CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION

RULE BOOK

ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

The Cajun Rodeo Association (CRA) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. The purposes for which this association is organized are to encourage, promote and advance information and knowledge concerning rodeos, names and contestants, available prize monies and other particulars which the members are interested in, such as:

a. To ensure just amount of prize money.
b. To secure competent, honest judges and officials for all events.
c. To cooperate with the management and sponsors for all rodeos at which members contest.
d. To protect the members against unfairness on the part of any rodeo management or sponsors.
e. To work for the betterment of conditions and the rules governing rodeo events in which members of the Association participate.
f. To elect or appoint officers and agents of the Association who may be directors or members and define their duties.
g. To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to affect any and all of the purposes for which the Association is organized.

BY–LAWS OF THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION - GENERAL

1. The Association acting through its Board of Directors shall have the general powers to adopt and alter rules and by-laws.
2. The affairs and management of the association are to be under the control of a Board of Directors.
3. No member, officer, director, employee, agent, etc. shall be personally responsible or liable for any debts, cost or judgment imposed upon or against or incurred by the association.
4. The Association shall have the right to set and assess annual dues against members and may make other assessments on members deemed necessary to cover expenses incurred or anticipated in the furtherance of the business, objectives, and purposes of the Association.
5. Any person becoming a member of this Association shall comply with all rules and decisions and shall be bound the same.
6. By a person becoming a member of this Association, said member recognizes that the Association has no responsibility, conduct, or function which would in any way be related to or cause any liability to injury to, or damage to the person, property, or stock of any member and further recognized that said member, by entering any event covered by the rules of the CRA, assumes and accepts the full risk and danger of any damage to person and property and further releases and waives the Cajun Rodeo Association, its officers, directors, or employees from any and every claim damages which may accrue said member in any event to which the Cajun Rodeo Association rules may apply.
7. Any person suing or attempting to sue the CRA will be barred from the CRA permanently.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Executive Board (Officers) of this Association shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Association Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, consisting of one (1) Director from each of the following events: Rough Stock (one Director for all rough stock), Calf Roping, Chute Dogging, Barrel Racing, Team Roping (one [1] director), Breakaway Roping, Public Relations, and a Contract Act Director.

1. All Officers and Directors must be members in good standing with the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

In an attempt to keep the CRA Board operating effectively and efficiently, the 2017 Board of Directors voted to extend the term of Officers and Directors from 1 year to 2 years AND alternate the elections of positions by odd and even years*. Doing so should prevent a complete turnover in personnel and the disruption of CRA business.

*In 2018, CRA members in good standing will nominate and vote for a President. Members in good standing will also nominate and vote on the Director(s) positions for the following event(s) in which they participate: Rough Stock (Bull Riding and Broncs), Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, and Barrel Racing.

*In 2019, CRA members in good standing will nominate and vote for a Vice-President and Contract Acts Director. Members in good standing will also nominate and vote on the Director(s) positions for the following event(s) in which they participate: Tie Down Calf Roping and Chute Dogging.

1. Nominations and voting privileges are for current card members in good standing only.
2. Officers may be nominated by any current card member in good standing.
3. Nominations for President or Vice-President may be accepted up to two (2) months before the Finals.
4. Event directors will be nominated by their event's contestants prior to the Finals.
5. Nominations for the Contracts Act Director's position shall be accepted from current card members in good standing.
6. A nomination form shall be made available after the last scheduled rodeo of the season. A copy of the nomination form(s) shall also be posted on the website.
7. UPON ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOMINATION, A BALLOT WILL BE PREPARED WITH A LIST OF THE CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR EACH POSITION.
8. Elections for qualifying positions will be held at each year's Finals Rodeo. All voting ballots must be made available by the Association's assigned designee. Members will be allowed to cast an online vote or when manual method is used, may deposit their votes in a sealed ballot box during the scheduled check-in prior to the first session of the Finals.
9. Voting ballots will be counted by an impartial party prior to and the results will be announced at the annual Finals. Ties in the election voting shall be decided by a run-off vote open to the current year's Board.
10. The elected officers will take office at the next Board Meeting.
11. Association Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board.
12. Public Relations Director shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

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OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

1. The legislative rulemaking powers of the Association shall be held by the Board of Directors. The Board shall have supervision over the business affairs of the Association with the power to make, adopt, alter, or amend the Articles of Incorporation, Organizational Rules, By-Laws, and Official Rodeo Rules. The Board of Directors may make all rules considered necessary to carry-out the purposes of this organization and any or all contracts incidentally hereto. A quorum of the board must pass any changes to these By-Laws and rules of the association thereof.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Cajun Rodeo Association and the Board of Directors. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties.
3. The Association Secretary shall keep minutes and other official reports of the Association. He/she shall conduct its official correspondence and shall keep all records and documents relating to the Association at such place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. The designated PR Representative shall be responsible for keeping the CRA website up to date.

4. The Treasurer shall document all expenses and/or expenditures and pay out or disburse money from the Association only for the purpose of the Association. The Treasurer shall make a financial report to the Board of Directors at Board meetings and/or provide access to review the checkbook register and last month's bank statement. At each annual meeting of the members, the Treasurer shall make a statement about the current financial condition of the Association and detailed reports of its condition for the preceding year.
5. The Association checking account will require a minimum of two signatures on the checking account. The signature of the Association Treasurer or Secretary and either the President or Vice-President.
6. All Officers and Directors shall serve without salary with the exception of the Association Secretary, who will receive $175.00 per CRA rodeo.
7. Directors will be allowed to be on the announcer's stand at any given time during the rodeo to fulfill his/her duties.
8. Any Officer or Director will be admitted to all CRA rodeos without having to pay gate money upon presentation of his/her card.
9. All Officers and Directors must maintain a good standing with the Association.
10. Annual membership fees up to $ 150.00 for the current year's Officers and Directors are waived in lieu of their dedicated service to the Association during their term.

BOARD MEETINGS

1. The President may call a meeting of the Board of Directors provided each member is given at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice of the meeting.
2. Regular scheduled meetings may be held at least once a month.
3. Newly elected Board Members shall meet within three (3) weeks of the finals rodeo to discuss the upcoming CRA season.
4. Any four (4) directors may also call a meeting, provided each member of the Board of Directors and Officers is given at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice.
5. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, seven (7) Board Members shall constitute a quorum.
6. If a Director is unable to attend a scheduled Board meeting, he shall appoint his/her substitution, a member in good standing to represent his/her event or office. The appointment (substitute) shall be in writing and on file in the CRA office. If a director fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or should he/she fail to fulfill his duties as director, the remaining Board will have the right to dismiss him/her and appoint a new Director.
7. Each Director and Officer shall have one (1) vote. Majority vote will decide an issue. The President shall vote only to break a tie.
8. Directors and/or Officers will not be allowed to vote when the motion pertains to them personally.
9. Officers and Directors may be removed at any time with due cause by a majority vote by the Board of Directors.
10. Resignations of Officers and Directors during their term must be presented to the Board of Directors by written notice and will be acted upon and accepted by Board action.
11. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy among the Officers and Directors for the duration of the current term by vote of the majority at any meeting.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. A general membership meeting shall be offered annually. The date will be determined by the board of directors and announced in ample time for the general membership to make plans to attend.

2. The general membership is encouraged to utilize the online option (https://cajunrodeo.com/rule-change-suggestion) to submit rule change recommendations and/or to request attendance at a scheduled board meeting.

