# Professional Senior Rodeo Association (PSRA)



## **2019 Official Rules**



## PROFESSIONAL SENIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION

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#### **OFFICIAL RULES - GENERAL**

#### **SECTION 1: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

TO PROMOTE RODEOS AS AN ENJOYABLE SPORT IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE.

TO PROTECT THE OLDER COWBOY AND COWGIRL WHO NO LONGER MAKES RODEO THEIR LIVELIHOOD BUT YET LIKES TO RODEO AS A SPORT OR HOBBY.

TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE MEMBERS AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS HERETO.

TO PROMOTE MORE RODEOS AND TO STRIVE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF CONDITIONS AND RULES GOVERNING ALL RODEOS AND RODEO EVENTS.

TO COOPERATE WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL ASSOCIATION APPROVED RODEOS TO ATTAIN BETTER AND FASTER RODEOS.

#### **SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP**

#### 2.1.0 Contestant

- 2.1.1 Membership is open to any person 40 years of age and older or who will become 40 years of age during the year.
- 2.1.2 Contestants compete in the age category which corresponds to his age and may not compete in a different age category unless entering a team event with a younger partner in which case the team must compete in the lower age category.
- 2.1.3 The year in which a member turns 50 or 60 years of age will be considered an option year whereby the individual must designate the age category in which he wishes to compete.
  - 2.1.3.1 The first rodeo which the member enters that year shall designate the age category in which he must compete for the balance of the option year.
  - 2.1.3.2 During the option year, a member must compete only in the designated age category except as in Rule 2.1.2.
- 2.1.4 Dues are \$150.00 per year. If paid before January 1, dues are \$135.00.
  - 2.1.4.1 The PSRA membership year runs for a calendar year. There will be no refund of membership dues once payment is received by the National Office.
  - 2.1.4.2 If a sanctioned rodeo for the new year is scheduled prior to January 1, dues for the new year must be paid to the National Office before entry in the rodeo will be taken.

- 2.1.4.3 A contestant may join PSRA at any time during the year, but, in order for points to count, dues must be paid to the National Office before entry in a PSRA sanctioned rodeo will be taken.
- 2.1.4.4 Before membership is granted, all outstanding debts to PSRA, as well as current dues, must be paid.
- 2.1.5 A current PSRA card will serve as a pass to any sanctioned USA rodeo other than the PSRA Finals.

#### 2.2.0 Non-contestant

- 2.2.1 Rodeo secretaries, timers and judges must be members of the association paying a \$20.00 card fee.
- 2.2.2 Stock contractors must be members of the association paying a \$50.00 card fee. (rev. 2012)
- 2.2.3 Associate memberships are available to anyone who advocates and encourages the sport of rodeo.
- 2.2.4 Honorary membership is presented to anyone determined by the Board of Directors to have contributed greatly, and with distinction, to the sport of rodeo and to the Association.

#### 2.3.0 Responsibilities

- 2.3.1 Any person becoming a member of this Association shall comply with and be bound by all rules, by-laws and decisions made by the Board.
- 2.3.2 All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the events which they enter. FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.
  - 2.3.2.1 Any situation not covered in the PSRA rule book will be covered by PRCA rules.
- 2.3.3 A member is responsible for reporting any violation of the PSRA rule book which he may witness to a director or to the rodeo secretary.
- 2.3.4 A member is responsible for assisting any rodeo committee or stock contractor when asked to do so.
- 2.3.5 As a condition of membership, all PSRA members hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge the Professional Senior Rodeo Association and all rodeos approved by same, including all producers and rodeo committees, from all claims, demands and causes whatsoever arising from and growing out of any personal injuries or damages sustained to their persons or to their property, by virtue of any participation as a contestant or worker in any certain rodeo approved by the PSRA.

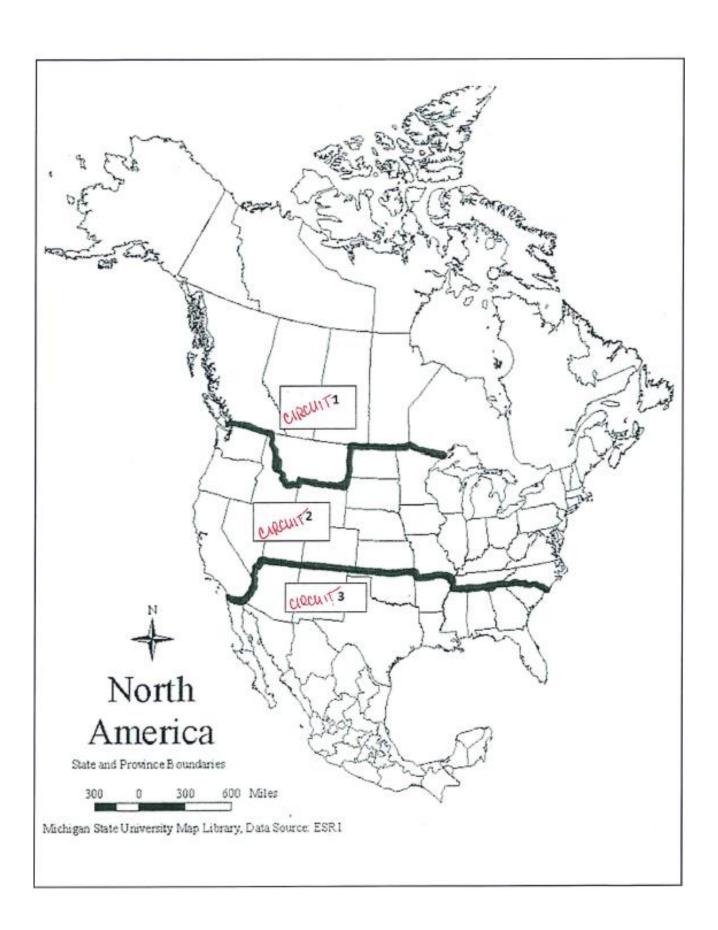
#### 2.4.0 Permit Contestants

- 2.4.1 Local contestants may enter a run of rodeo for \$10/rodeo. Contestant must decide after the last rodeo in the run if he wants to buy membership and have points count toward his standings.
- 2.4.2 Permit contestants are subject to all PSRA rules.
- 2.5.0 Use of Masculine Pronouns Intent and Purpose

For the sake of simplicity and clarity, only the masculine pronouns, "he", "him", and "his", have been used throughout this rule book. Further, all persons reading this rule book are hereby informed that all rules refer to women members as necessary and appropriate and that lack of use of the feminine pronouns, "she", "her", and "hers", in no way exempts or excludes women members from any responsibilities or rights as written in this rule book.

#### 2.6.0 Circuit Format

2.6.1 There will be 3 Circuits: #1 Canada and Montana; #2 Wyoming, Colorado, California, and Nevada, Washington, Oregon; #3 Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma



- 2.6.2 The circuit system is to encourage membership by those who cannot or choose not to travel a great distance from home.
- 2.6.3 The Circuit boundaries will be set by the Board and may not be changed during the rodeo year.
- 2.6.4 Members will be allowed to designate a circuit. If no circuit is designated, then the member will be assigned to a circuit that is closest to their home address.
- 2.6.5 A \$2.00 fee will be collected at the time of payment of entry fees-to be applied to year end awards.
- 2.6.6 All circuit money collected will be combined at the end of the year to purchase awards. Members will be limited to one first place award.
- 2.6.7 Circuit awards are for sanctioned events only. Awards for jackpot events will not be purchased or presented by the association.
- 2.6.8 The Board must approve the purchase of these awards and will be responsible for any difference between the amount collected and the amount approved.
- 2.6.9 The Board shall appoint a Circuit Director to oversee the circuit system, make recommendations and arrange for awards. This director is to report directly to the Board for approval of any changes or purchases.
- 2.6.10 The Circuit Director may appoint a Circuit manager for each circuit. This manager may work within their circuit to acquire additional prizes.
- 2.6.11 Circuit awards will be presented at the PSRA Finals.

#### **SECTION 3: CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

#### 3.1.0 Discipline

- 3.1.1 A member may be admitted, retained, suspended, or expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board may choose to adopt.
  - 3.1.2.1 Following each infraction/violation of this Rulebook is a designation of MAJOR/MINOR and first offence fine amount.
  - 3.1.2.2 Three (3) or more MINOR infractions within a competition year shall constitute a MAJOR infraction.
  - 3.1.2.3 Any member of the board of directors, either executive or event, while fulfilling their duties as an officer of the association, shall at no time cause unnecessary trouble or embarrassment to the association. If it is determined by the majority of the board of directors, that a member of the board has acted in a manor unbecoming an officer of the PSRA, there will be one warning. A second infraction will result in a major fine and a 3rd offense will result in termination from the board.
- 3.1.2 Any member may be disciplined, fined, suspended, or expelled from the Association and may be denied any or all privileges of the Association whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence to the Board of Directors that such member has knowingly and willfully violated any pertinent rule of the Association.
  - 3.1.3 The PSRA will honor the Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association's suspended list. No person may participate in a PSRA rodeo if they appear on the suspended list of the CSPRA.
  - 3.1.4 Where a specific penalty is not fixed by these rules for the violation of any of the provisions herein, the Board of Directors, upon conviction of any member for the violation thereof, may impose a fine.
  - 3.1.5 Any fines or punishment assessed by the Board are final. Fines are due immediately.
    - 3.15.1 All contestants must pay any turn out fees, bad checks, or fines owed to PSRA before being allowed to enter another sanctioned rodeo.
    - 3.152 Should a contestant dispute a fee or fine, he may file an appeal with the Board but must pay said charges in order to continue competing while appeal is pending. If the Board finds in favor of the contestant, all monies in question will be refunded.
    - 3.153 Under no circumstances shall any contestant be allowed to compete in an PSRA approved rodeo while owing money to the association. Any attempt to do so will subject the contestant to fine, suspension, or both. (MINOR) (\$25)

#### 3.2.0 Conduct

- 3.2.1 A member may be fined and/or suspended from the Association for any of the following offenses:
  - 3.2.1.1 Bad checks (MINOR) (\$25 or 10% of amount if over \$250)
    - 3.2.1.1.1 Members must make checks good to the PSRA or be placed on the suspended list and disciplined by action of the Board.
    - 3.2.1.1.2 A 15-day grace period will be observed before bad check offenders are suspended; however, further entry in sanctioned rodeos will be immediately refused.
    - 3.2.1.1.3 Any member writing two NSF checks will be put on Cash Only for 365 days unless otherwise guaranteed by any Board member or director.
  - 3.2.1.2 Nonpayment of entry fees. (MINOR) (\$25)
  - 3.2.1.3 Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, or harass officials at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, including: central entry, rodeo secretaries, judges, timers, stock contractors, local committees and their personnel. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 3.2.1.4 Talking to a judge or timer while an event is in progress. (MINOR) (\$25)
  - 3.2.1.5 Abusive treatment of animals. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 3.2.1.6 Causing unnecessary trouble or embarrassment to the PSRA. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 3.2.1.7 Refusing to assist a rodeo committee or stock contractor when asked to do so. (MINOR) (\$25)
- 3.2.2 Violators of Offenses 3.2.1.3 3.2.1.7 above shall be reported in writing to the National Office by the judge or judges involved, the rodeo secretary, the arena director, or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred.
- 3.2.3 Contestants may be fined and/or disqualified for any of the following offenses during a paid performance or slack:
  - 3.2.3.1 Being under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol in the arena. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 3.2.3.2 Being rowdy or quarreling in the actual domain of the arena. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 3.2.3.3 Not wearing a western hat, boots and long sleeved shirt while in the arena. (MINOR) (\$25)
    - 3.2.3.3.1 Hats and boots are not required for a runner in the Ribbon Roping event.
    - 3.2.3.3.2 If headgear is worn by runners while competing in the ribbon roping event, only western hats may be worn.
    - 3.2.3.3.3 Visors or caps may not be worn in the arena during slack or performance whether competing or not.
    - 3.2.3.3.4 Women barrel workers may set timers, barrels, etc. using the same dress code as ribbon runners (ref. 3.2.3.3.2). Exception to this rule is at the Finals, when a western hat is required.
  - 3.2.3.4 Mistreatment of livestock at any time, in or out of the arena. (MAJOR)(\$250)
  - 3.2.3.5 Not being ready to compete when called. Contestant can make 3 attempts, at judge's discretion (See Rule 17.4.3), but then must get on another animal or be turned out.(MINOR) (\$25)
  - 3.2.3.6 Refusing to leave the arena or surrounding area when asked to do so by a judge, contractor, committee member, event director, board member, or arena director. (MINOR) (\$25)
- 3.2.4 Officials may be fined and/or suspended for being under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol in the arena. (MAJOR) (\$250)

#### 3.3.0 Fine Structure

3.3.1 The following fine structure is in effect for any violation or infraction:

First Offense: See amount in parenthesis after violation

Second Offense: Double amount of 1st offense plus possible 30 days suspension.

Third Offense: Triple amount of 2nd offense plus possible 60 days suspension.

Fourth Offense: Quadruple amount of 1st offense plus possible expulsion.

3.3.1.1 The above escalating fine structure shall apply to offenses within the same rodeo year only and shall not carry over to later rodeo years.

#### 3.4.0 Grievance Procedure

- 3.4.1 Any member that is turned in to the National Office for disciplinary action or fine will be notified by the National Office by certified mail. The member will have 30 days from the date of the notification letter to file a grievance with the National Office. Member then has the option of: 1) personal appearance before the Grievance Committee 2) written appeal to the Grievance Committee to plead his case 3) request that the Event Director represent him before the Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee recommendation will be presented to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting for a final vote.
- 3.4.2 The grievance procedure may not be used to contest action of judges involving honest judgment calls made during rodeo competition that are based on the judge's personal observation of the facts and circumstances to which the judgment call relates. An erroneous interpretation or application of Articles, By-Laws or rules is proper matter for a grievance, but the facts and circumstances underlying the interpretation shall not be subject to question.

#### **SECTION 4: EVENT DIRECTORS**

- 4.1.0 The <u>number</u> of Event Directors is eight: Team Roping, Tie Down/Ribbon Roping, Breakaway (Mens and Womens), Steer Wrestling, Bareback, Saddlebronc, Bull Riding, Barrels, and may also include a Director of Contractors and Committees.
  - 4.1.1 The Director of Contractors and Committees will be elected by the Board.
- 4.2.0 Event Directors will serve a two-year term.
- 4.3.0 Event Directors shall not have a vote during regular or special meetings of the Board but are expected to advise the Board on the interests of the membership and help guide Board decisions.
  - 4.3.1 When unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors, an Event Director may appoint an alternate to represent him.

### 4.4.0 <u>Duties of Event</u> Directors

- 4.4.1 To serve as the link between members and the Board, carrying suggestions, complaints or matters concerning their events to the Board.
- 4.4.2 To represent the participants in their respective events in all discussions with the Board of Directors.
- 4.4.3 To represent their respective events in the manner in which the contestants in those events so request.
- 4.4.4 To be available to serve the PSRA Board and members in any way for the betterment of the Association.
- 4.4.5 To help make decisions at rodeos if a situation is not covered by the rule book.
- 4.4.6 To approve the stock contractor and the stock provided at each rodeo.
- 4.4.7 To oversee their respective events at each rodeo.
- 4.4.8 To name a spokesperson to assist or perform his duties if unable to attend a rodeo.
- 4.4.9 To serve as an intermediary between contestants and judges, committees, and contractors.
- 4.4.10 To serve on the Sanction Committee and Rules Committee.

