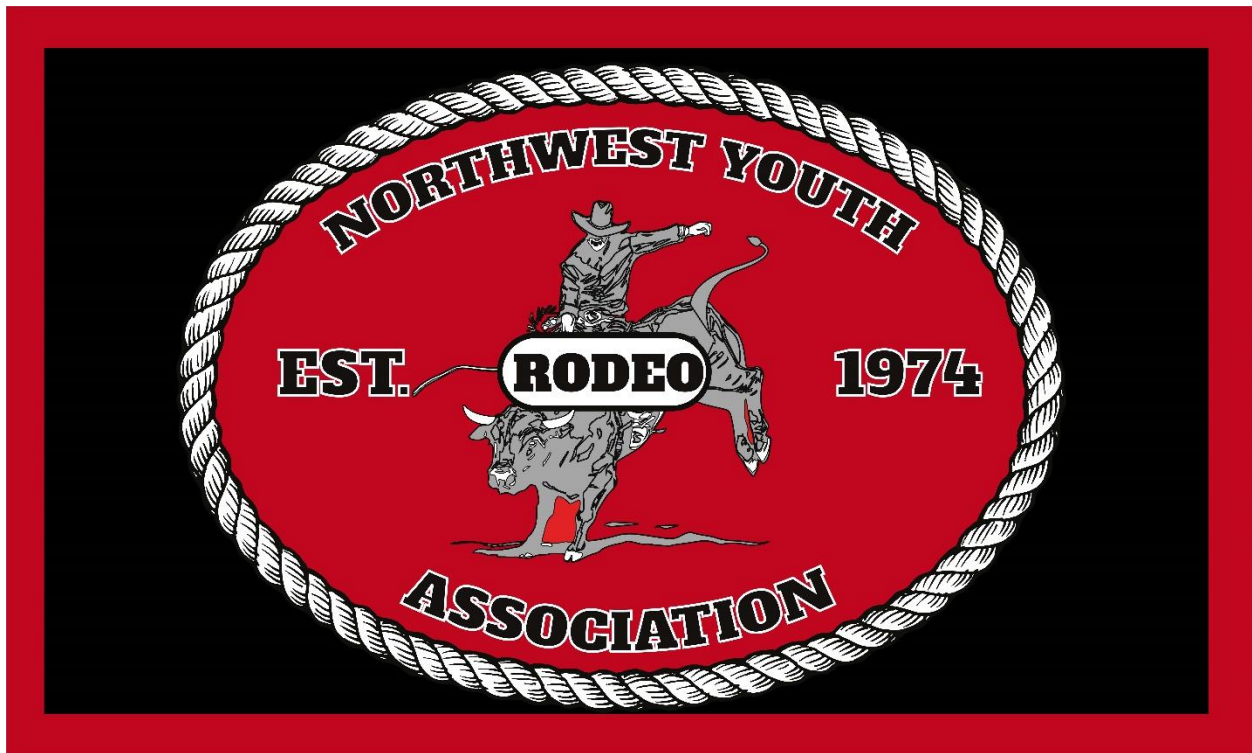


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**Rule Book  
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# NWYRA Mission Statement

- Promote the sport of rodeo;
- Uphold, promote and maintain the Western Heritage lifestyle;
- Support exemplary sportsmanship, conduct, attitude, respect and responsibility/accountability.
- Encourage family-orientated relationships and values;
- Teach, demonstrate and practice the excellent care, proper treatment and safeguards for handling livestock;
- To lay a solid foundation of rodeo knowledge and skills to continue onto Highschool and College Rodeo;
- To fund student scholarships and support continued education.

The Northwest Youth Rodeo Association (“NWYRA”) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 1974. NWYRA is one of the largest youth rodeo associations in the Pacific Northwest.

The NWYRA is a training ground, laying the foundation for future rodeo champions. We are a family-oriented, all-volunteer association providing the opportunity for cowboys and cowgirls to compete in the great American Sport of Rodeo.

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Contestants and Parents/Legal Guardian are responsible to read and fully understand both rule books.

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## **SECTION 1: GENERAL ASSOCIATION INFORMATION & RULES**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. NWyRA Officers/Board of Directors (“BOD”) will determine opening/closing dates for membership sign-up and the amount of the Membership Fee.
2. Membership sign-up is completed via the RodeoReady App
3. Membership Fee is non-refundable.
4. Before NWyRA online membership is complete, the Parents/Legal Guardian of the Contestant must check the box to acknowledge they have read, fully understand, and accept the NWyRA Liability Waivers. These waivers will show up when you enter the first rodeo.
  - a) Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement
  - b) Authorization for Release of Photos
  - c) Social Media Policy
5. The NWyRA Waivers can also be found on the NWyRA website.
6. A clear copy of Contestants birth certificate is required to verify age/division to complete membership for new contestants. Parents will have the option to mail a copy in the mail, or present it to the rodeo secretary or association secretary at the first rodeo. Once confirmed, we will not store the birth certificates.
7. If you fail to provide a mailed copy of the birth certificate or to present one to us despite entering the first rodeo, the contestant will be ineligible to compete until it is presented. There will be no refunds issued for any events missed during this time.
7. Once membership information has been verified and processed, you will receive a confirmation from RodeoReady.

### **RODEO SEASON & SCHEDULE**

1. The NWyRA rodeo season runs during the summer months (June through August) hosting 5 weekend rodeos. Schedule done and posted as early as possible.
2. The Summer schedule of rodeos will be posted to the NWyRA website and social media.
3. The NWyRA weekend rodeo runs Friday (1/2 day), Saturday and Sunday.

### **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 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.

## **POINT SYSTEM, PAY OUT SCALE & AWARDS**

### **POINT SYSTEM**

1. Points will be earned in each event 1<sup>ST</sup> through 10<sup>TH</sup> place as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: 10 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 9 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 8 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place: 7 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place: 6 points
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place: 5 points
  - 7<sup>th</sup> place: 4 points
  - 8<sup>th</sup> place: 3 points
  - 9<sup>th</sup> place: 2 points
  - 10<sup>th</sup> place: 1 point
2. Points start accumulating when membership and entry fees have been paid in full.

### **PAY OUT SCALE**

1. The payout formula will be based on the total number of entries and entry fees.
2. Payouts are subject to change at any time.
3. One payout slot per 5 entries.
4. Payout will not exceed 10<sup>th</sup> place.
5. PPW payout is a fixed dollar amount 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place.
6. Payout checks must be cashed within 6 months of issue date.
7. Payout checks will not be re-issued.
8. Payout checks can be picked up at the rodeo office or at the Awards Banquet.

### **AWARDS**

1. Contestant Gift
  - a) Contestant must compete in a minimum of 5 of the 9 rodeos;
  - b) Parent of Contestant must volunteer at each rodeo Contestant is entered;
  - c) Contestants must be in good standing with NWYRA;
  - d) The Contestant gift is different every year and is decided by the Award Directors;
  - e) Contestants will receive this gift at the Awards Banquet.
2. Individual Event Awards
  - a) Individual Event Qualifications are the same as Contestant Gift, in addition;
  - b) Contestant must compete in each specific individual event at a minimum of 5 of the 9 rodeos and accumulated the most points in that individual event using the NWYRA point system;
  - c) The Individual Event Awards are presented at the Awards Banquet.
3. All-Around Awards
  - a) Qualifications are the same as Contestant Gift and Individual Event Awards, in addition;



