

J2
ARENA

RULE BOOK

2024-2025

MISSION

To provide a safe, friendly environment to those who enjoy the sport of rodeo and provide a competitive competition. With the desire to instill the Rodeo/Western heritage. Most importantly serving God by serving others and being an example to all.

RODEO YEAR

The official rodeo season shall be from August through May. The point award year shall begin with the first rodeo in September and points will end at the last rodeo in May.

LOCATION

All rodeos will be held at:

J2 Arena - Quitman, Ga.
GPS: 125 Roberts Rd 198, Quitman, Ga. 31643

Signature Page

I certify that I have received a copy of the rulebook and agree to read it.

I also understand that the J2 is a volunteer ran association and our family is to help with events during the rodeo season.

Print: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

12. Team Ropers can swap side for money; however points will only be given on designated side for awards.

WAVIER: It is agreed and understood by the Parent(s), Legal Guardian, and contestant that for and in consideration of the opportunity of participating in the J2 Rodeo. He /she does hereby forever release and hold harmless the J2 Arena, Charles W. Johnson and N. Serena Johnson, the producers thereof, stock contractors, any and all of the employees/volunteer of the aforementioned parties from any and all liability; for any and all damages, injuries and death by reason of any and all activities connected with the Rodeo Association, held or sponsored by the aforementioned, while the said undersigned is contestant, participant, viewer, or visitor, paying or otherwise, of said activities. Any person becoming a member or permit rider shall comply with all its rules and decisions and shall be bound by same.

Rodeo is a dangerous sport and ultimately can result in the loss of body parts or death.

This waiver is for both inside and outside of the rodeo arena, bovine and equine and applies to both contestants and spectators.

SECTION 1

1. This is an evolving rulebook, and rules will be updated as unique situations arise to ensure fairness for all members.
2. J2 Rodeo is open to ages 18 and up. Must turn 18 in 2024.
3. MEMBERSHIP / FEES
 - a. Online Membership forms can be filled out at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/j214/j2rodeo>
You do not have to pay on-line.
 - b. Membership is \$100 per person
 - c. Each rodeo will have a \$10 per person grounds fee.
 - d. Entry Fees are due in cash only.
4. Entry Fees
 - a. Ladies - Barrels, Poles
 - b. Ladies - Breakaway \$40
 - c. Men – Tiedown, Chute Dogging \$40
 - d. Both Genders– Team Roping \$40 each side
 - e. Both Genders - Bulls & Broncs \$50

Additional Runs:

5. 3D Barrels and Poles – Contestants can enter more than 1 time. However; they must designate a Contestant/horse combo to count as their All Around Points. Entry fees for the 2+ run will be \$15. \$5 to payout and \$10 to awards. End of Year Awards will be determined by number of entries (I would like to do awards on a 3d format and points will be tracked this way. I just need to make sure we have enough money to cover this). See me if you have questions.
6. Chute Dogging & Roping events: Extra runs are for payout only; no points will be given. 1st run will be points run for

3. Must be a bell collar catch.
4. If a calf has 2 inch or longer horns and the rope passes over one horn but not the other, it will be considered a legal catch.
5. Rope must be on calf when it breaks free from the saddle for time to count.
6. The calf must break the rope free from the saddle horn. The rider cannot break the rope free.
7. If a barrier is used it cannot be changed until all contestants have roped.
8. If a change to the barrier is required, all prior ropers time will be invalid and will rope again

Team Roping

1. There will be a team roping meeting at the start of the first rodeo. This will allow ropers the chance to meet each other. Points partners will be declared at the meeting.
2. You must declare yourself as a header or heeler.
3. You can draw a partner for the first 3 rodeos. After the 3rd rodeo you must have a designated partner.
4. Once Points Partners have been declared there will be no changes. Exception: Points partner does not enter a rodeo or leaves the association.
5. Ropers can rope more than once (see above); however on designated run will count towards points.
6. Draw partners must pay entry fees to be eligible for payout.
7. If points partner misses a rodeo, you can pick or draw a partner.
8. Payout will be based on paid entries
9. If rope comes out of hand / dropped it is considered thrown.
10. Only 3 legal head catches; slick, half head, and whole head all other catches will receive a no time.
11. There will be a 5 second penalty for one leg and 10 second penalty for broke barrier

