY WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND LOVE RODEO AND THE WESTERN LIFESTYLE. WE AIM TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF RODEO AND ITS ATHLETES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP. WE AIM TO EDUCATE CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN NOT ONLY RODEO EVENTS BUT ALSO RANCHING AND FARMING HERITAGE, AND THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY.”

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OPT-IN DETAILS

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MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRY FEES

MEMBERSHIP FEES

ALL ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$100.00. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP FEE (FOR NON COMPETEING MEMBERS) IS \$50.00.

** MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID BY CERTIFIED CHECK, OR BY CASH. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. **

ENTRY FEES

ALL ENTRY FEES AND PAYOUT SCHEDULES ARE ON SADDLEBOOK.COM PER EACH EVENT.

NO PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED FOR EXHIBITIONS

MEMBERSHIP RULES

1. There will be no fundraising for the 2025 season.
2. Membership only allows a contestant to enter the rodeos as a contestant that carries season points throughout the year and can qualify for finals/year end awards.
3. A Member must compete in 50% of the rodeos to qualify for finals.
4. All non-members will acquire a \$15 permit fee for open division.
5. All non-members will acquire a \$10 permit fee for pee-wee, youth, and junior divisions.
6. Memberships may be revoked without refund for failure to abide by any rules/regulations set forth below as determined by the EBOD.

FEES AND PAYOUT RULES

1. All prize money must be signed for.
2. No ground money will be paid out if no times or scores are made in an event.
3. Payouts are available after close of rodeo. Unless otherwise announced at event.
 - a. If a contestant must leave prior to their payout being ready, the ebod secretary or treasurer will hold their money over to the next rodeo. Money

can be signed over and picked up by another member per contestant request.

4. If an event calls for more payout spots than there are qualified times/rides the payout scale will be adjusted for the actual number of qualified times/rides.
5. Payout tie example: event calls for 3 payout positions and there is a tie for second place. The second and third place payout amounts will be added together and split between the second-place tie.

POINT SYSTEM

1ST	100 POINTS
2ND	90 POINTS
3RD	80 POINTS
4TH	70 POINTS
5TH	60 POINTS
6TH	50 POINTS
7TH	40 POINTS
8TH	30 POINTS
9TH	20 POINTS
10TH	10 POINTS

*Points per money: 2 points per dollar won (only used during jackpot series).

In the event of a tie: the points for the tied spot will be awarded to both members and the remaining points will roll down.

Example: tie for first place

1st- 100 points
1st- 100 points
2nd 80 points
3rd 70 points
Etc.

AGE GROUPS AND EVENTS

Age of the member/contestant is determined by age on January 1st of the current season.

PEE-WEE (8 AND UNDER)

- MUTTON BUSTIN
- CALF RIDING
- GOAT TYING
- POLE BENDING
- BARREL RACING
- LEAD LINE BARREL RACING
- LEADLINE POLE BENDING
- LEADLINE GOAT TYING

YOUTH (9-13)

- BREAKAWAY
- GOAT TYING
- POLE BENDING
- BARREL RACING
- CHUTE DOGGIN (CALVES)
- CALF RIDING
- STEER RIDING

JUNIOR (14-18*)

- BREAKAWAY
- GOAT TYING
- POLE BENDING
- BARREL RACING
- CHUTE DOGGIN
- TEAM ROPING
- STEER RIDING
- JR. BULL RIDING

OPEN

- BREAKAWAY
- POLE BENDING
- BARREL RACING
- CHUTE DOGGIN
- TEAM ROPING
- BULL RIDING
- BRONC RIDING

**18 IF STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL COMPETES IN JUNIOR DIVISION)

**(ROUGH STOCK DIRECTOR HAS THE DISCRETION OF THE CONTESTANT'S
WEIGHT DUE TO THE SAFETY OF THE STOCK)**

GENERAL DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. A contestant will be disqualified from any event for failure to have a western hat or helmet on his/her head when:
 - a. Crossing the in gate line (this does not include the alley way.)
2. Abuse of stock. In any event, if in the opinion of the judge or arena director, a contestant abuses any stock, including their own horse, that contestant will be disqualified from that event.
3. Not being ready when called. In all events, if the contestant is not ready when called for, no more than 3 calls, by the rodeo announcer, a contestant will be disqualified from that event.
4. Use of illegal or improper equipment will result in a disqualification.
5. Not being mounted- unless an integral part of the actual event, a rider must start and finish their event mounted.
6. In all timed events, a contestant will be disqualified for re crossing the start/finish line prior to finishing their run.
7. Breaking of pattern per event.
8. Contestants of timed events will be disqualified for not running in order of the draw, unless an exception is made by judge or arena director.
9. Only the mounted contestant may whip or spur their horse into competition. Anyone other than the mounted contestant doing so will disqualify the contestant.