- b) Contestant must compete in three (3) or more events in a minimum of 5 of the 9 rodeos and accumulated the most points using the NWYRA point system.
  - c) If in a division no one achieves the above requirements in three (3) events, then that division will move to the same rules based on two (2) events.
  - d) In a tie situation, the tie breaking decision will be based on the Contestant with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes. If that ties, then the Contestant with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes and on down.
  - e) All-Around Champions will be announced at the Finals Rodeo.
  - f) The All-Around Awards go to the top three (3) Boys and top three (3) Girls in each division who are Champion, Reserve Champion and Top 3.
  - g) The All-Around Champion Saddle is awarded to the Champion Boy and Girl in each division and they will be presented with their saddle certificate at the Finals Rodeo.
  - h) All-Around Champion Saddle winners must order their custom champion saddle by the deadline given, or a stock saddle with sponsor information will be ordered.
  - i) The All-Around Awards are presented at the Awards Banquet.
4. Rodeo Weekend High Point Awards
- a) Qualifications are the same as Contestant Gift, in addition;
  - b) Contestant who accumulates the most points at the double header rodeo (combine Rodeo 1 & Rodeo 2) using the NWYRA point system;
  - c) Rodeo Weekend High Point Awards are given to the top Boy and Girl in each division;
  - d) Rodeo Weekend High Point Awards are presented at the Finals Rodeo.
5. Finals Buckles
- a) Qualifications are the same as Contestant Award, in addition;
  - b) Buckles are awarded to each division, for each individual event to the Contestant who accumulates the most points in that individual event using the NWYRA point system;
  - c) The Finals Buckles are presented at the Awards Banquet.
6. Raffle Ticket Top Seller Awards
- a) These awards are given to the top seller in each division who sell the most raffle tickets;
  - b) The Raffle Ticket Top Seller Awards are different every year and is decided by the Raffle & Fundraising Director;
  - c) Top Seller Awards are presented at the Awards Banquet.

## **RODEO ENTRY**

1. Contestant must have a Member ID to enter a NWYRA Rodeo.
2. Rodeo entries are done online through the NWYRA website.
3. Rodeo entry deadlines will be decided by the Officers/BOD.
4. Online rodeo entries must be received on or before the “Books Close” date and time listed on the website.
5. Contestants can find the rodeo entry (“Books Open/Books Close”) information on the NWYRA website and social media sites.
6. No late entries will be accepted – NO EXCEPTIONS!
7. Entry fees may be refunded for a medical condition of the Contestant (Med-Out) or medical condition of their animal (Vet-Out). Contestant must submit a written note from their doctor or veterinarian to the Secretary before the start of Contestants first event entered for that rodeo. The Board has seven (7) days to act upon the excuse. The decision of the Board is final.

8. A Med-Out or Vet-Out will be reimbursed for entry fee(s), excluding the office fee.
9. If a Contestant is a no-show for their event, the Officers/BOD will have the option to limit future rodeo event entries for that Contestant.
10. If you enter your kid in the wrong age division and they compete in that wrong age division they will be disqualified from that rodeo.

## **GRIEVANCES**

1. Contestant must first approach the Event Director to discuss a complaint at the end of the event performance.
2. Contestant may not approach or address the Judge or Timer to discuss complaint.
3. The Event Director has the authority to ask the Event Judge to hear the complaint.
4. If the complaint needs further review, the Contestant may register a grievance.
5. Only a Contestants will be allowed to register a grievance.
6. No person may file a grievance on behalf of another Contestant.
7. A \$25.00 fee will be charged to file a grievance.
8. Grievance Forms can be obtained through the Rodeo Secretary.
9. A grievance form must be filled out and filed within one hour after the end of the division event performance which is being disputed.
10. If the grievance is found to be valid, the \$25.00 fee will be refunded.
11. At least three Officers/Board Members will review a grievance along with the Event Director and Event Judge.
12. No video will be taken into consideration when reviewing a grievance.
13. A decision must be made before the start of the next performance of that division/event, this decision is final.

## **MEETINGS / RULE ADOPTION & AMENDMENTS / BOARD POSITIONS**

1. There will be (2) two mandatory meetings for all Contestants, Parents/Legal Guardian(s), Officers and BOD.
  - a) Meeting #1-Beginning of the Season Meeting is held at the first rodeo where announcements are made and rules will be reviewed.
  - b) Meeting #2-End of Season Meeting is held at the Finals Rodeo where new rules may be submitted, standing rules may be submitted to be rescinded or amended, nominations made for Board positions coming vacant, etc.
  - c) All rules and board position nominees are made final when approved and voted on by the NWYRA BOD;
2. If the need arises to adopt a new rule before the end of season, the rule may be adopted individually by calling a special meeting of the BOD, allowing fifteen (15) day notice to the Officers/BOD and Contestants.
3. Contestants must be notified immediately of any new rules, rescinded rules, or amended rule changes by one or more of the following methods; electronic mail, posted to NWYRA website or by social media.

## **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 fund raise by selling a minimum number of raffle tickets.
2. Every Contestant will need to pick up their raffle tickets at the first NWYRA Rodeo.
3. All raffle money is required to be turned in by the last rodeo weekend of the season.
4. Contestants will not be eligible for Year End Awards if they do not turn in all their raffle money.

5. Awards Banquet Auction items to donate, please contact the Association Secretary.
6. Awards Banquet Dessert Dash, please contact the Court Director.

## **SECTION 2: CONTESTANT RULES**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Membership is open to all students attending Elementary through High School, ages 4-18. Membership will not be allowed for students who have graduated high school. The exception is age of a Senior Division Contestant who turned 19 during their senior year of high school, with a maximum age of 19 years old to be a Contestant with NWYRA.
2. Contestants Division will be according to their birth certificate assigned at birth, and age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. This will apply to the Contestant for the entire rodeo season.
 

Pre PeeWee	PPW	Age: 4 through 6 years old
Pee Wee	PW	Age: 7 through 10 years old
Juniors	JR	Age: 11 through 13 years old
Seniors	SR	Age: 14 through 18 years old

### **GENERAL CONTESTANT RULES**

1. Dress Code is Western Attire and is mandatory unless otherwise stated.
  - a) Western shirt, long-sleeve, button up with a collar and cuffs. Shirt must be buttoned up to the button below the collar. Shirt sleeves must be rolled down, shirt-tails must be tucked in
  - b) Western jeans or trousers;
  - c) Western boots or lace-ups;
  - d) Western hat or riding helmet, no ball caps;
  - e) Dress code applies to all divisions during a performance.
2. Contestants must dress in western attire in the arena, chute area, stock working area or the Contestant waiting area.
3. Contestants are required to wear their back number at all time while competing.
4. Contestant is issued one back number at the first rodeo to be used for the entire rodeo season.
5. Contestant must enter the arena with their back number on or a 5 second penalty will be applied to their time by the Event Director or Judge.
6. Contestants must enter the arena with their hat on their head or a 5 second penalty will be applied to their time by the Event Director or Judge.
7. Contestants must enter the arena with their shirt tucked-in, or a 5 second penalty will be applied to their time by the Event Director or Judge.
8. Contestant must have their horse under control. If a horse is rearing uncontrollably, the Event Director or Judge may disqualify Contestant.
9. Three Call Rule. Contestant is responsible for checking the draw and being present at the time of competition. Contestant's name will be called three (3) times. If the Contestant is not present and ready when called to compete, it will be assumed the Contestant is not present and they will be disqualified from their event.
10. Contestants may elect to ride up one (1) division in events except for rough stock events.
11. Contestants must ride in their age division in all rough stock events for safety reasons.
12. Contestants electing to ride up one (1) division will have to move up in all their events.
13. Contestants moving up a division will be considered a member of that age division.
14. Lead Line: If a parent or assistant is on the course or crosses the starting line this will be considered lead line (+100).
15. Contestant Horses

- a) A SR may not share their horse with another SR in the events of barrels and poles, even if they are family. One run per horse in these SR events (example: SR barrels one run and SR Poles one run).
  - b) Any sharing of a horse as described above will be disqualified.
  - c) Event Directors have the right to disqualify a Contestant who uses a lame, sick or injured horse during a NWYRA Rodeo.
16. Contestants Equipment
- a) Contestants must use proper Western equipment. Western saddle, saddle pad and tack are required.
  - b) Use of a hackamore or other types of bridles is the optional choice of the Contestant.
  - c) If Contestant's equipment breaks during any event, no re-ride will be given. Worn out equipment does not warrant a re-ride.
  - d) The Event Director or Judge shall have the authority to remove any equipment believed to be inhumane or dangerous.
  - e) All Contestants are responsible to supply their own equipment.
  - f) 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.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

1. As a condition of membership with NWYRA, the Contestant and Contestants Party agree not to post on social media, comments about NWYRA that are inaccurate, detrimental, threatening, harassing and/or derogatory whether directly or indirectly. This includes pictures and videos that might cause embarrassment of themselves, including fellow contestants, the NWYRA and the NWYRA Sponsors. Any written posts, comments, pictures or videos found will cause disciplinary action that may result in disqualification or banning from NWYRA in part or permanently.
2. "Contestants Party" includes Contestant, Contestants parent/legal guardian, their family members, including grandparents, aunt/uncles, friends, personal representatives, assigns, heirs in Contestants party.
3. The NWYRA logo may not be used without written consent.
4. Respect copyright laws, and reference or site sources appropriately. Plagiarism applies online as well.
5. Ultimately you should be mature, be ethical, and think before you post.
6. The NWYRA Officers/BOD reserves the right to determine if social media posts are acceptable.

