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RULES ADOPTED DECEMBER, 1992, AMENDED ANNUALLY JANUARY 1994-2019

Rules Revised January 2019

Approved by President: Darrell Summers _____ Date: January 14, 2019 _____

THESE RULES SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL OTHER RULES HERETOFORE EFFECTIVE.

ARTICLE I (MEETINGS)

SECTION 1: OFFICE:

- The meeting place of this club shall be at the Suwannee River Riding Club Arena or the Branford Library. The monthly board meeting will be held every 2nd Monday of the month. If location or date is changed the Officers and Directors will be notified.

ARTICLE II (MEMBERSHIP)

SECTION 1: CLASSIFICATION:

- The membership of the club shall be classified as:
- S.R.R.C. Club Members

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

- Application for membership by any member shall be accepted pending approval of the majority of the Board of Directors.
- The club Secretary, for the purpose of the communication with the Board of Directors, shall maintain a list of the names, addresses, emails, phone #'s of all the members of the club.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS:

- Forms must be completed and signed by all persons upon joining the club. Payment of membership dues is non-refundable.
- SRRC will use your age as of January 1st of the current year.
- **Persons over 18 years of age and/or married must have their own membership.**
- **If person is 17 years of age or younger the application MUST be signed by a parent or guardian. Membership CAN NOT be in the minor's name.**

SECTION 3: DEFINITION OF "IN GOOD STANDING":

- Applicants who have paid dues to the club Treasurer will be classed as members. Members who are upholding rules and conduct of club regulations will be considered "in Good Standing".

SECTION 4: DUES:

- S.R.R.C. club dues for family membership are \$50.00 per year all year long.
- Family member dues for Board of Directors, Officers, Webmaster and Points Secretaries are \$1 in consideration of time devoted to club activities. No refundable fees. The money is to be used for operational expenses, in connection with club work, with no intent of the club being a profit making organization.
- **All members are required to purchase or sell 50/50 raffle tickets in the amount of at least \$50 per membership prior to a date set at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**

SECTION 5: PRIZE WINNERS:

- Point tally to earn prizes will begin upon a person being a participating member. In the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, there will be a prize awarded at the end of each quarter for the first and second place winners in each class, with exception of the beginners class. In the sole discretion of the Board of Directors there may be six (6) places per class for the year-end awards. All categories and awarding of prizes shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: CLUB SHOW AND FROLIC:

- The club shall be in control of any roping, game events, rodeo, show, frolic, trail rides, or any other activities held under the name of the club and these rules, game rules, roping rules, and ground rules shall prevail as the guidelines under which the event shall run.
- From time to time the Board of Directors may allow other organizations to conduct horse related events at the facility.

SECTION 7: FLORIDA EQUINE LAW:

- The Club or any of its members will not be responsible for any accidents to any persons or animals and all members are aware of the Florida Equine Law (F.F. §773.01, et.seq **Florida - Warning- Under Florida law, an equine sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.**)
- Each member assumes all liability for personal injuries and property damages that arise there from.

SECTION 8: COGGINS:

- Coggins test, Negative coggins test are required on all horses attending ropings, games, rodeos, shows, and trail rides. Each member will certify that all horses brought onto the premises will have a current negative coggins test.
- You must have proof of coggins with you. If we spot check and you do not have them, you will be asked to leave.
- The Directors and Officers have the right to ask for coggins.

ARTICLE III (CONDUCT AND OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS)

SECTION 1: CONDUCT:

- There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs allowed on club grounds or at any activity sponsored by the club.
- No foul or obnoxious languages of any kind shall be allowed.
- No conduct unbecoming to a child, lady or gentleman will be allowed.
- No reckless riding (including running horses outside the arena) unsafe equipment, or any other horsemanship considered unsafe will not be permitted.

SECTION 2: OBLIGATIONS:

- **All members** are responsible for working on various committees and teams from time to time.
- **All members** are **required** to contribute in the form of club activities.
- **All members** will be on a team and **required** to work when it is the team member's event (Rodeo, Team Roping Speed Events, NBHA, etc) or night to work. **If a member participates in his/her event but does not work, the member will forfeit points for that night unless the member opts for the \$200 work buy out program. The buy out fee does not exempt members from selling 50/50 raffle tickets or working at added events at the arena including the annual rodeo in September. Working the Roping Event *does not* include flagging unless one has been appointed as the designated flagger by the director in charge.**
- It is the obligation of every member of the club to see that all fellow members and their guests and visitors of the club carry out, proper conduct.
- **All club members are obligated to bring a cake at one time or another for the cake walk on Speed Nights.**
- **Failure to comply by these obligations will forfeit any points or prizes earned.**

