



**KANSAS PROFESSIONAL  
RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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KPRA By-Laws  
&  
Official Rule Book

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## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

1. The name of this association is Kansas Professional Rodeo Association of which this membership is made up of contestants, cowboys, cowgirls, stock contractors, contract performers and committees but for all practical purposes shall be known as KRPA.
2. The purpose of the KPRA shall be to promote rodeos as a sport and profession, striving at all times to ensure honesty and fairness to both the contestants and the producers; to create an amicable relationship among stock contractors, rodeo committees and contestants; to inspect approve and help advertise rodeos being sponsored in accordance with the KPRA standards.

- a. To encourage rodeos to comply with standards necessary to obtain approval by this association.
- b. To hold and sponsor contests and championships among members; to hold a year-end rodeo and awards presentation if financially able.
- c. To promote the welfare of all animals, its members and to increase the number of members and rodeos.
- d. To aid, assist, and coordinate the activities of the members within the association as the governing body thereof and to prescribe rules and regulations to promote the efficiency and uniformity thereof.
- e. To act as agent or representative of any member or members in any of the above mentioned activities.
- f. To publicize, periodically or otherwise, the activities of the association and of its members and of events of interest to its members.

- 3. This association shall not be held liable for the contracts, faults, neglects, debts or injuries of any member.
- 4. This association and its activities shall be maintained, kept and operated through the payment of membership fees and annual dues; income from its activities and such other method as may be provided by the by-laws.
- 5. Active membership in this association will not be limited to residents of the State of Kansas but may be further limited as provided in the by-laws of this association, which by-laws shall

be set by this association, which by-laws shall set forth the qualifications of members' membership fees and annual dues and may further provide for suspension or revocation of membership.

6. Members may be active or "associate", as provided in the by-laws, but each active member of this association shall be entitled to and limited to one vote in the conduct of the affairs of the association.

7. The official rules of the KPRA, as published by this association, shall be and shall constitute and by this reference are hereby incorporated in their entirety.

8. The rules & regulations may be repealed, altered or amended by a vote of 51% of the directors then in office at a meeting called by the president for that purpose or at a regularly scheduled meeting. A board member unable to attend a meeting may vote by giving his or her signed proxy to another member. Said proxy will need to be presented at the board meeting, delivered to the secretary and made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

## **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF KPRA**

1. There will be a General Meeting held at the KPRA Finals to address officers and directors for the upcoming year.

2. Any board resignations will be submitted to the president and passed on by the Board of Directors. All board replacements will be voted on by the Board of Directors. Final action will be taken by the vote of the directors. Such election will be for the unexpired term.
3. Directors and alternates missing at least two (2) scheduled meetings without notification will be acted upon by the Board of Directors. Directors and alternates satisfactorily fulfilling their duties by attending half of the board meetings and obtaining the required money for their event for the Finals will receive the following year's membership free of charge.
4. New officers and directors will take office at the completion of the Finals.
5. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Board of Directors, one director and one alternate, for each of the following categories: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Ranch Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Dally Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Ladies Breakaway Roping, 40/40 Mixed Team Roping, Stock Contractor Representative, Judges Representative, and Rodeo Committee Representative, and an optional Member at Large. Only the event directors, alternate directors, Stock Contractor Representatives, Judges Representatives, Rodeo Committee Representative, Member at Large and Vice-President will have voting privileges. The President will vote only in the case of a tie.

6. Event directors will be elected for a two-year term; after serving one year as an alternate and a director position is empty, that alternate will move up into the director position and the person with the highest votes will move into the alternate position. If there are 2 open director positions, the highest vote will move into the director's position and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest vote will move into the alternate position. Nominations and voting for President and Vice President will take place at the General Membership meeting at the KPRA Finals. They will take office at the completion of the Finals. The Secretary/Treasurer will be hired by the current Board of Directors for a one-year term, with subsequent years to follow with board approval and review. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain the financial business of the association and report to the Board of Directors on the financial condition of the KPRA at regular intervals. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer shall have check signing privileges. The Secretary/Treasurer's salary will be set by the Board of Directors.

- a. All entries for KPRA first approved rodeos must be taken through the KPRA Central Entry Office. The Secretary/Treasurer and Central Entry Office positions can be held by one person or split between two people. The salary will be set by the Board of Directors. This position, or positions, will be for a one-year term, with subsequent years to follow as approved by the board, and will be hired by the Board of Directors.
- b. When one is voted in as a director, said person will receive a non-contestant KPRA membership en gratis.

