

TRI-STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC., RULE BOOK

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I. GENERAL RULES

1. Any participating show must be put on or sponsored by an organization which is a member in good standing with the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., and approved by the association.
2. Any club or organization wishing to have a Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved show must have date of the show approved by the Association at least sixty (60) days prior to the show. No show will be approved less than sixty (60) days before the show date.
3. Member clubs may have one or more Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved shows per show season. All show dates will be picked by seniority of member clubs. One (1) show date will be picked per go-around. Any club wishing to retain a prior show date may do so on the first go around.
4. An annual club Membership is ten dollars (\$10.00). Each member club will be required to deposit twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each show date at the time the show date is chosen.
5. Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., show bills must be sent to the appointed show bill secretary sixty (60) days prior to the show date for approval. The Judge's name must be announced at least 30 days prior to the show date. Show bills cannot be altered after approval. Printer's error will not disqualify a class. The approved events must be put out to the public at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the show.
6. Each club must designate on its show bill the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. approved classes. An asterisk or similar symbol is acceptable.
7. The official rule book of the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. must be posted at the entry booth at all approved shows. All classes on the approved show bill must be offered and follow the rule book.
8. Anyone that violates the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. rules will be subjected to a hearing by the board of Tri-State Rodeo Association Trustees. Owner(s), exhibitor(s), and/or horse(s) found in violation of the rules by the trustees will lose all points earned during the days of the show(s) involved. Consistent offenders may lose all points for the current show season and may be suspended from the Tri-State Rodeo Association.
9. Any complaint must be officially registered in writing with the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., Trustees along with twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. This money will be returned to the person or persons complaining only if the trustees rule in their favor; otherwise, the money will go into the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. treasury. No complaints about a judge's decision will be considered. Protests must be filed the day of the show. All protests will be made in cash only.
10. A judge may officiate at no more than one (1) Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., show per year. Any person who has shown a horse at a Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved show within the current year will not be permitted to judge a Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved show within the current year. Any horse or pony that has been trained, boarded, or shown within ninety (90) days of the show by the judge officiating at a Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved show will be ineligible for approved class points. Contest classes are excluded.
11. The judge will provide all patterns the day of the performance shows.
12. The judge shall have the authority to place a horse or contestant in whatever position in a class he thinks the merit of the horse or contestant justifies. This decision will be final in all classes affecting the merits of the horse. Once a class has been judged it will not be re-judged. In case of disqualification, all lower placing will move up.

13. The judge, Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., stewards and trustees may order any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct from one or both.
14. In the event of a weather delay, the entire show bill must be offered or no points will be counted for the day. No showing when lightning is present. Show will resume under the direction of the Tri-State stewards and judge. Any class interrupted by weather shall be re-judged in its entirety. If contest and performance classes are held on separate days and classes held on one of the days are canceled due to inclement weather, the classes held on the remaining day will retain all points earned on that day.
15. The Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. prohibits the use of any stimulant or depressant on any horse competing at an approved show. All horses will be subject to drug testing at any approved Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. show. Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. will be responsible for the charges. All approved Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. show bills will be required to contain the statement that "ALL HORSES WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING". If the contestant fails to submit the test or if the test proves to be positive of depressants or stimulants, the contestant will forfeit all accumulated points and will be disqualified for the remainder of the said show season.
16. Any individual wanting a drug test performed on another contestant's horse will present a formally written complaint to the Tri-State Rodeo Association steward along with twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars and the veterinary expenses. If the test is positive, the association will refund the twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars to the complaining individual. Veterinary expenses will not be refunded. Any contestant must submit his or her horse to a drug test by a licensed veterinarian upon request of the show committee, Tri-State show steward, or official.
17. Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. shall put on two approved shows per calendar year. The shows will be called the "Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., "Annual Show" and the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., " Round-Up Show". These shows must include all of the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved events.
18. There shall be a minimum of 2 awards given to the horse or pony accumulating the most points in a fiscal year for each of the approved events and a minimum of 5 awards given to the horse or pony accumulating the most points in a fiscal year for each of the approved year-end high point awards under the hereafter written rules. Any ties for Year End High Point Awards will be broken by taking the most number of first places, then second place and so on...
19. Exhibitors must earn a minimum of five (5) points per class and show a minimum of two (2) shows (same class) to be eligible for year-end class awards. Each horse and rider must earn points in two (2) or more classes to be awarded an annual all-around high point award.
20. Trophies and awards shall be furnished by the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., but these may be sponsored by private individuals or clubs of the Tri-State Rodeo Association.
21. The awards and trophies will be presented to the winners at a meeting or banquet to be held succeeding the previous show season. Year-end high point awards will be awarded to the persons accumulating the most points in the following categories:

