

DeRidder Riding Club, Inc.

Show Rules

ARTICLE I – GENERAL

1. **MEMBERS ONLY:** Monthly competition will be held yearly starting in February and ending in September. All classes will receive money awards for first, second and third place, with the exception of Lead-line Division. Participation prizes will be awarded to all contestants in the Lead-line Division. Places in all other money classes will be determined according to Article III. Membership is subject to the following requirements:

- A. A current **COGGINS** is required for all horses, and should be in your possession whenever you are at club shows and events; and,
- B. Members of the DeRidder Riding Club will be required to assist in a minimum of **six (6)** events to be completed within the ten scheduled club shows. **Failure to work the minimum requirements will result in the member being required to collect/pay a \$500 Sponsorship, which shall be payable prior to the close of books on the last club show.** Failure to collect the required sponsorship will result in forfeiture of all prizes. (This is not meant to be a hardship; only a means of facilitating the safety and efficiency of our club shows.)

2. **AGE DIVISIONS:** All club events are broken down into the following age divisions: LEAD-LINE 1 - 6 yrs. **and must be led by an adult**; PEANUT 1 - 6 yrs.; PEEWEE 7- 10 yrs.; JUNIOR 11 - 14 yrs; INTERMEDIATE 15 - 25 yrs; SENIOR 26 & up. Age for club members is the rider's age as of January 1st of the current year. All riders riding alone will be placed ahead of any child that is helped. Riders will stay within their assigned age group. A photocopy of a birth certificate and/or driver's license must be provided by sign-up of the second club show.

3. **CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Club membership dues are **\$75 Single Membership +\$25 each additional person \$150 cap**

per year and must be paid by your first competition. Member dues cover immediate family only; and/or children that are filed as a tax dependency deductions on your income tax returns; or other legal guardianship (proof of custody and/or guardianship may be required). Points will be awarded to club members beginning from the date of paid membership in the club. Participation accreditation is subject to the following:

You must compete in four (4) events at six (6) club shows to be eligible for year end participation awards. All Riders riding by themselves will be placed ahead of any member that is helped.

4. **CONTESTING A TIME OR CALL OF AN EVENT / COMPLAINTS:** A participant having a complaint about a call or time must bring the complaint before a Board Member or Officer. The arena Judge will be consulted by said Board Member or Officer. The complaint must be made before the participant's age group begins the next event. If time or call is not contested within this time, the time or call stands. NO ONE is allowed in the announcer's booth except for Officers, Board Members or Time Keepers. Interference with a Timekeeper, Judge or Announcer is a disqualification for the rider, parents included.

5. **CHECKING TIMES AND POINTS:** Official points will be posted at each show for the prior months show. Participants will be given until the next month's show to question their points. If a participant does not question their points during this one

(1) month time period, the points will stand as recorded and that will be their official point total. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK TIMES THROUGHOUT THE CLUB SHOW OR AT THE END OF THE CLUB SHOW. NO EXCEPTIONS!

6. **MULTIPLE RIDERS:** No two (2) contestants in the same age division may ride the same horse for the following: barrel racing, flag racing, straight-a-way barrels, stake race or pole bending; except for the LEAD-LINE and PEANUT age divisions. In the event a competitor's horse is injured or becomes ill during the course of a competition, that competitor may ride the same horse as another competitor (in the same age division) but will receive participation credit only. (No points) THIS MUST BE CLEARED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB AND THE ANNOUNCER MUST BE NOTIFIED BEFORE THE RIDE BEGINS.
7. **PATTERNS:** If a rider enters the arena and receives a go signal, they must complete the pattern. A rider who breaks the timer prior to completing a full pattern will be disqualified and receive a no-time. PEANUT and PEEWEE patterns may be corrected, as long as the course has not been broken, and the contestant may be allowed to back track the course and continue the pattern correctly without being disqualified. A rider who fails to complete the pattern correctly will be disqualified and receive a no-time.
8. **CONDUCT:** Unruly or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Anyone acting in an intolerable manner will be disqualified for the remainder of the club show.
9. **DRESS CODE:** Boots and jeans are required. **No shorts, spaghetti straps, halter tops or anything revealing will be tolerated.** If you do not have on boots you will not be allowed to ride in any event; other improper attire will lead to disqualification resulting in a no-time.
10. **SAFETY:** Horses are not to be ridden above a walk in any area except where contestants are entering or leaving the arena, or the warm-up arena. No horse will be allowed in the concession stand area, the registration area, or between the bleachers and alley way. Please do not allow your children to play around the alleyway, gates or in and around the horses. Scooters, bicycles, skateboards or roller blades will not be allowed in the bleacher/stand area, alleyway, main arena or the warm-up arena. Four wheelers or other disturbing vehicles are not allowed on the premises. (Persons arriving in such a fashion must immediately park the vehicle.) This is for the safety of our children and horses. All dogs are required to be on a leash no longer than five (5) feet.
11. **ARENA GATE:** All contestants will run to a closed gate. (That is the gate under the announcers stand; it will be closed for everyone.)
12. **CLEAN UP:** All members and non-members on the premises are required to keep the grounds clean and free of all debris. Trash should be placed in trash barrels at all times.
13. **BOARD MEETINGS:** The Board of Directors for the DeRidder Riding Club will convene as needed. This meeting is open to the general membership. In the absence of five Board Members, the President of the club can vote and constitute an official meeting. In addition to the Board Members, the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer can vote.
14. **YEAR END AWARDS:** TO QUALIFY FOR YEAR END AWARDS PARTICIPANTS MUST RIDE IN A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) EVENTS AT SIX (6) CLUB SHOWS. Once qualified to receive points, any points earned by the contestant during the year (in top 8 shows) will count towards their award. (i.e., For all around, all points in top 8 of 10 shows. For First (1st) through Tenth (10th) places, top 8 shows. Year End awards are subject to the following specifications:

SADDLES: One saddle will be given in each age group. Board members will choose saddles.

- A. **ALL AROUND AWARDS:** All around will be given to the contestant with the most points for all age groups.
 - B. **PLACINGS:** First (1st) through Tenth (10th) place will be given. You must participate in six (6) shows, riding in minimum of four (4) events, to be eligible for year end awards.
 - C. **YEAR END TIES:** Ties will be broken on the basis of the contestant who rode the most number of times in his/her total events in the ten (10) best shows. If still tied, the award will go to the rider who received the most first places, as above, continuing on through tenth place, until the tie is broken. If tie exists after this, then both riders still receive the same award.
15. **POINT SYSTEM:** Ten points will be given to First (1st) place in each division with descending points following, down to Tenth (10th) place receiving one point.
16. **THEFT:** Anyone caught stealing will be banned from DRC for life and fully prosecuted.

ARTICLE II - EVENTS

(In the event of a dispute of any of the following guidelines, DRC will revert to the rules and regulations of the LHSRA)

SECTION I - ROPING

All roping events may begin with a barrier on an electric eye. If the barrier is broken there will be a ten (10) second penalty in any roping event.

1. **GOAT RIBBON PULL:** PEANUT (1 - 6 yrs) an adult will hold the goat. The participant will run and get the ribbon off the goat's tail, and run back across the start line (flagger's line). The start line will be set no closer than (ten) 10 feet from the goat. No tennis shoes or bare feet.
2. **GOAT RIBBON PULL:** PEEWEE (7-10 yrs) A goat will be staked on a ten (10) foot lead and have a ribbon on his tail. The participant will ride their horse to the goat, dismount and grab the ribbon from the goat's tail and run back across the flag line. The start line will be at the timer line and flag line will be (21) feet from the stake. The contestant will ride to the goat and dismount. Time will begin when the contestant crosses the start line. Once time has begun, arena jockey will release the goat. Contestants must acquire the ribbon off the goat's tail and run back across the flagger line. Time will stop when the contestant crosses the flagger line. Ribbon must be in hand in order to be granted a time. No tennis shoes or bare feet.
3. **CALF DUMMY ROPING:** PEANUT (1-6yrs), PEEWEE (7-10yrs), and JUNIOR (11-14yrs) Calf head will be placed on a bale of hay, or other stable object such as a calf sled. A start line will be designated by the arena judge. The contestant will start behind the start line. Time will start when the contestant crosses the start line. Time will stop when the contestant completes a head catch and tightens his slack. A line will be drawn behind the dummy. Participant must throw their loop prior to crossing this line. Throwing this loop after crossing the line will result in a no time. If the contestant fails to complete a head catch a No Time is given. Final time will be recorded as an average of 3 attempts.