#### **SECTION 5: TELEVISION AND MEDIA RULES**

- 5.1.0 The PSRA retains all rights in and to the filming, taping, radio or TV broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form of any approved PSRA Rodeo or part thereof.
  - 5.1.1 All proposals for filming or televising of sanctioned rodeos including local, cable or educational television must be cleared through the national office of the PSRA 30 days prior to the first performance of the specific rodeo.

- 5.1.2 Legitimate news coverage is exempted.
- 5.1.3 Send inquiries to PSRA, 31006 Colyer Rd. Bruneau, ID 83604.
- 5.2.0 A member of the PSRA who enters a sanctioned rodeo or rodeo event, and any stock contractor, contract personnel, official or staff of the rodeo, or other person admitted to the rodeo shall, as a condition of entry, employment, admission or other involvement therein, be deemed to consent to the PSRA ownership of all rights in and to his appearance or other involvement therein, and the PSRA shall have the right, and may permit others as it sees fit, to dispense, reproduce, and otherwise use any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph and other pictures in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the rodeo or rodeo event and any reproduction thereof in any form but not in conjunction with any product or service, unless that person's consent thereto is first obtained.
- 5.3.0 A member of the PSRA who participates in sanctioned rodeo events authorizes the PSRA to act in the member's behalf as well as in the behalf of the PSRA in engaging in promotional activities relating to the conduct of the sport of rodeo.

#### **SECTION 6:**

#### HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK

- 6.1.0 Contestants may be fined and/or disqualified for the mistreatment of stock at any time, in or out of the arena. (MAJOR) (\$250)
- 6.2.0 Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame or sick or injured animals, or animals with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time.
  - 6.2.1 Should an animal become sick or be injured between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal will be drawn for the contestant as provided in the rule book.
  - 6.2.2 A veterinarian should be present or on call for each performance and slack.
- 63.0 No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded.
  - 6.3.1 Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible.
    - 6.3.1.1 Animals shall be touched only on the hip or shoulder area with the prod.
- 6.4.0 Chutes must be constructed so as to prevent injury to stock.
  - 6.4.1 Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in removal of any animal should it become caught.
  - 6.4.2 The arena shall be free of rocks, holes, and obstacles.
- 6.5.0 Roping calves shall weigh at least 180 pounds each, and be strong and healthy.
  - 6.5.1 In tie down roping and ribbon roping, a neck rope or similar device must be used and calf may not be busted.
    - 6.5.1.1 If the horse stops and the calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that it busts itself, the roper will not be held responsible.
  - 6.5.2 Contestants must adjust the rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. (See #24.2.2)
  - 6.5.3 The rope is to be removed from the calf's body as soon as possible after the "tie" is inspected.
  - 6.5.4 Unnecessary roughness in flanking a calf shall be considered mistreatment of livestock. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 6.5.5 Timed events- No one is to train on their horses on any timed event cattle. Only designated personnel assigned by the director of said event or contractor will be allowed to drive cattle out of the arena at the livestock's own

- speed. A fine of \$25 will be given for each offense. No practice runs allowed unless approved by the director or acting director of that event. If allowed, this can only be done on cattle that have not been run or drawn. A fine of \$25 will be given to the contestant and \$25 fine to the contractor that allows the offense.
- 6.6.0 No locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses or saddle bronc horses. (MINOR) (\$25)
  - 6.6.1 No sharp or cutting objects in the cinch, saddle girth or flank straps shall be permitted.
  - 6.6.2 Only sheepskin-lined flank straps shall be placed on the animals so the sheepskin covered portion is over both flanks and the belly of the animal.
  - 6.6.3 No "loose rope" is allowed in bareback bronc riding.
- 6.7.0 Placing of fingers in eyes, lips, or nose of the steers while wrestling the same is forbidden.

#### 6.8.0 General

- 6.8.1 A conveyance must be available to remove animals from the arena in case of injury.
- 6.8.2 No stimulants or hypnotics are to be given to any animal used for contest purposes.
- 6.8.3 Clowns are not to abuse stock in any fashion.
- 6.8.4 No small animals or pets are allowed in the arena where restraint is necessary, or when they might be subject to injury or attack by another animal.
- 6.8.5 Livestock is to be removed from the arena after the completion of entry in contest.
- 6.8.6 The use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.

#### 6.9.0 Additional

6.9.1 Refer to each event section for additional rules which insure humane treatment of livestock.

#### **SECTION 7: FINALS RODEO**

- 7.1.0 Event champions for the year will be determined at the PSRA Finals Rodeo.
  - 7.1.1 Adjusted points won throughout the year will be carried into the Finals and combined with any adjusted points won at the Finals to determine World Champions in each event.
  - 7.1.2 Refer to Section 8, "Point Award System", for further information on points.
- 7.2.0. A year-end All-Around Champion Man and Woman in each age category will also be determined by adjusted points accumulated in all events of the appropriate age group throughout the finals.
- 7.2.1 Only points won in one age category may be accumulated, this applies to both Year End and Finals All Around Winners
  - 7.2.2 Points must be accumulated in two or more events

#### 7.3.0 Eligibility

#### 7.4.0 Entries

- 7.4.1 The top 30 timed event contestants, the top 20 steer wrestling contestants, and the top 15 riding event contestants, as ranked in the official PSRA standings, shall be eligible to enter the Finals Rodeo provided that they have competed at five PSRA sanctioned rodeos and owe no monies to the Association. In the riding events, the number eligible to enter in each age group shall correspond to the percent of each age group appearing in the top 20 of the year's point standings. There will be four (4) full go-rounds in the riding events. Four monies will be paid in each of the four goes and in the average.
  - 7.4.1.1 If a finals rodeo qualifier is unable to compete, the next highest ranked contestant shall be allowed to compete. This process shall be repeated until the requisite number of contestants have confirmed their entries. Should an event not fill, members who have attended the minimum of five rodeos in that event but have not won any actual points will be allowed to enter in order to fill the event.
  - 7.4.1.2 Those members allowed to enter the finals without points won in order to fill an event will be given

one point per rodeo entered for the purpose of determining eligibility priority only.

- 7.4.1.3 In case of ties on number of rodeos entered, positions will be drawn for from eligible members who enter before books close.
- 7.4.1.4 Finals rodeo entry information will be published in the official publication at least 30 days prior to date of finals.
- 7.4.1.5 In order to assure that events are filled, no "Releases" will be honored unless the National Office is notified a minimum of <u>72 hours</u> prior to the time of the first slack or performance.
- 7.4.1.6 A waiting list of all unranked contestants who enter the Finals Rodeo during entry open hours will be kept. Should a finals Rodeo entry release prior to the 72-hour deadline, the next highest ranked contestant on the waiting list will be allowed to compete in place of the releasing contestant.

#### 7.5.0 Payoff and Awards

- 7.5.1 Added money will be adjusted annually by the Board in all categories of the timed events.
  - 7.5.1.1 Additional money will be added in the riding events so that the total purse will be equal to those events having 30 entrants.
- 7.5.2 When paying multiple go's and an average, the average will be one and a half times the go round money in all events.
  - 7.5.2.1 Formula: Total all purse money, entry fee money, and sponsor money. Divide this total by nine. Multiply the answer by two for the go rounds and by three for the average.
- 7.5.3 The number of monies paid in each go around and average shall be determined by the number of entries in each event as specified in Rule 15.6.1.
  - 7.5.3.1 A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him in an event to place in the average.
- 7.5.4 Awards will be given to the average winner of each event at the Finals Rodeo. First place awards will also be given to those over 50 years of age acquiring the most points in the riding events.
- 7.5.5 Only sanctioned and approved optional events may use the PSRA logo for year-end awards.

#### 7.6.0 Releasing and Turning Out

- 7.6.1 If a member of a team releases after positions are drawn, in accordance with the regulations of the official rule book, or does not appear before the first head of stock on which he is scheduled to compete, the person entered with him may draw out or get another partner from among any of the contestants in his age category entered at the rodeo.
  - 7.6.1.1 Ropers/runners already entered the legal limit of times are excepted
  - 7.6.1.2 If a member of a team turns out after competing once, the team is disqualified.
- 7.6.2 No trade outs will be allowed at the Finals Rodeo.
- 7.6.3 If a contestant turns out on his first head of stock,

he must notify the rodeo secretary if he wants his remaining stock. Otherwise, no additional stock will be drawn for him.

- 7.6.4 Any contestant turning out at the finals <u>without notification</u> will owe his entry fees plus a fine equal to two times his entry fees and will be ineligible to compete on any remaining stock.
- 7.6.5 All notified turn outs must occur before timed event stock is drawn.
- 7.6.6 In order to assure that events are filled, no Releases will be honored unless the National Office is notified a minimum of <u>72 hours</u> prior to the time of the first slack or performance.

#### 7.7.0 Ground Rules

- 7.7.1 Contestants must be ready to compete when event begins.
- 7.7.2 Additional ground rules will be established for the Finals Rodeo by the PSRA Finals Rodeo Committee.

#### **SECTION 8: POINT AWARD SYSTEM**

- 8.1.0 The Association point award system has been established for the purpose of determining the eligibility of contestants for the PSRA Finals Rodeo and World Champions in each event.
  - 8.1.1 Three categories of points are used in determining eligibility and champions:
    - 8.1.1.1 ACTUAL Refer to 8.3.0 for actual point system.
    - 8.1.1.2 BONUS In addition to actual points awarded for placing at a rodeo, one (1) point for each contestant who competed in that event will be awarded to the top six places.
    - 8.1.1.3 ADJUSTED The sum of actual and bonus points as awarded for placing at regular rodeos is called adjusted points.
  - 8.1.2 Adjusted points won throughout the year will be carried into the Finals and combined with any adjusted points won at the Finals to determine World Champions in each event.
  - 8.1.3 A year-end All-Around Champion man and woman in each age category will also be determined by adjusted points accumulated in all events of the appropriate age group throughout the year plus adjusted points won at the finals.
    - 8.1.3.1 A contestant entered into an event that does not have 3 separate age groups will be awarded all around points in his or her age group, plus all bonus points of contestants entered.
- 8.2.0 Official standings based on adjusted points will be kept in each event.
  - 8.2.1 The top 30 in each timed event category except SW and the top 15 in each riding event will be allowed entry to the Finals providing that the five-rodeo minimum has been met. In the SW event only the top 20 in each category will be allowed entry to the finals.
- 8.3.0 <u>Actual Point System:</u> At each sanctioned rodeo, points in each event will be awarded to the top six places, if qualified, whether or not prize money is awarded in all six places. These points shall be referred to as ACTUAL POINTS.
  - 8.3.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR ONE GO ROUND RODEO: (rev. 2012)
    - 60 First
    - 50 Second
    - 40 Third
    - 30 Fourth
    - 20 Fifth
    - 10 Sixth
    - 8.3.1.1 A total of 210 actual points, plus bonus points, will be awarded per event in a one go round rodeo if at least six contestants qualify. (Points will not be awarded unless contestant receives a qualified time or score.)
      - 8.3.1.1.1 In team events, a total of 420 actual points, plus bonus points, are awarded.
  - 8.3.2 Points Awarded for single rodeos with multi-performances/go rounds: If in any event there are less than 6 contestants entered, the committee has the option to make that event a two header (one head each performance) but

must publish this in their listing at the time of rodeo approval. The committees will then double the added money in that event (rough stock \$300 and timed events \$100.) In the rough stock events, age groups will be combined. In the timed events, it will be separate age groups. Contestants will pay one entry fee, one office charge, and only one facility fee, if there is one. Money will be paid out on the average only, not per performance. Points will be awarded in the average as a single rodeo on the 60 point scale Rule #8.3.1 Rodeos with no added money cannot use this rule.

#### **OFFICIAL RULES - RODEO**

#### **SECTION 9: RODEO APPROVAL**

#### 9.1.0 Sanction

- 9.1.1 Rodeo sanction requests must be filed and approved at least 45 days prior to the first performance. Rough stock and timed event contractors must be listed by entry date for the said rodeos.
- 9.1.2 A \$100.00 sanction fee must be returned to the National Office with the completed contract.
- 9.1.3 An additional \$100.00 bond must be included with the Date Request form per rodeo per location. If the Bond is not received, the rodeo date will not be listed in the PSRA or posted on the website (or official publication).
  - 9.1.3.1 The bond will be returned to the committee if all rules and regulations are met by the committee and rodeo secretary. In the event that the rodeo is cancelled, the bond will be forfeited and will be retained by the PSRA.
- 9.1.4 Approved rodeos must be open to all Association members in good standing.
  - 9.1.4.1 No event may be limited to a pre-set number of contestants.
  - 9.1.4.2 The contest shall be held if at least 1 contestant enters the event.
  - 9.1.4.3 If there are no contestants entered in a specific age group in a timed event, the added money in that event will be divided equally among the remaining sanctioned age groups of that event. If there are no contestants in any of the age groups in a timed event, the added money will revert back to the rodeo committee.
  - 9.1.4.4 If no contestant competes in a riding event, the added money in that event will revert back to the rodeo committee.
- 9.1.5 Any approved rodeo beginning after the designated cutoff date for the year will count towards the following year.

#### 9.2.0 Standard Events

9.2.1 All PSRA Rodeos must offer the ten (10) standard events broken down into the following age categories unless special permission is granted by the Board of Directors:

Bareback Riding 40 & 50

Saddle Bronc Riding 40 & 50

Bull Riding 40 & 50

Steer Wrestling 40 & 50

Tie Down Roping 40, 50, 60, & 68+

Team Roping 40, 50, & 60

Ladies Barrel Racing 40, 50, 60 & 68+

Ribbon Roping 40, 50 & 60

Ladies Breakaway Roping (open)

Men's Breakaway Roping (65+)

- 9.2.2 Contract acts are highly recommended.
- 9.2.3 Any event not covered by this rule book will follow all rules and policies of the PRCA.
- 9.2.4 If a rodeo committee chooses to include exhibition runs, those runs must follow the runs made by paying

#### contestants.

9.2.2.4 In the Ladies Barrel Race, no practice or exhibition runs may be made within 15' of the official barrel markers.

#### 9.3.0 Added Purse Money [each rodeo or at least one rodeo at each location?]

- 9.3.1 A minimum of \$100 must be added to each of the riding events and Steer Wrestling plus \$50.00 for each contestant entered up to \$300. In the Team Roping, and Ribbon Roping a minimum of \$100 per age group must be added. A minimum of \$50 must be added to the barrel racing, breakaway roping and Tie down roping.
- 9.3.2 Rodeo committees are encouraged to increase the amount of added money in the riding events and steer wrestling to be assured of attracting contestants and pleasing the paying audience.
- 9.5.0 Entry Fees must be \$50.00 minimum and \$30.00 per person per event. Any amount higher must have board approval.
  - 9.5.0.1 Larger entry fees should be relative to the added money.
  - 9.5.0.2 In multi-go rodeos, entry fees must be at least the minimum per go round.

#### 9.6.0 Personnel

- 9.6.1 All secretaries and timers must have an PSRA membership card. Cost of that card is \$20.00.
- 9.6.2 All judges must have PSRA membership cards.
  - 9.6.2.1 All judges must be approved by the Judges coordinator
- 9.6.3 All stock contractors must be approved by the Sanction Committee and must have a current PSRA membership card which shall cost \$50 annually.
- 9.6.4 Committee may select judges from list of judges supplied from the PSRA judges committee for the rodeo. If qualified and available those judges will be selected by the judging coordinator.
- 9.6.5 All PSRA sanctioned rodeos must have an approved bullfighter in the arena during the bull riding event for each performance and slack.
  - 9.6.5.1 Failure to comply with this rule will subject the producer to a \$100.00 fine for the first offense.
  - 9.6.5.2 Fine will be doubled for each offense.
  - 9.6.5.3 Judges are responsible for reporting infractions of this rule.
- 9.6.6 All officials at an PSRA rodeo will be directly responsible to PSRA for their actions and are subject to penalty at the discretion of the Board.

