Contestant Rules and Side Pot Information

2026-2027

Jr Patriot Rodeo

Qualifier Advancement:
For all division of General Qualifiers-Top 5 qualifications are earned if 19 or less entered in the side pot; top 10 qualifications are earned if 20 or more side pot entries. Note: If there are more than 100 side pot entries, 1 additional qualification will be awarded for every 10. Super Qualifiers-10 qualifications will be awarded no matter how many in the side pot.

19 & Under Divisions: Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Breakaway are girls only events. Tie Down and Steer Wrestling are boys only event. Team Roping is coed. Contestants Must be entered at the rodeo for the age group they are entering the side pots. For example: contestants enters the 19U goat tying at the rodeo; the contestant must enter the Patriot side pot for the 19U goat tying. The contestant's time cannot be used for any other division. Barrels and Poles are exceptions simply because the pattern is the same. A contestant entered in the 12U or 15U Barrel or 12U or 15U Poles can use their time as a carryover to the other age groups that apply simply by purchasing the side pot for those age groups. For example: a contestant could be entered in the 12U Barrels at the rodeo; they can pay the 15U and 19U side pot for barrels and use ("carryover") their time from 12U barrels to carryover to those age groups. Or a contestant could be entered in the 12U Poles at the rodeo; they can pay the 15U and 19U side pot for Poles and use ("carryover") their time from 12U Poles to carry over to those age groups.

Top 5 Advance to Semi-Finals in Fort Worth or Las Vegas at General Qualifiers (see advancement for top 10 above)

15 & under and 12 & under Divisions: 15U Goat Tying, Breakaway, Barrels, and Poles, are girls only events. 12U Barrels, Poles, Breakaway and Goat Tying is coed. Contestants must be entered at the rodeo for the age group they are entering the side pots. For example: contestant enters the 15U breakaway at the rodeo; the contestant must enter the Patriot side pot for the 15U breakaway. The contestant's time cannot be used for any other age group/division. This applies to all Tie Down, Breakaway, and Goat Tying with 12U and 15U age groups/divisions. Barrels and Poles are exceptions simply because the pattern is the same. A contestant entered in the 12U or 15U Barrels or 12U or 15U Poles can use their time as a "carryover" to the other age groups that apply simply by purchasing the side pot for those age groups. For example: a contestant could be entered in the 12U Barrels at the rodeo; they can pay the 15U and 19U side pot for barrels and use ("carryover") their time from 12U barrels to carryover to those age groups. Or a contestant could be entered in the 12U Poles at the rodeo; they can pay the 15U and 19U side pot for Poles and use ("carryover") their time from 12U Poles to carry over to those age groups.

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Fees:

Fort Worth Side Pot Fees

19 & Under $200 Side Pot
15 & Under /12 & Under - $150 Side Pot
Team Roping Open and 10.5 - $200 per roper Side Pot

Las Vegas Side Pot Fees

19 & Under $100 Side Pot
15 & Under/12 & Under - $75 Side Pot
Team Roping Open and 10.5 - $100 per roper Side Pot

ROUGH STOCK Fees:

Fort Worth Side Pot Fees

5U Walk Trot Bull Riding $50.00 Side Pot
6-8 Bull Riding - $50 Side Pot
9-11 Bull Riding - $50 Side Pot
12-14 Bull Riding - $50 Side Pot
15-16 Bull Riding $50 Side Pot
17-19 Bull Riding $50 Side Pot
5U Walk Trot Bareback $50.00 Side Pot
6-8 Bareback - $50 Side Pot
9-11 Bareback - $50 Side Pot
12-14 Bareback - $50 Side Pot
15-16 Bareback $50 Side Pot
17-19 Bareback $50 Side Pot
5U Walk Trot Saddle Bronc $50.00 Side Pot
6-8 Saddle Bronc - $50 Side Pot
9-11 Saddle Bronc - $50 Side Pot
12-14 Saddle Bronc - $50 Side Pot
15-16 Saddle Bronc $50 Side Pot
17-19 Saddle Bronc $50 Side Pot
No points - Max 2 qualifications

Las Vegas Side Pot Fees

5U Walk Trot Bull Riding $50.00 Side Pot
6-8 Bull Riding - $50 Side Pot
9-11 Bull Riding - $50 Side Pot
12-14 Bull Riding - $50 Side Pot
15-16 Bull Riding $50 Side Pot
17-19 Bull Riding $50 Side Pot
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12-14 Bareback - $50 Side Pot
15-16 Bareback $50 Side Pot
17-19 Bareback $50 Side Pot
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6-8 Saddle Bronc - $50 Side Pot
9-11 Saddle Bronc - $50 Side Pot
12-14 Saddle Bronc - $50 Side Pot
15-16 Saddle Bronc $50 Side Pot
17-19 Saddle Bronc $50 Side Pot
No Points – Max 2 qualifications
Deadline to qualify through qualifiers are 2 weeks prior to Ft Worth dates one week prior to Las Vegas.

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For all division for Super Qualifiers- Top 10 qualifications are earned no matter how many are in the side pot.

Time used for side pot – if a contestant enters the rodeo/event more than one time, but only enters the Patriot side pot one time, the producer will use the first run or "A" run for the time to qualify.

Draw out or change for qualifier side pot or any Patriot event
Fill out change form from the patriot website for Jr Patriot qualifier side pot or any Patriot event and email to info@patriotevent.com prior to event closing. Contestant will be refunded 75% of fees, no office fee, or 4% credit card fee. **NO REFUND OR CHANGE IF NOT NOTIFIED TO DRAW OUT OR CHANGE AFTER EVENT STARTS.**

Late Fee for qualifier side pot
There will be a $50 late fee if a contestant enters after the close date and time of the Jr. Patriot qualifier event/discipline. No refunds after close date and time. Contestant will text 417-350-1252 requesting the event be reopened with name of event, date, location, discipline to open, or email info@patriotevent.com.

The Las Vegas Finals will be the same format as the Fort Worth Finals with a Last Chance Qualifier, Semi-final and Final performance is TBD.

Chris Neal's Las Vegas Stars will host the Last Chance Qualifiers and Semi-final for all Tie-Down and Breakaway events.

Patriot Las Vegas will host the Last Chance Qualifiers and Semi-final for Barrels, Poles, Goat Tying, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping.

Patriot Las Vegas will advance top 10 across all events/disciplines and all age divisions from the semi-finals to Las Vegas final performance.

Points

Patriot has implemented a point system for all qualifiers. The Las Vegas and Fort Worth combined points for each contestant's event/division will accumulate for the top 15-point earners of the year for each division. Any Las Vegas points will continue to accumulate toward Fort Worth's finals top point earners until after the Fort Worth finals. The 12U, 15U, and 19U age divisions, excluding steer wrestling, will be eligible to enter an added money event at the finals in Fort Worth as well as prizes. No prizes will be mailed. In the 12U, 15U and 19U events/divisions, in the event there is a tie for the top 15, all will be given the opportunity to rope in the top 15 added money event. For Team Roping, if there an uneven amount of header contestants or heeler contestants, positions will drop down in the standing on the opposite end until positions are filled. Example: if a tie in 16th position is needed to fill in the uneven position and there are multiple in the 16th ranking, then we will random draw out of that rank who is offered that position.

Points will be awarded to the top 10 of every event at each qualifier regardless how many qualifications are awarded. After a contestant has their 2 qualified spots for Fort Worth and/or Las Vegas, they can continue entering side pots for points only. Deadline for points for Ft Worth are the same as qualification for Ft. Worth. The points system is as follows: (Points do not apply for rough stock)

Places	Points
1	10
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

There will be **"super qualifier"** events for contestants to earn double points. Super qualifiers will award points from 20 down to 1. 10 qualifications awarded. The points system is as follows: (Points do not apply for rough stock)

Places	Points
1	20
2	19
3	18
4	17
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13
9	12
10	11
11	10
12	9
13	8
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

Rodeo Ground Rules (Sanctioning Body Rules Apply):

1. MEMBERSHIP: All contestants must become a member of Jr. Patriot prior to competing at any Events. If membership is non-current upon check-in at finals, contestant will be forced to forfeit advancement to semi-finals. Membership renewals the day after finals each calendar year. (March 15, 2026 - March 15, 2027)
2. RIDING EVENTS AGE: Bareback riding; Saddle Bronc Riding; and Bull Riding. Contestants must ride in appropriate age class, according to their age the day of competition. Some qualifications will have to be rolled to a different class if age changed prior to finals.
3. TIMED EVENTS AGE: Age Guidelines are the contestant's age on the day of qualification. Each Facet of the Event offers different age categories advancing to the Finals.
4. FINALS SCHEDULE: **See Website for information, formats, and pricing.**
   *Schedule times are subject to change.
5. RODEO FINALS OFFICE**:** Each individual arena will have their own office for entry and event questions. Please see your arena office for any entry or event questions. For Questions outside of your arena, visit the main office in the John Justin Arena.
6. ALL FINALS CONTESTANTS: There is no Mandatory Check-In deadline. Back numbers for the Semi Finals will be picked up upon arrival at gate check-in booth. Last Chance Qualifiers making the semi-finals must pick up back number at Main office before the semi-finals. Back numbers must be worn by all contestant qualifiers at all Semi-Finals. There will be a Mandatory Back Number Ceremony for all Hooey Jr. Patriot Short Round Finals. (New Finals back number will be issued to all short round qualifiers and must be worn during event) All Hazers must check in at main office and complete event release. If unable to attend finals back number ceremony, contestant must line someone to pick back number up out of your age division group.
7. SPORTMANSHIP & CONDUCT: Everyone associated with the Jr. Patriot is expected to conduct themselves in a fair, polite, respectful, and legal manner at all events. Jr. Patriot Officials reserve the right to remove contestants, helpers, parents, and personnel from the premises for the duration of the entire event at any time for behavior detrimental to the sport of rodeo. Penalties could include fine(s), suspension and/or membership revocation to all producer events.
    a. The use of drugs or alcohol by contestant or personnel is prohibited. No alcohol is allowed on the arena floor or in the back pens.
    b. No arguing, fighting, or quarrelling will be tolerated, including on social media of any kind, and could result to removal from the event and potential suspension from all future events.
    c. Jr. Patriot reserves the right to revoke or deny membership, fine, or suspend any individual whose actions or parental/guardian action is deemed to be detrimental to the sport of rodeo.
8. RIDING EVENTS DRAW: All stock must be drawn. Rough Stock WILL NOT be chute drawn.
    a. Stock may be drawn by a computer-generated program or hand drawn by a judge.
    b. In the Long Go performances, a contestant may not have the same head of stock more than once.
    c. Stock draws will be posted prior to performance.
    d. Contestants are responsible to know their draw and should check draw before competing.