3. No member will be allowed in any CRA meeting while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND/OR PRIVILEGES

CRA members and permit holders acknowledge that rodeos are dangerous activities and that participation in a rodeo as a competitor, an independent contractor, or volunteer, exposes that participant to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injuries, or death. CRA members and permit holders acknowledge that participation in CRA sanctioned rodeos will involve such hazard. Being fully aware that participation in CRA rodeos would expose said member or permit holder to substantial and serious risk of property damage and/or personal injury or death, said member or permit holder release CRA, sponsors, any CRA sanctioned rodeo production entity, their affiliated, related to subsidiary companies and the officers; director, employees, and agents of each entity or organization from liability for any and all property damage, personal injuries or other claims arising from participation in foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent. CRA members and permit holders shall not, now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any actions, suits, or other proceeding against the before mentioned arising out of or related to the actions, causes of action, claims and demands hereby waived, released or discharged by CRA member or permit holder, his or her spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.

MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS

1. Active membership shall be such professional rodeo participants in good standing with the association who holds current membership cards, entitling them to all the privileges granted to members by the Association.
2. Any person becoming a member of the Association shall familiarize themselves with the rules and by-laws and shall comply and be bound by same. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to participate in all activities of the Association and shall be eligible to receive any awards or benefits sanctioned by the rules of the Association.
3. The Board will expect the cooperation of any member when called upon by one of the Association's officials to represent the Association's interest regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any manner of official business. Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should call the Association Officer for instruction if no Director or representative is present.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Memberships shall run from the first rodeo of the season to the last rodeo 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.
2. **MINORS MAY NOT COMPETE ON A PERMIT.** Persons under eighteen (18) years of age as of January 1st of current rodeo season, 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 for persons under eighteen (18) years old 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. Persons who are eighteen (18) years old as of January 1st of the current rodeo season and still enrolled in High School may purchase a membership at the discounted High School membership rate but will not be required to have the form notarized, since they are already eighteen (18) years old (proof will need to be provided to verify High School status). 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. If the contestant is 18 years old by January 1st, but still enrolled in High School, they may purchase.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

    A. Categories of Membership
        1. **Contestant Card** - ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 ($ 150.00) for competition in the following events: Ranch Style Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Bull Riding, and any events approved by the Board.

        2. **High School Card** – SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO/100 ($75.00). Offered to anyone still enrolled in High-School or Jr High grad school as of Jan 1st of the current membership year. Card offers the same privileges as the Contestant Card but is discounted for students.

        3. **Stock Contractors and/or Producers** - ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 ($ 125.00) This fee will include all of his/her back-pen workers only.

        4. **Contract Act Card** - FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO/100 ($ 50.00)
        Specialty acts and/or Contract Acts including rodeo secretaries, announcers, timers, judges, flag judges, pick-up men, rodeo clowns, and barrel men must buy a card or permit*.

4. Dues must be paid before an individual can participate in any CRA rodeo in any capacity (except when competing or working under a Permit). See Permit rules below.

PERMITS

1. **MINORS MAY NOT RIDE ON A PERMIT**. Non-member 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 DOLLARS ($20), 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 (if never a CRA member) in the membership or card number field of the ONLINE entry. If contestant has been a prior CRA member (**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's home page.)** Upon completion of the ONLINE entry, a waiver of liability must be electronically signed by the adult contestant.
3. Contestants riding on a permit do not receive any points until full membership is paid and are not eligible for any year-end awards.
4. Permit contestants are not to interfere with member's choice of date and session to contest. CRA members have first preference.
5. No permit fee is refundable, nor does the permit fee count as part of the purchase price of a membership card.
6. Permit riders will be expected to follow all CRA rules.

PAY OFF SCALE

1. Same payoff will be used for all events:

# of Paid Entries	# of Placings	Pay Out
1 – 5	1 Place	100%
6 – 10	2 Places	60% - 40%
11 – 15	3 Places	50% - 30% - 20%
16 – 20	4 Places	42% - 29% - 19% - 10%
21 – 25	5 Places	38% - 28% - 18% - 10% - 6%

2. Contestants must check monies and sign a receipt for monies won at rodeo.
3. No ground money will be paid. Prize money will be paid to winners of the event only.
   Example: when only 3 contestants qualify for a 4 money pay off, then the 3 money pay off scale will be used. If there are **no** qualifying times/scores, then the total prize money shall be forwarded to the CRA and used as added money for that particular event at the CRA Finals.
   Any **added money** will revert back to the stock contractor or sponsoring committee.
   Clarification: If only one qualified time/score, that contestant shall receive all the prize money.

POINT AWARDS

1. The CRA point system is set up to determine the Association Champions for each event at the end of the contest year. The point system will also be used to determine the All-Around Champions.
2. If there are ten (10) contestants or more,
   a. The first-place winner will receive ten (10) points; second place will receive nine (9) points, and on down to the tenth-place finisher receiving one (1) point.

   However, if **LESS** than ten (10) contestants are entered in an event, points will still be issued to the first-place winner according to the number of entries in that event, i.e. if there are only eight (8) contestants in an event,
   a. the first-place winner will receive eight (8) points,
   b. the second-place winner will receive seven (7) points,
   c. on down to the eighth-place contestant receiving one (1) point.

3. To be eligible for the All-Around Champion, a member must have competed in the required number of rodeos in all events being counted for the All-Around.
4. The counting of points for each member will begin when membership dues are paid.
5. Points will count for awards at any approved CRA rodeo.
6. In the case of a permit holder filling in a place, the points for that place will go to the next card member placing.
7. Other related awards will be determined by the Board.
8. The cut-off date for points must be announced in the CRA newsletter at least three (3) weeks prior to that date.
9. All awards shall be presented at the Finals.
10. The high-point winner in each of the standard events (including points won at the Finals) will be named Champion of the Year.
11. The high-point winner counting only points earned throughout the Finals, including average, will determine the Finals Champion in each event.
12. The high point winner who has won the most points in two (2) or more events for the year shall be named All-Around Champion of the Year; one for the Men's All-Around, and one for the Women's All-Around.

UNAPPROVED CONDUCT

1. Any member will be fined, suspended, or both from the association for any of the following offenses:
   A. Bad Checks - $ 35.00
   B. Threatening, hitting, or quarreling with a rodeo official, Officer, or Director on or off the rodeo grounds or in the arena - $ 25.00 up to $ 250.00
   C. Mistreatment of stock - $ 100.00
   D. Cheating or attempting to cheat - automatic suspension
   E. Attempting to fix, bribe, or influence judges at any time - automatic suspension
   F. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs - $ 25.00
   G. Not abiding by CRA dress code while in the arena (proper pants, long-sleeved, button-down shirt with shirt tail tucked in pants, western hat, and boots) - $ 25.00 and/or disqualification
   H. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of the Cajun Rodeo Association or the sport of rodeo - $ 25.00.
   I. Failure to abide by or disobedience of by-laws and rules of the Association - automatic suspension.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

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.
3. In all cases of dispute, complaints, or violation of rules brought before the Board of Directors, a decision will be made based upon a written statement from the complaining party.
4. A decision shall be made by a majority vote of the Board on said statement or, if necessary, a hearing of both parties involved, with an official letter of decision sent to all parties involved.
5. The decision and action of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

DISCIPLINARY FINE

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.
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.
7. Any CRA member that has entered a CRA rodeo and does not show up (Turn Out) or refuses to compete will be fined the amount of his or her entry fees. (If fines are collected before the start of the rodeo, money will go the prize money in that event; if collected at a later time, fine will go to the CRA general fund.)
8. Any individual deliberately abusing any livestock in the arena or on the rodeo grounds will be disqualified from the rodeo and fined a minimum of $100.00.
9. If a contestant entered in two or more events turns out in one event and pays fees and fines, he gets his stock in other events, if desired.
10. Visible Injuries: Rodeo judges may excuse a contestant and may instruct a rodeo secretary to draw them out of a performance should, in the judge's opinion, the contestant have a sufficient visible injury to warrant this action. Judges and secretaries must submit this information in writing with the rodeo results. Contestants must see the judge prior to the drawing of stock.
11. Contestants entered in Performance must ride in Grand Entry. If a contestant refuses to participate, a $ 25.00 fine may be imposed.