2. Catch as catch can. The rope must be on the calf when the roper reaches it. If the rope comes off the calf and the roper has hands on then he/she can continue with the tie for a qualifying time.
3. A neck rope must be used and contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging calves. If the horse drags the calf, judge may stop the horse.
4. Rope must be tied "hard and fast" to saddle horn.
5. The judge can and will cut ropes should they feel there is a safety issue.
6. The judge can contact the ropers horse for safety reasons.
7. Contestant must cross and tie three feet in a 3 bone cross.
8. If the calf is down he must be stood up and thrown prior to tying.
9. Tie must hold until passed on by judge and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal. If tie comes loose before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be given no time.
10. The flagman will pass on the tie on the calf by use of a stopwatch, timing six (6) seconds from the time roper has remounted and given slack to rope. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope will remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
11. The flagger is to stopwatch when calf kicks free, using the time on the watch to determine if time limit of six (6) seconds was reached to qualify time.

Breakaway Calf Roping

1. Breakaway string will be provided. Unapproved string will result in a NO time.
2. A bandana must be tied to the breakaway rope that is easily seen by the judge.

all around. Extra runs will be \$25. \$5 will go to payout, \$10 to awards and \$10 stock fee.

Exhibition Runs: \$15 for all events with no payout.

7. Permit Rule

- a. A contestant wishing to ride on a permit may do so for a permit fee of \$10.00 per rodeo
- b. Bulls and Broncs must sign up in advance. Permit riders cannot sign up at the rodeo for these events.
- c. Permit riders WILL NOT be eligible for points but will be eligible for payout.
- d. Permit riders that convert their permit to membership on the day of the rodeo will receive points for that day. The permit fee will only be applied towards membership fee; if joining the same day the permit fee is paid.

SECTION II

1. Dress Code

- a. Any combination of Western Wear, J2 T-shirts and J2 ball cap or Western hat can be worn.
- b. Western Wear is considered:
A western hat cowboy hat, boots, and a shirt with long sleeves, collar and buttons/snaps down the front must be worn. Shirt sleeves must be rolled down.
Boots: no wide, lug soled boots will be allowed, i.e..
Shirts must be tucked in completely. No cropped shirts allowed.
- c. Approved riding helmets may be worn in lieu of a western hat.

- d. Contestants are required to be in full dress code while competing and at awards. Full attire is not required outside of the arena.
- e. Hats – Contestants must have their hat on when they start their run. Failure to have a hat on violates the dress code and a no time will be given.

2. J2 Arena is a drug and alcohol free facility

3. Online Entry / Change Request

- a. After the initial call in there is no need to call in for the next rodeo; unless you have changes or need to call out.
- b. Initial Entry - Members should fill out the on-line entry form to enter the rodeo. This form is only for the first time you are entering. Any changes after that the change request form should be used.
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/J214/Entry>
- c. Change Request - After the first rodeo any changes to a contestant's events should be done online
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/J214/ChangeRequest>
- d. Any entry/changes should be done 8 days prior to the rodeo weekend. If you have questions call or text (229)740-1420.
- e. NO EXCEPTIONS: If you need to make changes after the call in/out date there is a \$10 per rider change fee.
- f. If you call out you must call back in or you will not be entered.
- g. All unpaid entry fees must be paid; that result from a contestant not being called out.

4. Medical Exemption

Should a contestant not be able to attend due to illness/injury they can receive attendance credit for the

moods that change just like ours do. Somedays they may buck or be aggressive more than others. Reminder: This is a dangerous sport and can result in injury or death.

Bull Riding

1. A qualifying time is 8 seconds
2. Points will be awarded based on scores
3. Must have a qualifying ride to be eligible for points and payout
4. Time will stop if bull is touched with free hand or rider double grabs.
5. All bulls will be flanked

Bronc Riding

1. Must attempt to mark horse out.
2. Touching with free hand is a disqualification.
4. Qualifying time is 8 seconds
5. Must have a qualifying ride to be eligible for points and payout
6. Time will start with the plain of the chute is broken.
7. Time will end at fouling the stock, when hand comes out of riggin, double grabs, or a stirrup is lost or a qualifying time is reached. Judge will be the official time.

All Roping Events

1. Barrier will be used; broke barrier will have a 10 second penalty.
2. No one is to be past the judge's line
3. Will be rodeo runs – 1 loop
4. All roping stock will be chute run.
5. Contestants will be drawn for position by the computer program.

Tie Down Calf Roping

1. Roping calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.

9. Rule Clarification: Centering a pole is considered a broke pattern. A hit pole is when the side of the horse hits the pole (not the chest).