9. LIVESTOCK WELFARE: Mistreatment or endangerment to all livestock will not be tolerated and will result in suspension and/or fine.
10. ENTRY FEES: JR PATRIOTS who have advanced through the qualifying series will enter the semi-finals and will pay an entry fee when entering the semi-finals. Each contestant will pay a $30 office fee for each transaction. This entry will be available online. If not entered by deadline of online entries, contestant will pay a $50 late fee onsite and $30 office charge. All entries on last chance qualifiers will close 2 hours prior to the event. All semi-final will close 2 hours after the last chance qualifiers of the division.
    This finals entry fee will support the $100,000 Bonus Round and $50,000 bonus round.

11. The following earn an exemption and advance directly into the Semi-final. The entry fee is $750 to use an exemption. Age restrictions for exemptions are determined by the age of the contestant on the day of Semi-Finals. The following are events for exemptions:
    a. Hooey Jr Patriot Fort Worth Finals - #1-10
    b. IFYR - #1-10
    c. National High School Finals Rodeo - #1-10
    d. Little Britches Rodeo Finals - #1-10
    e. Jr High National Finals Rodeo - #1-10
    f. NHSFR State Champions - #1
    g. NJHFR State Champions - #1

    **NOTE: If exemption is being used, entry must be paid online or at the main office onsite, one hour after the last chance qualifier is completed.
    Proof of documentation must be provided at time of entering exemption. (Screen shot of standings, website posting of standings, etc.)
12. Added money available in Event Total Pot will vary from event to event, depending on qualifier entries collected in each event throughout the qualifying year. Prize money will be awarded in Fort Worth during Jr Patriot Semi-final and Final Performance. Checks will be available at event or will be mailed only if W-9 is filled out at the event or emailed to info@patriotevent.com. **PRIZES WILL NOT BE MAILED**.
13. STALLS: A limited number of stalls are available on a first come first served basis to entered contestants and must be purchased online. Nightly stalls will be offered based on availability and only sold onsite and may not be clean. Stalls are sold on a weekly basis online. No tie-outs or subletting allowed. Horse must be participating on the grounds to stall during Patriot Event. <u>Loaning, subletting, or selling stalls is strictly prohibited. Violations will result in eviction of horse, draw out of contestant and forfeit of all fees. Please refer to the stall release form.</u>
14. The posting of signs, advertisements, posters, bumper stickers, or cards on any surface other than bulletin boards is prohibited.
15. Selling of merchandise or professional services on the grounds, in stalls, or at trailers is prohibited unless you are a vendor contracted with EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS.
16. Damage willfully caused to any property, i.e., stalls, barns, grandstands, etc. of, its representatives, the Host Facility or Host Hotel, shall be paid for by the contestant or their representative before being allowed to continue to participate at EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS
17. PHOTO AND VIDEO: EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS retains all rights to every

photo and/or video taken on the Will Rogers Events Center grounds during EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS. Contestant grants the right to use any photographs or video of him/her taken at EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS including but not limited to those of any contestant during competition or while otherwise attending the event, for publicity purposes. Contestant agrees that no photographic or video images taken of the competition or exhibition areas will be altered or copied without the express written consent of EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS and the photographer/videographer. Press credentials are required for all commercial photographers or videographers on the host venue grounds during EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS Credentials can be obtained in the event management office. Individuals without prior approval and proper EQUINE NETWORK, LLC. DBA PATRIOT EVENTS press credentials will be asked to leave the premises.

18. Contestants riding a stallion or a problem horse must send a written request for special accommodations for that horse with their entry.
19. PARKING PASSES: and Parking Passes can be purchased from the City of Fort Worth upon arrival at gate. Weekly tags are recommended.
20. RV's: RV hookups and Dry Camping are sold on a first come first served basis by Patriot. Dry camping is only available in designated areas and must be paid in advance. If you want to park next to someone, make sure to arrive together. NO Guarantees and NO holding spots.
21. PARKING AND CAMPING: No vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, trailers, RV's, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, etc., are allowed inside the barns (with the exception event and facility staff) or on the lawns at any time. Overnight camping with hook-ups is allowed only in designated facility RV Park. Utility connections (electric, gas, water, sewer) to vehicles from any barn area source is strictly prohibited. Area traffic/parking signs are to be observed at all times. Designated fire lanes must be kept clear at all times. **The roads immediately adjacent to either side of the stall barns are for unloading only!** Vehicles must be moved immediately after unloading. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed at the owner's expense.
22. GOLF CARTS AND SCOOTER/SEGWAY: All drivers must be licensed driver 16 years of age or older to operate a golf cart. Do not exceed the capacity allowed on the golf cart. Absolutely no drinking alcohol or use drugs on the golf cart. Reckless driving, abuse of rules, and irresponsible driving will result in loss of golf cart or disqualification. Golf cart must be driven in a safe manner and all rules followed to maintain golf cart privilege. **Scooters/Segway will not be allowed in any barn or facility.**
23. HOTEL INFORMATION: See host hotel information.
24. All dogs must be kept on a leash. No dogs are allowed in the host facility seating areas, restrooms, or concession stands.
25. LATE FEES: Late Fees for finals will be $50.
26. TURN OUTS AND DRAW OUT CANCELATIONS: Events and reservations: In an event of a draw out or cancelation, a contestant must fill out the draw out/change form listed on the website and must be sent by email to be eligible for a refund. Contestant is eligible for a 75% refund by the posted date. There is a 75% refund of fees for all events or reservations up posted deadline. No refund will be given after the start date. No draw outs for barrel racing and pole bending after draw is posted. (No exceptions) Email: info@patriotevent.com. (No processing or credit card fees will be refunded). After the deadline these entries will be considered a TURN OUT with no refund. In Finals or Semi-final no contestant will be moved up to fill a vacant

position.

27. EVENT ARENA COMPETING CONFLICTS: If the contestant has a conflict with their runs in multiple events, you must go to the main office in the John Justin Arena, prior to the runs or you can be turned out with no refunds. Main office will set arena priorities.
28. TEAM ROPING ADVANCEMENT: Open and 10.5 team ropers will earn qualifications to Fort Worth semi-finals and/or Las Vegas semi-finals by entering the Patriot side pots for qualifying events. Teams must be entered in a 19U team roping event and side pot to qualify for the 19U Open and 10.5 team roping. A team roper can only qualify 2 times total in each Open and 10.5 division. For Example: 2 heading, 2 heeling, or 1 heading and 1 heeling. Team ropers will be allowed to switch ends to meet their 2 total times to qualify but must stay in the division they qualified. Same team can qualify 2 times but can only rope at semifinals 1 time. Team can rope up and back in semifinals but can only enter the same way 1 time.