#### 9.7.0 Slack

- 9.7.1 Slack may not be run prior to 12 hours before the first performance without approval.
  - 9.7.1.1 Slack held any time prior to the first performance must be advertised in at least one issue of the official paper.
  - 9.7.12 Slack may not be held following the final performance without approval of the Sanction Committee. Slack may be run after a rodeo performance if rodeo start time is between 12pm and 2pm. Committee, Contractor, and Association Official must agree. (rev. 2012)

#### 9.8.0 Cancellation

9.8.1 No performance may be canceled unless the committee chairman, stock contractor, and Association officials agree that it is a physical impossibility to proceed.

#### 9.9.0 Ground Rules

- 9.9.1 Additional local ground rules, not in conflict with the rule book may be established but must be posted along with the draw prior to the first performance and remain posted throughout the entire rodeo before contestants will be required to comply.
  - 9.9.1.1 Any ground rule in conflict with the rule book must be approved by the Board and published or posted to the secretary office.
- 9.9.2 Any event not covered by this rule book will be governed by local ground rules.
- 9.10.0 Refer to Section 10, "Rodeo Committees", for additional information directly affecting the rodeo committee.

#### **SECTION 10: RODEO COMMITTEE**

#### 10.1.0 Necessary Equipment

10.1.1 The Rodeo Committee or person responsible for putting on the rodeo must furnish an ambulance (or first aid vehicle) any time rough stock events (BB, SB, BR) are held. EMTs are required to be on the grounds for all performances and slack.

- 10.1.2 A conveyance must be available to remove animals from the arena in case of injury.
- 10.1.3 An electric timer must be used in the Ladies Barrel Race.
  - 10.1.3.1 The Association will provide the electric eye free of charge if safe transportation can be arranged to and from the rodeo.
  - 10.1.3.2 If the Association eye is unavailable, the rodeo committee must arrange for the use of a locally owned one.
- 10.1.3.3 The Barrel Racing Director and Spokeswomen will assist committees in arranging for an electric eye.
- 10.1.4 Three 55-gallon steel drum barrels enclosed on both ends are required for the ladies' barrel race.
- 10.1.5 Equipment that is appropriate and adequate for existing ground conditions, as well as an operator, should be on hand for the duration of the rodeo.
  - 10.1.5.1 Ground must be raked, preferably with a tractor, after a maximum of eight-barrel racers and before the barrel race event during the slack. (Refer to "Ladies Barrel Race," Rule 26.6.0.)

#### 10.2.0 Personnel

- 10.2.1 An approved bullfighter must be in the arena during the bull riding event for each performance and slack.
  - 10.2.1.1 Failure to comply with this rule will subject the producer to a \$100.00 fine for the first offense. The fine will be doubled for each offense.
- 10.2.2 Each judge must be paid \$200.00 per day by the local committee.
  - 10.2.2.1 Slack is considered a performance.
- 10.2.3 A veterinarian should be present or on call for each performance and slack.
- 10.2.4 For information on Secretary and Timers, refer to Sections 15 and 16.
- 10.2.5 A list of qualified, certified judges and stock contractors is available upon request.

#### 10.3.0 Responsibility for Payoff

- 10.3.1 The Rodeo Committee or Stock Contractor, depending on which one provides the arena secretary, will be responsible for any errors in the payoff or collection of entry fees in the event the secretary herself does not make proper adjustments.
- 10.3.2 <u>PSRA</u> will reimburse the responsible party for any member turnouts <u>CORRECTLY</u> figured in the payoff or any uncollected checks written by members.
- 10.3.3 Committees will forfeit the \$100.00 bond for delay in submitting the required information to the National Office after the rodeo is over. (Refer to Section 15, "Rodeo Secretary, Payoff, and Results".)
- 10.4.0 If stock must be fed in the arena, hay should be placed as far as possible from roping boxes and bucking chutes and at least 25' from barrel markers.
  - 10.4.0.1 In that event, the Committee must work the ground carefully to be sure it remains consistent and safe for all performances and slack.
- 10.5.0 Refer to Section 9, "Rodeo Approval" for additional information directly affecting Committees.

## SECTION 11: STOCK CONTRACTOR AND RODEO LIVESTOCK

#### 11.1.0 General

- 11.1.1 Stock Contractors and/or producers must adhere to all rules in the PSRA Rulebook or the following fines may be assessed:
  - 11.1.1.1 First Offense \$100.00
  - 11.1.1.2 Additional \$100.00 fine per rodeo per violation.
- 11.1.2 Stock Contractors must provide stock suitable for participants in a senior pro rodeo.
  - 11.1.2.1 Any deviation from stock requirements in this rule book must be approved by the respective event director or fines as listed in 11.1.1 may be assessed:
- 11.1.3 Refer to individual event sections for additional requirements on appropriate stock.
- 11.1.4 Stock is not be fed in the arena during the duration of the rodeo.
  - 11.1.4.1 If stock must be fed in the arena, hay should be placed as far as possible from roping boxes and bucking chutes and at least 25' from the barrel

markers.

11.1.4.2 In that event, ground must be carefully worked to be sure it remains consistent and safe for all performances and slack.

#### 11.2.0 Timed Event Cattle

- 11.2.1 Timed event cattle must number at least one half of the number of contestants in each event.
- 11.2.2 All fresh timed event cattle shall be run prior to the first performance/slack of the rodeo.
  - 11.2.2.1 Fresh calves will be tied down at least once under the supervision of the Tie Down Roping Director or his Spokesman.
- 11.2.3 Horned cattle that cannot clear a 30" chute will be eliminated from the draw or tipped before using.
- 11.2.4 Steers may not be held over a 12-month period for use in the steer wrestling and team roping events unless approval is granted by the Event Directors.
- 11.2.5 Only Corriente steers may be used in the steer wrestling event.
  - 11.2.5.1 Horns must be tipped.
  - 11.2.5.2 Weight limits = Minimum of 450 pounds and maximum of 650 pounds. (rev. 2012)
  - 11.2.5.3 Cattle used for steer roping, cutting, or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.
- 11.2.6 Native Angus and Herefords shall not weigh more than 230 pounds each. Weight of calves in the 60+ ribbon roping is not to exceed 200 pounds. Brahma and Brahma cross calves are not to exceed 230 pounds in weight and not to exceed 200 pounds in the 60+ ribbon roping. Brahma and Brahma cross calves shall not be mixed with Angus and Hereford cattle.
  - 11.2.6.1 Tie down roping and ribbon roping calves must be sized according to age categories.
  - 11.2.6.2 In the 60+ events, weight of calves may not exceed 200 pounds.
- 11.2.7 Brahma and Brahma cross calves shall not be mixed with angus and Hereford calves.
- 11.2.8 Dairy breeds should not be mixed with beef breeds unless all are of a uniform cross.
- 11.2.9 Cattle in the draw for the rodeo may not be used for any other purpose before all rodeo runs have been completed.

11.2.10 Any deviation from the above rules must be approved by the Event Directors, or Stock Contractor may be fined.

#### 11.3.0 Bucking Stock

- 11.3.1 All bucking stock must be numbered legibly before drawing.
- 11.3.2 Head fighting bulls and those having bad horns will be taken out of the draw.
  - 11.3.2.1 All horns will be reasonably tipped.
- 11.3.3 All animals should be screened and agreed on before they are put in the draw.
- 11.3.4 Halters must be placed on bareback horses.

#### **SECTION 12: CENTRAL ENTRY SYSTEM**

#### 12.1.0 General

- 12.1.1 All entries, including permit entries, must be made through the official central entry system during advertised opening and closing times. Permit members must contact National Office before entry.
- 12.1.2 Entry information will be published on the official website.
- 12.1.3 Contestant will be given a confirmation number for each call.
- 12.1.3.1 Contestant must provide BOTH of these numbers should there be a dispute regarding when he was to be up or what he was to be entered in.
- 12.1.4 Any member who enters another contestant is responsible for those fees.
  - 12.1.4.1 A member may guarantee a non-member's entry fees.

#### 12.2.0 Entering

12.2.1 When entering, contestants must be prepared to give the following information:

Name of rodeo(s)

Card Number

Name

Event(s) to be entered

Name and Card Number of partner(s)

Contestants may enter open in team roping and ribbon roping, but will be drawn out at entry closing time if no partner has been designated.

Preference for performance or slack desired.

Both a first and a second preference may be given. Contestant may ask to be drawn out if he does not receive his preference.

Name and Card Number of buddy or buddies.

Four individuals or two teams per buddy group are allowed.

Buddies must enter at the same time.

- 12.2.2 If a contestant in a team event enters or competes with an ineligible partner, points will not count, and any money won must be repaid to the National Office. The team will be disqualified, and the payoff refigured.
- 12.2.3 Positions will be drawn when entries close, so when an entry is made during the day has no influence on when a contestant is drawn up.
- 12.2.4 Contestants may draw out without penalty only while entries are open. After entries close, contestant may be released from liability for entry fees only by using one of his 2 releases. (Refer Section 13.)

#### 12.3.0 Calling Back

- 12.3.1 Contestant must call back during advertised call back times to find out when he has drawn up.
  - 12.3.1.1 Times of performances and slacks will be advertised on the official website and/or in the official publication. If a change is made in advertised times, contestants will be notified during call backs.
  - 12.3.1.2 Any contestant who draws out of a rodeo after entries close is responsible for all fees, including central entry fees, office charge, judge's fee, and entry fees. (Refer Section 13.)
  - 12.3.1.3 Late call backs will be taken during regular business hours. A \$2.50 charge will be assessed.

#### 12.4.0 Drawing Positions

- 12.4.1 After entries close and all entries have been taken, Central Entry will first draw a priority list, then place contestants using said priority list.
- 12.4.2 There will be no placing of contestants by Central Entry, the rodeo secretary, committee, or contractor.
- 12.4.3 Members will be given priority over permit contestants.
- 12.4.4 Members entering the greatest number of PSRA approved rodeos for the given entry period till be given priority over members entering a lesser number
  - Any contestant who is given preference positioning at overlapping rodeos according to rule 12.4.4 may not release any one of those rodeos without releasing all said rodeos. Contestants will be subject to ALL fines and fees if releasing less than all said rodeos.
- 12.4.5 Central Entry will format sanctioned rodeos according to a PSRA Board approved order of events and slacks unless committees or contractors specify a different order necessitated by their particular circumstances.
  - 1245.1 The computer is then instructed to draw the number needed to fill Perf #1 from those contestants who asked for that perf as a first preference. If Perf #1 cannot be filled by those who asked for it as a first preference, the computer will be instructed to draw anyone who asked for that perf as a second preference. If Perf #1 is still not full, the balance needed will be drawn at random from all contestants entered.
  - Once Perf #1 has been filled, Perf #2 will be filled following the same process as in 12.4.5.1.
  - 12453 All perfs are drawn for and filled before slack is determined necessary; thus, those contestants not drawn by the computer for a perf are automatically drawn into slack. (If a rodeo requires more than one slack time, slack positions are drawn in the same way as a perf in Rule 12.4.5.1).
- 12.4.6 If at all possible, a contestant entered in multiple events or with buddies will be drawn up on the same day.
  - 124.6.1 If an event has no slack, that event will be split off the buddy group and drawn separately for a performance position along with all other entries for that event.
  - 124.62 The position of the buddy group which remains will be random drawn along with all other entries for the rodeo. If two events within the same buddy group have no slack, those two events will remain buddied if at all possible. Should all events within the buddy group have slack, the buddy group will remain intact if at all possible.
  - 124.63 To the extent possible, up to FOUR individuals or two teams entered as a buddy group will be placed in the same perf or slack. However, if necessary, Central Entry may split one buddy group per event to fill and balance perfs.

- 12.4.7 Once positions are drawn, perf or slack, they may not be changed except by trades. In addition see rule 19.1.3.
  - 124.7.1 Any rodeo secretary who changes a contestant's drawn position except by trade out is subject to fine and loss of bond.
  - 124.72 No stock in any event may be competed on before that event is scheduled, and no stock may be held back beyond the end of the run for that event.

#### 12.5.0 Trade Outs

- 12.5.1 All rodeos will be trade out rodeos unless otherwise listed.
- 12.5.2 Trade outs may take place only between two contestants entered in the same age category of the same events.
- 12.5.3 Rodeo secretaries may trade a contestant into an open position created by a release or a turn out, provided this is done one (1) hour prior to stock draw.
  - 1253.1 A trade to an open position which would move a contestant out of a performance to a section of slack will not be allowed.
  - 12532 A contestant may not move from his drawn position to an open position in the SAME slack or perf.
- 12.5.4 Trade outs are allowed up until the time that stock is drawn.
- 12.5.5 Arranging for a trade out is the responsibility of the contestant, not that of Central Entry or the local rodeo secretary.
- 12.5.6 If a trade is arranged before call backs end, contestants should notify Central Entry.
- 12.5.7 If a trade is arranged after call backs end, contestants must notify the local rodeo secretary before stock is drawn.
- 12.5.8 In team events, a contestant must compete with the partner entered with, unless that partner turns out or releases. (Refer Rule 13.5.0)
  - 125.8.1 A contestant may not trade one partner for another if the original partner is still entered in that event.

#### 12.6.0 <u>Discrepancies in Entry Information</u>

- 12.6.1 If a contestant shows up to compete on a day other than the day he is supposed to be up according to Central Entry's books, or claims to be entered in more or less events than the books show, he will be allowed to compete at the rodeo provided that: 1) He must post a cash bond in the amount of \$100, and 2) He must provide correct confirmation numbers for both his entry call and his call back call.
  - 12.6.1.1 Contestant must compete in the new position drawn for him by the judges.
- 12.6.2 If the contestant is proven correct after verification with Central Entry on Monday (or on the next working day), the bond will be refunded.
- 12.6.3 If the contestant was in error, the bond will be forfeited, the contestant's fees figured in the payoff, and the proper payoff will be made disregarding said contestant's placing.
- 12.6.4 The bond money is to be sent to the PSRA office along with the final results of the rodeo.
  - 12.6.4.1 Any forfeited bond money shall remain in the General Fund of the PSRA.

#### 12.7.0 Central Entry Fees

- 12.7.1 Central Entry fees of \$6.00 per person per rodeo per event and then \$3.00 for each additional event entered will be collected by the rodeo secretary along with entry fees and office charges.
- 12.7.2 Contestants who turn out must pay Central Entry fees along with entry fees, office charge, and judges fees.

# SECTION 13: <u>DRAWING OUT, RELEASE FROM PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES,</u> AND TURNING OUT

#### 13.1.0 Drawing Out

- 13.1.1 A contestant may draw out without penalty only until entries close.
- 13.1.2 Once entries close, only the use of one of his four releases will be accepted as an excuse for failure to pay entry fees. (For information on using a release, see Rule 13.2.0.)
  - 13.1.2.1 A contestant using one of his or her releases must still pay the \$5.00 central entry fee and a \$10.00 turn out fee for a total of \$15.00
  - 13.1.2.2 Anyone else withdrawing from a rodeo or not showing up at a rodeo will owe all fees, including entry fees, central entry fees, office charge, circuit fees, and judges' fees.