DRESS CODE

Dress code will always be enforced. Category A will be the standard unless otherwise modified by the EBOD. Any changes to the dress code for an event will be posted on Facebook. Category A is always acceptable. Dressing down a category will not be allowed.

Category A: Long sleeve button up shirt- must have collar. Cowboy hat, boots and jeans.

Category B: Button up shirt- must have collar, sleeve length does not matter. Cowboy hat, boots and jeans required.

Category C: HCRA shirt, hat not required, ball cap or cowboy hat is still acceptable. Boots and jeans are still required.

Protective helmets are always acceptable in place of hat when riding only.

RERUNS/ RE RIDES

All reruns/ re rides are at the discretion of the judges.

1. Rough Stock Events:
 - a. Mutton Bustin:
 - i. If sheep is to fall heels overhead.
 - b. All Rough Stock:
 - i. Contestant is fouled coming out of the chute.
 - ii. Flank comes off prior to the allotted time.
 - iii. If the contestant has made 2 honest attempts to get out on a chute fighting animal.
 - iv. Interference from officials.
2. Timed Events:
 - a. Patterned:
 - i. Interference from officials or others in arena.
 - b. Livestock:
 - i. Interference from officials or others in arena.
 - ii. Goat comes loose from the tether, or it breaks.

If a contestant feels he/she has been fouled he must declare so immediately.

BARREL RACING

1. The barrels and the starting line will be permanently marked for the entire go-round.
2. The horse's nose will be timed as it crosses the starting line.
3. A contestant may enter the arena at the speed of her choice.
4. Contestant may change horses in this event.
5. This event is open to boys and girls only in the Pee Wee and Youth Divisions.
6. The clover leaf pattern (ran left or right) is the only approved pattern in this event.
7. Touching barrels is permitted by horse or contestant.
8. Knocking over a barrel is a 5 second penalty, per barrel.
9. A broken pattern shall be defined as: breaking of forwards motion to retrace their tracks, and/or passing the plane of the barrel on the offside.
10. Recrossing the start/finish line, prior to finishing run.
11. Assistants helping contestants are not allowed to go past the plane of the in gate.
12. Contestant must be mounted when entering the arena.

POLE BENDING

1. The poles and the starting line will be permanently marked for the entire go-round.
2. The horse's nose will be timed as it crosses the starting line.
3. A contestant may enter the arena at the speed of her choice.
4. Contestant may change horses in this event.
5. This event is open to boys and girls only in the Pee Wee and Youth Divisions.
6. Touching poles is permitted by horse or contestant.
7. Knocking over a pole is a 5 second penalty, per pole.
8. A broken pattern shall be defined as: breaking of forwards motion to retrace their tracks, and/or failure to weave through each pole placed, even if it is knocked over on the ground after first pass.
9. Contestants may run either right or left pattern.
10. Recrossing the start/finish line, prior to finishing run.
11. Assistants helping contestants are not allowed to go past the plane of the in gate.
12. Contestant must be mounted when entering the arena.

BREAKAWAY

1. Contestant may change horses in this event.
2. This event is open to girls only, except in Pee Wee and Youth.
3. Barrier judge is used to flag the start, they shall flag the animal when the animal's nose crosses the starting line.
4. Time is to be taken between two flags.
5. Rope must be tied to the horn with a nylon string and may not be run through the bridle, tie down, neck rope, or any other device.
6. The loop must draw up on and part of the calf's body behind the head.
7. A flag must be attached to the rope that is clearly visible to the judge.
8. Roper must be mounted when time is taken.
9. Contestant will receive a no time should she break the rope away from the saddle horn. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope and then stop her horse to make the rope break away.
10. There will be a ten-second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.
11. No rattling of chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for her. This applies in both the performance and the slack. The contestant and/or person rattling the chute will be disqualified.
12. In any timed event, if an animal escapes the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying plus barrier penalties, if any. Rope will not be put on stock lap and tap.
13. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
14. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on cattle neck ropes in the break-away roping event.

