

East Central 4-H Rodeo Rules

1. Rodeos are open to all 4-H members.
2. Ribbons, 1 - 6 place will be awarded in each event. In case of a tie, ties will be awarded ribbons.
3. Ages as of January 1 of current year: Juniors 9 - 11 Years, Intermediates 12 - 14 Years, Seniors 15-20 Years.
4. Juniors and Intermediates may enter up an age group only if the event is not offered in their division. Points will not be awarded, just ribbons. Team Roping will be run as one event – with no age categories.
5. Each club must have their own chaperone.
6. Host club and community is not responsible for injuries.
7. All members participating must have read the current Alberta 4-H Rodeo Rules.
8. All members must wear proper attire including - cowboy hat, cowboy boots and long sleeved shirt when they enter the arena, including one hour before and one hour after the rodeo.
9. In the event of a tie in points after three rodeos, the person with the most qualified runs/rides will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, then an average time/score will be used to determine the winner.
10. A caution line will be placed about 3/4 of the way down the arena at a safe distance from the gate in all timed cattle events. Contestants may not chase animals once they have crossed the caution line.
11. Use of an open gate, 30 second time limit and closed gate are all at the discretion of the rodeo for all stock events.
12. All breakaway ropers may come out of the right or left hand box. Breakaway ropers may use two loops before the caution line and 30 second time limit. If they wish to use two loops, they must carry two ropes.
13. Each team roping team will allowed a maximum of two loops. A barrel will be placed in front of the box at a distance of twice the depth of the box and the steer may not be turned until the steer has passed the barrel. A ten second penalty will be added for turning the steer before this point. The head of the steer must be caught before the steer crosses the caution line and the 30 second time limit will still apply.
14. Keyhole, poles and goat tying may be run one or two competitors in the arena at a time. If two competitors are in the arena at one time, a centre line must be used. Crossing the centre line will result in disqualification.
15. If a contestant's hat falls off during barrel racing, pole bending or the keyhole race, a one second penalty will be added to that contestant's time.
16. If a parent or member interferes with or harasses a judge, that member, or the child/ren of the parent will be disqualified.

Points System

1. Points are awarded for each rodeo event.

1 st	6 points	2 nd	5 points	3 rd	4 points
4 th	3 points	5 th	2 points	6 th	1 point
1. In team roping the time of the first run will be counted if a member goes more than one time. Points will be awarded for stretches only.
2. In case no one qualified in an event there will be no points awarded to contestants.
3. If there is a time, the points will be split. Eg. 3 contestants tie for 1st. Add points from 1st to 3rd =15 points, divide by 3. 5 points will be awarded to each of the contestants who tied for 1st. Points for 3rd to 6th will be awarded to the next three winners. If there is a 4 way tie, divide by 4.
4. If there are only 3 that qualify in an event, then only points to third will be awarded.
5. All buckles will be awarded at the end of each rodeo season.

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