



## **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership is \$100 per season, expiring after finals in March. Available online at [www.jrpatriotrodeo.com](http://www.jrpatriotrodeo.com).
2. Waiver/Release is required.

## **AGE DIVISIONS**

1. There will be 5 age divisions.
  - 5 and under                      WALK & TROT MINI BULL
  - 6 TO 8                              PEEWEE MINI BULL
  - 9 TO 11                            JR MINI BULL
  - 12 TO 14                         SR MINI BULL
  - 15 TO 19                         NOVICE
2. The 5 and Under and 6 to 8 age division will be required to ride six (6) seconds and the 9 to 11, 12 to 14, 15 to 19 division will be required to ride eight (8) seconds to be scored.
3. Contestant age to be determined by age as the DAY OF QUALIFIER.
4. It is the contestant's responsibility to enter in the proper age group.
5. Contestant must be prepared to show proof of age at the finals.
6. Falsification of age will result in surrender of all entry fees paid, and permanent disqualification.
7. Riders are NOT permitted to ride up age groups.

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. Everyone associated with Patriot Event(s) is expected to conduct themselves in a fair, polite, respectful and legal manner at any and all events.
2. The weight limit is 135 with five (5) pound variance for SR MINI age group and UNDER contestants MAY BE required to weigh in before the event.
3. The use of drugs or alcohol by contestant or bull riding personnel is prohibited and no alcohol is allowed on the arena floor or in the back pens.
4. Patriot Events reserves the right to remove any parent, legal guardian, or member causing a disturbance. They may deny or revoke membership, fine or suspend any individual whose actions are deemed to be detrimental to Patriot Events or its members.
5. Mistreatment or endangerment to rodeo livestock will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.
6. Falsification of name, age, or personal information pertaining to member will result in immediate suspension, also parent or legal guardian will be responsible for

reimbursement in full any money paid at previous and current events. Neglecting to do so will result in legal action.

## **DRESS CODE WESTERN ATIRE**

1. Boots and long sleeve collared shirt and cowboy hat are required for anyone behind the bucking chutes or arena floor.
2. Cowboy hat or no hat.

## **RIDING RULES**

1. RIDING IS DONE WITH ONE HAND.
2. No more than two bells on a rope are allowed. At least one bell is required.
3. Time begins when any part of animal breaks plane of chute.
4. Ride will be timed according to age group specifications.
5. If an animal fails to perform, a re-ride at the judge's discretion is optional.
6. If the flank comes off, a re-ride option will be offered, providing the competitor was qualified at the time (WALK & TROT IS EXCLUDED).
7. No more than two (2) helpers on the back of the chute. This does not include flank man.
8. If rider finishes ride with any part of the rope in his hand without being disqualified by touching the bull or the ground, they will be marked and given a score.
9. The rider must make three (3) honest attempts (not sitting on/badgering) to get out on an animal before a re-ride option is given.
10. At discretion of flank man, rider may be asked if he wants the use of livestock prod. If the rider declines and animal does not perform, no re-ride will be given (WALK & TROT IS EXCLUDED FROM THIS).
11. 5 and under Walk & Trot age group will not require the use of a flank rope and a livestock cattle prod cannot be used. Re Ride may be offered by judge if animal over performs.

## **RIDER DISQUALIFIATIONS**

1. Being bucked off before the required time in each age division.
2. Touching animals or self with free hand.
3. Using sharp spurs
4. Intentionally placing spurs under rope or in the knot.
5. Not being ready for ride.
6. Any rider or assistant soaking a bull by excessive pulling of the rope into a bull prior to the ride, to the point of affecting the ability of the bull to breathe and therefore buck to his ability will result in immediate disqualification and suspension.

## **OTHER RULES**

1. At least three (3) judges shall be used at the Finals.
2. The back judge has the final call on the official time. In the case of stop watch failure the judge on the latch side will have the call.
3. If offered the re-ride option, the rider must make a decision before leaving arena and the next animal is bucked.
4. Only the rider may ask judges for re-ride option, not the parent or legal guardian. Parents/Legal Guardians are not allowed to approach judges.
5. No rider or parent/legal guardian will attempt to influence the draw.

6. At the Judge's discretion, any rider stating that they don't want to ride or is hesitant (to the point of cry or creating a scene) in the chute will be advised they have 30 seconds to call for the bull. After 30 seconds the rider will receive no score without refund of fees.
7. The challenge button may be used at these events (NOT MANDATORY) IF used, a separate judge must be used. Video must be taken for judge to replay.
8. JUDGES decision will always be final and cannot be overturned.

### **Entries**

1. Deadline for entries shall be set forth prior to event registration.
2. Entry fees are non-refundable 30 days prior to event date unless of a medical issue.
3. There will be NO REFUNDS 15 days prior to the event start date . No exceptions.

### **Draw**

1. All stock must be drawn. Stock MAY NOT be chute drawn.
2. Stock may be drawn by a computer generated program or hand drawn by a judge.
3. In the two (2) Long Go performances a contestant may not have the same head of stock more than once.
4. Stock draws will be posted prior to performance.
5. Contestants are responsible to know their draw and should check draw before competing.

### **Safety Standards**

1. All possible safety measures are undertaken for the protection of contestants, spectators, and animals.
2. Helmet, vest, and mouth piece are MANDATORY.
3. If in the opinion of the arena judge, the safety of the contestant or the livestock is at serious risk, the arena judge may stop the action and rectify the situation.

Any Rules not covered here will be collectively determined by Patriot Event Producer and Rough Stock management.