**Frequently Asked Questions**  
  **Q:  How do we go about learning the events and basic skills to compete?**  
A: Historically the districts have held rodeo clinics that allow new contestants to receive basic instruction from   
experienced adults.  Clinics are sometimes open to non-members.   However, a liability waver and proof of insurance may be required for non-members.  The availability of rodeo clinics varies from year to year.  You can call your district officers or check the district newsletter on this site for more information.  
  
**Q: How much are entry fees for IJRA events?**  
A: Membership fees are free to first year families with a $50 family membership each year thereafter.   
 Entry fees for IJRA rodeos are somewhere around $8 per event per day.  The by-laws allow for an optional "stock charge" for those events that involve the use of livestock.  Inclusion of a stock charge is at the discretion of the district hosting the rodeo.  Recent stock charges have been somewhere around $7 per event.  
  
**Q: When is the rodeo season?**  
**A:** The season begins in late May and ends in August.   The rodeos dates are decided upon by each District hosting the Rodeo. As a general rule we try to have 1 rodeo weekend a month in May, June, July & August.    
 **Q: Where are the rodeos held?**  
 **A:** Each district holds 1 rodeo in their district.   Location of that rodeo may vary each year.  
  
**Q: Who is eligible for the State Finals?**  
**A:** Any contestant who competes in at least three rodeos may enter the State Finals Rodeo in August. Each day (Saturday & Sunday) count as 1 rodeo.  So each weekend counts as 2 rodeos if you compete both days.   
  
**Q: My child started school late (or was held back).  How do I know in which age group he or she should   
compete?**  
**A:** Under current rules, IJRA contestants are allowed to compete at the grade division they are currently enrolled.  However, contestants are limited to a maximum of 3 years in each grade division.  
  
**Q: How do I go about entering my child in an IJRA rodeo?**  
**A:** To enter an IJRA rodeo, you must be a member in good standing at least two weeks prior to the date of the first rodeo.    
The first rodeo is typically the end of May so the notarized membership application and membership and insurance fees should be paid in early April.  (See the Contact Info page.) Members are responsible for payment of entry fees   
for all events for which they have "called-in", regardless of whether or not they compete.  
  
**Contestants are not allowed to join and/or sign up for events at the rodeos!**