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ASSOCIATION**

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GENERAL RULES

These are Midsouth Youth Rodeo Cowboy Association Rules that govern operation of MRCA-sanctioned events and MRCA-specific events. This rulebook will be the first document referenced when dealing with rules issues during an MRCA rodeo. From time to time there may arise a situation not covered in the MRCA rulebook; in the event this occurs directors and judges should refer to the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) and NHSRA Wrangler Division rulebook. If at any time a situation arises which is not covered in either the NHSRA or MRCA Rule Books the MRCA Event Directors' and Judges' decision will be final.

This rulebook was revised September 2009 and supersedes any previous MRCA Rule book.

1. There will be no less than three (3) events for each age group. There will be four (4) age groups: 6-under, 7 through 9, 10 through 13, and 14 through 19. Girls may enter all events at all rodeos in her respective age group as defined below. Boys may enter all events in his respective age group as defined below.

A. 6-Under Coed, 7-9 Coed, 10-13 Girls, 10-13 Boys, 14-19 Girls, 14-19 Boys. If you are 19 year of age you must be enrolled in high school as a senior and not college. You must provide proof of high school enrollment.

B. Team Roping is Coed and 19 and under.

C. Points accumulated in three (3) or more events will count toward All-Around standings. Members must compete in 50% of the rodeos during the rodeo year in the same three (3) events (or more events) in order to qualify for All-Around Awards. Contestants must compete in all performances of

events entered in the Finals to be eligible for prizes, unless by special Board approval.

D. Contestants can only compete in age group they qualify for, unless event is not offered in that age group.

2. Each contestant may pay an Entry Fee, and an Office Charge, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

3. No exhibition runs.

4. Stock Producers may collect a Cattle Charge at any/all MRCA approved rodeos in an amount approved by MRCA Board of Directors. Stock Producers may also have jackpots at any/all approved rodeos, if approved by the Board of Directors, only after MRCA rodeo is completed. No points, etc., will be counted toward MRCA Finals. Jackpots, etc., that will be approved during show time will be to raise money for the MRCA. All stock producers will pay a \$.50 per head charge if they are late for a performance, except for a breakdown.

5. Misconduct by any individual member, or family member, shall be considered by the Rodeo Official, Advisory Board and Event Directors and if Deemed necessary the contestant shall be fined \$25.00 and/or the membership of the individual maybe suspended. Acts of misconduct will be defined at the discretion of the Board/Officials/Directors.

6. Profanity, use of alcohol or drugs will not be tolerated and contestant shall be fined \$10.00 or suspended from MRCA.

7. Anyone caught and/or proven cheating will be suspended for one (1) year from date of infraction, fined \$25.00 and must pay back any/all monies received illegally to MRCA before rejoining

MRCA. If Board of Directors deems necessary, contestant can be permanently banned from MRCA.

8. All Stock Contractors must be approved by the Board. Members may also serve as Stock Contractors. The size of the stock will be determined by that event's directors. This includes Roping Calves, Goats and Rough Stock.

9. All Rodeos must be approved by MRCA Board of Directors to be a MRCA approved show.

10. The following dress code will be required and enforced.

A. All contestants must wear a long sleeve, button down, western attire shirt. Rough stock riders may roll up sleeve of riding arm during the contest.

B. Long pants and Western boots must be worn – no heels down.

C. Western hats are optional for the 6-Under Coed and the 7-9 Coed (**no ball caps can be worn**). Western hats must be worn by 10-13 Girls, 10-13 Boys, 14-19 Girls and 14-19 Boys. Hats must be worn when entering the arena (the arena does not include the alleyway). Contestants in any age group cannot knock hat off before or after entering the arena. Violation of the hat rule will result in \$10.00 fine throughout the season for each offense.

D. Contestants will not be allowed to wear any type clothing, or display any type of logo, advertising alcoholic beverages or tobacco products.

All members including new members, must abide by all rules. A \$10.00 fine will be assessed for not abiding by these rules. The dress code will be enforced during Grand

Entry and while competing. Any Director may enforce this rule.

11. In order to retain an MRCA membership and eligibility for Year End Finals and any or all awards will require strict adherence to the following rules.

- A. Furnish a certified copy of live birth certificate from vital statistics, current coggins and permanent school record to be kept in files at all times by MRCA secretary.
- B. Furnish a signed and notarized statement from school currently attending that member is enrolled and attending said school. For Home Schooled Members a notarized statement and proof of purchase of curriculum must be furnished. Must furnish said statement twice during rodeo season (1st due by 1st rodeo in November, 2nd due by 1st rodeo in May). Must be kept in files at all times by MRCA secretary.
- C. \$50 for each membership in family. All contestants will be treated as non-members, with **NO** points counted until membership is paid. Entering a Saturday rodeo and not paying membership until Sunday will result in the loss of Saturdays points, as they are separate rodeos. Membership must be paid on the day of the rodeo you want your points to count.

Conformance with all the qualifications for membership as listed in the MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY section of this rulebook. Any change in a member's status with relation to marital status or school enrollment DURING THE REGULAR RODEO SEASON can result in a member being disallowed from competing in the MRCA Finals. Any change in a member's marital status between the end of the regular season and the finals will not affect a member's finals eligibility. Contestants may compete up to a maximum of four (4) rodeos as a non-member, however, no

points for any event will be accumulated until membership is paid, by any participant, and must remain in good standing with all fees and dues paid by deadlines, this includes honoraries by deadlines as set in rulebook below and as stated on membership form.

D.

- Must pay honoraries on time, which means if you join during the 2009 fall season the honoraries must be paid no later than the 2nd rodeo weekend in the year 2010. And if you join during 2010, honoraries must be paid no later than thirty days from the date you have joined or closest rodeo to that date. If honoraries are not paid on time all accumulated point will be dropped. **Honoraries are:** \$100.00, which you may sell the raffle tickets (enclosed in membership packet), drawing will be held at the year end finals, in order to raise the money. The proceeds for honoraries go toward purchase of year-end awards.

Each member must sell a minimum of one hundred (\$100) dollars worth of chances each to be eligible for MRCA Finals. Chances will be for a prize that will be given away at the Finals. Donations must be received by the **second** scheduled rodeo weekend of 2010-being-February 13th &14th @ Coleman, OK, 2010. If a member joins the Association after this date said member has **thirty (30) days or the first scheduled rodeo closest to the 30 day** deadline from date of joining MRCA to sell one hundred (\$100) dollars worth of chances. Money will be used to help produce Finals and purchase awards.

12. Any altercation or controversy with Judges or Officials of any rodeo or Board of Directors by contestant or family member will result in a \$25.00 fine to be assessed by the MRCA Board of Directors. Contestants will not be allowed to compete until

payment of fine has been made. Upon second offense, contestant will be suspended from the Association for one year at the discretion of Board of Directors. If a contestant feels an error has been made in the ruling, member may post a \$35.00 Cash Bond and have ten (10) days from the rodeo date to submit a letter to MRCA Board of Directors, which will meet to make a decision. If MRCA Board agrees with contestant that an error was made, no monies or points will be awarded in that event until a decision has been made by the MRCA Board of Directors. Judges decision will be final.

