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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

FIRST: The name of the Association is and shall be the American Junior Rodeo Association.

SECOND: The American Junior Rodeo Association, hereinafter called the AJRA, has been established for the following purposes:

1. To organize junior cowboy and cowgirl rodeos of the United States, Canada and Mexico for their mutual benefits.
2. To establish a point award system whereby world champion junior cowboys and cowgirls may be named and awarded each year.
3. To establish a central place of registration for the convenience of members.
4. To publish information concerning the dates of rodeos, prizes and other particulars in which members are interested.
5. To cooperate with all rodeos in which member cowboys and cowgirls compete.
6. To coordinate the dealings of donors of awards and member shows and to render services to both donors and shows.
7. To encourage and promote scholastic attainment among members and to discourage sacrificing school attendance and grades to participate in rodeos during the school year.
8. To encourage high moral character and clean living among all its members.

THIRD: Members shall be such junior cowboys and cowgirls and rodeos as provided in the bylaws. Associate members shall be such announcers, clowns, specialty acts, stock contractors, and interested business individuals as are provided in the by-laws.

FOURTH:

1. The annual meeting shall be held once each year at the yearly championship of finals rodeos, for the transaction of business.
2. A quorum at a general membership meeting shall be made by twenty (20) members; and at an annual meeting shall be thirty (30) members.

FIFTH: The President, Vice-President or Secretary-Manager or any three Directors may call a meeting of the Board of Directors at any time, provided each member is given five (5) days advance notice of the meeting by mail. Such mail may be electronic if a board member has elected to receive their notices by electronic mail (email) and notified the AJRA Secretary-Manager as such.

SIXTH: Members shall present their cards of membership upon entering the AJRA meeting at the request of the presiding officer.

JUNIOR DIRECTORS

SEVENTH: The Junior Directors shall consist of fourteen individual members.

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Miss AJRA and the Directors of

the approved event categories. The event categories are Tie-Down Roping, optional roping, bull riding, bronc riding, bulldogging, barrel race, pole bending, optional girls roping, goat tying and two (2) for dally team roping.

DUTIES OF JUNIOR DIRECTORS

1. The duties of Junior Directors/Event Directors shall be to answer contestant questions on his/her event and to work with the Arena Director and Adult Directors/Board of Directors. During the rodeo, these Junior Directors serve as liaisons between contestants and rodeo officials.
2. Each Junior Event Director shall be knowledgeable of both the rulebook and his/her respective event.
3. Because of the occasion of multiple performances at many of the regular/qualifying rodeos, and not to place the hardship of requiring all Junior Directors to be present for all performances of regular/qualifying rodeos—slack included—it is understood that it is not possible or feasible for the elected Junior Director to be present inside the arena during his/her respective event in case of the need for contestant representation. These are the guidelines:
 - A. Only in the case that said elected Junior Director is present and not participating in his/her respective event, to be present in the arena during their event.
 - B. If Junior Director is present but competing, he/she may appoint another contestant to stand in his/her place to assist the Arena Director of any questions or situations that may arise during the event.
 - C. During the National Finals Rodeo, a Junior Director of each event must be present during his/her for each performance during the duration of the National Finals Rodeo event.
 - D. If the event Junior Director is competing during a particular performance or slack, he/she must appoint another contestant that participates in said event and who is knowledgeable of both the rule book and his/her respective event and is not competing in the performance/slack to be the temporary-appointed Junior Director.
 - E. If for some reason the event Junior Director is not able to be present during a performance or slack of the AJRA National Finals Rodeo (NFR), he/she must appoint another contestant that participates in said event and who is knowledgeable of both the rule book and his/her respective event and is not competing in the performance/slack to be the temporary-appointed Junior Director.
4. All Junior Directors need to try to be at least at two of the Directors Rodeos and work a minimum of two performances or appoint another contestant to work his/her event.
5. For a Junior Director to be eligible to receive an alumni scholarship for each year of service, the junior director must attend at least two meetings and work at two director rodeos during the year of directorship.

ADULT DIRECTORS

EIGHTH: Pursuant to and under the authority of Article 9 of the Articles of Association the following amendment is enacted: Fourteen Adult Directors shall be elected to join the fourteen Junior Directors in operating the organization. Provided however, there shall be one lifetime member elected by the Board. Such lifetime member shall have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of other Board members. Upon the resignation or death of such lifetime member, a replacement lifetime member shall be elected from the Adult Board members. Each Adult Director shall have one vote in the transaction of business.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NINTH:

1. The legislative or rule-making powers of the AJRA shall be held by the Board of Directors which shall consist of the Junior Directors, Adult Directors and the Secretary-Manager. It shall have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Association; with the power to make, adopt or amend the by-laws as hereinafter specified. It may make all rules which it considers necessary to carry out the purpose of this organization and any contracts incidental thereto.
2. All members of the board of Directors except the Secretary-Manager shall assume office each year after announcement of election results at the "Annual" meeting held at the "Finals" rodeo. The term of office shall be one year ending at the conclusion of business at the "Finals" rodeo.
3. The Secretary-Manager shall be elected and hired by the Board of Directors each year.

TENTH: At all the meetings of the Board of Directors, eleven (11) Directors should constitute a quorum. Should a quorum not be present at a meeting, those present may take up the business and vote on pertinent matters and a mail ballot may then be sent to those Directors not present. The Secretary-Manager shall vote only in case of a tie vote.

OFFICERS

ELEVENTH:

1. The officers of the AJRA shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Manager. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the entire junior membership of the AJRA. In the case of the President and Vice-President, one must be a boy and the other a girl.
2. The President and Vice-President shall have the usual duties of these officers except for duties usually held by the President that is delegated to the Secretary-Manager.