4. **CALF RIBBON ROPING:** JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATE and SENIORS - Participants must compete with someone in their age group; only in the event no one is available is the same age group, a participant will be able to choose a partner from the next age group. It can be boy/girl, boy/boy, or girl/girl. The Roper will be allowed to designate his/her partner (mugger) which will be considered the designated run for the roper's points. POINTS MAY ONLY BE RECEIVED AS EITHER A ROPER OR MUGGER, NOT BOTH. All remaining muggers will be assigned a roper based on an alternating "quick draw" rotation of the ropers in that age group. The roper will have thirty (30) seconds to release his loop. The Roper is not allowed to re-build and is only allowed one loop. If the loop is not released in thirty (30) seconds a No time will be received; however, if the calf is caught prior to the thirty (30) second time limit the team will be allowed to complete the run. The roper must have touched on the calf prior to the ribbon being removed from the tail. The roper does not have to remove the rope from the calf before the mugger crossed the finish line. If the ribbon falls off the calf's tail, mugger MUST touch the tail of the calf before returning to the finish line. Any rope catch is legal. No tennis shoes or bare feet. **Roper can rope for multiple muggers, but he/she must designate which run will count for points at sign-up.**
5. **BREAKAWAY CALF ROPING:** All ropers may have two (2) loops; one (1) rope must be tied to your saddle. (you may not rebuild your rope) PEANUT and PEEWEE will have a one (1) minute time limit to throw both loops. JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATE and SENIORS will have a thirty (30) second time limit to throw both loops. The rope must be attached to the horn and may not be run through the bridle, tie down, neck rope or any other device. A white cloth or flag must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn. Time starts when the calf has been flagged from the chute and ends with any catch from the saddle horn and the flag is dropped by the Judge. The calf's head must pass through the loop. THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL. Exceeding the time limit will result in a no time. All ropers will run two calves. Points and money will be given on the average time.
6. **TIE DOWN CALF ROPING:** All ropers may have two (2) ropes; one (1) must be tied to your saddle. (You may not rebuild your rope.) PEANUT and PEEWEE will have a one (1) minute time limit to throw both loops. JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATE and SENIORS will have a thirty (30) second time limit to throw both loops. An adult may assist with the throw or tie of the calf one (1) minute after the timer begins. Failure to use a neck rope or a keeper will result in a no-time. Any catch is legal, but the rope does not have to be on the calf when tied. PEANUT, PEEWEE and JUNIOR ropers do not have to clear the ground with the calf in order to tie it. INTERMEDIATE and SENIOR time begins when the calf is flagged from the chute and ends when the roper has thrown up his hands, signifying the tie is complete, and the Judge drops the flag. The calf must remain tied for six (6) seconds or the Judge will signify a no-time. INTERMEDIATE and SENIORS: if the calf is jerked to the ground, the calf must be allowed to regain his feet, prior to the roper throwing the calf by hand. Exceeding the time limit will result in a no time. All ropers will run two calves. Points and money will be given on the average time.

7. HEADING AND HEELING: A barrier may be used. Time begins when the steer is flagged out of the chute and ends when the header has made a legal catch, the heeler has caught, and the header has turned about. The horses and the riders must be facing each other with the steer between the riders. The ropes must be tight (Peanut and Peewee do not have to dally, just pull slack), both header and heeler's horses' front feet must be on the ground and both riders must have dallied and the Judge drops the flag. A five (5) second penalty will be added to the time for catching only one heel. In the PEANUT and PEEWEE heading age groups, the header will head only (no heeler, legal head catch). In the PEANUT and PEEWEE heeling age groups, the headers' rope will be placed on the steer prior to the steer being released from the roping chute. PEANUT AND PEEWEE groups may have only one (1) loop. However, if an adult is in the heeling position, he/she will be allowed to use two (2) loops. JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATE and SENIORS will rope with someone from their own age division. Heading and Heeling points will be accumulated separately. **HEADER POINTS:** If the header catches and the heeler misses, the header gets a no-time. **HEELER POINTS:** If the header catches and the heeler misses, the heeler gets a no-time. JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATE, and SENIORS may have two (2) loops, (header (1) loop, heeler (1) loop). (A re-run may be granted on a dragging steer at the discretion of the roping chairman and the Judge flagging the event. There will be a one (1) minute time limit to throw both loops for all age groups. Exceeding the time limit will result in a no time. All ropers will run two steers. Points and money will be given on the average time.

SECTION II - SPEED EVENTS

- 1. GOAT TYING:** PEANUTS ONLY - the participant will ride their horse to the goat, dismount and tie the goat that has been held on the ground by an adult. After one (1) minute, if the participant has not tied the goat, the Judge may help them. The announcer will say when the one (1) minute time limit has ended. The participant must tie three (3) legs. ALL OTHER AGE DIVISIONS - participants must ride their horse to the goat, dismount and throw the goat by hand. If the goat is down, the rider must stand the goat on three (3) feet, then throw the goat. Any three (3) legs may be tied with one or more wraps, and half hitch, hooey or knot. The participant must throw up their hands and step back away from the goat to signify to the judge that the tie is complete. The goats' legs must remain tied for six (6) seconds after completion of the tie. If a rider, while mounted, runs over or hits the goat or the rope, with the horse, a ten (10) second penalty will be added. If the rider, while mounted, hits the goat or the rope to cause the goat to break away, the rider shall receive a no-time. A RIDER IS STILL MOUNTED UNTIL BOTH FEET ARE ON THE GROUND. The Judge's decision is final. The length of the rope shall be ten (10) feet from the anchor in the ground to the clip holding the goat.
- 2. BARREL RACING:** A participant may start on either the right or the left of the barrel. When starting on the right, there will be one (1) right turn, and two (2) left turns. When starting on the left, there will be one (1) left turn and two (2) right turns around the barrels. Failure to correctly ride the pattern shall result in a no time. If a participant knocks over a barrel, a five (5) second penalty will be added to the participants' time. Riders may touch the barrel with their hands.
- 3. STRAIGHT AWAY BARRELS:** The first barrel will be twenty one (21) feet from the timer, and the barrels will be forty two (42) feet apart. The time will begin when the horse crosses the timer. Starting at the first barrel, the participant will weave through the second and third barrels, going around the third barrel and weaving back through to the first barrel. Time ends when the horse crosses the