Chute Dogging

1. One judge will start the time by dropping a flag and the other will stop the time by dropping a flag.
2. Points will be awarded on fastest time not to exceed time limit.
3. Stock will be steers.
4. There will not be a tailman to hold the steer back.
5. Steer will not be thrown until judge says "GO".
6. If a steer is knocked down or falls; the steer has to be stood back up on all four feet before the throw begins.
7. Time stops when a legal throw is made.
8. If contestant has loss of contact or control of the steer at any point in the run, he has 2 steps to make contact back with the steer.
9. Contestant arms must be behind the horns when the steer is turned out.
10. If the contestant goes to both horns or reaches over the steer head before the line it will be a 5 second penalty.
11. Contestant must maintain forward motion and cannot circle the steer until crossing the line and judge says go.
12. Attempting to slow down or circle the steer prior to line will result in a no time.

In order; to be a legal throw as steer must be stopped or change directions, thrown on his side with all four feet pointed out with the nose in the same directions (neck twisted the same way as the feet fall.)

Rough Stock Disclaimer: Stock is randomly drawn / not assigned. We do not take responsibility for your level of riding skills to cover the stock. It is your personal responsibly to make the decision of riding or not riding. These are live animals and have their own

rodeo. The exemption does not allow the rodeos to be made up. This is attendance credit only. The following criteria must be meet to qualify:

A Doctors Excuse must be provided:

- a. There will be a \$50 per rodeo exemption fee.
- b. The missed rodeos will not be made up and no points awarded.

5. Contestant Responsibility

1. J2 is a volunteer ran association and all families are expected to help with the rodeos. Examples: Calling contestants names, picking up hats, barrel and pole setters, assisting with goat tying, Time keeper/backup and other stock events.
2. Draw: Verify the draw to ensure it is correct. This includes events and division.
3. Rodeo Results: Please verify your times are entered correctly after each event when results are posted.
4. Points Verification: Rodeo results will be posted after each event at the rodeos. It is everyone's responsibility to review the results. Points are in a pending status until the following months rodeo and then they are considered final.
5. Updates: J2 uses multiple means for communication. It is each family's responsibility to ensure they stay informed. Updates: Facebook, GroupMe and posted at the arena.
6. Reading the rulebook and meeting the guidelines as outlined.

SECTION III

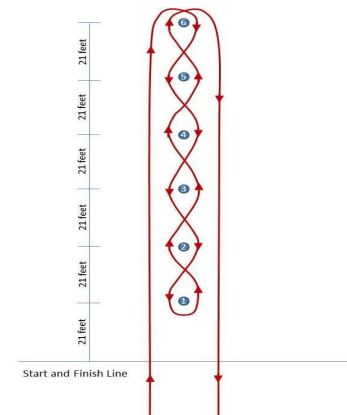
1. **Judges** – Should you have a question regarding an event call. Please see the Event Director immediately. Do NOT go to the announcer stand. All judges' decisions are final. All disputes/questions should be addressed prior to the end of the event in question.
2. Judges can be questioned about their call and they will explain to you why they made the call they did. However; should the member/parent argue with the judges decision or collectively try to get others to back your opinion a NO time will be awarded for the contestant in that event. You might disagree but remember our judges make decisions based on our rulebook and their interpretation of it not yours.
3. **Announcer Stand** – Only the Rodeo Secretary, Timekeeper/backup, and announcer are allowed in the announcer stand. No one should enter the announcer stand once the rodeo has started. This is to help reduce distractions and ensure the rodeo runs as quickly and smoothly as possible. Should you have a questions see Serena Johnson.
4. **Points and Award:** Points will be awarded to the top 10 contestants in each event. Points will be distributed according to the placing in each event. Events will be distributed as follows:

1. First will receive 10 points
2. Second 9 points
3. Third 8 points
4. Fourth 7 points
5. Fifth 6 points
6. Sixth 5 points
7. Seventh 4 points
8. Eighth 3 points
9. Ninth 2 points
10. Tenth 1 points

Pole Bending

1. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles. Leadline Poles will only have 3 poles.
2. Each pole is to be 21 ft. apart and the first pole is to be 21 ft. from the starting line.
3. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole, and run remainder of the pattern accordingly.
4. Poles should be at least 6 ft. tall. If the base is metal – 12 to 18 inches in diameter.
5. There shall be five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked down
6. Horse and rider must maintain forward motion at all times or the pattern will be considered broken and result in a no time. Forward motion is enforced once the timers are started.
7. Drag the arena according to the conditions of ground.
8. When a contestant starts the timer, the contestant has accepted the arena conditions and the order of the run as is. There will be no re-run.

