



# 2017 Rule Book

LOUISIANA RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

Be it known that we do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming , in compliance with the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes, 12:201-269, a corporation not for profit, do hereby certify:

NAME OF THIS CORPORATION shall be the Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association

- To encourage rodeos to comply with standards established by this Association in order to obtain official recognition and sanction.
- To sponsor contest events and championships among members.
- To carry on any and all activities within the scope and purpose of this organization, except such as may be deemed as political and religious.

Officers of this corporation shall consist or a President, Vice President, and Directors for each event. A Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of this corporation is Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

The principal office of this corporation is located at 1232 Old Plain Dealing Rd, Benton, LA 71006.

ARTICLE III.

Cindy Emerson, whose address is 1232 Old Plain Dealing Rd., Benton, LA 71006, is hereby appointed the current registered agent of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The purpose and powers, for which this corporation is organized, are:

To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a Corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Louisiana by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

ARTICLE V.

This corporation shall be organized without capital stock, and membership shall be evidenced by certificate or card of membership.

1. Active members shall comprise persons living in the Ark-La-Tex area and who shall pay the required dues.
2. Honorary members shall be citizens of the United States, who may be selected by the Board of Directors, being persons who are interested in the work and welfare of this corporation and this community.

Each active member shall have one (1) vote. The individual and personal liability of the members of the corporation shall be limited to the payment of such contributions as they may pledge and the amount of their dues assessed them as long as they are members.

ARTICLE VI.

The corporate powers of this corporation, subject to the limitations of the Charter and the law, shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of nine (9) directors, composed of members. The officers of this corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

The Directors of this corporation shall have the authority to make and alter such by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with law of this Charter, such by-laws to be subject to change or repeal by a majority of the members.

ARTICLE X.

The existence of this corporation is perpetual.

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## ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

1. A minimum of \$200.00 per event/per end in the team roping (\$1,800.00) must be added at any LRCA rodeo which is one performance. Team Roping is considered two events and therefore must have added money on both ends which will be the same as all other timed events.
2. A minimum of \$250.00 per event/per end in the team roping (\$2,250.00) must be added at any LRCA rodeo which is two or more performances. Team Roping is considered two events and therefore must have added money on both ends which will be the same as all other timed events.
3. If it has been a year or longer since a town/committee in Louisiana has had a LRCA first approved rodeo, the year they return as a LRCA ground rule rodeo, the minimum per event/end in the team roping may be \$100.00, (\$900.00) but after that year they must abide by the previously established minimums of \$200.00 or \$250.00 per event/end in the team roping based on the number of performances established in the rules. Team Roping is considered two events and therefore must have added money on both ends which will be the same as all other timed events.
4. The rodeo committee and/or sponsor will be responsible for securing per event/per end added money in addition to production cost for any LRCA rodeo.
5. Six percent of total prize money (excluding the \$5.00 call in fee) in each event will be returned to the LRCA for operating expenses. Payoff will be figured from amount after all association deductions.
6. Each LRCA sanctioned rodeo will have two timers and a secretary who have a current LRCA membership card. The rodeo secretary may not be one of the timekeepers.
7. When the LRCA is affiliated with other associations, the LRCA will accept their contestants' cards by mutual agreement.
8. Any person suing or attempting to sue the LRCA will be banned from the LRCA permanently.
9. The LRCA will have one rookie cowboy or cowgirl in each event for the year. To be eligible for rookie of the year awards, the contestant shall have never held any amateur or pro rodeo association card. All junior high/high school members are rookie eligible throughout their high school career, unless they win the rookie award. It is the contestant's responsibility to check rookie eligibility on the membership application. If a contestant is winning rookie of the year and qualified to compete at the finals and does not enter and compete at the finals he/she forfeits the right to awards and title and they will go to the next qualified person competing at the finals. If the rookie is not finals eligible they will be awarded rookie of the year if they meet all other requirements. If a rookie competing at the finals is injured an unable to finish competition or if they are injured and unable to compete at the finals they will still be eligible for rookie title and awards with proper documentation of injury or illness.
10. Members in good standing will receive credit for every dollar won, excluding ground money. The member meeting all finals eligibility criteria, competing at the finals, and with the most money won will be the event champion. Contestants competing at the finals without all qualifications (rodeo count, etc.) are not eligible to be the event champion or receive year end awards. Member is defined as a contestant in good standing who has presented a completed membership application and signed, notarized minor's release, if applicable, and paid his or her membership dues prior to competition in the rodeo. If a minor does not have the proper signed, notarized minor's release at the time they present their membership application they will not be allowed to compete until it is received.
11. In order to be the all-around champion a contestant must compete in and have a minimum of \$200.00 per event won in at least 2 events and meet finals eligibility criteria in those events. The member with the most money won meeting the 2 or more event requirement, finals eligibility requirements, and competing at the finals will be the All-Around Champion.

12. Worthless checks will be repaid to the LRCA for the amount of the check plus a \$25.00 fee.
13. All members must be in good standing and all outstanding fines and/or fees must be paid prior to entering a LRCA sanctioned rodeo. Payments are to be paid by cash or money order to the association secretary.

### **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND/OR PRIVILEGES**

**CONDUCT:** All contesting members will at all times conduct themselves in an exemplary manner upholding the association purpose, and rules, and shall present themselves in a neat, clean, and orderly cowboy or cowgirl manner. By entering any event covered by the rules of the LRCA, contestant assumes and accepts the full risk and danger of injury and/or damages to the person and property and further waives the LRCA, its officers and directors from any and all claims for damages which may arise.

Member is defined as a contestant in good standing who has presented a completed membership application and signed, notarized minor's release, if applicable, and paid his or her membership dues prior to competition in the rodeo. Only when these conditions are met will the contestant receive credit for money won and the rodeo in the standings. Any LRCA member and/or contestant will be responsible for his/her conduct to the LRCA Executive Committee in the vicinity of a LRCA sanctioned event or rodeo.

1. When contestant numbers are furnished all participants must wear the number to enter the arena and to receive their stock. Anyone without a number may be excluded from the arena. Participants must wear their numbers in a place visible to the Judges and spectators.
2. Contestants shall ride in grand entry if needed or requested to do so.
3. All contestants shall cooperate with producers and ride in the grand entry whenever possible. Barrel racers and breakaway ropers will carry flags or set pivots for grand entry when called upon, provided stock contractor provides a horse.
4. Contestants will cooperate when called upon by association officials to represent the association's interests regarding enforcement of the rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.
5. Long sleeve(sleeves rolled down), buttoned down shirts with a collar, hat/helmet, and boots must be worn in the arena by all contestants, during all performances and slack. This includes the grand entry.
6. All contestants, anyone assisting a contestant, and workers must adhere to dress code anytime they are in the arena, alley, or box. Safety related devices, such as helmets, are considered western attire.
7. All LRCA members and permit contestants shall read and know the prevailing rules of each individual rodeo. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
8. Contestants must be on hand to answer the call of the Arena Director and must comply with all other rules of the management of each particular contest or exhibition held under the auspices of the LRCA as long as they do not conflict with the LRCA rules.
9. Contestants may be disqualified, fined, or both for any of the following offenses:
  - Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
  - Fighting or quarreling in the arena.
  - Mistreatment of stock.
  - Refusing to contest during a paid performance on the animal drawn for him/her, at the discretion of the stock producer.
  - Not being ready to compete when being called upon.
  - Cheating or attempting to cheat.
  - Not wearing proper attire for competition as described above when in the arena. This includes judges, stock producers, and personnel.

- Talking to the flagman or time keepers while events are in progress.
  - Issuing worthless checks.
  - Failure to pay hotel bill
  - Nonpayment of entry fees
  - Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, or annoy the judges at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo in or out of the arena. Violations shall be reported to the LRCA board by the judge or judges involved.
  - Conduct, speech, or actions detrimental to the LRCA or the sport of rodeo.
  - Failure to abide by the Articles of Incorporation and/or rules of the LRCA.
10. Any contestant refusing to compete on an animal drawn for him/her or turning out during a paid performance, will be disqualified and there will be an automatic fine of \$50.00.
- Contestants will not be disqualified for refusing to compete on stock drawn for him/her or turning out at any time except during a paid performance but there will be an automatic fine of \$35.00.
  - Contestants turning out stock at any time except during a paid performance will receive a no time or no score for that go round, but will be eligible to compete on all other stock. Such contestants will not be eligible for average money in the event in which he/she has refused to compete or turned out stock.
  - Contestants must make an honest effort to compete on the stock drawn for him/her. If an honest effort is not made a disqualification may result.
  - Disqualification of a contestant occurs only as the result of a judge's decision.
  - Only a contestant /member in good standing can file a complaint. Contestant /Member complaints should be presented to an event director or officer at the conclusion of the rodeo performance. If a satisfactory result is not achieved, the contestant/member may call a meeting with all officers and directors. In all cases of dispute, the rodeo will proceed without delay under current LRCA rules.
  - Any contestant/member/person arguing with the judges or causing an altercation in the arena will be disqualified from the go round and banned from the arena and future LRCA rodeos until further notice.
11. A suspended contestant/member is not eligible to enter and/or participate in any way at another LRCA rodeo, until he/she pays all outstanding fees and fines to the LRCA office and secures confirmation that they have once again attained good standing.
12. LRCA Hall of Fame members, who were granted a lifetime membership upon induction, will have their lifetime membership revoked for misconduct or failure to abide by the current rules. The lifetime member will not be eligible to participate, produce, work, or be in the arena at any LRCA ground rule rodeo until such time as the fines are paid and the member has once again attained good standing.
13. Fines will be imposed at the discretion of the board and/or judges. The minimum fine will be \$25.00 and the maximum fine will be \$500.00. The list of ineligible contestant/members will be posted on the website and provided to person's responsible for taking entries for entry purposes.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FISCAL YEAR**

Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors. The LRCA fiscal year for membership purposes is from the membership rodeo to membership rodeo, subject to change. Contestant points will be earned from published membership rodeo as the beginning date through the published end date at the conclusion of the LRCA finals.

1. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone with just cause.

