



Military Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame Bylaws

Article I – Purpose

Section 1: To establish a sports hall of fame to memorialize and honor significant achievements and/or contributions by individuals in the sport of military rodeo. Inductees can be a Contestant, Stock Contractor, Contract Personnel, Rodeo Producer, Rodeo Committee Member, or other Notable that has significant achievements in or made a significant contribution to the advancement of military rodeo. Inductees must have been a member of the United States Armed Forces as active duty, retired, active/inactive reserve or Guard component **or dependent of these units and competed in military rodeos verified and approved by the Board of Directors**. Stock Contractors, Contract Acts, Rodeo Committees, Rodeo Promoters, and other Notables may not have to meet these requirements; however, they must have made significant contributions to military rodeos to be considered. Members of the Armed Forces with less than an Honorable discharge are ineligible for consideration. Verification of service by inductees shall be completed prior to induction.

Definition: “Military Rodeo”

Is a competition derived from the western sport of rodeo, consisting of events similar to, but not limited to, those events depicted in the rule books of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA), Women’s Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) and the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA). These contests consist predominately of:

- A. Current Active-Duty military,
- B. Retired or Separated veterans with honorable discharge,
- C. Members of the National Guard,
- D. Members of the Coast Guard,
- E. Members of the Reserves from any branch of military service
- F. Active-Duty dependents 18 years and under,
- G. Current and former foreign allied military service members

Section 2. The Military Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame may at the discretion of the Board promote, produce, or otherwise support military rodeos to ensure an adequate pool of nominees for the hall of fame. In such instances, the Board will establish rules regarding the contests and determine the requirements of contestants in these events.

Section 3. The Military Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame may raise funds for and disperse funds for educational scholarships in accordance with rules established by the Board.

Section 4: The Military Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization, and any revenues it collects or disburses shall be used for the sole purpose of the stated purposes herein. It was established as a 501(c)(3) corporation on 27 August 2018.

Article II – Governing Board

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of 6 members (number of board members may be increased by vote of the board) who each serve as long as the organization operates unless the member chooses to relinquish their board position or is removed for cause by a 75% vote of the remaining board members. Additional/New/Replacement board members will be selected by the Board of Directors and approved by 50%+1 vote of the board.

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Section 2: The Board of Directors annually shall elect a President, Vice President, and Secretary. This shall be done prior to the start of each new Fiscal Year. Fiscal Year shall be January 1 – December 31. Officers may serve consecutive terms. The Treasurer position of this organization shall be a third-party CPA firm and will not be a voting member of the organization.

Section 3: The Board may appoint members to selection committees or other committees as needed to conduct operations.

Section 4: A quorum for conducting business shall consist of 50% + 1 of the total board voting membership.

Article III – Officers

Each of the officers will be selected by a vote of the Board of Directors for a term of one year, which will begin on January 1st and will end on December 31st. In any election of officers, the Board of Directors may elect a single person to any two offices simultaneously, except that of the offices of President and Treasurer which must be held by separate individuals.

1. President – The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, will supervise and control the affairs of the Corporation and conduct Board meetings. **The President is not a voting member of the board unless to break a tie vote.**
2. Vice President – Will perform duties and exercise all powers of the President when the President is absent or is otherwise unable to act. The Vice President will perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
3. Secretary – Will keep minutes of all meetings of Members of the Board of Directors, will be the custodian of the corporate records, will give all notices as required by law or by these By Laws, and generally will perform all duties of the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by Articles of Incorporation or by the by-laws, or which may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
4. Treasurer – The Treasurer is **not** a voting member of the Board of Directors. This position will be filled by a third-party CPA firm chosen and appointed by the Board of Directors. The chosen firm will have charge and custody of all funds of this organization, will deposit funds as required by the Board of Directors, they will keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the organization's properties and business transactions. The firm will render reports and accountings to the Board of Directors as required by the Board of Directors or by law and will perform in general all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by the bylaws, or which may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors. Expend funds only when clearly authorized (**requires two signatures as approved by the Board of Directors or e-mail correspondence**) and when receipts for expenditures are attached. Establish a signature authority with the bank that includes the Officers of the Organization which include the President, Vice President and Secretary.
5. Historian – The Historian will act as the official archivist of military rodeo history for the organization. This may include gathering, digitizing, or storing electronic or physical documents,

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building, and managing the website, assisting selection committees in verification of nominee accomplishments or other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

The Board reserves the right to remove or add additional officers as required by 75% vote of the board.