    If a team has qualified in the 10.5 and gets split due to a number change or whatever reason, they can move the team to the 15.5 team roping division, or they can split and stay in the 10.5 with a new partner. The 10.5 is capped at a 6.5 heeler. No team can split and move divisions they didn't qualify in.
    If a team split based on partner number change or partner is not attending for whatever reason and the roper chooses his/her partner for Fort Worth semi-finals and/or Las Vegas semi-finals, the partner chosen must have entered a qualifying Patriot side pot during the current qualifying season. If a partner is chosen and hasn't earned a qualification position, the fee for the chosen partner is $750.00. If the partner has an earned qualification, the fees will be the qualification fee.
29. RODEO FORMAT: Contestants will compete in the semi-final's performance with the top 15 of the 19 & Under and top 15 in the 15 & under/12 & under contestants advancing to the Jr. Patriot Finals round. Team Roping: top 15 in the Open and 10.5.
30. **SEMI FINALS FORMAT:**
    (To advance to next round, contestant must have a qualified time in the previous round)
    - **19 & Under Barrels and Poles:** One long round, top 15 to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth and 10 advancing at Las Vegas. Carry over is allowed from the 12U and 15U if the Semi Finals and/or Finals are held the same day.
    - **19 & under Tie-Down, Breakaway, Goats:** One long round. **Fort Worth:** If entries are 125 or less entered contestants the top 30 advance to second round. If entries are 126 or more entered contestants the top 50 advance to second round. Top 15 fastest on two round average advances to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth. **Las Vegas:** If entries are 75 or less entered contestants, the top 20 advance to second round. If entries are 76 or more entered contestants, the top 30 advance to second round. Top 10 advancing to the finals at Las Vegas.
    - **15 & under Tie-Down, Breakaway, Goats:** One long round. **Fort Worth:** If entries are 125 or less entered contestants, the top 30 advance to second round. If entries are 126 or more entered contestants, the top 50 advance to second round. Top 15 fastest on two round average advances to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth. **Las Vegas**: If entries are 75 or less entered contestants, the top 20 advance to second round. If entries are 76 or more entered contestants, the top 30 advance to second round. Top 10

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- **12 & under Tie-Down, Breakaway, Goats:** One long round. **Fort Worth:** If entries are 125 or less entered contestants, the top 30 advance to second round. If entries are 126 or more entered contestants, the top 50 advance to second round. Top 15 fastest on two round average advances to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth. **Las Vegas:** If entries are 75 or less entered contestants the top 20 advance to second round. If entries are 76 or more entered contestants the top 30 advance to second round. Top 10 fastest on two round average advances to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth and top 10 advancing at Las Vegas.
- **12 & Under and 15U Barrels and Poles:** One long round, top 15 to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth and 10 advancing at Las Vegas. Carry over is allowed from the 12U to 15U and/or 19U, or 15U to 19U barrels or poles if the Semi Finals and/or Finals are held the same day.
- **15.5 Team Roping:** One long round. **Fort Worth:** If entries are 125 or less entered teams, the top 30 advance to second round. If entries are 126 or more entered teams, the top 50 advance to second round. Top 15 fastest on two round average advances to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth. **Las Vegas:** If entries are 75 or less entered contestants the top 20 advance to second round. If entries are 76 or more entered contestants the top 30 advance to second round. Top 10 fastest on two round average advances to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth and top 10 advancing at Las Vegas.
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- **Steer Wrestling:** One long round. If entries are 75 or less entered contestants, the top 20 advance to second round. If entries are 76 or more entered contestants the top 30 advance to second round. Top 15 fastest on two round average advances to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals at Fort Worth and top 10 advancing at Las Vegas.

31. FINALS FORMAT:
    - Tie-Down, Breakaway, Steer Wrestling, Goats, Barrels and Pole Bending, contestants can only advance one qualified run from Semi-Finals to the Jr. Patriot Finals (fastest time on one will be used) Final's run is a clean slate. ONLY TOP 3 CONTESTANT ADVANCE TO BONUS. IF A CONTESTANT ELECTS NOT TO RUN OR PARTICIPATE IN THE BONUS, NO ONE WILL MOVE UP.
    - Open and 10.5 Team Roping contestants can advance 2 runs from Semi-Finals to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals. The qualified runs can be heading, heeling, or both. Only a total of one can advance to the bonus round in each division. The highest placing team will be the one to advance. NO TEAM WILL MOVE UP IF A CONTESTANT HAS 2

OR MORE IN THE BONUS ROUND. ONLY THE TOP 3 TEAMS WILL ADVANCE TO BONUS.

- In 19 &U events a contestant can only advance to the finals with the highest placing single run. If contestant qualifies multiple runs, the highest placing run will advance to finals. The next highest placing contestant will advance to fill the number of spots. Final's run is a clean slate, fastest time or score will be placed accordingly.

32. FINALS PERF. Ft Worth- Contestant Run Order:
    - **19 & under Barrels and Poles** will random draw for positions.
        - **Horse Substitution Rule:**
          The same horse that competed in the finals must be used in the bonus round. If a contestant intends to compete on a different horse than the one that qualified from the semi-finals, they must notify the office no later than the night before the finals. You cannot carryover from the 12U or 15U finals since they are not held on the same day. No carryover will be allowed in the bonus round.
    - **19 & under Tie-Down, Breakaway, Goats, 15.5 Team Roping** will run 15-1 from average times on the two rounds of the semi-finals.
    - **15 & under Tie-Down, Breakaway, Goats, #10.5 Team Roping** will run 15-1 from average times on the two rounds of the semi-finals.
    - **12 & under Tie-Down, Breakaway, Goats,** will run 15-1 from average times on the two rounds.
    - **12 & 15U under Barrels and Poles** will random draw for positions. The same horse that competed in the finals must be used in the bonus round. If a contestant intends to compete on a different horse than the one that qualified from the semi-finals, they must notify the office no later than the night before the finals. A contestant may carryover time to the 15U from the 12U barrels and poles finals, but contestant must make two runs in Bonus round if contestant qualify. No carryover will be allowed in the bonus round.

33. FINALS DRESS CODE WESTERN ATTIRE: Boots, long sleeve collared shirt, and cowboy hat (back number during **Semi-final and Finals** must be worn by contestants competing**)** are required for anyone in the arena. (Parents and family or friends helping contestant into the arena must be in dress code also, no back number required.)
34. FINALS HEADSHOTS AND BIOS: All contestants advancing to Saturday or Sunday's Final Perf will be required to have a headshot photo taken and required paperwork. Location TBD
35. ALL EVENTS - A contestant not ready when called during a performance or qualifying round will be subject to disqualification from that go-round. Will not be refunded and will not receive a rerun.
36. TIMED EVENT TIES FOR ADVANCEMENT to FINALS PERF and Bonus Round:
    All ties in the 15th position will advance to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Finals.
    All ties in the 3rd position will advance to the Hooey Jr. Patriot Bonus Round.
37. BONUS ROUND:
    19U & Under Timed Events: After the Hooey Jr. Patriot final round is complete, the Top 3 competitors /team from each 19 & Under events and both division of Team Roping come back for a

$100,000 bonus round. Contestants must beat their discipline's fastest time in the Hooey Jr. Patriot final performance to receive their portion of the bonus. If there is a tie in any discipline, those contestants will split their portion. If multiple disciplines beat the fastest time, the bonus round money will be split equally. In the bonus round, headers and heelers are considered 2 disciplines. The same horse that competed in the finals must be used in the bonus round. If it is not won, in any given year, the pot will roll to the following year.

15 & Under and 12 & Under Timed Events. After 15 & Under and 12 & Under Hooey Jr. Patriot final round is complete, the Top 3 competitors from each 15 & Under and 12 & Under Timed Events come back for a Bonus Round. Contestants must beat their discipline's fastest time in the Jr. Patriot final performance to receive their portion of the bonus. If there is a tie in any discipline, those contestants will split their portion. If multiple disciplines beat the fastest time, the $50,000 pot will be split equally. The same horse that competed in the finals must be used in the bonus round. If it is not won, in any given year, the pot will roll to the following year.

UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE:
All contestants must sign an unconditional release prior to competing at the Jr. Patriot Finals. If contestant is under the age of 18 Parent/Legal Guardian must sign for contestant.

Returned Checks/Credit Card Chargeback – Charges will be from Patriot – Equine Network, LLC
For any reason, there is a $50 service charge on all returned checks & credit card charge backs from the bank or credit card company. If a check or charge back is not replaced with a cashier's check, money order, or another credit card transaction within 30 days after charge back, the contestant will be put on the "ineligible" list and forfeit qualifications for the season. The contestant will be ineligible for one year.

BAREBACK AND SADDLE BRONC RIDING:

Patriot Bronc rules apply, with the following additions listed below.

1. Finals Entry Fee upon acceptance to finals. Stock Charges will apply.
2. 15-19 are required to mark horses out and may not huddle back cinch.
3. All equipment will be checked by a certified official, prior to the event.
4. Rider must prove he/she can successfully get loose from his rigging with ease.
5. All Broncs riders must prove boots will come off with ease.
6. Any soaking or inhumane treatment of livestock could result in disqualification at the chute boss's discretion.
7. Neck roll required in both events, will follow national high school rules.
8. Any interference with the rider inside the arena can and will result in disqualification.
9. All contestants must wear a vest and mouthpiece.

- **Bareback Riding.**
    - **One-Handed Rigging.** Riding shall be done with one-handed rigging.
    - **Rigging Requirements.** Rigging shall be leather and shall not be more than 10 inches in width at the handhold and not over 6 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 a horse's back when cinched. Only rawhide may be used under the body of the handhold. There will be no rawhide restrictions with the exception of no rawhide may be within 1 inch of the back of the rigging body excluding the "D" ring wrap which may be no more than 2 inches up from the bottom of the body. The rigging body must also be spread 9 inches apart at the back of the rigging 4 inches down from the center. The handlebars under the rigging body must be tapered down to at least 1/4 inch at the end of the handlebar.
    - **Modified Rigging Requirements.** Rigging shall be leather and shall not be more than 7 inches in width top center, front to back and over 6 inches at the "D" ring. There may be a concave inset at the center back of the body, not to be over 1 inch deep and not over 8 inches in width. Rawhide may be used under the body of the handhold and tapered down the full length of the body to allow it to wrap around the "D" ring inset. Also, there may be full rawhide around the "D" ring inset not to be over 4 inches in length.
    - **No Fiberglass or Metal in Riggings or Hand Holds.** No fiberglass or metal will be allowed in riggings or handholds. Only leather or rawhide is allowed for handhold, with a maximum of 3/4 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.
    - **Cinches and Latigos.** Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair or neoprene and shall be at least 4 inches in width at the center but may be tapered to accommodate cinch "D" rings. Latigos must be of leather only.
    - **Bareback Pads.** Required bareback pads are to completely cover the underside of the rigging and are to extend a full 2 inches behind the rigging.

