



Evanston Rodeo Series

2011 Rules and Newsletter

18. JAYDEE BLACKBURN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Evanston Rodeo Series will once again offer the JayDee Blackburn Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be available to participants of the ERS. Complete information and applications are available by request from the ERS. Applications must be completed and returned to the ERS office by June 18, 2011.

19. The Evanston Rodeo Series has felt the impact of tough economic times. Sponsorships have been very difficult to obtain. As a result, we have made some changes on the year end awards. This year we will be awarding belt buckles and coats for the year end awards. We have made a determination to increase the added money in the Rough Stock events if the entries are over 16 in the Bull Riding and over 10 in the Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding. We have also maintained the same entry fees as last year. The Secretary fee for Team Roping was decreased last year.

<u>CONTESTANT ENTRY FEES</u>	<u>ENTRY FEE</u>	<u>SEC FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL FEE</u>	<u>ADDED MONEY</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL MONEY</u>
1. Bull Riding	\$70.00	\$20.00	\$90.00	\$500.00	\$100 over 16 contestants
2. Bareback	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$500.00	\$100 over 10 contestants
3. Saddle Bronc Riding	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$500.00	\$100 over 10 contestants
4. Tie Down Roping	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$400.00	\$100 for 2 more places
5. Ladies Breakaway	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$400.00	\$100 for 2 more places
6. Ladies Barrels	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$400.00	\$100 for 2 more places
7. Team Roping #13	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$400.00	
8. Team Roping #10	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$400.00	
9. Jr. Bull Riding	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$150.00	
10. Jr. Steer Riding	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	
11. Jr. Breakaway	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	
12. Jr. Barrels	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	
13. 40 & Over Tie Down Roping	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$10.00 per contestant (max \$100.00)	

We will be using an additional \$100 added money in the Tie Down Roping, Ladies Breakaway and Ladies Barrels events to pay two more places. For example, if there are 29-45 contestants we normally pay six places. We would pay 7th place at \$55 and 8th place at \$45.

PAYOFF'S

1 to 3 contestants	1 payoff	100%									
4 to 7 contestants	2 payoff	60%	40%								
8 to 12 contestants	3 payoff	50%	30%	20%							
13 to 19 contestants	4 payoff	40%	30%	20%	10%						
20 to 28 contestants	5 payoff	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%					
29 to 50 contestants	6 payoff	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%				
51 to 80 contestants	8 payoff	26%	21%	17%	13%	10%	6%	4%	3%		
81 and over	10 payoff	24%	19%	16%	13%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%

Every year we have a few complaints or suggestions and we do our best as a committee to deal with these issues as they arise. Unfortunately, some of these issues have escalated into confrontational situations which we, as a committee, cannot tolerate. If you have a problem or suggestion during the course of the year, please submit it in written form to a committee member and we will review it at our earliest opportunity and take whatever action we deem necessary. We will also review reports of harassment or inappropriate behavior by any participant and deal with them accordingly.

The Wyoming Legislature has passed a law concerning ANIMAL CRUELTY. Because of the high visibility of the rodeo arena to animal rights activists etc., the Evanston Rodeo Series will not tolerate any amount of animal abuse that occurs in the rodeo arena or surrounding areas. If we abuse our animals we are putting the future of rodeo in jeopardy, so we all need to be very aware of our actions towards our animals.

IT'S RODEO TIME AGAIN IN COWBOY COUNTRY! The Evanston Rodeo Series is beginning our 19th season. We will once again have four rodeo weekends in Evanston. The dates are as follows: June 3rd & 4th, June 17th & 18th, July 1st & 2nd, and July 15th & 16th.

The Evanston Rodeo Series is governed by rules and regulations as are all competitive events. We ask you as contestants to please read the 2011 Newsletter and understand that by signing the release form, you are agreeing to abide by the rules set forth in the newsletter.

To be eligible for the year end awards you must participate in all four rodeos, in your specific events (see section 15).

New for 2011: We have increased the added money in the Rough Stock event. Check the added money on item #19.

New for 2011: We have a sponsor for the 18 & Under Tie Down Roping. We will be giving a Belt Buckle to the winner (check item 11).

1. ENTRIES - PHONE ENTRIES ONLY - Entries will be taken at **307-789-5511** or **307-789-5512**. Rough stock entries will be taken on the Monday four days before each rodeo, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and timed event entries will be taken on Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Callbacks for rough stock will be Tuesday from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We will be taking entries on a first come first serve basis, except bull riding. Bull Riding will be drawn, with the 3 current point leaders having preference. You will only be allowed to enter yourself and one other person for any of the events in the rodeo performances, although you may enter more than one other person in the slack performances. We will try to accommodate contestants as much as possible.