13. Rodeo contestants cannot flag, announce or time (official or back up).

14. MRCA Finals will be produced by and for the MRCA with money accumulated from membership dues, office charges, honorary membership, ticket sales and donations.

15. The top 15 point winners in each event will be eligible for the MRCA Finals Rodeo. Contestant must attend fifty percent (50%) of the rodeos and participate in each event at fifty percent (50%) of the rodeos. If all top 15 contestants do not pay entry fees by said final entry due date, MRCA secretary will drop down in standings to fill vacant slots. There will be no guest ropers in the team roping.

15a. Team roping: In the event that one member of a team, due to injury or excused reason(s), cannot attend and participate in the finals, and the team entries have been paid, then the remaining partner must pick new partner that is a qualified finalist to take the position of the team roper's partner, regardless of event that they have qualified in, or another team roper who does not already have two team roping runs. The member qualified for team roping will receive points for said run, non-qualifying finalist team roper will not receive points.

15b. Points for partners in a team with a non-member roper during regular season rodeos will roll down to the next team. Both ropers must be members for points to count. Money won by a team with a non-member roper will go to the team.

16. Any/or all Board of Directors will help and assist stock producer to clear the arena and prepare for Grand Entries. MRCA will allow only working help in arena, parents of contestants may help contestants, but must leave the arena when contestant is finished. If contestant or parents do not abide by these rules, contestant maybe disqualified at the discretion of Judges.

17. The top point winner in each event will receive a Championship Award. An All-Around Award will also be awarded in each age group for the high point winner in three (3) or more events. To be eligible for each individual event awards:

- A. Contestant must compete in each go-round of Finals unless excused by the Board of Directors. In the event a contestant does not compete in all go-rounds of the finals and missed round is not excused by board all prizes for contestant in that event will be forfeited.
- B. Anyone qualifying for MRCA Finals must pay all entry fees for Finals in that event to participate.
- C. A contestant can win only one Championship Award plus one All-Around Award.
- D. A contestant will not pass a Championship Award to someone who has already won a Championship and/or All-Around Award.

- E. All contestants must attend the Awards Presentation to receive awards. Contestants must attend the Awards Presentation in official rodeo dress.
 - F. A contestant who wins a Championship Award individually and also ties for a Championship Award in another event must take the Championship Award they win individually, no matter what their Championship Award preferences is.
 - G. In the event that a Championship Award is passed down to second place and there is a tie for second place, the Championship Award will be passed as follow: 1. To the individual who has the fastest average time or the highest average score at the finals. 2. If there is still a tie, the Championship Award is passed to the individual who has the fastest time or the highest score at the finals.
 - H. In the event of a tie for a championship award, there will be an additional award purchased and awarded to the co-champion and the additional award would be purchased and delivered after the finals. Coin toss will decide who takes the award available from finals home.
- 18.** There will be a one (1) minute Time Limit on all Timed Events from the time the time starts.
- 19.** Any deliberate abuse of animals may result in disqualification.
- 20.** Every horse brought to a MRCA sanctioned rodeo must have current coggins papers on file with MRCA secretary.
- 21.** No feed buckets, hay bags or other aids will be allowed in arena during rodeo performance.

22. Any official ruling by Director or Judge must be made before next run in that event.

23. Paid judges will be used at the MRCA Finals. MRCA directors will assist in the running of the rodeo (getting contestants in/out of the arena, chute operation, stock preparation, etc.), but will not render any decisions concerning qualified runs or rides (unless requested from one of the judges). Said judges will also be responsible for position and stock draw. MRCA Directors will be responsible for ensuring that arena equipment is in place and operational prior to start of each finals performance (i.e. – racing patterns, timers, roping barriers and equipment, etc.).

24. Unless assisting in an event, no one other than judges, directors, or parent/guardian are to be in the arena during the rodeo.

REFUND POLICY

- 1.** No draw out will be allowed after books are closed.
- 2.** If a rodeo is stopped for uncontrollable circumstances, entry fees can be refunded for events canceled.

GENERAL ROPING EVENT RULES

- 1.** If contestant's rope comes in contact with any fixed part of box, chute, or arena, no rerun will be given even if contestant declares him/herself.
- 2.** A ten (10) second penalty will be added for beating or breaking the barrier.

- 3.** Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him when calf's/steer's head crosses score line regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. If contestant accepts animal he accepts it as sound. Asking for calf/steer will be up to Line Judge's determination.
- 4.** In all roping events (except Breakaway Roping - see breakaway rule #1) it will be catch as catch can.
- 5.** Calf's/Steer's head must cross score line to be considered a qualified start.
- 6.** Roping calf/steer without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
- 7.** Roping calf/steer before barrier neck rope comes off calf/steer is not permitted.
- 8.** Ropers will carry and use only one (1) loop. When an average is to be paid, ropers in the 14-19 age groups may carry two (2) loops. Ropers in the 10-13 age groups breakaway, ribbon roping, and tie down may carry two loops; or a roper may choose to rebuild their second loop. 9 & under breakaway will be permitted to rebuild for a second loop, but only one rope may be carried. Team roping will be allowed a total of three (3) loops when an average is to be paid. All other circumstances will allow one (1) loop per partner.
- 9.** In all Roping Events, a dropped rope that touches the ground and must be recoiled to be rebuilt is considered a thrown rope.
- 10.** Flag Judge will flag contestant at completion of run, then flag out contestant if run is not legal.
- 11.** All reruns will be made at the end of that event.

12. In event of a rerun any penalty contestant had at the time rerun was awarded that penalty will be carried with contestant and contestant gets calf/steer back lap and tap plus penalty carried (if calf/steer qualified on in field).

13. There shall be two (2) or more Timers, when stopwatches are being used, a Field Flag Judge and a Barrier Judge. Time to be taken between two (2) flags. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by Arena Director and Timed Event Spokesman or Director if present.

14. If broken part of barrier lands past the score line it is not considered a broken barrier, unless contestant obviously breaks barrier. If contestant obviously beats barrier or the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string un-broken, Barrier Judges may assess a ten (10) second penalty. Otherwise this will not be considered a broken barrier.

15. If neck rope on calf/steer or barrier fouls the roper he/she will get a rerun on the same calf/steer. The roper must pull up immediately and declare he/she was fouled. In any event rerun will not be given if roper throws his/her rope. If contestant is fouled, he/she will only receive rerun if he/she asks Judge. Judges will not automatically give reruns unless contestant asks for rerun.

16. Automatic barriers must be used at all rodeos for all roping events. At all rodeos length of score maybe no longer than length of box, minus four (4) feet, unless other arrangements are approved by the Roping Director or a man of his choice.

