

## OBJECTIVES

To promote, organize, and control an amateur rodeo circuit in Alberta.

1. To provide a set of rules that will help to protect rodeo organizers, contestants, and rodeo livestock from unsafe or unfair practices and raise the standard of amateur rodeo.
2. To provide a rodeo circuit that offers events for all family members.
3. To organize and maintain a point system that allows members to aim forwards qualifying for a final competition to be held at the end of each season.

## BY-LAWS

### 1:00 CORPORATE SEAL

The Seal of the corporation shall be in such form as shall be prescribed by the provisional directors of the corporation and shall have the words: "Wildrose Rodeo Association".

### 2:00 INTERPRETATION

In these by-laws and in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, the expressions hereinafter defined shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

"The Association" means the Wildrose Rodeo Association.

"A Member" means a person who has been granted a membership in the Association.

"Major Events" means events required for Association approved rodeos.

"Added Events" means events that are optional to rodeo committees as additional rodeo events. "Rodeo Season" means year starting on October 1 and ending on September 30.

"Year" means rodeo season.

## MEMBERSHIP

### 3:00 General

3:01 Subject to the other provisions contained in these By-laws and in the Rules and Regulations, membership shall be open to such persons as the executive may decide to admit and who are connected in any way with rodeos.

3:02 Associate cards will be available for non-competing members at a price set by the executive. Associated members do not have any voting rights and anyone "working" a rodeo must have at least an associate card.

3:03 Stock contractor card is for one person. The insured member named on the card. This one card will blanket timers hired by the stock contractor and chute help to work WRA sanctioned events these people are then directly the responsibility of the stock contractor. If these people want to have insurance coverage, they must buy associate membership. All pick up men, bullfighters are also the responsibility of the stock contractor, if they do not hold a current associate card, the WRA reserves the right to hold the applicable amount from the stock contractors' rodeo payout. Pick-up men, Bullfighters, Announcers and Judges must buy associate membership to work 1 WRA sanctioned rodeo. The stock contractor will not be held accountable for the Announcers and Judges.

3:04 All WRA memberships will now include a \$20.00 increase to cover charge of insurance for members accepting the quote from the James W Cartin & Associated Ltd. For the Citadel General Assurance Company Group Accident Insurance coverage for accidental death, and dismemberment, paralysis and hospital/medical expenses.

### 4:00 Members are Subject to By-Laws, Rules & Regulations

4:01 A member of the Association shall be bound by, subject to and shall be obligated to observe the By-Law, Rules and Regulations of the Association in like manner as if he had entered into an agreement to that effect.

4:02 Any rodeo management operating in Canada and any person residing in Canada and being in the full age of 18 years and any person under the age of 18 years if the application is accompanied by parent or guardian's written consent, may apply to become a member provided that the granting of a membership shall be subject to the written approval of a majority of at least 75% of the Executive.

Any CPRA,

PCRA or WPRA member in good standing wishing to apply for a WRA contestant membership may do so immediately upon resignation from the CPRA, PRCA or WPRA local, closest or hometown entries may be accepted once per season. Such entries shall have the option of accepting as many or few local entries as it wishes and in the events it wished. Non-members entry fees and injuries are the responsibility of the rodeo committee. Non-members can compete at only one rodeo a year as a local providing too that the contestant is not a CPRA, PRCA or WPRA member. CPRA Gold Card members with same policy as CPRA Full cardholders.

4:03 PRCA, CPRA or WPRA Gold Cardholders not active in any PRCA, CPRA or WPRA Rodeo be allowed to purchase WRA card and enter WRA rodeos. If they enter a PRCA, CPRA or WPRA rodeo their WRA card will be revoked.

#### **5:00 Applications**

5:01 A person who applies for a membership in the Association shall file with the Association a written application and release in such form as may be prescribed by the executive, and if the applicant is under eighteen years of age, the application shall be consented to in writing by either parent or guardian.

#### **6:00 Honorary Members**

6:01 The executive may at any time appoint any person a honorary member of the Association.

#### **7:00 Fees and Dues**

7:01 Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, the executive shall have the power and authority to determine the amount of the annual dues and fees payable each year by the members, provided however, they shall not be increased without the approval of the members at a general meeting of the Association.

#### **8:00 The Executive**

8:01 The property and business of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Officers and Directors (herein called the executive). The officers shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The directors shall include event directors and committee representative. The number of directors shall be determined at an annual general meeting, but shall not be less than seven. All officers and directors shall have voting powers at an executive meeting.

8:02 One half of the executive will be elected at each annual meeting. Officers and directors will serve a two-year term, unless the request their position be opened for election after only one year.

8:03 All retiring officers and directors are eligible for re-election.

8:04 The executive shall have the power to appoint a member to fill a casual vacancy in the executive.

#### **9:00 Duties of the Executive**

9:01 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and executive.

9:02 The Vice President shall perform the duties of president in the president's absence.

9:03 The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep minutes of all meetings, and shall conduct the official correspondence and be responsible for safe custody of the corporate seal and of all records and documents relating to the Association. This position shall keep an account of all monies received and deposit it in the name of the Association in a bank designated by the executive. He or she shall not disperse any monies except by cheque signed by other executive members as designated by the executive. He or she shall make a full report on financial condition of the Association at each Annual Meeting. The position shall also be responsible for the maintenance of point records and for the regular publishing or posting of standings in a manner agreed to by the executive.

9:04 The Event Directors shall be responsible for checking conditions in their respective events at each rodeo and handling problems or questions that may arise. In the absence of an event director, authority can be delegated to a substitute chosen by the contestants

from among themselves.

9:05 The Stock contractor Director shall represent all contractors' interests at executive meetings.

9:06 The Committee Rep shall represent all rodeo committees dealing with the Association.

9:07 All officers and directors of the executive shall, in addition, perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the executive.

9:08 The books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member in good standing at any reasonable time.

#### **10.00 Meeting**

10:01 An annual general meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at least once on every calendar year at such time and place as may be decided by the executive. Any fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at the annual general meeting.

10:02 Every effort will be made by the executive to contact all members giving notice of the annual meeting. However, the accidental omission to give notice to all members or the non-receipt by any member of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

10:03 A majority of the members of the executive shall constitute a quorum for an executive meeting.

10:04 The business of the annual meeting shall be elections of the executive members applicable for that year, to receive and consider the reports of the executive, the financial statements, and to discuss new business.

### **RULES SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **A. General**

1. Membership fees are due and payable on the first day of the Rodeo Season. The membership must be purchased the day before entries open for the first rodeo they wish to enter. If senior membership fees are not paid by May 1, an additional late fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be assessed. This rule does not apply to new members or juniors.

2. By becoming a member of the Wildrose Rodeo Association a member releases to the Association the right to use his name and/or picture for the good of the Association or of the sport of rodeo as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale involved.

3. The Board will expect the co-operation of any member when called upon by one of the Association officials to represent the Association's interest regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or any matter of official business.

4. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand the rules is an unacceptable excuse.
5. Contestants will not be charged at the gate the day that they are competing. The contestant will be required to present their WRA card at the gate to verify that they are competing and a member.
6. When a WRA member takes his/her full PRCA, CPRA or WPRA card, his/her WRA card is void and all points are dropped. Should he/she decide to come back to WRA, the member must buy a new card and points start at zero.
7. A \$75.00 local entry card for three rodeos may be bought, if you choose to carry on, a full membership at regular price can be bought with your points that you have accumulated to count.
8. A companion pass may be purchased by a member. This pass allows one companion per member free gate admission into all WRA mother rodeos in the regular season rodeo. Companion pass is invalid at the WRA challenge. The cost of the pass will be \$80. The pass will be in the contestant's name. The funds from the pass will be divided equally between all the WRA mother rodeos.

**B. Junior Member**

1. Junior member means a person 16 years or younger as of December 31 midnight of the previous year, except Junior Barrel Racing which is 15 years or younger as of December 31 midnight of the previous year.
2. Juniors can compete in senior events on their junior card.

**C. Associate Member**

1. Any non-competing member, other than a senior member, junior member, life member or honorary member, or any other class of member, which may be created by the Association, has no voting privileges.