#### 13.2.0 Release from Payment of Entry fees

- 13.2.1 All PSRA members will be allowed to use up to four (2) releases during the course of one rodeo year as an excuse for failure to pay entry fees.
  - 13.2.1.1 No reason will be required to document the validity of these two releases. A visible injury release will be allowed at the current rodeo and/or subsequent rodeo if injury is observed by the rodeo judge BUT no additional medical, vet, or death in family releases will be honored for non-payment of entry fees. (Contestants must use their two releases sparingly in order to cover any legitimate emergencies which might occur during the course of the rodeo year including the PSRA Finals Rodeo. See Rules 7.6.4, 7.6.5, and 7.6.6).
  - 13.2.1.3 Releasing from one rodeo is using one release. Releasing from two rodeos is using two releases, even if at the same location or entered on the same entry day.
  - 13.2.1.4 Use of a release for one event shall count as one release even though the contestant competes in other events at the same rodeo.
- 13.2.2 In order to use a release and be excused from liability for entry fees, a contestant MUST (a) NOTIFY Central Entry at least three hours prior to the perf or slack in which he is scheduled to compete, and (b) clearly DECLARE that he wants to use one of his four releases, and (c) SPECIFY what rodeo and events the release is to cover.
  - 13.2.2.1 FAILURE TO NOTIFY will result in (a) contestant being held liable for all fees, including entry fees, central entry fee, office charge, and judge's fee, and fine equal to amount of entry fees payable immediately to the National Office, and (b) being ineligible to ENTER another sanctioned rodeo until turn out fees are paid. (Refer 3.1.5.1) Entry fee will stay in the payoff. Fine will be returned to the association.
- 13.2.3 No more than two Releases from Payment of Entry fees will be permitted to any one member for any reason or combination of reasons during one rodeo year.
  - 13.2.3.1 Members are responsible for keeping track of the number of releases they have used.
  - 13.2.3.2 Anyone using or attempting to use more than his two releases will be liable for his entry fees plus a \$100.00 fine.

#### 13.3.0 Visible Injury Releases and Non-payment of Entry Fees

- 13.3.1 To VISIBLE INJURY RELEASE, a contestant may request judges to visual an injury if he/she or a barrel horse is injured at the rodeo. If judge approves a visible injury, the contestant will be released from liability for entry fees as long as the following conditions are met:
  - 13.3.1.1 The injury must be of an obvious and apparent nature to the layperson's eye.
  - 13.3.1.2 Judge must complete and sign the visible injury form and notify the rodeo secretary.
  - 13.3.1.3 Rodeo secretary is to send the form to the National Office along with results.
- 13.3.2 A visible injury release on a barrel horse may not be used by go rounds only, nor may a barrel racer be held back on a visible injury release.

- 13.3.3 Trade outs with visible injury releases are not allowed.
- 13.3.4 Should a contestant become injured while competing and he requests a Visible Injury Release, his entry fees will be refunded in any event in which he has not competed up to that time and in which he cannot compete because of the injury.
- 13.3.5 If a contestant is injured and unable to compete, his stock may be held until later in the go round with the consent of both judges.
- 13.3.6 If, in the opinion of the judges, a contestant is unable to compete in a particular event because of injury, he may request a visible injury release for that event, but this does not prevent him from competing in other events in which he is entered.

#### 13.4.0 Turn Outs

- 13.4.1 To TURN OUT of a rodeo, a contestant should notify central entry or the local rodeo secretary at least three hours prior to the performance or slack in which he/she is scheduled to compete. A contestant who does not compete as entered and does not RELEASE properly per #13.2.0 is considered a TURN OUT and is liable for all fees. A contestant may choose to TURN OUT and pay fees rather than to use a release.
- 13.4.2 If a contestant arrives at the rodeo after his run has been turned out, he must immediately report to the rodeo secretary and pay all fees due.
  - Once a contestant's stock or run has been turned out, the stock or run may not be given to the contestant at a later time unless the turn out was due to a discrepancy in entry information. (Refer Rule 12.6.0)
- 13.4.3 If not paid to Rodeo Secretary, turn out fees, including entry fees, Central Entry fees, office charge, and judges fee, are payable immediately to the National Office.
  - 1343.1 All contestants must pay any turnout fees, bad checks, or fines owed to PSRA before being allowed to enter another sanctioned rodeo. (Refer Rule 3.1.5.1.)
- 13.4.4 Entry fees of member turn outs, whether collected by the rodeo secretary or not, will be figured in the payoff.
  - 1344.1 The National Office will reimburse the rodeo secretary for uncollected <u>MEMBER</u> fees as soon as complete results are received and turn outs are confirmed.
- 13.4.5 Unpaid entry fees of non-member turn outs are not figured in the payoff and will be collected by the National Office, if possible.

#### 13.5.0 General

- 13.5.1 If a member of a team turns out or releases after entries have closed, the remaining partner must draw out and have his entry fee refunded, or he must get another partner from any of the contestants in his age category already entered in another event.
  - 135.1.1 The remaining partner may not drop down to a lower age category unless filling a team in that category that had been officially entered.
  - 135.12 The alternate contestant must pay the specified entry fee to the Rodeo Secretary.
  - 135.13 The partner that turned out must also pay his entry fees to the National Office before being allowed to enter another sanctioned rodeo. (Refer Rule 3.1.5.1.)
  - 135.14 Fees of the partner who turned out will be placed in the awards fund.
  - 135.15 This rule applies to both men and women in the ribbon roping.
  - 135.16 In a multi-go rodeo, the team will be disqualified if one partner turns out after the team has competed once.

- 13.5.2 In team events, a contestant must compete with the partner entered with, unless that partner turns out or releases. (Refer Rule 13.5.0)
  - 13521 A contestant may not trade one partner for another if the original partner is still entered in that event.

#### 1360 SUMMARY: DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS

- 13.61 DRAWING OUT A contestant my "draw out" only through central entry before entries close. Thus, his name will not appear on any official draw sheet at the rodeo.
- 13.62 TRADEOUT (TRO) The contestant arranges to trade positions with another contestant or into an open position created by a turn-out or a release. (Refer Rule 12.5.0)
- 1363 RELEASE (REL) The contestant opts to use one of his two releases in order to be excused from payment of entry fees and correctly follows the procedure specified in Rule 13.2.2. Contestant is still responsible for the \$15.00 turn out fee.
- 1364 VISIBLE INJURY RELEASE (VI REL) The contestant requests the judges to visually approve an injury to himself or to a barrel horse according to the procedure specified in Rule 13.3.1. If approved, the contestant will be excused from payment of entry fees, but will still be responsible for the \$15.00 turn out fee.
- 1365 TURN OUT (TO) The contestant does not compete as entered, and either does not notify properly or chooses to pay his entry fees rather than to release. A TO is responsible for all fees. Members' entry fees are figured into the payoff. Non-members' entry fees are not figured into the payoff unless secretary has money in hand. (Refer Rule 13.4.0)

#### **SECTION 14: DRAWING STOCK**

#### 14.1.0 General

- 14.1.1 Any contestant may be allowed to witness the draw providing that conversation and conduct do not distract the judges and secretary.
  - 14.1.1.1 All names and numbers of animals in the draw must be written on CHIPS.
  - 14.1.1.2 Numbers must be drawn from a suitable container (other than a hat) and held above eye level of the drawing judge.
  - 14.1.1.3 Numbers are to be shaken between each number drawn.
- 14.1.2 Permit members must have their entry fees paid in cash to the local rodeo secretary before stock is drawn, or no stock is to be drawn for them.
- 14.1.3 Any director has the right to declare any stock in his event unsatisfactory. Any stock so declared shall be taken from the draw.
- 14.1.4 Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick or injured animal, or animals with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time.
  - 14.1.4.1 Should an animal become sick or be injured between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, a replacement animal shall be drawn for the contestant. In the riding events, the replacement shall be drawn from the reride animals.
  - 14.1.4.2 A judge must confirm an animal's inability to be used before it can be replaced in the draw.

- 14.1.4.3 Once an animal is taken out of the draw, it may not be returned to the draw for the duration of that rodeo.
- 14.1.5 Contractors are required to furnish at least one half (1/2) as many cattle as there are ropers or steer wrestlers.
- 14.1.6 The contestant is responsible for competing on the stock drawn for him. Contestant will be disqualified if competing on the wrong animal unless overruled by a judge to do so.

#### 14.2.0 Riding Events

- 14.2.1 All rough stock in contest events will be drawn by number by a judge.
- 14.2.2 In all riding events, a complete go round must be drawn at one time.
- 14.2.3 Reride stock will be drawn and designated #1, #2, #3, etc. If more reride stock is needed than was drawn, then additional reride stock shall be drawn from turnouts and/or pen.

#### 14.3.0 Timed Events

- 14.3.1 All cattle will be numbered and drawn for by a judge.
- 14.3.2 In the team roping, cattle for each age group will be designated at the beginning of the rodeo by drawing from the entire herd.
  - 14.3.2.1 Cattle will stay in the draw of the designated age groups for the entire rodeo.
- 14.3.3 All cattle in the draw will be run one time before any cattle will be run twice, etc.
  - 14.3.3.1 When due to a split performance, this procedure becomes impossible, the draw will include cattle remaining that have been run the least number of times.
  - 14.3.3.2 Immediately after a split performance, the draw will revert to the cattle that have been run the least number of times.
  - 14.3.3.3 In cases of reruns, all cattle in the draw will be run one time before any one animal is run twice, etc.
- 14.3.4 If after one go round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing. If extra calves have been tied at the rodeo, they will not be considered fresh.
- 14.3.5 When possible, an extra in each timed event should be drawn to replace a sick or crippled animal. If an animal escapes or the contestant is fouled, that animal will be brought back and run after the perf or at the beginning of the next section if in slack.
  - 14.3.5.1 Whether or not the extra is used, it goes back into the draw.
- 14.3.6 Timed event cattle will not be drawn any sooner than two (2) hours before each performance.
- 14.3.7 In the timed events, no drawn stock can be held over from one performance to the next or overnight.

#### 14.4.0 Misdraws

- 14.4.1 <u>Definition</u>. Any animal which must be replaced will be considered a misdraw. Possible reasons for replacing an animal are: (1) injured or unhealthy animal; (2) animals not properly numbered or distinguishable; (3) animal not on premises after being drawn; (4) duplicate brand and/or ear tag and animals not being distinguishable before the draw; (5) contestant left out of the draw; (6) animal drawn incorrectly due to clerical error.
- 14.4.2 <u>Procedure</u>. Take the last number drawn and move it up to the misdraw. The contestant who had the last-number-drawn animal would then draw at the herd. See example 1.

Dale

Animal #25 is injured; 23 is moved to Bill's spot and Dale draws at the herd. Should there be two misdraws, the procedure is basically the same. See example 2.

Example 2:	Contestant Stock #		
_	Mark	22.	

Sam 26 (misdraw – injured)
Bill 25 (misdraw – missing)
Joe 24
Dan 20

23

Shawn 21 Dale 23

Animal #23 is moved to Sam's spot, as in example #1; Animal #21 is moved to Bill's spot; Shawn and Dale would then draw at the herd.

### SECTION 15: RODEO SECRETARY, PAYOFF, AND RESULTS

#### 15.1.0 General

- 15.1.1 All rodeo secretaries must hold a PSRA secretary's card.
- 15.1.2 Any person who intends to act as a rodeo secretary must notify the National Office of his intentions so that he will receive the secretarial packet.
- 1520 <u>Entries</u> will be taken by, and positions will be drawn by, central entry. (Refer to Section 12, "Central Entry System".)
  - 152.1 The rodeo secretary may not accept additional entries.
  - 15.22 The rodeo secretary may not change drawn positions except by trade out.
    - 15.2.2.1 Trade outs may be made up until the time that stock is drawn. After stock is drawn, no trade outs are allowed.
  - 15.23 Any secretary who violates the above rules will be subject to fine and/or forfeiture of the \$100.00 bond.
  - 1524 Should any discrepancy in entry information arise, contestant may post a \$100.00 bond. (Refer to Rule 12.6.0.)

#### 15.3.0 Fees

- 15.3.1 PSRA will reimburse the Committee or Rodeo Secretary should a member's check be returned unpaid, BUT the Association will not be responsible for any debt other than <u>member entry fees.</u>
  - 15.3.1.1 Permit members, except renewals, must pay fees in cash before stock is drawn, or no stock is to be drawn for them.
  - 15.3.1.2 A member may guarantee a permit member's entry fees.
  - 15.3.1.3 When there are two or more rodeos at a location, all entry fees must be paid by contestants prior to the second rodeo or the stock will not be drawn.

15.3.2 Entry Fees will be as follows; \$50.00 per event with a \$15.00 stock charge, a \$5.00 Central Entry fee and a \$2.00 finals awards fee for a total entry fee of \$72.00.

#### 15.4.0 <u>Posting</u>

- 15.4.1 Draw should be posted prior to the start of each performance or slack.
- 15.4.2 Scores and times must be announced during each event during performances and slacks.
- 15.4.3 Scores, times, and draw of completed performances and/or slacks should be posted as soon as possible, but at least before the beginning of the next performance or slack.

#### 15.5.0 Turn outs and Releases

- **15.5.1** The Rodeo Secretary MUST call central entry for turnout and release information no more than three hours prior to the **beginning of EACH performance and slack, but at least before stock is drawn.**
- 15.5.2 All Rodeo Secretaries should study Section 13, "Drawing Out, Release from Payment of Entry Fees, and Turning Out", before figuring payoff.
  - 15.5.2.1 Notification through Central Entry of intent to use a "Release" is the only excuse for failure to pay entry fees, except in cases of Visible Injury Releases as specified in 13.3.0.
  - 15.5.2.2 Anyone else who withdraws or does not show up is considered a turn out and owes all fees, including entry fees, office charge, central entry fees, processing fees, and judges' fees.
  - 15.5.2.3 Member turn out fees are to be figured in the payoff, except when the turnout is the third entry fee in a team event. (Refer 13.5.1.2 and 13.5.1.3.)
  - 15.5.2.4 The National Office will reimburse the Rodeo Secretary for uncollected member fees as soon as complete results are received, and releases and turn outs are confirmed.
  - 15.5.2.5 Unpaid permit members turn out fees are NOT to be figured in the payoff and will be collected by the National Office, if possible.

#### 15.6.0 Payoff

#### 15.6.1 Payoff formula

<u>ENTRIES</u>	# 0F MONIES	<u>PERCENTAGES</u>
1-2	1 money	100%
3-5	2 monies	60% - 40%
6-8	3 monies	50% - 30% - 20%
9-17	4 monies	40% - 30% - 20% - 10%
18-24	5 monies	30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%
25-49	6 monies	29% - 24% - 19% - 14% - 9% - 5%
50+	8 monies	26%-21%-17%-13%-10%-6%-4%-3%

- 15.6.1.1 In using the payoff formula, a team is one entry. EX: (If three teams, pay two monies. Do not figure six persons which would pay three monies.)
- 15.6.1.2 When there are two go rounds and an average, the money is divided equally three ways, and payoffs are based on the formula according to the number of entries. The same number is paid in the averages as in each go.
  - 15.6.1.2.1 Four places are paid in a short go.