17. Roper will be disqualified if he receives assistance of any kind from outside except for Ribbon Roping Runner.

18. Back gate of arena will be closed during 7-9 Coed roping. If gate man leaves gate open and calf leaves arena through open gate, flag man will immediately flag roper's time and calf will be rerun lap & tap (no barrier). Back gate will be left open in the 10-13 Girls, 10-13 Boys, 14-19 Girls and 14-19 Boys roping events, unless an average is to be paid. A no time is given if calf/steers head crosses plane of back gate.

19. If there must be a rerun of calves to complete a go-round, all calves/steers must be tied down (in tie down roping) before any stock is drawn. If after go-round has been completed, a fresh calf/steer has to be used, the calf/steer must be roped and tied down before the drawing, but if extra calves/steers have been tied at that rodeo they will not be considered fresh. All fresh stock must be tied down.

20. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier, providing judge rules barrier was not beaten.

21. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get calf/steer back if calf/steer is qualified on in field.

22. During any performance, if any animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestant; or if the automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately after the same performance; and that animal will be returned by the Roping Director and the labor crew during, or at the end of, that performance in the same manner it was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least several head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be re-penned by itself. The Roping Director will make decision about when stock is re-penned.

23. The decision of whether or not calves/steers are to be lined will be made by the Roping Director.

24. If calf/steer escapes from arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get calf/steer back (providing calf is still sound) with lap and tap start and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the Flag Judge will be final. If calf/steer is not sound another will be drawn.

25. Barrier Flag must operate for time to be considered official.

26. Roping Directors and Judges have option of changing score or length of box after completion of each age group if quality of calves/steers or arena conditions necessitates change to be fair to contestants in general.

27. A neck rope, keeper or both must be used (breakaway roping excluded). Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf/steer. Any deliberate abuse or excessive dragging of calf/steer may result in disqualification by Judge. The Judge's decision is final.

28. All stock will be drawn for.

29. Once stock is in the draw it will stay unless decided by Directors. Stock Producer must notify Directors one (1) hour before rodeo if he wishes to remove stock from the draw.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Rope must go over calves head and draw up anywhere on some part of the animals body and hold until rope comes loose

from the saddle by the calf and not the roper.

2. Flag of any color must be tied directly on rope and flag placed nearest saddle horn and rope tied with string provided that will hold until calf is roped and rope jerked loose from saddle horn. **Any length of rope will not be allowed past saddle horn (no excess rope of any kind).** Flag Judge will signal for rider's time the moment he determines rope and flag leaves saddle horn.

3. No time will be given if rope comes loose from saddle horn for any reason before calf is roped, or if rope does not have a flag attached. All contestants will use string supplied by Roping Directors and none other. No exceptions.

4. Field Flag Judge is to position himself in the best possible position to see calf and rope, preferably toward the back of the arena, to see the calf coming toward him.

5. Two Judges will be used, whenever possible, to judge and flag. One Judge to determine if catch is legal and one Judge to flag rope coming loose from saddle horn.

6. 9 and Under Coed Breakaway Ropers will only receive 1 loop with a 60 second time limit without exceptions. Only when an average is to be paid (at the finals) ropers will be permitted to rebuild a second loop, 60 second time limit remains.

RIBBON ROPING

1. Runner may come from a lower age group but not higher age group than roper. **Roper must be on the ground and in contact with calf before ribbon is removed.** Runner will not be required to have hands on calf anytime while removing ribbon from calf's tail. However, roper must have hands on calf before rope comes off.

2. If there is no ribbon on calf when the runner reaches calf for any reason, runner should slide hand down calf's tail. Failure to do so will result in a no time. Runner must remove ribbon from calf and the removal of ribbon from calf by runner will be at the judge's discretion.

3. A short length of ribbon of about 1/2 inch in width and 6 inches or more in length should be fastened close to the root of calf's tail while it is in the chute. There should be enough ribbon to allow the runner to grab and remove it without any trouble.

4. The finish line (flag line) will be the score line in the vicinity of the roping chute. Flag Judge will judge all activities of roper and runner from flag line. Finish line will be the score line and will be imaginary extending from one side of the arena to the other. Flagman must be on the ground.

5. The Flagger stands on the flag line. The runner removes the ribbon and runs back across the flag line for time. The roper does not have to have the rope off of the calf before the runner crosses the flag line. Only the roper entered in the event shall receive points. In the points award system the helper (or runner) will not receive points. The roper is required to pay a minimum of 1/8 total winnings to runner. Average money will be considered in total winnings. Do not deduct entry fee.

6. Any part of the ribbon is legal. Runner must show ribbon to Flag Judge. Judge must see ribbon in hand when runner crosses the line. Disqualification for this infraction is at the discretion of the Flag Judge. A boy and girl must work together in this event. A girl must get the ribbon, the roper may hold the calf while the ribbon is being removed but not get the ribbon. Calf does not have to be on its feet when ribbon is removed. Runner must be a

member of the Association.

7. In the 10-13 Ribbon Roping if arena conditions and/or size of stock present a possible unsafe event the roping Directors and/or Judges may at their discretion either cancel the event for that rodeo or allow a senior boy contestant at the rodeo to be the "mugger" and the junior ribbon roper, rope the calf and then become the runner. Only the junior ribbon roper will receive points.

CALF ROPING (TIE DOWN)

1. Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast; either is permissible. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps and a half hitch.

2. If calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three feet (calf must be elevated high enough that calf can regain its feet), and calf must be re-thrown, with the exception of the 10-13 age group.

3. In the event calf has one or more feet roped, calf must be let up on what feet that are not roped. This will be Judge's opinion and decision if calf was let up properly. After roper signals for time and Judge flags roper, that tie is complete. Then and only then will roper be given no time for failing to let calf up. If roper's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.

4. Rope must hold until roper gets hand on calf. Tie must hold and three legs remain crossed until passed on by the Judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving signal until Judge has completed his examination. If the tie comes loose or calf gets to its feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be given a no time.

5. The Field Flag Judge will flag roper when hooley is pulled and hands leave pigging string.

6. Catch as catch can and should the roper miss, he must retire and no time be allowed.

7. The Field Flag Judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stop watch, timing six (6) seconds from the time the roping horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until Field Judge has ruled on tie.

8. In the event of contestant's catch rope is off the calf after completion of the tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears calf.

9. Flag Judge must watch during the six (6) second period and will stop watch in the event the calf kicks loose and use the time shown on the watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough for a qualified time.

10. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been ruled on by the Field Judge.

11. If roper touches rope after signaling for time but before mounting, roper will be given a no time.

12. After re-mounting horse, if contestant intentionally does not ride forward immediately and give slack, he will be subject to disqualification. Any deliberate abuse of calf or horse may result in disqualification.