**SECTION II: FINES AND SUSPENSIONS**

**General**

1. Any member may be fined, suspended, or both from the Association for any of the following offences:
  - a. Issuing or tendering bad cheques.
  - b. Failure to pay hotel bills.
  - c. Non-payment of entry fees.
  - d. Quarrelling in the arena.
  - e. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges at any time between the opening and the closing dates of rodeo, in or out of the arena or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress. Violation of this rule will be reported to the Association by the judges involved or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred.
  - f. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of the Association or the sport of rodeo.
  - g. Failure to abide by or disobedience of articles, by-laws, and rules of the Association.
2. Any contract person not fulfilling contract obligations will be subject to fine, suspension, or both.
3. A member tendering a cheque for payment of entry fees at an approved rodeo which is not honored by his bank or a cheque tendered to the Association and which is sent to the Association, shall be subject to the following fines, penalties and provisions:
  - a. Any member issuing a bad cheque shall be fined the amount equal to the amount of the cheque and shall be kept on a cash basis for the balance of the current season.

- b. A person on the cash only list shall be removed from the list after one year in good standing, but if he returns to the list it shall be permanent.
4. The Association will not be responsible to pay members bad cheques after one (1) week of bank notification to the party the cheque was made out to.
5. Any member on the suspended list shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. No member shall work an approved rodeo when his name appears on the suspended list, unless he cleared it through the Association office first.
  - b. Any person who has been on the Association suspended list for 30 consecutive days shall lose all pre-earned points.
  - c. Any person on the suspended list shall lose all rights and privileges until removed from the list.
6. Contestants or helpers will be fined \$25.00 per lap or blowing a horse out in a performance or slack. Only contestants in the event that is on will be allowed in arena on a horse. This also means no riding horse in or out of box. If animal is not ready contestant may walk horse around if acting up.
7. Any abuse to an animal at a rodeo the contestant will be fined a minimum of \$250 or more at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **B. Turning out Stock**

1. Contestants who have entered a rodeo but do not compete (turning out stock) shall be subject to the following fines:
  - a. If a contestant is scheduled to compete and fails to (turns out stock), he shall be subject to a fine equal to the amount of the entry fee.
  - b. If the contestant advises the rodeo secretary on the callback day for the rodeo in question that he will be turning out, the fine shall be equal to the amount of the entry fees in addition to the entry fee. If advising of turning out because preference was not received, then the fine assessed shall be \$10.00 in addition to your entry fees.
  - c. Members shall get one week to pay a turnout before being placed on the blacklist.
  - d. Contestants will not be disqualified for not competing at any time except during a paid performance. Contestants not competing at any time except during a paid performance will receive “no time” or marking for that go-round but will be eligible to compete on all other stock. Such contestants shall not be eligible for average money or points in the event in which he has not competed. Stock so turned out will not be brought back.
  - e. When your name is called at a rodeo and you are not present you are considered a turnout. If the contestant notifies a judge, their drawn stock can be held until the end of the timed events, if the contestant is a timed event contestant, or to the end of the rough stock events, if the contestant is a rough stock contestant. Barrel racers can be held until the end of the barrel racing.
  - f. A junior contestants turning out of a rodeo will pay a twenty- dollar (20) fine plus entry fee plus entries administration fee.
  - g. If one team roper turns out, the roper at the rodeo pays his half of the entry fee; the absent roper pays the turnout fine. The roper who is entered at the rodeo may pick-up another partner who can be any WRA member in good standings with a card that is not already entered in the team roping. In case of a medical the absent partner pays administration fees only with proper notification to the WRA office. Picked up partner pays his share of the entry fees, points do not count for the picked up partner.
  - h. Non-notified turnouts (anyone who is scheduled to compete but is not going to, who has not notified the office) will be charged \$100 on top of their entry fees. The second offence will result in a \$200 fine.

## **C. Contestant Disqualification**

1. Contestants may be disqualified at the judge's discretion for any of the following reasons:
  - a. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
  - b. Rowdiness or quarrelling in the actual domain of the arena.
  - c. Mistreatment of stock.
  - d. Refusing to contest during a paid performance on an animal drawn for him.
  - e. Not being ready to compete when called upon.
  - f. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
  - g. Unnecessary delay on taking stock (THIS ACTION WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE JUDGES WHEN A LEGITAMATE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN LODGED BY THE CHUTE BOSS OF THE MAN IN CHARGE OF CHUTE).
2. Judges may disqualify a rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on (if glove is needed) when previous animal leaves the arena.
3. All members of the Association must make an honest effort when competing in the arena. If an honest effort is not made, the member is liable to be disqualified the current year and the next year at that particular rodeo.
4. Contestants may be disqualified for being in a pen with livestock at any time except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director or a judge, or when assigned to work in those pens.
5. If animals are abused in any way the contestant will be suspended from competing for a period of time at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
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### **SECTION III: CONDUCT OF RODEO**

#### **A: General**

1. The Association provides its own rules for rodeo contestants that must be adhered to by committees of sanctioned rodeos. Any member of the Association who does not observe the rules is liable to a fine, suspended, or both.
2. Any rodeo with ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the Association rules must have said rules approved by the Association before they become effective and binding upon Association members.
3. The management of and member rodeos assume no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestants, and assistant. Each participant by the act of his entry waives all claims against the management for injuries he or his property may sustain.
4. Management must provide qualified paramedics (2) with a vehicle on site to stabilize any injured person until the arrival of an ambulance, or provide an adequate transport vehicle. If the vehicle and/or paramedic leaves the property the rodeo must halt until a replacement returns.
5. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless he has signed a waiver releasing the management and producer from liability. The arena director should enforce this rule.
6. All rodeo arena personnel and the persons connected with the production of a rodeo shall be subjected to the rules, policies, and standards of conduct of the Association.
7. Rodeo Judges, Timers, and Announcers will not be charged admission at the rodeo, which they are working.
8. Rodeo committees will not charge the rodeo contestants admission on the day they are competing.
9. WRA rodeo contestants must appear in complete western attire ONE HOUR PRIOR TO a rodeo performance or slack. ALL

MEMBERS SHALL WEAR A COWBOY HAT, A LONG SLEEVED CUT AND SEWN SHIRT WITH CUFFS AND COLLAR (NO KNIT PULLOVERS ALLOWED) AND COWBOY BOOTS IN THE ARENA. Failing to comply with the dress code will result in a \$100 fine per performance or section of slack

10. Complaints pertaining to conduct of a rodeo must be taken to an Association Judge or Director rather than to the rodeo committee or management.
11. Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should get in touch with an Association Director or representative for instructions.
12. Management must provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
13. Management must provide some method of conveyance for injured stock and arrange a veterinarian to be on call.
14. Rodeo Clowns will not be allowed the use of shotgun or explosives in an indoor arena unless approved by the rodeo committee or an Association director.
15. Snow fence will not be allowed for bull fences or arena fences.
16. A bull fence used in the Bull Riding must be solid enough for a man to climb, or high enough off the ground for a man to roll under (approx. 16").
17. Any non-carded competing member in the arena at a rodeo enters the arena at own risk.

#### **B. Rodeo Approval**

1. Rodeo Committees shall be assessed a sanction fee, amount of which shall be set by the Association executive.
2. Approved rodeos must hold the seven major events. They may also choose from among the six added events:
  - a. The seven major events are: Saddle Bronc, Bareback Riding, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling.
  - b. The seven added events are: Junior Bull Riding Junior Steer Riding, Jr. Barrel Racing, Novice Horse Riding Jr Breakaway, Ladies Breakaway & Peewee Barrel Racing.

#### **C. Entry Fee and Prize Money**

1. Prize money must be a minimum of \$400.00 in all-major events. Any number of major events may be featured (featured means more money added) and minimum of \$75 on any added events.
2. Entry fees must be a minimum of \$75.00 in all major events and a minimum if \$50.00 in the NHR, JrB, JSR, JBR and JBA. The PWB entry fee will be \$40..

<b>Major Events</b>	<b>Minimum Added \$</b>	<b>Min. Fees</b>
Saddle Bronc	\$400.	\$75
Bareback	\$400.	\$75
Calf Roping	\$400	\$75
Team Roping	\$400	\$75/M
Ladies Barrel Racing	\$400	\$75
Bull Riding	\$400	\$75
Steer Wrestling	\$400	\$75

<b>Added Events</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Minimum</b>
Novice Horse Riding	\$75	\$50
Junior Bull Riding	\$75	\$50
Junior Steer Riding	\$75	\$50
Junior Barrel Racing	\$75	\$50
Junior Breakaway Roping	\$75	\$50
Ladies Breakaway Roping	\$75	\$75
Peewee Barrel Racing	\$0	\$40

**C. Postponement or Cancellation**

1. If a rodeo is cancelled part way through, due to weather etc. prize money will be paid for the portion completed minus the entry fees refunded to the contestants who did not compete due to the cancellation will be refunded.
2. Only the entry fees for the events in which the contestants were unable to compete due to the cancellation will be refunded.
3. If a performance of a rodeo is cancelled the Association approval is also cancelled.
4. The rodeo committee will have till one hour before the rodeo to cancel.
5. If representatives meet to discuss the cancellation of a rodeo or performance, then minutes of that meeting must be recorded and sent to the office, any postponed or cancelled rodeo must be approved by board of directors before rescheduled.
6. If ground conditions become unsafe it is up to the discretion of a director and judge to make the decision if the event is to be carried on or cancelled.

