

# 2023 TJRA - Important Information

## 1. ENTRIES:

**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 16, 2023. All entries should be postmarked at least two Mondays prior to the rodeo you are entering. There is no guarantee your entry will be received by the Monday before the rodeo even when mailing two weeks prior to the rodeo. (Leaving your entry at each rodeo is the only guarantee your entry will not be late.) Completed entry forms are accepted by email but are still due by the Monday before the rodeo, and all entry fees MUST be paid by that time to avoid late fees. 2023 TJRA members will be allowed to call in and enter any rodeo (not including Finals) on the Monday prior to the rodeo, but **a \$25.00 late fee will be applied per rodeo.** Any changes made after the Thursday before the rodeo will also incur a \$25.00 late fee.

Please note that the administration fees have been changed to \$12.00 per rodeo.

***ATTENTION: If you choose to use PayPal, you will be charged a fee of 4.00%. PayPal will no longer allow the TJRA to use the friends and family option. All outstanding PayPal fees will have to be paid before contestant is eligible to compete at the finals. You must list your child's/children's names in the notes so entry fees can be applied correctly.***

**NON-MEMBERS:** Must call in the Monday prior to the rodeo or can enter at the rodeo 1 hour prior to the rodeo start time (8:00am, unless otherwise posted). There will be a \$10.00 non-member fee for each rodeo.

Call in for the first rodeos will be Monday, January 16, 2023, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. For all other rodeos, call in will be 7:00pm – 9:00pm on the Monday before.

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.

4. **FORMS:** Included in each membership packet is one entry form and one membership form. If you have more than one child, please make as many copies as you will need. There should be **one completed entry form for EACH RODEO, Saturday and Sunday**. Be sure to put a mobile contact number and an email on your membership form. These will be used for reminders.
5. 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 18, 2023. Any TJRA member that sells \$500 or more of the required raffle tickets will be given a 2024 TJRA membership. Also, for each \$100 sold over the required \$100, the member's name will be put in a drawing for a free 2024 TJRA membership.
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 rodeo secretary by 6:00pm on the Thursday before the rodeo. Any time after Thursday you **MUST** have a written doctor or vet release, 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. Church services will be at 8:30am on Sunday before the rodeo for those who wish to attend.
12. **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.**

## **2023 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.**

- 15 – 19 Chute Dogging will be a co-ed event.
- There will be no slack at the Finals, unless approved by the board of directors.
- Each family will be required to volunteer for 2 events, in at least 4 rodeos each year to be eligible for points / Finals participation. Please sign up ahead of time with the event director.
- Changes to entries must be made by Thursday before the rodeo to prevent the \$25.00 late charge.
- There must be at least 2 contestants in an event for 10 or more rodeos in order for that event's points to count toward the All-Around standings.
- There will be no participation points given at the Finals.
- In racing events – There will be a drag on 5 live runs through every age group, unless otherwise specified, and not between age groups. In slack, there will be a drag on 5 live runs through every age group, unless otherwise specified. There will be no drag before each age group in slack. In goats - there will be a drag between each age group.
- The “age” of member for the purpose of competition age requirements shall be determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the beginning of the Rodeo Year. Youth Member must furnish, upon application of membership, a birth certificate evidencing his/her age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the beginning of the Rodeo Year. Non-Member contestant also must furnish upon entry, a birth certificate evidencing his/her age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the beginning of the Rodeo Year.

**We are looking forward to an amazing 2023 TJRA rodeo season!**

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