Removal of Officers

Any officer elected or appointed to office may be removed by a 75% vote of the Board of Directors, whenever in their judgment the best interest of the Organization will be served.

Article IV – Membership

The members of the board of directors are those people, corporations or other entities having membership rights in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws Article 1, Section 1.

Article V – Nomination Process

Section 1: Nominations will be taken from anyone submitting an official Hall of Fame nomination form. The nominator shall be required to provide all documentation related to the candidate; to include awards, press releases, witness statements, etc. Accuracy and verification are the responsibility of the nominator. Incomplete and unverifiable information may cause a rejection of the nomination.

Section 2: A nomination will be good for three (3) years. After that, a new nomination form must be submitted to continue the candidate's consideration.

Section 3: Nomination forms will be available on the organization website. Nominations will be solicited by the Board of Directors using any available media or outlet the Board of Directors thinks necessary.

Section 4: Nominations will be taken at any time prior to 30 June for that year's induction. For example, for the 2018 class, nominations will be taken until June 30, 2018.

Article VI – Selection Process

Section 1: A nominee must meet all requirements as specified in Article 1, Section 1.

Section 2: A nominee must be at least 30 years of age at the time of nomination or inactive as a contestant for at least five (5) years. (Note: The intent of this rule is to allow a current competitor, contractor, organizational board member etc. to be inducted while still competing or in his/her position, if so qualified and nominated.)

Section 3: During each selection cycle as determined by the Board, a Selection Committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall select a number of inductees in accordance with the rules of selection provided by the board. The Board of Directors reserves the right to halt nominations prior to the June 30 cutoff with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board.

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Section 4: All nominees and their accomplishments will be screened intensively and thoroughly vetted and verified according to rules established by the Board of Directors and provided to the Selection Committee. Achievements in, or contributions to military rodeos (as specified in Article 1, Section 1.) will be the minimum requirements for selection to the Hall of Fame. Statistics, old record books, scrapbooks, newspaper and magazine stories or clippings, etc. will be considered, when possible, to verify achievements. Interviews regarding a nominee's qualifications may be sought by members of the Board of Directors when considered necessary.

Section 5: While each nominee's rodeo achievements or contributions will be of primary importance and consideration, his or her personal record, as a military member or civilian, will be weighed to determine worthy nominees.

Section 6: The inductees shall be announced and shall be honored at a banquet hosted by the Board of Directors; and financed through ticket sales, corporate sponsors, table sponsors, advertisements, and other ways decided by the Board of Directors.

Section 7: Induction shall be held at the time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors.

Section 8: The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any nominee or selectee if they believe the selection would undermine the integrity of the organization. Such rejections shall require a 75% vote of the board.

Section 9: The selection committee may include inducted members of the HOF and their specific roles will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 10: All nomination forms are the property of the Military Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame once submitted. However, any memorabilia or other original documents submitted in support of a nominee will remain the property of its original owner and considered as "on loan" to the Hall of Fame.

Section 11: **The nomination and selection process is considered confidential and anyone releasing information regarding nominees or selectees before the official Board of Directors announcement will be subject to disciplinary actions as determined by the Board.**

Section 12: Any nominee, inductee or board member may be removed from their role, induction, or nomination due to actions that are detrimental to the Military Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. Such actions shall be reviewed by the Board and a vote will be held to determine if the nominee, inductee, or board member should be removed from consideration, induction, or their role on the board. A 75% vote of the board will be required to remove a nominee, inductee, or board member.

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