OFFICIAL RODEO RULES GENERAL STATEMENT

1. The Cajun Rodeo Association provides its own Association rules for approved rodeos.
2. Producers must obtain a current card before producing approved CRA rodeos.
3. There will be a maximum of six (6) rodeos per month.
4. There will be a $ 50.00 sanction fee for each rodeo sanctioned by the Cajun Rodeo Association.
5. All CRA approved rodeos must be published in the rodeo newsletter and/or on the CRA website at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the rodeo.

RODEO ENTRY RULES

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.
- Non-member 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 – **MINORS MAY NOT COMPETE ON A PERMIT.** 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 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. 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. Contact the association secretary at (985) 860-7670.

- 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 drawsheet.
- 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 request for trades before the deadline**, 12:00 NOON on the Thursday before the rodeo weekend**, should be directed to the CRA secretary. Any requests for trades after the drawsheet has been posted must be handled by the rodeo secretary listed at the top of the drawsheet for that rodeo. Trades are only eligible between a performance contestant and a slack contestant. There will be a THIRTY AND NO/100 ($30.00) trade processing fee per contestant involved in the trade. FIFTEEN AND NO/100 ($15.00) of the trade processing fee will go to the rodeo secretary who handles the trade and FIFTEEN AND NO/100 ($15.00) will go to the association. **NOTE** – the contestant is responsible for finding his/her trade before contacting the rodeo secretary to make a trade request. All contestants involved **MUST** be either present or on the phone.
- 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.

SANCTIONED EVENTS AND ENTRY FEES

Event	Entry Fee	Stock Fee	Awards / Association Fee
Ranch Style Bronc Riding	$80.00	$24.00	$ 11.00
Tie-Down Calf Roping	$100.00	$ 24.00	$ 11.00
Chute Dogging	$ 100.00	$ 24.00	$ 1100
Breakaway Roping	$ 100.00	$ 24.00	$ 11.00
Team Roping	$ 150.00 / Man $300.00 / Team	$ 24.00	$ 22.00
Barrel Racing	$ 100.00	$ 5.00 (Timer Charge)	$ 11.00
Bull Riding	$80.00	$ 24.00	$ 11.00

STOCK CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

1. **ALL RODEO STOCK MUST BE HEALTHY AND IN FIT CONDITION FOR RODEO COMPETITION.**
2. At all approved rodeos, management must provide a place for official timers, rodeo secretaries, and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
3. The Stock Contractor and/or Producer of each CRA rodeo shall be required to provide ambulances and adequate first aid facilities for all performances and slack. Should the Stock Contractor and/or Producer fail to abide by the above rule, he/she shall be subject to a fine of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 ($ 250.00) DOLLARS by the Association.
4. Stock Contractor / Producer is responsible for having a competent person to open the timed event chute gate. This person should remain in this position for the entire rodeo.
5. A minimum of ten (10) head of stock is recommended for each standard event. More heads of stock may be required depending on the number of contestants.
6. No rough stock may be bucked more than twice (2), and no timed event cattle shall run more than five (5) times in a rodeo.
7. All rough stock must be branded or visibly tagged so a contestant can identify them - not just a name.
8. Bull horns must be cut to horn around a quarter. No splintered horns, head fighting bulls, or otherwise.
9. All roping steers, calves, and dogging steers must be branded or visibly tagged so a contestant can identify them easily if they are drawn. Crayons or paint are not acceptable.
10. Roping calves must weigh 180-225 pounds and should be as equal as possible.
11. Team roping steers must weigh 450-650 pounds and must have good and equally matched horns as possible.
12. Stock Contractors are responsible for providing 55-gallon drums and electric timers for the barrel racing event. These timers must be in good working order before the start of the rodeo.
13. There must be two (2) qualified bull fighters in the arena during bull riding
14. Stock Contractor / Producer must furnish box pads for the timed events.
15. The CRA Rodeo Official's Handbook has been compiled and published as an official guideline for completing and submitting official rodeo documentation to the CRA office. Personnel hired by the Stock Contractor / Producer (Secretaries, Timers, Judges, etc.) shall regard this document as an amendment to the CRA Rule Book.
16. Calves may not have horns longer than one and one half (1 ½) inches

ARENA CONDITIONS - REQUIREMENTS

1. Any director, contestant, or spokesperson has the authority to inform the Stock Contractor / Producer or rodeo committee of hazardous arena conditions such as bad ground, poor fencing, inadequate bucking chutes, etc. and management is required to fulfill requests for the safety of contestants.
    A. Ground shall be spaded or chopped at least six (6) to eight (8) inches then harrowed off and spread evenly (no clumps of dirt or rows.)
    B. Should the ground be extremely wet, every effort shall be made to drain the water.
    C. Should the ground be extremely dry, every effort shall be made to water down the arena enough to settle the dust.
    D. Hard ground or grass in arena is not acceptable for safe conditions.
    E. Sandy ground that tends to dig out and get deep should be wet and packed before the rodeo performance.
    F. All ground should be reworked before slack is run, if needed.
2. Stock Contractors are ultimately responsible for the arena conditions and should be on the rodeo grounds four (4) hours before the start of the first (1st) performance.

POSTPONEMENTS

1. Stock Contractor or Board of Directors has the authority of postponement due to extreme inclement weather conditions that could cause dangerous conditions.
2. In case of a postponement, the contestants entered will be given the option to draw out. If they do so in allotted time.

CONTRACT ACT REQUIREMENTS

1. All Contract Act personnel (Announcers, Judges, Secretaries, Timers, Bull Fighters, Rodeo Clowns, Pick-up Men must meet Board approval and obtain a Contract Act membership card. (They may purchase a $ 20.00 permit to work one (1) rodeo weekend per year. Any Contract Act personnel working more than one (1) rodeo weekend per year must purchase a Contract Act membership card.)

RODEO SECRETARY / TIMER DUTIES

1. All rodeo secretaries are required to be on the rodeo grounds at least three (3) hours prior to the first (1st) rodeo performance and at least two (2) hours each performance thereafter.
3. It is required that all CRA rodeo secretaries be paid a minimum of $ 150.00 per performance.
4. Secretaries shall post an order of events, contestant running order, copy of the draw, barrel pattern and any ground rules for the rodeo and slack, at least one (1) hour before the start of the rodeo.
5. Rodeo secretary must not accept checks for entry fees; all entry fees must be paid in cash.
6. Rodeo secretary will be responsible for mailing any contestant winnings that were not picked up at the rodeo. All winnings must be mailed in the form of a Money Order within three (3) days of the completion of the rodeo. Rodeo secretary may deduct $ 3.00 from the contestant's winnings to cover the expense of the Money Order, postage, etc.
7. Timers will work from the same position for the duration of an event.
8. All times are required to use stop watches in hundredths of a second and record stopwatch time in hundredths of a second.
9. Two hand-held digital watches must be used in the timed events. All digits beyond hundredths will be ignored. Official time shall be the average of the two times, ignoring any digit beyond the hundredths. All times in the timed events with the exception of the Barrel Racing is to be recorded in the hundredths (100ths) of a second. If one of the two timers misses the start or stop or if there is a delay in starting or stopping the watch, or if the watch used by one timer malfunctions, that timer shall declare the problem to the other timer and only the time recorded by the other timer will be used.
10. A complete record of all contestants' times and scores for each rodeo **MUST** be electronically sent to the CRA secretary and originals mailed within three (3) days of the completion of said rodeo.
11. Money due to CRA will be remitted in the form of a Money Order or Cashier's Check.
12. The CRA Rodeo Official's Handbook has been compiled and published as a guideline for completing and submitting official rodeo documentation to the CRA office. Personnel hired by the Stock Contractor / Producer (Secretaries, Timers, Judges, etc.) shall regard this document as an amendment to the CRA Rule Book.

