

2026 SDRA Rule Changes
2025 SDRA General Membership Meeting
Friday, September 19, 2025 1:00 PM CDT

All rule proposals were voted on by the SDRA General Membership with the ballots counted by two South Dakota State Fairgrounds employees in an office offsite and removed from the DEX in which the SDRA Finals were held. All ballots were sealed in a large envelope with the signature of those counting the ballots across the seal. No members were involved in the counting of ballots

1. Rule proposal #1
 - a. All members voted.
 - b. Delete Team Penning as an event in the South Dakota Rodeo Association
 - c. Passed. 50% FOR the deletion and 47.9% AGAINST the deletion. 2.1% were null votes.
2. Rule proposal #2
 - a. All members voted
 - b. Pg 6 Article VI, 2.
 - c. Team Penning will have two one directors to represent this event but have one voting right on the board. (they may have co-directors to assist with job duties of their event but only one person may attend the board meeting)
 - d. Null secondary to Rule Proposal #1 passing.
 - e. Would have passed. 73.2% FOR the rule change and 21.1% AGAINST the rule change. 6.5% were null votes.
3. Rule proposal #3
 - a. Only Team Penners voted
 - b. Pg 73 NEW 35-24
 - c. The draw shall not be posted for Team Penning at any Team Penning event in the SDRA. The announcer will announce the number when the team rides into the arena. The time will start with that announcement.(due to the claims that the preceding team is burying the next team's cattle in the bunch)
 - d. Null secondary to Rule Proposal #1.
 - e. Would NOT have passed. 12% FOR the rule change and 21.1% AGAINST the rule change. 66.9% null votes
4. Rule Proposal #4
 - a. All members voted
 - b. Pg 6 Article VI, 3
 - c. To be a stand in for a director at a board meeting, that person will have to have been a SDRA contestant in that event in the previous two years.
 - d. Passed. 90.8% FOR the proposal and 7.7% AGAINST the rule proposal. 1.4% null votes
5. Rule Proposal #5
 - a. All members voted
 - b. Pg 19 Article IX, 20

- c. Stand alone events may be held at any venue in South Dakota regardless if the venue has had (or is planning to have) an SDRA approved rodeo. ~~Monies won at standalone events will not count toward the All Around or Rookie Standings. In order for monies won at stand alone events to count toward the individual event year end standings, a contestant must compete at a minimum of 3 of the regular SDRA approved rodeos that a contestants' event is offered.~~ All money won at stand-alone events will count toward the year-end standings regardless of how many SDRA Rodeos the contestants attend.
 - d. Passed. 60.6% FOR the proposal and 38% AGAINST the rule proposal. 1.4% null votes.
6. Rule Proposal #6
- a. Only barrel racers voted
 - b. Pg 64 Article XXXII 2
 - c. It is suggested that the barrels be twenty feet from the fence and that the starting line be thirty feet from the chutes. ~~The standard distance between barrels is thirty five feet between the first two barrels and forty feet from either of the first two barrels to the third barrel.~~
 - d. Passed. 14.8% FOR the proposal and 7.7% AGAINST the rule proposal. 77.5% null votes.