3. The Secretary-Manager shall:
 - A. Conduct all official correspondence; keep all records, books, documents and papers relating to AJRA.
 - B. He/she shall also keep account of all money received by him/her and shall deposit in the designated depository in AJRA account. He/she shall not pay out nor disperse any of the funds of the Association except by check or electronic check (debit card).
 - C. His/her records shall be always open to all members and be audited by an official at any time as directed by the Board of Directors.
 - D. A detailed financial report of the condition of the Association shall be presented to the Board at least three times each year, at the “Annual” meeting and an oral report at each meeting.
 - E. He/she shall also administer the point award system and all other awards that might be given through the Association.
 - F. The AJRA Secretary-Manager will be responsible for acting as rodeo secretary or hiring suitable stand in. The salary for this duty will be determined per contestant and come from the Twenty-Five dollar (\$25.00) office charge.
 - G. The Secretary-Manager and Finals committee shall have responsibility for selecting judges for the National Finals.
4. Officers and Directors shall serve without salary except the Secretary-Manager. Should the Association become financially able, subsistence payments may be paid the Directors while attending meetings.
5. Officers and Directors may be removed at any time with just cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
6. Resignations of Officers and Directors must be presented to the Board of Directors and accepted by a majority before they become final.
7. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy among the Officers and Directors by a vote of the majority at any meeting. Such election is to be for the un-expired term only.

BUSINESS YEAR

TWELFTH: The official year in so far as all business, except the point award system is concerned, shall be from September 1st through August 31st. The point award year shall begin immediately following the Championship or Finals each year, ending with the closing of the Finals Rodeo the following year.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

THIRTEENTH: The AJRA shall be a nonprofit organization in that no individual member shall receive any returns from it. Should the Association be dissolved at any time, all funds of the Association, after payment of debts,

shall be given to some recognized charity as directed by the Board of Directors and no member would share in such funds.

FOUNDATIONS OF THE AJRA

The AJRA is founded upon Christian principles, and it is expected that each individual member will exhibit characteristics in keeping with this foundation. It is also suggested that each approved rodeo begin its first performance each year with a prayer to further exhibit the principles of the AJRA.

BY-LAWS -- Membership and Dues

1. Membership in the AJRA is open to any boy or girl in the United States, Canada or Mexico who is nineteen years of age or under and has never been married or annulled. Lady's events and men's events are limited to the sexual origin that is demonstrated by the birth certificate issued at birth of contestant. A copy of identification and birth certificate must be presented to AJRA office within 14 days of membership, otherwise contestant will be eligible. Anyone under the age of eighteen must have a parental release on file in the AJRA office. A membership application card form shall be provided by the Association to a prospective member who desires one.
2. Show or rodeo membership is open to any organized rodeo in the United States, Canada or Mexico which limits its contestants to boys and girls under twenty years of age who have never married or annulled. For a show to be approved, it is also necessary to send complete information on the rodeos, such as dates, events, etc., to the AJRA Secretary-Manager at least thirty days in advance or prior to the dates of the rodeo for this information to be printed in the official publication.
3. The membership fee for boys and girls shall be based on a family plan with the first member paying \$100, second member paying \$75, third member paying \$50, fourth member paying \$25, and the fifth member and more receiving a free membership: and each membership family unit is required to contribute a minimum cash contribution of \$100 to the AJRA through one or more of any offered AJRA fundraising opportunities by Graham's spring rodeo. A membership application form must be filled out and notarized before a membership card may be issued.
4. An AJRA Associate Membership shall be available for \$5 or more per year. This shall entitle the Associate Member to an AJRA Rule Book and all correspondence.
5. Only members in good standing shall vote in the affairs of the AJRA.
6. Any boy or girl who is a member and shall become twenty years of age after midnight July 31st of the rodeo point year shall have the rights of membership, except where otherwise specified until the end of the Association business year.
7. All AJRA members shall be issued a membership card each year.

8. Honorary membership in the AJRA may be granted by the Board of Directors to any person or organization without obligation and as a gesture of good will. Such members will have no vote in the affairs of the AJRA.
9. The AJRA colors shall be Red and White.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The Nominating Committee, with approval of the Board of Directors, will have authority on nominations and election ballots. They shall also nominate no more than six (6) adults who are not already Adult Directors. Nominations shall be completed by July 1st.
2. Any member nominated for a Junior Officer or Director, in order to qualify, must be in good standing with AJRA and not have reached age twenty by July 31st of the rodeo point year.
3. The Secretary-Manager shall be elected by the Board of Directors. This position shall be open to anyone, regardless of age or membership.
4. The entire year shall be served by Junior Directors.

AJRA POINT AWARD SYSTEM

1. Year-end standings and championship points will be determined by counting the best 10 rodeo event results of the scheduled 16 rodeos plus points earned at the NFR.
2. The year-end all-around in all age groups will be given on the most points in three (3) or more events (Heading and heeling in the dally team roping will each be considered separate events.) The method to figure the all-around for the NFR and individual rodeos shall be the same for each age group in using the best 3 event results.
3. The individual all-around at all rodeos shall be based on equal points and equal number of events.
4. All rodeos, except the Finals, will be one go-round with one or more contestants to make an event.
5. Standings will be kept on a point system for ALL age groups.
6. The point system will be based on a straight 10-point basis in all events and including the all-around in each age division; ten points will be awarded to first place and descending to one point for tenth place, including the first and second go of the AJRA Finals Rodeo. The third go-round (also known as the Short Go-Round) at the AJRA Finals will be a six (6) point round and the average will be ten (10) points.
7. The ten-point system will be used to determine event and all-around winners for year-end and finals awards.
8. The point system will be as follows:

- A. In each event, regardless of number of entries, 10 points will be awarded; 1st place 10 pts, 2nd place 9pts, etc., descending to one point for tenth place. There will be a maximum of 10 points.
- B. In case of a tie for year-end standings, ties will be decided first by accumulation of money won for the entire year including the finals for that event, and second a flip of the coin.

AGE GROUPS OF THE AJRA

- 8 Years and Under
- 9 Through 12 Years of Age
- 13 Through 15 Years of Age
- 16 Through 19 Years of Age

AGE

1. Ages are determined as of midnight, **July 31, of the year** that the points are to count toward. Example: If there is a show after the Finals Rodeo, the points accumulated there will count on the next point season, and contestants must advance to the age group that they will be contesting in the next season.
2. A contestant may move up one (1) age group to compete in **all** events offered in that age group; however, they **cannot** participate in any competition event of the younger age group if they choose to move up, and they must stay in that older age group all year, in all events.