High Point Categories:

3D Contesting

- 3D Pole Bending
- 3D Barrels

Open Contesting

- Open Pole Bending
- Open Stakes
- Open Keyhole
- Open Barrels
- Open Ball Race
- Open Down and Back

14-18 Contesting

- 14-18 Pole Bending
- 14-18 Stakes
- 14-18 Keyhole
- 14-18 Barrels
- 18 & Under Ball Race
- 18 & Under Down and Back

9-13 Contesting

- 9-13 Pole Bending
- 9-13 Stakes
- 9-13 Keyhole
- 9-13 Barrels
- 18 & Under Ball Race
- 18 & Under Down and Back

8 & Under Contesting

- 8 & Under Pole Bending
- 8 & Under Stakes
- 8 & Under Keyhole
- 8 & Under Barrels
- 18 & Under Ball Race
- 18 & Under Down and Back

Open Performance

- Halter (AQHA, Color Breed, Horse, or Pony)
- Open Western Showmanship
- Open English Showmanship
- Open Hunt Seat Equitation
- Open Hunter Under Saddle
- Open Trail OR Open Trail in Hand
- Open Western Horsemanship
- Western Pleasure (AQHA, Color Breed, Horse, or Pony)
- Open Ranch Riding
- Open Ranch Pleasure
- Open Reining
- Egg & Spoon

19 & Over Performance

- 19 & Over Western Showmanship
- 19 & Over English Showmanship
- 19 & Over Hunt Seat Equitation
- 19 & Over Hunter Under Saddle
- 19 & Over Trail
- 19 & Over Western Horsemanship
- 19 & Over Western Pleasure

14-18 Performance

- 14-18 Western Showmanship
- 14-18 English Showmanship
- 14-18 Hunt Seat Equitation
- 14-18 Hunter Under Saddle
- 14-18 Trail
- 14-18 Western Horsemanship
- 14-18 Western Pleasure

9-13 Performance

- 9-13 Western Showmanship
- 9-13 English Showmanship
- 9-13 Hunt Seat Equitation
- 9-13 Hunter Under Saddle
- 9-13 Trail
- 9-13 Western Horsemanship
- 9-13 Western Pleasure

8 & Under

- 8 & Under Western Showmanship
- 8 & Under English Showmanship
- 8 & Under Hunt Seat Equitation
- 8 & Under Hunter Under Saddle
- 8 & Under Trail
- 8 & Under Western Horsemanship
- 8 & Under Western Pleasure

Walk Trot Performance

- Walk Trot Western Showmanship
- Walk Trot English Showmanship
- Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
- Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle
- Walk Trot Trail
- Walk Trot Western Horsemanship
- Walk Trot Western Pleasure