**SECTION IV: RODEO OFFICE**

**A. General**

1. Stock contractor must furnish his own secretary at stock contractors' expense, to accept and receive entry fees at rodeos. Committee secretary is to work in conjunction with rodeo secretary.
2. If a contestant is overpaid the contestant must refund the amount of the overpayment to the office. Failure to do so may result in suspension.

**B. Paying of Entry Fees**

1. Every member contestant must give an Association number when entering a rodeo.
2. Stock and/or position must be drawn for every contestant who is entered in applicable events. Draws must be conducted and posted one hour prior to rodeo and/or slack time.
3. If the secretary is notified of withdrawal because of "injury" previous to performance in which contestant is scheduled to compete, his entry fees are not to be included in the purse. (Injury refers to a competitor on competitor's mount. A medical withdrawal may apply only for owner of a horse, not for someone mounting another person's horse).
4. A second bullfighter will be added to each rodeo for contestant protection. A charge to cover this cost for Senior, Junior bull & Junior Steer riders will be \$10.00 per entry. The fees collected to be paid to the contractor of the rodeo.

### C. Results

1. Rodeo secretaries are required to submit rodeo results to the Association office within one (1) week of the rodeo's final date. They are also responsible for emailing or texting a picture of each performance's results immediately following the completion of the last event.
2. Failure to have results of a rodeo in the mail within a week from the last date of the rodeo will be subjected to a fine assessed by the executive.

### D. Drawing Out and Doctor's Release

1. If contestant is injured at a rodeo, he may be held back at same rodeo until in the go-round with written consent of both judges and the slack contractor.
2. Contestants who medical out on a weekend must notify the office before 5pm the following day after the last performance. All paperwork for the medical must be received in the WRA office no later than 10 days after the rodeo date. If paperwork is not received in this period, the contestant will be treated as a turnout, and turnout fines will be assessed.
3. Contestant must pay entry fees if a contestant is a visible medical from a rodeo. Contestants are allowed three (3) visible medicals per year. If the contestant uses a visible medical release, they are not eligible to compete at any other WRA rodeos that weekend.
4. If a contestant uses a medical, they are not allowed to compete at a rodeo for 10 days in that event following the last performance of that rodeo.
5. A vet release can only be used by timed event contestants; but in the Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Ladies Breakaway, and Team roping only by the owner of the horse. The contestants have the option of using **one (1)** five (5) day or an unlimited number of ten (10) day vet releases in a rodeo season. Once the contestant has used his/her one (1) five (5) day vet release he/she will automatically be on a ten (10) day release. The vet release ineligibility period will begin on the first rodeo performance or slack that the contestant is scheduled to perform in. Any rodeo that falls within the ineligibility period will automatically be included in the release.
6. Non-notified turnouts (anyone who is scheduled to compete but is not going to, who has not notified the office) will be charged \$100 on top of their entry fees. The second offence will result in a \$200 fine.

### E. Payout-Money Split

1. The Association shall retain 6 percent of the gross prize money in each event, with money going towards payout at finals.
2. **When the net money in a go-round or average is \$2,000 or less, four monies shall be paid. In the Team Roping, four monies will be paid if the purse is \$4,000 or less.**
3. **When four monies are paid, the purse shall be split as follows: 40%, 30%, 20% and 10% in go-round and average.**
4. **Six monies shall be paid in go-round whenever there is over \$2,001 but under \$4,000 in a go-round. In the Team Roping, six monies will be paid when there is between \$4,001 - \$6,000 in the go-round.**
5. **Six monies shall be paid in the average whenever there is over \$2,001 but under \$4,000 in average, regardless of whether or not six monies are paid in the go-rounds.**
6. When six monies are paid, the purse shall be split as follows: 34%, 26%, 18%, 10%, 7% and 5% in the go-rounds and the average.
7. **Eight monies shall be paid in the go-round whenever there is \$4,001 or more but under \$20,000 in the go-round. In the Team Roping 8 holes will be paid when there is \$6,001 or more in the purse.**
8. **Eight monies shall be paid in the average whenever there is \$4,001 or more but under \$20,000 in the average, regardless of whether or not there are eight monies paid in the go-round.**
9. When eight monies are paid, the purse shall be split as follows: 29%, 23%, 16%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5% and 4% in the go-round and the average.

10. Ten monies shall be paid when a go-round or average amounts to \$20,000 or over with the division being 24%, 19%, 16%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 3% and 2%.
11. When not enough contestants qualify for placing, the remaining payout is to be split evenly amongst the qualifiers (i.e. 4 payout placing, only 3 qualify, the remaining 10% is to be divided among the 3 equally, dollars only).
12. Ground money only to be paid to contestants when that particular event is not hosted at the finals, otherwise money will go to that event at the finals (i.e. no saddle bronc qualifiers at the rodeo, therefore money goes to the finals in saddle bronc.)

**Rule Governing Long and Short Go Rodeo and Long Go and Finals Go Rodeo (Rodeos having more than one go and finals).**

1. If the quota for final go is not filled by qualifiers and others are drawn in, the drawn in are not eligible for final go or average points.
2. Money split shall be for long go: 50%, Short go: 25%. Those events are optional and need not remain the same as in long go.

**E. Points**

1. One-Go Rodeo

Points: 200, 175, 150, 125, 100, 75, 50, 25

2. Two-go Rodeo

Points Each Go: 100, 87.5, 75, 62.5, 50, 37.5, 25, 12.5

Average: 100, 87.5, 75, 62.5, 50, 37.5, 25, 12.5

3. Three-Go Rodeo

Points Each Go: 100, 87.5, 75, 62.5, 50, 37.5, 25, 12.5

Average: 100, 87.5, 75, 62.5, 50, 37.5, 25, 12.5

4. At a rodeo where there is a final performance, all seven major events are necessary for the final performance and the following point system will apply. Long go and Finals go Rodeo

Long-go: 200, 175, 150, 125, 100, 75, 50, 25

Final-go: 100, 87.5, 75, 62.5, 50, 37.5, 25, 12.5

Average: 100, 87.5, 75, 62.5, 50, 37.5, 25, 12.5

5. At a rodeo having more than one-go, average points only count towards all-around, high point and rookie. No go-round points count towards all-around and rookie.

6. Count each go point:

100, 87.5, 75, 62.5, 50, 37.5, 25, 12.5

Average points:

200, 175, 150, 125, 100, 75, 50, 25

7. The team roping point will be 200, 175, 150, 125 and so on for single entries.
8. Junior Steers, Junior Bulls, Junior Barrels & Junior Breakaway event points to be allotted to 6<sup>th</sup> placing. Monies will pay what money dictates.
9. **Points will be awarded to the money earners. (ex. If we pay 4 holes, points will only be awarded to those 4 people.)**

**G. Rodeo officials**

**General**

- a. Rodeo Officials cannot compete at a rodeo where they are officiating unless approved by Board of Directors.
- b. The decision of all judges, flagmen, or timers will be final.

- c. Rodeo judges must judge all rodeo events from the start to finish of a paid performance. If a dispute arises in any event at a rodeo the judges, the contestant and the director of the event (or representative of that event) should meet before posting score.
- d. The men appointed to flag as the judge for timed events, regardless of whom judges riding events, are the only ones authorized to deliver a decision of draw stock in timed events.
- e. Neither barrier judge, field judge nor riding judge may be changed during course of a rodeo, except in case of injury or sickness. Any two Association officials and the rodeo contractor have the power to appoint a judge for the remainder of the rodeo. The injured judge must compensate the appointed interim Judge.
- f. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness, injury, or by request of an Association official because of timer's incompetence, or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee, and Association.
- g. The timer who times the first performance of a riding event must time that riding event for the duration of that rodeo, except as above provided in this rule.
- h. Judges and Committees are not able to request the officials for their rodeo.