7. KPRA officers, directors, and members are responsible for donations for all awards for their event. If saddle and/or buckle sponsor money is not received 5 days prior to Finals entry date, it will be deducted from the added money of that event for the Finals. Any money received after that time will be held in the Finals Fund, for that event, for the following year.
8. An executive committee will be nominated and voted on by the full board of directors attending the annual rule proposal meeting. The purpose of the committee will be to govern the association and to make governance decisions not addressed in the rule book. The committee will consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, and ***any members of the Board of Directors that commit to actively participating in a majority of the scheduled meetings.*** The Secretary will be a non-voting member of the Board. The President will only vote to break a tie. This committee will have set dates to meet throughout the year, ***and all members of the Board of Directors not on the committee will be invited to attend without voting privileges.***

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, DUES, AND RULES**

1. Memberships shall be open to all reliable persons interested in rodeo, regardless of race, color or creed, age or sex.
2. Contesting members of the KPRA need not be residents of the State of Kansas. Contesting nonresidents will have the same privileges as a resident. All contract personnel such as stock contractors, announcers, secretaries, timers, pick-up men, judges,

bull fighters and clowns must be KPRA Contesting or Non-Contesting to be eligible for the finals and do not have to be a resident of the State of Kansas.

3. All KPRA members, when signing the membership application, will agree to comply with the rules of the KPRA. Members must keep abreast of all rule changes, activities of the KPRA, etc., as listed in this official rule book, as listed on the official KPRA web page and as listed in various issues of the KPRA newspaper. Applications for KPRA memberships are subject to Board approval.
4. KPRA members shall read and know the prevailing rules of each individual rodeo. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse. One rule book will be issued with each membership. Additional books will cost \$5.00.
5. The fiscal year for KPRA will be from January 1 through December 31. Membership dues will be \$150 (\$175 after June 1st), for contesting members 18 years of age. The dues will be split: \$100 to operating/general fund and \$50 will go to designated event as per membership application. A youth membership for contesting members under 18 is \$115 (\$130 after June 1st). The dues will be split: \$65 to operating/general fund and \$50 will go to designated event as per membership application. (If member turns 18 during the fiscal year, they will pay the Youth membership fee, if the card is purchased prior to their 18th birthday). The associate card, for non-contesting members, will be \$50.00(\$65 after June 1<sup>st</sup>). Renewal

memberships must be ***received by December 31*** for money to count from any rodeos that fall after the KPRA Finals. For all other money to count, membership needs to be purchased prior to first competition, whether slack or performance. Companion passes, which will entitle your spouse or companion to free gate admission, can be purchased for \$10.00 when you purchase your membership.

- a. All contract personnel must purchase a KPRA associate card (non-contesting membership) to be eligible to work the KPRA year-end finals and/or to be awarded a KPRA year-end award. A person holding a contesting membership is allowed to work as personnel to avoid purchasing an associate card. Contract personnel may not compete as a member with an associate card.
6. During the performance and slack, contestants, ~~and~~, contestants' helpers, *and all personnel* must wear cowboy hat or helmet, jeans, long-sleeved western tucked in shirt with collar and cuffs, button or snap, and boots in the arena, or any part thereof. Sneaker type "sport shoes" are not acceptable footwear. (Physical injuries exempt). One sleeve may be rolled up on the arm in rough stock events only. Violators of this rule will automatically be fined \$50 ***payable to the hosting rodeo committee***. Judges have the privilege of waiving the hat rule if weather warrants such action.
7. Undesirable conduct will be fined \$100.00 for the 1st offense, \$250.00 for the 2nd, and a 3rd offense will result in dismissal from the association. Person will then be required to appear

before the Board for reinstatement. A written petition must be presented to the event director, judges, or KPRA office. Example - misconduct in arena, abusing stock or mount.

8. The KPRA is not liable in any way for injuries received by KPRA members at any KPRA approved rodeo. The KPRA further assumes no responsibility for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestants, or assistants. Any contestant under the age of 18 must have a notarized release from parents or legal guardian on file at the KPRA office before competing at a KPRA rodeo.

