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American Royal Invitational Youth Rodeo Rules

1. The National High School Rodeo Associations Rulebook shall be used for all events; except Junior/Peewee Bareback and Mutton Busting will follow the Missouri Kansas Youth Rodeo Association Rulebook

Age:

2. Age Eligibility- 18 and Under as of January 1 2018.
3. Junior contestants will be 13 years of age and under as of January 1 2018.
4. Senior contestants will be 14 – 18 years of age as of January 1 2018.
5. Junior Bareback riders must be 9-13 years old as of January 1 2018.
6. Peewee Bareback riders must be 6-8 years old as of January 1 2018.
7. Junior Bull riders must be 9-13 years old as of January 1 2018.
8. Mutton Busters must be 6 years old and under as of January 1 2018.

Dress Code:

9. Dress Code- Contestant must wear long sleeve collared button down shirt and boots. No polo shirts. Cowboy hat or helmet must be worn. Contestants selected to be in the performances will receive a shirt that must be worn during competition.
10. Back number must be worn from check-in until contestant has completed competition. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Tie-Breakers:

11. In the event of a tie, award money will be split evenly but the tie breaker will determine the buckle winner.
12. In case of a tie, in timed events it will be determined by a coin toss.
13. In case of a tie in rough stock events, it will be determined by the rider score, if the rider score is not applicable or equal, the stock score will be used, if all of the above are equal, coin toss will determine the winner.

Equipment:

14. No electrical devices may be used by a contestant or on his horse.
15. Rodeo Judges or Arena Director may inspect any contestant's equipment before, during or after a rodeo performance for safety and rule infractions.



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16. Junior and Peewee Bareback events cannot use a plastic riggin, it must be a rawhide or leather riggin.
17. An electric timer will be used for barrel racing.

Assistants:

18. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event or as an assistant. This rule shall be enforced by the Arena Director and Rodeo Officials.
19. Each contestant will be allowed one, and only one assistant in the arena and only one assistant behind the chutes. Except in the steer wrestling event where a contestant needs a hazer and a pusher. Assistant helping barrel racers and goat tiers will not be allowed to go past the plane of the main arena gate when they are entering the arena. Anyone in the arena and behind the chutes must be in western attire.
20. Contestant assistants must leave the arena immediately after they have assisted.
21. In roping timed events and steer wrestling, the contestant is allowed a helper in the box to assist in settling the horse and keeping the horse in the corner of the box. When the contestant calls for the animal, no further assistance can take place after that. No physical encouragement can take place by the assistant after the contestant calls for the animal. The helper may have his hands on the horse at such time that the contestant calls for the animal but if the helper starts the horse or holds the horse in any way that affects the contestant's scoring process, the contestant will receive a no time.

Dispute:

22. The decision of any judges, flagmen or timers will be final. Any protest must be brought to the Arena Director, at the end of the performance, in which the question arose. If the Arena Director and judge agrees that an erroneous ruling was made and that the error is correctable, then the judge shall modify the ruling accordingly. Otherwise, the decision shall stand.
23. No contestant may talk to a judge or timer in any way while an event is going on. Any contestant violating this regulation may be disqualified.

Application/Entries:

24. All contestants must fill out an application and entry by July 15 2018.
25. Any applications and entries submitted from July 16 – September 1 2018, will incur a \$25 late fee.
26. Any applications and entries submitted after September 1 2018, will not be accepted.
27. A contestant may drop out of an event due to illness or injury to contestant or horse; however, a doctor or DVM's excuse must be presented to the American Royal by or before the day of competition.



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Meetings:

28. All performance contestants must attend the contestant meeting at 10 AM the day of their performance. Slack contestants do not have to attend.
29. All Slack contestants must attend the slack contestant meeting held in Hale Arena stands following the completion of the performance and prior to slack beginning on their respected day.

Structure:

30. Each contestant will only compete once in an event.
31. Slack will be held for all eligible contestants not selected for a performance based off of the number of entries.
32. All goat tying entries will compete in slack.
33. There are no finals for either age division.

General:

34. The ground will be drug after 5 runs in barrel racing.
35. The contestant is allowed a running start. Contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel/goat. Barrel contestants must run straight out. Failure to comply will be a no time. Contestant must be mounted when entering the arena.
36. There will be a closed exit gate for team roping and breakaway roping.
37. All contestants will leave the arena immediately after competing or assisting.
38. Once arena is closed, contestants will not be allowed in the arena before or between performances, except for approved activities.
39. There will be a zero tolerance policy on bullying by a contestant, any unsportsmanlike conduct, or using profane language. Failure to abide will result in immediate disqualification.
40. There will be a zero tolerance policy on drug and alcohol use by a contestant. Failure to abide will result in immediate disqualification.
41. Contestants must be ready when called. After three arena calls, contestant will be disqualified.
42. No re-run will be given to any contestant if handicapped by his or her own equipment failure or accident to horse or rider.
43. There is a 30 second time limit on all timed events.
44. Junior Bareback qualified ride is 6 seconds.
45. Junior Pee Wee qualified ride is 4 seconds.
46. Junior Bulls qualified ride is 8 seconds.
47. The same horse may be ridden in all events, expect barrel racing, by more than one contestant in competition. We suggest that persons in this situation consider time required for equipment



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changes, etc. and make prior arrangements so that other contestants will not have to wait an excessive amount of time.

48. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the events in which they enter.
49. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
50. The American Royal Youth Rodeo Committee reserves the right to decline anyone from competition.
51. Use of the American Royal logo without permission from the American Royal Association is an infringement of the trademark.
52. The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling or personnel where necessary.