22. To earn points toward the year-end awards which are offered, the exhibitor of the horse or pony being shown must be a member of the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. Membership applications with the proper fees and proof of ownership/lease must be either in the hands of the membership secretary on the day of the show, or be postmarked the business day following the show. Exhibitor will be responsible for sending all necessary information to the membership secretary for the current show season. All papers on file with the membership secretary for the previous show season will be returned at the annual awards banquet. All papers on file will be destroyed 60 days following the annual banquet. Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., will not be responsible for files that are not claimed.
23. Proof of ownership of horses and ponies in the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., shall be as follows:
- Registered Horses:
ORIGINAL BREED ASSOCIATION Registration papers. Double registered animal must designate choice of registration at beginning of show season and must be retained for entire show season. Animal is not eligible for any other registered class.
- Grade Horses and Ponies:
Signed statement of ownership and two (2) pictures of horse or pony (one (1) of each side) to be turned in to the membership secretary for her records.
- Members exhibiting leased horses must submit a Tri-State approved lease form to the membership secretary with their membership application. If a new horse is purchased during show season, the owner will be given a sixty (60) day grace period from date of purchase to provide a copy of the transfer or ownership qualification papers (as listed below) to the membership secretary postmarked no later than the first business day after the horse is shown to earn points for that show.
- Ownership qualifications for the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., are:
1. Original breed registration papers.
 2. Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. approved lease.
 3. Signed statement of ownership accompanied by pictures.
24. Exhibitors to be solely responsible for accuracy and completeness of class entry. Horse, rider and owner must be listed on entry form. Exhibitor not entered in a class is disqualified. Entry fees not paid day of show or checks not clearing bank will cause entrant to lose all points for the day.
25. Show committee shall be responsible for working and watering the arenas as necessary, and for providing adequate arena help.
26. Each club will be responsible for sending:
1. The number of entries shown in each class.
 2. The names of the horse, the owner, and the exhibitor for each entry must be listed on class sheet.
 3. The first six (6) places in each class.
 4. One fully completed set of class sheets provided by the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. to the member club with judges cards stapled to each to the appropriate point

secretary postmarked no later than one (1) business day after the show date. The check for the awards fund for all Tri-State Rodeo Association Inc. approved classes must accompany the sheets sent to the point secretary. Failure to comply will cause the member club to lose their escrow for the show.

27. Points will be awarded to the first five (5) horses placing in each approved class according to the point system providing Rule #23 has been followed. Points will be awarded to only qualified runs in the timed events. Points to be awarded are as follows: For a class of five (5) or more horses, the first-place horse receives five (5) points, second place horse receives four (4) points, third place horse receives three (3) points, fourth place horse receives two (2) points, and the fifth-place horse receives one (1) point. The same applies if there are four or fewer entries in a class. The first-place horse gets no more points than there were horses in the class. The remaining horses receive one (1) point plus one (1) point for each horse placing below them.

POINT SYSTEM

| Number in class | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | 4th Place | 5th Place |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 1 pt | | | | |
| 2 | 2 pts | 1 pt | | | |
| 3 | 3 pts | 2 pts | 1 pt | | |
| 4 | 4 pts | 3 pts | 2 pts | 1 pt | |
| 5 or more | 5 pts | 4 pts | 3 pts | 2 pts | 1 pt |

28. Points will be posted weekly during the show season. The President shall appoint an audit committee consisting of officers, delegates, and trustees. A mid-season audit shall be conducted in the third week of July and/or at the President's direction. Final standings will not be official until the completion of the year end point standings and membership packet audit.

29. Ponies will be measured by the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. Stewards on the first showing of said pony if any pony is in question of a height of 58" or under. Any animal over 59" is considered a horse by this association. Double registered animals must follow rule #23.

30. All exhibitors must wear English or Western Boots, English or Western attire. In timed speed events, western shirt must have a collar & a four (4) inch sleeve.

31. No horse may be shown by more than one (1) contestant in any one (1) class on the same day.

32. Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. rules will apply for one (1) year.

33. Any persons are eligible to participate in this program as long as all Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., rules are adhered to with no exceptions.

34. All Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved classes must be conducted to the rules listed. NO other rules will be considered.

II. PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Classes:

1. HALTER

Only objects and personnel required to run that particular class will be allowed in the arena. Horses and ponies are eligible to show in only one (1) approved halter class. Double registered horses must designate choice of registration at beginning of show season and must retain for entire show season. Horse is not eligible for any other registered class.

2. SHOWMANSHIP (Western and English)

Horse or pony may be shown. Exhibitor may show a mare or gelding. NO STALLIONS ALLOWED. Exhibitor judged on the fitting and grooming of the horse and on the ability of the showman to present the horse properly and to its best advantage. Type, conformation and quality of the horse have no bearing on the judging of these classes. Manners and response to the showman however, do indicate the degree of training received by the animal and should be credited to the showman.

3. HUNT SEAT EQUITATION

Horse or pony may be shown. Exhibitor may show a mare or gelding. NO STALLIONS ALLOWED. Horse or pony must work both ways of the arena at all three (3) gaits to determine their working ability with different leads. No wire curbs or tie downs are permitted. The judge may ask for additional work or maneuvers.

4. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

In all pleasure classes, horses and ponies must work both ways of the arena at all three (3) gaits to determine their working ability with different leads. No wire curbs or tie downs are permitted.

5. TRAIL/TRAIL IN HAND

Trail class pattern to be posted one (1) hour before class. Six (6) obstacles or more will be used from the approved list. Three (3) of which are mandatory, and three (3) or more will be optional. The gait between the obstacles shall be set at the discretion of the judge. Ground tie obstacle is not permitted in Trail Class. Scores will be announced after each individual ride. Trail Class must be offered with Trail In Hand.

MANDATORY OBSTACLES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Open, passing through and closing a rope gate.
2. Passover at least four (4) logs.
3. Passover a wooden bridge.

SUGGESTED OPTIONAL OBSTACLES ARE:

1. Back horse through "L" shaped course.
2. Remove and replace material from mail box.
3. Side pass.
4. Back through and around three (3) markers set in either a triangle or on a line.

5. The obstacles consisting of four (4) logs or rails, each five (5) to six (6) feet long, laid in a square. Each contestant will enter the square by stepping over the log or rail at designated side. When all four (4) feet are inside the square, rider will execute a 360-degree turn (right to left), pause and depart by stepping over the log or rail immediately opposite side of entry.
6. Put on and remove a slicker.

TRAIL IN HAND

Exhibitor must designate Trail or Trail In Hand at the beginning of the show season, and must show in the designated class for the entire show season. All Trail classes must be offered.

Horse or pony to be shown in a halter. Leads must be at least twelve (12) feet in length and no longer than twenty-five (25) feet. A chain lead is allowed over or under the nose. A whip is optional.

Obstacles shall be the same as those used in the Trail Class. Gaits between obstacles are limited to the walk, jog and/or trot.

Exhibitors should not touch the horse while negotiating obstacles and may not use food rewards to bait the horse. Exhibitors may pet the horse briefly after completion of an obstacle.

Exhibitors may change hands on the lead as necessary to perform the obstacle. The exhibitor may wave his/her free arm/hand and/or the end of the lead to encourage the horse without touching it.

6. LEADLINE

Rider 10 years and under. Any rider that enters any other Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. approved riding class during the current show season will no longer be eligible for this class. NO STALLIONS ALLOWED.

6. WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

Horse or pony may be shown. Exhibitor may show a mare or gelding. NO STALLIONS ALLOWED. Horse or pony must work both ways of the arena at all three (3) gaits to determine their working ability with different leads. No wire curbs or tie downs are permitted. The judge may ask for additional work or maneuvers.

7. WESTERN PLEAUSE

In all pleasure classes, horses and ponies must work both ways of the arena at all three (3) gaits to determine their working ability with different leads. No wire curbs or tie downs are permitted.

8. RANCH RIDING

Ranch Riding should reflect the horse's natural ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. There should be an emphasis on forward, free-flowing

movement and a ground covering stride at all gates. Exhibitors cannot show the same horse in Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding. Each exhibitor will perform an individual pattern.

9. RANCH PLEASURE

Ranch Pleasure classes are judged on the horse's manners, quality of movement, consistency of gaits, and responsiveness to the rider. A Ranch Pleasure horse should have a free-flowing stride of reasonable length in keeping with its conformation and covering a reasonable amount of ground with little effort. All entries will be judged at a walk, trot, and lope, both directions in the ring. The judge may ask for an extended walk or extended trot.

10. REINING

Judge will stand according to the pattern with the entrance gate determining the starting line of the pattern. The pattern selected by the judge shall be posted at least one hour before the class. Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually and separately. Horse shall rein and handle easily, fluently, and effortlessly with reasonable speed throughout the pattern.

Curb chains are permissible, but must meet the approval of the judge, must be at least one-half inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse. No wire curbs, regardless of how padded or no chain strap narrower than one-half inch, no martingales, no nose bands or tie downs will be permitted.

The use of more than one finger between the reins, using two hands or changing hands on the reins shall result in disqualification with the exception of snaffle bit or hackamore horses five (5) years of age or younger.

Any horse not following exact pattern will be disqualified.

Placing and points will be given only to qualified runs.

