

## East Central Region 4-H Rodeo Rules

1. Ages as of January 1 of current year: Junior 9 - 11 years; Intermediates 12 - 14 years, Senior 15-20 years.
2. All member entries to be at the discretion of the club project leader(s).
3. All members must hand in their current year record book to the rodeo committee for the project horse(s) they are using for the rodeo and a level assessment sheet, signed by their horse project leader at the time of entry payment. Pages 1, 8, 9 must be completed along with the Suggested Marking Guide (inside back cover), completed by your club's Record Book Marker. Record books will be returned by the end of the day. Members without record books can participate in events, but will not receive points. Record books must be up to date the month prior to the rodeo.
4. A member may substitute another horse for their project horse if the member can provide a veterinary certificate or written permission from their 4-H leader. During the rodeo, if a horse becomes lame, the leader representative committee may allow a substitution.
5. Team Roping will be run as one event – with no age categories.
6. Each club must have their own chaperone. Each club must also provide one adult to sit on the leader representative committee at each rodeo if necessary. One vote per club.
7. Host club and community is not responsible for injuries. 4-H Incident Report must be completed and filed.
8. All members participating must have read the current East Central 4-H Rodeo Rules. If there is a discrepancy, refer to Policy #6.08 6.09 4-H Alberta Equine Project Policy.
9. All members must wear proper attire. Helmet, cowboy boots and long sleeved collared shirt when mounted. A cowboy hat is to be worn when dismounted (registration, breaks and awards ceremonies) at events. This includes one hour before the rodeo and one hour after the awards presentation. If a violation occurs, points will be forfeited for the rodeo. Adult volunteers are required to wear western attire and closed toed footwear in the arena and behind the chutes. Hats are optional.
10. Members who participate in steer riding must have had instruction in steer riding and provide written proof either with a certificate of completion from the school or a completed and signed assessment sheet from the 4-H Rodeo Project Book (2013 edition) and an up to date record book of any project.
11. Use of an open catch pen 30 second time limit and closed catch pen are all at the discretion of the rodeo for all stock events.
12. Catch as catch can as long as the rope goes over the animal's head.
13. All breakaway ropers may come out of the right or left hand box.
14. If a parent or member interferes with or harasses a judge, that member, or the child(ren) of the parent will be disqualified at the discretion of the leader representative committee or host club.
15. Any member taking part in steer riding MUST supply their own equipment: rope, bell, protective vest, approved helmet with face mask, mouth guard, gloves. Chaps are optional.
16. To participate in steer riding, member's maximum weight is 120 pounds OR at the stock contractor's discretion. Members must declare weight at entry.
17. Clubs may have events for Cleaver Kids and must be a stand alone event.
18. Turn out fee (entry fee) must be paid prior to competing in the next rodeo.
19. Any member grievance must be taken forward by the 4-H club leader/chaperone to the leader representative committee. All grievances must be written and be accompanied with a \$20 fee.
20. No run ins allowed.
21. All animals must be treated humanely at all times. This includes proper care and handling.

Disqualification of any participant using an animal that is obviously sore, lame, or injured in any way. Disqualification and/or removal from an event or the entire rodeo, of any person who is abusive to any animal. All animals prior to the event are in good health and are sound. Disqualification or removal of any participant from the event if they are not in control of the animal used, or show incompetence in the event. The participant and animal may compete in subsequent events.

22. Closed and latched gate for all speed events.

23. Awards/prizes are awarded at the discretion of the event organizers based on the event details.