- 15.6.1.3 When there is a short go, 40% goes to the long go, 10% to the short go, and 50% to the average. The average is to pay the same number of places as the long go and that number will be based on the payoff formula. (Example: If six places are paid in long go, then pay four places in short go, and six places in the average.)
- 15.6.1.4 On three head of stock, the average will include one and one half times the go round money. (Refer Rule 7.5.2.1 for formula.)
- 15.6.1.5 On four or more head of stock, the average will include 2 times the go round money in all events.
  - 15.6.1.5.1 Formula: Total all purse money, entry fee money, and sponsor money. Deduct 7%. Divide this total by the number of goes plus 2. The answer will be the amount to be paid in each go. Multiple the answer by two for the amount too be paid in the average.
- 15.6.2 A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him in an event to place in the average.
- 15.6.2.1 When more places in the average are paid than there are contestants with an average, the remaining places will be paid on the highest score(s) or fastest time(s) on one head posted by contestants not already in the average.
- 15.6.3 If an insufficient number of contestants qualify for the full payoff, the payoff shall be based on the number of qualified times/scores. Example: 9 entries = 4 monies paid off 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%; however, only two contestants post qualified times. Thus, payoff would be 2 monies paid off 60% and 40%.
  - 15.6.3.1 If only one qualifies, winner takes all, including entry fees and added money.
  - 15.6.3.2. If no one qualifies or rides, the entry fees will go to added money for the finals and the added money will go back to the committee.
- 15.6.4 There will be a contest only if one or more contestants enters the event.
- 15.6.5 If there are no contestants entered in a specific age group in a timed event, the added money in that event will be divided equally among the remaining sanctioned age groups of that event. If there are no contestants in any of the age groups in a timed event, the added money will revert back to the rodeo committee.
- 15.6.6 If no contestant competes in a riding event, the added money in that event will revert back to the rodeo committee.
- 15.6.7 Prize money may be paid following a go round, but payoffs must be completed following the final perf.
  - 15.6.7.1 Any checks not picked up at that time must be mailed to contestants within five (5) days of the final performance. (Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of \$100.00 bond.)

#### 15.7.0 Official Results

- 15.7.1 The rodeo secretary must call or fax in to the National Office all turn out and release information by three (3) PM of the first working day following the completion of the rodeo, or bond will be forfeited.
- 15.7.2 Within five (5) days following the final perf, the Rodeo Secretary must have prepared the following information for return to the National Office. (Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the \$100.00 bond.)
  - 15.7.2.1 Seven percent (7%) of the total purse (added money and entry fees), including any and all non-sanctioned events, will be withheld from the payoff and sent to the National Office within five (5) days of the final performance. (NO DEDUCTION OF ANY KIND MAY BE HELD OUT OF THE SEVEN PERCENT.)
  - 15.7.2.2 Secretaries are required to submit complete and accurate result sheets on winners, their scores, times, dollars won, and points awarded.

- 15.7.2.3 Original timers' sheets and judges' cards must be returned to the National Office along with results.
- 15.7.2.4 Secretaries must list point winners, #1 through #6, in every event whether money is paid for all six places or not.
- 15.7.2.5 A valid list of all member releases, turn outs and unpaid entry fees must be submitted before reimbursement will be made.
- 15.7.2.6 Final results and all additional information required by the National Office must be postmarked within five (5) days of the final performance.
- 15.7.2.7 Committees will forfeit the \$100.00 bond for delay in submitting required results and documentation thereof.

#### **SECTION 16: TIMERS AND TIMING**

#### 16.1.0 Timers

- 16.1.1 Timers must be experienced and knowledgeable.
- 16.1.2 There shall be two or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge.
- 16.1.2.1 Time is to be taken between two flags.
- 16.1.2.2 Digital watches must be used.
- 16.1.3 Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for:

Sickness or injury

Request of an Association official because of the timer's incompetence.

Agreement of the stock contractor, rodeo committee and Association official.

#### 16.2.0 Timing

- 16.2.1 Hand times in all events are to be averaged and recorded in tenths. Digits beyond tenths are to be ignored, except as in 16.2.2.1.
  - 16.2.1.1 If one of the two timers misses the start or stop or is delayed in starting or stopping the watch or if one watch malfunctions, that timer hall declare the problem to the other timer, and only the time recorded by the other timer will be used.
- 16.2.2 An electric timer must be used in the Ladies Barrel Race but must be backed up by a flagger and two hand watches.
  - 16.2.2.1 Electric eye times are to be recorded in hundredths. Thousandths are to be disregarded.
  - 16.2.2.2 Back up hand times are to be averaged and recorded in tenths.
  - 16.2.2.3 Both times are to be recorded for each contestant.
  - 16.2.2.4 Refer to Section 26, Ladies Barrel Race, for additional information on electric eye times.
- 16.2.3 Timers must be prepared to signal the following time limits:
  - 16.2.3.1 Riding events are timed for seven (7) seconds. Time will start when the animal's inside shoulder breaks the imaginary plane of the chute.
  - 16.2.3.2 Steer wrestlers have a 30 second time limit to CATCH on a steer wrestling run. (Refer #23.2.3)
  - 16.2.3.3 Team ropers have a 30 second elapsed time limit to complete a run. (Refer #25.2.2.)
  - 16.2.3.4 The tie down ropers have a 30 second time limit with each contestant allowed only one loop during regular season rodeos. A contestant may carry 2 loops in average rodeos and/or the Finals with a 30 second

time limit. This applies to all age groups in Tie Down Roping with the exception of the CR 68+. Contestants in the 68+ would carry one loop (except in average rodeo and/or the Finals) and would have no time limit. (Refer 24.2.1)

- 16.2.4 No contestant may talk to a timer in any way while any event is in progress.
- 16.2.5 Decisions of timers will be final, and no protests by contestants will be permitted.

#### **SECTION 17: JUDGES**

# 17.1.0 General

- 17.1.1 All judges and flagmen must hold an PSRA judges' card. Annual dues are \$20.00.
- 17.1.2 To be eligible to judge a sanctioned PSRA rodeo, judges and flaggers must hold a certificate issued by an accredited judges' clinic and/or be approved by the Judges Coordinator.
- 17.1.3 Judges must apply to be on the PSRA approved judges list. All judges will be assigned from the approved judges list by the PSRA Judges Coordinator.
  - 17.1.3.1 Should a contestant have a complaint about a judge's competence, he should submit a written complaint to any event director.
    - 17.1.3.1.1 The Judges Coordinator will evaluate the judge's action and will determine what further action should be taken.
    - 17.1.3.1.2 Any judge who is proven incompetent or who does not enforce the rules of the official rule book will be fined and/or suspended.
- 17.1.4 None of the judges barrier, field flag, or riding may be changed during the course of the rodeo unless ill or injured or by agreement of Association officials, stock contractor, and rodeo committee.
- 17.1.5 The men appointed to flag are the judges regardless of who judges the riding events and are the only persons qualified to deliver a decision in the timed events.
- 17.1.6 Decisions of judges, flagman, and timers will be final and may not be overturned by action of the Board of Director, its officers, or any other party.
  - 17.1.6.1 Questions or protests by contestants must be taken to their event directors or to the Board of Directors.

# 17.2.0 Judging and Competing

- 17.2.1 A rodeo judge may compete in one riding event and cannot judge the riding event they compete in.
- 17.2.2 A timed event judge may compete in a timed event if he is replaced in that event with a certified judge.
  - 17.2.2.1 No judge may rope, dog, or haze in a timed event and also flag his age group for that event.
  - 17.2.2.2 If the barrier judge is competing in the timed events, he must find another certified judge to watch the barrier in that event in his age group.

#### 17.3.0 Judges' Books

- 17.3.1 Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges.
  - 17.3.1.1 No changes may be made after the books have been turned in to the Rodeo Secretary unless errors are found by the National Office.
  - 17.3.1.2 The rodeo secretary must make an exact copy of the judge's books and post the copy on the bulletin board at the end of the performance and slack.

# 17.4.0 Rule Enforcement

- 17.4.1 Any judge who is proven incompetent or who does not enforce the rules of the official rule book will be fined and/or suspended.
- 17.4.2 Contestant's failure to read and understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
- 17.4.3 Contestants are required to make an honest effort. Contestants can make 3 attempts, at judge's discretion, but then must get on another animal or be turned out. Failure to do so, as determined by judges, will result in a \$25.00 fine.
- 17.4.4 Any event not covered in this rule book will be covered by local ground rules.
  - 17.4.4.1 Ground rules not in conflict with the rule book may be established but must be posted along with the draw prior to the first performance and remain posted throughout the entire rodeo before contestants will be required to comply.
  - 17.4.4.2 Ground rules in conflict with the rule book must be approved by the Board and be published.
- 17.4.5 Any situation not covered in this rule book will be covered by PRCA rules.

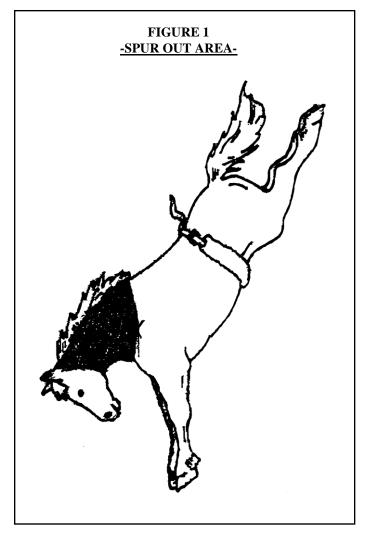
# **SECTION 18: JUDGING RIDING EVENTS**

# 18.1.0 General

- 18.1.1 If an animal becomes sick or crippled between the time that it is drawn and the time it is used, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
- 18.1.2 Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles, and pull bull ropes from either side in all riding events.
  - 18.1.2.1 The middle flank belongs to the bronc rider.
- 18.1.3 A prod may not be used on an animal unless the rider agrees.
  - 18.1.3.1 If rider denies use of the prod and the animal does not buck, no reride shall be given.
    - 18.1.3.1.1 Anyone who violates use of a prod will be subject to suspension, fine, and/or both.

# 18.2.0 The Ride

- 18.2.1 Rides are timed for seven (6) seconds.
  - 18.2.1.1 Time will start when the animal's inside shoulder breaks the imaginary plane of the chute.
  - 18.2.1.2 Both judges must carry a stop watch and a small throw flag in all riding events, with the "latch-side" judge being the final authority as to qualification. This judge must note on score sheet what the watch reads in cases of disqualification.
- 18.2.2 Spur Out Rule. To qualify for a marking, bareback or saddle bronc rider must have the rowels of the spurs touching the horse above the break of the shoulders when horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute. (See Figure 1) The mark out will be attempted, if there is a failure to make the mark out a deduction of (5) five points on the side of the failure, or (10) ten points if the mark out fails on both sides of the total score.
  - 18.2.2.1 When a horse backs out of the chute, the spur out rule is waived.
  - 18.2.2.2 If a rider is fouled at the gate, judge's discretion shall determine whether a reride is given or the spur out rule is waived.
- 18.2.3 If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge will tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the first jump qualification will then be waived.
  - 18.2.3.1 Rider will be disqualified for not following the judge's instruction to take feet from the neck of a horse stalled in the chute.



- 18.2.4 The ride and the animal are to be marked separately with the ride marked according to how well the rider performs on the animal.
- 18.2.5 Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from one (1) to twenty-five (25) on both the bucking animal and the rider on each side.
  - 18.2.5.1 The full spread is to be used.
- 18.2.6 Judges are to stay with the foot or side he starts with until the end of the go round.
  - 18.2.6.1 Judges must switch sides for each go round.

#### 18.3.0 Rerides

- 18.3.1 Rerides may be given when an animal fails to break, STOPS, fouls the rider, or performance of the animal is inferior. If a reride is offered to a contestant, they must accept or decline the reride before the next contestant competes.
  - 18.3.1.1 Contestant may take the same animal back, providing the stock contractor is willing or he may take a drawn reride. If the rider takes the same animal back, he must take that marking unless he is fouled.
- 18.3.2 If a bucking animal comes in contact with the pickup men or any horse in the arena during competition, the rider will have the option of a reride if a qualified ride is made up until time of interference.
- 18.3.3 If a flank breaks or comes off, the rider shall have a reride providing he has made a qualified ride up to that time.
- 18.3.4 Contestants shall not influence the judges by asking for a reride at any time.
- 18.3.5 No rerides will be given for personal equipment failure.

18.3.6 If a bucking animal escapes the arena during a timed ride, the rider should be given the option of a reride.

# **SECTION 19: JUDGING TIMED EVENTS**

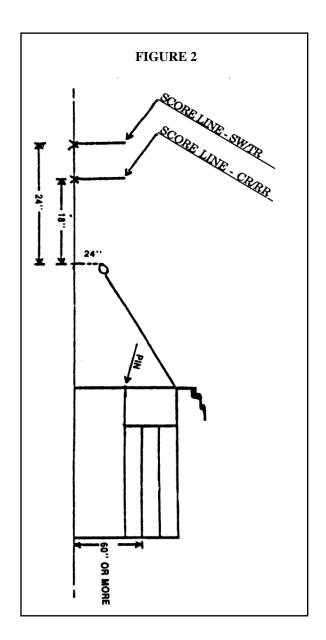
# 19.1.0 General

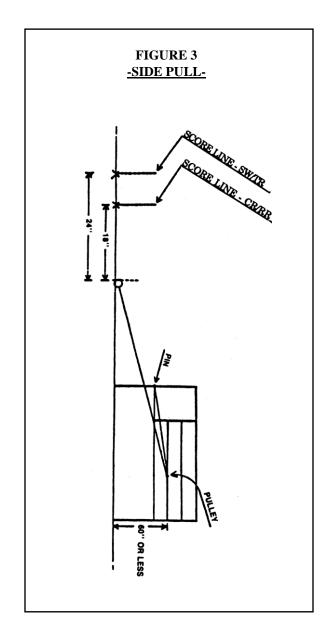
- 19.1.1 In all timed events except Ladies Barrel Race, there shall be two or more timers, a field or flag judge, and a barrier or line judge.
  - 19.1.1.1 Time is to be taken between the two flags and recorded in tenths.
  - 19.1.1.2 In Ladies Barrel Race, the flag judge and the timers shall backup the electric eye.
  - 19.1.1.3 The barrier judge should stand at gate to make sure contestants are ready and that arena is clear before contestants come through the gate.
  - 19.1.1.4 In Ribbon Roping, the barrier judge will also flag the runner as she crosses the finish line. (Refer to Ribbon Roping, Section 27.)
- 19.1.2 All timed event contestants must compete from the same box as designated for their event.
- 19.1.3 The first three head of cattle must be run in the order of drawn positions in both perfs and slacks.
- 9.1.3.1 No stock in any event may be competed on before that event is scheduled, and no stock may be held back beyond the end of the run for that event.
- 19.1.4 All contestants are required to make an honest effort. (MINOR) (\$25)
- 19.1.5 Decisions of judges, flagmen, or timers are final.
  - 19.1.5.1 Questions or protests by contestants must be taken to their event directors or to the Board.
- 19.1.6 No contestant may talk to the judge or timer in any way while an event is in progress. (MINOR) (\$25)
  - 19.1.6.1 Questions may be addressed to the judge no sooner than at the end of the event for that performance.
- 19.1.7 During any performance or slack, if a timed event animal must be brought back to the chute end, it will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew in the same manner it was originally worked.
  - 19.1.7.1 No animal may be re-penned by itself unless through a return alley. If no return alley, at least three head of animals will be brought back together.
  - 19.1.7.2 The arena director will decide when stock is to be re-penned.
- 19.1.8 In team roping and tie down roping whether or not cattle are to be lined will be decided, IF CONDITIONS WARRANT, by the event director or judge.
  - 19.1.8.1 If cattle are to be lined, only one person is to be stationed at the same position on all contested cattle, including slack.
  - 19.1.8.2 The post person or designated liner cannot be repositioned or removed from the post position during tie down roping and ribbon roping
- 19.1.9 The individual pushing cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the chute until the animal has crossed the score line. (MAJOR) (\$250)
- 19.1.10 No reruns will be given for personal equipment failure.