### **DISCIPLINARY, DISQUALIFYING & BANNING**

1. Contestants and parent/legal guardian are required to read all the rules and waivers carefully. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
2. The Officers/BOD may disqualify or ban in part or permanently, a Contestant, their parent/legal guardian and Contestants Party for violation of NWYRA rules including any of the following offenses:
  - a) Violation of the NWYRA Social Medial Policy;
  - b) Fighting, quarreling, or rowdyism at any time, or any place, at any time between the opening and closing of a rodeo;
  - c) Action that results in law enforcement being call to the grounds any time between the opening and closing of a rodeo;
  - d) Lewd/Indecent behavior;

- e) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any Officer, Director, Volunteer or another Contestant at any time between the opening and closing of a rodeo.
- f) Any outside assistance used to cheat, attempt to cheat or gain an advantage inside the arena during competition will be disqualified. No grain bucket will be allowed inside the arena during the goat tying competition;
- g) Mistreatment of livestock on rodeo grounds;
- h) Trading or any attempt to trade livestock;
- i) Property damage caused by a Contestant, their parent/legal guardian, including Contestants Party not immediately reported to the NWYRA BOD.

## **ALCOHOL & INJURIES**

1. Any Contestant(s) found drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, taking drugs or under the influence of alcohol or drugs during a NWYRA event will be immediately disqualified from that rodeo (including points and earnings for that rodeo);
2. Any Contestant(s) associated with the intoxicated/under the influence Contestant described above will be immediately disqualified as well.
3. Furthermore, the Officers/BOD may take under consideration banning the Contestant(s) from all further participation in NWYRA rodeos and other NWYRA functions for the balance of the year and that Contestant will not be eligible for awards;
4. If a person is found to be intoxicated and/or an endangerment to the safety of NWYRA's rodeo functions, the person(s) will be removed by any necessary means.
5. In the case of an injury, no person is to pick up the Contestant except the parent/guardian or medical attendants.
6. If a Contestant was taken to the hospital due to an injury sustained while competing in a NWYRA event, the NWYRA will require a release from the doctor before that Contestant will be allowed to compete in any future NWYRA rodeos.

## **CURFEW**

1. 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)
2. 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
3. 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

## **PERMIT RIDERS**

1. NWYRA Officers/BOD will determine if permit riders will be allowed on a year-to-year basis. Please see the website for the current year's information.
2. If allowed, a Contestants that is not a member of NWYRA may enter as a Permit Rider.
2. Permit Riders will be allowed to participate in a single (1) rodeo for the entire season (one rodeo of a double header).
3. Permit riders must pay Permit Fee, Event Fee(s) and the Office Fee.
4. Permit riders must:
  - a) Call in-to the Rodeo Secretary by the "Books Close" date to enter and pay fees with a credit card.
  - b) Before competing, Permit Rider must check-in with the Rodeo Secretary at the office to sign all required waivers.
5. No Permit Riders will be allowed for the Finals Rodeo.
6. Permit Riders will be eligible to compete for the money pay-out in the division and event entered, but will not receive Contestant benefits, receive points, be eligible for scholarship money, or awards.

## **SECTION 3: RODEO OFFICIALS**

### **EVENT DIRECTORS**

1. The purpose of the Event Director is to assure the rodeo event is conducted in accordance with the NWYRA and NHSRA Rule Book to the best interest of the Contestant.
2. Is in-charge of the arena during their rodeo event.
3. Shall insure that Contestant competes on the stock drawn for them.
4. Is responsible to inspect the stock to ensure the stock is healthy and the stock is divided appropriately for age division.
5. Is responsible to post the stock draw for Contestants (goats and rough stock).
6. Is responsible to meet with Judges, Timers/Back-up Timers, Flaggers and all Arena Help before the rodeo event begins to ensure everyone understands procedure.
7. Is responsible to set up all equipment necessary to run their event. This includes but is not limited to, set pattern with correct measurements, battery-power electric eyes, with electric power digital clock (Timer #1) and one digital hand-held watches (Timer #2/Back up time), barrier, chutes work properly, grand entry flags are ready, etc. Electric eyes should be tested for working order before the start of the event.
8. An Event Director may also be a Judge.

### **JUDGES**

1. The Judge is responsible to check-in/meet with the Event Director before the rodeo event begins to ensure they understands procedure.
2. Judges will be chosen by the Event Director and will be selected giving emphasis to their experience with that position/event, integrity, ability and availability.
3. Judges must read and be knowledgeable of the NWYRA and NHSRA Rule Book.
4. Judges may officiate an event in which a member of their immediate family or household is a Contestant.
5. Judges must stand in identical places during each performance and for each Contestant.
6. A Judge may not be changed during a go-round, except in the cases of sickness.
7. A Judge is to flag time, ensure time is recorded then flag Contestant out if run is not legal.
8. The decision of the Judge is final. If there is a complaint, it must be brought through the Event Director first.
9. The Judge is responsible to see that Contestant competes on the stock drawn for them.

10. Rough Stock Judges are responsible to record scores and penalties on draw sheet. After each performance, both Judges will have scores totaled and sign sheets before turning them into the Rodeo Secretary.
11. A Judge may also be an Event Director.

## **FLAGGERS**

1. The Flagger is responsible to check-in/meet with the Event Director before the rodeo event begins to ensure they understands procedure.
2. Flaggers will be chosen by the Event Director and will be selected giving emphasis to their experience with that position/event, integrity, ability and availability.
3. Flaggers must read and be knowledgeable of the NWYRA and NHSRA Rule Book.
4. Flaggers may officiate an event in which a member of their immediate family or household is a Contestant.
5. Flagger indicates start time in all rodeo events by dropping the flag.
6. Flagger must be diligent to watch for start time in all events.
7. Flaggers must stand in identical places during each performance and for each Contestant.
8. A Flagger may not be changed during a go-round, except in the cases of sickness.
9. The flaggers must flag the entire division event for the rodeo.
10. Flaggers must stand five to ten (5-10) feet from the starting line.

## **TIMERS & EQUIPMENT**

1. The Timers are responsible to check-in/meet with the Event Director before the rodeo event begins to ensure they understands procedure.
2. Timers must read and be knowledgeable of the NWYRA and NHSRA Rule Book.
3. Timers must have experience with electric timers and a stop watch.
4. Timing equipment consists of battery-powered electric eyes, a digital electric clock (Timer #1) and one hand-held digital stop-watch (Timer #2/Back-up time) in thousands of seconds shall be used to time.
5. Two (2) Timers are required for each event.
  - a) Timer #1 is responsible to run the digital electric clock.
  - b) Timer #2 is responsible to run the hand-held digital stop-watch.
6. Timer #1/ digital electric clock will be the first time and the hand-held digital stop-watch will be the second back-up time.
7. Location of Timers:
  - a) Barrels, Poles and Goat Tying: Timer #1 is in the crows nest, Timer #2 (back-up timer) will be in the arena.
  - b) Roping: both timers will be in the crows nest
  - c) Rough Stock: Timer #1 is in the crows nest, and the judge standing on the latch side of the chute gate shall serve as the backup timer.
  - d) PPW Dummy Roping: the Director or helper standing with the PPW Director.
8. Back-up timer must be diligent to watch the flagger for a accurate flag to flag time.
9. Timers are responsible to record scores and penalties on draw sheet. After each performance Timers must sign the draw sheets and turn them into the Rodeo Secretary.
10. Timers must work from the same position in all performances of that go-round.
11. Timers may not be changed during a go-round, except in the cases of sickness.
12. Timers may officiate an event in which a member of their immediate family or household is a Contestant if a second person is available to verify the time to be correct. That second person may be: the second timer, Arena Director, Flagger or Announcer.