2. Membership will be open to any reliable person interested in contesting/performing in rodeos, rodeo events, producing rodeos, or to any person interested in the advancement of rodeos, provided their application is accepted. Membership cards may be purchased through the LRCA office or from the rodeo secretary at any LRCA rodeo.
3. A contestant must be a member in good standing prior to competition in the first performance he or she is entered in order for the rodeo to count and point to be awarded for money won.
  - Member is defined as a contestant in good standing who has presented a completed membership application and minor's release, if applicable, and paid his or her membership dues prior to competition in the rodeo. Only when these conditions are met will the contestant receive credit for money won in the standings.
4. All LRCA 2017 competing membership cards are \$100.00 regardless of age.
  - a. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a parent's signature on a notarized waiver before being allowed to compete in the rodeo. This must be filed in the office and renewed each year prior to competition.
5. LRCA non-competing membership cards are \$45.00.
  - Non-competing cards must be purchased by all Announcers, Producers, Secretaries, Time Keepers, Pick-Up Men, Bullfighters, Contract Acts, Judges, and Photographers.
  - Stock Contractors/Producers are responsible for insuring any contract personnel working their rodeos have a current membership card. Failure to insure they have or purchase card will result in producer being responsible for cost of cards plus \$25.00 fine. The producer is responsible for the actions of the people hired to work their rodeo.
  - Non-competing card holders cannot compete in any of the rodeo events.
  - Any of the above listed positions must purchase the traditional membership card if they want to compete in any of the rodeo events.
14. Lifetime members will be selected each year at the discretion of the board of directors based on length of service, member's age, competing status, and other pertinent information. If the lifetime member would like a card they must complete the proper paperwork, present it to the office, and request the card from the association. Lifetime membership will be revoked for misconduct or failure to abide by the current rules. The lifetime member will not be eligible to participate, produce, work, or be in the arena at any LRCA ground rule rodeo until such time as the fines are paid and the member has once again attained good standing.

#### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. Nomination forms will be published on the association's official website during the nomination period. Each current member in good standing may nominate officers, contract act director, and a director for their event, by completing the nomination form and returning it to the LRCA office via mail or email by the designated deadline.
2. In order to receive a nomination for president of the LRCA the member must have served a full term as an officer or director on the board. No stock contractor may hold the office of President.
  - a. Nominations will be taken at a specified time prior to the finals each year.
  - b. The three candidates receiving the highest number of nominations shall be placed on the ballot, after the association secretary has confirmed the willingness of said nominees to serve if elected.
  - c. If any of the first three nominees decline their nomination, the nominee with next highest number of nominations shall be placed on the ballot providing they accept their nomination.
  - d. Three members or less shall be nominated for the office of president, vice-president, and directors for each event, contract act, and stock contractor.
  - e. Election of officers and directors will be alternated on a two year rotation in order to insure that some past officers and directors will be available to explain any pending business. The officers and event directors will alternate as follows:

- Even year elections will include: Vice-President, and directors of calf roping, team roping-heading, team roping-heeling, bareback riding, bull riding, breakaway roping, and stock contractor.
  - Odd years elections will include: President and directors of steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, contract acts, and barrel racing.
3. No candidate's name shall appear on the ballot for more than one office. If a nominee should be nominated for more than one office, he/she shall inform the secretary prior to voting of his/her preference on the ballot. If nominee fails to inform secretary of their preference, his/her name shall appear for the office in which he/she has the highest number of nominations. The nominee with the next highest number of nominations will appear on the ballot where the withdrawal occurs.
  4. After the candidates are nominated and compiled, their names will be published and voting will occur during a specified time period electronically through an independent third party. All voting for officers, directors, and finals personnel will be handled in this manner, completed by an established deadline and the results will be compiled and submitted to the named association designee.
  5. A member may vote for directors, personnel, and stock only in the events in which he/she competes. All eligible members may vote for president, vice-president, and contract act director.
  6. The receipt of a majority of votes cast will elect all Officers and Directors. In the event of a tie vote, there will be a second vote taken for that position. In the event of a second tie vote the executive committee shall determine the winner.
  7. If a board member misses two consecutive meetings without approval of the president, he/she may be removed from the board. Excuses can be granted by the president for illness, deaths, or other causes determined by the president.

#### **ELECTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

The officers of the association shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and board of directors chosen from saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, barrel racing, calf roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, team roping-heading, team roping-heeling, bull riding, contract acts, and stock contractors.

1. Board of Directors: the legislative or rule making powers of the association shall be held by the board of directors. The board of directors shall have supervision over the business affairs of the association with the power to make, adopt, alter, or amend the bylaws as hereinafter specified. The board of directors may make all rules in which it considers necessary to carry out the purpose of the organization and or all contracts incidental thereof.
  - a. All officers and directors shall serve without salary, except the secretary-treasurer.
  - b. Any officer of the association will have the authority to represent the association at any event or conduct business in the absence of the duly elected director.
  - c. Officers and directors may be removed at any time with or without cause by a majority vote of the board of directors.
  - d. Resignation of officers and directors must be presented to the board of directors.
  - e. The board of directors may fill any vacancy among the officers and directors by vote of the majority at any meeting. Such election will be for the unexpired term.
2. President
  - a. The president shall preside at all meetings of the LRCA and the board of directors
  - b. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice president shall perform his duties.
  - c. The president of the LRCA does not have to reside in the state of Louisiana but all financial holdings of the LRCA must stay within Louisiana.

### 3. Secretary

- a. The secretary-treasurer will not be elected, but will be appointed by the president. The person appointed must be approved by the board of directors and this person's salary must be determined by the president and board of directors.
- b. The secretary-treasurer shall keep the minutes and other official reports of the association. This person shall conduct the official association correspondence and shall keep the records, books, documents, and papers relating to the association at such places as shall be designated by the board of directors.
- c. The secretary-treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by him/her and shall deposit it in the name of the association. He/she shall not pay or disburse any of the money of the association except by check and only for the purpose of the association. At such annual meeting of the members, he/she shall make a statement of the financial status of the association and a detailed report of its condition for the preceding fiscal year.

### **MEETINGS**

At least one general membership meeting shall be held during the year. The purpose of the general membership meeting will be to make recommendations regarding the rules, regulations, and procedures. The meeting will be held during the finals and will be mandatory for all finals contestants. Roll call will be taken during event meetings prior to the general membership meeting. Members not in attendance will not be eligible to compete or continue to compete at the finals. The general membership cannot make or change the rules; they can only make recommendations to be presented to the board. All rules and changes to rules must be done by the board of directors. The president has the authority to call a special meeting at any time.

### **OFFICIAL RODEO RULES**

#### **ENTRIES**

LRCA members will phone in his/her entry to the association secretary during the published date, time, and phone number shown in the LRCA official publication. Upon providing a valid membership number, and verification that the member is in good standing, the entry will be taken and no fees will be required until the said member reaches the destination. Upon arrival at the rodeo, member shall find the rodeo secretary and pay fees. No stock will be given until entry fees are paid. If a member fails to pay fees prior to competition the member may be fined \$35.00 per event entered.

1. Books for any rodeo must be open for six hours.
2. Persons calling in to enter the rodeo may enter up to four persons, or four teams in the team roping.
3. Rough stock contestants may enter a rodeo twice provided there are two performances. The contestant must pay two entry fees but only one \$5.00 call in charge. Contestant will be eligible to win two places, with each one counting for yearend standings. A contestant entering twice cannot compete on the same head of livestock at a single rodeo.
4. Any officer or director may periodically review the entering process at the entry office. Any discrepancies will be reported at the next board meeting for review and/or fine.
5. Late entries will be accepted at each rodeo, excluding the finals. Late entries will pay \$5 call in fee and it will be sent to the LRCA office with all other monies. Position draw for late entry is first in all events with the exception

of barrels and late entries will compete last in barrels. The rodeo secretary should notify the LRCA office as soon as late entries are finalized.

6. There will be no checks accepted for rodeo entry fees at any LRCA approved rodeo or finals.
7. Any person entering any LRCA approved rodeo without purchasing a card will be required to sign a permit application and pay a \$10.00 permit fee, in addition to their entry fees prior to competition.
8. Any LRCA member entering an approved rodeo will be liable for their entry fees.
9. Entry fees will not be guaranteed. If contestant fails to appear and pay fees the payout will be adjusted and paid out according to the number of paid contestants. The contestant that fails to appear will be placed on the ineligible list until such time as \$35.00 fine is paid. The fine will be distributed as follows \$5.00 call in fee will be deducted and distributed as defined below, the remaining \$30.00 will be split equally between the contractor who produced the rodeo and the association. The contractor will receive his portion of fines collected at the finals.
10. Hometown contestants (to be considered hometown you must reside within a 50 mile radius of the sanctioned rodeo) will be taken, one time only, in any event.

#### **Entry Fees**

- Bareback Riding \$80.00
- Saddle Bronc Riding \$80.00
- Ranch Bronc Riding \$80.00
- Bull Riding \$80.00
- Barrel Racing \$80.00
- Breakaway Roping \$80.00
- Steer Wrestling \$80.00
- Calf Roping \$100.00
- Team Roping(per man) \$125.00

Contractors producing rodeos with over \$500.00 added per event/end in the team roping may raise the fees, with the approval of the event director, from \$80.00 to \$100.00. Regardless of the amount of fees, the \$5.00 call in will be charged only once per contestant and should be deducted prior to any calculations.

\*All fees listed above include the \$5.00 call in fee, which will be charged only once per contestant and deducted prior to any calculations. The association secretary will take the call in for the rodeos and receive a fee of \$2.00 per contestant. The remaining \$3.00 per contestant will go to the association with \$2.00 being set aside for stock contractor incentive fund and \$1.00 going to fund the operational expenses of the association. In order for a contractor to be eligible for the incentive fund they must produce a minimum of six (6) LRCA first approved performances with a minimum of 100 contestants. If that requirement is met the contractor will be eligible for \$2.00 per contestant entered at each LRCA first approved performance throughout the year, with a minimum of 100 contestants, which will be payable at the finals.

Additional deductions from entry fees prior to payout calculation:

- 6% LRCA cost of operation fee (total fees, excluding \$5 call in, plus added money)
- \$2.00 judges fee per entry (\$1.00 per judge).
- \$0.50 secretary fee per entry.
- \$2.50 EOY award fee.

- \$10.00 for finals added money in Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, per end Team Roping, Girl's Barrel Racing. This money is in addition to what the association agrees to add per event.
- \$5.00 for finals added money in Breakaway Roping, Calf Roping, and Steer wrestling. This money is in addition to what the association agrees to add per event.
- Stock charge: \$15.00, \$9.00 per end in team roping, unless otherwise noted.