DRAWING OF LIVESTOCK

1. Judges will inspect all livestock and eliminate any objectionable ones before drawing.
2. Numbers will be uniform size and drawn from a round container; the actual number of the animal must be used in the draw.
3. All runs on stock at a rodeo shall be kept even.
4. Stock Contractors are allowed to feature two (2) animals in all rough stock events. (These animals are guaranteed to go in performance and will be kept out of the re-rides.)
5. All stock must be drawn by at least one (1) judge and take place on the rodeo grounds so that contestants may watch. The draw will take place no more than three (3) hours before a performance and no less than one (1) hour before a performance.
6. Any stock in the original draw that is turned out automatically goes into the re-ride pen if needed. Clarification: turnout stock should be used before any re-ride draw that has already been bucked.
7. All stock will be drawn prior to the start of the entire rodeo session. The draw will be posted at least one hour prior to the start of each session (performance/slack). Each pen thereafter will be posted at the completion of the prior respected pens. In the instance of a stock injury, the extra will be put in the place of the original animal that was drawn.

JUDGES

1. All judges will know and understand all rules governing rodeo as set forth in the CRA rulebook.
2. All judges are required to furnish their own barriers, stopwatch, and flag for each rodeo.
3. It is required that all CRA judges be paid a minimum of $ 150.00 per performance.
4. Rodeo judges are required to record **all** penalties incurred by contestants.
5. All judges are required to be on the rodeo grounds at least three (3) hours prior to the first (1st) rodeo performance, and at least two (2) hours each performance thereafter.
8. Judge's decisions are final if in accordance with the rules.
9. A Stock Contractor cannot overrule a judge's decision.
10. The CRA Rodeo Official's Handbook.has been compiled and published as an official guideline for completing and submitting official rodeo documentation to the CRA office. Personnel hired by the Stock Contractor / Producer (Secretaries, Timers, Judges, etc.) shall regard this document as an official amendment to the CRA Rule Book.

JUDGING - TIMED EVENTS

1. Judges will ensure that barriers and barrel stakes are in place before the start of the rodeo.
2. Judge will designate someone to stand in a designated area at the score line during roping events. This person shall not make any movements toward the animal.
3. Barrier flag must be in the most visible place for timekeepers.
4. Judges will be sure no one stands close enough to the barrier or equipment to tamper with it.
5. Anyone hampering in any way with the proper functioning of the barrier will result in disqualification of the contestant.
6. If neck rope hangs on animal, stopping or jerking out of position preventing contestant from making a fair catch, stock may be brought back at judge's discretion.
7. If contestant breaks or beats the barrier a ten (10) second penalty will be enforced.
8. Barrier will not be considered broken unless ring falls within eight (8) feet of the post (at judge's discretion).
9. If animal gets out of the arena, flagman will stop the time, and roper will get the same animal back lap and tap.
10. Judge will flag the nose of the horse at the start and finish during the barrel racing.
11. Timed event judge may compete in timed event if he works the barrier in that event and appoints a qualified person to judge in his place while he competes.
12. No reruns or re-rides will be given due to contestant's faulty equipment.
13. If judge mistakenly flags a contestant, time will stand.
14. Any time a contestant is fouled in **any** event, he must declare himself immediately.
15. If the wrong animal is given to a contestant, the correct contestant will run the correct drawn animal at the time of the producer's discretion, time and penalties on incorrect animal will be disregarded.
16. There will be no vet release allowed for drawing out of any rodeo event.
17. If the barrier malfunctions, it will be replaced when noticed. All times posted will stand.
18. The lead judge may appoint a qualified individual as a 'spotter' in the timed events. Rodeo secretary will be notified to document the spotter.

JUDGING – ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

1. Judges' markings shall be recorded in ink. Judges marking will be final; there will be no changes.
2. One judge will serve as a backup timer in rough stock. The judge's stopwatch reading will be used as verification of length of ride. Contestant has the right to view the judge's stopwatch reading.
3. Qualified ride is eight (8) seconds. The time starts when the animal's front shoulders crosses the plane of the bucking chute.
4. If the bull runs into or against something, such as a fence, post, gate, etc., causing the rider to touch said objects for protection, then this is to be unintentional touching and the rider is to receive a score.
5. Any stock in original draw that is turned out automatically goes into the re-ride pen if needed. Clarification: turnout stock should be used before any reride draw that has already been bucked.
6. A contestant must be given his score before he is given a re-ride.
7. Any time a contestant is fouled in **any** event, he must declare himself immediately.
8. In the case of a third (3rd) judge, the back judge has the official time of the length of the ride.

RERIDES

1. Only one judge is required to give a re-ride and other judge must honor his decision.
2. No reruns or rerides will be given due to contestant's faulty equipment.
3. Only a contestant can ask for a re-ride and he must do so immediately after his ride and before the next contestant competes.
4. Rerides may be granted for the following:
    a. Animal failing to buck
    b. Flank coming off before the horn
    c. If in the judge's opinion, the rider makes two (2) honest attempts to get out on a chute fighting animal
    d. If the contestant makes a qualified ride and the animal falls or stops
    e. If animal fouls himself or a rider at the chute gate
    f. A complete four (4) footed stop before the eight (8) seconds

