SIDE POT INFORMATION SUMMARY

$100 Patriot membership is required to enter side pots and advance to semifinals. Buy it at Member Sign In on patriotevent.com. All side pots are entered online at entry.patriotevent.com.

Event age: age guidelines are based on the contestant's age on the day of the event qualification.

The Hooey Jr Patriot year offers a **dual qualification** for each approved qualifier: Las Vegas, NV, in December and Ft. Worth, TX, in March.

SIDE POT FEES

Division	Ft. Worth	Las Vegas	Dual qualification
19 & Under events	$200	$100	$300
15 & Under and 12 & Under events	$150	$75	$225
Rough stock, every class	$50	$50	

The maximum qualifications per discipline are 2 times. In the 15U and 12U, the maximum for both age groups per discipline is 2 times.

Rough stock side pots (Fort Worth and Las Vegas): bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc in 5U Walk Trot, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-16 and 17-19, $50 each. No points. Maximum qualification 2 times.

Deadline to qualify through qualifiers: 2 weeks prior to the Ft. Worth dates, 1 week prior to Las Vegas.

WHO ENTERS WHAT

19 & Under: barrels, poles, goat tying and breakaway are girls only events. Tie down and steer wrestling are boys only events. Team roping is coed.

15 & Under: goat tying, breakaway, barrels and poles are girls only events. **12 & Under:** barrels, poles, breakaway and goat tying are coed.

Contestants must be entered at the rodeo for the age group they are entering the side pots. For example, a contestant entered in the 19U goat tying at the rodeo must enter the Patriot side pot for the 19U goat tying. The contestant's time cannot be used for any other division. This applies to all tie down, breakaway and goat tying in the 12U and 15U age groups.

Barrels and poles carry over, simply because the pattern is the same. A contestant entered in the 12U or 15U barrels or poles can use their time as a carryover to the other age groups that apply by purchasing the side pot for those age groups. For example, a contestant entered in the 12U barrels at the rodeo can pay the 15U and 19U barrels side pots and carry the 12U time over to those age groups. The same is true for poles.

QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED

- **General qualifiers, all divisions:** the top 5 qualify if 19 or fewer entered the side pot; the top 10 qualify if 20 or more entered. If there are more than 100 side pot entries, 1 additional qualification is awarded for every 10.
- **Super qualifiers:** 10 qualifications are awarded no matter how many are in the side pot.
- **Time used for the side pot:** if a contestant enters the rodeo/event more than one time but enters the Patriot side pot only once, the producer uses the first run, the "A" run, for the time to qualify.

DRAW OUT, ENTRY CHANGE AND LATE FEE

Draw out or entry change. Fill out the change form from the Patriot website for a Jr Patriot qualifier side pot or any Patriot event, and email it to info@patriotevent.com before the event closes. The contestant is refunded **75% of fees**, with no office fee or 4% credit card fee. **No refund or change if not notified to draw out or change after the event starts.**

Late fee. There is a **$50 late fee** if a contestant enters after the close date and time of the Jr Patriot qualifier event or discipline. No refunds after the date and time close. To have the event reopened, text 417-350-1252 with the name of the event, date, location and discipline to open, or email info@patriotevent.com.

POINTS

Patriot has a point system for all qualifiers. The points for each contestant's event/division accumulate for the top 15 point earners of the year, who are eligible to enter an added money event at the finals in Ft. Worth, as well as prizes. Points are awarded to the top 10 of every event at each qualifier, regardless of how many qualifications are awarded. After a contestant has 2 qualified spots for Ft. Worth and/or Las Vegas, they can keep entering side pots for points only. Excluding steer wrestling, the top 15 of each 12U, 15U and 19U event are eligible to enter an added money event at the Fort Worth Finals. **No points for rough stock.**

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

Super qualifiers are events where contestants earn double points: points from 20 down to 1, and 10 qualifications awarded.

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

The deadline for points for Ft. Worth is the deadline for qualifications.

TEAM ROPING: 15.5 AND 10.5

- 15.5 and 10.5 team ropers earn qualifications to the Fort Worth and/or Las Vegas semi-finals by entering the Patriot side pots at qualifying events. Teams must be entered in a 19U team roping event and side pot to qualify for the 19U 15.5 and 10.5 team roping.
- A team roper can qualify only 2 times total in each of the 15.5 and 10.5 divisions, for example 2 heading, 2 heeling, or 1 heading and 1 heeling. Ropers may switch ends to meet their 2 total times to qualify but must stay in the division they qualified. The same team can qualify 2 times but can only rope at semifinals 1 time. A team can rope up and back in semifinals but can only enter the same way 1 time.
- If a team qualified in the 10.5 and gets split because of a number change or any other reason, it can move to the 15.5 team roping, or 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 to a division it did not qualify in.
- If a team splits because of a partner number change or the partner is not attending, and the roper chooses a partner for the Fort Worth and/or Las Vegas semi-finals, the partner chosen must have entered a qualifying Patriot side pot during the current qualifying season. If the partner chosen has not earned a qualification, the fee is **$750.00**. If the partner has an earned qualification, the fees are the qualification fee.

FINALS FORMAT

- The Las Vegas Finals have the same format as the Ft. Worth Finals: a Last Chance Qualifier, Semi Finals and a Final performance in Las Vegas.
- Chris Neal's Las Vegas Stars, held at the Plaza, hosts the Last Chance Qualifiers for all tie down and breakaway events. Tie down and breakaway semi finals are held at Las Vegas Horseman's Park.
- Patriot Vegas hosts the Last Chance Qualifiers and semifinals for barrels, poles, goat tying, steer wrestling and team roping. Patriot Vegas advances the top 10 straight across all events/disciplines and all age divisions from the semifinals to the Vegas final performance.

- Ft. Worth Finals have a similar format to the past, with a Last Chance Qualifier, Semi Finals and Final performance for all age event/discipline groups. The top 15 advance in the 19U age divisions to the Ft. Worth Finals performance with a **$100,000 bonus round**. The top 15 advance in the 15U and 12U age divisions, which have their own performance with a **$50,000 bonus round**.