

## Valley Center Stampede Rodeo Jr. Barrel Racing Sign-ups Begins April 1<sup>st</sup>

Jr. Barrel Racing is for novice/beginner riders aged 15 and under.



In keeping with our mission to promote the youth of Valley Center, the Stampede Rodeo has created a division of Barrel Racing for young, novice riders. The Junior Barrel Race event is designed to encourage young riders to get their feet wet in the sport of rodeo, without having to compete against experienced barrel racers.

Junior Barrel Racing combines the athletic ability

of the horse and the horsemanship skills of a young cowboy or cowgirl (boys and girls are allowed to compete at the junior level). Like regular barrel racing, each horse and rider will attempt to complete a clover leaf pattern around three barrels without knocking over the barrels; however, unlike the regular barrel racing, riders are working on their personal best skills and are not competing with one another. Contestants must be able to have full control of their horse at all times, both outside and inside the arena, to participate. Riders must also be able to ride the patter without any assistance, as no lead lines are allowed after the initial entrance into the arena.

The Valley Center Stampede Rodeo Junior Barrel Race competition is open to all novice/beginner contestants 15 years of age or younger. The entry fee is \$50.00 and parents must sign a liability waiver to allow their children to participate. Helmets are required. All riders will receive a participation belt buckle to commemorate their ride.

Entry is limited to the first 25 correctly completed entries receives. Entry forms are available on the Valley Center Stampede Rodeo website at [www.VCStampede.com](http://www.VCStampede.com). Entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2019.

**Please note:** *This event is not for young riders with prior rodeo barrel racing experience. The limited spaces are reserved for novice/beginner riders.*

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