TEAM ROPING

- 1.** A Dally Team Roper can enter twice provided he or she changes ends (heads or heels) or changes partners. Points will be split between the two ropers. For example, if the First Place is worth 50 points, each roper (in the winning team) would receive 25 points.
- 2.** Header will start behind barrier using either box and must throw the first loop at head.
- 3.** Heeler must start behind barrier line.
- 4.** Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer in line with ropes dallyed and tight, horses front feet must be on the ground.
- 5.** Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope.
- 6.** Each team allowed 2 throws in all except when an average is paid, then 3 loops are allowed.
- 7.** Roping steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered a no catch.
- 8.** Roper must dally to stop steer.
- 9.** Team roping heelers, aged 13 & Under, may tie on (optional) with a mechanical quick release device only, no horn knot; any other device will result in a no time.
- 10.** The word "dally" means one complete turn around the horn.
- 11.** Ropers must be mounted when time is taken.

- 12.** Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
- 13.** No foul catches can be removed by hand.
- 14.** If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands.
- 15.** If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the Field Flag Judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
- 16.** In case the Field Flag Judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the Judge may give the same steer back lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
- 17.** Steers horns must be tipped.
- 18.** A team roper will receive no points if he ropes with a non member and places at a regular season rodeo. These points will roll to the next member/member team during the regular season
- 19.** Steers will be chute run by the stock contractor or an official employee designated by stock contractor, NO PARENTS are allowed to push cattle. Positions will still be drawn.

SCORING AND PENALTIES

- 1.** In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.

- 2.** Timed event Judge will not flag contestants out until time is recorded.
- 3.** Judge is to flag time, then flag contestants out if run is not legal.
- 4.** There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.
- 5.** Roping steer without releasing loop from hand will disqualify catch.
- 6.** Contestants will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer or their horses.
- 7.** There will be only three (3) legal head catches:
 - A.** Both Horns
 - B.** Half a Head
 - C.** Around the Neck.
- 8.** If Hondo passes over one horn, the loop over the other the catch is illegal.
- 9.** If loop crosses itself in head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
- 10.** Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
- 11.** One hind foot receives five (5) second penalty.

12. Cross fire catches will receive a no time. If in the opinion of the field flagger, a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed directions of a steer, team shall receive no time. NOTE: Heel loop cannot be thrown “in the switch”; the steer must be “in tow”.

13. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the Field Judge, they have intentionally done so.

14. In the event a team roper is disqualified or injured, that team will be eliminated from that event.

15. If header accidentally jerks steer off its feet or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over eight (8) feet before steer regains its feet or team will receive no score.

16. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.

17. If the head loop picks up a front or hind foot, this is an automatic no time. No attempt will be made to turn the steer or to attempt to allow the steer’s foot to come out of the loop and complete the run.

ROPING RERUNS

1. If time is not recorded, contestant will be given rerun on same animal.

2. If rope is on animal, when animal escapes arena, contestants may get animal lap and tap with rope on it in chute, plus time accrued.

3. No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment

furnished by contestant.

4. If the Judges sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestants leave the arena.
5. A steer must be re-ran before it is used by another contestant.
6. When there is an electric timer and digital clock malfunctions, contestants will be give a clean rerun at a time designated by the Judges and Arena Director.
7. If artificial horns are jerked off, contestants will receive rerun on same steer, with no penalties other than barrier penalties.

RACING EVENTS

1. Parents of contestants will be responsible to determine if the arena gate will be left opened or closed at each rodeo unless there is a local club rule for that arena. Anything goes behind the score line with the discretion of the Directors.
2. All barrels will be staked. Also start and finish line.
3. A backup electronic timer will be used. The backup timer will be used if the official timer fails. In the case where both timers fail the entire event will be reran and flagged. In the event only 1 person is missed they will rerun at their choice either at the end of their age group or upon completion of the event.
4. Name will be called 3 times, if the contestant is not making an attempt to enter arena they will be disqualified.

POLE BENDING

1. There will be six (6) poles used, height of poles to be from 5 to 6 feet. Pole base size must be between 8 to 14 inches in diameter. Poles to be set on top of ground in a straight line. Poles are to be taped or rubberized for protection unless naturally safe material is used, such as plastic pipe, etc. The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be 21 feet. There is no penalty for touching a pole with hands or any part of the body or the horse, unless poles are knocked down. Top of pole must hit ground.

2. There will be a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked down. Contestant will receive a no time (disqualification) for not following the pattern and for stopping horse and backing up. Contestant may start either from left or right side. (Standing AQHA pattern will be used)

3. Pattern definition: The pattern will be considered broken when horse makes wrong turn or horse backs up.

4. If a pole is down, horse must pass on proper side of base to be qualified run.

5. The Judge will be positioned at center of pattern while judging the event.

6. If you break pattern you cannot start run over, but you can complete run from point of mistake.

7. Any penalties incurred during original run will be added to rerun if penalty takes place prior to being told the timer malfunctioned. However, contestant will not be penalized more than once for each pole knocked over. For example, if second pole is knocked down in both the original run and rerun, only one five seconded penalty will be incurred.

BARREL RACING

- 1.** Contestant may start with either the right or left barrel. If starting with the right barrel, there will be one right turn and two left turns around the barrels. If starting with the left barrel there will be one left turn and two right turns around the barrels.
- 2.** The first two (2) barrels will be staked at least fifteen (15) feet from the fence and the third barrel at least twenty (20) feet from the end of the arena.
- 3.** Where arena will tolerate, a standard pattern is recommended. The first and second barrels will be sixty (60) feet from the score line, ninety (90) feet between first and second barrels, and one hundred five (105) feet from first to third barrel and second to third barrel. A standard pattern will not be exceeded. However, the pattern will ultimately be determined by arena size, always adequate room from score line to end of arena to stop.
- 4.** If the arena is too narrow to set barrels #1 and #2 - 90 feet apart and 15 feet off the fence, the barrels will be set 15 feet off the fence. Barrel #3 will remain at 105 feet from #1 and #2 as long as arena allows 105 feet to barrel #3.
- 5.** Barrels will be set to the inside of the stakes, making sure stake is wrapped close to the barrels.
- 6.** There is no penalty for touching a barrel. There will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. Disqualification (no time) will result for breaking the pattern. The pattern will be considered broken when horse makes wrong turn or backs up. The standard clover leaf pattern will be used.
- 7.** There will be no practice runs after the barrels have been

staked unless the practice barrels are set at least twenty (20) feet off stakes. If practice on stakes, contestant will be fined amount of entry fee.

8. Any penalties incurred during original run will be added to rerun if penalty takes place prior to being told the timer malfunctioned. However, contestant will not be penalized more than once for each barrel knocked over. For example, if second barrel is knocked down in both the original run and rerun, only one 5 second penalty will be incurred.

9. No plastic barrels (unless necessary) or pads.

CALF RIDING/STEER RIDING/SR BULLS

1. Judges may disqualify a steer rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous steer leaves the arena, unless at the Judges request to move to another animal. Judges may turn steer out if rider is not attempting to set rope within two (2) minutes after steer is put in the chute.

2. No more than one (1) man may be on the chute to pull contestant's rope. When steer rider pulls rope excessively tight each Judge may disqualify contestant or allow from one (1) to five (5) points to be deducted from each Judge's total score, to be decided by the Judges.