Scores to be announced after each ride.

The arena or plot should be approximately 50 x 150 feet in size. The judge shall indicate with markers on arena fence or wall the length of the pattern. Markers along fence or wall are mandatory. Markers within the area of the pattern will not be permitted.

III. TIMED SPEED EVENTS

Each club that participates in TRI-STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC., approved show must have on their program all approved timed speed events. All approved events scheduled for any given show program and designated as such are eligible for point accumulation. Only objects and personnel required to run that particular class will be allowed in the arena. Only participants will be permitted in the arena. Lead-ins or assistants are permitted to get the horse and rider through gate only. Ten (10) foot entrance maximum.

1. All courses should be set so the horse has ample room to run and stop. All obstacles' placements must be visibly marked with a substance other than the arena's dirt.
2. There will be a ninety (90) second time limit from the time an exhibitor is called to crossing the start line or it will result in disqualification.
3. Any obstacle knocked over or moved more than the width of the base in any class by direct contact by horse or rider will result in disqualification.
4. At the discretion of the Judge, Tri-State Steward or Trustees, any contestant may be disqualified from a class and or the show for any abusive hitting of their horse in the front of the cinch either in the arena or outside the arena, (See General Rule 13). Points will be given only for qualified runs in timed speed events. There will be no re runs for broken equipment.
5. All member clubs having a TRI-STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC., approved show must use equipment approved by the Association.
6. It will be mandatory that the TRI-STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC., steward will position the judge on all timed speed events.
7. Electric timer shall be mandatory for all timed speed events. If the electric timer fails and must be changed during a class, the entire class must be re-run with the new timer. All times must be announced.
8. If a contestant makes a qualified run the first time and the timer fails to work for any reason, the contestant will be permitted to re-run no more than twice to qualify.
9. The judge may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he considers too severe or inhumane.

Classes:

1. BARRELS

Barrel #1 and #2 must be set equal distance from the starting line. Barrel #3 must be set equal distance from barrel #1 and #2. The contestant will run to the barrel on the right or barrel #1, pass to the left of it and complete an approximate 360 degree turn around it, then go the barrel on the left, or barrel #2, pass to the right of it and complete a slightly more than 360 degree turn around it then to barrel #3, pass to the right of it and do another approximate 360 degree turn around it to the left and then sprint to the finish line, passing between barrel #1 and barrel #2. Course may be run either to the left or right.

2. POLE BENDING

The pole bending pattern is to be run around six (6) poles. The poles are to be twenty-one (21) feet from the starting line. Poles shall be set on top of the ground six (6) feet in height and with no base more than fourteen (14) inches in diameter. A horse may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern.

3. DOWN AND BACK

Course to be run around one (1) pylon or plastic cone at least fifteen (15) inches but not more than twenty-four (24) inches high set at the far end of the arena.

4. BALL RACE

Course to be run around one (1) open top fifty-five (55) gallon barrel. Barrel must be placed in center of arena at one end. A ball will be carried from the starting line and deposited in the barrel at the other end of the arena. Course to be completed when horse crosses the finish line.

5. STAKES RACE

Course to be run around (2) poles. The horse and rider will run straight to the second pole, make a right- or left-hand turn, run back to the first pole, make a turn in the opposite direction, run back to the second pole and repeat the first turn and run straight back to the start/finish line.

6. KEYHOLE

Course to be run around (3) poles. The horse and rider run down between the first two poles and around the end pole in either direction and then back out between the first two poles.

IV. YOUTH EVENTS

1. In all Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc., approved classes youth shall be defined as any rider eighteen (18) years of age and under as of January first (1st) of the current year.
2. All youth must present a copy of their birth certificate to membership secretary at the time of signing up for membership in the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc.
3. In all youth classes, immediate family must own or lease horse or pony; father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents or legal guardian. The proof must be turned in to the membership secretary before any points will count.
4. Any infraction of the youth ownership rule as determined by the Trustees will cause the exhibitor to lose all points earned for the current show season by vote of the Trustees.
5. In Youth Classes, the same horse may be shown by more than one immediate family member in different classes on the same day. (Example: A horse ridden in Horsemanship (13 and under) by one youth could then be ridden by an immediate family member in Horsemanship (14 years through 18 years).