GENERAL RULES – ALL EVENTS

1. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTESTANT TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE RULES PERTAINING TO HIS/HER EVENT, THE DUTIES OF EACH RODEO OFFICIAL, AND THE RULES OF THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION IN GENERAL.
2. Entry Fees: See each individual event. Rodeo secretary must not accept checks or credit cards for entry fees. All entry fees must be paid in cash.
3. Pay Off scale will be the same for all events (see Pay-Off Scale).
4. All CRA contestants are required to wear proper pants, long-sleeved, button-down shirt, Western hat, and boots. Chaps are optional. Shirts must be tucked in.
5. **Dress code applies to Grand Entry, Performance, and Slack.**
6. **If contestant enters the arena up to one (1) hour prior to performance, he/she must be properly attired. Failure to comply will be an automatic TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 ($ 25.00) DOLLARS fine and/or disqualification.**
7. Anyone assisting contestants in arena must be dressed according to CRA dress code.
8. Alleyway is considered part of the arena.
9. All contestants must be ready to compete when name is called.
10. There will be no talking to judges, timekeepers, or flagmen when events are in progress.
11. No reruns or rerides will be given due to contestant's faulty equipment.
12. All contestants must abide by Rodeo Entry Rules for entering CRA rodeos.
13. All contestants must sign a receipt when collecting any money won at rodeo.
14. All contestants must show membership card when paying entry fees.
15. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the Judge is final.
16. It is required that all stock, if at all possible, be mounted or run at paid performance.
17. If a contestant entered two (2) or more events, turns out in one (1) event and pays the entry fee, he is eligible to compete on stock in all other events.
18. If a contestant refuses to pay entry fee for turning out stock, then he shall be disqualified in all other events of that rodeo. All fines must be paid before contesting in another CRA rodeo.
19. Stock turned out will not be brought back.
20. Money paid off after the rodeo is final, unless an error has been made in figuring books at close of the rodeo.
21. Overpayment must be returned upon request. Failure to do so will subject contestant to a fine and suspension to be determined by the Board.
22. All members must make an honest effort when competing in the arena. If an honest effort is not made, the member is liable for disqualification.
23. Minor violations will be determined by the Board of Directors and will result in a fine of TWENTY AND NO/100 ($ 20.00) DOLLARS to TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 ($ 250.00) DOLLARS.
24. In case of dispute, the contestant has the right to call the matter to the attention of the judge and/or the Event Director before the completion of that event. The dispute should be settled at that time without delay of the rodeo. If Judge agrees that more time is needed, dispute will be settled immediately following the rodeo performance. All disputes must be finalized immediately after completion of the rodeo performance. Decision must be made at that time; Judge's decision is final.
25. Judge's decisions are final. No changes will be made after a decision has been made. Tapes from video cameras will not be reviewed by CRA Board members or by judges in order to dispute a decision by a judge.
26. In the event that an ambulance has to leave the rodeo grounds, the contestants entered in that event for that performance may choose to continue with the event without the presence of the ambulance as long as all contestants agree, and a release is signed by all contestants. In the event of a contestant being a minor, that contestant's parent or legal guardian must be present to sign the release. This does not include Ranch Style Bronc Riding or Bull Riding, which will not proceed until ambulance returns.
27. Each event must have at least four (4) entries per rodeo. Stock Contractor has the right to cancel an event with less than four (4) entries. If the event is cancelled, the Association Secretary will notify the contestants and Event Director which night or nights the event has been cancelled. Any contestant entered in the cancelled event that called in on the designated Monday night call in will be given credit for that rodeo. This decision will be left to Stock Contractor's discretion, if Stock Contractor chooses to leave the event open; contestants may enter after call-in deadline with a **TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 ($ 25.00) DOLLARS late entry fee.**
28. CRA will give both a girl's and boy's All-Around award at the end of the rodeo season.
29. Running order will be drawn for all timed events and posted at the rodeo. Once the running order is drawn, there will be no changes.

30. Contestants may indicate their 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.
31. Inside the roping box and behind the bucking chutes are to be considered part of the arena and all rules and Association By-laws must be followed by anyone in the areas. Failure to comply will result in the person being asked to leave these designated areas and/or contestant being disqualified or fined.
32. If the wrong animal is given to a contestant, the contestant will be given the correct animal drawn for him, time and penalties on incorrect animal will be disregarded.
33. If judge mistakenly flags a contestant, time will stand.
34. Any time a contestant is fouled in **any** event, he must declare himself immediately.
35. No sick or injured animals, whether discovered before or after the draw, will be permitted to be used in competition.
36. There will be **NO VET RELEASE** allowed for drawing out of any rodeo event.
37. All entry fees must be paid before competing. Failure to do so, will result in a disqualification.
38. No contestant will be allowed an exhibition stock or run prior to his competing run.
39. Visible Injuries: Rodeo judges may excuse a contestant and may instruct a rodeo secretary to draw them out of a performance should, in the judge's opinion, the contestant have a visible injury sufficient to warrant this action. Judges and secretaries must submit this information in writing with the rodeo results. Contestant must see judges prior to drawing of stock. Photos will not be accepted.
40. Contestants entered in Performance must ride in Grand Entry. If contestant refuses to participate, a **TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 ($ 25.00) DOLLARS** fine may be imposed.

CRA EVENT RULES

RANCH STYLE BRONC RIDING

Entry Fee	Stock Charge	Awards/Association Fee
$ 80.00	$ 24.00	$ 11.00

1. **SEE GENERAL RULES – ALL EVENTS**
2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH RANCH STYLE BRONC RIDER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES PERTAINING TO HIS EVENT, THE DUTIES OF EACH RODEO OFFICIAL, AND THE RULES OF THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION IN GENERAL.
3. All contestants must be ready to compete when name is called.
4. No reruns or rerides due to contestant's faulty equipment.
5. "Ride as ride can" for eight (8) seconds.
6. Any style of spurs can be used as long as rowels are dull (at least 5-point rowels) and are not locked.
7. Only Ranch saddles will be allowed.
8. Rider can hold on to horn, latch, or rope.
9. The event will be judged by the difficulty that the horse demonstrates from one (1) to twenty-five (25) by each judge. The rider will be judged from one (1) to twenty-five (25) by each judge for his aggressiveness, control, and exposure.
10. No mark out rule will be enforced.
11. A re-ride may be awarded at judge's discretion.

BULL RIDING

Entry Fee	Stock Charge	Awards/Association Fee
$ 80.00	$ 24.00	$ 11.00

1. **SEE GENERAL RULES – ALL EVENTS**
2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH BULL RIDER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES PERTAINING TO HIS EVENT, THE DUTIES OF EACH RODEO OFFICIAL, AND THE RULES OF THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION IN GENERAL.
3. All contestants must be ready to compete when name is called.
4. No reruns or rerides due to contestant's faulty equipment.
5. All bull's horns must be cut to sound around a quarter. No splintered horns, head fighting bulls or otherwise.
6. Riding is to be done with one (1) hand, a loose rope, with or without handhold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off of bull when rider leaves him. Rider is allowed to pull his rope with one additional person (besides himself).
7. Rope must have a bell; no bell – no money.
8. Qualified ride is eight (8) seconds. The time starts when the animal's front shoulders crosses the plane of the bucking chute.
9. If the flank comes off, a re-ride must be offered and taken on the same bull provided the rider makes a qualified ride. If bull runs off again, he may have another animal drawn for him.
10. If contestant's rope breaks for any cause, contestant is not entitled to a re-ride. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in riding hand he is to be marked, but rope must be under belly of bull.
11. Scores will be announced after each ride, if at all possible.
12. Contestants may pull ropes from either side in all riding events. Rope can only be pulled by one person.
13. There must be two (2) qualified bull fighters in the arena during bull riding. In case of an emergency or due to a bull fighter injury, the stock contractor has the authority to appoint a capable person to substitute the position.
14. In bull riding, if the animal repeatedly runs off, stops or throws himself down, he must be taken out of the draw until the Bull Riding Director approves him.
15. Contractors cannot hotshot or run at the animals with any object (walking cane, etc.) after the chute gate opens.
16. Stock Contractor must flank the bulls to the best of their ability.
17. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
    a. Being bucked off before eight (8) seconds.
    b. Intentionally touching anything such as fence post, gates, etc., with his free hand or arm in order to keep himself on top of the bull. However, if the bull runs into or against something, such as a fence, post, gate, etc., causing the rider to touch said objects for protection, then this is to be unintentional touching and the rider is to receive a score. This will be left to the discretion of the judges.
    c. Any sharp spurs. Any style of spurs can be used as long as rowels are dull (5-star rowels).
18. It is mandatory that all bull riders wear an approved protective bull riding vest when participating in a CRA rodeo.
19. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.

