

## **2026 HIGHLIGHTED RULE CHANGES**

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (page 4)**

1. Memberships shall run from the first rodeo of the season to the CRA finals for that season.
2. An individual applying for membership of the Association must submit an application using forms provided by the Association which can be found at [WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM](http://WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM).
3. Persons under eighteen (18) years of age wishing to compete in a CRA Sanctioned event (Ranch Style Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Bull Riding) will be required to purchase a CRA High School membership. The CRA High School membership form will need to be notarized, with a notary seal affixed, and presented to the Rodeo Secretary with a parent or legal guardian present. The parent or legal guardian will be required to show a pictured ID. Only after the CRA High School membership is approved; a minor will be allowed to pay entry fees at future rodeos without the presence of a parent or guardian.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES (page 5)**

1. Dues for membership are non-refundable and non-transferable.
2. Memberships shall run from the first rodeo of the season to the CRA finals for that season.
3. Membership dues paid from the first rodeo of the season to the CRA finals will be set at:
- 4.

### **PERMITS (page 5)**

1. Nonmember contestants who are eighteen (18) years of age or older may enter a CRA rodeo with the purchase of a Permit. Permits are TWENTY AND NO/100 (\$20.00) DOLLARS, per rodeo. Each permit and waiver is good for one (1) rodeo only.
2. To enter on a permit (contestants eighteen (18) and older, enter NM in the membership or card number field of the ONLINE entry (you **MUST** use your prior CRA card number if you have been a prior CRA card holder – info can be found at [WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM](http://WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM)'s home page.) Upon completion of the ONLINE entry, a waiver of liability must be electronically signed by the adult contestant.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (page 7)**

1. The Board will expect the cooperation of any member when called upon by one of the Association officials to represent the Association's interest regarding enforcement of the rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.
2. CRA encourages the continued use of social media by the CRA membership, and fans to promote the CRA and the sport of rodeo in a positive manner. Posts with negative content about sanctioned events, CRA contract personnel, members, or the association will not be tolerated and will required board review to determine removal of any future CRA events and social media access.

### **DISCIPLINARY FINE (page 7)**

1. Fines will be imposed at the discretion of the Judges and Board of Directors with a minimum of TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 (\$ 25.00) dollars and a maximum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$ 250.00) dollars.
2. All imposed and/or automatic fines must be paid before the contestant is allowed to compete in another CRA event. A list of fines can be found at [www.cajunrodeo.com](http://www.cajunrodeo.com).
3. Failure to pay said fines, either imposed or automatic will result in suspension.
4. A list of the members on suspension and the amount of their fines will be posted on the CRA website until said fines are paid in full.
5. A contestant will not be able to compete in another CRA rodeo until fines are paid.
6. Fines imposed at a rodeo may be taken out of any prize money won.

### **GENERAL RULES – ALL EVENTS (page 16)**

30. Contestants may indicate there preference to be drawn in performance and/or slack. However, neither is guaranteed as the draw is a random draw and the performance must be filled.

## **BREAKAWAY ROPING (Page 21)**

3. The Breakaway Roping event is limited to WOMEN only, as demonstrated by the contestant's original birth certificate. Please be advised that you may be required to provide a copy of a valid pictured ID, Driver's license, etc. and a Certified copy of your birth certificate to compete.
7. Calves may not have horns longer than one and one half (1 ½) inches.

## **CHUTE DOGGING (page 22)**

11. If steer is thrown or direction is changed under the power of the competitor before the time is started (rule 5), a no time will be administered.
12. If a contestant is fouled by the chute and declares it himself without continuing the run, it is at the judges' discretion to award the contestant a rerun.
13. A helper/tail man may be used to get steer going however shall not be touching the steer past the

## **RODEO ENTRY RULES (page 9)**

CRA rodeos are one-day events so a weekend with rodeos scheduled for both Friday and Saturday = 2 rodeos.

- Once the contestant becomes a CRA member (cardholder), the contestant is no longer required to ride on a Permit. A cardholder only pays the entry fee per event per rodeo.
- Nonmember contestants eighteen (18) years or older may enter a CRA rodeo with the purchase of a PERMIT (please see rules on page 5 before entering - all minors must purchase a membership to compete). **Permits are TWENTY AND NO/100 (\$20.00)** per rodeo and are to be paid in addition to the contestant's entry fees. To enter on a permit, use NM in the membership card number field in the ONLINE entry. All prior CRA members **MUST** use their prior CRA membership number regardless of current membership status (see [WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM](http://WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM) for a listing of past and present card numbers).

**Rodeo entries will be accepted via ONLINE ENTRY ONLY (entries will not be accepted via text messaging, voicemail, or email.) Entries for each rodeo will be open on the Sunday before the scheduled rodeo at 8:00 PM and will close the next day, Monday at 8:00 PM. Go to [WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM](http://WWW.CAJUNRODEO.COM). The ENTER RODEO tab will be on the home page. The CRA card holder and Fines listing can also be found on the home page.**

**DRAW-OUT TIME without penalty is 12:00 PM NOON on the Wednesday before the rodeo weekend.**

- If it is a 2-day rodeo weekend, contestants must complete a separate ONLINE entry for each day (entry for Friday and an entry for Saturday for each event wishing to be entered)
- Late entries, at the discretion of the rodeo producer, might be allowed, ONLY for an event that does not have a full performance, and the contestant did not complete an ONLINE entry during the designated ONLINE entry time. The contestant will have to pay a \$ 25.00 late fee in addition to their entry fees and/or permit fees if the rodeo producer allows the late entry. All late entries must be made prior to the draw-out time (Wednesday prior to rodeo date at NOON time). Any notified draw outs after the DRAW-OUT deadline will obtain a fine equivalent to the total entry fees for the event(s) entered. All requests for draw-out should be directed to the rodeo secretary listed at the top of the draw sheet.
- Once a contestant is entered and has not drawn out by the draw out deadline, the contestant is committed to compete. If the contestant does not show up at the rodeo, or decides not to compete after arriving, the contestant will be fined the total amount of their entry fees per event/night. Fines **MUST** be paid in full before the contestant can compete in another rodeo. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- Any requests for position trades (slack to performance/performance to slack ONLY) need to be made with the assigned rodeo secretary that will be listed at the top of the draw sheet by NOON on the Thursday before the rodeo. There will be a FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$50.00) trade processing fee per contestant involved in the trade.

TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 (\$25.00) of the trade processing fee will go to the rodeo secretary who handles the trade and TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 (\$25.00) will go to the association \*\*\* THERE WILL BE NO PARTNER TRADES ALLOWED if a team roper turns out, the team will be considered a turn out \*\*\*

- Entry fees must be paid in full as CASH each night before the contestant competes. Checks and credit cards are not accepted for entry fees.