#### **H. Hiring and Fees**

- a. Anyone wishing to judge an approved rodeo should submit their name to the Board of Directors and indicate interested rodeos. The Judging Director is responsible for hiring for each rodeo.
- b. The payment of judges and timers' fees for a rodeo is to be decided between the rodeo committee and stock contractor. The Association pays for these during slack.
- c. Judges will be paid \$250 for a performance and \$250 for slack and will be reimbursed \$25 per performance and slack. Timers will receive \$125 for a performance and for slack. WRA reimburses contractor or committee \$250 for 1 judge per performance and all slack fees. WRA reimburses contractor or committee \$125 per timer in slack.
- d. Judges will be reimbursed mileage at .20cents/Km for a cancelled rodeo. This will be payable by the party responsible for the paying of timers and judges. (i.e. stock contractor or committee)

#### **I. Posting Markings**

- a. Contestants are privileged to see the records of all contestants in any event, in which he takes part, at the end of each performance at a reasonable time, so that the secretary and judges may be present.

#### **J. Sick or Crippled Stock**

- 1. In case stock is sick, crippled or already shipped, replacement will be drawn from re-ride animals.
- 2. If stock is crippled or becomes sick after the draw is made, the contestant who has drawn the sick or crippled animal receives the first re-ride animal drawn as a replacement.

### **SECTION V: ENTRY SYSTEM AND THE DRAW**

#### **A. General**

- 1. Preference shall be given to contestants who have entered the most approved rodeos on a given weekend.
- 2. If more than one WRA approved rodeo per weekend, you can enter for a preference or scratch at one of the rodeos, with slack being a preference if advertised. If only one rodeo per weekend, you cannot scratch.
- 3. If five (5) entries or less has been received for an event, the rodeo committee has the option of cancelling the event. The contestants entered must be notified of the cancellation.

4. Number of contestants on a card to be four (4) senior members. Tagging all added events.

## **B. Entries and Drawing Accepting Entries**

- a. When a contestant enters a rodeo before the entry closing time, their name will be entered for said rodeo.
- b. If only one name is given for a team roping entry, this team will not be accepted.
- c. YOU ARE AS YOU ENTER.  
For example: Enter as a local, you are considered a local and will not count as a rodeo to qualify for the finals.
- d. Each approved rodeo shall have the option of accepting the following non-members (local) entries.
  1. Local or hometown entries may be accepted, provided that definite evidence (such as a valid driver's license) of residence at the same town as the location of the rodeo is supplied. Each rodeo shall have the option of accepting as few local entries as it wishes, and the events it wishes.
  2. Any non-members will be allowed to enter as a local once during a rodeo season, providing it is approved by the hosting committee.

## **3. Trade-out**

- a. All trade-outs must be made before callback is closed.
- b. Extended trade outs will only be allowed until Monday at noon and only if there is a conflict with another rodeo association or unless a committee wants to do trade-outs. It will be each member who is involved in the trade's responsibility to contact the office by the end of the extended trade out deadline to make the trade official. It will be the sole responsibility of the committee to handle their desired trade-outs and must be completed by the end of the extended trade-out deadline.

## **4. Drawing Stock**

- a. Stock contractors may feature a maximum of two in each rough stock event per performance.
- b. All stock in contestant events must be drawn by number by a judge or Association representative.
- c. In all riding events, a complete go-round must be drawn at one time.
- d. In events where stock is drawn for contestant, no contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any one rodeo in the same events. (Team roping exempt).
- e. In timed events, stock must be drawn for an entire performance by flag judge or barrier judge at least one hour before the rodeo performance at the roping chute or the rodeo office.
- f. Drawing must be conducted so that any contestant may witness the draw.
- g. Full draw for the performance to be posted one hour prior to rodeo and/or slack start time.
- h. In slack, the first three stock drawn in timed events must go in order then the rest can be chute run. Any trading of positions must be made before the draw.
- i. Stock rotation will be as follows: Draw will be done from the entire pen for the 1st performance. The cattle remaining will be carried over into the slack draw. The slack draw will be a true rotation, for all of slack (s). Cattle remaining from the slack go to the next performance. Any cattle not having equal number of runs as other Cattle, will then be carried over and go to the 1st contestants of the next performance. The remaining draw will then be from the remaining cattle for that performance. With no cattle allowed to come back in a performance.
- j. If a contestant is a turnout an animal will not be drawn for that person. – see the non-notified turnout rule in Section D rule

- k. No exhibition runs can be made in the barrel racing or on stock turned-out in the timed events.

## **SECTION VI: STOCK CONTRACTORS**

### **A. General**

1. Stock contractors supply stock to Association approved rodeos must be a member of the Association.
  - a. A temporary permit will be issued to a new contractor, until approved by the board of directors, no full card will be given to that contractor.
  - b. An existing contractor in an equal Association will be eligible for a full card upon request and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - c. Each carded contractor must own adequate stock in the three events.
  - d. All rough stock chosen for the finals must be taken from card holding contractors within the Association.
  - e. 50% of the finalists must be present at stock draw meeting or have a signed stock list turned into their event directors.
  - f. A full Contractor card cost is the same as a full WRA membership (\$175). Temporary Permit card being half the cost (\$87.50), after approval from the Board of Directors the remainder of the card to be purchased.
2. Stock contractors are required to have two approved bullfighters on hand for the bull riding, both during the performance and slack. The second bullfighter to be paid for by the money charged for on the rodeo entry (\$10.00).
3. Stock contractors are responsible for hiring and paying of timers in accordance with fee schedule set by the executive.
4. All judges must supply a fully functional barrier setup at all rodeos. Failure to do so will be subjected to a fine. They are to be compensated \$25 per performance and slack for their barrier.
5. All members' entries to be taken by an approved Entry System with the rodeo contractors collecting entry fees.

### **B. Livestock**

1. All rodeo livestock must be numbered branded/ear tagged and drawn.
  - a. All major Saddle Bronc, Bareback, and Bull Riding stock must be number branded with the exception of try out stock that may be tried at two rodeos before this rule is enforced.
  - b. Calves may be up to 250 pounds and should be uniform in size with overweight up to the discretion of the event director.
  - c. Dogging steers must not weigh more than 500 pounds and a minimum of six-inch horn at the steer's first rodeo.
  - d. In the Ladies Breakaway event the horns of the cattle cannot be longer than their ears and must be unified in weight.
  - e. A violation of these rules will result in a fine to be enforced by the board.
2. The Association Director or official representative judges must inspect all rodeo stock at a reasonable time before the start of the rodeo and has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared shall be taken from the draw.
3. If stock is declared by the Association to be unsatisfactory, the director may require its replacement. If failure to do so contractor will be subject of fine.
4. All livestock including contestants' mounts considered unable to perform because of poor health or unsoundness may be declared unusable by the judge and required to be replaced.

5. Rodeo livestock may be worked in the arena two hours prior to any performance.
6. No whips or prods shall be used in the arena during slack or performance.
7. No animal shall be beaten, mutilated or cruelly prodded; standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible.
8. If an animal is turned out four (4) times, that animal will be brought to the board by the event director to be dealt with.

## **SECTION VII: RIDING EVENTS**

### **General**

1. Rider will be subject to fine after he has been advised by the judge, arena director or event director he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with glove on (if glove used) when previous animal leaves the arena.
2. No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback or saddle bronc horses.
3. All animals that leave chute must be properly flanked.
4. Contestants entering the Saddle Bronc and Bareback can double enter. They would pay two entry fees and would be eligible to place twice for both the money and the points. The highest point ride would count for the high point year end race.

### **B. Re-Ride:**

1. Re-Ride may be awarded in all riding events.
2. The matter of re-rides shall be totally in the discretion of the judges, provided that a re-ride shall be offered in the following situations:
  - a. An animal fails to break (runs off) or stops during a ride.
  - b. The rider is fouled at the chute or in the arena, and the rider declared himself immediately.
  - c. In the rough stock events, if the rider makes a qualified ride up to and until the flanks comes off its an automatic reride, (if the rider accepts a re-ride, it may be on the same stock, at the discretion of the stock contractor).
  - d. If an animal deliberately throws itself or falls.
  - e. If a rider makes an honest attempt to go on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so.
  - f. In the saddle bronc riding, if the stock contractor's halter breaks but not if it comes off, a re-ride shall be awarded on the same horse.
3. At no time shall a re-ride be given if the contestant's own equipment breaks or fails.
4. If a re-ride is awarded, the judges must record first mark and announce that a re-ride has been awarded, and in all cases accepting the mark or taking a re-ride is the contestant's choice. If the contestant elects to re-ride animal drawn for him, he must get on the reride or be disqualified. He must exercise his option before the next contestant rides.
5. If a timed event animal escapes from box or rerun is needed the spare animal will be run instead of bringing the drawn for animal back.
6. A contestant shall not ask for a re-ride.
7. Drawing re-rides:
  - a. A re-ride animal has to be drawn for at time of draw for each performance. Animal cannot be a re-ride at same rodeo twice. Any stock in the original draw that is turned out, meaning not bucked in competition can go to the first reride.