3. There will be no buying, selling, or trading of steers/calves or bulls. Riding to be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without hand-hold, with no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer when rider leaves his back. Rope must have a bell when steer leaves the chute. No bell, no marking (score).

4. In the Steer Riding the steer will be ridden for six (6) seconds with the time to start when animal leaves the chute. The steers will be referred to as steer riding. In the Sr. bull riding, the bull will be ridden for eight (8) seconds, with the time starting when the animal leaves the chute.

5. Riders, who are knocked off at the chute or if steer falls on its side, will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of Judges. Riders using sharp spurs will be disqualified. Bell on rope must be under belly of steer.

6. In steer riding if flank comes off steer, option or re-ride maybe given, provided rider had made a qualified ride.

7. Rider must declare himself when fouled. Riders are not to sit on steer or spur steer until they are called for.

8. Riders may be disqualified for any of the following offenses:

A. Being bucked off.

B. Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.

C. Anyone following animal out past Judges.

D. Rider touching steer, his hat or any part of himself with his free hand.

E. If either Judge scores the stock 9 points or below, the Judge will give the contestant an option of a re-ride. Decision to take re-ride or score for that ride will be left to the contestant. Decision to be made before next contestant performs. If contestant does not want a re-ride, he must accept the score

given by the Judges.

9. A contestant cannot use free hand to assist his ride.

10. Protective vest must be worn. Mouthpieces are recommended.

CALF RIDING

1. Rider must ride with 1 hand for six (6) seconds with the time to start when animal leaves the chute. Judges will time the length of the ride with a stop watch till contestant disqualifies. Placing will be based on contestants score on a qualified ride. Time will begin when body of calf crosses plane of bucking chute.

2. Steer Riding Rules will apply.

3. In order to receive a re-ride the calf must be flanked. If the flank falls off and rider completes ride, the contestant has the choice of a re-ride or score.

4. Calf riders may have two (2) assistants in chute to help.

MUTTON BUSTIN

1. **REQUIREMENTS:** Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold. Headgear, mouthpiece and protective vest is requested, but not mandatory by the MRCA. The ride will be six (6) seconds in length, with rope in upright position.

2. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off animal when rider leaves him.

3. Rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of animal.
4. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he or she is to be marked.
5. Rider shall not use sharp spurs.
6. A ten-foot (10') half-circle will be drawn on the ground in front of the chute to be used for releasing the sheep and contestant. From the middle of the chute gate, measure 10 feet into the arena, then draw a half-circle around the chute gate.
7. If the sheep falls with the contestant within the 10-foot half-circle and the contestant dismounts, then the contestant will be awarded a re-ride.
8. If the contestant stays mounted and finishes the ride, the contestant will be given the option of a re-ride or accepting their score. However, if the sheep falls outside of the 10-foot radius, there will be no option of a re-ride. If the contestant falls off or dismounts, the result will be a no score for the contestant.
9. **DISQUALIFICATION OF RIDER: Any one of the following shall disqualify a rider:**
 10. Being bucked off.
 11. Touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand.
 12. Using sharp spurs, or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
 13. Not having a bell on sheep rope.
 14. Intentionally leaving the chute with spurs hooked or lodged in the sheep rope loop(s).
15. **MARKINGS:** The ride and animal are to be marked separately. Ride will be marked according to how much control rider has. Figures used in marking the mutton bustin' shall range

from zero to 25 per judge on both sheep and rider by using the full spread. The total may reach a maximum of 100 points.

16. **TIMING:** All mutton mustin' events shall be timed for six (6) seconds. That time to start when animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute gate. All mutton bustin' contestants must complete the six second qualification limit to be eligible for a marking.

CHUTE DOGGING

1. The event is open to 14 – 19 boys.

Once score line has been set, it will not be changed in that go-round. The score line will be parallel with the bucking chute. It will be set at ten (10) feet in front of bucking chute. The measurement will be made with chute gate in closed position. Bucking chute shall be part of the arena in chute dogging event.

2. The line judge will flag the start when the animal's nose crosses the score line. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:

- a. In any timed event if animal escapes from arena, field judge will drop flag and all watches will stop. Contestant will receive original animal with lap and tap start. The time already accumulated will be added to time to complete qualifying run.
- b. In case of mechanical failure.
- c. If the opinion of the line judge feels the chute fouls the contestant, contestant shall get his steer back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up.

3. It shall be the arena director's responsibility to see that contestants compete on stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock drawn for contestant must be ran during that performance and only that time or score taken.
4. This event shall not be conducted with an open catch gate at any arena.
5. All steers shall be turned out in the same direction and the same chute will be used. (All steers shall be run out of same chute). A left hand delivery must be used.
6. The steer loaded in chute, dogger gets beside steer, both hands behind ears and horns, when dogger calls for steer the chute gate will be opened, dogger must keep both hands behind ears and horns until steer's nose crosses score line. If dogger moves into throw position, touches either horn or either ear, or attempts to slow steer down in any manner before steer's nose crosses line, there will be a ten (10) second penalty added to the time. (this will be considered breaking the barrier). If steer is thrown before crossing line, dogger will receive a no time.
7. The hold is optional as long as either hand does not come in contact with either horn or ear before crossing the score line. The steer must be stopped or the steer's forward motion changed before twisting down. Flag stops time.
8. There will be one (1) flagman to designate a legal fall, which shall be all four (4) feet extended in the same direction.
9. Any steer making a hula-hand must be let to his feet and thrown again for legal throw.
10. If a steer breaks away from the dogger, the dogger may take no more than one (1) step to catch the steer.

- 11.** Hotshot maybe used at the discretion of the contestant.
- 12.** Any steer accidentally knocked down without being thrown must be let to his feet and thrown by hand.
- 13.** There shall be a sixty (60) second time limit.
- 14.** All doggers must keep a hand on their steer until the Judges drop flag.
- 15.** Contestant may have one (1) helper, helper must enter from back of chute only. All contestants and parents must stay behind chute. Helper cannot cross the plane of the chute gate until time is stopped or contestant is disqualified. Plane of gate defined as, hing to latch of chute gate.
- 16.** Contestant must start his run with his hat on.
17. Steers horns must be tipped.
18. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up.
19. A steer falling in the opposite direction the steer wrestler is attempting to throw him (dog fall) the contestant may choose to turn the steer's head to correspond with the leg position to make this a legal fall.
20. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate. (flagman)
21. Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded.

22. Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out, if run is not legal.

23. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chute.

24. A steer must be rerun before it is used by another contestant. Fresh steers may be added to the herd after they have been released from the bucking chute and thrown down. It is the responsibility of the steer wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.

25. Field flagger is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose.

26. Barrier judge will stand on the start line on right side of the steer and flag when the animal's nose crosses the line indicating the start of the run.