AWARDS

The following awards shall be made each year on the basis of the largest number of points in each event regardless of age or participation of finals and the combination of 3 or more events for the Year-End All-Around Champions:

- a. World Champion Tie-Down Calf Roper
- b. World Champion Optional Roper
- c. World Champion Barrel Racer
- d. World Champion Calf Rider
- e. World Champion Steer Wrestler
- f. World Champion Header Team Roper
- g. World Champion Heeler Team Roper
- h. World Champion Pole Bender
- i. World Champion Breakaway Roper.
- j. World Champion Steer Rider
- k. World Champion Bull Rider

World Champions will be declared in each event in all age groups and saddles and buckles will be awarded or other awards as designated by the Board.

Saddles will be awarded to the year end point champions in each of the five (5) events in the 8 & Under age division.

No saddles will be awarded in any event unless at least five (5) contestants qualify to compete at the finals.

Any event that does not have at least 5 competitors entered at the NFR, that event will not have the same amount of added money provided to all other events that have 5 or more competitors.

In addition, if there are not five (5) qualified contestants in order for a saddle to be awarded by the AJRA, and a sponsor can be found to supply the saddle (responsibility of which would be of the contestants) then a saddle can be awarded.

All NFR All Around winners will receive buckles and a cash award of unstated amount at this time.

The decision to award NFR Average buckles will remain as in past years-based relative to the AJRA's year-end financial position. This decision is in accordance with precedence established over the years by the AJRA Board of Directors.

EVENTS

The approved events are the following.

16-19 Boys

- a. Tie-Down Roping—Regular tie-down roping only.
- b. Dally team roping--Heading & Heeling--Boy and/or Girl
- c. Steer Wrestling
- d. Bull Riding

13-15 Boys

- a. Tie-Down Roping--Regular Tie-Down Roping only.
- b. Optional Roping—Tie-Down Roping 2 and Breakaway Roping
- c. Dally team roping--Heading & Heeling--Boy and/or Girl
- d. Bull Riding

9-12 Boys

- a. Optional Roping – Double-Mugging 2 and Breakaway Roping
- b. Tie-Down Roping
- c. Double Mugging
- d. Steer Riding

Girls 16-19 and Girls 13-15, will be permitted to rope with Boys; or two girls may rope together in Dally team roping.

16-19 Girls

- a. Breakaway Roping
- b. Barrel Race--Cloverleaf barrel race only

- c. Goat Tying
- d. Pole Bending
- e. Dally team roping--Heading & Heeling--Boy and/or Girl

13-15 Girls

- a. Breakaway Roping
- b. Barrel Race--Cloverleaf barrel race only
- c. Goat Tying
- d. Pole Bending
- e. Dally team roping--Heading & Heeling--Boy and/or Girl

9-12 Girls

- a. Breakaway Roping
- b. Barrel Race--Cloverleaf barrel race only
- c. Goat Tying
- d. Pole Bending

8 and Under Boys & Girls combined

- a. Breakaway Roping
- b. Barrel Race--Cloverleaf barrel race only
- c. Goat Tying
- d. Pole Bending
- e. Calf Riding

QUALIFYING RULE FOR THE AJRA FINALS

An AJRA member in good standing must have competed in that event at least 4 times during the regular rodeo season. A contestant must compete in four (4) regular rodeos in order to qualify for the AJRA NFR.

Each membership family unit is required to contribute a minimum cash contribution of \$100 to the AJRA through one or more of any offered AJRA fundraising opportunities by Sweetwater's spring rodeo.

RULES PERTAINING TO AJRA FINALS

1. Positions for the AJRA Finals - No top 10 will be used. Everyone entered will be drawn and every event will be reversed, and the drag kept the same.
2. AJRA Finals Pay-off - In the first 2 go's, there will be 25% paid in each of them, 10% paid in short go and 40% will go to the average. All go's and average will be paid accordingly to the "Pay-Out of Prize Money" in this rulebook.
3. If a contestant has not reached his/her 20th birthday before finals commences and all other qualifications are met, the contestant is eligible for entire participation, awards and titles awarded at the finals. Contestant does not have to participate in the finals to be eligible for awards and titles.
4. All protests about points for the year must be made prior to the end of the first Go-Round at the Finals or the points will stand as posted.

- 5. All contestants will be issued a back number (number will be assigned to that member). The back number is required to be always on your presence in view throughout the week of the Finals, this includes the rodeo complex and the entire finals rodeo host city of Sweetwater, Texas. A disqualification from the finals will result if in violation of rule.
- 6. **All entry fees for the AJRA Finals will be paid either by money order or cashier's check.**
- 7. A go-round must be finished before the next go-round starts, except for re-rides, or except for riding events when a go-round finished and the next one starts in the same section of the same performance.
- 8. If in an average there are no contestants to qualify for an event, money and points will be paid for fastest time in either go on one head.
- 9. In all age groups, in all roping events, there will be only one loop including the finals except for the 8 & Under can have the option to either rebuild a loop or carry a second loop at the AJRA Finals.
- 10. If flag judge flags on an illegal catch and two loops were carried, roper will receive calf overlap and tap with added time, in this case one loop only.
- 11. If wrestler misses or loses steer, flag judge must ask wrestler if he wishes another jump. Wrestler must reply at once.
- 12. Awards given for the NFR will be decided on points. In case of ties for awards, it will be decided by points first, accumulation of NFR money won second, and flip of a coin third.
- 13.0`. Drags for the barrels and pole bending events for the **short go** of the NFR finals will be done after every 3 runs on the ground.