TIE-DOWN CALF ROPING

Entry Fee	Stock Charge	Awards/Association Fee
$100.00	**$ 24.00**	**$ 11.00**

1. **SEE GENERAL RULES – ALL EVENTS**
2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY CALF ROPER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES PERTAINING TO HIS EVENT, THE DUTIES OF EACH RODEO OFFICIAL, AND RULES OF THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION IN GENERAL.
3. Stock must weigh 180-225 pounds and be as evenly matched as possible. Objectionable animals will be removed from the draw.
4. Calves used for roping contests may be used in jackpot calf ropings and matched calf ropings, but they cannot be used as practice calves.
5. Calves must be branded or tagged plainly so that anyone can read the numbers. Crayons and paint are not permissible. Stockyard tags are permissible. Ear tags are preferred. Producers are responsible for tags.
6. If calves are fresh, all calves must be trailed at least three (3) times and tied before draw.
7. Reruns must be drawn after performance.
8. For rerun stock to be returned to roping chute, at least three (3) calves must be returned at a time. No animal can be returned alone.
9. If Director approaches Stock Contractor to cut cattle in timed events, he must do so or be automatically fined **FIFTY AND NO/100 ($ 50.00) DOLLARS**. Producer will have two (2) weeks to change cattle after he has been asked to do so by Calf Roping Director.

CALF ROPING - BARRIERS AND SCORING

1. Hatersfield barrier must be used at all approved rodeos.
2. Minimum length of barrier will be the length of the box minus four (4') feet and the maximum length of the barrier will be the length of the box minus two (2') feet.
3. Judges are responsible to see that barriers are in place before the first (1st) performance.
4. All barriers and boxes for roping will be tape-measured and recorded with the rodeo secretary by the judge.
5. If automatic barrier fails to work, it will be left up to the barrier judge whether or not a ten (10) second penalty is placed on the roper.
6. All stock that is taken over because of faulty barrier equipment will be taken after the performance. All parts of the barrier will be properly secured.

CALF ROPING – CATCH AS CATCH CAN

1. One loop will be permitted. Roping calf without releasing the loop from hand is not permitted.
2. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be at least one wrap around any three legs and secured with a half hitch.
3. Tie must hold for 6 seconds after the roper re-mounts and slacks the rope. Rope must be slacked enough to lay flat on the ground for at least two (2) feet in front of calf.
4. If rope is not on calf when roper calls for time, six (6) seconds will start when roper clears the calf.
5. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent no assistance of any kind. If horse drags calf, field judge may stop horse and any penalty for such offense can only be assessed by flag judge.
6. Any intentional drag will result in a "no-time" AND a fine of a minimum of $ 100.00 to a maximum of $ 500.00. Any unintentional excessive dragging (approximately 10 ft) after roper has completed tying calf will result in a $ 25.00 fine upon 1st offense. Subsequent offenses will result in an increase of $ 25.00 per offense.
7. Rope must be tied hard and fast. Contestant must dismount, go down rope, and throw calf by hand and cross tie any three (3) legs. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and be thrown by hand. Rope must remain on the calf until roper touches the calf.
8. Roper must not touch the calf, string, or rope after giving finish signal. If tie comes loose or calf gets to its feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked with no time.

9. When roper nods for calf, it is his. When roper nods or calls for his calf, he has no recourse to run him over with only three (3) exceptions:
    1. time is not recorded
    2. if score line stays on calf
    3. if roper runs the wrong calf
10. If barrier neck rope stays on calf, jerks calf and roper ties him, he will not be entitled to a rerun.
11. Judge will appoint someone to stand on score line.
12. Contestant will have privilege of furnishing his own stock pusher if he so desires.
13. All calves will be trailed through calf chute and penned in catch pen prior to first (1st) performance.
14. When drawing calves, all stock is drawn from the entire herd for each performance.
15. No handling or tampering of calves will be permitted.
16. If the Calf Roping Director is not able to attend a rodeo, he will be allowed to appoint an assistant to fill in his place.
17. As long as roper does not signal for time after tying a calf, he will not be flagged out for going back to his string. If roper ties calf but does not call for time, he will not be flagged until roper stands up and is obviously finished. Roper cannot go back to calf at this time.
18. Once rope is thrown, no rerun will be given unless the calf that was run was not the calf drawn. In this case, the correct calf will be run.
19. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge is final.
20. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

Entry Fee	Stock Charge	Awards/Association Fee
$100.00	$ 24.00	$ 11.00

1. **SEE GENERAL RULES – ALL EVENTS**
2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY ROPER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES PERTAINING TO HIS EVENT, THE DUTIES OF EACH RODEO OFFICIAL, AND THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION RULES IN GENERAL.
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.
4. Back gate will remain open during the breakaway event.
5. No reruns will be given for faulty equipment.
6. Calves must be branded or tagged plainly so that anyone can read the numbers. Crayons and paint are not permissible. Stockyard tags are permissible. Ear tags are preferred. Producers are responsible for tags.
7. Calves may not have horns longer than one and one half (1 ½) inches.
8. For rerun stock to be returned to roping chute, at least three (3) calves must be returned at a time. No animal can be returned alone.
9. One loop will be permitted. The end of the rope must be tied to the saddle horn with a **nylon string**, in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf reaches the end of the rope. A visible cloth or flag must be attached to the end of the rope at the saddle horn to make it easy for the flagger to see it break free.
10. The contestant shall receive no time should he break the rope from the horn by hand. If rope dallies or will not break free when the calf reaches the end of the rope, the contestant may undally rope but cannot break the string.
11. Time will be called from the drop of the flag at the barrier to the break of the rope string from the saddle horn.
12. A legal catch will be defined as the loop going over the nose, ears and head of the calf with the rope breaking away from the saddle horn without any leg or tail of the calf in the loop.
13. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
14. In Breakaway Roping, the contestant shall not attempt to rope the animal until the barrier flag has been dropped. Any attempt by a contestant to position his horse behind the barrier, enabling the contestant to rope the animal without leaving the box or barrier, or both, shall be considered a disqualification.
15. If barrier neck rope stays on the calf, jerks the calf and the roper ties him, he will not be entitled to a rerun.
16. Judge will appoint someone to stand on the score line.
17. The Breakaway must have a separate set of calves from the Calf Roping.
18. Once rope is thrown no rerun will be given unless the calf run was not the calf drawn. In this case, the correct calf will be run.
19. Calves used for roping contests may be used in jackpot calf ropings and matched calf ropings, but they cannot be used as practice calves.
20. Calf must be roped before it crosses the plane of the out gate.
21. If calf fails to cross the score line in front of the linesman, the stock will be brought back for a rerun. All penalties incurred on the first run will stand. Contestants may have a person stand between the score line and the chute. This person may not come in any contact with the calf.
22. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.

BREAKAWAY ROPING – BARRIERS AND SCORING

1. Hatersfield barrier must be used at all approved rodeos.
2. Minimum length of barrier will be the length of the box minus four (4') feet and the maximum length of the barrier will be the length of the box minus two (2') feet.
3. Judges are responsible for seeing that barriers are in place before the first (1st) performance.
4. All barriers and boxes for roping will be tape-measured and recorded with the rodeo secretary by the judge.
5. If automatic barrier fails to work, it will be left up to the barrier judge whether or not a ten (10) second penalty is placed on the roper.
6. All stock that is taken over because of faulty barrier equipment will be taken after the performance. All parts of the barrier will be properly secured.

