

# **National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association**

## **Lone Star Region Rule Book**

**2025-2026**

# **Constitution**

## **Article 1**

### **Regional Governing Board**

#### **A. Composition**

- 1. The regional governing board (RGB) shall consist of:**
  - a. Regional Student Director**
  - b. Regional Faculty Director**
  - c. Faculty advisor/coach of each member college/university within the region.**
  - d. Two student representatives, one male and one female, from each member college/university within the region; and**
  - e. Elected event directors.**

#### **B. Powers and Jurisdiction**

- 1. The regional governing board shall have the supervision over the business and affairs of the region in compliance with the Constitution and by-laws of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).**
- 2. The regional governing board may bring matters of controversial nature before the NIRA National Executive Committee through elected or appointed representatives.**

#### **C. Votes**

- 1. Each member college/university shall have two votes, one to be cast by the faculty advisor/coach and one vote to be cast by the two student representatives from each member college/university.**
- 2. The Regional Faculty Director will vote only as a faculty advisor/coach.**
- 3. The Regional Student Director will vote only when serving as one of the student representatives from a member college/ university.**
- 4. Regional Event Directors will have voting power within the region.**

#### **D. Election Process**

- 1. In the election process, students should vote for student directors and faculty shall vote for faculty directors.**

#### **E. Quorum**

1. A quorum of the regional governing board shall be fifty-one percent of the NIRA member schools within the region
2. A quorum must be present in order to conduct official regional business.

#### **F. Appointments**

1. Member institutions must submit RGB representative names at the beginning of each fall semester a minimum of seven days prior to the entry deadline of the first scheduled rodeo within a region. A roster indication the RGB membership will be compiled and made public.

### **Article II**

#### **Rule/Policy Changes**

##### **A. Submission**

1. Any proposed rule/policy must be submitted to the RGB by April 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for implementation the following school year.

##### **B. Process**

1. The regional governing board shall meet at one of the Spring rodeos after April 1st to act on the rule/policy changes.
2. Any rule/policy addition, deletion or change requires a two-thirds vote of the votes present.

## **Bylaws**

### **Section 1**

#### **Sanctioning/Sponsoring a Rodeo**

##### **A. Deadlines for submission of rodeo dates by regional rodeos is as follows:**

1. All Fall rodeo dates will be set at the first Spring rodeo.
2. All Spring rodeo dates will be set at the first Fall rodeo.

- B. Each member school must sponsor or co-sponsor a rodeo each year.**
- C. Any school sponsoring (not co-sponsoring) an NIRA rodeo for more than five years shall have first rights to the dates on which the rodeo has been produced in previous years. All sponsoring schools will be grandfathered in on the passage of this rule.**
- D. No rodeo can be scheduled on a college/university's semester finals without the permission from that college/university.**
- E. All events must be offered more than 1 day. (exceptions made for two-day rodeos.)**
- F. No Performance or slack may start before 5PM on Thursday.**
- G. There will be NO Sunday Rodeo Performances.**
- H. All rodeos with more than 450 contestants will have 3 judges.**

## **Section 2**

### **Ground Money**

- A. No ground money will be paid at a regional rodeo.**

## **Section 3**

### **Entry Fee**

- A. Entry fee schedule will be \$100 per event regardless of the number of go rounds.**

## **Section 4**

### **Office Charge**

- A. A \$50 office charge per contestant for each rodeo will be assessed.**
  - 1. The sponsoring school will receive \$38 per office charge.**
  - 2. The Regional Secretary will receive \$7 per office charge.**
  - 3. The Awards & Computer fund account will receive \$4 per office charge.**
  - 4. The Faculty Director will receive \$1 per office charge. Faculty Director will pay Student Director out of this \$1 office charge.**

## **Section 5**

### **Failure to pay fees and/or fines.**

- A. Contestants will be placed on the regional infraction list and not allowed to compete until all of their entry fees and fines have been paid. Infractions acquired during a rodeo will be carried over and paid at the next rodeo. (added in 2013-2014.)**

- B. Contestants who fail to meet a financial obligation of the region will be automatically drawn out of the following rodeo by their rodeo coach/advisor.**
- C. In the event that a student athlete fails to meet any financial obligation for entry fees for a regional rodeo, it shall be the responsibility for the member institution for which that student competes.**

## **Section 6**

### **Question of Judges Ruling**

- A. The Regional Event Directors shall have the authority to question a judge's ruling on behalf of a contestant immediately following the event in question.**