V. QUEEN/KING PAGEANT RULES

1. Each candidate must be 15 years or older as of January 1st and never reigned as a Tri-State Queen/King. Candidates may be married or single and still be eligible.
2. Each candidate must have been a member of the Tri-State Rodeo Association the prior year and also a current member through either a family membership or an individual membership. An application for membership may be obtained from any Tri-state official.
3. A candidate may represent a club, stable, or may run as an independent candidate. A club may sponsor more than one candidate.
4. Each candidate must fill out an application and return it with a \$20.00 entry fee to the Director(s) no later than June 1st. Checks only, please, should be made payable to Tri-State Rodeo Association.
5. A 5" x 7" glossy portrait photograph of head and shoulders only is required. These portraits should be in show attire if possible. This should be sent in with the application by June 5th. On the back of the portrait clearly print your name, club, stable, or independent candidate.
6. Autobiographies must accompany each candidate's application. This should be contained in a folder or booklet form and typewritten. Autobiographies will be written on the basis of the questions posed on the application form. All autobiographies are to be anonymous and approximately 500 to 800 words.
7. There are 4 main divisions of judging. These include:

AUTOBIOGRAPHY: Judged on neatness, spelling, grammar, writing, mechanics, conciseness, organization, originality, and presentation. '

SOCIAL FINESSE: Judged on poise, personality, appearance and speaking ability at a dinner given in honor of the candidates.

HORSE KNOWLEDGE: Judged on written test. Time to be announced at a later date.

HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS: Judged on 3 out of 5 different classes. The classes to choose from are Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Barrels, and Poles. Candidates must show in a performance class, a contest class, and one class of your choice. The same horse must be used in all 3 classes.

Please give a list of the 3 classes you have chosen to the Director. In the rare event of a tie for Queen/King, First or Second runner-up, the tie will be by the highest score on the Horse Knowledge division.

8. The Queen/King, First, and Second runner-up will be chosen on the basis of total points accumulated in the four divisions. If there are more than four candidates, a Miss Congeniality will be chosen by a vote among the candidates on the night of the banquet. Otherwise, the directors will choose this position.
9. The Coronation Ceremony will take place prior to the 1st show.

10. Anyone found cheating in the contest will automatically be dropped from the competition.

11. Obligations of the Queen/King candidates:

- * Candidates must show in their three specified classes at BOTH the Annual and Roundup shows and must use the same horse at both shows.
- * Participate in at least one Grand Entry per TSRA show weekend.
- * Show at a majority of shows (one more than 1/2).
- * Attend a majority of TSRA meetings (one more than 1/2).
- * Assist at shows as needed.
- * Assist at Flea Markets and other equine related events.
- * Work at a minimum of one Tri-State show per year.

12. Obligations of the Queen/King for year crowned:

- * Show at a majority of shows (one more than 1/2).
- * Organize grand entries at all shows.
- * Work as public relations at all times.
- * Help out at shows as needed.
- * Must attend all Tri-state meetings.
- * Assist with awards at the banquet.
- * Assist at Flea Markets and other equine related events.
- * Work at more than 1/2 of shows per year.
- * Automatically be put on the Queen/King Committee for the following year.

13. Candidates will receive letters from time to time and should keep all correspondence from the Director(s). Questions from candidates should be directed to the Queen/King Director(s).

VI. CONSTITUTION OF THE TRI-STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I Name

Name of this association shall be Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II Purpose

The Purpose of this association shall be:

Section 1: To improve the quality and promote the use of all light horse breeds, and to promote harmony and cooperation within our organization and all it's clubs.

Section 2: To keep a list of all Tri-State Rodeo Association approved events and avoid conflicting dates.

Section 3: To study the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the horse and its uses and to use our influence to promote laws and regulations beneficial to our purposes.

Section 4: To formulate rules of Tri-State Rodeo Association approved events which may be used by member clubs.

Section 5. To aid and encourage all youth to manage horses safely.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of three (3) categories:

a. Clubs and organizations which are formed to promote interest in horses and horsemanship.

b. Family memberships will include the parents and their minor children (18) years and under as of January 1st.

c. Individual membership for those persons who do not qualify under the Family Membership Plan.