timer on the opposite side of the first barrel. A 5 second penalty will be assessed for each knocked down barrel.

4. **FLAG RACE:** Two (2) barrels will be set up at the end of the arena (35' off fence, 75' between barrels), each with a five (5) gallon bucket partially filled with oats
NOTE: The flag will be placed in the center of the bucket on the center of the barrel. Flag racers may run left to right or right to left. Flag racers must verify pattern/flags are set correctly for them before crossing the timer. The participant will be given a flag prior to entering the arena. The participant will then run to the left bucket and place the flag in the bucket. The flag must be carried in the participant's hand. Carrying the flag any other place but in the participant's hand will result in a no-time. A participant may circle the barrel without penalty. A participant will receive a no-time for any of the following:
 - A. Knocking over a barrel or bucket;
 - B. Failure to keep the flag in the first bucket;
 - C. Crossing the finish line without the flag from the second bucket; and/or,
 - D. Using the flag as a whip on the horse.
5. **POLE BENDING:** The pole bending pattern will be run around six (6) poles. Each pole will be twenty one (21) feet apart and the first pole will be twenty one (21) feet from the start line. The rider may start either on the right or left side of the pattern. Knocking down a pole shall result in a five (5) second penalty for each pole, which will be added to the rider's time. The rider may touch the pole with their hands. Failure to correctly complete the pattern shall result in a no-time.
6. **STAKE RACE:** The start and finish line will be twenty (20) feet wide and marked by two (2) upright markers (short pylons or cones), placed ten (10) feet on each side of the center of the line and short enough so as to not interfere with the timer. The first and fifth poles marking the centerline are each forty two (42) feet from the start and finish line, making them a total of eighty four (84) feet apart. Timing begins as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line at the center of the pattern. The contestant then proceeds to the far pole, coming around in a figure 8 pattern around the other pole and time will be stopped when the horse's nose passes over the finish line in the center. Knocking over any pole during time or knocking over the timer results in a no-time.

ARTICLE III - ENTRY FEES

1. **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

\$75 Single Membership
+\$25 each additional person
\$150 cap

2. **REGISTRATION FEES:** All entries must be registered before the event begins. If the name is not on the sign up roster and paid for, the rider cannot ride. Registration fees are as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Ribbon Roping (JR, INT & SR)	\$16.00 Roper/\$16 Mugger
Tie-Down Roping (2 head avg.)	\$32.00
Breakaway Roping (2 head avg.)	\$32.00
Heading & Heeling (2 head avg.)	\$32.00 Header/\$32.00 Heeler
Peanut Goat Ribbon Pull	\$ 6.00
Peewee Staked Goat Ribbon Pull	\$ 6.00
Peanut & Peewee Calf Dummy Roping	\$ 6.00
Pole Bending	\$ 6.00
Stake Race	\$ 6.00
Straight Away Barrels	\$ 6.00
Barrel Racing	\$ 6.00
Flag Race	\$ 6.00
Goat Tying	\$ 11.00

3. **SIGNUP:** Signup begins at 8:30 a.m. Starting schedule and book closing will be as follows:

- A. ROPING starts at 9:30 a.m. with books closing at 9:00 a.m.
- B. LEADLINE starts at 10:00 a.m. with books closing at 9:30 a.m.
- C. SPEED EVENTS start at 11:30 a.m. with books closing at 11:00 a.m.

4. **PAYOUT:** Payout is determined by event cost and is scheduled as follows:

\$ 6.00 event pay-out: 1st place \$5.00; 2nd place \$4.00; 3rd place \$3.00
\$ 11.00 Event pay-out: 1st place \$5.00; 2nd place \$4.00; 3rd place \$3.00
\$ 32.00 event pay-out: 1st place \$12.00; 2nd place \$10.00; 3rd place \$8.00

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