

MUSTANGERS RIDING CLUB
PLAYDAY RULES
(Updated January 2008)

I – GENERAL RULES

1. Timing system and judges to be appointed at the discretion of the Mustangers Board of Directors.
2. There shall be a barrier judge and a field flag judge for all timed events. These judges may call upon timers for an opinion if they so wish.
3. Judges may disqualify riders for use of unnecessary roughness, profane language or disorderly conduct of any kind.
4. Any person endangering the safety of themselves and/or others will be banned from the premises.
5. Judges and timers decisions are final.
6. Riding bareback is not allowed.

II – INSTRUCTIONS ON STARTING, TIMING AND JUDGING

1. In all timed racing events each contestant shall run the course individually.
2. The contestant is allowed a running start.
3. Events will start at a place marked by an electric eye and/or a flagger.
4. If there should be a timekeeper foul in any arena or racing event the contestant will have the choice of an immediate rerun or waiting to the last to participate.

5. If the rider fails to negotiate the designated course in a race, he/she shall be disqualified (see events).

III – CONTESTANTS

1. Ages will be as of January 1. “Juniors” will be 17 and under years of age. All members 18 years of age and older will be considered “Seniors”. A Junior under 18 years of age who is married will be considered a Senior.
2. “Juniors” are classed in three age groups: 8 years and under, 9 through 12, 13 through 17.
3. Members must stay in the age group they started as of January 1st even if they pass into another age classification during the season.
4. Lead Line classes are available for any Junior unable to ride their own pattern.

IV – ENTRIES

1. Every contestant must be a paid member of the Mustangers Riding Club with the exception of team roping contestants. Every membership fee is \$35.00 for a family membership and \$25.00 for a single membership. Unmarried children through the age of 18 may participate under their father’s or mother’s membership.
2. All contestants must fill out an entry blank and pay the required fees to the secretary. There will be no refunds on entry fees.
3. All contestants must sign a waiver releasing the Mustangers Riding Club from all liability of damages to person, personal property or livestock.

4. A parent or guardian must sign a waiver for children under 18 years of age.

V – POINTS SYSTEM

1. Points
 - a. First Place 5 points
 - b. Second Place 4 points
 - c. Third Place 3 points
 - d. Fourth Place 2 points
 - e. Fifth Place 1 point
2. Points are given in each event for the place the contestant wins in that event at each playday. If a contestant earns points during all five days, those points will count toward the accumulation. Points are accumulated for the point placings designated by the Board of Directors.
3. If there is a tie in the times, split the points.
4. Points will be accumulated for events held at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
5. If there is a tie in the individual event championship points, the winner will be declared by averaging the accumulated times of that event of the series.
6. If there is a tie in the Age Group Championship (All-Around) points, the winner will be declared by averaging the accumulated times of all events of the series.

VI – CHAMPIONS

1. **CHAMPION OF AN EVENT** – The person winning the highest number of accumulated points in that event during the Official Mustangers playdays is declared Champion of that

event in their age group. Contestants must compete in a minimum of four out of five of the playdays.

2. **ALL-AROUND CHAMPION** – The person in each age group who has won the highest combined number of points in playday events. To qualify, this person must have won points in at least two events. Contestants must compete in a minimum of four out of five of the playdays.

VII – AWARDS

1. Awards will be given in each event for all 4 age groups.
2. **Buckles are limited.** A person may only win one event buckle in the event the most points were earned. The next high point person will receive the buckle in the next event, and so on. All points will be counted towards the All-Around.
3. All awards shall be presented to the winners at a separate awards ceremony that will commence either the following weekend or as soon as possible after the series finale. Date to be determined by the Board of Directors.
4. The Mustangers Riding Club shall purchase all the listed awards; however, these awards may be sponsored by merchants and individuals by donating the money or awards.
5. Ribbons are given out at each playday through the fifth place in the Junior age groups. Ribbons and awards will be given at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

VIII – HORSEBACK EVENTS

All decisions made by the flagger will be final.

1. **LEADLINE EVENTS** – Three events will be available to those members that are unable to run their own pattern. They are at this time: barrels, single stake, and goat tail untying. Parents will lead children in each of these events. These events will not be timed.
2. **DUMMY ROPING (8 & Under)** – Line will be drawn behind roping bale with steer horns attached. One practice throw is given and two attempts. Score will be taken on the two attempts. Three points for horn catch, two points for a neck catch, and one point for a ½ head catch.
3. **BARREL RACING (NHSR Rules: all age groups)** – Barrels to be spaced as follows: 90 feet between first and second, and 105 feet between second and third, with a 60 foot starting line. Penalty of 5 seconds for each knocked over barrel.
4. **POLE BENDING (NHSR Rules: all age groups)** – Pattern to consist of 6 poles placed 21 feet apart, with a 21 foot starting line. Penalty of 5 seconds for each knocked over pole.
5. **GOAT TAIL UNTYING (Leadline)** – Two adults will be present. One will hold goat and one will hold horse of participant. Adult holding goat will be considered the flagger and will stop time when contestant has pulled any part of the ribbon away from the goat's tail. (8 & Under) participants will dismount unassisted and have to catch the goat to untie it.
6. **SINGLE STAKE RACE (8 & Under)** – Contestant crosses the starting line with a running start, races to the pole, makes either a right or left turn around pole and races back across the finish line.
7. **GOAT TYING (NHSR Rules: 9-12, 13-17, Senior Girls)** – One adult will be present to hold goat at the start of the run and be the flagger for the event. Time will be stopped when contestant takes both hands away from the tie.
8. **STEER DAUBING (9-12, 13-17, Seniors)** – A 3' stick with flour sack on the end will be used to touch the steer. Time will start when the chute opens. Contestant will be backed fully in the box. Daub will qualify for contact on the steer after the barrel placed at 12' from the chute. Time stops when the stick has been raised after contact has been made leaving a visible mark inside a 12" circle on the steer. No barriers will be used. Double daub or second attempt to daub will be considered a no time. One go-round.
9. **BREAKAWAY ROPING (9-12, 13-17, Seniors)** – Muley cattle, NHSR Rules; horned cattle – 3 legal team roping catches. All ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with a string and will be checked. Two go rounds with average on two.
10. **JR TEAM ROPING (9-12, 13-17)** – Two Juniors or one Junior and one Senior comprise a team. Header must dally. Time will be stopped when the rope is tight on heels. Heelers are not required to dally. Juniors may enter more than once, but only two runs (partners) will count for points. Pointed runs must be declared before roping begins
11. **TEAM ROPING (PRCA Rules)**

Known ability will be determined by Current Arena Association Rules and at the discretion of the Board of Directors.