# 19.2.0 Barrier and Score Line

19.2.1 An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos if possible. When a barrier is used in the steer wrestling, it must be an automatic barrier and there must be at least a 12' box. If box is shorter than 12', steer wrestling must be lap and tap.

- 19.2.2 The lengths of the score lines for each event is to be set by the arena director and each timed event director or spokesman.
  - 19.2.2.1 Arena conditions will determine score.
  - 19.2.2.2 The SCORE is the distance from the barrier to the score line.
  - 19.2.2.3 The length of the score will be determined by measuring from the score line to the ground directly under the pin with the pin in the barrier ring.
  - 19.2.2.4 In steer wrestling, the score may be no longer than the length of the steer wrestling box, minus six ft.
  - 19.2.2.5 In calf roping, ribbon roping, and team roping, the score may be no shorter than the length of the roping box minus four feet and no longer than 18 feet.
  - 19.2.2.6 The length of the box is measured from the center of the back end to the center of the barrier.
  - 19.2.2.7 Once the score line has been set in any timed event, it may not be changed for the balance of that rodeo, nor may the length of the box be changed.
- 19.2.3 A <u>neck rope</u> tied with string must be used. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.
  - 19.2.3.1 Barrier judge will keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope and check it each performance and slack to assure the same start for all contestants.
  - 19.2.3.2 Length of barrier trip rope shall be adjusted only by tying knots in either end of the rope.
- 19.2.4 When the rope pulls from the top of the chute or any point 60 inches or higher from the ground, it is considered an OVERHEAD PULL and should be measured as follows:
  - 19.2.4.1 With flag up and pin in place, the end of the neck rope with the loop attached should come to a point 24 inches short of the score line and 24 inches up from the ground in the steer events.
  - 19.2.4.2 In the calf events, the neck rope should come to a point 18 inches short of the score line and 24 inches up from the ground.
  - 19.2.4.3 See Figure 2.
- 19.2.5 When the pulley side is less than 60 inches above the ground, it is considered a SIDE PULL and should be measured as follows:
  - 19.2.5.1 With the pin in place, the length of the neck rope pulled tight is 24 inches short or the score line in the steer events.
  - 19.2.5.2 In the calf events, the neck rope should be 18 inches short of the score line.
  - 19.2.5.3 See Figure 3.
- 19.2.6 If a barrier flagman is used, the animal is to be flagged when crossing the starting line, or deadline, in front of the flag with same.
- 19.3.0 Barrier or Line Judge
  - 19.3.1 The barrier judge must stand where he can clearly see the pin, neck rope and contestant.
    - 19.3.1.1 In tie down roping and ribbon roping, the barrier judge must stand on the right side of the tie down roping box.
    - 19.3.1.2 In team roping and steer wrestling, the barrier judge must stand on the left side of the box.
  - 19.3.2 A 10 second penalty will be assessed for breaking or beating the barrier.
  - 19.3.3 Broken barriers will be recorded by the barrier judge and turned in with his books to the rodeo secretary.
  - 19.3.4 Barrier judge must be equipped with a 10' tape measure in case the short end of the barrier is carried with the horse.
    - 19.3.4.1 If short piece is carried over 10 feet from the bottom of the post at the pin side, it is not a broken barrier.





- 19.3.5 If the automatic barrier fails to work and the official time has not started, the contestant or team will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field.
  - 19.3.5.1 In order for time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.
- 19.3.6 If in the opinion of the line judge, the contestant is fouled by the barrier or neck rope, he shall get his calf or steer back, providing he declares himself by pulling up immediately. If contestant fouls the barrier, they will not be entitled to rerun.
  - 19.3.6.1 If the contestant broke the barrier on his first run, a ten second penalty will be carried over and added to the time he posts on his second run.
- 19.3.7 Barrier judge is responsible for changing the barrier string whenever it may have been broken, weakened, or upon request of the next contestant.
- 19.3.8 In case of barrier malfunction, the line judge will determine whether the contestant beat the barrier or not. 19.3.9 In the timed events, if in the opinion of the line judge, the neck rope does not pull off the animal or if the animal does not cross the width of the score line, (which is the width of the boxes at the length of the

score line), before it crosses the score line, the contestant is entitled to a rerun on the same animal, provided he declares himself immediately. There will be no penalty added, if in the opinion of the line judge, the contestant did not break or deliberately beat the barrier.

# 19.4.0 Field Flag Judge

- 19.4.1 Field judge (or flagger) shall position himself on the left-hand side of the arena.
  - 19.4.1.1 In tie down roping, the flagger should be far enough down the arena that he will have a full view of the calf and roper as he rides toward them to inspect the tie.
  - 19.4.1.2 In steer wrestling, the flagger should be on the left-hand side of arena by the box so that he may follow the dogging horse and maintain a full view of the steer's head and all four legs as the steer is thrown.
  - 19.4.1.3 In ribbon roping, the field judge should be positioned far enough down the arena to see clearly that roper makes first contact with calf.
    - 19.4.1.3.1 Although not flagging the end of the run, the field judge should have flag in hand in order to flag out any team violating this rule.
  - 19.4.1.4 In the Men's and Ladies Breakaway Roping, the field judge should be down the arena against the fence on the right side of the arena, visible to all timers.
- 19.4.2 A field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or jump. Contestants must answer at once or be flagged out. Once a man has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.
- 19.4.3 If an animal escapes from the arena, the flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get the animal back lap and tap. Time already elapsed will be added to the time used in qualifying.
  - 19.4.3.1 If a rope is on the animal when it escapes, the roper will get the animal back with the rope on it in the chute.
  - 19.4.3.2 Lap and tap begins when animal clears gate.
- 19.4.4 Refer to individual event sections for specific rules governing flagging each event.
- 19.4.5 Any judge failing to comply with these instructions will be declared ineligible.

# **SECTION 20: BAREBACK RIDING RULES**

20.1.0 The Bareback Riding Event consists of one age category: 40 and over. All contestants, regardless of age, will compete for the same purse money. Points, however, are awarded in two age categories: 40-50 and 50+. The top six contestants in each age category will be awarded points, regardless of whether or not they have won money. Point standings will be kept for each age category, and year end awards will be given to champions in both age categories based on those standings. The top 15 from the combined age groups will be eligible to compete at the PSRA Finals. Awards will be given to the final's champions in each age group.

#### 20.2.0 One Hand Rigging

- 20.2.1 Rigging is to be not over 10 inches wide at the handhold and not over 6 inches wide at the dee ring.
- 20.2.2 The cinch must be 5 inches minimum width.
- 20.2.3 A pad at least one inch thick must be used under the rigging. The pad must cover the bars of the rigging and extend at least one inch behind the rigging.
- 20.2.4 Latigo may be either leather or nylon.

#### 20.3.0 To Qualify

- 20.3.1 Spurs must be over the break of the shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground the first jump out of the chute.
- 20.3.2 The ride shall be timed for seven (7) seconds.
  - 20.3.2.1 Time is to start when the inside shoulder of the horse breaks the imaginary plane of the chute.

20.3.3 Spur Out Rule. To qualify for a marking, bareback rider must have the rowels of the spurs touching the horse above the break of the shoulders when horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute. (See illustration on pg. 46) The mark out will be attempted, if there is a failure to make the mark out a deduction of (5) five points on the side of the failure, or (10) ten points if the mark out fails on both sides of the total score.

# 20.4.0 <u>Disqualifications</u>

- 20.4.1 Bucking off
- 20.4.2 Spur rowels too sharp or locked rowels. (Judges' opinion.)
- 20.4.3 Touching animal, self, or equipment with free hand or arm.

#### 20.5.0 Rerides

20.5.1 Refer to Section 18, "Judging - Riding Events".

# 20.6.0 General

- 20.6.1 Contestants and contractors may call on judges or any director to clarify any rule or uncovered situation.
- 20.6.2 Cinch must not be pulled with hand in rigging.
- 20.6.3 At least one judge will carry a stop watch and flag.
- 20.6.4 Refer to Sections #17, "Judges", and #18, "Judging Rough Stock", for additional rules governing all riding events.

# **SECTION 21: SADDLE BRONC RIDING RULES**

- 21.1.0 The Saddle Bronc Riding consists of one age category: 40 and over. All contestants, regardless of age, will compete for the same purse money. Points, however are awarded in two age categories: 40-50 and 50+. The top six contestants in each age category will be awarded points, regardless of whether or not they have won money. Point standings will be kept for each age category, and year end awards will be given to champions in both age categories based on those standings. The top 15 from the combined age groups will be eligible to compete at the PSRA Finals. (Refer #7.4.1.) Awards will be given to the final's champions in each age group.
- 21.2.0 <u>Equipment</u> riding is to be done with a plain halter, one rope-rein, and a saddle that complies with Association specifications listed below.

# 21.2.1 Contest Saddle Specifications

- 21.2.1.1 Rigging: 3/4 double. Front edge of dee ring must not pull further back than directly below center of swell. Standard E-Z or ring type saddle dee must be used and cannot exceed 5-3/4 inches outside width measurement.
- 21.2.1.2 Swell Undercut: Not more than two inches one inch on each side.
- 21.2.1.3 Gullet: Not less than four inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.
  - 21.2.1.4 Tree: Saddle must be built on a standard tree. Specifications: Fork 14 inches wide maximum
- 21.2.1.5 Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.
- 21.2.1.6 Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.
- 21.2.1.7 No freaks allowed.
- 21.2.1.8 Front cinch on bronc saddles shall be mohair and shall be at least five inches wide.
- 21.2.1.9 Latigo may be either leather or nylon.

- 21.2.2 Appropriate halters must be used unless an agreement is made by both contestant and the stock contractor. Stock contractors may furnish their own halters and contestants must use them, subject to approval of judges on fitness of halters or contestants may use their own.
- 21.2.3 Riding rein and hand must be on the same side.
- 21.2.4 Horses are to be saddled in the chute. The rider may cinch his own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either the stock contractor or the contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not the horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flanks belong behind the break/curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.

#### 21.3.0 To Qualify

- 21.3.1 Spurs must be over the break of the shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground the first jump out of the chute.
- 21.3.2 One arm must be free at all times.
- 21.3.3 The saddle bronc ride shall be timed for seven (7) seconds.
  - 21.3.3.1 Time is to start when the inside shoulder of the horse breaks the imaginary plane of the chute.
- 21.3.4 Spur Out Rule. To qualify for a marking, saddle bronc rider must have the rowels of the spurs touching the horse above the break of the shoulders when horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute. (See Figure 1 on page 37) The mark out will be attempted, if there is a failure to make the mark out a deduction of (5) five points on the side of the failure, or (10) ten points if the mark out fails on both sides of the total score.

#### 21.4.0 Rerides

- 21.4.1 If in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have the choice of that horse again, or he may have a horse drawn for him from the reride horses.
- 21.4.2 If a flank comes off, the contestant may have a reride providing that he has made a qualified ride on the horse.
- 21.4.3 If the contractor's halter comes off, the contestant may have a reride providing that he has made a qualified ride up to the time the halter comes off.
- 21.4.4 A prod may not be used on an animal unless the rider agrees. However, if the rider denies the use of the prod and the animal does not buck, no reride shall be given.
  - 21.4.4.1 Anyone who violates the use of a prod will be subject to suspension, fine and/or both.
- 21.4.5 Refer to Section 18, "Judging: Riding Events," for additional rules on rerides.

# 21.5.0 Disqualifications

- 21.5.1 Being bucked off
- 21.5.2 Changing hands on the rein
- 21.5.3 Wrapping rein around hand
- 21.5.4 Pulling leather
- 21.5.5 Losing a stirrup
- 21.5.6 Touching animal or saddle or rein with free hand
- 21.5.7 Using any foreign substance other than dry resin on chaps and saddle shall result in disqualification and fine. Judges will examine clothing, saddle, rein, and spurs.
- 21.5.8 Refer to Section #17, "Judges, and Section #18, "Judging: Riding Events", for additional rules governing all riding events.

# **SECTION 22: BULL RIDING RULES**

22.1.0 The Bull Riding Event consists of one age category: 40 and over. All contestants, regardless of age, will compete for the same purse money. Points, however, are awarded in two age categories, 40-50 and 50+. The top six contestants in each age category will be awarded points, regardless of whether or not they have won money. Point standings will be kept for each age category, and year end awards will be given to champions in both age categories based on those standings. The top 15 from the combined age groups will be eligible to compete at the PSRA Finals. (Refer #7.4.1.) Awards will be given to the final's champions in each age group.

#### 22.2.0 General

- 22.2.1 The committee will provide a qualified bull fighter to assist the rider or receive a fine of \$100.00.
  - 22.2.1.1 Bullfighters must be approved by stock contractor and bull riding director, or bull riders.
- 22.2.2 All animals should be screened and agreed on before they are to be put into the draw.
  - 22.2.2.1 Any horned bulls shall have their horns blunted at least to the diameter of a half dollar. Judges are to inspect bulls' horns prior to the draw. If contractor refuses to comply or to remove the animal from the draw, he will be fined \$100.00 for the first offense, progressively doubling thereafter.

#### 22.3.0 The Ride

- 22.3.1 Riding is to be done with one hand and a loose rope, with or without a handhold.
  - 22.3.1.1 No knots or hitches may be used to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the rider leaves him.
  - 22.3.1.2 The rope must have a bell.
- 22.3.2 No prod will be used on a bull after the rider sits down on him unless the rider requests such.

# 22.4.0 <u>Disqualifications</u>

- 22.4.1 Being bucked off.
- 22.4.2 Touching the animal or self with the free hand.
- 22.4.3 Trying to cheat in any way.

#### 22.5.0 Rerides

- 22.5.1 If a rider is knocked off or fouled at the chute, a reride may be given at the discretion of the judges.
- 22.5.2 If the animal falls, a reride may be given at the discretion of the judges.
- 22.5.3 If the flank comes off, a reride may be given if the ride was qualified up to that point.
  - 22.5.3.1 The judges, stock contractor, and contestant will determine if he gets the same bull back or draws from rerides.
  - 22.5.3.2 Refer to Section 18, "Judging: Riding Events", for additional rules on rerides.
- 22.5.4 Refer to Section #17, "Judges", and Section #18, "Judging: Riding Events", for additional rules governing all riding events

# **SECTION 23: STEER WRESTLING RULES**

23.1.0 The Steer Wrestling Event consists of two age categories: 40-50 and 50+. Added money at approved rodeos will be divided equally between each age group. Points will be awarded to the top six contestants in both age groups, and standings based on these points will be kept. Year-end awards will be given to champions in both age categories. Only the top 20 from the 40-50 age group and the top 20 from the 50+ age group will be eligible to compete at the PSRA Finals. If one category does not fill, it cannot be filled from the other age group. Awards will be given to finals champions in both age categories.

# 23.2.0 The Contest

- 23.2.1 Contestants must furnish their own hazer and horses. The steer must be caught from the horse. Only one hazer is allowed, and that hazer must be a PSRA member and/or be 40 years of age.
- 23.2.2 After catching the steer, contestant must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown by the wrestler putting the horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and rethrown. The steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back, with all four feet and head straight. Wrestler must have his hand on the steer when flagged. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision shall be final.
- 23.2.3 There will be a 30 second time limit to CATCH on a steer wrestling run. A whistle indicating "no time" shall be blown by the timer at the end of 30 seconds if contestant has not caught steer. As long as CATCH is made in 30 seconds or less, contestant may take as long as necessary to complete the throw.
- 23.2.4 The hazer must not render any assistance to the contestant while the contestant is working with the steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the contestant.
- 23.2.5 The contestant and the hazer must use the same two horses they leave the chute with. The contestant will be disqualified if the hazer jumps at the steer.