**PAYOUT**

1. A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him/her in an event to place in the average.
2. Contestants are to be paid any money won in a complete go round.
3. Any money not picked up during the final performance by contestants must be in the LRCA office within 5 days after completion of the final performance. The LRCA will issue checks and mail them in a timely manner to the contestant.

Percentage Payout:

**BAREBACK RIDING, SADDLE BRONC RIDING, RANCH BRONC RIDING, BULL RIDING**

1 – 3	1 place	100%					
4 – 6	2 places	60%	40%				
7 – 9	3 places	50%	30%	20%			
10 – 20	4 places	40%	30%	20%	10%		
21 – 30	5 places	32%	25%	18%	15%	10%	
Over 31	6 places	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%

**BREAKAWAY ROPING, CALF ROPING, STEER WRESTLING**

1 – 5	1 place	100%					
6 – 10	2 places	60%	40%				
11 – 19	3 places	50%	30%	20%			
20 – 29	4 places	40%	30%	20%	10%		
30 – 39	5 places	32%	25%	18%	15%	10%	
40 or more	6 places	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%

## BARREL RACING

1 – 4	1 place	100%					
5 – 9	2 places	60%	40%				
10 – 19	3 places	50%	30%	20%			
20 – 24	4 places	40%	30%	20%	10%		
25 – 29	5 places	32%	25%	18%	15%	10%	
30 or more	6 places	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%

## TEAM ROPING (per end)

1 – 5	1 places	100%					
6 - 10	2 places	60%	40%				
11 – 15	3 places	50%	30%	20%			
16 – 20	4 places	40%	30%	20%	10%		
21 – 25	5 places	32%	25%	18%	15%	10%	
26 or more	6 places	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%

4. If an error is made in figuring books at the close of a rodeo, any overpayment must be returned upon request, but until such time as it is returned the rodeo secretary will be liable to the association for any funds that were overpaid. Failure to return the overpayment will result in the contestant being placed on the suspended list. Any underpayment will be sent to the contestant. The standings will be adjusted accordingly.
5. Payout will be based on the number of paid entries per event. This payout is to be used for all LRCA first approved rodeos and jackpots.

## GROUND MONEY

When there are not enough contestants placing in an event as there are monies to be paid the remaining places will be divided evenly among the contestants who placed. Ground money will not count toward year end standings.

If there are no qualified rides or times in an event at a rodeo, the prize money from that event will be split ½ to the contractor and ½ to the association with the association money being applied to that event at the finals.

## POSTED MARKINGS

At the end of each go round, contestants will be allowed to see the records of all contestants in any event in which he/she competes. The review must occur during a time when the secretary and a judge are able to be present. Markings of riders must be announced after each ride during the performance.

## **RODEO SECRETARY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Rodeo secretaries must post the draw, barrier & barrel sheet, and results from each competition for contestants review.
2. All rodeo secretaries must submit results to the association secretary within 2 days of completion of the rodeo/jackpot. A standard detailed report and all monies collected and not dispersed at the rodeo, including call in fee for all contestants (even late entries), and all other required paperwork must be received by the association secretary within five days after completion of the rodeo. The association secretary will mail association checks to contestants. Failure to follow the guidelines above will result in the stock contractor being fined \$100.00 for the first offense; and \$250.00 for each subsequent violation.
3. Rodeo secretary must list time or markings of winners with results which are to be posted on the LRCA official website.
4. It is the responsibility of the rodeo secretary to see that each contestant has a current LRCA card or purchases a permit to compete at any sanctioned event. The rodeo secretary is required to list the contestant's LRCA card number or permit next to contestant's name. Failure to do so can result in the secretary being held liable for the card/permit fees.
5. If the rodeo secretary fails to payout a rodeo as established by the rules of the association she will be liable to the association for any overpayment of monies to contestants.

## **GENERAL RODEO RULES**

1. The LRCA provides its association rules for rodeo contestants and will insist that the rodeo management be held liable for fines, suspension, or both if not complied with.
2. In cases of a rained out rodeo, a decision whether to have the rodeo or not, during a later performance will be left up to the producer or committee. In case of a rain out and another performance is scheduled, it is optional to the contestant as to whether they will contest at the later performance.
3. All secretaries, time keepers, contract men, pickup men, announcers, and photographers are required to hold an LRCA membership card.
4. The management assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damages to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant by the act of his/her entry waives all claims against the stock contractor, LRCA or rodeo committee for injuries he/she or their property may sustain.
5. A rodeo with ground rules contradictory to or in addition to association rules must have said rules approved by the administration and the director of the event in which they apply.

## **APPROVED RODEOS**

1. When a contractor schedules a rodeo he must submit a signed LRCA contract to the office at least 30 days in advance, in order for it to be listed on the official website. The information contained on that contract will be binding. If information needs to be corrected it must be done in writing and received by the office in time to be published prior to the books opening. When the books open the contract information is what will be used for results and standings.
2. LRCA rodeos will be produced by approved stock contractors and be put on in accordance with LRCA rules.
3. There will be a \$15.00 stock charge per entry in all events except team roping unless otherwise noted. The team roping stock charge is \$9.00 per man; unless otherwise approved by administration.
4. It takes at least three contestants to make an event.

5. In order to be a LRCA ground rule rodeo there must be a minimum of \$250.00 added money per event/end in the team roping (\$2250.00 total) at all rodeos with two or more performances and a minimum of \$200.00 added money per event/end in the team roping (\$1800.00) for all one performance rodeos. The exception to this rule is that if a town/committee has not had a LRCA first approved rodeo in the past year they may have a ground rule rodeo with a minimum of \$100.00 added money per event/end in the Team Roping (\$900.00 total) the first year but in subsequent years the added money rule above applies to be a LRCA ground rule rodeo. Team Roping is considered two events and therefore must have added money on both ends which will be the same as all other timed events.
6. LRCA affiliated Team Roping jackpots must be approved by the event director before being produced. All LRCA rules will be strictly enforced. All money will be paid out in accordance with the stated rodeo payout, and count toward the season standings but the event will not count in the rodeo count for the finals. Team roping jackpot payouts will not count in the all-around standings. LRCA will receive 6% of total fees plus added money. There will be a minimum of \$200 added per end. The flagger, secretary, and timekeepers must be a current card holder.
7. LRCA affiliated jackpots must be approved by the event director before being produced. All LRCA rules will be strictly enforced. All money will be paid out in accordance with the stated rodeo payout, unless otherwise approved by the event director, and count toward the season standings but the event will not count in the rodeo count for the finals. If payout other than rodeo payout is approved the winnings will not count for the all-around standings. No event will count in the rodeo count that does not offer all rodeo events. Contestants may buy memberships or permits. LRCA will receive 6% of total fees/added money. There will be a minimum of \$200 added per event, unless otherwise approved by the event director, and the flagger, secretary, and timekeepers must be a current card holder.
8. Rodeos beginning on October 1st of the current year until the finals cut off will be classified as double point rodeos. If you have a current year card and purchase a new year card at or before the membership rodeo the rodeos will count for both standings and rodeo count in the current year and upcoming year. If you do not have a current year card you may purchase a new year card in October in order for the rodeos to count for the new year.
9. LRCA winter series rodeos or jackpots may be held without added money from November 1 through March 1. Personnel must be LRCA card holders and the LRCA will receive 6% of the total payout, and in the event of no qualified rides or times ½ payout in that event will be sent to association to be used toward that event at the finals, in accordance with payout rules listed above. The money won will count in the standings for the upcoming year if the contestant has a current card, and buys a new card by the membership rodeo, or buys a card for the upcoming year prior to competition but the rodeo will not count in the rodeo count for the contestants or contractor. The fees, amounts withheld, other than as listed above, and person taking the entries at winter series rodeos are left up to the contractor/producer.
10. If a contractor would like to produce a winter series rodeo and have the rodeo count for both himself and the contestant for their performance/rodeo count the contractor must let the LRCA call in secretary take the books, and fees and payout must follow standard LRCA rodeo payout, and the LRCA must receive their percentage, permit charges, finals added, and EOY monies.

## CONDUCT AT RODEO

1. If the management provides complimentary seats for the contestants, the association will urge the contestants to use such seats.
2. Timers, flagmen, and barrier judges for rodeo may not be changed after the first performance with the exception of sickness, injury, or through agreement of stock contractors, rodeo committee, and association officials.
3. The decisions of the judges, flagmen, and timers shall be final and only protested before the board of directors.
4. Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing shall call the association office for instructions if no director or representative is present.
5. Anyone on the LRCA suspended list is not allowed in the arena at any LRCA approved rodeo.
6. It will be the responsibility of the rodeo producers to furnish security and medics at each rodeo.
7. General rules: There must be a standard order of events at all rodeos. If there is any change of order, it must be published in the ground rules and posted at all rodeos.
8. No contestant may enter the arena on horseback until participants in children's events or working with the contract acts have exited the arena.
9. No one except judges and flagmen shall be in the alleyway or arena during barrel racing. A contestant may refuse to run until this rule is complied with.