ENTRY FEES AT AJRA FINALS

16-19 -----	Boys* & Girls-----	\$215.00 plus office charge.
13-15 -----	Boys* & Girls-----	\$215.00 plus office charge.
9 to 12-----	Boys & Girls -----	\$180.00 plus office charge.
8 & Under -----	Boys & Girls -----	\$180.00 plus office charge.
*B16-19 Tie-Down Roping-----		\$260.00
*B13-15 Tie-Down Roping-----		\$260.00

Rough Stock Events

8 & Under Calf Riding-----	\$190.00
B9-12 Steer Riding -----	\$190.00
B13-15 Bull Riding-----	\$215.00
B16-19 Bull Riding-----	\$215.00

PAY-OUT OF PRIZE MONEY

- All entry fees in each event will be paid back in prize money as follows:
1 to 4 entries - 1 place 100%
5 to 8 entries - 2 places 60%/40%
9 to 12 entries - 3 places 50%/30%/20%
13 to 16 entries - 4 places 40%/30%/20%/10%
17 to 24 entries - 5 places 30%/25%/20%/15%/10%
Over 25 entries - 6 places 29%/24%/19%/14%/9%/5%
- If not enough contestants qualify for the number of places to be paid in any event, the places shall be recalculated according to percent.
- Money and points will be paid for position won only.** (See Dally team roping).
- Entry fees for rodeos, except the AJRA Finals, are as follows:

8 & Under	----- Boys & Girls -----	\$50.00 plus office charge
9-12	----- Boys & Girls -----	\$50.00 plus office charge
13-15	----- Boys* & Girls -----	\$60.00 plus office charge
16-19	----- Boys* & Girls -----	\$60.00 plus office charge

+All Roping events will have an additional \$5 stock charge added to total fee.
*B13-15 Tie-Down Roping fee will be \$80
*B16-19 Tie-Down Roping fee will be \$90

STOCK, RUN AND OFFICE CHARGES

- In each age group, \$15 of the entry fee will be kept as the run charge for speed events and stock charge of \$25 in roping and calf riding events.
- Office charge is \$25.00 per contestant and payable to AJRA Secretary/Manager for distribution to be designated by the Board of Directors.

MISCONDUCT

- Misconduct by an individual member of the AJRA shall be considered by the Board of Directors, and when deemed necessary the membership of the individual shall be suspended. Falsification of name, age or other such acts will not be tolerated, and such action will bring immediate suspension.
- Members charged with acts involving moral turpitude and/or narcotics shall be automatically suspended and his or her right or privilege to participate in any of the activities or rodeos conducted, sponsored, or approved by the Board of Directors.
- In case of motel damage the person or persons to whom the room is rented shall be held responsible.

4. Immediate disciplinary action on contestants may be taken by three or more Board Members with approval of Secretary-Manager for misconduct which might reflect on the AJRA, whether the misconduct be in the arena area, motel, cafe or anywhere within the city where an approved AJRA show is being held.
5. Upon notification to the AJRA Secretary-Manager by the officials of any approved rodeo that any offenses of misconduct have been committed, a contestant shall be subject to a \$25.00 fine and doubled every offense or suspension as of the date of commission of the offense, until reinstated by the Board of Directors. These rules can be enforced by any Rodeo Official, AJRA Junior or Senior Director or the AJRA Secretary/Manager.

FINES

Fines will be assessed by the Board of Directors.

1. If a parent tries to influence or interfere with a Judge or Official in any manner, the contestant will be automatically disqualified. This includes judges, timers, secretaries or officials.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages, drugs, marijuana, or any other type of intoxicant in the immediate arena area.
3. Rowdiness or quarreling in the actual domain of the arena.
4. Mistreatment of stock.
5. Refusing to contest on an animal drawn for him.
6. Cheating or attempting to cheat. Example - tampering with barrier, etc.
7. Misconduct of parents, or parent, of any contestant including complaints by parent or parents to the Officials of any AJRA approved rodeo.
8. Should any contestant fail to meet any financial obligations of a member rodeo, the facts shall be reported to the Secretary-Manager of the Association, and the contestant shall be barred from participation in any member rodeo until obligations are met.
9. Failure of member to pay hotel bills or any other bills that might be incurred in the town where and on the dates of an approved AJRA rodeo is being conducted.

AJRA GENERAL RULES

1. Approved rodeos must follow AJRA rules for award points to count in the AJRA Point Award System. Deviation from AJRA rules in any event will disqualify all rodeo event points from inclusion in the AJRA Point Award System.
2. A judge's decision may be questioned only by at least two AJRA directors. They must approach the judge in a respectful manner and using the AJRA rule book, show him or her why the call is being questioned. The Secretary/Manager or acting agent can appoint two (2) spokes persons to represent the AJRA if two (2) or more elected officials are not present.

- Continued harassment of the judge by contestants, parents or directors can result in disqualification of related contestants.
3. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contests and events in which they will enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
 4. The management, its agents or employees, of any AJRA approved rodeo assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant by the act of entering waives all rights or claims against the management, its agents or employees for injuries he or his property may sustain. All AJRA members must have on file a notarized minor's release.
 5. The AJRA has no set price for salaries for judges, timers, arena helpers, secretaries, contract performers, laborers, etc., but the Association expects the rodeos to pay fair salaries in keeping with the size of the rodeo for these positions. All judges are supplied a rule book in advance and counseled prior to each rodeo by the rodeo secretary.
 6. Contestants must be on hand to answer call of arena director and must comply with all reasonable rules of the management of each contest or exhibition held under auspices of the AJRA if they do not conflict with AJRA rules. When in the opinion of the arena director, enough contestants are present for an event; there will be no delay because others are not present.
 7. All AJRA approved rodeos shall provide an ambulance or adequate first-aid facilities of the equivalent when an ambulance is not available, for all performances and contesting incidents thereto.
 8. Secretary must receive entry form and entry fee along with the contestant's AJRA card number before the date stated as entry postmark date closing date for contestant to be eligible to compete in the rodeo. It is the contestant's responsibility to find out when they are to perform.
 9. Secretary will accept late entries on *call in (late entries or changes to previously mail in entry) day* with a \$25.00 fee per contestant late fee; all money must be in secretary's hands by noon (12:00 PM) the following day after *call-in (late entries)*, or not entered in said rodeo, excluding the Finals.
 10. ***Call in (for late entries or changes to previously mailed entry) will be on Monday preceding said rodeo from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. After 9:00 PM Monday until 9 PM Tuesday, changes will only be made with a \$100.00 fine. NO CHANGES AFTER TUESDAY 9 PM.***
 11. The Board recommends that all donor awards be approved by the AJRA Board of Directors prior to awarding the awards each year. Recipient must be a member in good standing and be present to receive trailers/saddles/buckles, unless approved by the Board of Directors due to extenuating circumstances. All awards will be given to the next member in line.
 12. Any person entered in an AJRA approved show who is not contesting in the proper age group will be put on the AJRA **Suspended List** and will not be