# 23.3.0 Cattle

- 23.3.1 All cattle must be CORRIENTE STEERS and cannot be held over from one year to the next for use in steer wrestling, except by approval of the Steer Wrestling Director.
- 23.3.2 All steers used in the steer wrestling event must have horns tipped.
- 23.3.3 Steers used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn.
  - 23.3.3.1 If the contestant nods for the steer, he accepts him as sound.
- 23.3.4 Fresh steers added to a pen that has been used must be bulldogged from horseback and thrown down before being contested on.
  - 23.3.4.1 It is the responsibility of the steer wrestlers to throw the cattle at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.
- 23.3.5 When a pen of fresh steers is used, any steer not thrown down during competition must be thrown down before being contested on again.
  - 23.3.5.1 Contestants are responsible to throw down such steers under supervision of the arena director.
- 23.3.6 Cattle used for steer roping, cutting or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.
- 23.3.7 Dogging cattle must weigh a minimum of 450 pounds and a maximum of 650 pounds per head. (rev. 2012)

# 23.4.0 General

- 23.4.1 The steer wrestling chute must have at least 30 inches clearance inside the chute and at the gate when in an open position.
- 23.4.2 When a barrier is used in the steer wrestling, an automatic barrier must be used, and there must be at least a 12-foot box. If the box is shorter, steer wrestling must be lap and tap.
  - 23.4.2.1 Refer to Section #19, "Judging Timed Events", for additional information on barriers and score lines.
- 23.4.3 The steer belongs to the contestant when he calls for him regardless of whatever happens, except in cases of mechanical failure.
- 23.4.4 If a steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch the steer.

- 23.4.5 A ten second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which the flag judge rules that a dogger's feet touch the ground before the flag line is crossed.
- 23.4.6 If the dogger misses or loses the steer, the flagman must ask the dogger if he wishes another jump. The dogger must answer at once.
- 23.4.7 The contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with the steers or the chutes.

# **SECTION 24: TIE DOWN ROPING RULES**

- 24.1.0 The Tie Down Roping Event consists of four age categories: 40-50, 50-60, 60+ and 68+. Purse money at approved rodeos will be split equally among the four age groups. Points will be awarded to the top six contestants in each age category, and standings will be kept based on those points. Year-end awards will be given to the champions of each age category. The top 30 in each age group will be eligible to enter the PSRA Finals, and awards will be given to the final's champions of each age group.
  - 24.1.1 68+ tie down ropers can rope down to the 60+ tie down. If contestant ropes in both age groups, that contestant is not eligible for awards in the 60+ age group.

# 24.2.0 The Contest

- 1. The field judge must watch the calf until the roper fully re-mounts his horse and will pass on the tie of the calf providing three legs remain cross tied until roper has re mounted his horse.
  - 2. The rope will not be removed from the calf until the roper has fully re-mounted his horse.
  - 3. If the calf does not kick free during the time to re-mount it will be a qualified time.
  - 3.A Fully re-mounting the horse means straddling the horse and seat in the saddle.
  - 4. Exception in the 68+ tie down roping event the time will become official when the calf is tied and the cowboy takes one step towards his horse.
- 15.6.3.2 At multiple rodeo's in one location if no one qualifies the remaining balance after the 7% shall be carried over to the next rodeo. If no qualifies at the last rodeo location the money will go to PSRA finals added money in that age group and in that event.
  - 24.2.1 The tie down ropers have a 30 second time limit with each contestant allowed only one loop during regular season rodeos. A contestant may carry 2 loops in average rodeos and/or the Finals with a 30 second time limit. This applies to all age groups in Tie Down Roping with the exception of the TD 68+. Contestants in the 68+ would carry one loop (except in average rodeo and/or the Finals) and would have no time limit. (Refer 24.2.1)
  - 24.2.2 When two loops are permitted, it will be catch as catch can. Should the roper miss with both, he must retire and no time will be allowed. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from hand is not permitted. If the roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and must use the second rope for the second loop. Roper must notify field judge that he is carrying two loops before entering the box.
  - 24.2.3 The contestant must adjust the rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Rope must be run through a neck rope. The contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from

- outside. If the horse drags the calf excessively, the field judge may stop the horse. Excessive dragging is defined as 10 feet or more. Intentional dragging a calf regardless of distance calf is dragged shall result in a fine plus possible disqualification. Intentional shall be defined as anything deliberately caused by contestant. Unintentional dragging (MINOR) (\$25) Intentional dragging (MAJOR) (\$250)
- 24.2.4 Contestants may be fined and/or disqualified for the mistreatment of stock at any time, in or out of the arena. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 24.2.4.1 <u>Unnecessary roughness in flanking a calf shall be considered mistreatment of livestock.(MAJOR)</u> (\$250)

# 24.3.0 Cattle

- 24.3.1 Cattle. Native Angus and Herefords shall not weigh less than 180 pounds each and are not to exceed 230 pounds in weight.
- 24.3.2 Brahma and Brahma cross calves are not to weigh less than 180 pounds each and are not to exceed 230 pounds in weight. Brahma and Brahma cross calves shall not be mixed with Angus and Hereford cattle.
- 24.3.3 Dairy breeds are not to weigh less than 180 pounds each and are not to exceed 230 pounds in weight. Dairy breeds should not be mixed with beef unless all are of a uniform cross.
- 24.3.4 Fresh calves will be tied at least once under the supervision of the tie down roping director or his spokesman.
  - 24.3.4.1 When a fresh calf is missed during slack or perf, that calf shall be tied down before drawn again. It shall be the responsibility of the roper that missed the calf to tie it down or to have it tied down.
- 24.3.5 Any deviation from the above rules must be approved by the Tie Down Roping Director or stock contractor may be fined.
  - 24.3.5.1 First offense will be \$100. An additional \$100 fine per rodeo for each violation may be assessed.

#### 24.4.0 General

- 24.4.1 An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for tie down roping if possible. At indoor rodeos, length of score will be determined by arena conditions. The minimum length of the score is the length of the roping box minus four feet. The maximum length of the score when an automatic barrier is used will be 18 feet. All score lengths are subject to the approval of the Tie Down Roping Director or another director.
- 24.4.2 Refer Section 19, "Judging Timed Events", for additional information on barriers and score lines.
- 24.4.3 The animal belongs to the contestant when he calls for him regardless of what happens, except cases of mechanical failure.
- 24.4.4 The line judge in the tie down roping event must stand on the right side of the tie down roping box. This pertains to all rodeos that use an automatic barrier.
  - 24.4.4.1 If a hand pulled barrier is used, the decision of lining calves must still be made by the Tie Down Roping Director or a director assistant in that event.
- 24.4.5 The flagger should position himself on the left hand side of the arena and far enough down that he can maintain a clear view of the calf's legs as he moves up into position to flag the run.

#### **SECTION 25: DALLY TEAM ROPING RULES**

25.10 The Team Roping Event consists of three age categories: 40-50, 50-60, and 60+. Purse money at approved rodeos will be split equally among the three age groups. Points will be awarded to the top six contestants in each age category, and standings will be kept based on those points. Year-end awards will be given to the champions of each age category. The top 30 team ropers (combined headers and heelers) in each age

group will be eligible to enter the PSRA Finals, and awards will be given to the final's champions of each age group.

- 25.1.1 A contestant may drop to a lower age category if his partner is in the lower age group, but a contestant may not move up to an older age category. No team, if both are in the same age group, may compete in any category other than the one that their age specifies. If a contestant in a team event enters or competes with an ineligible partner, points will not count, and any money won must be repaid to the National Office. The team will be disqualified and the payoff refigured.
- 25.12 A contestant who becomes either 50 years of age or 60 years of age during the current year, must designate the age category he wishes to compete in, and must compete in that same age category for the entire year, except as in Rule 25.1.1. (Refer also Rule 2.1.1 through 2.1.3.2.)
- 25.13 Points won in more than one age category cannot be combined.
- 25.14 The heeler may tie hard and fast in the 50-60 age category and in the 60+ age category. A heeler 50 or over entered in the 40-50 age category may tie hard and fast.
- 25.15 Women heelers in all age groups may tie hard and fast.

#### 25.2.0 The Contest

- 25.2.1 Each contestant will be allowed to carry but one rope.
- 25.2.2 Each team is allowed two throws in all, and there shall be a 30 second time limit.
  - 25.2.2.1 A dropped rope or a rope that is recoiled is considered a thrown rope.
- 25.2.3 The team roper behind the barrier must throw the first loop at the head.
- 25.2.4 Time will be taken when the steer is roped, both horses facing the steer in line with ropes dallied and tight.
  - 25.2.4.1 The horses' front feet must be on the ground and the ropers must be mounted when time is taken.
  - 25.2.4.2 The steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
- 25.2.5 If, in the opinion of the field flagger, a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed direction of the steer, the team will be disqualified.
- 25.2.6 A broken rope or loss of rope will be considered a no time.
- 25.2.7 If the steer is roped by one horn, the roper is not allowed to ride up and put the rope over the other horn with his hand.
- 25.2.8 If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.

#### 25.3.0 Catches

- 25.3.1 Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.
- 25.3.2 Legal head catches
  - 25.3.2.1 Around both horns
  - 25.3.2.2 Half a head
  - 25.3.2.3 Around the neck
  - 25.3.2.4 Refer to diagram in Figure 4 for illustrations of legal head catches.
- 25.3.3 Illegal head catches
  - 25.3.3.1 A front foot in the head loop is a no time.
  - 25.3.3.2 The hondo over the horn is a no time.

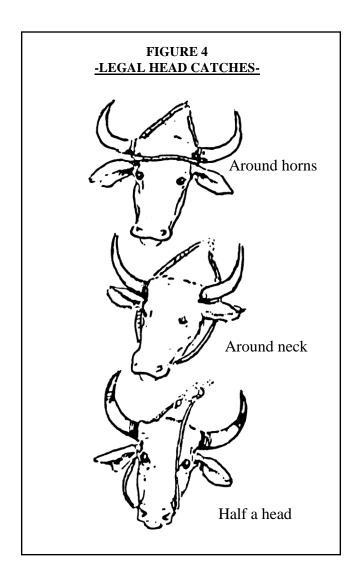
- 25.3.3.3 If the rope crosses itself in a head catch, it is illegal. (This does not include heel catches.)
- 25.3.3.4 A rope in the steer's mouth is a no time.
- 25.3.4 Heel catches
  - 25.3.4.1 One hind foot receives a five second penalty.
  - 25.3.4.2 Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if the rope goes up the heels.

#### 25.4.0 Cattle

25.4.1 The maximum weight for the animals is 700 pounds per head, unless otherwise approved by the event director or spokesman.

# 25.5.0 General

- 25.5.1 There will be a ten second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. (Refer Section 19, "Judging Timed Events", for additional information on barriers and score line's.)
- 25.5.2 The animal belongs to the contestant when he calls for him, except in cases of mechanical failure, the animal escaping the arena, and/or fouls.
- 25.5.3 The field flagger will place himself on the left-hand side of the roping box.



- 25.5.4 In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge will give the same steer back lap and tap, and a ten second penalty will be assessed for each loop already thrown.
- 25.5.5 The field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop. Once a team has been flagged out, they will receive no stock back.

# **SECTION 26: LADIES BARREL RACING RULES**

26.1.0 The Ladies Barrel Racing Event consists of three age categories: 40-50, 50-60, 60 and 68+. Purse money at approved rodeos will be split equally among the three age groups. Points will be awarded to the top six contestants in each age category, and standings will be kept based on those points. Year-end awards will be given to the champions of each age category. The top 30 in each age group will be eligible to enter the PSRA Finals, and awards will be given to the final's champions of each age group.

# 26.2.0 The Contest

- 26.2.1 Three 55-gallon steel drums with both ends enclosed must be used. No rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads are to be used.
- 26.2.2 Barrels should be set directly on top of the markers.
  - 26221 The flag judge is responsible for seeing that all barrels are placed correctly and that the pattern remains the same for the entire contest.
- 26.2.3 The contestant will make a cloverleaf pattern around the three barrels, making one right and two left or one left and two right turns.
  - 2623.1 The flag judge will disqualify a contestant for not following the correct pattern.
  - 26232 Contestant shall also be disqualified for turning a barrel twice or making more than the three turns of the cloverleaf pattern or crossing the finish line prior to completion of the run.
- 26.2.4 Contestants will be allowed to run in and out of the arena if the local committee, the barrel racing director, and the arena director agree that it is safe for the contestants or the spectators.
  - 2624.1 If conditions are found to be unsafe for contestants to run out, the exit gate will be closed after the start of each run and remain closed until after the finish of each contestant's run.
- 26.2.5 The flag judge will flag from a position directly behind the electric eye and must keep a record of all penalties.
- 26.2.6 The flag judge will flag when the horse's nose reaches the starting line and flag again when the horse's nose reaches the finish line.
  - 262.6.1 Any time the contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
- 26.2.7 A five second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over.
  - 262.7.1 Touching the barrel is permitted.
  - 262.72 If the barrel is knocked completely over and resets itself upright, a five second penalty will be assessed.

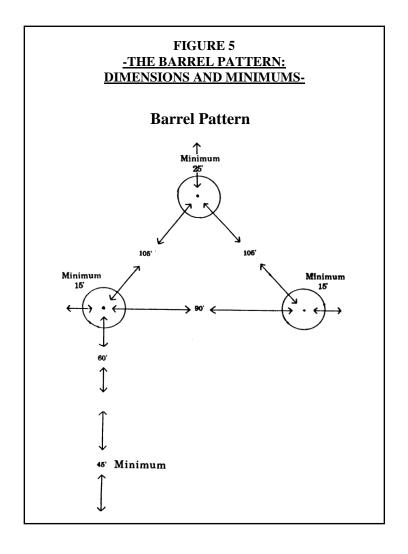
# 26.3.0 The Barrel Pattern: Dimensions and Minimums

- 26.3.1 A standard course should be used whenever possible. Standard measurements and minimum distances for a standard pattern are:
  - 26.3.1.1 Ninety (90) feet between barrels 1 and 2
  - 26.3.1.2 One hundred five (105) feet between barrels 1 and 3 and between 2 and 3.
  - 26.3.1.3 Sixty (60) feet from barrels 1 and 2 to score line.

- 26.3.1.4 Forty-five (45) feet MINIMUM from score line to end of arena.
- 26.3.1.5 In small arenas, barrels 1 and 2 may be no closer than 15 feet from each side of the arena.
- 26.3.1.6 In narrow arenas, barrel 3 should be set at least 15 feet longer than the distance between the first and second barrel.
- 26.3.1.7 In small arenas, barrel 3 should be no closer than 25 feet from the back end of the arena.
- 26.3.1.8 In small arenas, the barrel pattern should be reduced proportionately to the standard pattern. (See diagram in Figure 5.)

# 26.4.0 Marking the Pattern

- 26.4.1 The judges for the rodeo will be responsible for measuring and marking the barrel pattern to fit the arena. The judges may appoint barrel racers to assist or fulfill the task of measuring and marking of the barrel pattern.
- 26.4.2 The positions for the barrels, the start and finish line, and the positions for the eyes must be measured and marked permanently for the entire rodeo.
  - 26.4.2.1 Copies of the measurements must be written and recorded with the rodeo secretary and the rodeo judge. (Persons responsible for marking the barrel pattern are to sign the copies.)
  - 26.4.2.2 A copy of the measurements will be posted by the barrel race draw.