9. All KPRA members, when signing the membership application, further release all persons responsible for conducting any and all KPRA approved rodeos from liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistants while on the premises of said rodeo. “Persons responsible for conducting” shall include rodeo committees, producers, employees, stock contractors, sponsors, and KPRA Board of Directors and Officers.

10. Any persons soliciting donations or sponsors in the amount of \$350 or more will receive a free membership for the following year when the KPRA office has received the money. \$100 of said donation will go to the operating fund and the remaining amount will go into specified event finals fund. Only one card per donation (regardless if donation is \$350 or higher – donation is not to be split among members.

- a. A free membership will not be awarded for donations of product.

11. A contestant shall be disqualified after the rodeo judge(s) signal for a 3 call by the rodeo announcer at a KPRA 1st approved rodeo.

## **KPRA ENTRY LINE**

- 1. All entries for first approved KPRA rodeos will be taken through the central entry office.
  - a. Online entries will be available for all rodeos with their own parameters.
  - b. Entry parameters will be posted on all KPRA publications and social media locations.
  - c. Callback parameters will also be posted on all KPRA publications and social media locations. Times posted will be CST/CDT.
  - d. The entry information appearing in the long listings of the KPRA website will supersede any other information appearing elsewhere.
- 2. Unless drawn out due to ineligibility or a legitimate doctors release or vet release or being drawn out of the rodeo, contestants are committed to pay their fees.

3. There will be a grace period of 1 and 1/2 hours after the central entry office has closed the books on a rodeo to allow contestants to draw out or change preferences. Call ins only, you cannot enter if not previously entered.

a. Contestants must make adjustments to their entry before the 90 minutes expires.

4. Late entries will only be taken by the central entry office after callbacks. There will be a \$10 charge on all late entries.

a. Late entries will be first in the draw for timed events and last in the barrel racing. Time event entries will be put in the slack unless performances are available. Rough stock entries may be entered in performances.

b. Re-entering will only occur during callbacks.

c. Late entries will be taken by the central entry office until the workbook has been sent out to the rodeo secretary. After that time late entries will be taken by the rodeo secretary.

d. No late entries or trades will be accepted after the start of the rodeo.

5. Contestants will have the option to give 3 preferences per rodeo. OUT is considered a preference (Example 1: Friday night performance over Friday night slack but Saturday turn me out because I cannot go. Example 2: Friday night slack but out Friday night perf or out Saturday night perf). If you cannot go to a performance or slack, make sure and use OUT.

a. If you enter a rodeo with only two preferences and your second preference is OUT and you re-enter during callbacks, you will be placed in a performance if it is available and be first out (last in barrels) with a \$10 late fee or you will be first out (last in barrels) in slack with a \$25 late fee.

6. Buddy Groups will consist of 1-4 separate contestants or 2 team roping teams.

7. Non-members are allowed to enter all KPRA rodeos with a \$10 non-member fee, they will be also considered to be in the non-member status. Any KPRA member that is in a buddy group with a non-member will also be considered in the non-member status. Any team roper roping with a non-member will also be in the non-member status.

a. Non-members will not have priority over members in the entry system. Members will have priority for preferences over non-members. Non-members will always be at the top of the draw in the timed events and at the bottom of the draw in the barrel racing.

8. Anyone on the blacklist/suspension list will not be able to enter a rodeo until the fine has been paid. The fine can only be paid through the KPRA office only.

9. All fees and fines may be paid with a check from KPRA members or members of co-approved rodeos in good standing. Cash will only be accepted from non-members.

## **SUSPENSION LIST, FINES, AND TURN OUTS**

1. The KPRA office shall furnish a membership list, fine and suspended list, and current standings to qualified parties upon request. Anyone whose name appears on the fine or suspended list will not be allowed to compete at another KPRA first approved or co-approved rodeo until proof that all debts have been paid in full. (Request a receipt if paying a rodeo secretary in order to present it to another rodeo secretary if needed). Anyone on the fine list, at the completion of the KPRA Finals, will be sent a letter informing them of their fine and requesting payment.
  - a. Fines on the fine list dated 5 years or older are forgiven.
2. If a member fails to appear after entering and has not been drawn out, they will be held responsible for his or her entry fee, NNTO (non-notified turn out) fine (\$25 per rodeo) and stock charges. The member may appeal to the KPRA Board of Directors for waiving of the fine or for lowering of the fine if they see fit. The decision of the Board of Directors on these cases will be made after hearing the appeal in writing or in person, whichever the member may choose. Any KPRA member entering anyone other than themselves will be held responsible for all such fees and fines for that person. Any member writing (1) bad check will be on a “CASH ONLY” basis for the current season, only if they have paid the bad check, bank charges and the KPRA fine of \$25. If they have not paid their bad check, they are ineligible to enter KPRA rodeos. To have check writing privileges reinstated, they must ask for board approval. The secretary shall make an attempt to collect the bad check by