## **Section 7**

### **Short Go-Round Clarifications**

- A. Stock selection. Regional Event Directors and stock contractors shall select the stock for the short go-rounds.**
- B. Contestant selection. The top ten contestants from the long go-round will advance to a short go-round performance.**
  - 1. Rough stock events. In case of a tie for the tenth-place position, no more than twelve individuals will compete in the short go-round performance.**
  - 2. Timed events. In case of a tie for the tenth-place position, all individuals will compete in the short go-round performance.**

## **Section 8**

### **Doctor's Release**

- A. Only one doctor's release per semester can be used. This would be at the discretion of the Regional Student Director, Regional Faculty Director, and Event Director of the events involved.**
- B. A contestant who has doctor released shall not be eligible to participate or compete in that event in another rodeo for five days after the performance the release was submitted for. (Amended June 2001 by NIRA Board of Directors)**

## **Section 9**

### **Regional Student Director Stipend**

- A. The region will pay \$105, per rodeo, to the Regional Student Director to defray expenses to each of the regional rodeos he/she attends. This will be paid out of the \$1 office charge paid to the Faculty Director.**

## **Section 10**

### **Definition of Assistant or Helper**

- A. Only contestants entered in the rodeo may assist contestants during their events. This includes pushing timed event cattle, pulling bull ropes, bareback riggings, and saddle bronc saddles.**
- B. Coaches will be allowed to pull bull ropes, bareback riggings, and saddle bronc saddles, and assist in the roping box, but should not be allowed to push timed event cattle.**

## **Section 11**

### **Time Keepers**

- A. A school sponsoring a rodeo shall furnish two qualified timekeepers for the rodeo.**
- B. One timekeeper shall record times and furnish them to the Regional Secretary.**

## **Section 12**

### **Event Directors**

- A. Elections. Event directors shall be elected at one of the Spring rodeos of the year to serve the upcoming year.**
- B. Eligibility to serve. Anyone running for an event directorship shall have a minimum of one year of eligibility remaining.**
  - 1. Students who run out of eligibility during the election year will not have a vote.**
  - 2. An election will be held at the first rodeo of the fall to fill any vacancies created by an elected director failing to return to school or being unable to serve because of eligibility.**

3. In such cases, a director will be appointed by the Regional Faculty Director and Regional Student Director to serve at the first rodeo.
4. When elected students will have their entry fees paid in the event, they are the director of. \$100 only! Event directors must pay office charge.

### **Section 13**

#### **Timed Events**

- A. **Breakaway Roping.** The string used for the breakaway roping will be provided by the region and issued to the contestants at each rodeo by the Breakaway Roping Event Director. A flag must be tied at the end of the rope.
- B. **Stock Utilization.** No stock will be competed on more than three times in a day.
- C. **Identification of Cattle.** All timed event cattle must be ear tagged or fire branded. If you use sale barn tags for identification of cattle they must match the ear tags numbers.
- D. **Hazing of Stock.** Hazing of stock during any timed event will result in a \$50 fine.
- E. **Circling of Horses.** When contestants are required to enter from the front of the box no circling of horses will be allowed. Contestants must ride straight into the box. No one will be allowed to run their horse down the arena to warm them up (Exception: arenas when contestants enter from the far end and must ride the length of the arena to roping box) Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$25 fine.
- F. **Thrown Loops by Heeler in Team Roping.** A heeler is not allowed to throw his/her loop after the header has missed the steer, except in the case of a short go round where the team is switching ends in the middle of a run and three loops are allowed. A \$25 fine will be imposed for each extra loop thrown.
- G. **Barrel Racing Ground Preparation.** The drag will be after ten contestants, unless otherwise approved in the ground rules with consultation of the Region Barrel Racing Event Director. When there is thirty or more consecutive barrel racing runs scheduled for competition

in a given performance or slack, the barrel racing drag for the entire rodeo will be after five paid runs.

- H. Competitors in timed events may not run an animal, i.e., such as an extra, before they have completed their run in the long round. Contestants who do so will be disqualified from the rodeo in question.

#### **Section 14**

##### **Travel Team Designation**

- A. The Rodeo Coach/Advisor from each member institution shall submit to the Regional Secretary his/her traveling team designations a minimum of 48 hours prior to the first scheduled contesting time of said rodeo. Once a travel team designation has been made, that team will be the schools designated team until a change is made. If no team is chosen, then it will be the team that was chosen the week before. Changes must be made before the rough stock draw for the rodeo in question.

#### **Section 15**

##### **Grand Entry**

- A. No riding double in the grand entry. No leading of another horse in the grand entry. A \$25 fine will be assessed on a contestant for violation of a rule listed in this section.

#### **Section 16**

##### **Trades**

- A. All parties involved in a trade must be notified and approve of said trade by the person making the trade. Only contestants may administer a trade. Coaches/Advisors cannot administer a trade. Violation of trade policies will result in a \$150 fine assessed to each student involved in a trade infraction.
- B. Trades are charged \$25 for the student that calls/texts in the trade. Trade fees will be posted and must be paid at the rodeo that the trade was issued at. Trade money will be used to pay for the third judge for each rodeo.



