



# AMERICAN ROYAL ASSOCIATION

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## American Royal Youth Rodeo Rules

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

### Age:

2. Age Eligibility- 18 and Under as of January 1 2019.
3. Junior contestants will be 13 years of age and under as of January 1 2019.
4. Senior contestants will be 14 – 18 years of age as of January 1 2019.
5. Junior Bareback riders must be 9-13 years old as of January 1 2019.
6. Junior Bull riders must be 11-13 years old as of January 1 2019.
7. Steer riders must be 9-10 years old as of January 1 2019.
8. Mutton Busters must be 6 years old or under as of January 1 2019.

### Application/Entries:

1. All contestants must fill out an application and entry by August 1 2019.
2. Any applications and entries submitted from August 2 – September 1 2019, will incur a \$25 late fee.
3. Any applications and entries submitted after September 1 2019, will not be accepted.
4. 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.

### Dress Code:

5. Contestants selected to be in the performances will receive a shirt that must be worn during competition.
6. All contestants must be in western attire from the time of check-in to the time of leaving the facility.
7. Back number must be worn from check-in until contestant has completed competition. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
8. Anyone in the arena, on the bucking chutes, at the timed event chutes, or in the alley must be in western attire.



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## Tie-Breakers:

9. In the event of a tie, award money will be split evenly but the tie breaker will determine the buckle winner.
10. In case of a tie, in timed events it will be determined by a coin toss.
11. 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.

## Payout:

12. If there are no qualified rides or times, no ground money paid. No day money paid.
13. If there is a qualified time or score, all prize money will be paid.
14. If a contestant does not show up, their entry fee remains in the pot (expect with a doctor's or vet's release.)

## Meetings:

15. All performance contestants must attend the contestant meeting at 10 AM the day of their performance. Slack contestants do not have to attend.
16. All Slack contestants must attend the slack contestant meeting held following the completion of the performance and prior to slack beginning on their respected day.

## Structure:

17. Each contestant will only compete once in an event.
18. Slack will be held for all eligible contestants not selected for a performance based off of the number of entries.
19. All goat tying and steer wrestling entries will compete in slack.
20. There are no finals for either age division.

## Events:

21. There is a 30 second time limit on all timed events.
22. An electric timer will be used for barrel racing.
23. Junior Bareback - To receive a qualified ride, rider must mark the horse out (have his spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and his rowels touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute). The mark out rule may be waived at the discretion of the official rodeo judges if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.



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24. Steer Riding – Judges or Arena Director has the discretion to enforce a time limit in the chutes. The contestant will be notified and at that time they will start a clock of one minute. If the rider has not called for the gate within the one minute time limit the rider will be disqualified.
25. The same horse may be ridden in all events, except barrel racing, by more than one contestant in competition. We suggest that persons in this situation consider time required for equipment changes, etc. and make prior arrangements so that other contestants will not have to wait an excessive amount of time.

## General:

26. Once arena is closed, contestants will not be allowed in the arena before or between performances, except for approved activities.
27. Contestants must be ready when called. After three arena calls, contestant will be disqualified.
28. 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.
29. There will be a zero tolerance policy on drug, alcohol, and illegal substance use by a contestant. Failure to abide will result in immediate disqualification.
30. The American Royal Youth Rodeo Committee reserves the right to decline anyone from competition.
31. Use of the American Royal logo without permission from the American Royal Association is an infringement of the trademark.
32. The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling or personnel where necessary.