writing a seven (7) day letter in accordance with the instructions set out in the secretarial duties (or may contact appropriate county attorney for instructions). If check is not received within ten (10) days, the secretary shall turn over the bad check to the county attorney in which county the bad check was written.

- a. Contractor, secretary, and/or co-approved associations must send any returned check from a KPRA member to the KPRA secretary within 30 days in order for the KPRA to reimburse them for the check. Checks received after 30 days will not be honored.
- b. A \$25 return check fee will be assessed to any member who has a return check turned in to the KPRA.

3. Earnings toward the KPRA championship standings will not be credited to a member while he is on the KPRA suspended list.

4. If stock is turned out by any KPRA member who is present to compete, without cause, the member turning the stock out will be disqualified in all events for the remainder of that rodeo and will be suspended 10 days from entering a KPRA rodeo. If an honest effort is made by contestants to compete; or if previous arrangements with the stock contractor and judges have been made not to load the stock in said event, suspension can be waived. Upon notification from the office said member who turned out stock will have 10 days to pay fine or come before the Board of Directors for a ruling. There will be a \$25 turn out fine (in addition to the entry fee) assessed to contestants turning out stock.

5. If a member competes in one event and is injured, he will be eligible for a refund of entry fees for any remaining events, minus the stock charge at any one-head rodeo.
6. Stock contractors, producers, secretaries, judges, and committees may be fined or suspended for any of the following offenses:
  - a. Failure to pay added money as advertised.
  - b. Leaving any bad debts or checks connected with producing a KPRA rodeo in any town.
  - c. Being undesirable to work with or having undesirable stock.
  - d. Failure to produce rodeo according to KPRA rule book.
  - e. Derogatory remarks or petitions against KPRA.
  - f. Rowdyism or quarreling in the rodeo arena or immediate area.
  - g. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
7. Contestants may be disqualified and fined for any of the following offenses:
  - a. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
  - b. Rowdyism or quarreling in the rodeo arena or immediate area.
  - c. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.

- d. Defying the rodeo by not being ready to compete when called.
- 8. Fine to be levied as follows: \$100 for 1st offense, \$250 for 2nd offense, and immediate suspension from the KPRA for 3rd offense.
- 9. If any of the above violations occur, a complaint should be given in writing and turned into the rodeo judge and/or rodeo secretary by the completion of that performance. This will be considered as an official complaint and go before the KPRA Board of Directors for action.
- 10. All mounted contestants must ride in the Grand Entry if posted. Stock contractors, judges and directors have the right and responsibility to turn in violators. A fine of \$10.00 will be assessed to anyone who does not ride in the Grand Entry. Any contestant with a horse on the grounds, at the time of the Grand Entry, is required to ride in the Grand Entry.
- 11. If contestant has not arrived at the arena when it is time to compete, stock will be turned out. **NO STOCK IS TO BE HELD FOR LATE ARRIVALS. NO EXCUSES!!**

## **MEDICAL RELEASE**

- 1. All KPRA members' fees are guaranteed at all KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeos and will be added to the pot as if you have competed. Any member not showing up to perform due to

injuries or other emergencies, must furnish the KPRA office with proof of such difficulties. Said medical release must be on legal medical stationary and must reach the office within 7 days or said contestant will be responsible for fees and fines. Persons with said reasons for not showing must call rodeo secretary (*not the KPRA secretary*) so their fees will not be paid out. ANYTIME your fees are paid out, you are responsible for them.

- a. After medical releasing, you cannot compete for seven (7) days, starting the day you release; however, you will be allowed to enter. Violators will be fined \$250 and no earnings will count toward standings.
- b. KPRA will only allow two (2) medical releases during our summer rodeo season. All off-season rodeos from Oct. 1 – April 31<sup>st</sup> will be excluded from this rule.