- **Pads Must Cover Underside of Rigging.** Pads used under riggings must be leather covered on both sides. No hair pads will be allowed. Only a high-density foam pad, at least 3/4 inch thick will be allowed. In addition, the pad must have leather over the bars 3/16-inch-thick extending at least 1/2 inch on either side and the back of the handlebars.
- **Leather Attached to the Pad.** In addition to the pad, a piece of leather a minimum of 3/16 inch thick and 4 inches square must be glued or sewn to the pad and centered in comparison to the total body length of the rigging. This piece of leather shall be placed so that 1/2 inch of it extends behind the rigging and the remaining 2 inches are under the rigging.
- **Approval of Riggings and Pads.** Stock Contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings and pads satisfy the requirements listed above. Judges shall determine whether pads are satisfactory. If judges rule the pads are not satisfactory, contestant will be warned for the first offense. Any offense thereafter shall result in an immediate 15-day ineligibility.
- **Rider's Glove.** The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls or wedges. An extra piece of leather may be used at the base of the little finger only. Glove tit are allowed, no to exceed 5/8th in all divisions.
- **Use of Palm Piece.** A palm piece may be used in glove, which will be at least 1 inch wide and 3 inches long, and will be glued in.
- **Use of Adhesives.** There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider's glove. White athletic tape may be used. Benzoin may be used.
- **Disqualification of Rider.** Any of the following shall immediately disqualify a rider: A) Riding with rowels too sharp or locked; B) Being bucked off; C) Touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand (one arm must be free at all times); D) Rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking; E) Taking any kind of finger tuck, finger wrap, or use of finger tape (violators shall be disqualified and may also be subject to fine); and F) If rider has been advised he is next to go, failing to be above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.
- **Spur Rowels.** Spur rowels must have five or more points. The first reported offense shall subject contestant to a warning; every offense thereafter shall result in an immediate 15-day ineligibility. R9.4.9 Inability to Free Hand. If, in the opinion of the pickup men and/ or Stock Contractor, a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging after a qualified ride or after declaring by double grabbing, he shall be fined $100. A contestant fouled or bucked off before or after the whistle will not be fined. Judges are required to report the offense.

- **Saddle Bronc Riding.**
  - **Contestant Saddle Specifications.** All riding must be done with saddles that meet the following specifications. Contestants not meeting these specifications will be disqualified and declared ineligible to compete and subject to fine.
  - **Rigging.** Three-quarter double; front edge of "D" ring must pull not further back than directly below the center point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring-type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed 5-3/4 inches outside width measurement.

- **Swell Undercut.** Not more than 2 inches -1 inch on each side.
- **Gullet.** Not less than 4 inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.
- **Tree.** Saddles must be built on pro standard tree and must conform to the following specifications with a reasonable added thickness of 1/2 inch for leather covering: Fork 14 inches wide Height 9 inches maximum Gullet 5-3/4 inches wide Cantle 5 inches maximum height; 14 inches maximum width.
- **Stirrup Leathers.** Must be hung over bars; front cinch on bronc saddles shall be mohair and shall be at least 8 inches in width at the center but may be tapered to accommodate cinch "D" or rings. Latigos must be of leather only.
- **Standard Halter.** Halters must have adjustable nose bands. Standard halter must be used, unless agreement is made by both contestant and Stock Contractor.
- **Riding Rein.** Riding rein and hand must be on the same side. The rein can only be attached on the bottom of the halter noseband unless fastening to the throat latch is preferred by the contestant.
- **Saddling of Horses.** Horses shall be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either Stock Contractor or contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Back cinch belongs to the rider, but contractor may have the rider put back cinch behind the curve of horse's belly. Back cinch may be hobbled.
- **Disqualification of a Rider.** Any of the following shall disqualify a rider: A) Changing hands on rein; B) Losing or dropping rein before pre-designated time; C) Wrapping rein around hand; 214 2019 D) Losing stirrup; E) Being bucked off; F) Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand; G) Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, and/or rowels not dulled;
- **Only Dry Resin Allowed.** Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle. Anyone using any other foreign substance shall be disqualified and declared ineligible to compete for 30 days; also subject to fine. The judges will examine clothing, saddle, rein and spurs.

**Rough Stock Events not eligible for the bonus round.

BULL RIDING

- Finals Entry Fee upon acceptance to finals. Stock Charges will apply.

RIDING RULES- Rules Apply

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 for eight (8) seconds.
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 made, providing the competitor was qualified at the time. (WALK & TROT IS EXCLUDED)
7. No more than two 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 of 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)

RIDER DISQUALIFIATIONS

1. Being bucked off before the required time of 8 seconds
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 when advised to be so.
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 effecting the ability of the bull to breathe and therefore buck to his ability will result in immediate disqualification, and suspension. Suspension will be released upon payment of a $100 fine.

OTHER RULES

1. At least 3 Judges shall be used at the finals and major events. Each judge must be approved by Jr. Patriot. Judges for the finals and major events MUST hold a card in a creditable bull riding association.
2. The Back Judge has the final call on the official time. In the case of stopwatch 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 the 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 crying 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. Nobody can overturn a JUDGE'S DECISION

STOCK FOR JR. PATRIOT

1. Stock must be approved by Jr Patriot (videos and info may be requested at any time by Jr. Patriot)
2. All stock must be appropriate for age group. Stock must meet all requirements and Jr. Patriot has right to reject or pull stock from draw.
3. Bulls can NOT be moved age groups up or down after it bucks at an event.
4. Height requirements are SR MINI BULL and down cannot be over 48 inches. JR BULLS cannot be over 54 inches. This measurement is taken where the bull rope is placed.
5. All stock must be treated and handled properly in chute, arena, and back pens. JR Patriot has the right to disqualify or remove any person, contestant and/or worker for mistreatment of stock.

SAFETY STANDARDS

1. All possible safety measures are undertaken for the protection of contestants, spectators, and animals.
2. Helmets, Vests, and Mouth Pieces are MANDATORY.
3. Certified EMTs capable of administering First Aid and an conveyance must be on-site during all competitions. EMTs must have suitable conveyance and access to cell phone and/or radio.
4. 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.

**Rough Stock Events not eligible for the bonus round.

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JR PATRIOT ABIDES BY PATRIOT RULES

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PATRIOT EVENT RULES
SECTION 1
QUALIFICATION EVENTS

1.1 QUALIFICATION ROPINGS – PATRIOT selects independent contractors, who use the GEMS, to produce qualification ropings throughout the year giving ropers an opportunity to advance to the Fort Worth Finale in Fort Worth each year, as well at the Patriot Vegas in December. All Qualifications serve as dual Qualifiers and can be used at one or both Patriot Finales.

1.2 DIVISIONS – There are eleven divisions to be offered at Patriot Events including: Open, All Girl, 14.5, 13.5, 12.5, 11.5, 10.5, 9.5, 8.5, 7 and Young Gun Team Roping Divisions. No age caps in Open, All Girl, or 14.5. The 8.5 is capped at a 4.5 and the 7 is capped at a 4.

1.3 ENTRIES AND DISQUALIFICATION – To participate in a Patriot event, each roper must be a member of WSTR/USTRC/Key Card or Key Card Max card holder. Participation in the event by a roper who does not have a current WSTR/USTRC/Key Card or Key Card Max membership will result in disqualification of roper and the roper's teammate. No member of a disqualified team shall be entitled to receive any prize or winnings; however, the member of the disqualified team that has a current membership shall be entitled to a refund of entry fee. The member of the disqualified team without a current membership shall not be entitled to receive a refund of his/her entry fee. By submitting an entry for a Patriot event, the roper is representing that he/she is in compliance with this rule. Acceptance of entry fees for this event by PATRIOT shall not constitute a waiver of the requirement set forth in this rule.

1.4 UP AND BACK - In qualifying events where ropers are allowed to enter more than once, ropers are permitted to enter "Up and Back".

1.5 QUALIFICATIONS PAYOUT - Producers of Patriot Qualifiers will determine the Payout Schedule based on the Format of THEIR event. Terms should be posted in Event Flyer prior to event.

1.6 DRAW IN OPTION - Producers of Patriot Qualifiers will determine whether to allow Draw In Option. The roper will run the drawn run, although he/she may choose not to pay for it. If the roper pays for the run before the run is made, he/she will collect all prizes and moneys. If he/she chooses not to pay for the extra run, they will be running for half the money and no prizes. The paid partner will still collect their end of full money and prizes.

SECTION 2
PATRIOT FINALS

2.1 PATRIOT ROPING FINAL FORMATS - The PATRIOT FORT WORTH finals, for the most part, will be a four head average. See full schedule of Final Events for complete detail. Final Formats are subject to change year to year.

2.2 CURRENT MEMBER In order to ensure the fairness to all contestants, all Contestants must have a Current WSTR/USTRC/Key Card or Key Card Max card and sufficient data collected, prior to entering a Finals.