GOAT TYING

1. Contestant may change horses in this event.
2. This event is open to girls only, except in Pee Wee, Youth, and Junior.
3. Barrier judge is used to flag the start, they shall flag the animal when the horse's nose crosses the starting line.
4. Time is to be taken between two flags.
5. Contestant must dismount their horse before reaching the line in all divisions.
6. Gate will be shut after contestant enters the arena.
7. Judges flag will be dropped once contestant throws up their hands, time will be stopped at judges drop of flag.
8. Pee Wee Division will need to have goat stay tied for 4 seconds, Youth and Junior Division will need their goat to stay tied for 6 seconds.
9. Pee Wee Division will not have to flank their own goat, Youth and Junior Division will have to flank their own goat.

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Contestant is not to use sharp spurs.
2. Contestants may pull riggings from either side.
3. Horses must be ridden for 8 seconds.
4. This event is open to boys and girls in all divisions except the open.
5. Time will start when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
6. This event is open to boys and girls in all divisions except the open.
7. Spurs must be over the break of the shoulders and touching the horse when the front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.
8. Rigging must lay flat on horses back while being cinched.
9. One arm must always be free.
10. If the rigging comes off, touching anything with free hand, or if the contestant is bucked off, the contestant shall receive a no score.
11. Contestant will be disqualified for taking any kind of finger tuck, or finger wrap.
12. All contestants born after 1991 must wear a helmet.
13. All contestants must wear a protective vest.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Contestant is not to use sharp spurs.
2. Contestants may pull riggings from either side.
3. Horses must be ridden for 8 seconds.
4. Time will start when the animal' inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
5. This event is open to boys and girls in all divisions except the open.
6. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side, rein cannot be wrapped around hand.
7. Horse shall be saddled in chute.
8. Spurs must be over the break of the shoulders and touching the horse when the front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.
9. A no score will be given for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Being bucked off
 - b. Changing hands on reins.
 - c. Wrapping rein around hand.
 - d. Pulling leather,
 - e. Losing stirrup.
 - f. Touching self, animal, saddle, rein, etc, with free hand.
 - g. Riding with locked rowel.
10. One arm must be free at all times.
11. All contestants born after 1991 must wear a helmet.
12. All contestants must wear a protective vest.

RANCH BRONC RIDING

1. Contestant is not to use sharp spurs.
2. Contestants may pull riggings from either side.
3. Horses must be ridden for 8 seconds.
4. This event is open to boys and girls in all divisions.
5. Horse must be saddled in chute, as he would for everyday use.
6. No tying rope to anything other than rope strap.
7. No mark out rule unless Top Bronc event is entered.
8. All contestants born after 1991 must wear a helmet.

BULL RIDING

1. Contestant is not to use sharp spurs.
2. Contestants may pull ropes from either side.
3. Bulls must be ridden for 8 seconds.
4. This event is open to boys and girls in all divisions.
5. Bell must be under bull's belly.
6. Riding is to be with one hand, and a loose rope with or without handhold.
7. Contestant will receive no score for any of the following offenses:
 - a. Being bucked off prior to the 8 second timer.
 - b. Touching animal, equipment, or self with free hand.
 - c. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope when the rope is being tightened.
8. All contestants must wear a protective mouthpiece, protective vest, and cowboy boots.
9. All contestants born after 1991 must wear a helmet.

CHUTE DOGGIN

1. Chute shall be considered a part of the arena during doggin events.
2. Score line will be set and not changed during entire go.
3. Score line will be parallel to chute and set at 10 feet in front of chute.
4. The barrier judge will flag the start as the animals' nose crosses the score line.
5. Time shall be taken between two flags.
6. This event is open to boys and girls in all divisions except for Open.
7. If the steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
8. A steer will be considered thrown down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight.