- allowed to enter any more AJRA shows until all money that was won in improper age group is refunded.
13. Contestants may draw out of an event up to 72 hours before first performance. After that time, contestants may draw out with verification of illness, injury or extreme emergency of contestants or immediately family. Final decision will be left up to Rodeo Officials.
 14. **NO VET RELEASES.**
 15. The dragging by tractor of the arena during each performance due to weather conditions will be determined by arena director and officials.
 16. Postponement of a performance will be permitted if in the opinion of the arena director, stock contractor, rodeo secretary and AJRA directors on hand deem conditions unsafe due to weather, etc. to hold the performance. No refunds will be given to contestants who cannot perform when performance is rescheduled.
 17. Should any contestant fail to meet any financial obligation to any AJRA approved rodeo, the fact shall be reported to the Secretary-Manager of the AJRA, and the contestant shall be suspended from participation in any AJRA approved rodeo until obligation is met. In like manner any contestant, who gives false information to an approved rodeo entering regarding address, name, or other pertinent fact, shall forfeit entry fees and any money or prizes that may have been won at the rodeo. Entry fee shall be fine to AJRA. In any case where an AJRA member should be found guilty of this offense, his or her membership is suspended immediately, and he or she will never be eligible for membership and will be suspended from competing in all AJRA approved rodeos from that day forward. In case of any question, the burden of proof is on the member. A list of members giving bad checks shall be sent to each rodeo secretary. After a member's name appears on this list the second time, the member shall be required to pay all entry fees either by cashier's check or money order. A fine of \$25.00 per check is to be collected for each bad check.
 18. In no case may stock of a different general size be substituted for a complete go-round after one go-round has been completed. This is to eliminate one contestant on one stock and the other contestants on another size stock in the same go-round.
 19. At all AJRA approved rodeos, all rodeo committees must offer all of the approved events for each age group as the AJRA has adopted a standardized entry blank.
 20. Protest about any AJRA approved show must be in writing to the Secretary-Manager within ten days from the time the show is over.
 21. All AJRA approved rodeos in states that have rules against competition for and accepting money or awards over and above a certain value by high school students who compete in interscholastic sports, should be acquainted with said rules and make them known to the students when they enter the rodeo so there will be no misunderstanding. Every effort should be made to not allow the

- student to violate these rules and lose their eligibility to compete in other sports if they desire to maintain their eligibility.
22. All contestants are to wear western attire while in the arena at all AJRA rodeos. Western attire means--long sleeve shirts, pants, boots and western hat. This rule will pertain to all adults, excluding committee members.
 23. A western hat must be worn when starting a run.
 24. Anyone turning out in the first two go rounds at the finals will not be eligible for the average payoff or may not advance to the short go unless all the contestants in the event also turn out.
 25. Approved rodeos will not be permitted to limit the number of AJRA member contestants in any events. The only exception to this rule is the AJRA Final Rodeo.
 26. All members of the AJRA must have a file in the Secretary-Manager's office, a notarized minor's release signed by their parents and a certified copy of Birth Certificate. No AJRA member shall be required to have his or her entry form signed by parents and notarized for an approved rodeo.
 27. Members of the AJRA must have their membership card with them at all approved rodeos and must show them to any official of the rodeo upon request.
 28. Ground rules at a rodeo will not supersede the rules printed in the rule book.
 29. The number of rodeos at one location is limited to two per year unless specially approved by Board. Such approval must be by two-thirds of members of Board present at a legally called Directors' meeting.
 30. Judge's decisions are never to be based on video viewing.
 31. There will be a forty-five (45) second time limit for all events.
 32. If rules are unclear or ambiguous refer to the "PRCA" Rule Book.
 33. The rodeo secretary must be notified prior to event if contestant is going to be a late arrival for the rodeo due to unseen circumstances (vehicle breakdown). The timed events will have animal held until the end of that section. Speed events and goat tying will be moved to the end of the event and will run on ground as is.
 34. In all events at the judge's discretion, the judge will warn the contestant that they have 3 minutes to get their horse into the arena or in a position to make a competition run. After being given the warning, if contestant is unable to start a competitive run, the contestant will be flagged out and given a no time.

OFFICIAL AJRA EVENT RULES

GENERAL ROPING & STEER WRESTLING RULES

1. There shall be two or more timekeepers, a field judge (flag judge), a score line referee and as many officials as the local committee finds necessary.
2. Barrier length will not be more than length of box minus 4 feet, to be measured from center at back of box to center of barrier. Minimum length of

- score will be determined by arena conditions, and or rodeo committees, except steer wrestling (See Steer Wrestling Rules).
3. Short end of barrier will be no longer than 12 inches or shorter than 4 inches.
 4. In all roping and wrestling events, a penalty of ten seconds will be given for breaking barrier.
 5. Should the barrier break at any point other than the designated breaking point, it will be considered a malfunction.
 6. If barrier equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
 7. If barrier fails to work but the flag operates correctly and time is recorded, contestant or team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless barrier is obviously beaten by contestant. If official time has not started, contestant or team will receive stock which contestant originally drew if contestant has qualified a run on that stock. If barrier was obviously beaten, the barrier penalty will be applied to the rerun.
 8. If short end of barrier is laying ten feet or more in any direction from chute post, it is not a broken barrier, with no other exceptions considered.
 9. Starting flag should, if possible, be tied at end of calf neck rope.
 10. If, in the opinion of the line judge, a contestant is fouled by the barrier (neck rope or strap), the contestant shall be entitled to a rerun on his original stock, provided that contestant declares himself by pulling up immediately, with the exception of the 8 & under and 9-12 age groups, a rerun will be awarded at the decision of the line judge.
 11. If the barrier malfunctions and stock is brought back, contestant must compete on same animal during or after the same performance.
 12. In some cases, arena conditions will determine the score. If these conditions exist, the rodeo must receive prior approval by a Director of the AJRA.
 13. No contestant shall intentionally beat the barrier. The decision of the judge will be final. Animal may not be roped before the neck-rope breaks from the animal and horse's chest must break plane of the barrier strap; if not, the contestant will be disqualified.
 14. Hazing will be allowed up to score line, but no one will be allowed past score line.
 15. All stock is to be numbered with a tag or fire branded and drawn for in all roping and wrestling events, except dally team roping cattle may be drawn or chute run.
 16. Stock contractors should have enough stock for a complete go-round in each event if possible.
 17. Contestants must compete on calf and steer drawn for him before time will be official.
 18. In any roping or wrestling event, if the animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped, and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying.
 19. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final.