8. In the event of a re-ride, first re-ride horse or bull is given or if a horse or bull is a turnout, contestant has the option of either horse or bull.

### **C. Judging Riding Events**

1. Rider and animal to be marked separately.
2. Mark the ride from one (1) to twenty-five (25) according to how much rider spurs the animal and use the full spread.
3. The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25) and uses the full spread.
4. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the brake of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.
5. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived.
6. Rider may be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute.
7. If in the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate, at the judges' discretion, a re-ride may be given or the spurring out rule may be waived.
8. Judges must watch competing rider at all times (even if rider disqualifies at gate).

### **D. Saddle Bronc Riding:**

1. Horses are to be furnished by the producer. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope-rein, and a standard Association saddle. Stock contractor may call on judge to pass on whether or not a saddle is standard.
2. Stock contractor must supply their own halters and contestant may use them. Placing of buck rein, foreign material, fitness of halter, etc, subject of judges' approval.
3. Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.
4. Horses are to be saddled in chute. Saddles may not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Rider cinch own saddle or examine it to determine if satisfactory. Either stock contractor or contestant shall have the right to call the judge to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck to its best.
5. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank cinch behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.
6. Contestants may cinch saddle from either side. Riding rein and hand must be on same side.
7. Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
8. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the brake of the shoulders and touching horse's shoulder as front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute. If horse turns out backwards from the chute, the spur out rule shall be waived.
9. One arm and hand must be free at all times.
10. Saddle Bronc Riding shall be timed for eight (8) seconds; that time to start when horses inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
11. If stock contractor's halter breaks during ride, rider shall be given a re-ride on the same horse at the discretion of contractor.
12. If saddle comes off horse or breaks, rider is disqualified.

13. Any of the following offences shall disqualify a rider: being bucked off, changing hands on the rein, wrapping rein around hand, pulling leather, losing stirrup, touching animal, saddle or rein with free hand, riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, failing to follow judge's instructions when horse stalls in chute, for using any substance except dry rosin on saddle or chaps.
  - a. Contest Saddle Specifications RIGGING:  $\frac{3}{4}$  double – front edge of "D" ring must not pull further back than directly below centre of point of swell Standard E-Z or ring type saddle must be used and cannot exceed  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inch outside – width measurement. inch on each side.

GULLET: Not less than four inches wide at centre of fork of covered saddle.

TREE: Saddle must be built on standard tree.

SPECIFICATIONS: Fork – 14" wide: height – 9" maximum, gullet –  $5\frac{3}{4}$ , 5" maximum length height, 14" minimum width. Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering. No freaks allowed. All cinches must be at least 8 inches wide and Latigos could be leather or nylon, which is left up to contractor.

#### **E. Bareback Riding**

1. One hand rigging to be used. Riders may use their own rigging, if rigging is not over ten inches in width at hand and not over six inches at "D" ring, or not a freak. No rigging may have metal, fiberglass, or other objectionable material underneath. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges to decide all riggings.
2. Riggings must lie flat on the horses back while rigging is being cinched so there is an even distribution of pressure at all times. Stock contractor may call judge to pass on whether rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back.
3. All cinches must be at least 8 inches wide and latigos could be leather or nylon, which is left up to contractor.
4. A one-inch thick pad must be used under bareback rigging.
5. Contestants may pull rigging from either side.
6. Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
7. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute. Horses to be rode eight (8) seconds with time starting when horse leaves the chute.
8. If a horse turns backwards from the chute, the spurring out rule shall be waived.
9. Only dry rosin is permitted as an adhesive on rigging and riders glove. Tape may only be present on the front of the rigging handle as a shim in place of a layer of leather. No material other than dry rosin is permitted on a rider's glove.
10. RIDERS SHALL NOT TAKE ANY KIND OF FINGER TUCK OR FINGER WRAP.
11. Any of the following offences will disqualify a rider: riding with rowels too sharp in opinion of judges, being bucked off, touching animal with free hand, failing to follow judge's instructions when a horse stalls in the chute.
12. If rigging comes off horse or breaks, rider is disqualified.
13. Contestants will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly flanked or cinched.

#### **F. Bull Riding (Min age 15 years or older as of Dec 31)**

1. Riding to be with one hand loose rope, with or without handhold; no knot or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull, when rider leaves him. Rope must have a bell; no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull.
2. No more than two men may help pull contestant's rope.

3. Rope may be pulled from either side.
4. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked, to buck to best of his ability.
5. Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used. Failing to comply with rule contractor will be subject a fine set by the Board.
6. Bull will be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when animal breaks the plane of the chute.
7. If rider makes qualified ride with any rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
8. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences: being bucked off, touching animal with free hand and/or arm, using sharp spurs, intentional leaving chute with spurs hooked in bull rope or fouling animal by holding gate.
9. The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull his rope more than two times if bull is standing well in chute.
10. No yaks allowed in bull riding event.
11. Horns on all bulls must be tipped to no smaller than the size of a TOONIE, and free of splinters before used in competition. If not tipped properly a fine of \$500 will be assessed by judge or director.
12. The min. age for the person flanking stock is 16 years of age.
13. The flank rope for Bullriding/Jr Bullriding and Jr Steers cattle is to be sized to the animal so when it is pulled tight the tail of the flank does not exceed three feet, if a jerk flank is used the rule applies for both tail and leather ends.

## **SECTION VIII: TIMED EVENTS**

### **A. General**

1. It is the contestant's responsibility to compete on the stock drawn for them. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
2. Contestants will be flagged out if they do not nod for their stock or start their barrel run within 20 seconds after the judge has informed him or her that their stock is ready or arena is clear.
3. Contestants have 30 seconds in the Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping and Junior Breakaway to complete their run excluding penalties.
4. During performance, if an animal in timed events escapes the chute or pens before it is called for by the contestant, or if an automatic barrier fails to work the spare will be used.
5. Barrier judges shall keep a record of all barrier penalties. They are to be furnished with a complete list of contestants by the rodeo secretary and their records and those of the rodeo timers must correspond when checked in the office.
6. All timed event cattle will be rotation draw. Office is to provide rotation sheets.
7. All times will be recorded in 10ths for calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping, and barrels in 1000ths.
8. Calves or timed event cattle are to be tied or run, one and a half hours before first performance of each rodeo
9. Contestants will receive a no time when the helper interferes (pushing excluded) with the timed event stock leaving the chute.
10. Fresh stock is to be thrown by the contestants they are drawn for 1 hour prior to the performance. Stock not drawn for on the first day is to be thrown by the contestants that they have been drawn for on the second day. If they have been used at other rodeos or practice pens in their event they are not fresh. (Referring to Steer Wrestling and Calf Roping calves).
11. All timed events will be flagged and recorded as a timed run. If a no time is assessed it shall then be recorded. With exception of rule #15 in the team roping section.

12. Length of horns to be at least even or past the ear with both horns being within 6 inches or with directors discretion.
13. Hazers in the Steer Wrestling are required to purchases an associate card.
14. Any time a contestant is awarded a rerun due to being fouled by neck rope, barrier or other reasons that deem a rerun, the following will apply:
  - a) If contestant broke out on initial run, no rerun will be awarded unless the rodeo in question pays out an average.
  - b) If no barrier penalty was incurred on initial run, contestant will get drawn animal back and barrier will be used
  - c) If an animal fails to pull the barrier or break the neck rope and the contestant does not break the barrier a rerun shall be awarded, and the spare will be used, and the initial steer drawn will be taken out of the draw at that rodeo.
  - d) Rerun may be run in the next available section or immediately following the performance or slack. If this puts the contestant in a conflict, the spare animal will be used to allow the contestant to compete in a timely manner.
  - e) Rerun must be taken in same performance or slack or a no-time will be awarded

## **B. Barrier and Score Line**

### **1. Automatic Barrier**

- a. Automatic barriers must be used when barriers are required and there must be a scoreline 18” past the point where the barrier trips.
- b. A judge must be present to ensure barrier equipment is set up and functioning.
- c. A barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string and see that neck ropes is on properly at the request of the contestant.
- d. Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.
- e. If any part of the barrier flies up and hits the contestant or his rope, impairing him, the contestant must declare himself and if so, must be given a re-run. If an obvious broken barrier occurs, the ten-second penalty will be added to the lap and tap rerun.