2.3 DEADLINES -Check Patriot website for all entry deadlines

2.4 FINAL RERUNS – In addition to the Flagger, the PATRIOT will have an additional Field Judge(s) in the arena or vicinity of, reviewing every run. The Flagger will make the call and in the meantime the Field Judge(s) is looking for anything out of the ordinary, borderline calls, or potential objection. The Flagger may call for a rerun. PATRIOT's position is that if none of the officials observing the run detect anything out of the ordinary, no rerun will be afforded. Ropers will be notified if they receive a rerun. Publicly arguing (including social media of any kind) the matter beyond the final decision may be grounds for disqualification from the current event or any future events thereof.

SECTION 3

ROPING RULES

Head Legal Catches – Three legal head catches: 1) slick horn 2) Half a head 3) neck. If the Honda passes over one horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal. If a loop crosses itself in a head catch, it is illegal.

Heel Legal Catches – Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if the rope goes up heels.

3.1 QUESTIONED CATCH – If catch is questionable, a field judge may ask a header to hold a steer so that the Flagger may inspect the head catch. If the header does not do so, the team may receive a no-time.

3.2 TIME TAKEN – Time will be taken when the steer is roped and secure between both partners and both horses are facing the steer with ropes dallied and tight. Both horses front feet must be on the ground and ropers must be mounted when the time is taken. The steer must be standing up when roped by its head and heels. Time is taken when the flag is dropped; however, that time is not official until indication is given by the Flagger or Field Judge to the timer or secretary. The Flagger may flag a team out after the time is taken on a run, based on an illegal head catch or illegal heel catch, the steer was not secure or any other factor that was not clear when the time was taken.

3.3 TIE-ON RULE – *A roper is encouraged to use a quick release for tied on ropes. Global Handicaps reserves the right to revoke Tie-On Permissions at any time. Under no circumstances can a 'header' tie on. Ropers who heel will be allowed to tie on based on the following rules:*

Age Determination Rules: Age Requirements are on year of birth (except for 13-year-old girls as noted below). As an example, if the birthday is in July, your effective age date is January of that same year.

Male Ropers:

- 60 Years Old: Any heeler 60 years or older may tie on regardless of classification number.
- 55 Years Old: Any heeler 55 years and older with a classification of a #5.5 or below will be permitted to tie on.

Female Ropers:

- 13 Years Old: Any female heeler 13 years and older may tie on, on or after the **DAY** of their 13th birthday. (Under no circumstances can child 12 years or younger tie on.)

GENERAL RULES: Assuming age requirements are meant the following rules also apply:

- A roper cannot dally over the top of a tied-on rope or tie-on device, the result is an automatic disqualification.
- A roper may not reattach his/her rope or dally with a loose tied on rope.
- Should a tied rope inadvertently come loose from the saddle horn or otherwise become detached during the course of a run, the team will be disqualified.
- After receiving proper medical documentation, Global Handicaps, at its sole discretion, may grant a tie-on permission for medical or handicap circumstances for a specified period of time.
- Ropers acknowledge that, if a tied-on rope presents a hazardous situation, the field official may be required to cut the rope at the heeler's expense.

3.4 CROSS FIRE – Will not be permitted. The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded. Animal must be in tow before the heel rope is released.

3.5 HEELER ROPES FRONT FOOT/LEG – if the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop prior to the header facing and thus calling for time, the time will be counted. The Flagger, i.e., judge will not allow an extra time for a front leg to come free.

3.6 HEADER ROPES ANY LEG – should a header rope any leg, it's an automatic no time. Under no circumstance will be the header be allowed to fish-out the leg.

3.7 DROPPED ROPE – A dropped rope that must be recoiled is considered a thrown rope.

3.8 ARENA CLEAR – Should a team call for a steer before the arena is clear, and are subsequently interfered with by the steer or team still in the arena, this will not be recognized as interference and they shall NOT receive a rerun.

3.9 TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD RULE

Except in the Open, #14.5 and higher divisions and specifically excluded add-on events, the age limit for participation is 21 years. A 21-year-old is determined based on year of birth, not birth date. Therefore, a roper is considered 21 years old from January 1, thru December 31 of his/her year of birth.

SECTION 4

LIVESTOCK

4.1 REMOVAL FROM DRAW - PATRIOT, or PATRIOT official(s), reserve the right to withdraw any steer from the herd at any time. Head duckers, draggers, stoppers, eliminators, unusually slow cattle and cattle that turn back into the corners shall be pulled from the herd immediately as they surface during the PATRIOT roping. Removal from draw does not result in a rerun for the team roping a steer removed from the herd. However, a rerun may be awarded if in the opinion of the producer, supported by the opinion of the Field Judge and/or officials working the roping, that a steer in question did not afford a team the opportunity to compete.

4.1. INSPECTION - Roping stock will be inspected by the producer prior to the first event. No sore, lame, sick or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or crippled during the course of the roping, that animal shall be removed from the competition immediately. Animals removed from the arena pursuant to this section shall be placed in a situation as isolated and comfortable as possible to reduce stress.

4.2 TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK - If a roper excessively abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, he/she shall be disqualified and forfeit all entry fees. The Field Judge or other PATRIOT official shall immediately inform the announcer that the ropers have been disqualified and the announcer will immediately announce the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness of livestock.

4.3 HORNWRAPS - All Roping Stock will have horn wraps, which offer protection for both the ears and the base of the horns.

4.4 FAILURE TO HEED WARNING - Any contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from a Field Flagger that he/she is mistreating an animal he/she will forfeit their entry fees in all divisions for the remainder of that event.

4.5 RUN STOPPED BY THE JUDGE – the Field Judge may stop a run at any time he/she observes an injured animal, to remove that animal from competition. This action will result in a rerun for contestants.

4.6 VISIBLY INJURED ROPING STOCK: - If the roping stock is visibly injured as the run begins, including a broken horn, the team must declare themselves by pulling up immediately.

4.7 Broken Horn - If in the opinion of the Field Judge a non-visible broken horn existed prior to the beginning of a run, he has the option to declare a rerun. However, no rerun shall be awarded where clearly the broken horn was caused by the run itself, or if the judge suspects the broken horn occurred during the run. If run is completed and time taken, even though a broken horn is clearly visible, time shall stand and the Field Judge will remove that animal from the draw.

4.8 RERUNS (Qualification Ropings) –Reruns will be determined by the Field Flagger and will be offered without a request from the roper. If a Flagger does not award a rerun on a steer that a team feels did not afford them the opportunity to compete, they may ask for an explanation, but not argue or discuss the lack of rerun with the Flagger. They may immediately request a review by the roping Contractor/Producer who has the final decision on the call.

4.9 ANIMAL ESCAPES ARENA - If any animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and time stopped. Contestants will get animal back for a lap-and-tap start (no-barrier), and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final.

SECTION 5

JUDGING

5.1 JUDGES CONTROL – The field Flagger has an obligation to control the domain within the boundaries of the arena.

5.2 JUDGES DECISION, QUESTIONING A CALL - A contestant may request a Flagger to explain what a call was; however, this explanation is not a discussion or debate and the roper should immediately exit the arena after receiving the explanation. Any question or further discourse concerning the call should be addressed directly to the contractor/producer immediately. The decision of the field judge is **NOT** final, the event contractor or PATRIOT official after studying all the information has the right to override a call, they believe is incorrect.

5.3 SURRENDERING A RUN - If in the opinion of the Field Judge one or both members of a team stop competing during the course of a run, the Judge has the right to stop the run and disqualify the team.

5.4 CALLING FOR A STEER - Steer belongs to the ropers when called for by the header. Except for mechanical failure the team accepts the situation “as is” regardless of what happens.

5.5 DECLARING A STEER OR PULLING UP – During the course of the run, if the roper is visibly fouled or can visibly see that he/she is, or will be fouled, he/she must declare by “PULLING UP” or attempting to

pull up and not try to go on with the contest. If the roper does not declare by pulling up he/she accepted the situation as it occurred.

5.6 ROPER TOUCHES THE GROUND - A team will be disqualified if at any time during the course of a run a roper touches the ground.

5.7 WORLD SERIES of TEAM ROPING BARRIER will be used at all PATRIOT events except the Open, 16.5, 15.5, and Open Jr. A 5-second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier.

5.8 HEIGHT OF ELECTRIC EYES - Height of barrier shall be from 32 to 36 inches.

5.9 BARRIER/TIMER MALFUNCTION - Should a barrier/timer malfunction during the natural course of a competition either for the roper or against the roper, the Field Judge may offer the option of awarding a rerun or removing the barrier penalty.

SECTION 6

OTHER RULES

6.1 GLOBAL HANDICAPS CLASSIFICATIONS - PATRIOT utilizes the GLOBAL HANDICAPS classification system. Any questions, disputes, or recommendations regarding classifications, needs to go directly through the GLOBAL HANDICAPS office. Patriot Producers are not authorized, and cannot physically change a ropers classification without the help of a Global Handicaps representative.

6.2 SPORTSMANSHIP - PATRIOT reserves the right to disqualify any roper who does not act in a sportsmanlike, reasonable, or professional manner. Publicly arguing or slandering (including social media of any kind) the matter beyond the final decision may be grounds for disqualification from the current event or any future events thereof.

Disqualified ropers forfeit all fees.

6.3 RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE AND DRAW-OUT TEAMS – PATRIOT reserves the right to refuse service or draw-out any team for inappropriate conduct, conflicts with management, or any other disputes that cannot be settled prior to an event.