20. Roping box is considered part of the arena.
21. A roper can not build a second loop in the arena. The loop can not under any circumstances be rebuilt if dropped.
22. Once the roper calls for stock, stock belongs to roper or wrestler.
23. Forty-five (45) second time limit in roping and wrestling.
24. Back gate must be closed on all roping and wrestling events.
25. Contestant position must be drawn for each performance in each event.
26. Stock in roping and wrestling must be drawn by Rodeo Judge or AJRA Director not more than 6 hours before performance.
27. Any timed event contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from judges that he/she is mistreating an animal may be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo.
28. Stock contractor may not draw stock or hold stock for performance. Must draw through stock, and the draw is not to be posted more than one (1) hour before performance.
29. In all age groups, all roping events, there will be one loop.

BREAKAWAY ROPING RULES

1. The rope or ropes must be tied at end of rope with colored nylon string provided by the AJRA, so when the calf is roped, the rope will break away from saddle horn. A **white** breakaway flag is to be tied at the saddle horn. 8 & Under will be eligible to use the cotton barrier string.
2. The calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head for the 8 & Under, Girls 9-12 and Boys 9-12 Breakaway. **The Girls 13-15, Girls 16-19 and the Boys 13-15 age groups must rope the calf with a bell collar catch.**
3. The field judge shall be able to consult with an official spotter (mounted or unmounted).
4. Calf must break string with no assistance from roper. If roper assists in breaking string, they will receive a no time. It is permissible to un-foul rope from saddle horn.
5. Contestants in the 8 & Under age group have the option to either rebuild a loop or carry a second loop at the AJRA Finals.
6. Judge's decision will be final.
7. Maximum weight of calves will be 250 pounds.
8. A fine to the stock contractor of \$500.00 will be assessed for the first offense and the fine doubling with each offense of Breakaway Roping Rule No. 7 thereafter.

DOUBLE MUGGING RULES

1. Time to be taken between two flags.
2. Catch as catch can. Roping the calf without releasing the rope from hand is not permitted.

3. Rope must be tied “hard and fast” to saddle horn. The contestant must rope the calf, dismount the horse, and go down rope at which time mugger will flank calf and roper must cross and tie three feet. If calf is down when mugger reaches it, it must be let to its feet and thrown by hand. If the mugger’s hand is on calf when calf falls then the calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until mugger gets hands on calf.
4. After roping the calf, roper must dismount and wait for mugger to throw calf by hand. Mugger holds foreleg and gives foreleg to roper. At this time, mugger can assist in holding calf down in a way that calf is unable to gain its feet. After roper has completed tie and throws hands in air signaling time, mugger must step away from calf.
5. Mugger may remove rope from calf (before roper has finished the tie) if necessary for safety reasons. This will not disqualify the run, however after roper has signaled for time the rope may not be removed until judge has expired 6 second tie rule.
6. A neck rope must be used, and contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging calves.
7. Tie must hold until passed on by judge and roper and mugger must not touch calf after giving finish signal. If tie comes loose before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be given no time.
8. Calf must be crossed and tied with at least one wrap and hooey.
9. The flag judge will pass on the tie of the calf by use of stopwatch, timing six (6) seconds from the time roper has remounted (may have assistance from mugger) and given slack to rope. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope will remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
10. Flag judge is to stopwatch when calf kicks free, using the time on the watch to determine if time limit of six (6) seconds was reached to qualify time.
11. Mugger may be a contestant of rodeo from the 16-19 boys age group or a parent. Judge’s discretion as to who may mug if certain age group or parent is unavailable.
12. Maximum weight of calves will be 200 pounds.
13. A fine to the stock contractor of \$500.00 will be assessed for the first offense and the fine doubling with each offense of Double Mugging Rule No. 12 thereafter.

TIE-DOWN ROPING RULES

1. Time to be taken between two flags.
2. Catch as catch can. Roping the calf without releasing rope from hand is not permitted.
3. A neck rope must be used and contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging calves. If the horse drags calf, field judge may stop the horse. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.

4. Rope must be tied "hard and fast" to saddle horn. Contestant must cross and tie three feet. If calf is down when roper reaches it, it must be let to its feet and thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets his hands on calf.
5. ***9-12 Boys Tie-down will be assessed a 10 second penalty if contestant does not clear calf before tying instead of a no time.***
6. Tie must hold until passed on by judge and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal. If tie comes loose before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be given no time.
7. The flag judge will pass on the tie of the calf by use of stopwatch, timing 6 seconds from the time roper has remounted and given slack to rope. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope will remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
8. Flag judge is to stopwatch when calf kicks free, using the time on the watch to determine if time limit of six (6) seconds was reached to qualify time.
9. Calf must be crossed and tied with at least one wrap and hooey.
10. Maximum weight of calves will be 200 pounds for 13-15 boys and 225 pounds for 16-19 boys.
11. A fine to the stock contractor of \$500.00 will be assessed for the first offense and the fine doubling with each offense of Tie-Down Roping Rule No. 10 thereafter.