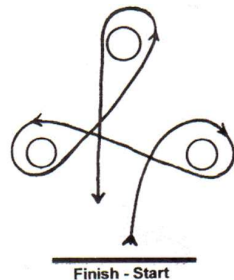
Pole Bending Set-up and Riding Pattern



- For all events. When a contestant starts the timer, the contestant has accepted the arena conditions and the order of the run as is.

Barrels

- Contestant may start on either right or left barrel. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one right and two left turns around the barrels, and when starting on the left, there will be one left and two right turns around the barrels. (See pattern) Cloverleaf barrel patterns only. Any additional turns will result in a no-time.
- The barrels must be at least 15 feet from the fence. The starting and finishing line must be no less than 15 yards from the end of the arena.
- There will be a 5 second penalty for each barrel knocked down, even if it bounces back upright.
- Horse and rider must maintain forward motion at all times or the pattern will be considered broken and result in a no time. Forward motion is enforced once the timers are started.
- Drag the arena according to the conditions of ground.
- When a contestant starts the timer, the contestant has accepted the arena conditions and the order of the run as is.



- Bull Riding:** Points will be assigned based on total number of seconds ridden. Example; 4.6 was total time will be 4.6 points. However; if a full ride is made the ride will be given a score for their ride and points will be assigned accordingly.
- Permit Riders:** Do not receive points
- Points earned in the combined divisions will be awarded to the division the contestant competes in.
- Headers and Heelers** will earn points individually and will not be viewed as team.

5. Rodeo Pay Table (Chute Dogging, Bulls, Broncs, and Roping Events)

1-3	1	100%
4-8	2	60%, 40%
9-15	3	50%, 30%, 20%
16-25	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
26-35	5	34%, 27%, 20%, 13%, 6%
36 or more	6	29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%

3D Payout Table

1-9	1	100%
10-15	2	60%, 40%
16-30	3	50%, 30%, 20%
31-60	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
61-90	5	34%, 27%, 20%, 13%, 6%
91-120	6	29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%

All payout and awards are conditional based on the finances and are subject to change throughout the year. The computer program rounds payout to whole dollars so the percentage is not exact.

3D Barrels and Poles: Division Payout 50/30/20 – levels down will be based on # of contestants.

Should an event not have any qualified entries resulting in payout. The payout will be accumulated as added money for the finals.

6. **Entry Fees** - Are to be paid in cash
7. **Event Payout** – Barrels and Poles \$5 will go to payout. Bulls and Broncs, Chute Dogging and Roping Events \$10 will go to payout.
8. **Awards fee** - \$20 off EF goes to awards for 1st run \$10 of EF after 1 entry goes to awards
9. **Stock Fee** - \$20 for bulls and broncs, \$10 for calves and steer.
10. **Attendance Rule** – Must compete in 5 of the 9 rodeos to be eligible for finals.
11. **End of Year Awards:** You must compete at finals to be eligible for awards and meet the attendance requirement.
12. **Finals Points.** Points are earned throughout the rodeo season are accumulated and carried through to the finals. At the finals, contestants receive points as normal for first rodeo and then again at the second performance. The times/scores for these two rodeos are averaged and the third rodeo is created. The total points for the finals as well as total points throughout the season are totaled and awarded as such.

13. **Finals Fee** – There is a \$20 per contestant Finals Fee. This goes toward finalist items

14. **Tie Breaker.** In the event of a tie the contestant's total points for the rodeo season prior to the average will be used to determine the event placing.

The following will be used to break ties if the criteria above result in a tie.

- a. Fastest average time / score from the finals
- b. If both tiebreakers above, we will use the fastest time / score from the Finals.

15. **Awards/Buckles/Saddles:** Awards will be determined by amount of money raised during the season. There must be at minimum of 15 entries in an event for an event saddle to be awarded.

SECTION IV

1. **SAFTEY GEAR** – J2 **REQUIRES** the use of safety gear. Each contestant is responsible for providing and using protective gear; as appropriate for each event.
2. **INSURANCE** - J2 does not provide contestant/Spector insurance. It is up to each family to obtain insurance for their family as they see fit.
3. **EVENT RULES**
 1. If a contestant's time is missed for any reason and results in a rerun regardless of the outcome of the first time the contestants time on the second run will stand.