## STOCK CONTRACTORS/PRODUCERS AND RODEO LIVESTOCK

1. Any stock contractor/producer producing an LRCA approved rodeo must furnish at least half as much stock as contestants entered in each contest event at each rodeo, unless a lesser number is approved by the event director. No stock in any event will have more than one run during a performance, so the contractor must furnish at minimum the amount of stock necessary for the number of contestants entered in the rodeos largest performance. No animal will have more than 2 runs in a day or 3 runs total for the weekend.
2. Any rodeo stock contractor/producer who advertises added money and fails to follow through will be placed on the suspended list. The \$250.00 added money per event/ per end in the team roping for two performance rodeos and \$200.00 per event/per end in the team roping for one performance rodeos is mandatory, regardless of the number of entries. Team Roping is considered two events and therefore must have added money on both ends which will be the same as all other timed events.
3. It is the responsibility of the stock contractor/producer to see that all workers, officials, pickup men, timers, secretaries, judges, and flagmen have/purchase LRCA cards. Failure to adhere makes producer liable for the cost of the cards plus a \$25.00 fine.
4. It is highly recommended by the LRCA, that Judges and Secretaries be paid a minimum of \$150.00 each per performance. If the rodeo offers morning slack, or slack not in conjunction with a performance, it is recommended that judges and secretary be paid a minimum of \$50.00 each, additional for that slack.
5. It is highly recommended by the LRCA, that timers be paid a minimum of \$100.00 each per performance. If the rodeo offers morning slack, or slack not in conjunction with a performance, it is recommended that the timers be paid a minimum of \$25.00 each, additional for that slack.
6. Only cardholders, in good standing, are allowed in the arena.
7. Contractors must check and be sure that personnel and subcontractors are not on the fine list prior to use. If they are on the fine list and do not pay their fine prior to the rodeo an additional \$100 fine will be imposed and the contractor is to collect the entire amount and submit it to the office with the rodeo books prior to disbursing funds to said person

8. If the stock contractor/producer does not have promised added money or corporate sponsor at time of payoff, he will be liable for added money as advertised.
9. Contractors who produce a minimum of ten (10) LRCA first approved performances are eligible for a bonus of \$100.00 per performance which will be payable at the LRCA finals.
10. Contractors may designate one LRCA first approved rodeo for a Friday night performance bonus. The designated rodeo information will be shared on the LRCA FB page and any contestant who likes, comments, and shares the post and enters the Friday night performance will be placed in a drawing to have their fees paid in one event. This is to help contractors with Friday night performance entries. The contractor must note the rodeo as his FRIDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE BONUS RODEO on the rodeo contract.
11. All rodeo secretaries must submit results to the association secretary within 2 days of completion of the rodeo. A standard detailed report and all monies collected and not dispersed at the rodeo, including call in fee for all contestants (even late entries), and all other required paperwork must be received by the association secretary within five days after completion of the rodeo. The association secretary will mail association checks to contestants. Failure to follow the guidelines above will result in the stock contractor being fined \$100.00 for the first offense; and \$250.00 for each subsequent violation.

### **CONTRACT ACTS**

1. The rodeo secretary, timers, pickup men, clowns, bullfighters, announcers, contract acts, and photographers fall under the classification of contract acts.
2. Stock contractor must have two approved bull fighters.
3. Contract acts director and bull riding director will approve bull fighters.
4. All contract act members must be current card carrying members.
  - a. Stock contractors must make sure that all personnel listed under contract acts have a current LRCA card before the first performance of an LRCA sanctioned rodeo. If said persons do not have current card, stock contractor deducts costs of card from wages earned and forwards the money to the LRCA office.
  - b. In the case of an emergency, such as sickness or accidents to personnel, the producer may hire a replacement, except for secretary, who has not purchased a LRCA card. This is limited to one rodeo.
  - c. In order to be eligible to work the LRCA finals, all judges, pickup men, bullfighters, secretaries, and timers must have worked at least two or more LRCA rodeos within the current calendar year. These rodeos can be either first approved or co approved rodeos.

### **DRAWING PROCEDURE**

1. All stock in contest event must be drawn by the judges. There must always be at least five copies of the draw, one copy being the official secretary copy. A receptacle containing stock numbers must be visible so that any entrant may witness the draw.
2. All stock will be drawn at least two hours before each performance, including slack. Morning slack must be drawn separately.
3. Performance and slack can be drawn straight through.
4. All stock in the draw in any event must have a first run before any stock in that event can have additional runs. Stock may be set in pens. No stock in any event will have more than one run in the performance, 2 runs in a day, or 3 runs total for the weekend.
5. Two re-rides will be drawn before each performance,
  - a. Producer may hold any three feature animals out before re-ride draw.

- b. Any stock drawn during each paid performance that is turned out automatically goes into re-rides. If more re-rides are needed, draw from the herd provided until all re-ride stock has been used.
6. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock at any one rodeo in the same event. If the contestant is entered twice they must compete on different stock each time.
7. In the event a roper mistakenly draws a steer/calf he has already roped, the judge will redraw the complete go round but will move down the list to the next eligible steer/calf. If a mistake in the draw is discovered after the go round is complete, there will be no redraw and all times will stand.
8. Positions shall be drawn for each performance and slack.

### **JUDGES**

1. All judges must be hired from an approved list of members who have attended a LRCA approved judging clinic. A judge also may be added to the approved judges list by special approval of the board. Judges should have read and know the judges handbook and rule book.
2. Judges must complete and submit the official judge's rodeo report, barrier and barrel sheet, fine sheets, and their judge's sheet for each event to the rodeo secretary to be turned in to the association secretary with the books from the rodeo. Timed event penalties are to be recorded on an official judge's sheet and signed by the line judge. Do not record anything official on a day sheet.
3. Judges, timers, and flagmen must be experienced. If the association does not consider the ones chosen by a given rodeo to have adequate experience, they will expect cooperation from the management in replacing unsatisfactory judge, timer, or flagman.
4. If there are repeated reports of inaccurate calls or judges not knowing the rules made to the officers or directors the judge may face disciplinary actions including a possible suspension from judging.
5. In order to remove a judge from the approved judges list, a petition of 50 contestants (all current cardholders) must be brought before the board by person initializing petition.
6. Any member who has been on the suspended list twice is automatically banned from the judges list.
7. Flag judges cannot rope, bulldog, or haze in any event he flags.
8. In order for a judge to receive his contestant bonus money at any LRCA first approved rodeo they must attend a yearly judging clinic prior to the rodeo where they should receive bonus money.

### **ROUGH STOCK EVENTS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he is the next rider to go the contestant should be above the animal with glove on when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification.
2. Judges markings are to be from 1 to 25 on the rider and 1 to 25 on the animal, having a total of 50 on each side, making highest possible score 100 with full point spread to be used. The rider and animal are to be marked separately, marking the rider according to how much the rider spurs the animal and how much control he has during the ride, and the animal according to its performance.
3. If an animal scores seven or below, the contestant automatically receives a re-ride and the judge must immediately inform the contestant he is entitled to the re-ride.
4. Judge will waive or throw a flag in the on the arena floor if a contestant fails to mark his bareback or saddle bronc horse out of the chute during the first jump rule.

5. If a bareback or saddle bronc horse turns out of the chute backwards the contestant will have a re ride option.
6. A stopwatch must be used by both judges in the rough stock events.
7. Contestants may pull rigging and /or rope from either side in all riding events but not from both sides.
8. If an animal that is drawn in a riding event or timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is competed on, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be skipped or replaced in the draw.
9. When there are not enough contestants placing in an event as there are monies to be paid the remaining places will be divided evenly among the contestants who placed. Ground money will not count toward year end standings.
10. If there are no qualified rides at a rodeo, that prize money will be split ½ to the contractor and ½ to the association with the portion going to the association to be used to for that event at the finals.

### **FIELD FLAGGER**

During any event in which an animal escapes the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will receive the animal over lap and tap with time already spent added to the qualifying time. If time was not recorded, the decision of the flag judge will be final.

- If rope is on animal, roper will take the animal lap and tap with rope on in the chute.
- Contestant must notify flagger immediately whether or not he wants the stock back. Once he/she has been flagged out, he/she will receive no stock back.
- During calf roping the field judge will position himself at the end of the arena being able to come toward the roper. In steer wrestling, the field judge will place himself against the wall on the left side of the timed event box. In team roping, the field judge must position himself approximately thirty feet from the score line on left hand side of the box, directly in line with the heeler to help haze cattle. In the breakaway roping the field judge should be approximately ¾ quarters of the way down the arena against the fence on the right hand side of the box for right handed ropers and on the left hand side of the box for left handed ropers and must have a spotter across the arena from him.

### **GENERAL RULES FOR ALL TIMED EVENTS**

1. If two contestants are riding the same horse and are drawn in position right together, they must ask secretary for a split (when possible) in order not to delay the rodeo. The split should be asked for at least thirty minutes before the start of the rodeo. If the contestant does not make an attempt to receive a split from the secretary, a \$10.00 fine may be imposed.
2. If there is a need to change cattle due to setting up, kicking, or ducking back, or old cattle, two members will go with the director of said event as witnesses to inform the stock contractor to remove the problem animals from the draw and replace with different stock. If this is not done, the stock contractor will be fined no less than \$50.00.
3. Producer must furnish at least half as much stock as contestants entered unless a lesser number is approved by the event director. No stock in any event will have more than one run during a performance, so the contractor must furnish at minimum the amount of stock necessary for the number of contestants entered in the rodeos largest performance. No animal will have more than 2 runs in a day or 3 runs total for the weekend.
4. The electric eye must not be used in any timed events other than barrel racing. There must be two digital stop watches in hundredths of seconds. There will be two sets of timer sheets recorded, signed, and submitted to the association secretary. Each timer is to record their time on her/his watch on their timer sheet. There will be a main timer and a back-up timer and the sheets should reflect which is official and which is back up. Times are to

be kept in hundredths in all events but Girl's Barrel Racing and times will be kept in 1000ths for the official time. Both timers must keep a back-up time in the Girl's Barrel Racing. Any timer failing to abide by these rules will be fined \$25.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense during the year.

5. There is a 30 second time limit.
6. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he/she is the next rider to compete the contestant should be ready to ride in the box/alley when previous animal/contestant leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, or the arena is clear and ready, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock or begin their run within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning; \$50.00 for the second warning; and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in an automatic disqualification.
7. Contestant must enter and exit the arena quickly. If the judge determines the contestant is taking an unreasonable amount of time or holding up the rodeo it may result in immediate disqualification.