TEAM ROPING

1. Contestant may change horses in this event.
2. Roping box shall be considered a part of the arena during all roping events.
3. Barrier judge is used to flag the start when the animals' nose crosses the starting line.
4. Contestant must be mounted on his/her horse and his/her horse must break plane of the score line with his/her steer breaking the plane first before they are allowed to compete.
5. This event may be entered as 2 boys, 2 girls, or 1 boy and 1 girl in all divisions.
6. Partners' points shall be added together to for a team at Finals. If wither member is disqualified, both are out of the team roping.
7. Header will start behind barrier using either box and must theow first loop at head.
8. Heeler must start from behind barrier line.
9. Each contestant must only carry one rope.
10. Roper must dally to stop or change steer's direction.
11. Dally means at least one loop around horn.
12. Ropers must be mounted.
13. Roper cannot use hands to put rope around second horn if a one horn catch is made.
14. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is considered a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from loop by hand. However, if the front foot or feet shall come out of the loop before the field judge drops his flag, the time will be counted.
15. There are only 3 legal head catches, 1- both horns, 2- half a head, 3- around the neck.
16. No rattling of chute.
17. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal is rope goes up heels.
18. One hind foot receives a 5 second penalty.
19. The direction of the steer must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown.

HCRA EVENT SUMMARY

DIVISION	EVENT	FEE	AGE/ WEIGHT	TIME	BOY/ GIRLS	PRIMARY TIMER	BACK UP TIMER
PW	MUTTON BUSTIN	\$30	55 LBS	4S	EITHER	JUDGE	JUDGE
PW	GOAT TYING (LEADLINE & REGULAR)	\$30	8U		EITHER	STOPWATCH	STOPWATCH
PW	BARREL RACING (LEADLINE & REGULAR)	\$30	8U		EITHER	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
PW	POLE BENDING (LEADLINE & REGULAR)	\$30	8U		EITHER	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
PW	CALF RIDING	\$30	8U	4S	EITHER	JUDGE	JUDGE
YOUTH	BREAKAWAY	\$30	9-13		EITHER	STOPWATCH	STOPWATCH
YOUTH	GOAT TYING	\$30	9-13		EITHER	STOPWATCH	STOPWATCH
YOUTH	POLE BENDING	\$30	9-13		EITHER	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
YOUTH	BARREL RACING	\$30	9-13		EITHER	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
YOUTH	TEAM ROPING	\$30	9-13		EITHER	STOPWATCH	JUDGE
YOUTH	CALF RIDING	\$30	70 LBS	6S	EITHER	JUDGE	JUDGE
YOUTH	STEER RIDING	\$30	10-13	6S	EITHER	JUDGE	JUDGE
JUNIOR	BREAKAWAY	\$30	14-18*		FEMALE	STOPWATCH	STOPWATCH
JUNIOR	GOAT TYING	\$30	14-18*		FEMALE	STOPWATCH	JUDGE
JUNIOR	POLE BENDING	\$30	14-18*		FEMALE	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
JUNIOR	BARREL RACING	\$30	14-18 *		FEMALE	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
JUNIOR	TEAM ROPING	\$30	14-18 *		EITHER	STOPWATCH	JUDGE
JUNIOR	CALF ROPING	\$30	14-18*		MALE	STOPWATCH	JUDGE
JUNIOR	CHUTE DOGGIN'	\$30	14-18*		EITHER	STOPWATCH	JUDGE
JUNIOR	BULL RIDING	\$30	14-18*	8S	EITHER	JUDGE	JUDGE
OPEN	BREAKAWAY	\$50	ALL		FEMALE	STOPWATCH	STOPWATCH
OPEN	POLE BENDING	\$50	ALL		FEMALE	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
OPEN	BARREL RACING	\$50	ALL		FEMALE	ELECTRIC	STOPWATCH
OPEN	TEAM ROPING	\$50	ALL		EITHER	STOPWATCH	JUDGE
OPEN	BRONC RIDING	\$50	ALL	8S	EITHER	JUDGE	JUDGE
OPEN	CHUTE DOGGIN	\$50	ALL		EITHER	STOPWATCH	JUDGE
OPEN	BULL RIDING	\$50	ALL	8S	EITHER	JUDGE	JUDGE

*18 YEARS OF AGE ONLY IF STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL FEES (SCF, TF, AND GF) ARE UP TO DATE IN SADDLEBOOK AND MAY NOT BE REFLECTED HERE.