6.4 DRESS CODE – *Formal and Final* -At the Finals and all major events where formal cowboy attire is advertised or required, ropers must wear a cowboy hat or no hat. Caps will not be permitted. Cowboy attire is defined as shirts with a sewn-on collar, buttoned front styling, with long sleeves (sleeveless shirts not permitted) and cowboy boots, or approved laced cowboy shoe with a heel. Ladies attire under formal cowboy attire is the same as men. Unless a medical exemption is made, heeled or any type tennis shoes will not be permitted. Failure to observe dress code will result in a no-time on any steer qualified.

6.4.2 DRESS CODE – (*Qualification Ropings)* - Ropers must wear a cowboy hat or no hat. Caps will not be permitted. Exceptions to Caps: Ladies will be permitted to wear style caps at *OUTSIDE* arenas only. In addition, contractors/producers may wave the hat rule during inclement weather (excessive wind, rain). Shirts must have collar and at least two buttons, short or long sleeve. Shirt rule is same for men and women (sleeveless shirts and tank tops not permitted.) Unless a medical exemption is made, heeled or any type tennis shoes will not be permitted. Failure to observe dress code will result in a no-time on any steer.

6.5 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RELEASE - By entering a PATRIOT Final or associated qualifying event, the Participant, contestant, independent contractor, employee, volunteer, exhibitor, sponsor and/or spectator grant permission to Equine Network LLC dba Patriot Events, and its affiliated marketing entities, to use photographs, videos, recordings and/or words said by participants in its promotional and advertising materials without notification or compensation.

6.6 MAJOR OFFENSES - Quarreling or fighting in the arena, Mis-treatment of livestock, Mis-representing, or falsifying a classification number, attempting to fix, bribe, threaten, influence or harass any PATRIOT official at any time, in or out of the arena, or arguing with a judge at a time when an event is in progress will automatically be disqualified, forfeit entry fees, and face potential disqualification from future events at the discretion of the PATRIOT producer.

6.7 FAILURE TO COMPETE IN SHORT ROUND - A team who fails to compete in any short round is automatically disqualified from the aggregate and thereby forfeits all money, prizes, related to the aggregate.

6.8 ROPING OUT OF ORDER – or missing a short round constitutes immediate disqualification.

6.7 SPORTSMANSHIP: Participant, contestant, guardian, independent contractor, employee, volunteer, exhibitor, sponsor and/or spectator understands that the producers of The Patriot Event and all associated events with The Patriot Event, reserve the right to disqualify any contestant who does not act in a sportsmanlike, reasonable, or professional manner. Publicly arguing or slandering (including social media of any kind) may be grounds for disqualification from the current event or any future events thereof.

ADVANCEMENT: Jr Patriot Rodeo Contestants are expected to read and fully understand all rules of the Jr Patriot Rodeo, including the rules and conditions of each individual participant event(s), found at www.patriotevent.com. All contestants, parents and/or guardian understand that once qualified, the contestant must pay finals fee per qualification to compete at semi-finals. Contestant, parent and/or guardian testify that contestant was of legal age (according to rules) the day they qualified in their age capped division.

STALLING: Contestant, parent and/or guardian, sponsor, and/or horse owner stalling at any Patriot event produced grounds understand and assume full responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and the animal(s) in their rented stall. Further, they understand that only one horse per stall is permitted, and no subletting or nightly rentals is allowed. If horse is without rented stall and is not entered in an event on grounds, trespassing charges could apply. No tie outs or portable pens allowed.

CANCELATION/REFUNDS: Cancelation policy is posted on your entry form and will post dates for eligible refund. Processing fees are non-refundable under any circumstances. If participant cancels RV or stall reservation on his/her own terms, cancelation must be done by emailing info@patriotevent.com. Refunds will be issued at 75% of the fees if requested before posted deadline. No refunds after the posted date. Office fees and processing fees are non-refundable. Yearly membership dues are non-refundable. Disqualified contestants forfeit all fees and possible membership. Shall Finals Event be Canceled by producer for any unforeseen matter, all remaining fees paid to Patriot Event, including entry and stall fees will be returned within 15 days of event cancelation. Side pot draw outs need to be notified either by voicemail or text message before the event side pot closes for the weekend. After the event closes, there are no refunds. These are considered turn outs.

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HEALTH and SAFETY: Enter venue at your own risk. The facility and producers assume no responsibility for the spread of infectious diseases. By entering the venue, you are accepting responsibility for your safety, and the safety of others by following all CDC recommended guidelines, including social distancing.

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SECTION 7

JR PATRIOTADDENDUM

7.1 MEMBERSHIP – MUST have a current Jr Patriot Membership **prior** to competing in any Qualifying Event.

7.1.2 CLASSIFICATIONS- Global Handicaps Classifications will be utilized.

7.2 ENTERING- Both parties must pay the $200 side pot to be considered a valid entry.

7.3 AGE REQUIREMENT- The contestant age rules are on the day of the qualifying event.

7.4 ADVANCEMENT TO FINAL If a team has qualified in the 10.5 and gets split because a number change, they can move the team to the 15.5 team roping division, or they can split and stay in the 10.5 with a new partner. The 10.5 is capped at a 6.5 heeler. No team can split and move divisions they didn't qualify in.

If a team has qualified in the 10.5 and gets split because a number change or whatever reason, they can move the team to the 15.5 team roping division, or they can split and stay in the 10.5 with a new partner. The 10.5 is capped at a 6.5 heeler. No team can split and move divisions they didn't qualify in.

If a team split based on partner number change or partner is not attending for whatever reason and the roper chooses his/her partner for Fort Worth semi-finals and/or Las Vegas semi-finals, the partner chosen has to have entered a qualifying Patriot side pot during the current qualifying season. If a partner is chosen and hasn't earned a qualification position, the fee for the chosen partner is $750.00. If the partner has an earned qualification, the fees will be the qualification fee.

7.5 NUMBER OF ADVANCEMENTS- A team roper can only qualify 2 times total in each Open and 10.5 division. For Example: 2 heading, 2 heeling, or 1 heading and 1 heeling. Team ropers will be allowed to switch ends to meet their 2 total times to qualify but must stay in the division they qualified.

7.6 ROPE BARRIER- Rope Barrier used at Jr Patriot Performances (Finals)

7.6.2 ELECTRIC EYE- Electric Eyes may be used at Qualifiers and Jr Patriot Events.

7.7 CROSSFIRE- Will not be permitted. The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded. Animal must be in tow before the heel rope is released.

7.8 QUALIFIER RULES- At qualifying events, producer's rules will be used.

*Rules Subject to Change

TIE DOWN AND BREAKAWAY-Semi Finals

1. Entry fees must be paid in full, and contestant must be in good standing with Chris Neal Productions, Jr Patriot Rodeo, & The Patriot event, before competing. The contestant is only allowed to enter the semi-finals no more than two times. The other calf roping and breakaway roping events with the exception of the open breakaway at the finals are enter one time.
2. 10 second penalty for broken barrier or if contestant beats the barrier. Rope or Electric Barrier may be used.
3. No rattling of chute or box gates.
4. No form of outside help of any kind. No assistance in scoring- no hand on the horse in the box when contestant calls for calf.
5. Judge has the right to put 10 second penalty if barrier malfunctions in any way and he/she feels it is obvious contestant beats the barrier.
6. Calf must be considered up by field judge and thrown by hand except in the 12U Tie-Down. (A 5 second penalty will be added for not daylighting calf, this only applies to the 12U Tie-Down)
7. Calf must remain tied for 3 seconds after roper remounts horse and rides forward allowing slack in the rope.
8. Three bone cross with at least one wrap around all three legs secured with a half hitch.
9. Bell collar catch is mandatory in all breakaway roping in order to receive a qualified time.
10. Bell collar catch is determined from where catch loop is when rope breaks from the horn.
11. Bell collar catch defines as NO appendages in loop. Loop must be above calf's knees and rope must be in front of hip bone on calf's back when rope breaks from the saddle horn. Rope must draw up tight on calf and break string from the saddle horn to be a legal catch loop.
12. Contestant must have a solid color tied to the very end of the rope tied to the saddle horn. Contestant cannot break rope with their hand.
13. All ages of Tie-Down, "catch-as-catch can" applies.
14. Must use nylon string in all Breakaway roping unless judges declare calves are too weak, then cotton string will be provided.
15. 25 second time limit for all Tie-Down events except 12U Tie-Down has a 45 second time limit.
16. 25 second time limit in all Breakaway roping.
17. If they contestant is foul by the neck rope on calf, contestant will receive a re-run. If a contestant breaks the barrier during this situation, contestant will have a 10 second penalty on the re-run option.
18. If the calf ducks back before the score line, falls down before the score line, or fails to break the neck rope for any reason, contestant will receive an automatic re-run penalty free.
19. No re-runs will be issued unless fouled by the neck rope on the calf, and contestant must pullup and declare yourself in order to receive a re-run.

20. All judges have the right to give an automatic disqualification for any misconduct in or out of the arena and for any animal abuse.
21. All Patriot produced events, breakaway and tie-down will be timed through 2-decimal places.