27. Field flagger will flag when the animal is legally thrown indicating the end of the run.

GOAT TYING

1. The starting line should be fifteen (15) yards from either end of the arena or set at the discretion of the directors. The goat should be held back behind the stake facing the contestant. The rope should be tight. The goat should be released when the flag man signals for the time to start. All goats must be tipped.

2. There is no set distance from the starting line to the goat, but a minimum of 100 feet is desirable. At one go-round and/or two or

more go-rounds and average rodeo, position should be drawn before the first performance begins for all performances. If more than five (5) contestants are entered there must be two (2) goats (if at all possible) or more of approximately the same size. Each goat should be tied an equal number of times if possible. One goat may be tied one more time than the other or others over a full rodeo; however, goats should be changed after not more than five (5) contestants.

3. The goats should be tied to a stake with a rope which is ten (10) feet in length, not to exceed eleven (11) feet in length.

4. Stake should be pounded completely into the ground. No part of it should be visible or above the ground. When fresh goats are being used, they should be tied down at least once before the rodeo starts. It is not recommended to mix fresh goats with those that have been tied at rodeos or in practice.

5. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to goat, dismount from horse, and throw the goat by hand. It is recommended that at a two or three day one go-round rodeo the number of contestants be nearly equal each night and not permitted to all go on one night.

6. If goat is down when the contestant reaches it, goat must be stood on a least three (3) feet (goat must be elevated by contestant so that at least three (3) feet must be dangling straight underneath goat, and goat must be re-thrown) and then cross and tie any three (3) legs together with a leather thong, pigging string, or rope. If contestant's hand is on goat when goat falls, goat is considered thrown by hand.

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 no time. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one or more wraps and a half-

hitch. A half-hitch only is not a legal tie and should be a no time. The five seconds will not start until contestant is no longer touching the goat.

8. Timing will start when contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when contestant signals the completion of the tie. Deliberately holding the goat down after completion of the tie will result in disqualification. If contestant does not stand clear from goat immediately after completion of tie, he/she will receive a no time. You must clear the rope with both hands before flag is given.

9. Should the horse cross over or touch either stake or rope, with or without contact to the goat, the contestant will be fined ten (10) seconds. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will receive a no time for that run. If the goat should break away any other time, the contestant will receive a rerun. If a horse/rope violation is declared but timer fails to get time, and a rerun is awarded, a ten (10) second penalty will go with contestant on rerun. If horse does run over/cross rope, but flag has been dropped and time has been stopped, there will be no ten (10) second penalty.

10. Goat should be staked at the same point each night on a one go-round rodeo, or when running slack. When using two or more goats, the rope should be tied back or snapped in the same place so length will remain the same for all contestants.

11. The same goat or goats should be used on consecutive nights of a one go-round. When a rodeo has two or more go-rounds and an average of two or more goats are used, no contestant should compete on the same goat more than once that rodeo. Positions will be drawn for contestant and contestants will alternate goats.

12. Once the horse has crossed the timer line – the run has started. Once the run has started, you cannot cross the timer line again mounted. Doing so will result in a no time.

13. 10-13 Boys Goat Tying exceptions: 10-13 boys goat must use a pigging string (string with an eye) and must string the front leg (stated to use Jr. High Association ruling).

RIBBON GOATS (6&Under)

1. The starting line should be fifteen (15) yards from either end of the arena or set at the discretion of the directors. The goat should be held back behind the stake facing the contestant. The rope should be tight. The goat should be released when contestant's feet touch ground after dismount.

2. Ribbon must be at least 6" and tied to the base of goat's tail. The contestant must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from the horse and remove the ribbon from goat and cross the finish line. The finish line will be fifteen (15) feet left of the goat stake and must be clearly marked. Judge must stand on line.

3. Time will start when contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when ribbon is removed from goat's tail and contestant crosses the finish line with ribbon in their hand. Any part of ribbon is legal. Contestant must show Judge ribbon after crossing line to receive a time.

4. If goat is down when contestant reaches goat, contestant can pull ribbon. Goat does not have to be cleared or standing.

5. Should the horse run over, or touch the rope, with or without contact to the goat, the contestant will be fined ten (10) seconds. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse,

the contestant will receive a no time for that run. If the goat should break away any other time, the contestant will receive a rerun. If a horse/rope violation is declared but timer fails to get time, and a rerun is awarded, a ten (10) second penalty will go with contestant on rerun.

6. Once the horse has crossed the timer line – the run has started. Once the run has started, you cannot cross the timer line again mounted. Doing so will result in a no time.

7. If ribbon falls off goat's tail before contestant reaches goat, a rerun will be given.

POINT SYSTEM

1. All points must be won in MRCA approved rodeo.

2. Only approved MRCA events will count for points.

3. Points will be awarded only to members who qualify in an event thru ten (10) places. If a non-member places ahead of a member in the same event, then member receives non-members points. **Example:** Non-member places 2nd in 10-13 girls barrels and member places 3rd in that same event, the member who placed 3rd receives 2nd place points and all members will move up accordingly.

4. Rodeo books and score sheets will be provided to the MRCA secretary after each rodeo for the purpose of awarding points.

5. Anytime two or more go-rounds and average are paid, points for the average will be equal to the points for each go-round. Each go-round to be completed before starting next go-round.

6. When a rodeo must be stopped due to uncontrollable

circumstances allow the event points to count toward the completed events only. These points will not count toward the All Around. Refund entries to the events that could not compete.

7. Points will be awarded through ten places on the following scale:

1st - 50	3rd - 40	5th - 30	7th - 20	9th - 10
2nd - 45	4th - 35	6th - 25	8th - 15	10th - 5

8. Five (5) points will be awarded to each member in each event (team roping 2.5 points per run) who competes or makes an honest effort in said event to be determined by Event Directors with the exception of the Finals.

9. All members will take only top 17 Rodeos per event into the Finals. Members will keep all 5 points earned for participation, per event, at all rodeos competed in.

PAYOFF

General Rules which apply to pay-off of prize money:

1. The number of monies paid will vary according to the number of contestants.

2. If fewer contestants qualify than the number of monies to be paid, reduce the number of monies to be paid.

3. Pay only those who qualify. If no qualified time/score exist, ground money will be paid.

4. If Entry Fee is refunded due to no one qualifying, do not refund office fee.

Pay-Off Schedule

1. The number of monies paid will vary according to the following schedule:

A. 1,2 or 3 Entered - 100% First Place.

B. 4 through 7 Entered - 2 Monies, 1st 60%, 2nd 40%.

C. 8 through 11 Entered - 3 Monies, 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%.

D. 12 through 15 Entered - 4 Monies, 1st 40%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%, 4th 10%.

E. 16 through 19 Entered - 5 Monies, 1st 33%, 2nd 27%, 3rd 20%, 4th 13%, 5th 7%.

F. 20 or More Entered - 6 Monies, 1st 29%, 2nd 24%, 3rd 19%, 4th 14%, 5th 9%, 6th 5%.

2. Maximum number of Monies paid not to exceed six (6) except for ties and/or splits.

Pay-Off of Average Money

In rodeos when an average is to be paid the entry fee will include day money and average money. If less qualify in the average on all go-rounds than the amount of monies to be paid, drop back and take the best times/scores of those qualifying in the highest number of go-rounds. To qualify for the average a contestant must compete in each go-round of the rodeo unless excused by the Board of Directors for injury or other extenuating

circumstance. Pay off of each go-round and average will be made using pay-off schedule listed above.