13. When the electric eye fails to work for one or more Contestants during a performance, the manual back-up time will be used for those electronically missed. The electric eye-controlled times will remain unaltered.
14. Electric eyes should be placed on the starting line, centered on the pattern. Set electric eyes before the start of the event and they should remain in the same height and position with locked legs in the same position for all performances of that go-round.

#### **ARENA HELP**

1. Arena helpers are responsible to check-in/meet with the Event Director before the rodeo event begins to ensure they understands procedure.
2. Arena helpers will be assigned their position by the Event Director before the event starts.
3. Arena helpers should read and be knowledgeable of the NWYRA and NHSRA Rule Book.
4. Arena helpers may officiate an event in which a member of their immediate family or household is a Contestant.
5. Arena helpers may not be changed during a go-round, except in the cases of sickness.
6. Arena helpers must help for the entire go-round of an event.

### **SECTION 4: RODEO EVENTS**

NWYRA will follow NHSRA and Junior High Division Rules for rodeo events in the SR and JR Divisions unless otherwise noted.

Contestants and Parents/Legal Guardian are responsible to read and fully understand both rule books.

### **BARREL RACING, POLE BENDING & GOAT TYING**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed if the Contestant enters the arena without their hat on.
2. During these events the arena will be raked at regular intervals to be determined by the Event Director. Turnouts must be included in this count.
3. Contestant will be allowed a reasonable time;
  - a) to get their horse through the start gate if there is forward motion being made.
  - b) from the time they enter the arena gate until time starts by the flagger or electric eye.
4. Reasonable time is at the discretion of the Event Director. Event Director will first give the Contestant a verbal warning, then start 30 second timer to begin pattern. If Contestant is unable to begin patter prior to timer ending, they will be disqualified.
5. Horse and rider may enter the arena at the speed of their choice if the Event Director feels it is safe.
6. Arena gate must be closed immediately after Contestant enters the arena, and kept closed until pattern is completed and Contestant's horse in under control.
7. Horses may not run out of the arena.
8. For safety reasons, PPW and PW Contestants may enter the arena in the following manner:
  - a) Leading a horse on foot with rider mounted.
  - b) Leading a horse with another horse with the rider mounted.
  - c) Leading a horse into the arena and rider mounting once through the gate.

#### **OFFICIALS**

1. In Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat Tying there shall be a Field Flag Judge



## WINGS

At rodeos where space allows, NWYRA will set up a panel entrance AKA wings in the arena for Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and/or Goat Tying. When these wings are the place, the following applies:

1. Only contestants competing in current drag allowed in the arena, with the exception of 2 drags for goat tying, unless otherwise noted by event director and/or judge. Exception of PW contestants with a helper.
2. Contestants must remain standing near the panels, there will be no warming up allowed once first rider is called to run.
3. Contestants must remain on horseback. Exception of PW contestants with a helper.
4. High School Rodeo rules still apply for circling.
5. No spectators allowed inside of arena gate. Exception of PW contestants with a helper.
6. Entering the main gate is considered in the arena, contestants must be in full attire. Even for waiting for others to finish their runs.

## BARREL RACING

### EVENT RULES

1. This event is open to PW boys and girls; and JR & SR girls only.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWYRA Rule Book.
3. Touching a barrel is permitted by horse or Contestant.
4. The Contestant may start on either the right or the left barrel.
5. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one right and two left turns around the barrels
6. When starting on the left barrel, there will be one left and two right turns around the barrels.

### COURSE MEASUREMENT

1. See NWYRA Arena Layout
2. The cloverleaf pattern is the only approved pattern in this event.
3. Barrels must be 55 US gallon light steel drum with both sides intact.
4. Barrels must be at least twenty (20) feet from the arena fence. The arena condition will enable the Event Director to determine the distance that the barrels can be apart, provided they are at least 20 feet from the fence.
5. The maximum distance between the two front barrels shall be 90 feet, arena conditions permitting. The maximum distance between the two front barrels and the back barrel shall be 105 feet, arena conditions permitting.

### SCORING & PENALTIES

1. Knocking over a barrel is a five second penalty, per barrel. Should the barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five second penalty will be assessed.
2. Not following the cloverleaf pattern will receive a no time and considered a broken pattern. A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking forward motion or retracing tracks to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the barrel on the off side. Example: Should a Contestant run by a barrel, then back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern.
3. If Contestant's horse re-crosses the starting line at any time before the pattern is completed, pattern will be considered broken and Contestant will receive no time.

4. If Contestant's horse breaks timer light by backing through before starting the pattern, time will be considered started.
5. Judge is to flag time, ensure time is recorded then flag Contestant out if run is not legal.
6. There shall be a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet allowed for stopping from starting line to fence.

#### PRE PEE WEE BARREL RACE

1. See NWYRA Arena Layout.
2. The #1 and #2 barrels are set 30 feet from the start/finish line and are 75 feet apart. #3 barrel is 90 feet from #1 and #2 barrels.

### **POLE BENDING**

#### EVENT RULES

1. This event is open to PW boys and girls; and JR & SR girls only.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWYRA Rule Book.
3. The "White Line" rule in pole bending will be enforced during the SR and JR pole bending when two lines of poles are run simultaneously. A white line will divide the arena into two lanes at the start/finish line (perpendicular to the start/finish line) during the pole bending event.
4. A Contestant must not cross the White Line until:
  - a) The Contestants are finished with their pattern and have crossed back through the timer;
  - b) The Contestants have their horses under control and come to a stop;
  - c) The Contestant in the other lane has completed their pattern (except for an arena with two enter/exit gates);
5. Touching poles is permitted by horse or Contestant.
6. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.

#### COURSE MEASUREMENT

1. See NWYRA Arena Layout
2. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six (6) poles.
3. The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet and spacing between poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet apart. End pole must be at least twenty (20) feet from fence.
4. Poles must be in a straight line.
5. Poles are to be colored red, white and blue by six inch strips.
6. Poles shall be set on top of the ground, six (6) feet in height, with a rubber base between 12-14 inches in diameter.

#### SCORING & PENALTIES

1. Knocking over a pole is a five second penalty, per pole.
2. Not following the pole bending pattern will receive a no time and considered a broken pattern. A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking forward motion or retracing tracks to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the pole on the off side. Example: Should a Contestant run by a pole, then back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern.
3. If horse re-crosses the starting line at any time before the pattern is completed, pattern will be considered broken and Contestant will receive no time.

4. If Contestant's horse breaks timer light by backing through before starting the pattern, time will be considered started.
5. Judge is to flag time, ensure time is recorded then flag Contestant out if run is not legal.
6. There shall be a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet allowed for stopping from starting line to fence.

#### PRE PEE WEE SPEED POLES

1. The pole bending pattern is to be run around three (3) poles.
2. The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be 21 feet apart and spacing between poles shall be 21 feet apart. End pole must be at least twenty (20) feet from fence.

