

GARY J. DANIELS SUNBELT RODEO - RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY: The Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo is open to all developmentally disabled or otherwise handicapped persons regardless of race, creed, or sex. All participants must have a current physical and signed release form and must be officially entered in the rodeo.

RULES COMMITTEE: The Rules Committee of each local rodeo shall be comprised of representatives of the sponsoring organization, together with representatives of the local community, and at least one Rodeo participant.

The rules and regulations of the Sunbelt Rodeo are approved and determined by the Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo Board of Directors of each individual state, and shall be subject to modification only by the Rules Committee.

In the event of complaints, protests, or problems, the Rules Committee shall also serve as a Board of Appeals and shall make all final decisions concerning their local rodeo, so long as they do not violate the goals of the Sunbelt Rodeo.

The Rules Committee shall be responsible for the organization, coordination, and implementation of their local rodeo. They shall appoint all judges, scorekeepers, and officials.

COMPETITION LEVELS: Contestants will be divided into separate divisions according to riding abilities. The responsibility for the assignment of a contestant to the proper division shall be determined by the coach or the Rodeo Committee. The decisions of the Rodeo Committee are final.

OUTSTANDING RED DIVISION: This division is designed for persons who are capable of riding a horse at a faster pace and are able to run event patterns without assistance.

GREEN DIVISION: This division is designed for persons who are capable of riding a horse at a walking or trotting speed and are able to run event patterns with only verbal assistance (i.e., no walking beside horse, no running through pattern ahead of horse). Assistance other than verbal prompts will result in a significant penalty. Steps may be used to mount the horse.

YELLOW DIVISION: This division is designed for persons who are capable of walking, trotting, or running the horse while leading the horse through event patterns with only verbal assistance. Assistance other than verbal prompts will result in a penalty. Steps may be used to mount the horse in Horsemanship event.

ADAPTED SADDLE PURPLE DIVISION: This division is designed for persons who use a wheelchair or walker for mobility. Riders will be strapped in an adapted saddle, with the horse being led at a walking speed through event patterns.

EXPLANATION OF OUTSTANDING COMPETITION: Both Saturday go-rounds will consist of three events: Pole Bending, Key Hole and Flag Race. The six accumulated times of these events will be used to rank finalists. Finalists 1-10 (or 1-15) will be paired with community riding partners (based on partner availability) for the Finals on Sunday morning and will compete in Barrel Race, Pole Bending, and Flag Race. Community partners' times will not be used in scoring. Finalists 11-30/16-30 will also compete in Barrel Race, Pole Bending, and Flag Race. The top 30 finalists will ride in the Main Arena. All remaining Outstanding Division participants will compete in Barrel Race, Pole Bending, and Flag Race in the secondary arena.

EXPLANATION OF REGULAR COMPETITION: In the Green Regular Division and Yellow Regular Division, Go-Rounds #1 and #2 times for each event will be totaled for each contestant. Total scores of each event will be ordered, and the top 10 times (1-5 in Group A, 6-10 in Group B) will participate in Finals. Awards will be given to all making Finals.

EXPLANATION OF ADAPTED SADDLE COMPETITION: In the Purple Adapted Saddle Division, contestants will be given an opportunity to experience the thrill of riding a horse, strapped in a saddle and with the horse being lead through events at a walking speed. No scores are recorded; each rider will be given a participation award.

HORSES ASSIGNED: Participants will ride the horses they are assigned if they brought no horses. If teams bring their own horses, they will be asked to put their horses into a "horse pool" so that anyone may ride their horses, but this

is not mandatory. The decision to re-run "bad horses" will be the sole discretion of the judges.

CHANGES IN DIVISIONS: Any changes in color divisions should be reported BY COACHES to the secretary's tent!!