

2022 GARY J. DANIELS SUNBELT RODEO – RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH EXPLANATIONS

ELIGIBILITY: The Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo is open to all intellectually 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. **Covid-19 Vaccination Status MUST BE INCLUDED with the release form.**

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. Red 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: **WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO DIVISIONS THIS YEAR** Group A will be for persons who are capable of riding a horse at a trotting pace and able to run event patterns with only verbal assistance. Group B is designed for persons who are capable of riding a horse at a walking speed and are able to run event patterns with only verbal assistance. Steps may be used to mount the horse, but you must be able to get on the horse yourself or with minimal assistance. **Due to aging horses, individuals and volunteer safety, riders must be under 300#.** For those that are over this, they may participate in the yellow division. Riders must compete in only one division for all events.

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. Steps may be used to mount the horse in Horsemanship event, but you must be able to get on the horse yourself or with minimal assistance.

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 (RED) COMPETITION: Both Friday go-rounds will consist of three events: Pole Bending, Barrels and Flag Race. The six accumulated times of these events will be used to rank finalists. All Red Riders will compete in the finals on Saturday morning. The Saturday events will be **Barrel Race, Pole Bending, and Flag Race**.

EXPLANATION OF REGULAR (GREEN & YELLOW) 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 will participate in Finals. Awards will be given to all making Finals. If a green rider desires to participate in four events where one of the events is the trail course (where you provide your own horse), only three events will be used for scoring for the buckle.

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 led 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!!

EXPLANATION OF REGULAR & OUTSTANDING COMPETITIONS

Coaches will choose **ONE** of the 5 divisions below for each participant. You cannot compete in both walking and trotting in the green division. You must do ALL walking or ALL trotting

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| 1 | OUTSTANDING RED DIVISION | MALE OR FEMALE |
| 2 | REGULAR COMPETITION, GREEN DIVISION (TROTTING) | MALE OR FEMALE |
| 3 | REGULAR COMPETITION, GREEN DIVISION (WALKING) | MALE OR FEMALE |
| 4 | REGULAR COMPETITION, YELLOW DIVISION | MALE OR FEMALE |
| 5 | ADAPTED SADDLE, PURPLE DIVISION | MALE OR FEMALE |

Red Division: This group is designed for more advanced riders who are capable of riding a horse at a faster pace and are able to run event patterns without assistance.

Green Division: This division will be divided into two groups this year. One group will be for trotting speed and one group at a walking speed. The rider must be able to run event patterns with only verbal assistance. You must do all events in the same group. Steps may be used to mount the horse but you must be able to get on the horse yourself or with minimal assistance. **Due to aging horses, individuals and volunteer safety, riders must be under 300#.** For those that are over this, they may participate in the yellow division.

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. Steps may be used to mount the horse in Horsemanship event but you must be able to get on the horse yourself or with minimal assistance.

Purple Adapted Saddle 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.

REGULAR COMPETITION

Competitors will choose 3 events offered in that color division:

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| GREEN DIVISION EVENTS MALE AND FEMALE Barrell Racing OR Key Hole Pole Bending OR Flag Race Goat Tie Bucking Machine Trail Course (must provide own horse) | YELLOW DIVISION EVENTS MALE AND FEMALE Barrel Racing Flag Race Trail Course Horsemanship Goat Tie Bucking Machine |
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In all events, there will be 2 Go-Rounds for times. BOTH Go-Rounds will be taken while mounted on the horse. Combined points from Go-Rounds #1 and #2 will determine the finalists for the Finals held on Saturday. **IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO RETURN ON SATURDAY, PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR ENTRY FORM!**

OUTSTANDING COMPETITION

Competitors within a color division will all participate in the same events.

Both Friday go-rounds will consist of three events: Pole Bending, Barrels and Flag Race. The six accumulated times of these events will be used to rank finalists. All RED RIDERS will participate in the Finals on Saturday morning and will compete in Barrel Race, Pole Bending, and Key Hole.

POINTS EARNED IN THE FINALS ARE THE ONLY CRITERIA USED TO DETERMINE PLACE. In the event of a tie in the Finals, the go-round totals will be used to break that tie.