

WEST TEXAS DRIFTERS

FALL & FERAL

2026 YOUTH PLAYDAY SERIES RULES

YOUTH SERIES • AGES 18 & UNDER

Four nights. Four events. One wildly good time.

SERIES FEE	\$30 one time
EVENT FEE	\$5 per ride
AWARD ELIGIBILITY	Attend at least 3 of 4 dates

DATE	BOOKS OPEN	RIDES BEGIN
October 31, 2026	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
November 7, 2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
November 14, 2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
November 21, 2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM

Please read these rules before entering. Safety, sportsmanship, and a fair ride for every contestant are the heart of the series.



1. COST

- Series fee: \$30 one time.
- Each event ride: \$5.
- There are no refunds and no transfer of fees after sign-up is complete, for any reason.

2. AGE CLASSES

Age is determined at the first playday of the series. Contestants may not ride outside their class.

CLASS	AGE / REQUIREMENT
Lead-Line	Any assisted rider
Super Pee Wee	6 years and under, unassisted
Pee Wee	7 through 10 years
Junior	11 through 15 years
Intermediate	16 through 18 years

Lead-Line: Assisted riders may be helped by a person on foot using a lead line. Ponying is allowed.

3. BOOKS

Playday books open one (1) hour before the start of events. All riders must sign up before an event begins. A late rider may enter the first event only if sign-up occurs before the last age group in that event is completed.

4. EVENTS

Four (4) events will be offered each series night:

COON HUNT'N	Mounted target course
RINGTAIL RODEO	Ring collection course
TRASH PANDA SLAM	Carry-and-toss course
COON CANS	Trash-can barrel pattern

Each event is governed by its posted pattern and event-specific rules. West Texas Drifters rules take precedence.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND EVENT WORK

- To qualify for series awards, a contestant must attend at least three (3) of the four (4) series dates.
- Riders in the Junior and Intermediate classes must work one full event each playday for that day's points to count. This includes event set-up, working the event except while riding, and event breakdown.
- Classes below Junior must have a parent or representative work an event in the rider's place.
- A relief judge will be available while a worker competes. Each rider is responsible for signing up to work. A substitute worker must be listed with a note showing which rider receives the work credit.
- Any rider under 18 must have a parent, guardian, or designated responsible adult present while riding.



6. QUALIFIED RIDES, NO-TIMES AND TIES

- A qualified ride is determined by the arena judges and/or timekeeper, including situations involving a broken timer line.
- A no-time counts as a completed ride but earns no points. The rider must cross the timer line, attempt the pattern, and cross the timer line again to stop the clock.
- If a rider enters but never crosses the timer line to attempt the pattern, the result is a No-Ride. It earns no points and does not count as a completed ride. No refund will be given.
- If riders are tied in points within a class at the end of the series, a ride-off will be held on the final playday. The event will be selected by random drawing by the timekeeper/bookkeeper.

7. PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

- If a second person crosses the timer during an assisted rider's run with the intent to assist, the rider will be disqualified.
- A rider will be called three times. If the rider does not enter, the rider moves to the end of the roster for that event. Failure to enter when called again results in disqualification from that event.
- Arena judges determine broken patterns, penalties, and no-times.
- Protests must be made to the Vice President or Rules Committee Chair. Decisions of the arena judges and the Rules Committee are final.
- A re-run may be granted for an equipment or tack malfunction. The re-run stands as ridden, including a no-time.

8. ATTIRE

- Footwear: Safe riding footwear is required; boots are preferred. Footwear must have a riding heel. Youth unable to reach the stirrups may wear shoes without a heel if necessary.
- Clothing: Jeans and a suitable shirt are recommended.
- Helmet: A riding helmet may be worn at the rider's discretion but is not required.

9. AWARDS

The high-point boy and girl in each class will receive championship buckles, including Lead-Line. Daily awards will be presented for 1st through 3rd place. Series awards will be presented for 1st through 3rd place. Awards are based on eligibility, required event-work credit, and total points earned.

10. POINTS

PLACE	POINTS
1st	5
2nd	4
3rd	3
4th	2
5th	1



11. HORSE AND GROUNDS SAFETY

- Unmanageable horses: Kickers, biters, and other potentially dangerous horses must wear a large red ribbon or bow on the tail and must be isolated so they do not endanger others. Leave adequate space between trailers and horses.
- Coggins: Proof of a negative EIA Coggins test within the previous 12 months is required for every horse on the property.
- General safety: Horses must be kept at a walk on the north, west, and south ends of the arena. Use the east side to warm up during the event.
- Warm-up: The arena will remain open for warm-up until ten (10) minutes before ride time begins.
- Fences: Do not tie a horse to a fence and leave it unattended, especially near the concession area.
- Trash: Place all trash in the available trash cans or dumpster.

12. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

West Texas Drifters prefers that no alcohol be brought to the playday. If an adult chooses to partake, it must remain in a concealed container. Glass containers are not allowed.

PLEASE KEEP SAFETY FIRST

Equine sports are dangerous by their very nature.

West Texas Drifters is not responsible for accidents.

Keep the safety of yourself, your family, your fellow riders, and your horses
in mind at all times.

WELCOME - WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU RIDING WITH US!

RULE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By entering the series, contestants and their responsible adults agree to follow these rules, posted event patterns, and arena officials' safety instructions.