### **2. Breaking the Barrier**

- a. A ten-second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
- b. In all timed events. A barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten feet of the post.
- c. Should a barrier break at any point other than its designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge.
- d. If contestants obviously beat barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten-second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.

### **3. Barrier Failure**

- a. In order for a time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.
- b. In case of a barrier malfunction, a re-run will only be given if they have a qualified time or if barrier malfunction is responsible for the no time.
- c. If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock brought back, contestants must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.

#### 4. Timed Events Score Line

- a. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by judges and timed events director or representative, if present, subject to the conditions set forth herein and subjected to the approval of all judges.
- b. Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed at the rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.
- c. The length of the score line must be determined one hour before the rodeo performance.
- d. The score line may be a maximum of 5 feet less than the length of the barrier box, if the arena conditions allow.
- e. At indoor rodeos, the length of the score shall be no longer than 5% of the length of the working area of the rodeo arena.
- f. How to measure Score Line:

To measure correctly put barriers up with pin in barrier ring, holding the pin in place, measure from post where barrier pin goes, to the point where barrier rope touches the ground. Set barrier line 18 inches beyond the point. See Diagram "A". □ a – Score Line

- b – 18 inches
- c – Barrier Line

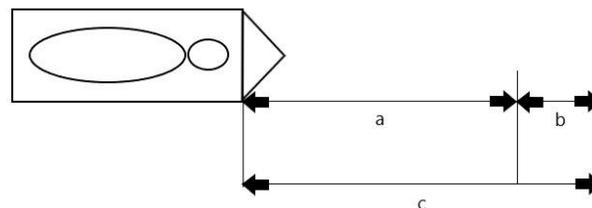


Diagram A

#### 5. Field Flagger

1. When flagging timed events, field flagger must position himself so as not to hinder contestant.
2. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used qualifying. If time is not recorded when animal escapes arena contestant shall get animal back lap and tap with 10 seconds added plus any barrier penalties that occurred.

#### C. Calf Roping

1. Calves may weigh a maximum of 250 pounds and should be uniformed in size unless approved by director.
2. Calves that are sucking cows are considered fresh and should be tied before each rodeo.
3. Every CR contestant who is set up in the first performance of the rodeo, or the slack if it is before the first performance, is expected to be present 1.5 hours before to condition the calves. Fresh calves are to be flanked two (2) times and tied a total of four (4) times on the end of the rope – no horses involved. Calves that have been roped previously at a WRA sanctioned rodeo will be flanked one (1) time and tied two (2) times at the end of a rope – no horses involved. Calves are to be run down the arena at least once in groups of three (3) or four (4) to find the catch pen.

If the contestant is unable to be present 1.5 hours prior to the first performance, it is their responsibility to contact the event rep otherwise, they are considered a “no show.” The first “no show” will result in a warning, the second is a \$25 fine and the third and all subsequent will result in a \$50 fine. To the discretion of the Calf Roping Director.

4. One loop will be permitted and should the roper miss, he must retire and “no time” will be allowed.

5. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens, except cases of mechanical failure.
6. Contestants must adjust rope and rein in manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestants must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. Contestant receiving assistance will be disqualified.
7. Rope may be dallied or tied on "hard and fast"-either permissible; contestant must dismount the horse, go down rope and throw a calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet with at least one wrap and a half hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be cleared (daylight between the calf's body and the ground) let up to his feet and thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when it falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. The roper must not touch the piggin' string, his rope nor the calf (except when necessary for the roper to get back to his feet) after giving signal until the judge has completed his examination, unless to prevent a wreck – at the judge's discretion. If tie comes loose, loses three-bone tie cross or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair tie, the roper will be marked a no time. Untie man must not approach or touch calf until signaled by flag judge.
8. Roper receives a \$100.00 fine, if calf IS JERKED DOWN BY THE HORSE WITH THE FIRST JERK OF THE ROPE, WHICH IS USED WHEN THE CALF IS TIED. A JERK DOWN MEANS THAT A CALF IS JERKED STRAIGHT OVER BACKWARDS, LANDING ON ITS BACK WITH IT'S LEGS IN THE POSITION BETWEEN 11 AND 1 (ON THE FACE OF A CLOCK) FIELD JUDGE'S DISCRETION
9. The field judge will pass the tie of the calf using a stopwatch. This six-second time starts when the horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. The rope will not be removed from calf and must remain slack until the field judge has passed on the tie. Should the rope come off the calf during the run, then the six second time limit will begin after the roper calls for time and clears the calf.
10. FLAGGER MUST WATCH CALF DURING THE SIX SECOND PERIOD WITH STOP WATCH WHEN A CALF KICKS FREE USING THE TIME SHOWN ON THE WATCH TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CALF WAS TIED LONG ENOUGH TO QUALIFY
11. Any intentional excessive dragging of calf will be assessed a fine of \$100.
12. If calf dies before the completion of the run and before the flag is dropped, the contestant shall be given "no time", and shall not be entitled to a rerun.
13. Contestants will be disqualified for:
  - a. Roping calf before neck rope is released by the calf.
  - b. If contestant's feet touch the ground before horse has crossed the score line.
  - c. Contestant may not have calf lined beyond the score line.
  - d. Touching the "Piggin' String" after calling for time
  - e. Touching the rope (unless to avoid a wreck) or making the horse pull back after calling for and before remounting, (Field Judge's discretion)
14. Calves may go to three (3) rodeos and following this time period; the Calf Roping Director must approve the calves for another rodeo.
15. **If the calves aren't lined for the first run of the rodeo, then they cannot be lined for the remainder of the rodeo.**

#### **D. Steer Wrestling**

1. Animals used for this event should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. An animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure.
2. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steer or chutes.

3. Contestant must furnish own hazer and horse. Only one hazer allowed. Hazer will not render any assistance to contestant, while contestant is working steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Contestant and hazer must have used the same horses they leave the chute with.
4. Steer must be caught from horse. If a steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch steer. After catching steer, wrestler must bring steer to a stop or change the forward motion of the steer. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying on its left side, all four feet and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decisions will be final.
5. No penalty for breaking a horn.
6. Cattle for any other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.
7. Steer Wrestling cattle are to be all heifers or all steers. No mixed pen.
8. Dogging steers must not weigh more than 500 pounds and minimum of six-inch horn at the steer's first rodeo.
9. A steer, which has been missed in the steer-wrestling event, must be thrown by the contestant, in the presence of a judge, if the stock contractor, the director or representative so requests at the end of the rodeo performance.
10. There is to be a minimum 25% of entry or minimum of eight (8) steers supplied for a rodeo at discretion of event director.

#### **E. Team Roping**

1. Each team will be allowed a total of two loops. Rodeo conditions will determine whether there is an open or closed gate in the Team Roping.
2. Roping steer without releasing loop from hand will result in disqualification.
3. Steer must be on its feet when being roped by the head or heels.
4. Time will be taken when steer is roped with both horses in line facing steer, with ropes dallied and tight, with horses' feet touching the ground.
5. A dropped or broken rope will receive a no time.
6. Any heel catch behind shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
7. Three legal head catches are:
  - a. Head or both horns
  - b. Half a head
  - c. Around the neck
8. If honda passes over horn and the loop over the other, or if head rope crosses itself the catch is illegal.
9. Team Roping cattle must all be horned.
10. Five-second penalty for only one heel.
11. Any questions as to catches or problems arising will be decided by the judges.
12. Roping animal before neck roping is released by animal will result in disqualified.
13. No cross firing i.e., header must change direction of the entire steer before the heeler throws.
14. Ropers may be disqualified for rough handling of stock.

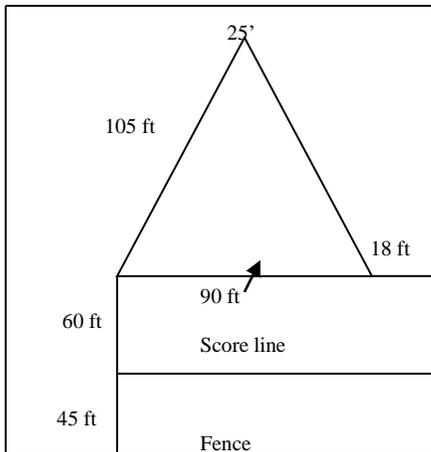
15. **Team ropers will be flagged out if there is a front leg in the header's loop when the heeler dallies.**
16. If a WRA Team roping member enters with an uncarded contestant, then the carded member's points only will count.
17. A contestant must come to the board with a doctor's note, it will be reviewed and a decision will be made as to whether or not the contestant can tie hard and fast.