2. ENTRY FEES - CASH ONLY, NO CHECKS - Entry fees for the rodeo performance can be paid starting at 5:00 PM. Saturday slack can be paid starting at 3:30. Entry fees must be paid 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the performance. Rough stock may be sold if the entry fees are not paid by that time. All contestants must pay before they will be allowed to participate. Please be ready to participate when your name is announced. There will only be (3) three calls to perform. If a contestant does not acknowledge the third call, he or she will be disqualified. You will not be allowed to take your run later. **No exceptions!**

3. ELIGIBILITY - To be eligible in any event the contestant needs to enter on the entry day, including alternates. Alternates for rough stock will be drawn from the contestants who enter but are not successful in drawing stock for the performance. These alternates will have the first option on turned-out stock. The ERS will require that all people behind the bucking chutes and within a restricted area be dressed in full western attire. Long sleeve shirts, western hat, and western boots.

4. RELEASE FORM / CONTESTANT CARD - To once again help with our entries we are asking each contestant to fill out an entry and release form. With this form we will be able to update our records so at the time of entries we will have the correct information. This form will also be a release form that will be used for the entire 2011 season. Contestants will be given a card with their name and also an assigned number for the 2011 season. Contestants will need to show this card at the time of paying fees. If the participant is a minor, under 18 years of age, there is a place on the release form for parental consent and Notary. **It is the contestants responsibility to notarize this form. If the registration form is not notarized it will be returned for you to complete.** This completed form is essential to allow participants in the restricted areas. The annual registration fee for each contestant must accompany the application. The registration fee for the 2011 season is \$25.00. The registration fee is nonrefundable. If the registration fee and application is received by May 25, 2011, we will discount the fee to \$15.00. Registration fee for Jr. Breakaway, Jr. Barrels, Jr. Steer Riding & Jr. Bull Riding will be \$10.00 all season. Team ropers please add your current USTRC number to the release form.

5. PENALTIES - TURN OUTS - If you enter an event and do not draw out at least 24 hours before the Friday night performance, you will be required to pay that entry fee before you are allowed to enter another rodeo. However, if we are able to sell the stock to an alternate, you will not be required to pay that entry fee. Doctor's releases and Veterinary releases will be honored if received in writing at the Evanston Rodeo Series office within 4 days of the rodeo in question. **Fax# 307-789-5512**

6. LADIES BARRELS - We are asking for your cooperation with some of our rules. **Upon entering the arena there will be NO circling your horse. The contestant must enter the arena with a forward motion to the first barrel. Also, we are asking each contestant to be responsible to keep their hat on during the entire barrel run (including Jr. Barrel Racers). Every contestant must have their hat on when entering the arena or they will be flagged out.** If these infractions continue we will be forced to implement fines. In the rodeo performances, we will rake between the Ladies Barrels and Jr. Barrels. In the slack, we will rake after every 10 competitors regardless of any changes on the day sheet. Raking for the Jr. Barrels in slack will be determined by the amount of entries. Also in the Ladies and Jr. Barrel racing, there will be one rider per horse; one horse cannot be ridden by two riders regardless of division. Only one entry per contestant. Payoffs will include \$100.00 to be paid down two more places. For example, if we had between 29 and 50 entries, we normally pay 6 places. We will pay 7th, and 8th, place with \$55.00 for 7th place, and \$45.00 for 8th place..

7. TEAM ROPERS - We will continue to have a #10 and a #13. If you do not have a current USTRC number we will assign you a number. When entering the team roping make sure you have a USTRC number for everyone you enter. In past years, we have had significant problems with team roping entries. Names have been given in error and partners have had to make changes at the rodeo. Please make sure that your entries are correct when you call to enter the rodeos. Remember that all participants must enter on call-in night and that team ropers may enter only twice. There will be absolutely **NO Changing** entries once entries have closed. There will be **NO Changing** of partners at the rodeo. There is also no switching of "ends" with the same partner. You are responsible for mistakes made in entries. We are again going to offer two team roping slacks- Friday night after the rodeo and Saturday before the rodeo at 5:00 PM.

Notice to all team ropers, you must present your USTRC card to the rodeo secretary when paying your entry fees. We will hold checks until Monday morning when we can verify all Team Roping Numbers.

8. ROPING ARENA RULES - All roping event contestants will enter through the back of the roping boxes. **There will be no circling of your horse in the arena before you rope. Follow cattle to the bottom of the arena and exit on the East End of the arena.** No contestant will be allowed to stay in the arena while other contestants rope. The only horses allowed to be brought back are those needed for additional runs in which prior arrangements need to be made with the judges. These rules may seem trivial to some but ERS has found that with a little cooperation the performances and especially the slack will run smoother and faster. There will be **NO switching** places or rolling. We will follow the order of the day sheet. If you miss your run you will not be allowed to go at the end.

Notice to all ropers including Breakaway ropers, your hat must be on when entering the arena. The roping box is not considered the arena.

9. 40 AND OVER TIE DOWN ROPING - The Evanston Rodeo Series will once again offer the 40 and over Tie Down Roping event. This event will be on Saturday afternoon prior to the Team Roping slack at approximately 4:30 PM. The ERS will add \$10.00 to this event for each contestant entered up to \$100.00.