EXCERPTS FROM MRCA BYLAWS GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Mid-South Youth Rodeo Cowboys Association is an Oklahoma non-profit corporation.

The principal purpose of the Association shall be to provide and promote the competitive events of rodeo among its youth members who are school children/students.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the Bylaws of the corporation.

Furthermore, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed by vote of two-thirds of the Members present at any regular meeting, or at a special meeting of the members if notice of the proposed amendment, alteration, change or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting.

The membership list and complete bylaws, as amended, shall be open to inspection upon the written demand of any member, at any reasonable time, and for a purpose reasonably related to his/her interests as a member (as determined at the discretion of the President).

The Board of Directors shall establish and publish a set of Rodeo Rules by which to operate its rodeo activities. A copy of such Rodeo Rules shall be provided to all members at no charge at the time of application for membership or within a reasonable time thereafter. The Rodeo Rules may be altered, amended or repealed by a majority of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting; or at any special meeting, provided that the notice of

such special meeting contains a statement that amendment or repeal of the Rodeo Rules will be the subject of such meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

ELIGIBILITY

Membership status shall be based on the "Rodeo Year" defined as: Beginning immediately after the Finals (normally in the first week in September, but as may be rescheduled by the Board of Directors) through the Finals of the following year.

Qualifications for and Types of Membership

Youth Members. Membership in the Association is open to any single boy or girl who has never been married and meets the age requirements as the Board of Directors may set in the Rodeo Rules from year to year. The "age" of a member for this purpose shall be determined as of September 1 of the beginning of the Rodeo Year. If a Youth Member has his/her birthday during the Rodeo Year, his/her membership may continue through conclusion of the Rodeo Year, including the Finals for that Rodeo Year. The Youth Member must furnish, upon application for membership, a birth certificate or permanent school record evidencing his/her age as of September 1 of the Rodeo Year. All Youth Members must be enrolled and attending an accredited school or alternative educational program and will provide documentation to substantiate such school eligibility if requested by the Board. A member, who is a Home School Student, must furnish a notarized statement of proof of purchase from an accredited curriculum. A Youth Member must pay to the Association the membership fees and/or other charges as set by the Board of Directors in its Rodeo Rules. Each Youth Member is entitled to one (1) vote at membership meetings

Non-contestant Members. Parents or guardians of Youth Members are granted (without additional cost) Non-contestant membership status, with a limit of two (2) Non-contestant Members to each Youth Member. Non-contestant members will be allowed one (1) vote each at all membership meetings.

Annual Membership Meetings

The annual meeting of the membership shall be held in conjunction with the end-of-year Finals and the business conducted thereat shall come into effect for the ensuing Rodeo Year. Included in the business of such annual meeting shall be the election of new directors for the ensuing Rodeo Year. Other business may be transacted at the annual membership meeting, which may be properly brought before the meeting.

Special Membership Meetings

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors with at least fifteen (15) days' advance notice of the time, place and general purpose of such meeting;

VOTING

At each meeting of members, each member, Youth and Non-contestant alike, shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The voting at all members meetings shall be registered by voice or hand count, but any qualified voter may demand a vote by written ballot, whereupon such vote shall be taken by written ballot, each of

which shall state the name of the member voting. There is no provision for absentee or proxy voting.

DIRECTORS

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and conducted by, the Board of Directors.

The number of directors which shall constitute the whole Board shall be not less than five (5) or more than thirty (30). Within the foregoing limitation, the Members at their annual meeting shall determine the number to constitute the Board for the ensuing Rodeo Year, and the number so determined shall remain fixed until changed at a subsequent members meeting. The Members may designate class(es) and number(s) of Directors to be elected to each respective class.

All directors shall continue to hold office until the next annual meeting or until their respective successors are elected.

A director must be a Non-contestant Member of the Association.

Vacancies in the Board resulting from the death, resignation, disqualification, removal from office, or other cause, shall be filled by appointment of the President. The President's appointment of a replacement director shall be final, subject only to: (I) veto by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at a special meeting called specifically for that purpose within fifteen (15) days of the President's appointment; or (ii) veto by a vote of two-thirds of the members at a special meeting called specifically for that purpose within fifteen (15) days of the President's appointment. Any Director appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the

remainder of the unexpired term of the directorship being filled.

A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held each year immediately following the adjournment of the annual membership meeting. Regular meetings of the Board are open for observation to members; however, the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, may recess into executive session, at which time members shall not be allowed to attend.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose(s) shall be called at any time by the President [or, if he/she is absent or unable to act, by any Vice President] or by any three (3) directors.

Special meetings of the Board are open for observation to members; however, the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, may recess into executive session, at which time members shall not be allowed to attend.

Each Director is entitled to cast one (1) vote. There is no provision for absentee or proxy voting by any director. The President, acting in his capacity as a director, shall have no vote unless in the situation of a tie vote among the other voting directors.

OFFICERS

President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction and control of the business and officers of the corporation

Vice President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President, if any, shall perform all the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject

to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice President shall have a vote as a director, except when acting in the capacity as president when he/she will then be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Secretary. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office of the corporation or such other place as the Board of Directors may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of directors and members, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and, if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at directors' meetings, the number of members present at members' meetings, and the proceedings thereof.

The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a current copy of the corporation's Bylaws and of the Rodeo Rules, as they may be amended from time to time. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a membership list showing the names of the members, their category of membership (youth or non-contestant) and their addresses, and the ending date of their membership.

The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors required to be given by the corporation's Bylaws or by law, and he/she shall keep the seal of the corporation in safe custody. He/She shall also sign, with the President or Vice President, all contracts, deeds, licenses and other instruments when necessary. He/She shall make such reports to the Board of Directors as the directors may request and shall also prepare such reports and statements as are required by the laws of the State of Oklahoma and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by the Bylaws. The Secretary shall attend to such correspondence and perform such other duties as may be incidental to his/her office or as may be properly assigned to him

by the Board of Directors.

The Assistant Secretary(ies), if any, shall perform the duties of the Secretary in the case of his/her absence or disability and such other duties as may be specified by the Board of Directors.

Points Secretary and Points Auditor. The Points Secretary and Points Auditor shall be charged with the duty of maintaining accurate record of the points as awarded to Youth Members under the Rodeo Rules.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation, including account of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses and contributions. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He/she shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, shall render to the President and directors, whenever they request it, an account of all his/her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the bylaws.

The Assistant Treasurer(s), if any, shall perform the duties of the Treasurer in the event of the Treasurer's absence or disability and such other duties as the Board of Directors may determine.