Steer Wrestling

Horse substitutions are allowed
Rope or Electric Barrier may be utilized, 10 second penalty
30 sec time limit

HAZER

Contestant will furnish own hazer and horses

1. The hazer may not provide any assist to the contestant while working a steer.
2. The hazer may not bump/hit the steer in the face

LEGAL CATCH

1. Time stops when the steer is on its side with all 4 legs visibly sticking out. All four legs and the steers head must be facing in the same direction.
2. The contestant must remain in contact with the steer once it is on the ground until all 4 legs are clearly out from underneath the animal and the head of the steer is facing the same direction
3. One step rule will be enforced-If a steer is missed or gets loose after being caught, no more than one step can be used to recatch the steer. If contestant misses or loses steer, flagman must ask contestant if he wishes another attempt. Contestant must declare at once.
4. If stock draw is utilized, contestant must run his drawn stock
5. Chute draw is allowed.
6. Dogging box will use same box as other timed events.
7. Barrier judge to determine or assess a barrier malfunction or break. Judge may award a barrier free run, in the case of a barrier malfunction.
8. May qualify 2x to Jr Patriot Rodeo Semi-Finals
9. Top 15 Advance from Semi-Finals. Contestants may advance only 1x to Jr Patriot Finals Performance.

GOAT TYING

1. Jr Patriot Contestants may enter 2 times per jackpot.
2. 12U goat tying is co ed. 15U and 19U goat tying is girls only.
3. Contestant may earn two Jr Patriot Qualifications.
4. A contestant may change horses during event.
5. Contestant's age based on day of event.
6. The goat should be tied to a stake with a rope ten foot in length.
7. Legs must remain crossed and secure for 6 seconds after completion of the tie. While the judge is performing the 6 second procedure, the contestant will make no gestures, motions or noises to distract the goat. This will be considered trying to take an unfair advantage and will result in disqualification
8. To qualify as legal tie, there will be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs & a half hitch, hooey or knot.
9. If contestant is using a piggin string, contestant must string front leg first then cross and tie any three legs.* 12U only. There must be at least one wrap around all three legs and finished with a half hitch or hooey. Girls use a goat string
10. Contestant will receive a no time for touching the goat or tie string after signaling they are finished
11. If the contestant horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope prior to the contestants signaling for time, a ten second penalty will be assessed.
12. All flagger decisions are final.
13. Contestant draw will be posted prior to event.
14. Starting lines in goat tying will be subject to ground rules.
15. A clearing visible starting line shall be provided.
16. The stake and starting line will be permanently marked for the entire jackpot.
17. Time will start when the horses' nose crossed the starting line. Goat holder must release the goat when the flagger starts the time.
18. If entries are 125 or less entered contestants, the top 30 advance to second round. If the entries are 126 or mor entered contestants, top 50 advance to second round. Second round will be running in reverse order of first round.
19. Western attire is required.

Barrel Racing

Junior Patriot "Last Chance" Qualifier

- *"Last Chance" Qualifier for the 2026 Junior Patriot – Will be run as a side pot from the Cinch Young Guns Long Go*
- Side Pot Entry Fee: 19U $200, 15U and 12U $150 *(Entry is for side pot only – there is no payout for the "Last Chance"*
  Qualifier)
- MUST Enter Online at PatriotEvent.com ~ Online entries close Feb 25th, Late entry books close at 9am CT Wednesday (3/10/2026)
- Top 10 from Junior Patriot Qualifier will qualify to enter the Junior Patriot Semi-Finals on Thursday
  (Note: If there are more than 100 entries, we will qualify 1 for every 10.)
- Visit the Junior Patriot Pages and PatriotEvent.com for additional information

Patriot Futurity Side pot

- *Open to horses 5 years old and under in the first year of competition (cannot have competed for money, points or prizes prior to 11/15/2025)*
- *Will be run as a side pot from the Open 5D*
- Entry Fee: $150 (75% payback) ~ Added Money: $5,000
- Books close for Late Entries at 1st horse of Open 5D section from which time will be carried
- Horse/Rider combination may carry up to two (2) times from Open 5D to Futurity side pot. Horse substitutions are allowed if substituted horse is futurity eligible. If substituted horse in not futurity eligible, Futurity Side pot fees will be refunded. Rider substitutions are not allowed.
- Single Progressive 2D payout (last paid place in the 1D will payback more than 1st place in the 2D) – Each entry may win check.
- 1 sec split

Young Guns Youth

- *Open to riders 19 years or younger as of March 10, 2026*
- Rollover to the Patriot Open 5D is *Required*
- Entry Fee: $100 Young Guns plus Required Rollover to Patriot 5D Open - $350 Total (75% payback) ~ Added Money: $10,000 (100% payback)
- Books close for Late Entries at 9am CT on Tuesday (3/09/2025)
- 4D Format (1/2 sec splits) with Qualifying Long Go
- 1 Long Go only-no short go
- Horse Substitutions allowed at check-in with $10 – No rider substitutions

Patriot 5D Open

- Each horse/rider combo may be entered two (2) times (including carryovers) ~ runs must be on different days. NO rider/horse combination can be in same section
- Rollovers possible from Young Guns Youth, American Qualifier, and/or Junior Patriot Semi-Finals
- Entry Fee: $250 (75% payback) ~ Added Money: $20,000 (100% payback)
- Books close with Late Entries with first horse of each section, (sect 1, March 11, 9am, sect 2, March 11, 5pm, sect 3, March 13, 9am, sect 4, March 13, 5pm) respectively, or when section is full (availability of sections on first-come basis by online entry and late onsite entries)
- 5D Format (1/2 sec splits) with Long Go (40% of purse) and Finals (60% of purse)
- Finals Round consists of a Clean Slate, 5D Format (1/2 sec splits) consisting of Top 40 times from each Division of Long Go
- Horse/Rider Combination may only Qualify One (1) Time in the Patriot 5D Open Finals ~ Should Horse/Rider Combination Qualify more than once they will move forward based on the Fastest Qualifying Time Only
- Running order for Patriot 5D Open Finals will be a random draw.
- Horse Substitutions $10.00 – no substitutions allowed for Finals
  – No rider substitutions

Junior Patriot

- *Junior Patriot Semi-Finals is by invitation only from contestants qualifying in one of the Junior Patriot Qualifiers*
- The Top 15 from the Junior Patriot Semi-Finals will advance to the Junior Patriot Finals
- Visit the Junior Patriot Pages at PatriotEvent.com for additional information
- Junior Patriot contestants *may* carry their long go times into the Patriot 5D Open (Note: *If Junior Patriot contestant is riding a horse entered in the Patriot Futurity, they must make a separate run for the futurity and any carry-overs to the Patriot 5D Open will be taken from the Futurity instead of the Junior Patriot.)*
    - Contestant may carry their time over in the Semi-Finals from the 12U to the 15U and 19U and 15U to the 19U if the Semi- Finals and/or finals are held on the same day. If the Semi Finals or Finals are held on a different day contestant must make the run. To be eligible for the Bonus the same horse must be run in Finals as the Bonus Round and no Carryovers.

Better Barrel Races Members Only Side pot

- *Open to current Better Barrel Races (BBR) members entered in the Patriot 5D Open.*
- *Entries online at BetterBarrelRaces.com/patriot or on-site prior to your run*
- Will be run as a side pot from the Open 5D
- Can carry each Open 5D entry to BBR Members Side pot and win checks on each run
- Entry Fee: $50 (75% payback) ~ Added Money: $5,000 (100% payback)

- 5D Format (1/2 sec splits) – payout on BBR 5D Format

Ground Rules – All Classes

- *The following rules apply to all classes unless specifically excepted above.*
- All entries are final. Draw-out of pre-entries with refund are only available as follows: (1) Contestants may withdraw for any reason prior to posted deadline and will receive refund of event entry fees excluding office and processing fees; (2) Contestants may withdraw for any reason by the posted deadline (or whenever draw is posted, if earlier) for a 75% refund of event entry fees; (3) No refunds, vet outs, doctor releases, etc. for any reason after this date. No refund of fees is available for late entries.
- Western Dress Required (western jeans, shirt with collar, cowboy hat or helmet, boots or western riding shoes)
- Draw for all races will be random order (unless noted otherwise above). Entries must be run in the posted order.
- Current Negative Coggins test (within one year) and Health Papers (within 30 days) are Required and *Will be Checked At The Entry Gate*
- All Horses must be Checked-In Prior to Entering the Competition Staging Area
- Contestants must identify themselves to the Arena Coordinator and be in the Staging Area before they will be Called in the Arena
- Contestants must begin their Competition Run within 60 Seconds of the Announcers First Call (during which Two Additional Calls will be Given)
- Contestants must maintain a forward motion once they enter the competition arena.
- Any barrel knocked down will result in a five (5) second penalty for Sweepstakes format races or a No Time in Divisional Format races.
- Failure to comply with any of the above Ground Rules will Result in a No Time
- No re-runs will be given if a horse falls, is pulled up by the rider or in the event of a rider's equipment malfunction.
- A re-run will be granted in the event of a timer malfunction (any penalties incurred during the original run prior to announcer indicating a timer failure will be applied). Contestant must contact the arena coordinator immediately to determine the position of their re-run.
- Contestants are not to train or circle a barrel more than once during competition. Such behavior will result in a no-time and a $25 fine.
- **Animal Abuse. <u>IMPORTANT NOTICE: The welfare of the horse and all other animals is paramount to The Patriot Event, Better Barrel Races (BBR) and Teton Ridge Live, LLC</u>.** Anyone who excessively whips or spurs, and/or strikes a horse's ears, eyes or face with anything other than the hand, either in the arena or on the facility grounds will be fined $100. Any rider caught using an electronic device on a horse during the competition will be automatically disqualified and shall forfeit all winnings. Horses shall not be left unattended while bitted-up or tied-around on facility grounds at THE PATRIOT EVENT. Inhumane treatment, or neglect, of any horse or dog during a THE PATRIOT EVENT will not be tolerated. An individual who has been warned

by a representative of THE PATRIOT EVENT management for such behavior and persists or refutes the warning shall be fined an additional $100. Individuals who fail to pay incurred fines will remain ineligible for competition at THE PATRIOT EVENT, until such time as all fines have been paid. First offenses will be punished by a fine being imposed. A second offense will be dealt with by THE PATRIOT EVENT management and may result in a fine of up to $5,000 (to be donated to a non-profit animal rescue center) and a suspension of membership.