DALLY TEAM ROPING HEADING & HEELING RULES

1. May enter twice only. You may enter up and back or with other partners. You must switch ends when roping up and back.
2. POINTS: The heading and heeling events will have all the points won count toward the event. Only the highest placing points won (header & heeler) will count toward the all-around. Pay off will remain the same.
3. LEGAL CATCHES: (1) Around both horns. (2) Around the neck. (3) Half of head. If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels. One hind foot receives five second fine. If loop crosses itself in a head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
4. Cattle may be chute run or drawn.
5. In both age groups of dally team roping, there will only be two (2) loops allowed, one for the header and one for the heeler including the AJRA Finals.
6. Ropers must release rope from hand to get a time.
7. Electric barrier may be used.
8. No cross-fire allowed; judge's discretion.

STEER WRESTLING RULES

1. Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.

2. Broken horns or crippled steers should not be used.
3. The horns on steer wrestling cattle must be blunted to the size of a dime.
4. Weight of steers will be 450 - 600 pounds.
5. Steers must be run and thrown at least three times.
6. A fine to the stock contractor of \$500.00 will be assessed for the first offense and the fine doubling with each offense there after for the steer wrestling stock.
7. Only one hazer allowed. Steer must be caught from the horse. If steer gets loose, no more than one step must be taken to catch steer. Contestants must be responsible for own hazer and horse. After catching steer, wrestler must bring to a stop and twist down. Steer will be considered down only when it is laying flat on its side, or on its back, with all 4 feet and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
8. Hazer must not give any assistance to wrestler after steer is caught.
9. Contestant and hazer must use same two (2) horses they left the chute with.
10. Hazer in the steer wresting must be a contestant entered in the rodeo or an adult.
11. If box is shorter than twelve (12) feet, steer wrestling must be lap and tap. Score may be no longer than the length of the box minus six (6) feet.
12. A ten-second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which the flag judge rules that wrestler's feet touched ground before flag line is crossed. No penalty for broken horn.
13. Roping steers cannot be used for dogging steers. Fresh steers must be thrown before used. Same steers may not be used one year to next.
14. Chute must be at a clearance width of thirty (30) inches or more across at the gate when in an open position.
15. If steer is knocked down or thrown before being stopped, or is thrown by wrestler putting horn into ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown.
16. **One jump, except at the AJRA Finals.**

GENERAL RACE RULES

1. Electric timer must be used at all AJRA rodeos, and a flag judge used as backup directly behind the eye.
2. In the event of a malfunction caused by an electric eye or any type of condition in the race events, flag will be used as the official time until the electric eye can again be used. If the flag time is not available, the contestant will receive another run.
3. Contestant positions must be drawn for each performance. Any contestant running out of the drawn order will receive a No Time.
4. In all race events the horse's nose must be flagged coming and going over the line.

5. Should, for any reason, the barrels or poles are not put on the correct markers, or the flag judge is not in the correct place, things must be corrected to proper place and the section be rerun.
6. There will be a disqualification for not following the pattern. (See respective patterns.)
7. A contestant must not stop forward motion after crossing the timeline or a disqualification will result.
8. A contestant may use a standing or running start, right or left.
9. Ground must be raked by hand or tractor at least every 5 paid runs and before event starts, except at the AJRA Finals.
10. Places in all racing events will be in hundredths measured by electronic time or flag.
11. Patterns must be centered with arena center gate, if arena allows.

BARREL RACE RULES

1. Contestant may start on either right or left barrel. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one right and two left turns around the barrels, and when starting from the left, there will be one left and two right turns around the barrels. (See pattern) Cloverleaf barrel patterns only.
2. The barrels must be at least 15 feet from the fence. And the starting and finishing line must be no less than 15 yards from the end of the arena.
3. The suggested distance is 30 yards between barrels one and two and 35 yards between barrels two and three. The third barrel is no less than 36 feet from the end of the arena. However, the distance should be set according to arena size.
4. Starting line and all barrels must be marked permanently for the entire show. The manner in which it is usually done is by taking a rope of three (3) feet in length and tying several knots in one end. Dig a post hole of one to one-and-a-half (1-1/2) feet deep and place the rope inside the hole, knotted end down. Tamp down dirt around the rope and leave excess rope sticking above ground.
5. Barrels must not have tires or other obstructions on them and be fifty-five (55) gallon metal drums with both ends closed.
6. There will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked down, even if it bounces back upright.
7. Barrels are to be placed on the **INSIDE** of the barrel markers.
8. At no time should horses be allowed to work on the markers that are set for that particular rodeo. All committees are asked to keep the ground conditions as nearly the same for each performance and slack as possible.

POLE BENDING RULES

1. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet apart and the first pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet from the starting line. A rope stake must be placed in the middle of the starting line of flag judge or timer to measure from starting line to first pole.

2. All poles must be marked permanently for the entire show. (See barrel race rule 4.)
3. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and run remainder of the pattern accordingly. (See pattern.)
4. Poles should be 5-6 feet tall. If the base is metal -- 12-18 inches in diameter, wood base -- 18-14 inches in diameter or rubber base 14 inches in diameter and 2 inches thick. All bases should be protected for safety, if not made of rubber.
5. There shall be a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked down, even if the pole bounces back upright.
6. In case of a knocked down pole or poles, the pole stakes will determine the pole pattern.
7. No velcro, seat restraints, safety harnesses of any kind will be allowed in any event.

GOAT TYING RULES

1. It is suggested that the roping score line be used as the starting line where arena conditions permit. If it is not used, the starting line should be at least 15 yards from the chutes. Distance from the starting line to the goat should be about 100 feet. However, arena conditions will govern length.
2. Time will start when the contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when she signals the completion of the tie.
3. Should the horse cross the plane of the rope or goat or come in contact with the rope or goat, between flags, a ten second penalty will be assessed. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will receive a no time for that run.
4. The goat is to be tied to a stake with a rope 10 feet in length and made of cotton. Stake should be pounded completely into ground so that no part is visible. Contestant must ride mounted on a horse from starting line to goat, dismount from horse, throw goat by hand, cross and tie any three legs together with tie string of contestant's choice.
5. The tie will be passed on by field judge and if it is not secure for six (6) seconds the contestant receives no time. If the contestant returns to tie after signaling completion and before six (6) seconds is up, she will receive no time. After signaling completion, contestant will step back at least three (3) feet from the goat and await the six (6) second time limit. After the six (6) second time limit has passed the JUDGE will remove the string from the goat.
6. If the goat is down when contestant reaches it, the goat must be cleared of the ground before tie is made.
7. If contestant's hand is on goat when goat falls, goat is considered thrown by hand.
8. For each age group, goat will be changed every 3 paid runs; no-shows or turn outs will not be tied.
9. If re-run is given, it must be taken in same position drawn.
10. Judge's decision will be final.