At the expense of the Association, the offices of the Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer shall be bonded by a commercial, licensed bonding agency in an amount to be set by the Board of Directors, unless the requirement for such a bond is waived by resolution of the Board of Directors

MRCA
PAST ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS

1985

Senior Girl -	Kim Stamps
Junior Girl -	Ross Brown
Senior Boy -	Brian Rice
Junior Boy -	Blair Burk

1986

Senior Girl -	Jamie Daugherty
Junior Girl -	Ross Brown
Senior Boy -	Brian Rice
Junior Boy -	Blair Burk

1987

Senior Girl -	Ross Brown
Junior Girl -	Caryn Standifer
Senior Boy -	Kevin Blaske
Junior Boy -	D.J. O'Connor

1988

16-18 Girl -	Jeana Bowman
13-15 Girl -	Ross Brown
Junior Girl -	Caryn Standifer
16-18 Boy -	J. Paul Williams
13-15 Boy -	Blair Burk
Junior Boy -	Shane Slack

1989

16-18 Girl - Susan Fowler
13-15 Girl - Ross Brown
Junior Girl - Kaci Garrett
16-18 Boy - Robbie Etter
13-15 Boy - Blair Burk
Junior Boy - Trevor Brazile

1990

13-15 Girl - Pepper Young
13-15 Boy - Jerome Schneeberge
10-12 Girl - Allana Bowlin
10-12 Boy - Chuck "Goober" Jones
9 & Under Coed - Felicia Otis

1991

14-16 Girl - Mistie Elrod
14-16 Boy - Jerome Schneeberger
10-13 Girl - Nacolh Armstrong
10-13 Boy - Chuck "Goober" Jones
9 & Under Coed - Janae Ward

1992

14-16 Girl - Brandi Stevenson
14-16 Boy - Kyle Manning
10-13 Girl - Rebecca Patton
10-13 Boy - Ryan Youngblood
9 & Under Coed - Christen Allen

1993

14-16 Girl -	Brandi Stevenson
14-16 Boy -	Kyle Manning
10-13 Girl -	Janae Ward
10-13 Boy -	Russell Wells
9 & Under Coed -	Christen Allen

1994

14-16 Girl -	Amanda Morgan
14-16 Boy -	Jason Childers
10-13 Girl -	Janae Ward
10-13 Boy -	J.W. Johnson
7-9 Coed -	Torri Mullins

1995

14-16 Girl -	Amanda Morgan
14-16 Boy -	Jason Bagwell
10-13 Girl -	Janae Ward
10-13 Boy -	J.R. Magdeburg
7 - 9 Coed -	Kari Jo Eeds

1996

14-16 Girl -	Ryan Herrin
14-16 Boy -	Justin Duvall
10-13 Girl -	Janae Ward
10-13 Boy -	Tony Sauter
7 - 9 Coed -	J.W. Hale

1997

14-17 Girl -	Ryan Herrin
14-17 Boy -	Bart Bailey
10-13 Girl -	Amanda High
10-13 Boy -	Caddo Lewellen
7 - 9 Coed -	Samantha Miller

1998

14-17 Girl -	Ryan Herrin
14-17 Boy -	Bart Bailey
10-13 Girl –	Kari Jo Eeds
10-13 Boy –	Caddo Lewellen
7 - 9 Coed –	Cassie Ward

1999

14-17 Girl -	Kelcey Foreman
14-17 Boy -	Jody Green
10-13 Girl -	Samantha Miller
10-13 Boy -	Cole Bailey
7-9 Coed -	Trevor Beebe

2000

14-17 Girl -	Jenna Lee Hayes
14-17 Boy -	Robert Stevenson
10-13 Girl -	Kylie Ward
10-13 Boy -	Cole Bailey
7-9 Coed -	Tara Timms

2001

14-17 Girl –	Amber Randolph
14-17 Boy -	Robert Stevenson
10-13 Girl –	Samantha Miller
10-13 Boy –	Quincy Kueckelhan
7-9 Coed -	Tara Timms

2002

14-17 Girl –	Samantha Miller
14-17 Boy –	Tanner Beebe
10-13 Girl –	Cassie Ward
10-13 Boy –	Matt Fleming
7-9 Coed –	Bryson Sechrist

2003

14-18 Girl –	Kylie Ward
14-18 Boy –	Houston Harris
10-13 Boy –	Christian Dewbre
10-13 Girl –	Katie Beebe
7-9 Coed –	Cody Mullens
6 & Under Coed –	Kelsey Graf

2004

14-18 Girl –	Nikki Milligan
14-18 Boy –	Houston Harris
10-13 Boy –	Christian Dewbre
10-13 Girl –	Katie Beebe
7-9 Coed –	Cody Mullens
6 & Under Coed –	Kadan Gravitt

2005

14-18 Girl –	Kelsey Elmore
14-18 Boy –	Kirby Skeen
10-13 Boy –	Cody Mullens
10-13 Girl –	Katie Beebe
7-9 Coed –	Brady Norman
6 & Under Coed –	Sassi Thompson

2006

14-18 Girl –	Kelsey Elmore
14-18 Boy –	Cooper Bruce
10-13 Boy –	Shane Frey
10-13 Girl –	Cassidy Boggs
7-9 Coed –	Brady Norman
6&Under Coed –	Trey Kimzey

2007

14-18 Girl—	Dusta Kimzey
14-18 Boy—	Shane Frey
10-13 Boy—	Landyn Duncan
10-13 Girls—	J’Nae Mullen
7-9 Coed—	Brady Norman
6 & Under Coed—	“Hot Shot” Garrett Elmore

2008

14-18 Girl-	Kelsey Elmore
14-18 Boy-	Cooper Bruce
10-13 Girl-	Shelly Tanner
10-13 Boy-	Brady Norman
7-9 Coed-	Reno Muggli
6 & Under Coed-	Layne Carter

2009

14-19 Girl-	Kasee Miller
14-19 Boy-	Cooper Bruce
10-13 Girl-	Mikayla Phillips
10-13 Boy-	Brady Norman
7-9 Coed-	Hannah Gurrola
6 & Under Coed-	Layne Carter

**PAT BAILEY MEMORIAL AWARD
PAST WINNERS**

2000	Missy Morgan
2001	Clay McCuiston
2002	Sage Smith
2003-	Steve Teague
2004-	Ty Seachrist
2005-	Jenna Rae Kellum
2006-	Leah Smith
2007-	Tyler Holder
2008-	Stephanie Beacraft
2009-	Blake Byrum

MRCA ORDER OF EVENTS

(during the rodeo season)

Rough Stock:
Mutton Bustin
Calf Riding
Steer Riding
Sr Bull Riding

Barrels

Poles

Goats

Chute Dogging

Team Roping

Breakaway

7-9

10-13 Girls

10-13 Boys

14-19 Girls

Ribbons Roping

10-13

14-19

Tie-Down Roping

10-13

14-19