SECTION 3: EXPULSION:

- Failure of proper conduct and/or failure to comply with any of the rules after fair warning may result in a bar from the club and termination of membership by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV (GROUND RULES)

SECTION 1: THERE WILL BE EIGHT CLASSES IN SPEED EVENTS:

- Beginners Class - Child can either ride alone or be led by responsible person on foot. If riding alone child must be accompanied by responsible person in the arena and there is a 1 ½ minute time limit. (Boys or Girls) No points or time documented in this class. PARTICIPATION ONLY!
- Pee Wee (7 & Under) (Boys or Girls)
- Small Fry (8-10) (Boys or Girls)
- Juniors (11-13) (Boys or Girls)
- Seniors (14-18) (Girls Only)
- Powder Puff (19-38)
- Gracie Allen (39 & Up)
- Men and Boys (14 & Up)
- Sign up fees for Speed Events is \$10 for 3 Speed Events (Exception: Beginners \$5), and \$5.00 per Exhibition (unlimited runs; runs cannot be shared) and \$1.00 for cakewalk.

- *A rider must sign up for exhibition at the time of sign up for your class.*
- Temporary Membership – Permit per person, per night (\$5 for permit + \$10 Speed Event Fee=\$15) Permit riders will ride at the end of their age appropriate class.

SECTION 2: TEAM ROPING:

- The number of roping classes will be determined by the team roping director.
- Any class not meeting the required number of participants will be combined with another class at the discretion of the Board of Directors
- *You can only miss a total of 5 Team Ropings to be eligible for Year-End Awards unless changed by the Board of Directors in their sole discretion. Upon missing the 6th roping you will become ineligible*
- Exhibition Class – Permit Riders and members. Permit riders MUST ride in Exhibition Class and can rope with other members. A rider must sign up for exhibition at the time of sign up for your class
- Sign-up fee for Team Roping is \$25 (4 steers) and Exhibition fee for Team Roping is \$25 (4 Steers).
- You must choose four (4) different roping partners to rope for your points. If you rope with the same person more than one time you will forfeit your points at that time for the remainder of the runs / night. For example: If you rope with the same person on your second steer you will receive 1 point for the first steer run and placement if it is a qualified run. You will not receive points for the remaining steers or times toward your average that night.
- **The Flagger shall be a member selected by the Roping Directors from eligible members in Class A or B.** The decision of the flager stands and any challenge to the roping must be made to the flager at the time.
- + 5 Barrier.....Ropers take steers to the stripping chute.
- A malfunction of the clock will allow a roper to one (1) chance for another qualified time
- Awards will be given according to total points through the top six places per class as designated by the team roping director.
- Any heeler fifty-five (55) years or older may tie on regardless of class. **All lady heelers may tie on. All girl heelers, twelve (12) years or older may tie on at the discretion and evaluation of the Board of Directors.**

SECTION 3: RULES FOR PARTICIPATION:

- Must be a member to be allowed to ride for points.
- A non-member may ride with a temporary membership permit. **A rider on a Temporary Membership shall ride at the end of their designated class or rope in exhibition class and receive no points.**
- The rider must ride the same horse (except exhibition) in all games on any single night in order to qualify for ride night points. If a horse is injured, the rider may change horses, but must be approved by arena director or officer and announcer must be notified by the director or officer at the time to be able to document on time sheets for points secretaries.
- Members will not be tied onto horses (excluding Velcro).
- **DRESS CODE:** This club is a family oriented association that promotes Western Attire. In promoting Western Attire, we ask that you use discretion and good judgement when choosing your riding attire. Anyone riding in clothing that is deemed "Non-Appropriate" (too revealing) will be asked to change or his/her ride will be disqualified. (This is at the discretion of the executive committee). Rider must be properly dressed in long pants and western boots (or equine shoes) and ride a fully equipped western saddle with free hanging stirrups. *(Bare midriff, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, shorts and sports bras are examples of inappropriate attire.)
- No riding double during club rides or a sponsored event.
- If a roper is a law enforcement officer, firefighter or paramedic who is on duty on roping night they, under the discretion of the directors in charge, shall be allowed to rope all four steers before the break.
- If a roper is a participating member in the High School or Junior Rodeo Association, who needs to travel to the rodeo early, they shall be allowed to rope their four steers before the break at the discretion of the directors in charge.