11. Only one goat at a time will be staked in arena during the goat tying event.
12. Fresh goats should be tied at least three (3) times before start of rodeo.
13. Goat pattern must be dragged before event starts and as needed.
14. Goat must be tied with at least one wrap and hooey.
15. If contestant runs/ties out of turn (drawn position) it will result in a no time (NT).

GENERAL ROUGHSTOCK RULES

1. All stock is to be numbered with a tag or fire branded and drawn for.
2. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice in one rodeo.
3. Any stock drawn for one age group cannot be used in other age group during same rodeo.
4. Stock must be drawn by judge or AJRA Director not more than six (6) hours before performance. No stock contractor may draw stock or hold stock for performance. Must draw through stock and is not to be posted more than one (1) hour before performance.
5. Two head of stock must be drawn for re-ride stock.
6. Contestant must compete on stock drawn for him before score will be official.
7. All scores must be called out immediately after ride has been completed.
8. Rider and animal to be marked separately, 1 to 25 for rider and 1 to 25 for stock. Use the full spread on each side.
9. All riding scores are unofficial until completion of each performance at which time judges have privilege of changing score or adjust spread. Scores are not official until judges' books are tabulated by the rodeo secretary and entered in rodeo books.
10. Judges have privilege of offering rider re-ride or score in case of poor scoring animal. In this case, the rider may choose low score rather than re-ride.
11. If animal stops, a re-ride must be offered **if the contestant makes a qualified ride.**
12. At least one judge must have stopwatch to time the eight (8) or six (6) second ride.
13. No more than two helpers per contestant.
14. Judge may disqualify a contestant who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above animal with his glove on and tied when previous stock leaves the arena.
15. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope for bulls and steers.
16. Protective vest, helmet, and mouthpiece are mandatory.
17. All rough stock will be eight seconds, except calf riding six seconds.
18. Riders who are knocked off by chute will be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of judges.
19. If flank comes off, rider may have re-ride on same animal, provided rider has qualified until the flank comes off. If rider disqualifies after flank comes off on the animal, the re-ride is given.

20. Riders not to use sharp spurs.
21. If rider makes three honest attempts to get out of chute and animal fails, he shall receive a re-ride on different stock.
22. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
 - (a) Bucked off
 - (b) Touching animal with free hand
 - (c) Using sharp spurs
 - (d) Attempting to cheat. Example: placing spurs or chaps under equipment.
 - (e) Mistreatment of stock
 - (f) Touching any part of self or hat
23. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on, if animal is not flanked properly to buck to the best of his ability.
24. The matter of re-ride shall be decided by the judges.
25. The third (3) go-round of the rough stock at the Finals rodeo will be a six (6) point round.
26. The decision of the judges will be final.

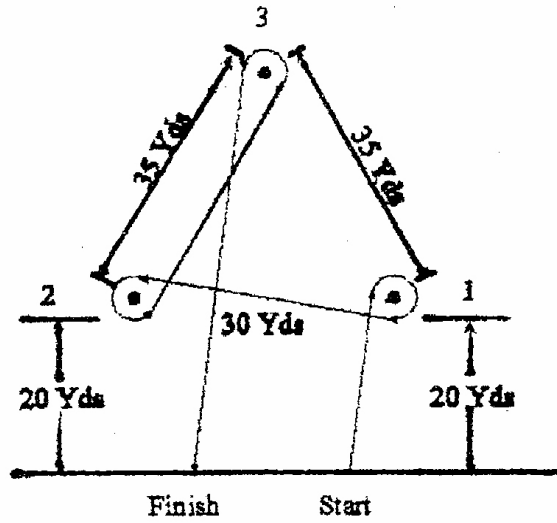
STEER OR CALF RIDING RULES

1. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been tipped to the size of a half dollar.
2. Hot shot may not be used on bull after rider sits down unless the rider requests its use.
3. After the bull leaves chute, no hot shot may be used in the arena. Head fighting bulls or steers having bad horns should be dehorned or taken out of the draw.
4. Riding should be done with loose rope, with or without handhold, no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull or steer when rider leaves him.
5. Rope must have bell, no bell, no marking. Bell must be under bull's belly.
6. If rider makes qualifying ride with any part of rope in hand, he is to be marked.
7. The matter or decision of a re-ride shall be decided by the judges.
8. No bull or steer shall weigh over 750 lbs in the 9-12 Boys age group.
9. 8 & Under Calf riding weight limit of a 300 lbs minimum, and a 450 lbs maximum, and must be dairy blood.
10. 8 & Under Calf riding is six (6) seconds.
11. 8 & Under Calf Riding may ride 1 or 2-handed but will be docked on comparable stock if they ride 2-handed.
12. 8 & Under stock must be flanked.
13. A fine to the stock contractor of \$500 will be assessed for the first offense and the fine doubling with each offense there after for being out of compliance with the rough stock.

MISS AJRA

1. Limited to girls from the 13-15 and 16-19 age groups.
2. Miss AJRA nominees will be nominated and elected as follows:
 - a. All AJRA members can call to the AJRA nomination committee between May 1st and June 20th with their nomination for Miss AJRA. Each member may nominate no more than six girls.
 - b. The six girls with the most nominations will be placed on the ballot and given to each regular member and the member may vote and return the ballot prior to the deadline.
 - c. The Nominating Committee shall have the right to remove anyone from the ballots who is not in good standing with AJRA.
3. Nominees must be eligible to serve a full year. (Not to reach 20th birthday before year is ended).
4. Miss AJRA will be eligible to serve only one year.
5. Nominee for Miss AJRA must be single at time of nomination and remain single during her reign. Should she get married during the year, she must resign immediately.

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