### GOAT TYING

#### EVENT RULES

1. This event is open to PW boys and girls, JR boys and girls and SR girls only.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWyRA Rule Book.
3. Event Director and Judge will position themselves so they are able to have a clear view of the goat, rope, and horse.
4. One goat to be tied in the center of the arena
5. Stake should be completely underground so that no part of it is visible or above ground.
6. Goat holder must hold goat at full length of rope, straight behind stake.
7. Goat holder must stand directly behind the goat.
8. PW goats are held until rider's feet hit the ground.
9. JR and SR goats are held until the starting flag drops to starts time.
10. Once the goat holder releases the goat, they must move straight back, keeping a straight line while facing the goat.
11. The Goat Hold is considered Arena Help and remain holding the goat for the entire go-round of the event.
12. SR and JR goats will be changed every 3 ties, this includes turnout. PW goats will be changed every 5 ties, including turnouts.
13. Girls must use a goat string or tying rope.
14. Boys must use a piggin string only.
15. Boys must string front leg first and then cross and tie any three legs with a piggin string. There must be at least one wrap around all three legs and finished with a half hitch or hooey.
16. Contestant must be mounted on a horse when entering the arena and ride from the starting line to the goat and dismount from the horse.
17. Contestant must dismount, throw/flank the goat, cross, wrap and tie the goat.
18. If the goat is down when the Contestant reaches it, goat must be stood on at least three (3) feet (goat must be elevated by Contestant so that at least 3 feet are dangling straight underneath the goat) and re-thrown.
19. The goat must have at least three legs crossed and tied together with a Goat string, goat tying rope, or a pigging string.
20. If a Contestant uses any outside assistance used to cheat, attempt to cheat or gain an advantage inside the arena during competition will be disqualified. No grain bucket will be allowed inside the arena during the goat tying competition;

#### COURSE MEASUREMENT

1. Starting line will be 100 feet from stake.
2. Goat will be staked with rope ten (10) feet in length
3. There should be at least a fifteen-yard starting line.

## SCORING & PENALTIES

1. PW time limit is sixty (60) seconds.
2. JR and SR time limit is thirty (30) seconds.
3. Time will start when the horse crosses the electric eyes.
4. Time will stop when Contestant declares with their hands they are finished.
5. Contestant must move back three (3) feet from the goat before the Judge will start the six (6) second time limit.
6. The goat's legs must remain crossed and tied for six (6) seconds.
7. Contestant will receive a no time for touching the goat or string after declaring they are finished.
8. If the Contestant gets the rope that is holding the goat wrapped around their leg, the Contestant may ask the Judge if Contestant can remove it. After getting permission from the Judge, the Contestant may remove the rope and move back three (3) feet before Contestant's six (6) second time limit will start.
9. If the Contestant's horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the Contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope at any time, a ten (10) second penalty will be assessed.
10. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, Contestant will receive a no time.
11. If the goat should break away with no fault to the Contestant or Contestant's horse, the Contestant will get a re-run.

## LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. SR Goats - 30-50 lbs., seasoned, similar in height size and breed.
2. JR Girl Goats - 30-40 lbs., seasoned, similar in height size and breed.
3. JR Boy Goats - 50-60 lbs., seasoned, similar in height size and breed.
4. PW Goats - No more than 30 lbs., seasoned, similar in height size and breed.
5. All goats must be tied at least three times before the rodeo.
6. All goats must have collars that are the same and snug fit.
7. All goat horns must be tipped.
8. Pigmy goats and dwarf goats are not allowed to be used.

## PRE PEE WEE DUMMY GOAT FLANKING

1. The starting line will be 70 feet from the stake.
2. Time limit is sixty (60) seconds;
3. Contestant will ride their horse to the goat dummy, dismount, flank goat dummy laying it on its side. Contestant will finish flanking by kneeling on dummy and removing attached ribbon. Time will stop when Contestant declares their hands and ribbon to the judge.

## **ROUGH STOCK EVENTS**

### GENERAL RULES

1. Rough Stock events are:
  - SR Bareback Riding - JR&PW Bareback Steer Riding
  - SR Bull Riding – JR&PW Bull Riding
  - SR Saddle Bronc Riding - JR Saddle Steer
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NPYRA Rule Book.
3. Contestants are responsible to supply their own equipment.
4. Helmets designed specifically for rough stock events are required for all PW and JR Contestants. SR Bareback and Saddle Bronc are not required to wear a helmet per NHSRA.

5. All Contestants must wear a protective vest designed to protect the chest and back of rider. The protective vest is mandatory in all age divisions. The vest shall be one that is manufactured and sold by retailers for rodeo or equestrian events.
6. All Contestants must wear an athletic protective mouth piece. The mouth piece must cover all teeth and is mandatory in all age divisions.
7. Contestant may not use sharp rowels, or sharp spurs. No part of the spur may have sharp edges including rowels and wire locks or they will receive a no time. Bareback and Saddle Bronc (steer) riding no locked rowels permitted. Bulls and Steer riding locked rowel permitted.
8. Only non-binding rigging shall be used in all divisions.
9. Contestant may pull the rigging/rope from either side of animal.
10. All Contestants must ride in their age division in rough stock events for safety reasons.
11. No Contestant shall be forced to ride by anyone. Event Director, Chute Boss, and Judges will enforce this ruling.
12. Contestants may have only one (1) parent/helper behind chute.
13. The Contestant will be advised they are "next to go" and must be ready, positioned above their animal with glove on.

#### OFFICIALS

1. In rough stock events there shall be two timers, two Field Judges, a Flagger and a Chute Boss. The judge on the latch side of the chute gate shall serve as the backup timer. The judge's stopwatch reading shall be used as a means of verification when the length of the qualified ride is in question.

#### SCORING & PENALTIES

1. SR boys will follow NHSRA Rules, JR boys will follow Junior High Division Rules.
2. PW Contestants have the option of riding one handed or two handed. SR and JR Contestants must ride with one hand.
3. If a Contestant elects to ride one handed, the Contestant will be disqualified if the free hand comes in contact with the bucking stock or Contestants body.
4. Contestant will be in control of the ride. If Contestant is hanging off the side of the animal more than 45 degrees, not in control, Contestant will be disqualified for safety reasons.
5. SR qualified ride is eight (8) seconds. PW and JR qualified ride six (6) seconds.
6. Contestants ride, and the Animals will be scored separately.
7. Figures used in scoring shall range from 1 to 25 for stock and rider, with a maximum combined score of 50.
8. Flagger will drop the flag to indicate start time when the stock's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
9. The judge on the latch side of the chute gate shall serve as the backup timer. The judge's stopwatch reading shall be used as a means of verification when the length of the qualified ride is in question.

#### DRAWS

1. All stock must be numbered and drawn for by number.
2. Receptacle containing stock numbers to be drawn must be held above the drawing judge's head and numbers shaken between each number drawn.
3. Draws will include all re-ride options.
4. Contestants must compete on stock that is drawn for them.
5. Draws must be conducted/witnessed by the Stock Contractor, Rough Stock Event Director, Secretary and at least one (1) Rough Stock Judge.

6. Draw numbers must be drawn by a Judge and recorded by the Secretary.
7. Secretary will copy and post the draw as follows:
  - a) Contestants @ rodeo office (1)
  - b) Rough Stock Judges (2)
  - c) Stock Contractor (1)
  - d) Rough Stock Director (1)
  - e) Announcer (1)
  - f) Chute Boss (1)
8. Rough Stock Judges are responsible to record scores and penalties on draw sheet. After each performance both Judges will have scores totaled and sign sheets before turning them into the Rodeo Secretary.
9. Contestant may not compete on the same head of stock twice (2) at any rodeo, except for re-rides.
10. Contestant may not ride two head in the same event during a performance except for re-rides.
11. If stock is sick, crippled, or already shipped, replacement will be drawn from re-ride animals.
12. All stock used in NWYRA rodeos must be approved by Rough Stock Directors and judges.

#### **RE-RIDES**

1. All re-rides will be at the discretion of the Rough Stock Judges.
2. Contestant shall not influence the Judges by asking for a re-ride at any time.
3. If a re-ride is given, Judge shall inform the Contestant immediately of his mark and give the re-ride option.
4. Contestant may decline their re-ride and take the score.
5. Contestant must make his decision immediately.
6. If an animal that is drawn for a re-ride is already drawn for another Contestant in the same go-round, the Contestant with the animal drawn will take it before the Contestant who draws the animal for a re-ride.
7. Judges may call for additional stock that has not been drawn for re-ride from the holding pen if needed.
8. If a rider makes two honest attempts to get out on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so the Judge may give re-ride.
9. If the animal falls-down out of the chute, Contestant will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the Judge.
10. A "fall-down" is considered - when the chest, belly, side or rump of the animal contacts the ground. Knee is not considered fallen.
11. If the pick-up man or their horse comes in contact with bucking stock before qualified time, a re-ride will be given on same animal drawn.

