

<b>Policy # 7.05</b>	<b>Refer to Policy #</b>
<b>Alberta 4-H Rodeo Policy</b>  The Alberta 4-H program strives to ensure the safety of all participants at all 4-H rodeos. Invitational and Interclub 4-H rodeos must comply with minimum standards and procedures as outlined below.	<b>6.06, 1.01,1.02, 9.04</b>
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## Minimum Standards and Procedures

### Definitions

- Invitational 4-H rodeo – when one organization organizes the rodeo and invites 4-H clubs to attend and participate. An invitational 4-H rodeo must be organized or sanctioned by an approved 4-H entity.
- Interclub 4-H rodeo – when one or more 4-H clubs are involved in the organization and members of two or more clubs participate in the rodeo.

### Chaperones

- Each club, which enters participants in the rodeo, must provide a minimum of one (1) adult chaperone for every ten (10) participants.

### Minimum Safety Requirements

Organizer(s) must:

- Ensure that emergency medical personnel and ambulance are readily available (or on site) at all rodeos.
- Designate a qualified first aid person to be present at all times.
- Have a first aid kit stocked and readily available. (The type of the first aid kit must be suitable to the type of events offered).
- Post the emergency contact numbers for local ambulance and hospital.
- Ensure facilities are safe.
- Ensure that all rodeo and event rules and regulations are followed and enforced.
- Provide a detailed report to the 4-H and Agriculture Education Branch Head in the event of any accident or incident. (Refer to the Appendix of the Alberta 4-H Program Policies & Procedures binder for an Incident Report Form).
- Ensure all participants wear proper western attire including:
  - ❖ Pull on cowboy boots (recommended) - tie-ups permitted.
  - ❖ Long sleeved shirt, western style with buttons or snaps.
  - ❖ Western jeans/pants.
- Effective October 1, 2011, it is a requirement that a properly fitted ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials Safety Equipment Institute) or BSI (British Standards Institution) approved equestrian helmet be worn by all level 1, 2 and 3 4-H mounted equine project members and by all 4-H participants born in 2000 and later while involved in a mounted 4-H activity.

- Ensure use of helmets and flak jackets (which are mandatory) in steer/cow riding.
  - ❖ Facemasks and mouth guards are highly recommended.

## **Participant Requirements**

- Participants entering any 4-H rodeo must be a registered 4-H member in good standing with their 4-H club.
- Any member entering a rodeo using a horse must provide proof through confirmation from their 4-H leader that:
  - ❖ They have successfully completed Level 1.
  - ❖ They have had prior training in each event entered OR that they enter and satisfactorily complete a training event prior to participating in the competition.
  - ❖ 4-H age categories apply unless event skill levels are used.
- Participants are responsible for reading and understanding current 4-H rodeo rules.
- Participants are expected to abide by the [4-H Code of Conduct Policy #1.02](#). Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the entire rodeo.

## **Rodeo Committee Requirements**

- The host club/4-H entity is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants, spectators, officials and animals.
- A committee must be designated to ensure:
  - ❖ Eligibility of all participants.
  - ❖ Proper use and care of animals:
    - Humane treatment of animals at all times.
    - 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.
  - ❖ Removal from the entire rodeo, of any person found to be interfering with or harassing any judge or official.
  - ❖ A process is established to accept for discussion and decision any complaints/grievances/appeals, received within thirty (30) minutes of the infraction containing two (2) signatures from someone other than the complainant or the complainant's immediate family.

## Acceptable 4-H Rodeo Events

- The 4-H and Agriculture Education Branch sanctions the following events as approved 4-H rodeo events. All applicable rules and guidelines for each event can be found in the 4-H Rodeo Manual available from the 4-H and Agriculture Education Branch. All rules must be strictly adhered to. Any additions to this list must be submitted to the 4-H and Agriculture Education Branch along with appropriate rules, guidelines, assessment tools and safety precautions for approval. Approval process can take up to one year. The events are as follows:
  - ❖ Barrel Racing
  - ❖ Break Away Roping
  - ❖ Goat Tying
  - ❖ Steer / Cow Riding
  - ❖ Team Roping
  - ❖ Stake Race
  - ❖ Keyhole
  - ❖ Pole bending
  - ❖ Thread the Needle
  - ❖ Steer Daubing
- Only the rodeo events included on the above list are approved/ sanctioned by the 4-H and Agriculture Education Branch. The 4-H program/Alberta 4-H Council will assume no responsibility for injuries or insurance claims relating to non sanctioned events.