\*\*See page 73 under Cowgirls' Barrel Racing for Release Rules in Barrel Racing.

## **STANDINGS, PRIZES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. The current KPRA Standings will be on the official KPRA web page. Earnings will be kept in dollars and cents from each cent won at all KPRA ***1st approved and co-approved*** rodeos in the 9 major events. KPRA championship earnings can only be earned at ***KPRA 1st approved and co-approved rodeos***.

2. Earnings awarded to any member will be totaled for the year to determine the Champion cowboy and cowgirl in each of the 9 contest events. Other placings will follow in accordance with the amount of money won.

3. The All-Around Champion will be awarded to the KPRA member winning the most money in two or more of the nine approved events. They must enter two or more events ***at the minimum required rodeo count to qualify for the KPRA Finals (Year-end Finals, #4)*** first approved rodeos as well as have won at least ***\$500*** in each of two or more of the nine approved events, with team roping being one event. There will be an All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl.

a. If a member wins money in more than one Team Roping event (Open Heading, Open Heeling, 40/40 Heading, 40/40 Heeling), only the event with the highest earnings will count towards the All-Around standings.

4. Earnings for the KPRA Championship Standings will be awarded only to holders of contestant KPRA membership cards of the applicable year. Said earning winners must be in good standing with the KPRA. No earnings will be earned while he/she is on the KPRA suspended list.

5. Earnings won at any KPRA approved rodeo will be valid only if the member's dues have been paid prior to contesting on the head of stock on which points were earned. When a KPRA member resigns from the association, earnings collected to that time during a rodeo season shall be dropped. Should member be

reinstated within the same rodeo season, his earnings will start over.

6. The KPRA Board of Directors may elect to duplicate awards as they see fit to do so.

7. Special awards “can” be presented to the rodeo of the year, outstanding rodeo stock of the year in their respective events and stock contractor of the year. This is if the association is financially able. The membership may vote on all special awards and to whom they should be given. Such awards will be left to the discretion of the event director.

8. Award winners must be present at the designated place of awards presentation in order to receive any awards to which they are entitled. If an award winner has a valid excuse, he should notify the KPRA secretary in advance.

9. All rodeos for the current rodeo season must begin no later than 10 days prior to the first performance of the KPRA Finals. All rodeos beginning less than 10 days prior to the first performance of the KPRA Finals will count for the following competition year only.

## **ROOKIE STATUS**

1. If a Rookie award is given, it will be awarded to a first-year member of the KPRA, who has not been a previous member of an amateur or professional association other than a junior high,

high school, youth association, or college. The Rookie award will be awarded to the person with the most money won during the year. The candidate may be interviewed by the Board of Directors to establish rookie status if there is question of rookie status.

## **KPRA APPROVED RODEOS AND COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY**

1. In order for a rodeo committee to hold a 1st approved KPRA sanctioned rodeo, they must have at least 9 events including; BB, SW, TD, BAW, SB, OPEN TR, 40/40 TR, LBR, BR. If it is a timed event only rodeo, it must have all the timed events. ***Rough Stock events/rodeos may consist of one or more of the rough stock events.*** These rodeos must abide by all KPRA 1st approved rodeo rules.
  - a. If a committee wants to host a timed event or rough stock only rodeo to sanction as a KPRA event during the current rodeo season the event must be held between October 1 and April 1.
2. KPRA standard events are bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, ranch bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, dally team roping, 40/40 mixed team roping, cowgirls barrel racing and cowgirls breakaway roping.
3. Any rodeo committee wishing to hold a KPRA sanctioned rodeo will be required to file a “Sanction Agreement” with the

KPRA Secretary/Treasurer 30 days prior to the rodeo to be listed as approved in the KPRA paper and the official KPRA web page. “Sanction Agreements” may be obtained from the KPRA Secretary/Treasurer.