- 26.4.3 Barrels shall be marked using a 100-foot measuring tape with a five-foot extension.
- 26.4.4 To insure an accurate measure to barrel 3 from barrels 1 and 2, an arc must be made from barrel 1 and barrel 2 to barrel 3. The point where the arc crosses is where the third barrel must be placed.
- 26.4.5 The score line must be accurately measured back from BOTH barrels 1 and 2.
- 26.4.6 The distance from the third barrel to the back end of the arena and the distance from the score line to the opposite end of the arena should be measured to assure that the pattern meets minimum requirements.
- 26.4.7 Once all distances have been measured, permanent markers should be buried for the 3 barrels, the score line, and the eyes.
  - 26.4.7.1 Flags or bright paint should be put on the fences or posts in direct line with the score line.

# 26.5.0 Reruns

- 26.5.1 If for any reason the barrels are not placed on the permanent markers or the flagman was not in the correct place, all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be rerun with no penalties assessed.
- 26.5.2 Judges must make the decision that the barrels were not on the markers. Should this happen, contestants and the barrel racing director or her spokesperson will set the time for the reruns.
- 26.5.3 No reruns will be given if a horse falls while running the pattern.
- 26.5.4 No reruns will be given for equipment failure.
- 26.5.5 If for some reason a rerun is given, the judge must make the decision.
  - 26.5.5.1 The rerun will be made after conferring with the contestant and the barrel racing director, but must be made no later than the end of the performance or slack in which the contestant was running.
  - 26.5.5.2 A contestant cannot be held until a later performance.

#### 26.6.0 Ground Preparation

- 26.6.1 The ground will be worked to maintain a fair advantage for each barrel racer whether in slack or during a performance.
- 26.6.2 Ground around the barrels must be raked after not more than eight (8) total contestants have run. (Disregarding age groups.)
  - 26.6.2.1 Turn outs and releases are to be counted as if they were an actual run.
  - 26.6.2.2 If more than eight contestants are scheduled during a perf, ground should be raked halfway through the total number in the perf, not to exceed eight. (If perfs have different numbers of contestants, the number which is half of the largest perf, not to exceed eight, should be used to set the rakes.)
  - 26.6.2.3 The above number must then be used for rakes during slack.
  - 26.6.2.4 In order to avoid multiple rakes during a performance, it is recommended that no more than 16 total barrel racers be drawn up in any performance.
  - 26.6.2.5 In cases of ground extremes, the maximum of eight (8) may be adjusted by the barrel racing director or spokesperson and the judges.
- 26.6.3 In slack, ground around the barrels must be worked with a tractor, if one is available, immediately before the barrel race and after the number of contestants as determined in Rule 26.6.2.2 above have competed.
- 26.6.4 The barrel racing director or her spokesperson will cooperate with the judge and the arena director to see that raking around the barrels does not interfere with the flow of the rodeo performance.
- 26.6.5 Stock must not be fed or watered within twenty-five (25) feet of the permanent barrel markers.

#### 26.7.0 Electric Timer

26.7.1 An electric timer is the necessary timer and must be used at all PSRA approved rodeos.

- 26.7.1.1 The Association will loan an electric eye to any rodeo committee needing one; however, a committee may use their own electric eye, recruit the donation of one, or hire the use of a local eye.
- 26.7.2 Electric timers must be backed up by a flagger and two hand watches.
  - 26.7.2.1 The two hand watch times should be averaged and recorded in tenths.
  - 26.7.2.2 Backup times must be written down on official time sheets along with electric eye times.
- 26.7.3 Electric eye times should be recorded in hundredths, and the payoff should be determined by hundredths.
- 26.7.4 If the electric eye fails, two hand watches should be averaged and recorded in tenths. In this event, the payoff would be determined by tenths.
- 26.7.5 If the electric timer fails on less than 50% of the total number of contestants competing, back-up times in tenths will be used for those contestants whose times were missed.
- 26.7.6 If the electric timer fails on 50% or more than the total number of contestants competing, hand times in tenths for all contestants must be used to determine the payoff.
- 26.7.7 If the electric timer fails to work, even during the first performance, every attempt should be made to use the timer for the remaining performances unless more than 50% of the total contestants have already received a hand time.

#### 26.8.0 Vet Releases

- 26.8.1 Vet releases are no longer honored. Instead contestant will be allowed four releases as specified in Section 13.
- 26.8.2 A contestant may not use a release by go rounds only, nor may a contestant be held back on a release.
- 26.8.3 A visible injury release may be granted by the judge at any given rodeo as specified in Section 13.
  - 26.8.3.1 The visible injury release must be submitted on the proper form to the rodeo secretary before the payoff is figured.

# 26.9.0 <u>General</u>

# 26.9.1 DRESS CODE (MINOR) (\$25)

- 26.9.1.1 Contestant must wear a long sleeved shirt, a western hat and boots while mounted in the arena during any paid performance or slack whether competing or not.
- 26.9.12 Women barrel workers may set timers, barrels, etc. using the same dress code as ribbon runners (ref.
- 3.2.3.3.2). Exception to this rule is at the Finals, when a western hat is required.
- 269.13 Contestant may be fined or disqualified for not dressing according to the PSRA dress code.
- 26.9.2 Practice runs after the barrel pattern is permanently set and recorded must be at least 15 feet from the official rodeo pattern. (MINOR) (\$25) Thus, no exhibition runs may be permitted during any performance or slack. (MINOR) (\$25)
- 26.9.3 A contestant may be fined or disqualified for not being ready to compete when her name is called.
- 26.9.4 The barrel racing director will appoint an awards committee for special year end awards.
- 26.9.5 The barrel racing director may appoint circuit directors from each circuit to facilitate the running of the Ladies Barrel Race in collaboration with the judges at each rodeo in their respective circuits.

# **SECTION 27: RIBBON ROPING**

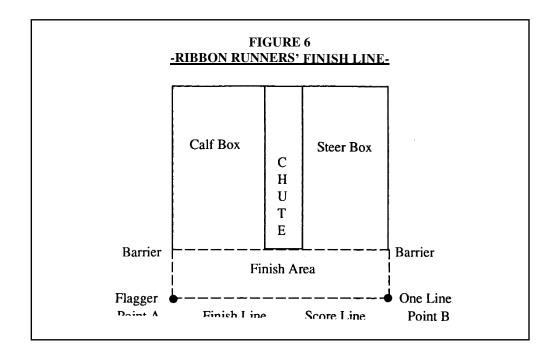
27.1.0 Ribbon Roping is a sanctioned event for both ropers and runners; The Ribbon Roping Event consists of three age categories: 40-50, 50-60, and 60+. Prize money at approved rodeos will be split equally among the three age groups. Points will be awarded to the top six contestants in each age category, and standings will be

kept based on those points. The top 30 in each age group will be eligible to enter the PSRA Finals, and awards will be given to the final's champions of each age group.

- 27.1.1 Points won in more than one age category cannot be accumulated. A team will compete in the respective age category of the youngest member of the team. No team may move to a lower age group if both members are in the same age group. If a contestant in a team event enters or competes with an ineligible partner, points will not count, and money won must be repaid to the National Office. The team will be disqualified, and the payoff refigured.
- 27.1.2 A contestant may drop to a lower age category if his/her partner is in the lower age group, but a contestant may not move up to an older age category. No team, if both are of the same age group, may compete in any category other than the one that their age specifies.
  - 27.1.2.1 If a contestant in a team event enters or competes with an ineligible partner, points will not count, and any money won must be repaid to the National Office. The team will be disqualified, and the payoff refigured.
- 27.1.3 A runner who becomes either 50 or 60 years of age during the current year, may choose the age category she wishes to compete in, but must compete in that same age category for the entire year in all events entered, except as in #27.1.2. (Refer also Rule 2.1.3.1.)
- 27.1.4 Both ropers and runners may compete only once at each rodeo.

# 27.2.0 The Contest

- 27.2.1 Ribbon Roping is a team event composed of a man roper and lady runner. The rope must be tied hard and fast. The roper must rope the calf, dismount, and touch the calf before the runner may remove the ribbon from the calf's tail. The runner must run across the designated finish line to end the run. (See Figure 6)
- 27.2.2 The roper must rope the calf and the rope must stay on the calf until the roper gets his hand on the calf. Ribbon roper has 30 seconds to catch and touch the calf.
  - 27.2.2.1 Roper is allowed only one loop during a regular season rodeo. Roper may use two (2) loops in a rodeo with an average and/or at the finals. It will be catch as catch can, and should the roper miss with one or both loops as allowed, he must retire and no time will be received by the team.



- 27.2.2.1.1 If the roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and must use the second rope for the second loop. Roper must notify field judge that he is carrying two loops before entering the box.
- 27.2.2.2 Roping the calf without releasing the loop from hand is not permitted.
- **27.2.3** The roper must have <u>contact with (touch)</u> the calf before the runner can have any contact with the calf or attempt to remove the ribbon from the calf. <u>If calf has contact with the runner before roper touches calf, team will be disqualified.</u>
- 27.2.4 The calf will come from the tie down roping box with the score set according to the arena conditions. (Refer to 19.2.0 for rules governing barriers and score lines.)
  - 27.2.4.1 If a calf does not cross the score line and the field judge determine that the runner turned the calf back, there will be no rerun given. (See Rule 19.3.9 for barrier penalty determination if a rerun is given.)
- 27.2.5 A judge on horseback should be positioned far enough down the arena to see clearly that the roper makes first contact with the calf.
  - 27.2.5.1 Although not flagging the end of the run, the field judge should have flag in hand in order to flag out any team violating this rule.
- 27.2.6 The judge on the line will be the flagman. The flagman will stand on the score line and will flag the runner on her return. The runner will end her run by crossing the finish line in front of judge with RIBBON in hand. Runner must cross score line between points A and B as illustrated in Figure 6. The post person or designated liner cannot be repositioned or removed from the post position during ribbon roping.
  - 27.2.6.1 Runner must offer ribbon to the line judge immediately after crossing the finish line.
- 27.2.7 If the ribbon is removed within the "finish area", the runner will cross the finish from that direction, with ribbon in hand.
- 27.2.8 It is the responsibility of the line judge to check that the properly drawn calf is in the chute with a ribbon attached to the top of calf's tail.
- 27.2.9 If the ribbon comes off before the runner touches the animal, or the rope causes the ribbon to come off, a rerun will be given if the roper ropes the calf.
  - 27.2.9.1 If the roper broke the barrier on the first run, the 10 second penalty will be carried over and added to the time posted on the second run.
- 27.2.10 All waiting ropers and runners must stay behind the score line.
  - 27.2.10.1 Only the ribbon runner can assist the roper in hazing the ribbon calf.
- 27.2.11 The roper must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Rope must be run through a neck rope. The contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If the horse drags the calf excessively, the field judge may stop horse. Excessive dragging is defined as 10 feet or more. Intentional dragging a calf regardless of distance calf is dragged shall result in a fine plus possible disqualification. Intentional shall be defined as anything caused by contestant. Unintentional dragging (MINOR) (\$25) Intentional dragging (MAJOR) (\$250)
- 27.2.12 Contestants may be fined and/or disqualified for the mistreatment of stock at any time, in or out of the arena. (MAJOR) (\$250)
  - 27.2.12.1 <u>Unnecessary roughness in flanking a calf shall be considered mistreatment of livestock. (MAJOR)</u> (\$250)

#### 27.3.0 Cattle

27.3.1 Native Angus and Herefords shall not weigh less than 180 pounds each and are not to exceed 230 pounds in weight.

- 27.3.2 Brahma and Brahma cross calves are not to weigh less than 180 pounds each and are not to exceed 230 pounds in weight. Brahma and Brahma cross calves shall not be mixed with Angus and Hereford cattle.
- 27.3.3 Dairy breeds are not to weigh less than 180 pounds each and are not to exceed 230 pounds in weight. Dairy breeds should not be mixed with beef unless all are of a uniform cross. (rev. 2012)
- 27.3.4 No bob tailed calves are to be used in ribbon roping.
- 27.3.5 Any deviation from the above rules must be approved by the Ribbon Roping Director or fines will be assessed.
  - 27.3.5.1 First offense will be \$100. An additional \$100 fine per rodeo per violation may be assessed.

#### 27.4.0 Ribbons

- 27.4.1 The ribbon should be brightly colored standard surveyor tape and is to measure no less than one (1) inch wide by fourteen (14) inches in length.
- 27.4.2 A standard #16 size rubber band should be used to attach the ribbon to the calf's tail.
- 27.4.3 The combined ribbon and rubber band shall be placed at the highest point of calf's tail head.

#### 27.5.0 Dress Code (MINOR) (\$25)

- 27.5.1 Contestant must wear a long sleeved shirt and some type of footwear while in the arena during any paid performance and slack, whether competing or not.
  - 27.5.1.1 If headgear is worn by runners while competing in the ribbon roping event, only western hats may be worn.

# 27.6.0 Ground Preparation

27.6.1 At the ribbon roping director's (or his/her designee's) discretion, the arena shall be dragged to smooth the ground prior to the ribbon roping event. The area to be smoothed shall be at least as wide as the finish area (as shown in Figure 6) and to a length down the arena as agreed upon by the ribbon roping director and the committee. The width of the drag should extend ten (10) feet beyond the finish area on one or both sides if the width of the arena allows for such.

# SECTION 28: <u>LADIES AND MEN'S</u> <u>BREAKAWAY ROPING</u>

- 28.1 Ladies Breakaway roping is all one group, regardless of age. The Men's Breakaway age group is 65+. Prize Money at approved rodeos will not be split into age groups. A minimum of \$50 will be added to the Ladies Breakaway and \$50 will be added to the Men's Breakaway.
- 28.2 Points won in the Ladies Breakaway roping will count towards each individuals ropers age category for her all around (i.e., if a 40's roper wins first, 60 points plus bonus points will go towards her all around; if a 50's roper wins second, 50 points plus bonus points will go to her all around; and if a 60's roper wins third, 40 points, plus bonus points will go towards her all around, or any combination thereof).
  - 28.2.1 Points won in the Men's Breakaway will count toward the 60 Men's All-Around points.
- 28.3 The rope will be tied to the saddle horn by a string provided by the director or his/her stand in. Nylon string will be used. The rope will be tied snug up against the horn.
- 28.4 The string shall be attached to the rope at the end of the rope. The barrier judge may request the rope be retied before permitting contestant to compete.

- 28.5 A large material flag that is visible to the barrier and flag judges must be attached to the end of the rope breaking away from the saddle horn.
- 28.6 A legal catch occurs when the loop passes over the calf's head and pulls tight anywhere behind the ears on the body of the calf. The calf must break the rope away from the horn. Roper breaking the string from the horn is grounds for disqualification.
- 28.7 Time is taken when the flag leaves the saddle horn as the string breaks. The flagman should be positioned down the arena from the timed event chute on the side of the roper from which the rope is fed (ropers right) so the flag is clearly visible when the rope breaks away. If the judge and the director feels this position needs to be changed. (i.e., there is not enough room for the judge to stand on the right side of the roper, without causing the calf to go left, then the judge can stand down the arena on the left of the roper), they can change the position.
- 28.8 The catch pen gate will remain closed. There will be a 30 second time limit.
- 28.9 The stock should not have horns longer than 3 inches. The stock should be as even as possible.
- 28.10 Other rules that are not covered here, but are relevant to the PSRA Men's Tie Down Roping will apply to the Men's and Ladies Breakaway Roping.
- 28.11 Any rule not covered in the PSRA rule Book, shall refer to the official rule book of the PRCA or WPRA.

#### **End of Rules**

# **NOTES**