10. JR. EVENTS – **The ERS will have the same age requirements for 2011.** The Jr. participant may compete in their respective event if they are the age of participation by May 31, 2011. The age limits for Jr. Events are as follows: Jr. Barrels - ages 14 & under, Jr. Breakaway - ages 14 & under, Jr. Steer Riding ages 10, 11, & 12. Jr. Bull Riding ages 13, 14 & 15. The entry fee for the Jr. Steer Riding will be \$25.00 and the entry fee for the Jr. Bull Riding will be \$35.00. (See attached schedule for entry fees and added money). We will use \$45 of the added money to pay 2 more places after the regular payoff, \$25 and \$20. **Switching divisions**- If a Jr. participant chooses to move out of the Jr. division, they will not be allowed to return to the Jr. events. The Jr. Breakaway roping will be using a barrier.

11. TIE DOWN ROPING - The ERS will be offering a special division for Ropers 18 years of age and younger (Age 18 by May 31, 2011). A Jr. Roper will enter the regular Roping event. The ERS will pay TWO ADDITIONAL PLACES after the regular payoff for the top two Jr. ropers who do not place in the regular pay off. The pay off for the two additional Jr. places will be \$75.00 and \$60.00. **It will be the responsibility of the Jr. Roper to notify the Rodeo Secretary, at the time of entries, that they are eligible for the Jr. Roping division.**
New for 2011: We will be awarding a Belt Buckle to the winner of the 18 & Under Tie Down Roping. The points will be tallied the same as all other events.

12. ORDER OF EVENTS - The order of events in the rodeo will be as follows: Jr. Steer Riding, Jr. Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Bareback, Ladies Breakaway, Jr. Breakaway, 1st section Bull Riding, #10 Team Roping, Saddle Bronc, Ladies Barrels, Jr. Barrels, #13 Team Roping, 2nd section Bull Riding. The order is subject to change according to the activities during the performance.

13. SLACK - Friday night slack will start at approximately 9:30 PM. Entry fees for Friday night slack must be paid 30 minutes prior to the start of the event and no later than 10:00 PM. **No one will be allowed to participate without first paying fees.** The order of slack is as follows: 1st-Ladies Barrels, 2nd-Jr Barrels, the order of Ladies Breakaway, Jr. Breakaway, and Tie Down Roping will be determined by the number of entries, then followed by Team Roping. (There will be no rough stock slack.). This year we will again offer two team roping slacks- Friday after the rodeo and Saturday before the rodeo at 5:00. We will be offering two Tie Down Roping Slacks, Friday after the rodeo and Saturday afternoon starting at 4:00 pm.

14. PRIZE CHECKS - For your protection contestants are required to show their ERS card when picking up prize checks. You may designate someone else to pick up your check. Please inform the rodeo secretaries of your desire prior to payoffs. Checks that are not picked up at the performance will be mailed. **Notice to Team Ropers.** Team Roping checks will be held until Monday morning to verify numbers. **ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE CASHED BY CONTESTANT WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ISSUANCE DATE. AFTER 60 DAYS SAID CHECKS WILL BECOME NULL AND VOID AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE EVANSTON RODEO SERIES GENERAL FUND.**

15. YEAR-END AWARDS / ADDED MONEY - “BUCKLES” - There will be year-end awards in all events. A trophy belt buckle will be given for 1st place in each event. Embroidered coats will be given to second and third place. **To be eligible for the year end awards you must participate in all four rodeos, in your specific events.** The number of points won in that event will determine winners of the events. Points are determined on the following placing in all events: 1ST - 10 points, 2ND - 9 points, 3RD - 8 points, 4TH - 7 points, 5TH - 6 points, 6TH - 5 points, 7TH - 4 points, 8TH points, 9TH - 2 points, 10TH - 1 point. Money won will have no bearing on year-end awards. If a tie exists ERS Committee will institute the tie breaking procedure (see section 16) which will be posted at each rodeo. Any questions regarding this procedure can be addressed with the ERS Committee. Evanston Rodeo Series Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions concerning awards. If you enter the Bull Riding and do not draw, you will still receive credit for entry to go toward the year end awards.

16. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE - *In the event that two or more contestants have the same year end point totals and have participated in 4 of 6 rodeos, the following procedure will be used for ties:*

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| 1. # Of rodeos participated | 5. # Of fourth places |
| 2. # Of first places | 6. # Of fifth places |
| 3. # Of second places | 7. Best score/time |
| 4. # Of third places | |

17. PROTECTIVE VESTS - Protective vests may be checked out at the Rodeo office. All vests must be returned to the rodeo office in the same condition it was at the time it was checked out. A \$10.00 fine will be assessed if the vests are not returned to the rodeo office, clean and in good condition. If any vest is lost, the last person that checked out the vest will be responsible to pay the replacement cost of \$250.00