4. The stock contractors are to be responsible for obtaining Sanction Agreement from the rodeo committees and sending them to the KPRA office. 5% of the prize money (pot fees only, EXCLUDING any added money) shall be deducted by the rodeo secretary before the winning contestants are paid.
5. A committee will not be charged a fee to approve their rodeo.
6. All contestants who pay entry fees shall be entitled to 1 pass for themselves and one for their companion (provided the companion has purchased a \$10 companion card) for the performance in which they are competing only.
7. The rodeo committee shall furnish an ambulance to stand by during the performance and slack competition to properly take care of any injured participants. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$500 fine.
  - a. The committee will also be responsible for having a veterinarian on call during the rodeo performances and slack. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine. A conveyance must be available and used to remove animals from arena in case of injury. Any injured livestock shall be humanely removed before continuing the rodeo. They will be placed in an isolated, protected and comfortable area to

reduce any stress. A pen, corral, or large trailer bed shall be available for adequate bedding of these animals. Arena help may be fired and/or contestant may be disqualified for any mistreatment of stock. Contractors/producers, directors, judges, etc., are all responsible for enforcing these rules. No stock shall be confined or transported in vehicles beyond a 24-hour period without being unloaded, fed, and watered. Failure to abide by this shall be subject to a \$500 fine for the first offense, progressively doubling with every offense. Humane livestock prods shall be used only when necessary, and only appropriate areas of the body (neck, chest, shoulder, and hips). No hot shots will be used on wet membranes (eyes, nose, mouth, genitals, or rectal areas). No contract performer will be allowed to abuse stock or animals used in their acts in any way. Chutes, corrals, etc. must be free of harmful objects.

b. If a fine is levied by KPRA that was the result of intentional abusive injury to livestock, those fines will be given to the owner of the livestock.

8. Rodeo committees have the option of opening up their entries in all or any one event to non-members. Non-members will be charged a \$10 non-member fee.

9. A stock charge will be permitted in all KPRA rodeo events. The charge will not exceed \$25 per event, except Barrels will be \$10. Contestants will be charged a \$11 KPRA fee per event, which will be split \$2 to the judges, \$1 to finals judges fund, \$4

to the Operating/General Fund, \$3 to event specific and \$1 for the event directors to use at their discretion at the finals.

a. Each contestant will be charged \$5.00 for Central Entry. A contestant who enters a KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeo will be charged \$5 per rodeo per contestant to the central entry. If a contestant later medical/vet releases or is a notified or non-notified turn out, the entry line charge will still be assessed.

**Entry Fee Breakdown as outlined in the above rule.**

Stock Charge: All events except barrels - \$25

Cowgirls Barrel Racing - \$10

Entry Line: \$5

Judges Fee: \$3

KPRA General Fund: \$4

KPRA Finals Fund: \$3

KPRA Finals Dollar Fund: \$1

Total Fees: All events except barrels - \$41

Cowgirls Barrel Racing - \$26

Pot Fee: 5% withholding for KPRA sanction fees. \*This fee excludes added money.

10. The entry of 1 or more contestants/teams shall constitute a contest. If a contest/event is cancelled, the added money for that event will be returned to the rodeo committee or sponsor, provided notification of the cancellation of the said contest/event has been given to contestants entered.

11. If any performance of a KPRA rodeo is called off due to weather conditions, winners will be paid according to those who have previously competed, and earnings will count toward year end standings. All entrants who have not competed will have their entry fees refunded in full. If a performance is rained out causing a multi-performance on a given day, the stock contractor has an option to redraw stock. The decision of whether a rodeo will be cancelled or postponed will be the decision of the rodeo committee, stock contractor, and a KPRA judge. If the performance is cancelled, every effort must be made to notify those members who are scheduled to compete. In case of a rodeo cancellation prior to the first performance, the party responsible for the cancellation will stand all expenses incurred by the KPRA if rodeo is cancelled after the books are closed.

If any performance and/or slack is postponed, contestants scheduled to compete in a performance or section of slack that is postponed will have the option to draw out. For this rule specifically, a rodeo performance or section of slack will be considered postponed when there is more than a three-hour delay from the scheduled start time of that performance or section of slack.

12. Directors, stock contractors, and judges shall be able to ask for a tractor drag if ground conditions are warranted during slack before the start of an event but not during an event.

13. At all 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA sanctioned rodeos there shall be at least 2 (two) bull fighters present during all performances and slacks if there is bull riding slack.
14. Rodeo committees requesting special competition Ground Rules must submit a copy of the proposed Ground Rules and a written explanation of the reason for the requested change along with the application for approval at least 30 calendar days prior to the first scheduled competition of the rodeo, and it must be approved in writing by the appropriate Event Directors and the KPRA Executive Board. Any approved Ground Rules for an individual rodeo must be posted in the Arena Secretary's office prior to the draw. At the rodeo, KPRA judges should become familiar with any special ground rules for the rodeo, and check to see if Ground Rules are posted correctly. Any special Ground Rules/Committee Request approved by the KPRA will be enforced by the KPRA, and corresponding fines will be assessed and collected by the KPRA.