**F. Ladies Barrel Racing**

**A. General**

1. Contestants must be female.
2. The barrel racing event(s) have ten minutes to set up timers and have them in working order or that performance will be timed manually.
3. Regulation Size Pattern  
Arena conditions permitting, barrel distance shall be ninety (90) feet between Barrel one (1) and Barrel two (2). From the centre of barrels 1 & 2 the arc should be one hundred five (105) feet to Barrel three (3). Score line is to be sixty (60) feet, with a minimum of forty five (45) feet from stopping distance with a closed gate or thirty (30) feet inside arena with a safe centre alley. Barrels one (1) and two (2) a minimum of eighteen (18) feet off of fence and Barrel three (3) twenty-five (25) feet off of fence.

**Standard Regulation Pattern 90 X 105 X 60 feet Arena size permitting**



**Non-Regulation Size Pattern**

(Smaller, off size arenas or Indoor Pattern)

For non-regulation pattern use 15 feet off fence for barrels 1 and 2, 25 feet off barrel

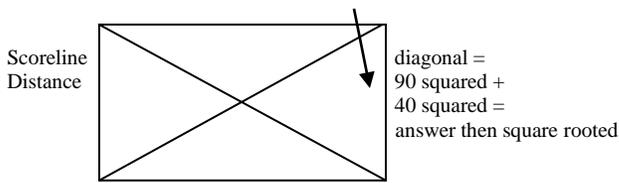
3 using complete arena and score line set accordingly. 45 feet stopping with closed gate or 30 feet with safe centre alley.

**THE DIAGONAL MEASUREMENT OF THE SCORELINE**

Will be marked as follows

**EXAMPLE:**

3rd Barrel \*  
Distance between 1 and 2  
90 ft      40 ft



Timer  $8100 + 1600 = 9700 = 98.4$

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  - a. The barrels and score line must be permanently staked for entire contest.
  - b. Barrels must be set to run in and out equally for left-handed or right-handed barrel racers, where safe and possible.
  - c. Once barrel markers have been placed, no practicing is allowed on course marked. For the purpose of practice, barrels must be placed at least 10 feet three meters away from markers. This also includes all local barrel racing events.
  - f. No contestant shall walk, trot or run a barrel pattern in the arena within one (1) hour of show time.
5. Barrels to be forty-five (45) metal gallon size and closed on both ends. Tires or thick rubber protectors are not to be used on barrels.
6. Either barrel one (1) or two (2) may be taken first but contestant will be disqualified for not following cloverleaf pattern.
7. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when called. Ill-mannered horses will be disqualified at the judge (s) discretion. If a contestant does cause an unnecessary delay, they can be fined \$50.00.
8. Whenever arena conditions permit, a contestant may come into the arena and start the race on the run or start from standing position, but in no case may a contestant cause any unnecessary delay in starting the race. No barrel racer may be helped passed the plane of the arena in a run-in set up or they will be disqualified.
9. Contestants may, from a riding position, hold barrel from falling.
10. Arena gates are to be left open for all contestants or closed for all contestants during a race. Barrel markers can request the decision before the race starts but the same for entire rodeo.
11. A contestant can change horses during a barrel racing competition.
  - a. A barrel horse may be used by the same girl in both senior and junior racing events.
  - b. A horse may by run in the senior and the junior barrel racing but may not be ridden twice in the same age group.
12. The use of bats and spurs is allowed; however, excessive use of the bat prior to the race, during the race, or after the race, will mean automatic disqualification for that particular race.
13. The rider may us both hands on the reins or may hang on to the saddle if she desired.
14. Show representatives who have been assigned to mark barrels at a rodeo and failure to do so or failure to appoint someone to do this, will be assessed a fine at the discretion of the executive.
15. The electric timers may not be rented out to another Association.
16. Raking will be done between actual barrel runs according to #'s determined in the first performance. Ladies Barrels, Junior and Peewee Barrels are classified as 1 event in the rotation. In the slack, the arena is to be harrowed after the same number of ladies as are in the performance.

## **B. Timing the Barrel Race**

1. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over.

2. Horses are to be timed on the nose both at the start and finish of the race. Contestant must complete the race on the horse in order to have her time.
3. The electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be timed to the one one thousandth (1/1000) of a second. It must also be backed up by two (2) timers using watches to the one-one thousandth (1/1000) of a second. Both sets of times are to be recorded. When the electric timer is used, and a minority of the contestants is missed, the stopwatch times plus "0" are to be used as the official times for the contestants missed (i.e. 16.15 would become 16.150). Should the timer fail to operate for more than half of the contestants in a single go-round, then the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all contestants in that go-round.

**C. Show Reps**

1. Show reps will be delegated for each rodeo. Responsibilities are: getting the timers and barrel covers from the previous rodeo, making sure they are in working order and marking the pattern in accordance of the WRA rule book. Neglecting of any duty will result in a hundred dollar (\$100) fine.
2. If reps are unable to attend their rodeo, they must arrange for someone to take your place.
3. At least one hour prior to each performance, it is the responsibility of the last three Ladies Barrel racers to check markers with a judge, then turn into the office the notice of check as well as to install barrel covers. They are also responsible for bringing the timers to the appointed place so that the Judges can set them up immediately prior to the Ladies Barrel Racing event. It is the responsibility of the first three Ladies Barrel racers to take down the timers and take off barrel covers and return equipment to rodeo office, and to find rakers for barrel events. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

**SECTION IX – ADDED EVENTS**

**General:**

1. A Junior, Novice Horse Rider or Peewee member entering in both a lower and higher ranking event must after earning 500 points in higher ranked event pick which event he or she would like to compete. They will be allowed to enter both events but must choose one event when entering the finals. The points in the dropped event will be dropped.

**A. Junior Steer Riding (14 years & under as of midnight December 31 of previous year)**

1. Riding to be done with one or two hands and loose rope, with or without handhold: no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer, when rider leaves him. Rope must have a bell, no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of steer.
2. No more than two men may help pull contestant's rope.
3. Rope may be pulled from either side.
4. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not steer is properly flanked, to buck to best of his ability.
5. Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
6. Steer will be rode eight (8) seconds, time to start when animal breaks plane of chute.
7. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand he is to be marked.
8. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences: being bucked off, using sharp spurs, or fouling animal by holding gate.
9. Rider will be disqualified if any part of their upper body comes in contact with the animal during the 8 second ride.
10. The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull the rope more than two times, if the steer is standing well in the chute.
11. Animals have to be yearling heifers, yearling steers or cows to directors' discretion.

12. If a contestant starts with one hand, he must finish with one hand. If he starts with two, he may change to one, but then rides under the one hand rule.
13. Junior Steer riding chutes will be drawn for.
14. Horns on all bulls must be tipped to no smaller than the size of a TOONIE, and free of splinters before used in competition. If not tipped properly a fine of \$500 will be assessed by judge or director.
15. Protective Riding helmets and vests are mandatory in the Junior Steer Riding.

**B. Junior Bull Riding (17 years & under as of midnight December 31 of previous year)**

1. Bulls, two years and younger can be used.
2. All bull riding rules will apply.
3. Junior Bulls will be drawn for by animal name or number at the office and will be posted with the stock draw.
4. Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
5. Horns on all bulls must be tipped to no smaller than the size of a TOONIE, and free of splinters before used in competition. If not tipped properly a fine of \$500 will be assessed by judge or director.
6. Protective Riding helmets and vests are mandatory in the Junior Bull Riding.

**C. Junior Barrel Racing (15 years and under as of midnight December 31 of previous year)**

1. Contestants may be male or female.
2. All other Ladies Barrel Racing rules apply.

**D. Pee wee Barrel Racing (10 years and under as of midnight December 31 of previous year)**

1. It will not require added money.
2. Pee wee barrels will be included as an event at the finals.
3. In Pee wee Barrel racing event the money and points will be guaranteed to 6th hole.

**E. Novice Horse riding (14 – 20 years as of midnight December 31 of previous year)**

1. Novice Horse riding age will be 14 to 20 years old.
2. Can be rode either as saddle bronc or bareback.
3. Stock Contractor must designate bucking horses for each rodeo for either the Junior Novice Horse Riding Event of the senior events. Separate stock list for the Junior Novice Horse Riding event and have designated stock for this event. Try-out horse will not be allowed in the Novice Horse Riding Event.
4. Novice Horse riding is to be held at the finals as an added event (no more than six (6) qualifying contestants).
5. Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
6. Mark out rule in Novice Horse Riding will be enforced.
7. Proper protective Riding vests are mandatory in the Novice Horse Riding.

