Phillips County Amateur Rodeo Association is planning to host the Colorado Junior Rodeo Association on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17 in Holyoke, with 9 a.m. start times for rodeos each day.

Contestants may enter online at www.coloradojrrodeo.com at least 10 days prior to the rodeo, with late entries accepted at CJRA's discretion.

According to its web site, CJRA was established in 1994 to provide quality events allowing youth, ages 5-18, to advance their rodeo talent in the spirit of fair competition and the appreciation of good sportsmanship. In Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska, membership is over 1,600, with 900 families involved in working together to achieve family member's goals.

The organization plans to give over $110,000 of cash, prizes and scholarships to approximately 200 members who qualify for the finals to be held in Estes Park Aug. 14-16 of this year.

CJRA age categories are Pee Wee, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Junior Mixed, Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Mixed. Timed events will include barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, goat tying, ribbon roping, steer wrestling and more.

Both rodeos will feature junior/senior team roping, an event that allows parents to compete with their children in the arena. Besides payback prizes, other local prizes are being planned for top event winners.

Attendance at the rodeos is free and open to the public. The rodeos are set to take place at the Phillips County Fairgrounds in Northeast Colorado, a quarter mile north of the intersection at Holyoke of Highways 385 and 6. Concessions will be available on the grounds.

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