Section 2. Any club or organization wanting to become a member of the Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. may express interest with any Tri-State officer or at any Tri-State meeting. All clubs or organizations expressing interest should be of good repute with interest in promoting horses. The fee to join is (\$10.00) dollars per year as stated under general rules, item four (4).

Section 3. Any club, organization, family, or individual having joined the association shall thereby become subject to all the Rules and By-Laws of the association and shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the organization for bad conduct or infraction of the rules by recommendation for the Trustees after a full and fair hearing of

the facts, and by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates, officers, and trustees present at a regular meeting.

Section 4. Any club or organization is automatically dropped to the bottom of the seniority list by not being represented at two (2) consecutive meetings unless they are excused by an officer.

Section 5. Each club and organization shall be represented by two (2) delegates whose names and addresses shall be furnished to the Tri-State Rodeo Association Secretary for a mailing list.

Section 6. The most recent list on file shall be used to determine the club's seniority.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer which will be elected by a majority vote of the voting members. They will serve for one (1) year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. A board of ten (10) Trustees shall be elected in the following manner:

a. Five (5) Trustees shall be elected from the clubs' delegates to serve for a period of two (2) years as follows:

1.) November 1969, three (3) elected for two (2) years, and two (2) elected for one (1) year.

2.) Thereafter, all elected terms shall be two (2) years.

b. And five (5) Trustees shall be elected from the membership at large to serve for a period of two (2) years as follows:

1.) In 1975, during the month of February, the five (5) trustees elected by the club delegates will appoint three (3) trustees to serve for a two (2) year period and two (2) trustees to serve for a period of one (1) year.

2.) Thereafter, all elected terms shall be for a period of two (2) years.

3.) A trustee missing more than two (2) consecutive meetings unexcused is subject to dismissal by vote of trustees.

c. Any individual elected from the body of delegates to serve as a trustee shall retain his vote as a delegate, thereby he shall have two (2) votes on any issue requiring a vote by both delegates and trustees.

Section 3. The annual election of officers will be held at the annual awards banquet with installation at the next regular meeting. Each club will have the vote of the two (2) delegates, each family will have two (2) votes, and each individual member will have one (1) vote.

Section 4. Nomination for officers and trustees will be made either by the Nominating Committee Chairman or from the floor at a regular meeting. Nominations shall be made to the nominating Committee before the last regular meeting held prior to the annual awards banquet.

Section 5. Persons running for office must have been a member or delegate of Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. the prior year.

Section 6. Persons holding office must be a member or delegate of Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. during term of office.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall always be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Section 2. Regular meetings are open to the world. However, only recognized delegates, officers, and trustees will be permitted to vote.

Section 3. All meetings shall be conducted according to ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE VI QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the officers, trustees and voting delegates.

ARTICLE VII DUES

The annual dues are subject to change by a quorum vote.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the officers, trustees, and voting delegates present provided that the amendment has been read previously at two (2) regular meetings.

Section 2. The By-Laws may be amended by a Majority vote of the officers, trustees, and voting delegates present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE X BY-LAWS

1. The meeting shall commence at seven (7:00) P.M.

2. The association shall sponsor a Queen/King Pageant.
3. The President shall appoint Point Secretaries as needed.
4. The Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Annual and Round-Up Horse Shows and shall pick the show dates at the regular December meeting of each year according to rule ten (10) of the By-Laws.
5. Should a Trustee not be able to serve his full term, his successor will be appointed, for the balance of his term, by the trustees.
6. Current show rules are hereby considered to be part of the By-Laws.
7. An Auditing Committee of three (3) delegates or a registered accountant other than officers or trustees shall audit the association books and shall issue a statement of facts after the election of and prior to the installation of the new officers.
8. Each member club shall provide one (1) official performance show steward and one (1) official contest show steward to serve at each Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. approved show sponsored by their club. The steward's names must be posted at the entry booth or be listed on the show bill.
9. Show dates will be chosen in December of each year at the regular meeting. The club with the most seniority will have the first chance at retaining its previous show date and may elect to take a new date after all the clubs have stated their choices of the previous year's show dates. Seniority will determine the order of choosing show dates.

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