**Section 17**  
**Rough Stock Events**

- A. No rough stock events will have scheduled competition in the long go round on the day of the scheduled short go-round performance at any regional rodeo.**

**Section 18**  
**Visible Injury**

- A. A contestant may get a judge at a rodeo to provide him/her with a visible injury release, but the contestant's entry fees must still be paid. No turn out fine will apply with a three-hour notification.**

**Section 19**  
**Region Infraction System**

- A. Anytime an infraction is levied, an infraction form must be completed detailing the nature and reason of the infraction, dated, and signed by the person administering the infraction. Contestant will be presented infraction form before infraction is to be paid (exception: turn outs, late entry fees).**

**Section 20**  
**Stock**

- A. Schools are allowed to use their own stock at their rodeos.**

## **Infraction Chart**

**Animal Abuse**

**Any activity deemed as abusive to an animal in or out of the rodeo arena.  
\$250 progressive infraction and disqualification (NIRA)**

**Bareback Riding**

**Hanging up in the bareback riding or failing to remove hand in a timely manner. \$100 infraction (NIRA)**

**Barrel Racing**

**Circling of Horse. Disqualification (NIRA). \$25 Infraction (SW Region)**

**There will not be a fine for a Veterinarian/Doctor Release.**

**Unnecessary roughness to horse during competition. \$100 infraction (NIRA)**

**Running out of competition order. \$125 infraction (NIRA)(change fine)**

**Working horse on markers. \$125 infraction (NIRA)**

**Failure to remove barrels (during practice, if allowed) \$25 infraction (NIRA)**

**Lost hat during competition. \$10 (NIRA)**

#### **Tie Down Roping**

**Unintentional dragging of calf. \$25 progressive infraction (NIRA)**

**Intentional dragging of calf. \$125 progressive infraction (NIRA)**

#### **Dress Code**

**Failure to wear school vest. Includes competing, pushing of timed event cattle, hazing in the steer wrestling, pulling of bull ropes, assisting bareback and saddle bronc riders. \$25 infraction (NIRA)**

**Improper identification on vest. School must appear on the front and back of all vests used. \$25 infraction (NIRA)**

**Use of tape on vest for lettering. \$25 infraction (NIRA)**

**Advertising on person, tack, horse, or clothing in the rodeo arena for any sponsor other than current NIRA national sponsor or those approved by the NIRA National Office through the NIRA Sponsorship Patch Program. \$50 infraction (NIRA)**

**Failure to be in western attire as described by the NIRA rule book while in the arena, chutes, boxes, or assisting another contestant. \$10 infraction (SW Region)**

#### **Entry Fees**

**Competing prior to paying fees. \$25 infraction (NIRA)**

#### **Goat Tying**

**Circling of horse. \$25 infraction (NIRA)**

#### **Grand Entry**

**Riding double or leading another horse. \$25 infraction (SW Region)**

**Hazing of Stock**

Pertains to any NIRA event. \$50 infraction (SW Region)

**Rattling of Chutes**

Rattling of chute or chute gates. \$25 infraction assessed to the contestant and helper (NIRA)

**Riding Events**

**Unsatisfactory Animals.** An event Director may declare particular animals, unsatisfactory. Upon notification, either written or verbal (verbal notification supported with documentation), stock contractor shall eliminate such animal from competition draw. Continued use of said animals after notification will result in: First offense \$1,000 fine for each animal used: Second offense \$2,000: Third offense-loss of NIRA card and suspension from the NIRA for three years.

**Holding on to the chute gate in any riding event.** \$50 progressive infraction (NIRA)

**Spurs/rowels.** Riding with locked or no-blunted spurs or rowels. \$50 infraction (NIRA)

**Team Roping**

Extra loop thrown in team roping. \$25 infraction (SW Region)

**Timed Event Animals**

Mistreatment of timed event animals. \$100 infraction (NIRA)

**Trades**

Trade infraction with fine applicable to all parties involved in the trade. \$150 infraction (SW Region)

**Turn Outs**

Non-notified in a performance. \$25 infraction (SW Region)

Notified in a performance. \$10 infraction (SW Region)

Non-notified in a slack. \$10 infraction (SW Region)

Notified in a slack. No infraction.

**Interfering**

Authority to have interfering individual removed and fined. A judge shall have the authority to request that any person be removed from that arena if that person, in the judge's opinion, is interfering with the contest event. (i.e.

**Celebratory hat throwing by others or excessive lining in the timed events)  
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