### **BARRIERS and SCORE LINES**

1. A ten second penalty shall be added for breaking or beating the barrier. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten feet of the post. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. Faulty equipment must be replaced. Barrier string should be changed every three runs. Decision is up to the barrier judge if barrier breaks at any point other than designated breaking point. If contestant obviously beats the barrier but barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten second penalty. Otherwise, this shall not be considered a broken barrier.
2. All barrier and field penalties must be recorded on an official judge's sheet, signed, and turned in to the association secretary at the conclusion of the rodeo. Barrier and field penalties are not to be turned in on day sheets.
3. The line judge will drop a flag on the arena floor to signify a broken barrier and be sure that the timers have the penalty before removing the flag from the arena.
4. If the line judge removes a barrier from a contestant's time due to a malfunction he will also be sure the timers are notified and barrier penalty removed from the official time.
5. An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos.
6. Judges are responsible for making sure barriers are in place and the proper length before the first performance. The barrier judge will check the equipment which includes pulleys, rope (not too much stretch or wear), rings, string/bands for neck rope and barrier and be sure there is an ample amount so the same string/bands is used for everyone, it is the right size and strength, length of tail on the barrier not to exceed 10 inches, operate the gate several times to make sure it is in good working condition, measure width of chute, barrier flag is clearly distinguishable and visible to timers, and the marker for score line.
7. The length of the box is determined by hooking up the barrier and measuring from the center of the back of the box to the center of the barrier rope. The length of the box can't be changed after the rodeo starts.
8. Measure the height of the barrier from the ground 32 inches to 36 inches at pin, pulley and center of barrier.
9. All barriers in the timed events must be mounted where pulley and neck rope pull from the side of the chute. The pulley on the neck rope should be attached on the chute from 38 to 48 inches above the ground.
10. Length of neck rope with the pin in place and pulled tight is 18 inches short of the score line in the tie-down and breakaway roping and 24 inches short of the score line in the steer events.
  - a. Tie Down Roping and Breakaway Roping-At indoor rodeos the length of score will be the length of the box minus 4 feet. The minimum length score at outdoor rodeos will be the length of the box minus 3

feet, straight back. Approval of the event director is required if it is felt arena conditions and cattle do not allow for the barrier measurements above.

11. The score is the distance from a point on the ground directly below the pin to score line. Length of the score will be determined by measuring from score line to the ground directly under the pin with the pin in the barrier ring.
12. Barrier measurements will be recorded on the official sheet and posted by the secretary and referred to if necessary.
13. Flag judge will be sure that nobody stands close enough to tamper with barrier or equipment.
14. Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not change.
15. In order for a time to be considered official, field flag must be dropped.
16. If automatic barrier is stretched in front of a horse and fails to work but a time is recorded, contestant will get time and there will be no penalty for a broken barrier.
17. If barrier jerk line stays on the calf or steer, the roper or steer wrestler must take calf or steer over, regardless of time.
18. Stock belongs to contestant once he has called for it. There are only two exceptions: Rule #15 above, and if time is not recorded.
19. If the chute is on the opposite end of the arena, the barrier flag must be in front of horse or on a raised pole visible to timers.

#### **RERUNS AND RE-RIDES**

1. If a contestant competes on the wrong steer or calf, he or she shall be given the correct steer or calf drawn for him or her and the time on the incorrect steer or calf shall be disregarded.
2. In the event that one judge feels that a rider is entitled to a re-ride, the other judge will honor this. Re-rides must be given in all riding events. Re-rides will be given at a time set by the stock contractor.
3. If it is the opinion of the judges that a rider has made two honest efforts to get out on a chute fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may be awarded a re-ride.
4. If the stock contractor and contestant agree, such animal may be taken immediately before or after the performance.
5. If an animal runs off or stops, the rider has the option of taking the same animal over (providing the contractor is willing). Otherwise, the rider may have a re-ride drawn for him. If the rider takes the same animal over for the re-ride, it will be up to the producer to decide when the contestant gets his re-ride.
6. If the flank comes off or breaks, the rider is entitled to a marking, or a re-ride on the same animal, providing he makes an eight second, qualified ride.
7. If a pickup man interferes with a horse or the contestant, other than at the request of the contestant, the contestant is entitled to his score or a re-ride.
8. If an animal fouls a contestant in any way at the gate, the contestant will receive the same animal for a re-ride. If the animal stops or fails to buck, the contestant will receive the option for a re-ride.
9. If an animal runs into the fence and obviously affects the cowboy or the animal falls and/or stumbles to his knees, the rider will receive a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
10. An animal must be taken out of the draw if it runs off three consecutive times. The producer and secretary shall be notified by the director of said event to keep the animal out of the draw until it has been approved to be returned by the director.
11. If a director sees any reason for taking an animal out of the draw, he is eligible to do so.
12. No re-rides will be given due to default or breaking of the contestant's equipment.
13. Rider gets a free roll if a horse has to be hot shotted.
14. No hot shots may be visible inside the arena at any time.

### **BAREBACK BRONC RIDING**

1. Horse is to be furnished by the rodeo's stock contractor. One hand is to be used in Bareback Bronc Riding. Riders may use their own rigging if it is not over ten inches in width at hand hold and not over a six inch D ring or not a freak. Judges are to decide on all riggings.
2. Stock contractor may call judge to pass on whether rigging is being set/cinched in a way that may cause harm to the horse. All cinches must be at least 5 inches wide. No riggings may have metal, fiberglass, or any other objectionable material protruding underneath the rigging.
3. All riggings must have a leather pad covering bar in front and protruding at least two inches behind the rigging.
4. Contestant will have the right to call a judge to pass on whether or not horse is properly flanked and cinched.
5. Horses will be ridden eight seconds, with time to begin when the horse crosses the plane of the gate.
6. If the horse turns out of the chute backwards the contestant will be awarded the option of a re ride.
7. Mark out: rider must have spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and the rowels touching horse's neck when the horse's front foot/feet touch the ground during the first jump out of the chute.
8. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, the judge may tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the mark out rule will be waived. Rider may be disqualified for not following judge's instructions.
9. No hot shot shall be used unless rider is notified and approves.
10. In the event the rider does not make an honest effort to get his hand out of the rigging, it will be left up to the judges and pickup men as to whether the rider should be brought before the board and fined. Fine not to exceed \$50.
11. A horse must be bucked at least three times before going into the draw.
12. A contestant is allowed one man to pull his cinches.

### **BAREBACK RIDING DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he is the next rider to go the contestant should be above the animal with glove on when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification.
2. Riding with rowels that are locked or will lock or rowels that are too sharp in the judge's opinion results in disqualification.
3. Being bucked off before the eight second time limit results in disqualification.
4. Touching anything with rider's free hand, results in disqualification, at judge's discretion.
5. Failing to mark the horse out of the chute (first jump rule) results in disqualification.
6. If the animal hits the fence while a ride is in progress and the contestant touches the fence but not to aid his ride, he shall not be disqualified.

### **STEER WRESTLING**

1. The judge who is not flagging the field will be responsible for getting the neck rope on the steer and checking the barrier for length and proper operation. The judge must stand on the score line during every run.
2. Positions shall be drawn for each performance and slack.
3. A minimum of three steers will be penned when bringing back the stock.

4. Producer must furnish at least half as much stock as contestants entered unless a lesser number is approved by the event director. No stock in any event will have more than one run during a performance, so the contractor must furnish at minimum the amount of stock necessary for the number of contestants entered in the rodeos largest performance. No animal will have more than 2 runs in a day or 3 runs total in a weekend.
5. Contestants must furnish his hazer and horse. The steer must be caught from the horse. Only one hazer is allowed.
6. If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch the steer. After catching the steer, cowboy must bring it to a stop or change directions. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown by cowboy 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 lying flat on its side or on its back with all four feet and head straight. The fairness of catch and throw will be left up to judges and their decision will be final.
7. Each contestant may have someone to push the steer out of the chute.
8. An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos in steer wrestling. The length of the box is determined by hooking up the barrier and measuring from the center of the back of the box to the center of the barrier rope. The length of the box can't be changed after the rodeo starts. Measure the height of the barrier from the ground 32 to 36 inches at the pin, pulley, and center of barrier. All barriers in the timed events must be mounted where the pulley and neck rope pull from the side of the chute. The pulley on the neck rope should be attached on the chute from 38 to 48 inches above the ground. Length of the neck rope with the pin in place and pulled tight is 24 inches short of the score line in the steer wrestling. The score is the distance from a point on the ground directly below the pin to the score line. Length of the score will be determined by measuring from score line to the ground directly under the pin with the pin in the barrier ring.
9. A weight limit shall be placed on dogging cattle with a minimum of 450 pounds and a maximum of 650 pounds.
10. A ten second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which flag judges rule that the dogger's feet touched the ground before the flag line is crossed.
11. If dogger misses or loses his steer, the flagman must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must reply immediately.
12. No penalty is assessed for breaking a horn.
13. Cattle used for steer roping, team roping, cutting, or any other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.
14. When fresh steers are used, any fresh steers not thrown during competition will be thrown down after the performance in which the steer went. Contestants will be responsible to throw down such steers under the supervision of the arena director.
15. Neck ropes may be tied with string or fastened with rubber bands. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in any timed events. Whether using string or rubber bands whatever you begin using must remain the same throughout the entire rodeo. String must be changed every three runs.
16. The steer wrestling chute must have at least 30 inches clearance inside the chute and at the gate when in an open position.
17. Arena conditions will determine score length, which are to be set by arena director and are subject to change.
18. The score may be no longer than half of the distance of the box, unless other arrangements are made by steer wrestling director. It is recommended that this score length be used at all rodeos unless arena conditions are such that it should be less.
19. There should be two or more timers, a field judge, and a barrier judge. Times are to be taken between two flags.
20. Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or one with a broken horn. Contestants will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with the steer or chute.

21. The producer must furnish a man who will be set at each performance to work the barrier around the steer's neck so that it will work properly and be fair for all contestants.
22. Anyone calling for his steer has no recourse to run him again. This takes into consideration barriers jerking steers head which jerks steer in front of horse. If neck rope fouls a contestant's steer and the contestant did not break the barrier (or the judge determines the contestant would not have broken the barrier), that contestant will have the option to rerun his steer. Fouls will be determined by the judge and all decisions are final. If a contestant believes he was fouled he must declare himself immediately by waving a hand, or by some means, when his horse is unable to be pulled up immediately.
23. All steers used in the steer wrestling must have clipped horns.
24. If the steer escapes from the arena the flag will be dropped and watches will be stopped. Contestant will be given the steer back with lap and tap start and time already spent will be added to the time used to qualify, plus any barrier penalties. If time was not recorded when the flag was dropped, the contestant will start lap and tap with 10 seconds on the clock.
25. If a steer is taken out of the draw by a director or producer, it cannot be placed back in the draw without the director's approval.
26. All times shall be recorded in hundredths of a second.
27. There is 30 second time limit to complete the run.
28. In drawing of stock, regardless of mistake, the redraw will be done from the mistake on. All previous runs will stand.

#### **STEER WRESTLING DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he is the next contestant he should be ready to compete when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification.
2. No pusher will be allowed to follow cattle out of the chute in the act of tailing cattle. This will result in immediate disqualification.
3. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with the steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the contestant. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping a steer.

