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American Royal Partners with Hooey Jr. Patriot To Serve As Regional Qualifier



American Royal Youth Rodeo Will Serve As A Regional Qualifier For The 2023 Hooey Jr. Patriot Rodeo

The American Royal Youth Rodeo has partnered with the Patriot event to serve as a regional qualifier for their 2023 Hooey Jr. Patriot Rodeo in Fort Worth. The 2022 American Royal Youth Rodeo will take place May 2nd through the 4th in Kansas City at the American Royal Complex.

“This opens a new opportunity for our youth rodeo contestants,” said Jackie McClaskey, American Royal Association President and Interim CEO. “This gives contestants from the Midwest the chance to compete at one rodeo and not only win the American Royal but also qualify for the Hooey Jr. Patriot.”

The top 15 contestants from select events will qualify to compete in the 2023 Hooey Jr. Patriot Rodeo. Contestants must complete a separate entry to be considered to qualify.

For over 20 years, the American Royal Youth Rodeo has welcomed contestants from across the Midwest to Kansas City to compete in a one-of-a-kind experience.

“We are excited to partner with the American Royal to host our first ever regional qualifier,” said Kevin Hall, Hooey Jr. Patriot Producer. “This allows young rodeo contestants from the Midwest an opportunity to compete on a national level.”

The American Royal Spring Field Trip program is held in conjunction with the youth rodeo. This program welcomes third graders from the Kansas City area to learn more about agriculture and the sport of rodeo.

Entries are currently open, visit AmericanRoyal.com for more information on how to enter.

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About the American Royal Association

A Kansas City tradition since 1899, the American Royal currently provides opportunities for youth and adults from around the world to compete in a variety of events including our Livestock Show, Pro Rodeo, Equine Shows, and the World Series of Barbecue. These events allow the American Royal, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, to give over \$1 million annually for youth scholarships and to support agriculture education programs.

About The Patriot Event and Jr Patriot Rodeo

The Patriot is a multi-equine sport and entertainment entity, founded in 2014. The Patriot hosts many events, including: team roping, barrel racing, calf roping, steer wrestling, goat tying, pole bending and rough stock. The Patriot Event runs a series of Nationwide Qualifying Events to feed into two Finale Events, Patriot Vegas in December and Patriot Fort Worth each February. Showmanship is held in the highest regard and has been a focal point in all Patriot Event productions.

The Jr Patriot Rodeo is a youth multi-equine rodeo production, developed by The Patriot Event to advance the sport of rodeo from the ground up. A series of over 100 qualifiers feed contestants from across the globe to gather in Fort Worth for one of the greatest events of the year. Together with their Sanctioning Bodies, the Jr Patriot has proven to be a leading innovator in the Western World's Youth Industry.