



Art Contest

Tips for Working with Your Students



REMEMBER . . .

Primary communication with Coaches/Sponsors is done through the e-mail provided by the Primary Contact in the online School/Group Registration. If you are not receiving e-mail information about the contest, check Spam/Junk folders on your computer and contact Academic Rodeo for assistance and info.

Deadlines exist for a reason. Please be aware of them and follow them. There is an **Academic Rodeo Calendar** for the year in a true calendar format on the Getting Started page of the website. The **Art Contest Timeline and Checklist** on the Art Contest page give you dates and deadlines to follow. **Print it and post it** where you can see what you have done and what you need to do.

If you have a problem with a deadline, please contact Academic Rodeo, realizing that usually it is not possible to make a change or give “grace” for deadlines. Often judging or other timings are scheduled close to the due date. If it is possible to give an extension to a deadline, we will do our best to accommodate. To be sure your students get to participate, follow the deadlines.

Please see the **General Information for All Coaches/Sponsors** for information applicable to all about registering for the contest, registering students, preparing entries, and what to do when all the fun is done.

AND VERY IMPORTANT:

- PLEASE follow the rules! They exist for a reason that may not be immediately evident to you.
- Encourage your students to give their works titles. Those factor into the creativity of the entry and may qualify the entry for a Special Recognition.
- ALSO, use the sheet of labels on the Art page to label the art on the back of the posterboard. Diagrams in the Art Rules show the correct placement of the label.
- Every year, art entries are disqualified for a variety of reasons. More often than not, a Sponsor did not relay rules to the student OR did not follow the rules for submitting. Here are a few common errors that can result in disqualification of a student’s entry:
 - **Too Many Entries** – Because of the large number of entries submitted each year, we have to limit the number from each School or Group. You may **submit 2 entries for each grade level** in your School or Group ONLY.
 - **Entry is NOT a drawing on paper.** – There are SO many different forms of art. This contest is for drawings and paintings on paper.
 - A picture from a magazine that has been cut out and had paper items glued to it is a collage, NOT a drawing or painting.
 - **Entry is not properly mounted for entry.** – The specific requirements for mounting the art exist for a reason based on the method we can use for displaying the work. Entries submitted on construction paper, cardboard, mount board, foam board, etc. **cannot be accepted.** Mount entry **on poster board** or thin mat board that is approximately the same thickness as poster board and can be penetrated easily by a push pin.