

**WELCOME TO THE 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NAVAJO NATION FAIR**  
**OPEN INDIAN JUNIOR RODEO**  
**CONTESTANT INFORMATION – GROUND RULES**

- Please be aware of the Order of Events – this is posted. Please be ready when you are called for your event.
- Please be aware of the Time Limits for each event – this is posted.
- Contestants are encouraged and asked to participate in the Grand Entry.
- Midget Division – Goat Tagging – *for safety reasons* – Contestants in this event MAY NOT wear spurs.
- The designated alleyways for entering the arena and exiting the arena will be utilized for the Barrels & Poles, please ask the Arena Director, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Barrel Racing: Circling horse before run or causing unnecessary delay before beginning pattern; intentionally knocking off hat with hand; and not being ready when called will be cause for disqualification. As a general reminder and courtesy for this rodeo since we have a high number of contestants, we would like to recommend that you tie your hat down, pull them down harder than usual, etc, so they won't fall off so easily, we ask this because we would expedite the rodeo to the best of our ability. Thank you.
- Rakes will be every 7 runners.
- DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED, THIS INCLUDES HELPERS.
- Breakaway strings can be picked up from the CES or the Arena Director, a reminder, to remove all old strings from your rope when tying on the new one. No Tails are allowed in the breakaway roping.
- Goat tying, if the contestant's horse crosses over the goat or rope, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with the goat or rope at any time, a five second penalty will be assessed.
- If you need clarification, please contact the judges or the Arena Director. The committee will not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct or inhumane treatment of animals.
- Rough Stock: Mandatory – protective vest and mouth piece. Helmet is optional. A GENERAL REMINDER, AGAIN, YOUR HELPERS MUST BE IN DRESS CODE.
- Committee will draw stock for the following events – SB, BB, BR, TD, Woolly Riding, Steer Riding, Chute Dogging and Jr Bull Riding.
- Jr Coed and Sr Boys Team Roping is one and one and must stay within your age group; Sr girls is also one and one; you will be able to choose their partners from the rodeo, your partner must be entered in the rodeo.
- The committee will utilize a points system with placing from 100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place and so forth to 10 points for 10<sup>th</sup> place for the all around standings. If there is a tie, the winner will be determined by a flip of a coin.
- There will be no refunds unless you have a Dr's statement or Vet release; rodeo fee will not be refunded.
- Any clarification that needs to be made will be the authority of the judges and Arena Director and the Junior Rodeo Committee Coordinator. Judges will have final ruling.

**GOOD LUCK to ALL our participants today, have a GREAT day everyone!!!**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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