

SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H RODEO ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association".

This association will be a subsidiary of the San Juan County 4-H Council (San Juan County, NM).

ARTICLE II- OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be:

1. To promote 4-H rodeo(s).
2. To provide training for the 4-H member in rodeo events.
3. To promote sportsmanship, leadership, and citizenship for all members.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

All members (Students), (regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or handicap) of the San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association shall be enrolled in the 4-H rodeo project. Each active member shall have a vote. A member (student) led board shall be established with at least six member representatives. The member board shall elect the following office positions. 1) President (Sr. Member) 2) Vice-President (Novice, Jr., or Sr.) 3) Secretary (Sr. Member) 4) Treasurer (Jr. or Sr. Member). The Member board shall be elected by majority vote annually. The term for each board position is minimum 1 year. All active member board members must attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the annual San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association meetings. Nominations for member board positions will be accepted at the annual meeting. Voting will take place at the same annual meeting by all active members.

ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ADULT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

In alignment with the object and purpose of the San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association, the adult Board of Directors sole purpose is to promote, support and shepherd a member (student) driven program. The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) elected adults from which the following officers shall be appointed: 1) President/Chair 2) Vice-President 3) Secretary and 4) Treasurer. Board of Director positions shall be at a minimum of one (1) year terms. Nominations and voting shall occur at the annual meeting. Board of Directors are required to attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the annual San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association meetings or be removed from the board/office. Apart from board of director nominations, adults shall act in an advisory position. Adults cannot vote on any member driven issue during the annual meetings. Any San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE VI- FINANCIAL MATTERS

A minimum of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) will remain annually in the San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association bank account. This will serve as a two-thousand-dollar (\$2,000.00) CD in joint ownership of the San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association and the San Juan County 4-H Council. If the San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association disbands for any cause, the minimum two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) shall be used by the San Juan County 4-H Council with the sole purpose of reinstating or promoting 4-H rodeo until the association is reestablished.

VI.I.- Deposits and Debits

All deposits of the association, associated with membership dues, entry fees, sponsorships etc., shall be deposited into the associations bank within five (5) business days.

All checks, cash withdraws and or debits of any kind shall require at least two (2) board of director signatures or approvals. The debits shall be reported to the member treasurer and the board of director treasurer before implementation. It is the responsibility of the member treasurer to provide a current treasurer's report including but not limited to deposits, credits, and balances at every annual meeting. A year end annual financial report shall be presented at the beginning of a new fiscal year (January).

ARTICLE VII- AWARDS

An awards committee shall be developed each year and include at least three (3) members. One (1) representative from each division (novice, jr. and sr.) and at least two (2) adult committee members. The purpose of the awards committee is determining the prizes awarded at both individual pointed rodeos and the year-end all-around and event awards. The awards committee shall select prizes and the members shall vote on the prizes selected by the committee. All Around, Reserve All Around, and event champion awards shall be announced prior to the first pointed rodeo of the season. The awards committee shall present at least two (2) bids for major awards (e.g., buckle and saddle) to members and the board of directors at a scheduled meeting in advance of ordering. The awards committee shall determine prizes for all event placing. The awards committee shall present their recommendation to the members and Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting. The Board of Director Treasurer and Member Treasurer shall approve the award committees award nominations based on available association funds. If a sponsor gives with the sole purpose of a select award, that money received shall be used for that sole purpose.

All active rodeo participant members must compete in fifty percent (50%) of the pointed San Juan County 4-H Rodeo Association Rodeos to be eligible for year-end prizes. NOTE: All awards are dependent upon available funds available at the completion of the rodeo series/season.

No tuning or correcting of horses in a harsh manner while inside or outside of the arena by any contestant/member, parent, family member or coach during any association rodeo or event.

The Alley Way shall be kept clear of horses and people during the rodeo while contestants are competing.

Horses shall not be tied in the Alley Way, the arena or within direct entrance or egress of the arena.

Reference: *New Mexico 4-H Rodeo Rule Book. 200.R-4 (2023)*. New Mexico State University: College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. [New Mexico 4-H Rodeo Rule Book 200.R-4 \(R-2023\) \(nmsu.edu\)](http://nmsu.edu)

ARTICLE IX-GRIEVANCE POLICY

Under no circumstances will bullying, fighting, belligerent or aggressive behavior be allowed at any association rodeo or event. If a minor misunderstanding arises during a rodeo or event, a member must address the Arena Director for clarification of a rule or understanding. The Arena Director can ask the Association Board of Directors for clarification. If an issue is unresolvable, the member shall submit a written grievance to the member board and or the adult board of directors. The grievance can be added to the next annual or regularly scheduled meeting agenda for further discussion and or review. If a member/contestant, family member or associate with any member acts violently or aggressively in any manner at an association event, that member shall be disqualified from that rodeo or event. The member board shall vote to determine participation in future events.

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