#### **BAREBACK RIDING**

##### **SR BAREBACK**

##### **JR & PW BAREBACK STEER**

##### **EVENT RULES**

1. This event is open to PW boys and girls, and JR and SR boys only.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWYRA Rule Book.
3. PW Contestants must attempt to mark their horses out. An attempt will be the Judge's decision. Judge's decision will be final.
4. PW Contestants are not required to have heels or rowels over the break of the shoulders, touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.

5. Rigging must lie flat on horse's back while rigging is being cinched.
6. Event Director, Judge or Stock Contractor may pass Contestant if rigging is set or cinched in a manner that might hurt horse's back.
7. Event Director or Judge may require Contestant to take his hand out of the rigging after a horse is cinched. If handhold is too tight, rigging will be declared illegal. Stock contractor may request to take such action.
8. Only NON-binding rigging shall be used. This will be enforced by the Event Director, Judge and Rough Stock Directors.
9. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, the Judge may tell Contestant to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived. If Contestant does not follow Judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute, they will receive a no score.
10. If the rigging comes off horse, touching anything with free hand or if Contestant is bucked off, Contestant will receive a no score.
11. Contestant will be disqualified for taking any kind of finger tuck, or finger wrap.

## SCORING & PENALTIES

See General Scoring & Penalties above.

## EQUIPMENT

1. JR and PW may use a two-handed rigging.
2. Rigging shall be leather and shall not be more than ten inches in width at the hand-hold and not over six inches wide at the "D" ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in the "D" ring. Riggings will use a standard "D" ring to be set to sit flat on horses back when cinched.
3. No freaks will be allowed. Only rawhide may be used under the body of the and hold. There will not be rawhide restrictions with the exception of no rawhide may be within one inch of the back of the rigging body excluding the "D" ring wrap which may be no more than two inches up from the bottom of the body. The rigging body must also be spread nine inches apart at the back of the rigging four inches down from the center. The handle bars under the rigging body must be tapered down to at least one fourth inch at the end of the handle bar.
4. Rider may have a single layer of leather under handhold which will extend at least one inch on both sides of the center of the handhold and not be skived and shall be glued down.
5. No fiberglass or metal will be allowed in riggings or handholds. Only leather or rawhide is allowed for handhold, with maximum of three-fourths inch of rawhide allowed. Flat-head rivets and/or screws and "T" nuts are allowed to secure handhold. The only other metal allowed will be in the "D" rings.
6. Quick release buckle is optional on bareback rigging.
7. Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair and shall be at least eight inches in width at the center but may be tapered to accommodate cinch "D" rings.
8. Required bareback pads are to completely cover the underside of the riggings and are to extend a full two inches behind the rigging.
9. Pads used under riggings must be leather covered on both sides. If they are hair pads, they must be at least one inch thick; and if a foam pad, at least one and one-quarter inches thick. In addition, the pad must have leather over the bars one-eighth inch thick extending at least one-half inch on either side and the back of the handle bars.
10. In addition to the pad, a piece of leather a minimum of one-eighth inch (1/8") thick and 4" square must be glued or sewed to the pad and centered in comparison to the total body length of the rigging. This piece of leather shall be placed so that half of it extends behind the rigging and the remaining two inches are under the rigging.
11. The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges, welds, or gimmicks.

12. There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider's glove
13. All bareback horses will be haltered during competition.

#### LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. SR Horses: Full size horse, similar in height size and breed.
2. JR Steer: Bucking steer, cow or heifer 900-1,200 lbs., similar in height, size and breed, suitable for JR Contestants
3. PW Steer: Bucking steers, cow or heifer 450-650 lbs., similar in height, size and breed, suitable for PW Contestants.

### **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

#### SR SADDLE BRONC

#### JR SADDLE STEER

#### EVENT RULES

1. These events are open to SR and JR boys only.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWyRA Rule Book.

#### SCORING & PENALTIES

See NHSRA Rules and Junior High Division Rules.

#### EQUIPMENT

See NHSRA Rules and Junior High Division Rules.

#### LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. SR Saddle Bronc: Full size horse, similar in height size and breed.
2. JR Saddle Steer: Bucking steer, cow or heifer 900-1,200 lbs., similar in height, size and breed, suitable for JR Contestants.

### **BULL RIDING**

#### EVENT RULES

1. This event is open to PW boys and girls, and JR and SR boys only.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWyRA Rule Book.

#### SCORING & PENALTIES

See General Scoring & Penalties above, in addition, see NHSRA Rules and Junior High Division Rules.

#### EQUIPMENT

1. Rope must have bell and bell must be in good shape, cannot be broken, positioned under belly of bull. No bell = a no score.
2. Hooks or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.
3. Quick release buckle is optional on bull rope on the off-side.
4. No finger wraps, no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
5. PW riders are NOT allowed to take a wrap.



## LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. SR Bull: Full sized bull, 1,200 lbs. minimum, suitable for amateur Contestants, high school level.
2. JR Bull: Bull, steer, cow or heifer 900-1,200 lbs., suitable for JR Contestants. Horns on a JR bull must be tipped to at least the size of a half dollar and steer must have horns tipped to the size of a dime and cut back
3. PW Bull: Bucking Steer, cow or heifer 450-650 lbs., suitable for PW Contestants.

## **ROPING & CATTLE TIMED EVENTS**

### GENERAL RULES

1. Roping and Cattle timed events are:
  - PPW Dummy Roping
  - Breakaway
  - Team Roping
  - Steer Wrestling
  - Chute Dogging
  - Tie Down
2. Contestant may change horses in roping events.
3. Roping Box shall be part of the arena during roping events.
4. Lap and tap definition: No barrier to be used. Barrier Flag Judge will be used to flag start time. When animals nose crosses start line will indicate start time.
5. No rattling of the chute. The Contestant and/or person rattling the chute shall be disqualified.
6. If any part of the cattle pusher breaks the plane of the chute gate before the calf releases the barrier, the Contestant receives a no time.

### OFFICIALS

1. In all roping and cattle timed events, there shall be a Field Judge/Event Director and a Barrier Judge/Event Director.
2. A third Judge may be used to help determine legal catches or any infractions of the rules. This judge need not be mounted.
3. The Field Judge/Event Directors decision is final.
4. The Field Judge must be mounted in order to keep up with the run.
5. The Barrier Judge is to watch the barrier and flag time for lap and tap.
6. Barrier Judge is responsible to inspect equipment before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
7. Barrier Judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next Contestant.
8. Barrier Judge is responsible to verify the barrier trip rope is the same length at the start of each performance.
9. Barrier Judge shall be sure nobody can stand close enough to the barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with it.
10. Barrier Judge is responsible to make sure the height of barrier shall be from 32" to 36" measure at the center of the box.

### GENERAL SCORING & PENALTIES

1. Once the score line has been set, it will not be changed in that go-round, nor can length of box be changed.
2. The Barrier designated break point will indicate start time.
3. Field Judge is to flag time and flag Contestant out if run is not legal.
4. Time to be taken between two flags.

5. The barrier flag must operate for time to be considered official.
6. Should the barrier break at any point other than the designated breaking point, the decision is up to the Barrier judge. If Contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled or rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten-second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
7. If barrier does not work, but time is recorded, Contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier.
8. If barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field, therefore entitling contestant to a re-run without penalties
9. If barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, Contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.
10. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and Contestant tries the animal, Contestant accepts the animal. If Contestant pulls up, Contestant will receive the same animal back.
11. A ten-second penalty will be assessed for breaking the barrier

#### DRAWS

1. All roping and cattle timed events will use a chute draw in the order of the draw sheet.
2. Stock belongs to Contestant when Contestant calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
  - a) If the animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped.
  - b) Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap and tap start.
  - c) Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run plus any barrier penalties. If time is not recorded, the Contestant will receive a ten second penalty for any jump or any loop used.
  - d) In case of mechanical failure.

