



TUMBLEWEED DIVISION

RULE BOOK

The Tumbleweed Division is a division of the New Jersey High School Rodeo Association for students that are currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 5th grade. This is not a part of the National High School Rodeo Association Inc., but the goal is to prepare students for competing at the Junior High and High School levels.

The Tumbleweed Division is constructed as a teaching division, so that elementary school children can learn about rodeo and begin to compete in a rodeo arena, while being taught proper technique, horse and livestock care, and the rules of each event.

All Tumbleweed events are co-ed.

All Tumbleweed members are subject to all rules of the Junior High School Division regarding Code of Conduct, Attire, Call-ins and Turn-outs, Grades, etc.

The following events are offered in the Tumbleweed Division: Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Bull Riding and Breakaway Roping.

Unless otherwise specified below, all Tumbleweed event rules shall follow the National High School Rodeo Association – Junior High School Division rules.

Barrel Racing:

Barrel Racing in the Tumbleweed Division is open to both girls and boys that are in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Contestants in this event can use a trainer or parent during their run if necessary. The trainer or parent can lead the horse and rider into the alleyway of the arena, but cannot go beyond the arena gate. The trainer or parent must be in full Western attire.

Contestants have 60 seconds to complete this event. Exceeding the 60 second time limit will be considered a no-time.

Contestants are not to school their horses in the arena. If they break pattern, or the timer line, they are to leave the arena immediately.

Contestants in this event may not share horses.

Each knocked barrel will incur a 5 second penalty that will be added to their total time.

Pole Bending:

Pole Bending in the Tumbleweed Division is open to both girls and boys that are in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Contestants in this event can use a trainer or parent during their run if necessary. The trainer or parent can lead the horse and rider into the alleyway of the arena, but cannot go beyond the arena gate. The trainer or parent must be in full Western attire.

Contestants have 60 seconds to complete this event. Exceeding the 60 second time limit will be considered a no-time.

Contestants are not to school their horses in the arena. If they break pattern, or the timer line, they are to leave the arena immediately.

Contestants in this event may not share horses.

Crossing the timer line before completing the pattern or failure to maintain forward motion will result in a no-time.

Each downed pole will incur a 5 second penalty to be added to their total time.

Goat Tying:

Goat Tying in the in the Tumbleweed Division is open to both girls and boys that are in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Contestants in this event can use a trainer or parent during their run if necessary. The trainer or parent can lead the horse and rider into the alleyway of the arena, but cannot go beyond the arena gate. The trainer or parent must be in full Western attire.

Contestants must flank their own goat.

Contestants in this event may share horses, if necessary.

Contestants have 60 seconds to complete this event. Exceeding the 60 second time limit will be considered a no-time.

Bull Riding:

Bull Riding in the in the Tumbleweed Division is open to both girls and boys that are in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Contestants in this event can use the assistance of a trainer or parent if necessary. The trainer or parent can assist the contestant with getting on the bull and pulling their rope. The trainer or parent must be in full Western attire.

Contestants must wear protective vest and helmet for this event.

Contestants must have bell on their bull rope.

Contestants must ride the bull for 6 seconds to earn a qualified ride.

Breakaway Roping:

Breakaway Roping in the in the Tumbleweed Division is open to both girls and boys that are in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Contestants in this event can use the assistance of a trainer or parent if necessary. The trainer or parent can assist the contestant with getting into and positioning within the roping box only. When the contestant calls for the calf, no further assistance can take place after that. If the trainer or parent starts the horse or holds the horse in any way that affects the scoring process, Contestant will receive a no-time. The trainer or parent must be in full Western attire.

Contestants have 60 seconds to complete this event. Exceeding the 60 second time limit will be considered a no-time.

For a legal catch, the calf's head must pass through the loop and the loop must draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head.