CHUTE DOGGING

Entry Fee	Stock Charge	Awards/Association Fee
$ 100.00	$ 24.00	$ 11.00

1. **SEE GENERAL RULES – ALL EVENTS**
2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY STEER WRESTLER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES PERTAINING TO HIS EVENT, THE DUTIES OF EACH RODEO OFFICIAL, AND RULES OF THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION IN GENERAL RULES.
3. Steers are to be loaded on left hand delivery of bucking chutes.
4. Chute dogging is to be run prior to Barrel Racing.
5. Score line will be placed 15 feet from plane of the chute.
6. Time will start when steer's nose crosses the score line.
7. Competitor is not to touch the horns of the steer before the score line otherwise a 10 second penalty will be administered.
8. If steer gets loose not more than one step can be used to re-catch steer.
9. After crossing the score line, competitor must bring it to a stop, or change direction, then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns. If steer is knocked down, tripped, holla handed, or thrown by putting horns into ground, or any other obvious illegal fall, steer must be let up and thrown again. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat, with all four feet facing the same direction and all four legs clear from under him. Wrestler must have one hand on steer when flagged.
10. The fairness of throw will be left to the judges, and their decisions will be final.
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 plane of the chute.
14. Stock Contractors shall endeavor to keep uniform set of steers, meaning weight and height; however, the privilege of eliminating uneven steers, when necessary, will be retained by judge and/or Steer Wrestling Director. Animals used for this contest will be closely inspected before each performance, and objectionable animals will be eliminated. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or steer with a broken horn. If contestant calls for steer, he accepts him as sound.
15. Steers must weigh between 400 pounds and 700 pounds.
16. Steer's horns must be tipped.
17. Anyone altering the movement of the steer after time has started, in any way will be fined $ 50.00.
18. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.
19. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit.

BARREL RACING

Entry Fee	Timer Charge	Awards/Association Fee
$100.00	$ 5.00	$ 11.00

EXHIBITION RUN: $ 10.00 (max of (5) per rodeo and only allowed at Producer's discretion. The rodeo secretary cannot make the decision to allow exhibitions.

1. **SEE GENERAL RULES - ALL EVENTS**
2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL BARREL RACERS TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES PERTAINING TO HER EVENT, THE DUTIES OF EACH RODEO OFFICIAL, AND THE RULES OF THE CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION.
3. The Barrel Racing event is limited to entries by 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.
4. Shirts for all barrel racers must be long-sleeved, button-down, and tucked in.
5. If a contestant is not wearing a hat or if it falls off and lands outside the arena (see general rule #8), the contestant will be DISQUALIFIED.
6. If a contestant loses a hat in the arena (see general rule #8), there will be a $25.00 hat fine.
7. No barrel racer will be allowed assistance in the arena. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification.
8. No reruns due to faulty equipment.
9. Contestants must run from mouth of gate or alleyway and move in a continuous forward direction **IF** gate or alleyway is in the center of the barrel pattern. They cannot enter arena and set horse.
10. Broadside rules shall apply at each rodeo for barrel racers. This means if a horse BROADSIDES when turning a barrel, she will be eligible for a rerun with all penalties carried into the rerun. Judge will decide when the fall down rule will apply.
11. Any Director or spokeswomen shall have the authority to inform the Stock Contractor or committee of hazardous arena conditions such as crowded alleyways, unnecessarily closed gates, etc. Stock Contractor and/or management will be requested to fulfill reasonable requests for the safety of contestants.
12. Setting the barrels on the official markers and practicing or working the horse on official pattern or stakes will result in rule violation and fine. Staked patterns cannot be worked at all from the start of the first (1st) performance through the completion of the final performance.
13. Any other barrel pattern must be set at least fifteen (15) feet off the facility's / arena's official pattern.
14. No barrel pattern can be worked three (3) hours prior to the performance.
15. If a contestant knocks over a barrel, there will be a five (5) second penalty assessed for each barrel knocked over. A contestant can touch the barrels while competing.
16. If a contestant knocks a barrel over and the barrel stands up on opposite end, this will be considered a knocked over barrel and five (5) seconds penalty will be charged.
17. Contestant will be disqualified if after crossing the score line and beginning her run, she re-crosses score line before completion of true clover leaf pattern.
18. No barrel racer shall run an exhibition run before her money run, nor shall anyone make an exhibition run on a contest horse before her money run.
19. The running order for Barrel Racing will be drawn after books close by the Association Secretary.
20. All barrel racers will run in position drawn. Barrel racer must be ready to compete when her name is called. A barrel racer's name will be called a maximum of three times before moving to the next in line. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
21. A barrel racer may refuse to begin her run until the arena is clear of all spectators, contestants, officials, and rodeo employees not directly involved with the barrel racing.
22. The Barrel Racing pattern will be set according to arena size and conditions with no barrel being closer than fifteen (15) feet to any fence.
23. Under no circumstances will entry fees be refunded. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
24. In the Barrel Racing, no horse may be competed on more than once during a paid performance.
25. Only a true clover leaf pattern, without loss of forward motion, will be considered a legal run.
26. Contestants will be given adequate time to get into the arena. Judge can enforce a forty-five (45) second time limit after ample time has been allowed at the discretion of the judge.
27. Barrel racers must exit the arena once the pattern is broken.
28. Time will be kept to the thousandth of a second.

BARREL RACING – DUTIES OF THE STOCK CONTRACTOR

1. Barrels must be standard 55-gallon drums painted white or a bright color. Both ends of barrel must be sealed. Stock Contractor is responsible for informing the committee as to the type of barrels needed and the colors.
2. Stock Contractor must furnish the electric timers, and these timers must be in good working order before the start of the barrel race. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
3. Should a barrel racer ask for arena gate to be closed on her particular run, the Arena Director may do so at his discretion.
4. Broadside rule shall apply at all rodeos for barrel racers (see Barrel Race-Event Rule #5).
5. Stock Contractors should use a center alleyway whenever possible to allow for a faster and smoother run barrel race.
6. Stock Contractor must provide a drag before the start of the barrel event in each session (performance and slack), and provide a drag at no less than every 5 barrel racers and no more than each 10 barrel racers (5-10 barrel racers).

BARREL RACING – DUTIES OF TIMEKEEPERS

1. Electric timers are to be backed up by two (2) stopwatches in hundredths of a second. Times will be recorded as follows: Electric timer, first stopwatch time, second stopwatch time. In the case of time malfunction, official timekeeper will determine official time.
2. Time will be announced as soon as possible after each run is completed. The time that is written by the timekeeper will be the official time.
3. Time must be announced before the next barrel racer makes her run.
4. If the electric timer fails to operate, the contestant will have the option to declare whether she will rerun or take her stopwatch time. The decision must be made before the stopwatch is announced. She will carry all penalties into her rerun.
5. If barrel racer requests a rerun, she may choose to run after the final barrel racer of the performance (without a clean drag) or first in the slack (with a clean drag).
6. If the timer fails again to operate, she will be required to take her stopwatch time.

IN THE EVENT OF TIMER MALFUNCTION

A. If the electric timer fails to work for less than half of the contestants in one go-round, the manual back up times will be used for those electronically missed.
B. If the electric timer fails to work for the majority of the contestants in one go-round, the manual back up times will be used for the official times for all contestants in that go-round. All electronic times must be disregarded.
C. Manual times must be recorded in hundredths or thousandths of a second, if available.