#### RE-RUNS

1. All re-runs will be at the discretion of the Judges.
2. Contestant shall not influence the Judges by asking for a re-run at any time.
3. If Contestant receives a rerun (due to barrier, flagging error, animal escaping, etc.), Contestant may receive the rerun animal before the end of the event, the order of rerun is at the discretion of the Judge, after all other Contestants have competed on their first animal.
4. No re-runs will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the Contestant.
5. If the judge sees that an error has been made in flagging, a re-run must be declared before the Contestant leaves the arena.
6. The stock must be re-run before it is used by another Contestant.
7. When both the digital clocks malfunction and no time was recorded from digital watches, if stock was qualified on in the field, Contestant will be given a re-run at a time designated by the judges and the Event Director plus any barrier penalties. If there are barrier penalties, then a lap and tap start will be used.

#### PRE PEEWEE DUMMY ROPING

1. This event is open to PPW boys and girls.
2. This event is judged by the PPW Event Director.
3. A designated box (drawn on the ground or built out of pvc pipe) will be behind the Bones Roping Dummy.
4. Time starts once Contestant steps into the box to rope the dummy. If Contestant steps out of the box before pulling their slack they will be disqualified.

5. Time stops when slack is pulled.
6. Contestant must step outside box to rebuild their loop before roping again. While Contestant is outside of box Contestant may have assistance building loop.
7. Once Contestants steps into the box no assistance is allowed, or Contestant will be disqualified.
8. Contestant gets 3 loops.
9. Points are as follows:
  - a) Slick Horns: 2 Points
  - b) Half Head: 1 Point
  - c) Whole Head: 1 Point
10. The only legal catches are Slick Horns, Half Head, and Whole Head.
11. In case of a tie the fastest time used.

## **BREAKAWAY ROPING**

### EVENT RULES

1. This event is open to PW boys and girls; and JR boys and girls; and SR girls only.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWyRA Rule Book.
3. SR – catch pen gate closed, 2 loops, barrier
4. JR – catch pen gate closed, 2 loops (if 2 ropes carried, barrier
5. PW – catch pen gate open, one loop, no barrier, lap and tap.
6. Rope must be tied to the saddle horn with nylon string. PW to use cotton string.
7. String will be provided and will be inspected by designated official before each Contestant competes.
8. The rope must not be run through the bridle, tie down, neck rope, or any other device.
9. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail.
10. A solid color flag that is visible to the flagger or judge must be attached at the knot end of the rope.
11. SR and JR - once Contestant calls for the calf, nor further assistance may be given.
12. The Contestant will receive no time should Contestant break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the Contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope, and then stop Contestant's horse to make the rope break away.
13. SR - second rope must remain tied until used and must not be broken away from the saddle horn.
14. The Field Flag Judge must ask Contestant if they want a second loop.
15. SR - if second loop falls from saddle or Contestant's hand before used, it cannot be rebuilt.
16. In case the Field Flag Judge flags out a roper that still legally has one or more loops coming, the Judge may give the same calf back, lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalties.
17. Once a Contestant has been flagged out, they will receive no stock back.

### SCORING & PENALTIES

1. SR - 30 second time limit.
2. JR and PW - 60 second time limit.
3. SR - the only qualified catch will be a bell collar catch. If there is any leg(s), tail or head in the loop once it breaks free of the saddle, the result will be a no time.
4. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for a broken barrier.
5. Rope must be released from Contestant's hand to be a legal catch.

### EQUIPMENT

1. Cattle neck ropes on calves must be tied with string.
2. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on cattle neck ropes.
3. Adjustable slide shall be used on all cattle neck ropes for cattle used in calf roping events.
4. An automatic barrier must be used.

#### LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. Calves must be uniform in weight and breed
2. Calves used should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
3. If the calves are horned, the horns are not to exceed two inches.
4. Minimum weight: 180 lbs.; Maximum weight: 350 lbs.

#### TEAM ROPING

##### EVENT RULES

1. This event is open to PW, JR and SR boys and girls.
2. SRs will follow NHSRA rules, JRs will follow Junior High Division Rules unless otherwise noted in the NWyRA Rule Book.
3. SRs - catch pen gate closed, 3 loops, barrier
4. JR - catch pen gate closed, 3 loops, barrier
5. PW - catch pen gate closed, one loop, no barrier, lap and tap.
6. SR - must rope with another SR partner of their choice.
7. JR and PW - must rope with adult or SR.
8. SR may request a draw partner only four (4) times from the pool of SR ropers.
9. SR draw partner will receive payout up to second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place, but no points
10. Contestants will be allowed to carry only one rope.
11. A team roper will be allowed to enter once at each rodeo.
12. Header will start behind barrier using either box and must throw the first loop at the steers head.
13. Heeler must start from behind the barrier line.
14. All changes in roping order to split horses, etc. must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in the chute.
15. After stock is loaded in the chute, ropers must rope in order of the Judge's sheet.
16. Roping steer without turning loose of the rope will be considered a no catch.
17. Roper must dally to stop steer or change steer's direction
18. No tied ropes allowed.
19. The word "dally" means one complete turn around the horn.
20. Ropers must be mounted when time is taken.
21. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
22. No foul catches can be removed by hand.
23. 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.
24. 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 from loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. In the event a team roper is disqualified or injured, that team will be eliminated from that event.

28. If artificial horns are jerked off, Contestants will receive re-run on same steer, with no penalties other than barrier penalties.

### SCORING & PENALTIES

1. There will be only three (3) legal head catches:
  - a) Both horns
  - b) Half a head
  - c) Around the neck
2. SR and JR - time will be taken when steer is roped at head and heels, with both horses facing the steer in a straight line with ropes dallied tight.
3. PW - time will be taken on heelers dally.
4. SR - 30 second time limit.
5. JR and PW - 60 second time limit.
6. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for a broken barrier.
7. Roping steer without releasing loop from hand will disqualify catch.
8. If hondo passe over one horn, the loop over the other, the catch is illegal.
9. If the loop crosses itself in the head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catch.
10. If header accidentally jerks steer off his feet or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over eight feet before steer regains his feet or team will receive no time.
11. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
12. One hind foot receives a five second penalty.
13. The steer's entire body must be turned and moving forward in tow before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops it must only be in tow for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch is considered a "crossfire" and is illegal and will receive a no time.
14. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.

### EQUIPMENT

1. Cattle neck ropes must be tied with string or rubber bands.
2. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on cattle neck ropes
3. Adjustable slide shall be used on all cattle neck ropes for cattle used in roping events.
4. An automatic barrier must be used.

### LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. Stock must be uniform in weight and breed.
2. Stock may be steers and heifers with horns properly wrapped.
3. Animals should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
4. 400-500 lbs., seasoned suitable for team roping.

### **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 NWFYA rule book.

#### PW Heeling

1. Rules to remain the same as stated in the NWFYA 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.

## **STEER WRESTLING**

### **EVENT RULES**

1. This event is open to SR boys only.
2. SR boys will follow NHSRA Rules.

### **SCORING & PENALTIES**

See NHSRA Rules.

### **EQUIPMENT**

See NHSRA Rules.

### **LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS**

1. Cattle - 450 lbs. minimum, 550lbs. maximum, suitable for wrestling.

## **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.

### **TIE DOWN ROPING**

#### **EVENT RULES**

1. This event is open to SR boys only.
2. SR boys will follow NHSRA Rules.

#### **SCORING & PENALTIES**

See NHSRA Rules.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

See NHSRA Rules.

#### **LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS**

1. Calves - 180 lbs. minimum, 250lbs. maximum, suitable for roping.  
wrestling.
2. Calves should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated

### **JR TIE DOWN ROPING (Exhibition)**

#### **EVENT RULES**

1. This is an event for JR boys only.
2. JR boys will follow SR Tie Down rules.
3. This is an exhibition event. No payout or points will be awarded. Entry fee to cover stock charge to be set by Officers/BOD.

