

BY LAWS

Central Plains Youth Rodeo Association

ARTICLE I - Membership:

1. Membership in the CPYRA is open to any boy or girl who is sixteen (16) years old or under as of January 1, of the current rodeo year. Each member must provide a birth certificate along with membership fees to the Rodeo Secretary or Treasurer of the CPYRA.
2. A voting membership shall be established by a current CPYRA membership. Each member shall receive 1 vote by ballot at the CPYRA Finals.
3. Membership fees shall be a sum deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - Officers:

1. The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five arena directors elected by board members, which were elected by the voting membership.
2. The officers of the corporation shall direct the CPYRA, together with such duties prescribed by the By Laws of the corporation & the Board of Directors.
3. The terms of the office of all officers shall be from annual meeting to the next annual meeting. Annual membership meeting to be held at CPYRA Finals Rodeo.

ARTICLE III - Duties of Officers:

1. The President shall be the chairman of the Board of Directors & the executive committee & ex-officio member of all committees. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors or General Membership. The President shall enforce the by-laws and rules of the CPYRA and shall perform all duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
2. The Vice-President shall be chairman of all active committees, compiling reports to be presented at the Board of Directors Meetings. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall serve as the President until the next annual meeting.
3. The Secretary shall collect sponsorship monies, membership fees and office charges, and shall be the custodian for safe keeping of all documents and records of each rodeo for the CPYRA as well as assist the Rodeo Secretaries at each rodeo. The Rodeo Secretaries duties shall include but not be limited to collecting entry fees, completing event sheets, assisting the judge in drawing for position and stock, helping time, documenting times, figuring payout, paying out the winners, and completing end-of-rodeo documents.
4. The Treasurer shall collect all money due the CPYRA through sponsorships, memberships, and office charges from the Rodeo Secretary. He/She shall be responsible for performing a financial audit at the close of each rodeo that is witnessed and signed by both parties. The Treasurer will be responsible for the deposit of monies in an account with an accredited bank. In addition to the Treasurer, the President and Secretary will be authorized to sign checks. CPYRA funds shall be disbursed only upon itemized demands or as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall account for all monies by itemized statements in detail to the Board of 8 Directors and General Membership upon request of the Board.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors:

1. There shall be a governing Board of Directors of this corporation consisting of 9 at-large members, plus two alternates from the general area, originally elected from the membership.
2. The 9 elected at-large directors shall serve a term of 1 year.
3. The active Board of Directors shall appoint the officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer) at the first regular meeting following the CPYRA Finals Rodeo. At the end of the term the directors will be up for re-election. New Directors will be elected at the CPYRA Finals.
4. Current Vice-President will head a nominating committee, which will search out eligible candidates for positions available, for directors to be placed on a ballot & voted on at the CPYRA Finals.
5. The CPYRA Board of Directors may meet at least once monthly to conduct the official business of the CPYRA. Meetings may be scheduled more often if deemed necessary by the Board.
6. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at his/her discretion, provided each member of the Board is given sufficient notice of the meeting.
7. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
8. The Board of Directors shall transact the general business of CPYRA in the interim between annual meetings.
9. The Board of Directors shall establish major policies governing the affairs of CPYRA & devise measures for continued growth & development.
10. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies of the Board.
11. Alternates will have the right to vote in the absence of any Board Members.
12. A Board Member shall be deemed ineffective if they fail to be present at 3 monthly meetings without a reasonable excuse & may be replaced by the Board.
13. All business conducted at any CPYRA meeting shall be governed by the Roberts Rules of Order.
14. A quorum at any CPYRA meeting shall be a simple majority.
15. These Articles may be revised at the CPYRA Finals Rodeo, by a majority vote of the members present at that meeting