#### **CALF ROPING**

1. Positions shall be drawn for each performance and slack.
2. A minimum of three calves will be penned when brought back.
3. Each contestant may have someone to push calf out of chute.
4. Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand, and cross and tie any three feet. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to its feet and thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered to be thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets his hand on calf. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge. Roper must not touch the calf after giving signal for time until the judge has completed his examination. If the tie comes loose or the calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will receive a no time.
5. The flag judge will pass on the tie of the calves through the use of a stopwatch, timing six seconds from the time the horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain with slack until the field judge passes on the tie.

6. Flagger must watch the calf during the six second period and will stop the watch when the calf kicks free using the time on the watch to determine whether the calf was tied long enough to qualify.
7. The judge who is not flagging the field will be responsible for getting the neck rope on the calf and checking the barrier for length and proper operation. This judge must stand on the score line every run.
8. Roper may appoint one person to stand anywhere in the arena, within ten feet of the line. If hazer is not stationary, the contestant will receive a no time. Either the line or field judge has the say on disqualification.
9. If a calf is taken out of the draw by a director or producer, it may not be put back in the draw without the approval of the director.
10. Roping calves shall be changed when necessary and the contractors will be given two weeks to comply. If not changed, he will forfeit stock charge to the association.
11. Producer must furnish at least half as much stock as contestants entered unless a lesser number is approved by the event director. No stock in any event will have more than one run during a performance, so the contractor must furnish at minimum the amount of stock necessary for the number of contestants entered in the rodeos largest performance. No animal will have more than 2 runs in a day or 3 runs total for the weekend.
12. Fresh calves shall be tied down and run through the chute at least 2 hours prior to the first performance or slack in which the calves are to be used. Each calf in the draw must be prepared in like manner and the preparation should be overseen by the judge and/or event director or his designee. The exception would be if there is a walking fresh calf for each contestant entered. The event director must be notified and approve walking fresh calves.
13. No fresh calves will be added to an old set of calves.
14. No calf to be used in the draw for calf roping may be used in the calf scramble. If any calf used in the draw is used in the calf scramble the stock contractor will be fined as set out in rule 5 below.
15. If there must be a rerun of calves to complete the go round, all calves must be tied down before any more stock is drawn. If after a go round has been completed a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the draw. If extra calves have been tied at the rodeo, they will not be considered fresh.
16. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
17. There will be a 30 second time limit to complete the catch and tie.
18. Contestant must adjust rope and rein in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Contestant must not receive assistance of any kind. If horse drags the calf more than 10 feet, the field judge may stop the horse and penalty for such offense can be assessed.
19. If the rope comes off the calf before the tie is complete, the six seconds will begin when the roper steps away from the calf.
20. The roper will be disqualified for removing the rope from calf after signaling for time but before the tie has been passed on by the judge, unless the horse or calf is in danger.
21. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for calf roping. The length of the box is determined by hooking up the barrier and measuring from the center of the back of the box to the center of the barrier rope. The length of the box can't be changed after the rodeo starts. Measure the height of the barrier from the ground 32 to 36 inches at the pin, pulley, and center of barrier. All barriers in the timed events must be mounted where the pulley and neck rope pull from the side of the chute. The pulley on the neck rope should be attached on the chute from 38 to 48 inches above the ground. Length of the neck rope with the pin in place and pulled tight is 18 inches short of the score line in the calf roping. Tie Down Roping -At indoor rodeos the length of score will be the length of the box minus 4 feet. The length of score at outdoor rodeos will be the length of the box minus 3 feet, straight back. Approval of the event director is required if it is felt arena conditions and cattle do not allow for the barrier measurements above. The score is the distance from a point on the ground directly below the

pin to the score line. Length of the score will be determined by measuring from score line to the ground directly under the pin with the pin in the barrier ring.

22. Breaking the barrier will result in a ten second penalty.
23. Neck ropes may be tied with string or fastened with rubber bands. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in any timed events. Whether using string or rubber bands whatever you begin using must remain the same throughout the entire rodeo. String must be changed every three runs.
24. There shall be two or more timers, a field judge, and a barrier judge. Time is to be taken between two flags.
25. All calves used will be of the same type and confirmation. There will no mixing of Brahms or X-bred Brahms to a herd of Hereford or Angus cattle.
26. No hot shots will be used.
27. When drawing stock, regardless of the mistake the redraw will be from the mistake on. The previous runs stand.
28. If roper is fouled by neck rope, he can declare immediately and at the judge's discretion get the stock over.
29. All times shall be recorded in hundredths of a second.
30. If calf is injured, he will be removed by truck. Calf will not be let up in the arena.

### **CALF ROPING DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he is the next contestant he should be ready to compete when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification.
2. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a good one, the roper will receive a no time.
3. The calf must have feet dangling down to be considered up.
4. Any intentional dragging of the calf before and after the roper mounts the horse will result in a no time.
5. Violation of the rules by producers will result in a fine of \$150.00 for the first offense. The second offense will be the same fine plus forfeiture of stock charge to the association.
6. Any intentional jerk down or cattle abuse will result in \$100.00 fine for the first offense and \$250.00 fine for the second offense.
7. Judges decision is final. Any argument with judges will result in a fine set by the board plus disqualification in the remainder of events entered at the rodeo. No exceptions.
8. Tampering with calves in pen or chute and/or tampering with the barrier will result in disqualification of the contestant.
9. All roping calves must be tagged so a contestant can visibly see the number from outside the arena fence. No two animals in the same event should be tagged with the same number. No contestant can enter the pen where stock is held without the judge or producer.

### **LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING**

1. The Breakaway Roping is open to females only.
2. Positions shall be drawn for each performance and slack.
3. There will be a thirty second time limit to complete the catch.
4. Ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with nylon string (provided by the stock contractor) and must have a handkerchief or other colorful cloth attached to the rope at the saddle horn.

5. Penalty for misplacement of flag/handkerchief or string will be disqualification by the field flagger or line judge. No coils or knots allowed between the end of the rope and string.
6. The judge will flag the contestant anytime the rope breaks away from the horn, and a time will be recorded. If after dropping the flag the catch is determined illegal he will flag the contestant out and the timers will mark though the time record a no time- illegal catch.
7. A spotter must be used at all rodeos. The spotter should stand against the fence directly across the arena from the field flagger.
8. The judge who is not flagging the field will be responsible for getting the neck rope on the calf and checking the barrier for length and proper operation. This judge must stand on the score line during every run.
9. The contestant will receive a no time should she break the rope away from the horn with her hand. If the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope and stop her horse to make the rope breakaway from the horn.
10. A legal catch is a bell collar catch; a bell collar catch is defined as passing over the calf's head and must not include an appendages including a figure eight over the tail.
11. The contestant must pass through the barrier before throwing her loop.
12. Breaking the barrier will result in a ten second penalty.
13. The contestant must be on her horse when a time is taken.
14. Each contestant may have someone push her calf out of the chute.
15. Roper may appoint someone of her choice to stand anywhere in the arena, within ten feet of the line. The hazer must remain stationary or the contestant will receive a no time. Either the line judge or field judge can issue the disqualification.
16. If a calf is taken out of the draw by a director or producer, it may not be put back in the draw without the approval of the director.
17. All times shall be recorded in hundredths of a second.
18. Roper will have 30 seconds to complete the run. Roping calves are to be changed when necessary and the contractor will be given two weeks to comply. If not changed, he will forfeit stock charge to the association.
19. No calf to be used in the draw for breakaway roping may be used in the calf scramble. If any calf used in the draw is used in the calf scramble the stock contractor will be fined according to rule 5 under calf roping disqualifications.
20. Producer must furnish at least half as much stock as contestants entered unless a lesser number is approved by the event director. No stock in any event will have more than one run during a performance, so the contractor must furnish at minimum the amount of stock necessary for the number of contestants entered in the rodeos largest performance. No animal will have more than 2 runs in a day or 3 runs total for the weekend.
21. No fresh calves will be added to an old set of calves.
22. Any contractor who would like to bring walking fresh calves and furnish one for each contestant must first okay this with the event director.
23. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for breakaway roping. The length of the box is determined by hooking up the barrier and measuring from the center of the back of the box to the center of the barrier rope. The length of the box can't be changed after the rodeo starts. Measure the height of the barrier from the ground 32 to 36 inches at the pin, pulley, and center of barrier. All barriers in the timed events must be mounted where the pulley and neck rope pull from the side of the chute. The pulley on the neck rope should be attached on the chute from 38 to 48 inches above the ground. Length of the neck rope with the pin in place and pulled tight is 18 inches short of the score line in the breakaway roping. Breakaway Roping -At indoor rodeos the length of score will be the length of the box minus 4 feet. The length of score at outdoor rodeos will be the length of the box minus 3 feet, straight back. Approval of the event director is required if it is felt arena

conditions and cattle do not allow for the barrier measurements above. The score is the distance from a point on the ground directly below the pin to the score line. Length of the score will be determined by measuring from score line to the ground directly under the pin with the pin in the barrier ring.

24. Neck ropes may be tied with string or fastened with rubber bands. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in any timed events. Whether using string or rubber bands whatever you begin using must remain the same throughout the entire rodeo. String must be changed every three runs.
25. Producer must furnish a man to feed the barrier rope out of the chute.
26. There shall be two or more timers, a field judge, and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between two flags.
27. All calves used will be the same type of confirmation. There will be no mixing of Brahmans or X-bred Brahmans to a herd of Herefords or Angus cattle.
28. Tampering with calves in pen or chute and/or tampering with the barrier will result in disqualification of the contestant.
29. In breakaway roping, if the calf escapes from the arena the flag will be dropped and watches will be stopped. Contestant will be given the calf back with lap and tap start and time already spent will be added to the time used to qualify, plus any barrier penalties. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge will be final.
30. Barrier judge is responsible for changing barrier string.
31. No hot shots will be used.
32. If roper is fouled by neck rope, she can declare immediately and at the judge's discretion get the stock over
33. If roper has qualified time or catch in rodeo or in finals and no time was recorded, the roper will get a rerun and any penalties carried will be added on to the time.
34. All roping calves must be tagged so a contestant can visibly see the number from outside the arena fence. No two animals in the same event should be tagged with the same number. No contestant can enter the pen where stock is held without the judge or producer.
35. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge she is the next contestant she should be ready to compete when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification.

