

Rule Changes for 2025 Season

**Red indicates changes*

1. VELCRO: NEW RULE

Velcro - Velcro (AKA 'Magic Seats') or tying a contestant to the saddle seat in any fashion, will not be allowed unless a doctor's note is submitted at least 2 weeks prior to books closing of first rodeo they plan to enter and approved by the Nwyra Board of Directors.

2. CURFEW: NEW RULE

Curfew – Contestants and all non-competing minors attending are required to be in the campsites or off of rodeo grounds by 11:00pm, or 30 minutes after rodeo ends, whichever comes later, at all rodeos and quiet or accompanied by a parent or guardian. (Non-competing minors include family members, friends, and spectators)

If a contestant is found in violation of rules the following steps will take place:

First Violation: Verbal warning by Director or Board Member - To be documented- Meeting with contestant and parent or guardian and Board of Directors

Second Violation: Disqualification from rodeo - documented- Meeting with contestant, parent or guardian and Board of Directors

Third Violation: Disqualification from entire rodeo weekend & forfeiture of points accumulated in prior events for the weekend -documented-Meeting with contestant, parent or guardian and Board of Directors

If a non-competing minor is found in violation of rules the following steps will take place:

First Violation: Verbal warning by Director or Board Member - To be documented- Meeting with minor and parent or guardian

Second Violation: Trespassed from rodeo grounds for the weekend - documented- Meeting with minor, parent or guardian and Board of Directors

Third Violation: Trespassed from all Nwyra rodeos & functions for the remainder of the calendar year -documented-Meeting with minor, parent or guardian and Board of Directors

3. PW TEAM ROPING FORMAT CHANGES **JR & SR to remain same*

PW TEAM ROPING

PW Team Roping will consist of two classes; PW Heading & PW Heeling. Contestant may NOT cross enter in heading & heeling, only allowed to enter once per rodeo.

PW Heading

1. Rules to remain the same as stated in the Nwyra rule book.

PW Heeling

1. Rules to remain the same as stated in the Nwyra rule book. Except as stated below
2. Head loop to be put on in chute.
3. Barrel to be placed at director's discretion. Steer cannot be turned before the barrel
4. Flag to start at the barrel.
5. Heeler gets two loops.
6. Flagger to end run at heelers dally.

4. FUNDRAISING & RAFFLE TICKETS CHANGES

FUNDRAISING & RAFFLE TICKETS

NWYRA is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that operates completely from sponsorships, donations and fundraising. This is an essential component of NWYRA's overall operating costs.

1. Every Contestant is required to fundraise by selling a minimum number of raffle tickets.
2. Every Contestant will need to pick up their raffle tickets at their first NWYRA Rodeo, they will be responsible to turn in the value of the tickets or the unsold tickets.
3. All raffle money is required to be turned in by the last rodeo weekend of the season.
5. Awards Banquet Auction items to donate, please contact the Association Secretary.
6. Awards Banquet Dessert Dash, please contact the Court Director.

5. VOLUNTEERING CHANGES

VOLUNTEERING

1. If your child participates in NWYRA rodeos, parents/guardians are required to volunteer. Volunteering is crucial in being able to put on rodeos for the kids. Without volunteers, we cannot rodeo.
2. Volunteering is required per Contestant (1 kid=1 volunteer spot, 2 kids=2 volunteer spots, etc.)
3. SR (& older JR) Division kids can help and can fill the volunteer requirements **at the discretion of the event director or volunteer director.**
4. When you sign up for a position, it is for Rodeo 1 & Rodeo 2 unless otherwise specified (like tractor driver or garbage), make sure to show-up for that position, even if your child is done competing for the weekend.
5. Volunteers must stay in their volunteer position through the entire event/performance.
6. Every volunteer must "sign-in" to get the volunteer time accounted for.
7. For families that do not sign-up to volunteer, or are a no-show for their volunteer position, contestant(s) status may be marked ineligible to enter future rodeos. **Failure to volunteer or show up for your volunteer position you signed up for will negatively impact your contestant's eligibility to compete.**

8. **Failure to sign up for a volunteer or show up for your position will result in the following:**

First Violation: Disqualification from one rodeo performance the following weekend -

documented- Meeting with contestant(s), parent or guardian and Board of Directors

Second Violation: Disqualification from an entire rodeo the following weekend & -

documented-Meeting with contestant(s), parent or guardian and Board of Directors

Third Violation: Ineligible to compete remainder of season & forfeiture of points

accumulated in prior events for the season -documented-Meeting with contestant(s),

parent or guardian and Board of Directors

9. Volunteer Sign Up will be available when books open for the first rodeo. **You will be able to sign up for jobs for the season, if you so choose, or just the upcoming rodeo.**

10. Each family will be required to sign up for Sunday cleanup for one of the weekend rodeos.

5. CHUTE DOGGING (NO CHANGES IN RULEBOOK, RULES ATTACHED FOR REFERENCE. THIS WILL REMAIN A BOYS ONLY EVENT WITH NO GIRLS EXHIBITION ALLOWED)

CHUTE DOGGING

EVENT RULES

1. This is an event for JR boys only.
2. JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWYRA Rule Book.
3. The event initiates from a straightaway chute in the arena
4. Score/start line (gypsum, baby powder, chalk, etc.) will be parallel to chute, set at ten (10) feet in front of chute. Measurement will be made with the chute gate in the closed position.
5. Once score line has been set, it will not be changed for that rodeo.
6. Contestants enters the chute through a man gate and stand on the left side of the steer.
7. Contestant cannot place hands on horns, until the steer crosses the score line.
8. NWYRA will have a designated pusher.
9. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by dogger putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then thrown.
10. 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.
11. Dogger must have hand on steer when flagged.
12. If a steer falls in the opposite direction the dogger 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 throw.

SCORING & PENALTIES

1. There is a thirty (30) second time limit.
2. There will be a ten (10) second penalty if horns are touched before steer crosses the score line.
3. The Barrier Judge will stand on the start line and flag when the animals nose crosses the score line indicating the start time.
4. The Field Judge will flag when the animals is legally thrown indicating the end of the run.
5. The Field Judge is required to watch the Contestant and steer until the animal is turned loose.
6. Time to be taken between two flags
7. The fairness of throw will be left to the judges, and their decision is final.

EQUIPMENT

1. Chute dogging chute is part of the area during this event.

LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. Chute Dogging Steer - 450 lbs. minimum, 550lbs. maximum, suitable for wrestling.
2. Fresh Steers added to bunch that have not been used must be bull-dogged from the bucking chute and thrown down. It is the responsibility of chute doggers to throw the cattle at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.