

WRCA Youth Ranch Rodeos

A youth division has been added to the Working Ranch Cowboys Association (**WRCA**). The goal is to provide an opportunity for interested youth to participate in a **WRCA** recognized activity and to perpetuate the ranching lifestyle to the next generation. As a **WRCA** Sanctioned Ranch Rodeo (**Rodeo**), **WRCA** would like to work exclusively with you in the early stages of this new program. At such time as deemed appropriate, **WRCA** may extend this opportunity to other ranch rodeos or ranch related events.

1. As a **Rodeo** there will be no fee to host the **WRCA** Youth Ranch Rodeo (this is subject to change on a yearly basis)
2. The event application is due to **WRCA** at least 60 days prior to the event date. **WRCA** will provide marketing support prior to the event and will also provide contestant back numbers. The 60 day advance notice is to insure these elements can be provided.
3. After being approved by **WRCA**, all advertising and/or promotional material, will prominently display the official **WRCA** Youth Ranch Rodeo logo. If requested, the **Rodeo** shall provide place for the reasonable display of **WRCA** banners.
4. The **Rodeo** Committee shall provide an ambulance and adequate first-aid service for all performances. Equipment & personnel must remain available throughout performance.
5. The **Rodeo** Committee shall ensure that a veterinarian is present or on call throughout performance.
6. The **Rodeo** Committee must obtain and submit proof of public liability insurance, (including a certificate of insurance naming the **WRCA** as additional insured) with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 (combined single limit, per occurrence). If a **Rodeo** Committee fails to provide **WRCA** with satisfactory evidence of such insurance at least two weeks prior to the date of the first performance of the **Rodeo** Committee's **WRCA** approved Youth Ranch Rodeo, **WRCA** may, at its discretion, either revoke approval of said Youth Ranch Rodeo or obtain the required insurance policy in its name at the **Rodeo** Committee's expense.

7. A **WRCA** Youth Ranch Rodeo should include five (5) events.

Recommended events include:

- Sorting
- Doctoring
- Trailer Loading
- Calf Branding
- Wild Steer Race

Other events may be used if desired. Please include on the event application for review/approval by **WRCA**.

8. All contestants competing in a **WRCA** Youth Ranch Rodeo must be **WRCA** Members (at any level). A youth level is now available but any **WRCA** membership is acceptable.

9. All approved Youth Ranch Rodeos must provide a copy of the score sheets and results. This must include: overall team placings through third place; individual events scoring through three places and winners of top horse and top hand awards if given.

10. Score sheets and results are preferred to be received by **WRCA** by noon the Monday following your Youth Ranch Rodeo and must be received by **WRCA** office five (5) days after the Youth Ranch Rodeo. Failure to do so may result in loss of approval.

11. To ensure truthfulness and keeping with facts **WRCA** will furnish the **Rodeo** committee with an information sheet about the association for the **WRCA** announcer. The **Rodeo** announcer will announce sometime during each performance that the Youth Ranch Rodeo is approved by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association and that the winning ranch team will be invited to attend the **WRCA** World Championship Ranch Rodeo where they will be introduced.

12. An approved Youth Ranch Rodeo will include the **WRCA** Humane Treatment of Livestock policy in their event rules. This policy is included at the end of this document.

13. An approved Youth Ranch Rodeo will include the **WRCA** Contestant Rules of Conduct policy in their event rules. This policy is included at the end of this document.

HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK

GENERAL:

These rules are intended to insure the humane treatment of all livestock and shall be in effect. No animal shall be treated inhumanely by any contestant. **No Exceptions.**

SORE, LAME, SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS:

Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and 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 incapacitated between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal shall be drawn for the contestant.

REMOVAL OF INJURED ANIMAL:

A conveyance must be available (tractor & sled) and shall be used, where practical, to remove any injured animal from the arena. Conveyance must be large enough to remove a horse or cow. Any injured livestock must be humanely removed from the arena before continuing the performance.

CONTESTANT RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Anyone (contestant or otherwise) entering the arena shall be wearing long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, boots and a cowboy hat. Chaps and spurs are optional.
2. Abuse of either personal animals or event animals (kicking, whipping, tripping, gouging of eyes, or any action which is totally unnecessary) is strictly prohibited. **No Exceptions!**
3. Interference with another team's competition in an event will result in the disqualification of the interfering team and possible expulsion from WRCA in accordance with the WRCA suspension policy.
5. No loud, obnoxious or unsportsmanlike conduct.
6. The violation of any conduct rule could result in Team disqualification.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

Grievance:

Should a contestant have a cause for complaint that may or may not be well – founded the contestant must issue a letter in writing to the **WRCA**. The contents of the letter must state the issue in its entirety with the individual's signature and sent to the **WRCA** office. The letter will be presented to the **WRCA** Board of Directors for discussion. Once the **WRCA** Board of Directors has reviewed the grievance the issuer of the letter will receive notification of what action may or may not be taken. All decisions are final.