### **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

1. Saddle bronc riding will be mandatory.
2. Each rider will provide his own equipment under regulation or will be disqualified and fined as a turn out.
3. Measurements for the saddle: rigging will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  rigging with D ring pulling no further than the rear swells; cantle will not be more than five inches tall measured from back jockey to the tallest point; stirrups must be hung over the bar with fenders; seat shall be no less than fourteen inches long.
4. Riding rein and hand must be on same side. Horse is to be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch his own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory. Buck rein must be connected to halter.
5. Horses are to be ridden for eight seconds, with time starting when the horse crosses the plane of the chute.
6. Rider will have the right to call the judge to pass on whether or not the horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank belongs to the rider; however, contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly.
7. If a horse is obviously pulled too tight, he may be asked to loosen his saddle at the discretion of the judge and contractor. Only dry rosin is to be used no glue. Judges can check the saddle before the rider mounts.

8. If a horse runs into the fence and obviously affects the cowboy, he is entitled to a re-ride left up to the discretion of the judge.
9. If a horse turns out of the chute backward the contestant will be given the option of a re ride.
10. Contestant will be allowed one man to pull his cinch.

### **SADDLE BRONC RIDING DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he is the next rider to go the contestant should be above the animal when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification
2. No re-rides will be given due to default or breakage of equipment of contestant.
3. Riding with locked rowels or rowels that are too sharp will result in disqualification.
4. Being bucked off will result in disqualification.
5. Touching anything with rider's free hand will result in a disqualification, but is left up to judge's discretion.
6. Failing to mark the horse out of the chute, changing hand on rein, or wrapping rein around hand will result in a disqualification.
7. Losing a stirrup will result in disqualification.

### **RANCH BRONC RIDING**

1. All saddles will be stock saddles with no altercations or stirrup binds.
2. Contestants must spur the animal before he will be rewarded a re-ride.
3. No excessive tightening of cinch.
4. Stock contractor has the option of where the buck rein is attached.
5. Points will be given ½ for the animal and ½ for the contestant.
6. Points will be given for spurring and fanning with the contestant's hat.
7. Horses will be ridden for 8 seconds.
8. Halter must be plain with one rein.
9. Contestant can use free hand to hold to saddle, but not wrapped in any way in the strings or rope.
10. Contestants must be dressed in western attire (hat/helmet, boots, and long sleeved button front shirt with collar). Chaps are optional.
11. Using sharp or locked rowel spurs will be grounds for disqualification.
12. Saddle and chaps shall be free of glue or any sticky substance.
13. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he is the next rider to go the contestant should be above the animal when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification

### **TEAM ROPING**

1. Team Roping is considered two events and therefore must have added money on both ends which will be the same as all other timed events.

2. There will be a five second penalty for roping one heel.
3. When a roper is substituted, stock will be run that is already drawn. Rodeo secretary must be notified before the event begins.
4. The entry fee shall be per man, not per team. The number of entries will be determined by number of teams.
5. The roper will be fined for circling the arena prior to the time he is to compete. No ropes will be removed in the arena unless necessary.
6. An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos in team roping. The length of the box is determined by hooking up the barrier and measuring from the center of the back of the box to the center of the barrier rope. The length of the box can't be changed after the rodeo starts. Measure the height of the barrier from the ground 32 to 36 inches at the pin, pulley, and center of barrier. All barriers in the timed events must be mounted where the pulley and neck rope pull from the side of the chute. The pulley on the neck rope should be attached on the chute from 38 to 48 inches above the ground. Length of the neck rope with the pin in place and pulled tight is 24 inches short of the score line in the team roping. The score is the distance from a point on the ground directly below the pin to the score line. Length of the score will be determined by measuring from score line to the ground directly under the pin with the pin in the barrier ring.
7. Each team can appoint one man to stand on the line to haze cattle. The hazer is not allowed to move.
8. There will be no supplementing team roping steers from the steer wrestling herd, unless previously approved.
9. Animals will be inspected and objectionable ones will be eliminated before the draw.
10. Producer must furnish at least half as much stock as contestants entered unless a lesser number is approved by the event director. No stock in any event will have more than one run during a performance, so the contractor must furnish at minimum the amount of stock necessary for the number of contestants entered in the rodeos largest performance. No animal will have more than 2 runs in a day or 3 runs total for the weekend.
11. Steers used for team roping cannot be used for any other event.
12. There shall be two or more timekeepers, a score line judge, a field judge, and a qualified person to jerk the line around the steer's neck and feed the jerk line from box.
13. If the flagger flags out a team which has loops coming, team shall get animal back, lap and tap with the same catch on the head of the steer that had been roped. Five seconds will be added for each loop thrown.
14. The animal belongs to the contestant after crossing the score line. Exceptions being if the animal gets out of the arena, the flag will be dropped and time will be stopped. Contestant will get the animal back, lap and tap with the same head catch if the animal has been roped. Time when the animal left the arena will be added to the final time.
15. The contestant must hold dallies until the flagger passes on catch.
16. Contestants are not allowed to change the catch by rubbing rope over the horn or nose by hand to make a bad catch legal. Loops may be fished on.
17. Time is to be taken when the steer is roped by both ends in a direct line, with horse on all four feet. Horses shall be facing steer in "L" or better, with ropes tight, dallied or tied.
18. Team roping steers must weigh a minimum of 400 pounds and a maximum of 600 pounds.
19. There are only three legal head catches: around the horns, around the neck, and half head. All other catches are illegal.
20. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope comes on from around the heels.
21. When one partner in the team roping does not show, the other partner will have the right to choose another partner. No contestant may go more than once to make up the team. The rodeo secretary must be notified before the draw. After one man is declared a no show (at least 30 minutes before the performance) and another partner is substituted, the original team cannot reform. The new partner that fills in is responsible for

fees. The partner that does not show will pay a \$35 turn out fine. The team will draw stock in the original position.

22. Steers will be numbered and drawn before each performance.
23. In the event a roper mistakenly draws a steer he had already roped, the judges will not redraw the complete go round but will move down the list to the next eligible steer. If a mistake in the draw is discovered after a go round has been completed, there will be no redraw and all times will stand.
24. The neck rope must be ½ inch or larger.
25. If a steer fails to trip the barrier, the cowboy will get a rerun on the same steer before another contestant runs the same steer.
26. If a roper is fouled by any moving part of the barrier, he can declare immediately and get the steer over (with the judge's discretion). If the rope is thrown, he cannot declare.
27. Neck ropes may be tied with string or fastened with rubber bands. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in any timed events. Whether using string or rubber bands whatever you begin using must remain the same throughout the entire rodeo. String must be changed every three runs
28. All times shall be recorded in hundredths of a second.
29. Team will have a 30 second time limit to complete the run.
30. Ropers cannot rope the same steer twice.

#### **TEAM ROPING DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he/she is the next contestant he/she should be ready to compete when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification.
2. Animal not being on his feet when roped by either end will cause the roper to be disqualified.
3. Using more than two ropes per team is illegal.
4. Failure to head steer before heeling will result in a no time.
5. Unnecessary rough treatment of the steers shall cause disqualification.
6. Illegal head catches, lost or broken ropes, dismounting during a run, rope in steer's mouth, and front foot in heel catch will all cause disqualification.
7. There will be no cross firing. The steer's body must be changed completely and moving forward before the heel loop can be thrown. If the steer stops, no fault of the roper, the steer must begin moving before heel loop is considered legal.
8. All team roping steers must be tagged so a contestant can visibly see the number from outside the arena fence. No two animals in the same event should be tagged with the same number. No contestant can enter the pen where stock is held without the judge or producer.

#### **BARREL RACING**

1. Competent and experienced time keepers and flagmen must be used in the ladies' barrel racing event.
  - b. Both judges are required to be present during the barrel race, with one judge flagging the line and the other judge across the arena to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run.
  - c. The flagman is not to leave his place unless it is visibly marked.
  - d. Judges' place is to be outside pattern when flagging.

2. If a barrel is knocked down, the judge not flagging the line will reset the barrel in its proper place.
3. Judges, or someone a judge has appointed, are the only ones to reset the barrels.
4. Timers must be staked at the center of tripod for electric eye.
5. Barrel racers in the LRCA rodeos must hold a current LRCA membership card prior to competing in order for the points to count toward LRCA awards.
6. A LRCA barrel racer may win points if there are at least three paid entries in the event. In the event of only one paid entry, the contestant may take the entire purse but it will not count toward the year end standings.
7. A LRCA barrel racer in the top twelve at the close of the calendar year must attend the finals and contest to be eligible to receive her award. The only acceptable excuse for not attending will be due to illness or death in the family.
8. Contestants are required to wear western clothing, button down collared shirt, hat/helmet, and boots in the arena at all times. This includes the grand entry and the barrel race event. Colored jeans or blue jeans may be worn. An honest effort must be made to dress nicely. Shirts must be full length and tucked in at all times.
9. Barrel racers will ride as a group in the grand entry if asked to do so and given reasonable advance notice.
10. Contestants must run in the order they draw and in the performance they enter. Positions may be drawn by the secretary or a judge when other events are drawn.
11. There must be an electric eye along with a backup digital stopwatch and a flagman.
12. All contractors must furnish timers and be responsible for setting them up at each rodeo. If the producer does not have an electric eye at the rodeo, the money paid to the producer is to be refunded to the barrel racing director and used for awards.
13. Any time keeper entered in the barrel race cannot time the barrel racing event.
14. Timing will begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose passes the finish line.
15. If for some reason the timer breaks completely on three runs, stop watches will be used for everyone and the points will count.
16. Barrels must be staked and set in a cloverleaf pattern. Timer tripod must be staked.
17. Barrels must be staked with brightly colored stakes, taped, and written down and given to the secretary before the first performance of the rodeo. This must be done by a judge and barrel racer for correct distance. Barrel racing director will appoint a contestant to be responsible for measuring and staking the barrels at least one hour prior to the performance.
18. Barrels are set on the inside of the stakes.
19. A barrel racer's husband or relative that is judging a rodeo may not stake the barrels unless assisted by a different barrel racer.
20. Barrels one and two will be at least 18 feet from the fence. The third barrel will be at least 25 feet from the back fence. If arena size permits, the score line will be no more than sixty feet from the first barrel. There will be no more than 90 feet from the first to second barrel, and no more than 105 feet from the second to the third barrel. Timers and flagmen position will be staked no more than 45 feet from the alley.
21. The arena and alley, including area by the chutes, is to be clear during the barrel race event. Barrel racer is not required to begin her run until the arena and alley are clear.
22. Approved LRCA patterns will be used at each LRCA rodeo when possible. Copies of patterns shall be sent to the secretary of the rodeo and used by the judges to stake the barrels.
23. Barrel racers request that the barrels be painted any color that can be easily seen. No tires are allowed on the barrels. Barrels must be fifty five gallon drums. Barrels must have both ends on them. Producers are responsible for this and will be fined if not.