- **Safety:** Safety is a prime objective at this barrel race. If you have a horse that could be dangerous to yourself, other contestants, or other horses, DO NOT bring it to this barrel race. Any horse or contestant deemed to be dangerous by the management of THE PATRIOT EVENT will be disqualified and entry fees will not be refunded. THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC, Better Barrel Races, LLC and/or Teton Ridge Live, LLC, does not assume any responsibility for personal injury, loss, theft or damage. Contestants and all other parties recognize barrel racing as a hazardous sport and participate at their own risk.
- **Disqualifications:** Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of THE PATRIOT EVENT may result in the disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be placed upon the Better Barrel Races "ineligible" list. These acts may include but are not limited to the following:
    - Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, or harass any contestant, spectator, staff member, or Arena Personnel. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of a THE PATRIOT EVENT staff member or management member.
    - Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
    - Use of electronic and/or remote-controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
    - Abuse or neglect of a horse or dog as defined within these rules.
    - Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
    - Misidentifying a horse in any THE PATRIOT EVENT Barrel Race class.
    - Misidentifying a rider in any THE PATRIOT EVENT Barrel Race class.
    - Other conduct that is not in the best interest of THE PATRIOT EVENT, or its contestants.
    - Failure to make good on a returned check or disputing appropriate credit card charges to THE PATRIOT EVENT, BETTER BARREL RACES, or any THE PATRIOT EVENT Vendor.
        - Failure to pay any fines within one hour of the fine being incurred during THE PATRIOT EVENT may result in contestant disqualification.
        - THE PATRIOT EVENT Management at their sole discretion shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any rider, or horse they deem dangerous to the rider, or to other individuals, animals or property.

Barn & Stalls: All stalls will be assigned upon arrival. Contestants riding a stallion or a problem horse must send a written request for special accommodations for that horse with their entry. These individuals will be given special consideration for stalling. There are no written or implied guarantees that tack stalls will be available at all locations. Contestants wishing to be

stalled together must send their entries in the same envelope. However, THE PATRIOT, LLC does not guarantee its ability to stall contestants next to each other as per their requests.

- All horses staying on the grounds must be stalled in the accommodations provided by THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Overnight tying of horses is strictly prohibited. There will be absolutely no tying of horses in the warm-up areas, round pens, and/or alley ways of the stall barns at any time.
- Any horse found in a stall that has not been assigned specifically to it, or any horse found loose or tied and unattended will be locked in an empty stall. The owner must purchase that stall before horse will be released or allowed to compete.
- No outside bedding will be allowed. Shavings will be available for purchase at the host venue Feed & Bedding
- Any nails, tacks or wire used in or on stalls must be removed prior to move-out. Excessive use of nails, tacks, wire or any similar material is prohibited.
- Horses are not permitted on lawns, medians, or on the East (front) side of barns.
- No electric cords will be allowed to lie on the ground or hang suspended in any area used or traversed by horses.
- Any horse owner or rider wishing to remove stall panels or dismantling pre-constructed stalls must receive express written consent from THE PATRIOT, LLC Show Office.
- Wash racks are located in designated barn areas. Do not wash horses in stalls, alleyways, streets or any other area other than the designated wash racks.
  Place all stall cleanings in the designated receptacles. Do not place stall cleanings in the alleyways or trash barrels.
- All dogs must be kept on a leash. No dogs are allowed in the host facility seating areas, restrooms, or concession stands.
- Parking & Camping: No vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, trailers, RV's, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, etc., are allowed inside the barns (with the exception event and facility staff) or on the lawns at any time. Overnight camping with hook-ups is allowed only in designated facility RV Park. Utility connections (electric, gas, water, sewer) to vehicles from any barn area source is strictly prohibited.
- Area traffic/parking signs are to be observed at all times.
- Designated fire lanes must be kept clear at all times. **The roads immediately adjacent to either side of the stall barns are for unloading only!** Vehicles must be moved immediately after unloading. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed at the owner's expense.
- A $100 charge will be assessed for every check returned to THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC. by the bank marked insufficient, closed account or stop payment. Anyone who fails to pay the return check charge will remain ineligible for nomination to subsequent THE PATRIOT EVENTS, LLC, until such time as all return check charges have been paid.
- Any questions or disputes regarding credit card charges shall first be addressed with BETTER BARREL RACES and THE PATRIOT EVENT management. Dispute of charges without prior contact with of event management or after confirming the validity of said charges with event management will result in a $100 charge and the associated contestant and/or horse owner being ineligible for nomination to subsequent THE PATRIOT EVENTS until all fees have been paid.

- The posting of signs, advertisements, posters, bumper stickers, or cards on any surface other than bulletin boards is prohibited.
- Selling of merchandise or professional services on the grounds, in stalls, or at trailers is prohibited unless you are a vendor contracted with THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC.
- Damage willfully caused to any property, i.e., stalls, barns, grandstands, etc. of, its representatives, the Host Facility or Host Hotel, shall be paid for by the contestant or their representative before being allowed to continue to participate at THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC.
- **Photo & Video Rules:** THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC retains all rights to every photo and/or video taken on the Will Rogers Events Center grounds during THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC. Contestant grants the right to use any photographs or video of him/her taken at THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC including but not limited to those of any contestant during competition or while otherwise attending the event, for publicity purposes. Contestant agrees that no photographic or video images taken of the competition or exhibition areas will be altered or copied without the express written consent of THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC and the photographer/videographer. Press credentials are required for all commercial photographers or videographers on the host venue grounds during THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Credentials can be obtained in the event management office. Individuals without prior approval and proper THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC press credentials will be asked to leave the premises.

Poles

- **12 & Under co-ed Poles** - $200 per entry, 70 % pay back, may enter 2 times if competing on separate horses (each contestant will compete one full round per entry) Horse Substitutions allowed at check-in with $10 – No rider substitutions
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- **15 & Under Poles (girls only)**- $200 per entry, 70% pay back, may enter 2 times if competing on separate horses (each contestant will compete one full round per entry) Horse Substitutions allowed at check-in with $10 – No rider substitutions
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- **19 & Under Poles (girls only)**- Last Chance-$200 per entry, enter 2 times plus optional $200 side pot -Horse Substitutions allowed at check-in with $10 – No rider substitutions
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- **19 & Under Poles**- Semi-final $200 entry fee per Qualified Contestant. Must be qualified to compete in Semi-final. Contestants may only have 2 Qualifications in Semi-final. (If contestant has 2 qualifications, they must compete on separate horses in Semi-final for each Qualification. All 19 & Under Semi-final Pole contestants will compete in a long round. The top 15 contestants in long round will advance to the Hooey Jr Patriot Finals in Fort Worth. Top 10 advance in Las Vegas. Horse Substitutions allowed at check-in with $10 – No rider substitutions

- **Finals will be run on a clean slate.**
    - Contestant may carry their time over in the Semi-Finals from the 12U to the 15U and/or 19U and 15U to the 19U if the Semi- Finals and/or finals are held on the same day. If the Semi Finals or Finals are held on a different day contestant must make the run. To be eligible for the Bonus the same horse must be run in Finals as the Bonus Round and no Carryovers.

All on-site jackpot entries after the entry deadline has closed will be subject to $50 late fee.
EVENT RULES:

1. ARENA:
    a. The arena will be dragged every five (5) runs. No-shows and scratches will not move a drag up.
    b. The starting line should be at least 15 yards from any fence and be marked for the entire rodeo.
    c. Contestant may enter arena at the speed of his/her choice where arena conditions allow.
    d. Contestants may have helpers in the alleyway as needed to ensure a safe start, but if anyone other than rider strikes at or whips the horse in the alleyway, the rider of the horse will receive a no time and be scratched from any remaining runs in that particular event.
    e. Patterns are to be run with a closed gate.
2. POLES:
    a. Poles will be staked in ground.
    b. Poles base will be 10-14 inches in diameter.

c. Poles will be 1- 2 inches in diameter, 6-7 feet in height. d. Poles are to be at the side of stake.

3. OFFICIALS:
   a. Two (2) or more Timekeepers
   b. Judge 1 – to be posted at arena gate calling the contestants in competition order. c. One Flag Judge – to be posted at the starting line for flagging the start and finish of the run.
4. OFFICIAL TIMES: Official times will be recorded using an electric eye. Timekeepers will run a stopwatch to be used as a back-up time.
5. PATTERN:
   a. The first pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line and each of the 6 poles shall be 21 feet apart.
   b. Contestants may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
6. PENALTIES: a. Five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a pole and stands it up again, the pole will be considered knocked over and the penalty will still be enforced.