**F. Breakaway Roping – Junior (14 years & under as of midnight December 31 of previous year)**

1. Either all mullies or all horned calves or steers may be used.
2. Rope must be tied to the horn and may not be run through bridle, tie down, neck rope or any other device. A bright cloth or flag must be attached to the rope at the horn so judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn.
3. Loop must pass over the animal's head but following that the catch-as-catch can rule shall apply. i.e. the loop may draw up on any part of the animal. If they are horned cattle a legal catch is half head, horns or around the neck.
4. The field judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from horn.
5. Contestant will be flagged out for breaking rope from saddle horn by hand or for touching rope or string after catch is completed.
6. Roping animal before neck rope is released by the animal, contestant will be disqualified.
7. Only one loop is permitted.
8. Steer must be roped in 30 seconds.
9. Breakaway ropers come out of calf roping box.

**G. Ladies Breakaway Roping – (any female can enter this event)**

1. The horns of the cattle cannot be longer than their ears and must be unified in weight.
2. The entry fee for this event will be \$75
3. To have a qualified time, the contestant must catch the animal around the neck.

**SECTION X: FINALS**

**A. Rodeo Events and Go Rounds**

1. All major events will be held at the finals.
2. The executive will choose added events considering those, which have been held most often during the year to be held in addition to the majors.
3. The major events and **Ladies Breakaway Roping** will consist of (10) ten contestants per go-round. The added events will have six (6) contestants per go-round.
4. In the event that ground conditions are questionable and the majority of the Junior and Ladies finalists agree, raking will be allowed.

**B. Qualification:**

1. **To qualify for the finals:** Rough Stock – the WRA Board has waived the finals qualifications for the Senior Rough Stock events. Timed Event - to enter and compete in 7 mother WRA mother rodeos and 3 co-approved rodeos for a total of 10 rodeos.
2. If, for some reason, a qualifier will not be completing, then the next place person qualifies and so on.
3. Junior members and Peewee members must enter and compete at 6 WRA rodeos to qualify for the finals.
4. In the Team Roping, the points are recorded as headers and heelers. The top ten headers and top ten heelers qualify for the finals. If qualifying on both ends contestant must make a choice as to which end he/she will compete. If qualifying on both ends after the choice is made as to which end they will compete, the next contestant will move up into the vacant placing.
5. The points for the team ropers qualifying for the finals will be combined to determine the order of the teams placing in that event.

6. Finalist number for contestants will be given out according to money won, i.e. #1 to most money won during the season.
7. If no qualified rides at the finals in any event the money will go back to the association.
8. Competitors in the added events must compete at a minimum of ½ of the number of mother rodeos that have their specific added event during the rodeo season to qualify for the Finals. (ie. If there are 10 WRA mother rodeos that have Jr Bull Riding, the contestants must compete at 5 to qualify for that year's Finals but if there are 14 WRA mother rodeos with Jr Bull Riding, then they must compete at 7 of them)

**C. Point System and Prizes**

1. Contestants will bring the points that they have accumulated during the rodeo season in to the Finals.
2. The top four placing in each of the goes for the major events will be awarded points – 600, 500, 400 and 300 for each go-round 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th.
3. In the added events at the Finals (with the exception of the PW barrel racers) points will be awarded to 4<sup>th</sup> place – same as the major events. The money in each go will be paid to the top 3.
4. Saddles will be awarded to top finalist point earner in all senior events at finals.
5. No Association fees will be deducted from the prize money. Money will be split equally for each go. Payout will be to the top four in each event.
6. There will be no ground money paid at the finals.
7. An average for points only, in all events, to be used at the finals. The average will be awarded points as follows for the top 4 placings: 1200, 1000, 800, and 600
8. If a tie in an event should occur (10<sup>th</sup> in Sr & 6<sup>th</sup> in Jr. placings) at the end of the season the tie will be broke by whoever places at the most rodeos over the year. If tie isn't broken then go to the contestant who placed at the most WRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeo. Then to who entered most WRA rodeos and next most money won.

**D. Judge**

1. Either a two, three or four card judging system, at the executive's discretion, will be used for rough stock events.
2. Judges and flagman will be chosen from the Association's approved judges and voted on by the finals contestants at entry time.
3. One extra judge will be budgeted for at the finals. Rough stock and timed event to pick a 5th judge for flagging in the event that that judge hasn't already been picked.
4. Judges will share the timed event duties.
5. To qualify for the finals a Judge is required to judge 3 WRA or 2 WRA mother rodeos and 1 co-approved rodeo.

**E. Contractors Eligibility**

1. Directors (after consulting the finals qualifiers) meet with the stock contractors to decide what stock (rough stock and timed event stock) should be brought to the finals.
2. If a stock contractor's membership fee has not been paid for by the finals draw the contractors stock will be withdrawn from the draw.
3. One mother WRA rodeo qualified a Stock Contractor, for the WRA finals. All stock must be bucked once at a 1st approved or any co-approved WRA rodeo.

## **F. Stock**

1. Regarding stock draw in all 3 rough stock events, if animal is injured, and unable to buck at the finals, and then the first ride animal will replace the injured animal for the contestant in question. Then the 2nd ride animal is moved to the 1st ride spot. The 2nd ride spot is given to the replacement animal chosen by the stock contractor in question.
2. Animals are to be selected by event reps off stock contractors list submitted to the office for the finals. Contractors must be available to be contacted on draw night. If not available when contacted, selection will be classified as approved. If they agree to the draw and pull out after draw night or before the finals are over they are to be fined \$100 per animal in draw.
3. All Horses or Bulls must be number branded to qualify for the finals. Finals stock list must have stock number and name.
4. Any animals being pulled from the finals must have any 3 directors check animal for injury before they can be removed from grounds.

## **G. Turning out Stock**

1. A contestant turning out of a major event at the finals without proper procedures being met will be assessed a fine of \$350 per round per event. Turning out of junior events without proper procedures being met will be fined \$100 per round per event.

## **H. Medical Release**

1. If a contestant qualified in one or more events and gets injured in one event, he or she shall have the option of:
  - a. Medical out of the finals in all events with no fines.
  - b. Competing in their other events.
  - c. Coming back to compete on remaining stock in the medicated event.

## **H. Annual Meeting**

1. All Senior Finalist Contestants must attend the Annual meeting. A signature sheet will be at the door. Anyone failing to attend will receive a fine of \$100.
2. Contestants not present for group pictures will be fined accordingly. Seniors \$50.00 per event participating in and juniors fined \$25.00.

## **SECTION XI – END OF SEASON AWARDS**

1. All-Around – a buckle will be awarded to the member who has accumulated the highest number of points in riding and timed events at the end of the season. To qualify, the contestant must have placed at least twice in the timed events and twice in a riding event during the season. The All Around must have at least three (3) qualifiers. If not, there will not be an all around award given.
2. High Point: Year Ends – Contestants who compete in two or more events during the year must place three times in two or more events. If a Junior competitor is also competing in Senior events, the points from the Senior events do not count for the Senior High Point Award.
3. Novice Horse Riders can qualify for the Sr High Point Award and Sr All-Around categories.
3. Buckles will be awarded to the season's highest point earner in each event. (Junior and Senior).
4. In the timed events, the top working horses of the year will be voted on at the finals. Voting is to be completed prior to the first performance.
5. In the rough stock events, the stock of the year will be voted on by the finalists as they enter the finals. To be eligible for rough stock of the year awards, contractor must have stock at the finals.

6. Rookie: To qualify member must be a 1<sup>st</sup> time WRA card holder (have not had a card in any Association excluding High School and Little Britches Rodeos) and enter and compete in the appropriate amount of WRA mother approved rodeos in either Junior or Senior events.”
  
7. Cowboy/cowgirl of the Year- There will be a Selection Committee; which will include WRA President, last Cowboy of the Year, and 3 Board of Directors. Nomination must be sent into the WRA Office attention Cowboy of the Year Selections Committee, Deadline August 1st. The selections committee will meet privately, read nominations, and vote on WRA Cowboy of the Year. If no nominations are submitted the Selections Committee reserves the right to nominate candidate, the vote on the Cowboy of the Year. The Cowboy of the Year Award will be presented Saturday night of the finals by the Past Cowboy of the Year.