SECTION 4: TIME OF EVENTS:

- Team Roping will be every 1st and 3rd and 5th Friday Night starting at 8:00p.m. Each participant will receive 4 steers to rope for a fee set by the Board of directors in their sole discretion.
- Speed Events will be every 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturday Night starting at 6:00p.m. The order of events will be Poles, Texas Barrels, Clover Leaf and the Board of Directors shall have the discretion to change the order and number of events at any time. The fee to be set by the Board of Directors.
- A post will be put on FaceBook in the event of a cancelation as soon as the decision has been made.

ARTICLE V (DISQUALIFICATIONS)

SECTION 1: DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- A rider will be disqualified if not attempting to ride when their name is called. A rider is subject to disqualification after their name has been called three (3) times to ride and there is no attempt being made to ride. The rider is given three (3) minutes to enter the arena and start their run.
- The following shall result in disqualification of a rider.
 - A rider will be disqualified for dismounting in the arena before completing the event.
 - If a pole or barrel falls to the ground due to an action of the rider or horse, even if it falls after the finish line has been crossed, that rider will receive a no time.
 - If a rider rides and makes a qualified run and the clock malfunctions, then the rider will receive one (1) more attempt to make a qualified run.
 - Rider's faulty tack equipment shall not entitle a person to re-ride.
 - Anyone engaging in obnoxious treatment of horses will be disqualified.

ARTICLE VI (POINTS)

SECTION 1: SPEED GAMES:

1st Place – 7 points
2nd Place – 6 points
3rd Place – 5 points
4th Place – 4 points
5th Place – 3 points
6th Place – 2 points

- All riders who disqualify or do not place 1st through 6th will receive one (1) point per event.
- If there is a tie on speed event night, both participants receive the place points added together then divided by 2.
- At the end of the year, if there is a tie for first place in Speed Events there will be a run off using the same 3 events used during the year in the same order of events. **If all parties are not present the tie will be broken by an average of the previous times for the year.**
- Time sheets will be kept by the club secretary to be transferred to a master sheet and kept until the end of the point tally period.
- The rider will be called and given three (3) minutes to enter the arena and start their run.
- The official time clock will be maintained in the bird house.
- Only the announcer has the authority to call off a run.

STEERS:

- All ropers who run their steer but do not place one (1) through six (6) will receive one (1) point for each steer.
- At the end of each roping night, after combining all runs for an average time, each roper who places in categories one (1) through six (6) will receive four (4) points or one point per steer, plus the following additional points:

1st Place – 6 points
2nd Place – 5 points
3rd Place – 4 points
4th Place – 3 points
5th Place – 2 points
6th Place – 1 point

- In a tie situation for first place at the end of the year in Team Roping, four (4) steers will be run with the same partners for the best average to break the tie or other tie-breaker decision with the consent of the members involved. **If all parties are not present the tie will be broken by an average of the previous times for the year.**

SECTION 2: RIBBONS:

- Ribbons shall be given first through sixth place in the Beginners through the Junior class at each event.

SECTION 3: AWARDS:

- *To be eligible for quarter prizes, the top two participating members in Speed Events or Roping Event shall be awarded quarter prizes in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.*
- *You can only miss a total of 5 Speed Event rides to be eligible for Year-End Awards unless changed by the Board of Directors in their sole discretion. Upon missing the 6th ride you will become ineligible.*
- **Contestants must be eligible to win an award at the end of the tally period.**

ARTICLE VII (PATTERN FOR GAMES)

SECTION 1: HOLDING PEN:

- All riders must be in the arena in the holding pen before each event; bring their horse to a stop before or while in the alley; and then exit to the right at a walk in the exit pen.

POLES:

- The rider may start on the right or left side passing the poles running in a straight line to the last pole and there turning the pole and facing the line of poles, pass the successive poles on alternating sides until the first pole is reached, turn around the first pole and return to the last pole in the same manner.
- Upon reaching the last pole, turn it and return to the finish line in a straight line on the opposite side from which you entered.

TEXAS BARRELS:

- The rider may start on the right or left side passing the first barrel and passing the second barrel on the alternate side, then returning to the returning in the same manner to the finish line.

CLOVERLEAF:

- The rider turns the first barrel to the right or left, the rider turns the second barrel and then the third and returns across the finish line.

THE FOLLOWING THREE GAMES ARE SET UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ARENA: POLES, TEXAS BARRELS AND CLOVERLEAF.