24. If the electric time is missed, the barrel racer will rerun after the performance if she chooses to do so. If not, she can take the stop watch time.
25. If a rerun is given for any reason, the contestant will wait until after the performance to run. Decision to run will be made by contestant. Any penalties during the original run will be added to the rerun. If entire performance is rerun because barrels are not in original places, all penalties are disregarded.
26. If the barrels are not placed correctly on the stakes, or the timers or flagmen are not in the correct place, things must be put in correct order and all contestants who ran incorrectly must rerun with no penalties. If this happens, contestants and judges should be notified, and then judge and producer will set the time for reruns.
27. A contestant will be granted a rerun after the performance if the horse falls and the belly of the horse touches the ground during her run at the finals. Penalties will be carried. Rerun is given at the judge's discretion.
28. There will be no practice runs allowed, nor are horses to be taken around stakes after the barrel pattern is set and staked by the judge for the rodeo. Violators will pay a fine of \$100.00 and the times will not count for the rodeo.
29. Exhibitions may be made, with the approval of the producer, only after all paid contestants compete in the performance and slack. Dress code is still enforced. Exhibition runs may not be made prior to the qualified run if contestant is entered in the rodeo.
30. A crippled or sick horse will not be accepted as reason to withdraw from the rodeo unless there is a proper vet release. Two vet releases are allowed per year. The LRCA secretary must be notified no later than 3 hours prior to the performance the contestant is entered. The physical release must be received by the LRCA office within 10 days after said rodeo. The contestant will not have to pay her fees but will be responsible for the \$5 call in fee. The fee must be paid before competing at another rodeo.
31. In case of dispute, the rodeo will proceed without delay under the LRCA rules. Any contestant causing an altercation or arguing with judges will be asked to leave the arena and is subject to disqualification.
32. All complaints must be made to the LRCA office in writing along with a \$25.00 fine. It will be brought before the board for a decision, and the complainant may attend. If the complaint is justified, the fee will be returned.
33. If there are any misunderstandings or questions about the barrel racing, the director must be contacted immediately. The current director's name and telephone number will be listed on the website.
34. Any change in the barrel race in regard to running in and out of the arena is to be announced over the intercom at the rodeo. Draw must be posted before the rodeo performance and cannot be changed.
35. A barrel racer's name will be called three times within a reasonable length of time for her to enter the arena. If she fails to do so, she will be flagged out and forfeit her entry fees.
36. Fees/fines will be waived if the judge deems ground conditions too dangerous to compete.
37. The entrance to the arena and the entire alley way must be clear during the barrel racing. No producers, stock contractors, personnel, or bull riders are allowed in the alley way or the arena during the barrel racing competition. A barrel racer may allow an attendant to assist her in the barrel racing, at her request only. Any person in violation of this rule is subject to penalty, including a fine or disqualification. This rule is to protect the safety of all contestants and horses and will be enforced by the arena director.
38. If an open barrel race is held during an LRCA rodeo, it must run after the LRCA barrel race. This also applies to junior barrel racing if not held as separate performances. The barrels must be moved no less than 15 feet backward or forward from the official LRCA stakes.
39. A barrel racer is not to whip or abuse her horse in public view. This includes the arena, alleyway, and behind the arena.
40. Barrel racing will be the first event in the slack following completion of the rough stock unless otherwise noted.

### **BARREL RACING DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge she is the next contestant she should be ready to compete when previous contestant leaves the arena. When the arena is clear and ready, if the contestant does not begin her run within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification.
2. Contestants will be disqualified if after crossing the score line and being flagged by judge as beginning of the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern.
3. Contestant is disqualified if her hat/helmet is not on her head when she enters the arena. The alleyway is not considered part of the arena.
4. If a contestant knocks over a barrel, there will be a five second penalty for each barrel.
5. If the contestant knocks a barrel over and it stands up again on its other end, the barrel will be considered knocked over and the five second penalty will be added to the official time.
6. If all barrels are standing when the contestant crosses the score line, it is considered a qualified run. It is considered a qualified run if a barrel falls after the contestant is flagged and timed.
7. A contestant will not be penalized or disqualified for touching a barrel.
8. If the timer fails to work during a run, a hit barrel will be carried on the rerun.
9. Barrel racers will be disqualified and subject to fine for taking a horse around the barrel stake or making a practice run after the pattern has been staked by the judge for the rodeo. (see rule 28 above)

### **BULL RIDING**

1. Bull must be ridden for eight seconds; with time starting when animal's inside shoulder passes the plane of the gate. Both judges must have stop watches.
2. Riding is to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from coming off of bull when rider leaves chute will be permitted. Ropes must have a bell, with bell being under the bull's belly.
3. Bulls having bad horns must be dehorned, horns tipped the size of a quarter, or taken out of the draw.
4. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the loose rope in the riding hand, he is to be marked.
5. Rider will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not the bull is properly flanked to buck its best.
6. If the bull has run off or stopped three consecutive times, he must be taken out of the draw until he is approved by the bull riding director.
7. If a qualified ride has been made and a bull stops, the rider has the privilege of taking the same bull back or he may have a redraw. If the rider takes the bull back, he must take that marking.

### **BULL RIDING DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Upon notification of the contestant by the judge he is the next rider to go the contestant should be above the animal when previous animal leaves the arena. When livestock is cooperating and ready based on the judges assessment, if the contestant does not nod and call for their stock within 30 seconds the contestant will be fined \$25.00 for the first warning, \$50.00 for the second warning, and \$100.00 for the third and final warning. After that the delay results in automatic disqualification
2. The rider will be disqualified for being bucked off before the eight seconds, using sharp spurs, or for touching anything with his free hand.

3. Ropes cannot be used that have any knots, wires, or other aids for the purpose of placing spurs therein.
4. No re-rides will be given due to default or breakage of contestant's equipment.
5. No object should be placed in or under the rope or pad to slow or hinder the bull.

### LRCA FINALS RODEO

1. The cutoff date for points will be no later than twelve days prior to the first performance of the finals.
2. Association finals of other associations will not count towards money earned.
3. The finals payout will be based on the rodeo payout scale in each go round, and in the average or as determined by the event director and/or board.
4. Producers who produce a minimum of four LRCA first approved performances will be given first priority to bring stock to the finals but the final decision of what stock will be at the finals remains with the event director and finals contestants for each event.
5. Any contestant turning out of any performance during the finals will be subject to fines of not less than \$100.00, unless otherwise determined by the board because of extenuating circumstances, and will forfeit any average or year-end awards. Average or year-end awards will go to the next qualified contestant.
6. To qualify for the finals, contestants must be a member in good standing, in the top ten money earners in the Bareback & Saddle Bronc Riding or in the top twelve money earners in all other events and have competed in at least 5 LRCA first approved rodeos or three LRCA first approved rodeos and three LRCA co-approved rodeos.
7. Order of qualifications if not enough to fill the top twelve spots; 10 in the Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding:
  - a. Contestants who have competed in at least five LRCA first approved rodeos or three LRCA first approved rodeos and three LRCA co-approved rodeos and are not in the top 10 money earners in the Bareback Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding; or top 12 money earners in any other event.
  - b. Contestants with rodeo count and no winnings.
  - c. Contestants with money won but not meeting rodeo counts.
8. All fees must be paid in full to approved LRCA rodeos held during the season.
9. All qualifications will be based on approval by board of directors.
10. The top 20 in each event must vote when the ballot is published if they plan to enter the finals or they will be assessed an additional \$100.00 for fees which must be paid with the fees prior to the finals or you will not be considered entered. Voting information will be published on the website and fb.
11. Any contestant entered and competing in all rounds at the finals is eligible average awards.
12. Entering the finals is to be conducted as a regular rodeo opening and closing at a specified time. At the time of entering, the top 20 in each event should call in to enter. If the 21<sup>st</sup> place is needed to fill the slots, the event director will call to fill the position.
13. If an event does not have six contestants entered for the finals, the board may vote to exempt the event and make the last rodeo of the year be final. All champion and rookie awards will be distributed at the finals.
14. If there is a problem with finals stock, a drawn animal escapes, is deemed unfit, gets hurt, etc., the extras, which were specified during the draw will be used as replacement stock for the contestant.
15. To be eligible for bucking stock of the year, the animal must be owned by someone holding a current contractor card in good standing and be LRCA finals eligible. To be finals eligible the animal must have been bucked at a minimum of one LRCA ground rule rodeo.
16. Contractors holding a current contractor card in good standing may nominate one finals eligible animal in the Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding to be considered for stock of the year. The animals nominated by the contractors will be in the Saturday night performance and will be scored by the judges. The

nominated animal with the highest marked animal score in each event will be deemed stock of the year. In the case of a tie the back judge will also keep scores and his animal score will be used as the tie breaker.

17. Rather than a stock contractor of the year all eligible finals stock contractors will receive a stock contractor buckle at the finals.
18. The board will determine eligible personnel and other items to place on the finals voting ballot.
19. The top 20 contestants from each event will vote for association finals personnel in addition to announcer of the year and contract act of the year.
20. Personnel will include time keepers, secretary, judges, bull fighters, pick up men, and any others determined.
21. The top 20 in bareback and saddle bronc riding will elect the pickup men, and select bucking horses for their event at the finals from those eligible. For stock to be eligible it must be owned by someone holding a current contractor card in good standing and been bucked at a minimum of one LRCA ground rule rodeo, unless otherwise determined by the board. All contractors meeting the requirements will be considered first for stock.
22. The top 20 in bull riding will elect the bull fighters, and select bulls for their event at the finals from those eligible. For stock to be eligible it must be owned by someone holding a current contractor card in good standing and been bucked at a minimum of one LRCA ground rule rodeo, unless otherwise determined by the board. All contractors meeting the requirements will be considered first for stock.
23. All decisions must be approved by the administration.