## **SECTION 5: COURT - QUEEN & PRINCESSES**

Please reference Court Handbook for more detail and for all rules.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. This event is open to Nwyra girls only.
2. Applicants must not exceed the age of 18 as of December 31st of the pageant year.
3. The Nwyra Officers/BOD will decide how many princesses will be chosen. If possible, the court should consist of one qualified PW, one qualified JR, and one qualified SR.
4. Applicants must intend to be a Nwyra member in the coming year and in be in good standing with their school and Nwyra prior to court tryouts.
5. Applicant shall not be married, never have been married, not pregnant, nor have children.
6. Applicants will be required to demonstrate horsemanship skills, public speaking, conduct an interview and represent herself in a dignified and honorable manner.
7. Applicant will have her own horse (owned or leased).
8. Applicant will provide her own transportation/trailer.

9. Applicant will try out on the horse she plans to use during her reign. Horse should have previous parade experience. Only one horse is required, however a backup horse is recommended. The horse must be healthy, with current vaccination and worming. The horse must be kept clean, trimmed and shod. No stallions, late term pregnant mares, or mares with foals will be allowed.
10. Applicant must abide by the NWYRA rules, be responsible for her horse, transportation, do fundraising and be available to participate in court activities throughout the year.
11. Reigning court may not wear their current court attire for tryouts.
12. Previous Queens cannot serve on Court again.
13. Tryout date and location will be set by the Officers/BOD and the Court Director.
14. Tryouts are open to public viewing with the exception of the personal interview.
15. Applicant must submit her complete NWYRA Court Application and Fee by the deadline set by the Officers/BOD and the Court Director.
16. Applicants and their parent(s) must complete and sign all policies and release documents in the NWYRA Court Application and submit them to the Court Directors by the deadline set by the Officers/BOD and the Court Director prior to tryouts.
17. NWYRA is not responsible for chaperoning the queen and court.

## **PAGENT**

### **JUDGING & SCORING**

1. Judges for the NWYRA Court Pageant will be selected by the Officers/BOD and the Court Director.
2. Selected Judges will judge the entire Court Pageant.
3. Categories to be judged are as follow:
  - a) Personal Interview
  - b) Speech/Public Speaking
  - c) Modeling with Impromptu Questions
  - d) Horsemanship
    - 1) Riding a pattern
    - 2) Flag run
    - 3) Queen Run
4. The highest scorer will be named Queen and the second highest will be named Princess(es).
5. Judges will sign score sheets, place sheets in a sealed envelope and return to NWYRA President and Court Director.
6. Coronation of the Queen and Princess(s) will be announced at the NWYRA Year-End Awards Banquet.

### **COURT REIGN REQUIREMENTS**

1. NWYRA Court will reign from January 1, to December 31.
2. NWYRA Court is required to attend ALL NWYRA rodeos and Sponsor rodeos. Any Court member that fails to at NWYRA Rodeos may be subject to having their crown relinquished immediately.
3. NWYRA Court will represent the association and its members throughout Oregon appearing in parades, rodeos, luncheons, and other public and promotional activities.
4. NWYRA Court members are required to obtain sponsorships and fund raise to cover court expenses and must submit that money to the NWYRA Treasurer.
5. If a member of the court is unable to fulfill her term, the NWYRA Officers/BOD and Court Director will decide if that position shall be filled for the remainder of the term or will remain vacant.
6. NWYRA Court will be responsible to get themselves and their horse to every function.



7. NWYRA Court may be required to attend two NWYRA board meetings, one at the beginning of your year and one towards the end of your year.
8. All travel is at the expense of the Court members.
9. NWYRA Court are encouraged to attend coronation dinners for other courts.
10. Other activities and appearances will be agreed upon by the Queen, Princess(es) and the Court Director.
11. Queen and court must be able to take care of their own horse and equipment.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Contestants will be automatically disqualified for wearing of Spandex pants at any time while representing NWYRA. Note: Spandex is stretch type clothing similar to swim wear and is felt by the Board not to be appropriate.
2. Any reigning NWYRA Court member must relinquish crown and title for any of the following reasons:
  - a) Pregnancy during reign.
  - b) Marriage during reign.
  - c) Conduct that would subject her to disciplinary action under the court rules or by-laws.

## **SECTION 6: GRAND ENTRY**

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Grand Entry Director will set guidelines, make all decisions, including national anthem, the order in how run-ins will be conducted, flag presentations, and which Contestants will carry specific flags at all NWYRA Rodeos.
2. Grand entry will be held at a controllable pace and will be monitored for safety. All Contestants should be aware of safety factors while participation in grand entry.
3. Contestants will not be allowed to ride double or lead another horse.
4. Flags will be carried appropriately and upright and will not be allowed to be swung in any direction.
5. You must have your own flag boot, if you do not have one you cannot carry that day.
6. If your horse is behaving in an unsafe way, the Grand Entry Director may reassign your flag for the safety of the rest of the Contestants.
7. You may sign up to carry a flag on NWYRA's website, but that is not a guarantee as the final decision will be made by the Grand Entry Director.

## **SECTION 7: LOGO USAGE**

Anyone who would like to use the NWYRA logo must have written permission to do so from the NWYRA Officers/BOD.

## **SECTION 8: OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & COORDINATORS**

1. The Officers and Board of Directors for the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association consist of:

### OFFICERS:

President  
 Vice President and Co-Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Rodeo Secretaries  
 Pre-Pee Wee Director  
 Barrel Director

Pole Director  
Goat Tying Director  
Rough Stock Director  
Roping Directors  
Volunteer Director  
Grounds Director & Co-Grounds Director

#### COORDINATORS

Court & Grand Entry  
Scholarship  
Awards  
Sponsorship  
Raffle/Fundraising  
Awards Banquet

2. The Officers and BOD shall perform the duties described in the By-laws.
3. All Officers, BOD and Coordinators elected shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
4. New Officers, BOD and Coordinators shall take office when the year's business is over. This should be after the Awards Banquet.

### **SECTION 9: STOCK CONTRACTORS**

1. The Stock Contractor will be contracted by NWYRA and agrees to diligently and professionally perform all the services described in their contract with the NWYRA.
2. The Stock Contractor agrees to provide sufficient personnel for all five (5) rodeo weekends as described in their contract.
3. Stock Contractor will be required to have enough stock for each event. The amount of stock will be based on the number of Contestants entered for that rodeo.
4. The NWYRA Secretary will provide the Stock Contractor with stock quantities for each rodeo the day following the Rodeo Books Close.
5. All rodeo livestock must be clearly identified with a brand or sticker numbers.

### **SECTION 10: NWYRA SCHOLARSHIP**

1. NWYRA will award up to three scholarships to graduating Seniors that are pursuing a post-high school course of study at a college/university, other post-secondary educational institution, or trade school.
2. Scholarships will be reviewed and decided upon by the Scholarship Director along with a Scholarship Committee.
3. Scholarship applications will be scored according to the Scholarship Scoring Rubric.
3. Applicants must be a paid Contestant/Member of NWYRA.
4. Applicants must be a graduate in the year the scholarship is awarded (or equivalent completion of HS e.g. GED or equivalent).
5. Academic scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis.
6. NWYRA Scholarships are not renewable.
7. The deadline for submitting the academic scholarship applications will be decided by the Scholarship Director and the Officers/BOD and will be posted on the application and NWYRA's website and social media.
7. Applicants must complete the academic scholarship application and submit all required documentation to the Scholarship Director by the deadline given on the application.
8. Each Applicant must also participate in a mandatory 15-minute interview with the Scholarship Committee. This will be scheduled to take place at the second rodeo of the

season, this must be attended in person, virtual interviews will only be allowed if approved by the NWYRA Board of Directors.

9. The academic scholarships will be presented at the second NWYRA rodeo of the season.
10. Proof of acceptance from the college/university, or other post-secondary educational institution, or trade school is required prior receipt of funds.

# SECTION 10:

## NWYRA ARENA LAYOUT

