

# 2025 TJRA - Important Information

## 1. **ENTRIES: ALL MEMBER ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ONLINE**

TJRA is transitioning to electronic entry ONLY. There will be no paper entry forms. An electronic entry form can be found on our website under the “Forms” section.

**MEMBERS:** Entry fees **MUST** be paid by the **Monday** prior to the rodeo when entering **TO AVOID A LATE FEE**. Entry fee checks will not be cashed until the Wednesday after the rodeo. The first rodeo entries are due by **Monday, January 13, 2025**, at 9:00pm. All entry fees **MUST** be paid by that time to avoid late fees. Electronic Entry fee payment can be made by Debit/Credit Card with a 4% fee included through our invoicing option, and a Debit/Credit Card can be kept on file with the Secretary (4% fee included with payment).

Any changes made to an entry after the **Wednesday** before the rodeo will also incur a \$25.00 late fee. Absolutely no member entries will be accepted after the **Wednesday** before the rodeo, and if entries and late fees are not paid in full by the **Wednesday** before the rodeo, the entry will be dropped.

In order for fees to be refunded or rolled forward, a contestant must notify the Secretary prior to **Wednesday** before the rodeo. Any Draw-Out after the **Wednesday** prior to the rodeo will require a written Doctor / Vet Release presented before the rodeo begins in order for fees to be refunded or rolled forward.

**NON-MEMBERS:** Entry by call-in the **Monday** prior to the rodeo. There will be a \$10.00 non-member fee for each rodeo.

2. **Returned check policy:** All returned checks must be paid in cash at the following rodeo, as well as the entry fee for that rodeo before your child or children will be allowed to compete. *In the event of a second returned check, entry fees will be required to be paid in cash or money order for the remaining of the rodeo season. There is a \$35.00 service charge for all returned checks.*
3. All rodeos will start at 9:00am. Church services will be at 8:30am on Sunday before the rodeo for those who wish to attend.
4. Each member will be required to sell \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets. These will be due by the end of the rodeo on Sunday, June 15, 2025. **Any TJRA member that sells \$500 or more of the required raffle tickets will be given a free 2026 TJRA membership.** Also, for each \$100 sold over the required \$100, the member’s name will be put in a drawing for a free 2026 TJRA membership.
5. Each family will be required to volunteer for 2 events, in at least 4 rodeos each year to be eligible for points / Finals participation.

6. All Finals contestants **MUST** bring an auction item of \$25.00 value for the silent auction to be held at the TJRA Finals.
7. In order to qualify for the TJRA Finals, a competitor must compete in at least 10 of the 18 rodeos and be in the top 15 placings of an event. **ALL FEES AND FINES MUST BE PAID TO BE ABLE TO ENTER THE FINALS.**
8. All contestants, while in the arena, must be in official dress code. All rough stock riders (including Mutton Bustin but excluding pony bareback) are required to wear a helmet, protective vest, and mouthpiece. Please refer to the rule book for the required bareback riding equipment.
9. Draw-outs must be done by contacting the rodeo secretary by 5:00pm on the **Thursday** before the rodeo. Any time after **Thursday** at 5:00pm you **MUST** have a written doctor or vet release presented before the rodeo, or it will be considered a turn-out and entry fees will not be rolled over or refunded.
10. In the event of a question or concern during an event **PARENTS MUST GO TO AN EVENT DIRECTOR IN THE ARENA IMMEDIATELY**, not the judge.
11. **ALL MEMBERS - please take responsibility in selling program ads, and gathering as many sponsors as you can, to help promote the TJRA and add to the year-end awards. Start now, as most businesses began to budget at the beginning of the year. There is a sponsorship packet in your membership packet and there is one on the TJRA website. We need as many as we can get, as early as possible, to ensure the year-end awards are covered.**

## 2025 TJRA RULE BOOK CHANGES:

**Please read the following changes to the rule book. It is the contestant's and/or the parent's responsibility to understand the rules. A printed copy of the rule book can be found in the rodeo secretary's office at any time. An electronic copy of the rule book can be found on the association's website.**

- Pg 8 - Contestants will be allowed to compete in one age group above their age group. If a contestant chooses to compete up, he/she must also compete in that event in his/her age group if the event is offered and will compete for jackpot money ONLY. No end of year event points will be earned, and they will not be eligible for that event's year-end prizes. If a contestant chooses to compete up in an event that is not offered in their age group, they will be able to accumulate points in that event and be eligible for that event's year-end prizes. Any points won/accumulated in such event(s) will not be allowed to count towards their all-around points.
- Pg 13 - ENTRY requirements:
  - a. **A qualifying rodeo must be pre-entered and pre-paid. Entries are exclusively ONLINE and must be completed and paid by the Monday PRIOR to the rodeo at 9:00pm. No paper entries or call-ins will be accepted.**
  - b. Online entry can be completed by going to <https://www.texomajuniorrodeo.net/> and selecting the Entry Form link under "TJRA Forms". Detailed entry instructions can be found on the TJRA website.
  - c. Payment for rodeo fees is due by Monday PRIOR to the rodeo at 9:00pm. Payment options are included online when entering (with a 4% credit/debit card online fee), an invoice can be requested (with a 4% credit/debit card online fee), or a check can be mailed prior to the rodeo or left with the secretary at the rodeo prior. No checks will be cashed until the Wednesday AFTER the rodeo. If entry fees are not paid, or a check not in the secretary's hand by 9:00pm Monday PRIOR to the rodeo, a twenty-five dollar (\$25) LATE FEE will be assessed. All unpaid entries will be deleted on Thursday PRIOR to the rodeo and contestant will not be allowed to compete.
- Pg 18 - #30. No person should be standing past the line judge in the arena during roping events, unless specified by judge or director. Line judge will remain at the same position throughout the entire age group.
- Pg 38 - #6 POINT SYSTEM: Points will be given as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place-15 points/2<sup>nd</sup> place-14 points/3<sup>rd</sup> place-13 points/4<sup>th</sup> place-12 points/5<sup>th</sup> place-11 points/6<sup>th</sup> place-10 points/7<sup>th</sup> place-9 points/8<sup>th</sup> place- 8 points/ 9<sup>th</sup> place-7 points/10<sup>th</sup> place-6 points/11<sup>th</sup> place-5 points/12<sup>th</sup> place-4 points/ 13<sup>th</sup> place-3 points/ 14<sup>th</sup> place-2 points/ 15<sup>th</sup> place-1 point. Each contestant will receive one (1) participation point for each event entered and competed in, including during Finals.

**We are looking forward to an amazing 2025 TJRA rodeo season!**

**If you have any questions please ask any officer, director, or TJRA board member.**