BARREL RACING - DUTIES OF THE JUDGES

1. Judges are responsible for staking the barrels prior to the first go-round and each go-round thereafter.
2. The start/finish line (electric timers) and the position of the barrels must be permanently staked for the entire rodeo, if conditions allow.
3. The fence must be clearly marked for flag judge and second judge.
4. Pattern must be staked one (1) hour prior to rodeo time.
5. If Barrel Racing Director wishes to re-measure the barrel pattern after it has been marked for the first (1st) performance, and desires a change in said pattern, judges will give due consideration to her request.
6. The barrel racing pattern will be set according to the arena size and conditions; no barrel shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet to the arena fence.
7. Barrels are set in a cloverleaf fashion.
8. Barrels must be placed inside the stake with the outside edge of the barrel at the stake, with stake close to fence. The outside edge of the barrel must be at least fifteen (15) feet from the arena fence.
9. The judges must place barrels in proper and original position for each performance.
10. One judge will flag, even if electric timers are used. The field flag judge will stand in a marked position, beside the electric timer inside the pattern.
11. The second judge will stand on opposite side of arena in a marked position and will reset knocked over barrels, making sure the barrel is at the stake.
12. There will be no talking to the flagmen, timekeeper, or judges during the Barrel Racing
13. Judge and/or flagman will be responsible for checking to be sure electric timers are operating properly before each barrel race. If timers are not working, sufficient time will be given to adjust.
14. Exhibition runs in Barrel Racing - $ 10.00/run. Exhibition runs will only be allowed at Stock Contractor's discretion. There will be a maximum of five (5) exhibition runs per rodeo. No exhibition runs will be allowed during the Finals.
15. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.

TEAM ROPING

Entry Fee	Stock Charge	Awards/Association Fee
$ 300.00 per Team	$24.00	$ 22.00

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3. All contestants must be ready to compete when their name is called.
4. There will be no talking to judges, timekeepers, or flagmen when event is in progress.
5. No rerun due to contestant's faulty equipment.
6. No entry fees will be refunded. NO EXCEPTIONS.
7. Once the rodeo starts and is in progress, no contestant may ride or warm up in arena.
8. Steers must have good horns and each as equal as possible, weight at 450 to 650 pounds. Steers with objectionable horns will be eliminated.
9. Contestant will start from behind a barrier. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. When the header nods for the steer, that steer is his to rope.
10. In the team roping, the barrier may be lengthened or shortened due to the length of the box, arena conditions and stock. Length of the box minus three (3) feet (suggested), not to exceed twelve (12) feet, or to be shorter than eight (8) feet.
11. If a roper is fouled by barrier rope or neck rope, he can declare immediately, and at judge's discretion, get stock over. If he has a plus ten (+10) at line, he will carry it with him.
12. Contestants must hold dallies until field flagger passes on catches.
13. Any questions about catches in contest will be decided by the judges.
14. Ladies may enter the Team Roping.
15. There shall be two (2) timers, a barrier judge, and a field judge. Time is to be taken between two (2) flags.
16. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.
17. Each contestant will be allowed to carry one (1) rope. Each team is allowed two (2) loops. Roping steer without turning loose the loop will be considered no catch. Roper must dally to turn or stop steer.
18. Broken or dropped rope will be considered a no time.
19. If steer is roped by one (1) horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn or head with his hands.
20. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet and the foot/feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field flag judge drops his flags, time will be counted.
21. All steers that are roped shall have ropes removed in derigging pen or catch pen.
22. Time is to be taken when steer is roped by both ends and both horses are on all fours. Horses must be facing steer with all four feet on the ground and ropes are tight and dallied.
23. Judges will be responsible for seeing that all barriers will be rigged as Hatersfield barrier.
24. If animal's horn is broken while being loaded in chute, it will be removed from the draw.
25. If neck rope or barrier fails to work but time is recorded, the team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless, by judge's discretion, the barrier was obviously beaten by contestants. The judge's decision is final, and time will stand.
26. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.
27. If time is missed by timekeepers, the team will get the steer over with any barrier penalties assessed.
28. The judge will appoint someone to stand on the score line.
29. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit without penalties.
30. Undesirable steers may be taken out of the draw by the Team Roping Director prior to the performance.
31. Field flaggers may stand on either side of the score line to flag the Team Roping but must remain the same throughout the rodeo.
32. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.
33. In the Team Roping, a contestant will be eligible to qualify in both the heading and the heeling for the Finals.
34. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.

35. Replacement option (for extenuating circumstances)
    - If at least 3 hours before the start of each rodeo session, one partner is unable to compete due to extenuating circumstances, a replacement partner may be allowed with a contestant that has already entered that rodeo (must already be entered in the rodeo during the appropriated entry time). **No contestant may rope in the team roping event twice.**

    - If less than 3 hours before the start of each rodeo session, a partner is unable to compete due to extenuating circumstances, a replacement partner may be allowed with a contestant that was already entered in that rodeo (must already be entered in the rodeo during the appropriated entry time). However, when the request is less than 3 hours before the start of a session, the Team Roping Director will need to approve the replacement and communicate with the rodeo secretary. If the Team Roping Director is unavailable (by phone or in person), the replacement will need to be approved by the producer and communicated to the rodeo secretary. The rodeo secretary CANNOT make the replacement decision alone when the request is less than 3 hours before the start of the rodeo session. The Team Roping Director's decision or Producer's decision (only when Team Roping Director is not available) will be final. **No contestant may rope in the team roping event twice.**

TEAM ROPING – LEGAL CATCHES

1. Steer must be on all four (4) feet when roped from either end. There will be only three (3) legal catches:
    a. Head or both horns
    b. Half a head
    c. Around the neck
2. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
3. Header must rope steer, dally, and change direction of steer before heeler throws his rope. Heeler cannot throw his rope before the initial switch is made. Failure (cross-firing) will result in disqualification of the team.
4. One hind foot receives five (5) second penalty
5. If loop crosses itself in a head catch, it is illegal
6. Dew claw catches are legal if catch holds until flag is dropped

TEAM ROPING – DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Cross fire
2. Uses more than two (2) loops
3. Failure to head steer before heeling
4. Unnecessary rough treatment of steers
5. Illegal head catches.
6. Lost or broken rope.
7. If contestant dismounts during a contest run
8. Front foot in heel loop
9. Front foot in head loop
10. Roper must release loop from hand

CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION YEAR-END FINALS

1. There will be three (3) Go-Rounds and an Average.
2. The top fifteen (15) finalists in all cowboys/cowgirls timed events will vote on flagmen to be used at Finals.
3. Timed Event Contestants must compete in an event a minimum of 40% of the total number of rodeos (rounded down to the next whole number), not to exceed (11) rodeos to be eligible for finals
4. Rough Stock Contestants must compete in an event a minimum of seven (7) rodeos to be eligible to compete at the Finals.
5. Entry fees will be paid for both nights and you must ride both nights to be eligible for the Average.
6. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR ENTRY FEES. NO EXCEPTIONS!
7. Pay-off scale will be determined by the Board of Directors.
8. Pay-off for the Finals will be twenty (20%) percent for each Go-Round and forty (40%) percent for the Average.
9. Entry fees must be paid by deadline to be determined by the Board of Directors or the next in line will be called.
10. Only the top fifteen (15) contestants per event will be taken to the CRA Finals.
11. ALL GENERAL EVENT RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR THE FINALS.
12. In the Team Roping, a contestant will be eligible to qualify in both the heading and the heeling for the Finals. A roper cannot compete twice in team roping in a rodeo.
13. When entries must be paid in advance (mailed in), fees must be paid by cashier's check or money order. When entry fees are being paid at the Finals, fees must be paid in cash. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
14. Contestants turning out stock at any time will receive a no time or marking for that go-round but will be eligible to compete on all other stock.
15. Such contestants will not be eligible for Average money in the event in which he has turned out stock.
16. All decisions for the Finals will be approved by the Board of Directors.
17. Stock Contractors must hold three (3) CRA rodeos and their stock must have been bucked out in at least three (3) CRA rodeos to be eligible for the Finals.
18. Contestants must compete at one performance at the Finals to be eligible for year-end awards.
19. In the event of a tie for the year-end Champions the fastest time or highest score of the Finals will decide the winner.
20. In any situation where there is no rule to govern, the decision of the judge will be final.