## **CO-APPROVAL POLICY**

1. The KPRA will co-approve rodeos on a one for one basis with other associations and will only be liable for entry fees, not fines, providing they honor our suspended list.
2. The Board of Directors of each association must approve the rodeos to be co-approved. Co-approvals must be scheduled 30 days prior to the rodeo.

3. A return check, on a KPRA member, issued at a co-approved rodeo, will be honored and paid if the check is received in the KPRA office within 30 days of the said rodeo.
4. Co-approved association members must provide entry secretary with current association number or will be charged a \$10 non-member fee.
5. At KPRA 1<sup>ST</sup> approved rodeos that are co-approved, co-approving association members may write checks ONLY if the co-approving association will honor said checks, or they are CASH ONLY.
6. *Co-approvals will be determined by the Executive Board of Directors at an approved meeting.*

## **ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES & PRIZE MONEY**

1. All necessary information for entering all KPRA approved rodeos will be published in the official KPRA paper and on the official KPRA web page. Information posted on the official website shall take precedence over what is listed in the publication. A phone number listed as rodeo turn-out number (TO) and an emergency phone number shall be listed along with the time and date books are open and must be advertised in at least one issue of the official paper, unless prior approval of the board.

2. No entry shall be taken before the books are officially open. Any rodeo secretary accepting entries before or during the time the books are open will be subject to fine or suspension. Non-members of the KPRA, or any association co-approved for that rodeo, will be charged a \$10 non-member fee. All rodeo entries for KPRA 1st approved rodeos shall be handled pursuant to the central entry guidelines, as set out on the official website.
  - a. If the KPRA calls a board meeting to be scheduled at a rodeo, board members will be given first entry rights.
3. KPRA members will be given priority over non-members. Members must be guaranteed a chance to enter each approved rodeo. Every effort will be made to get members in as requested. Co-approved association members will be treated the same as KPRA members.
4. NO Draw Outs will be allowed unless the office is notified of a medical emergency and a valid medical release is sent to the office within 7 days. A telephone number must be available for emergency draw outs. Failure to show without notifying proper persons will result in the necessity to pay all fees, plus the \$25 fine. If you cannot make it, and the stock contractor is notified not to draw stock for you, the turn out fine may be waived by the Board of Directors.
5. The committee and/or stock contractor may retain the privilege of filling all paid performances or slack entries and may use own discretion as to the number of contestants to fill each performance and when all slack entries will be run off. Once

times have been set, they cannot be changed without prior notification to all members.

6. Slack will not be available until performance minimums are met. Minimums and maximums will be set by the stock contractors and/or committees.

7. At all KPRA rodeos, contestants' positions are to be drawn in all events, that draw being the order of competition in timed events (team roping slack cattle are to be drawn to the positions, then the cattle may be chute ran and roped to the cattle). If a contestant competes in a slack or performance other than what they were drawn by the central entry, without a valid trade, they will be disqualified and fined a \$100, and must pay entry fees (see Entries, Entry Fees & Prize Money).

a. Stock is then to be drawn according to the positions starting at the top of the list (See General Timed Event Rule #17).

8. If the rodeo secretary is caught mishandling prize money or entry fees or falsifying rodeo records in any way, he/she will be disqualified from working all KPRA rodeos.

9. The rodeo secretary shall be responsible for emailing the results of the rodeo to the KPRA office within 24 hours of the completion of said rodeo. The funds along with the complete packet, (including results, fines, balance sheet, turnouts, etc.), and a list of members not paying entry fees, must be postmarked within two (2) days from the date of the rodeo or a \$100 fine.

10. The rodeo secretary shall post a designated time for drawing of slack. All slack is to be drawn by at least one judge. Drawing must be done so that any contestant may witness the drawing if he desires. Results of the draw will be posted prior to 1 hour in advance of each performance. In the riding events 2 re-ride animals must be drawn for each performance and posted at the same time. The contractor may choose 3 “feature” animals and make sure they go during the performance. Any animal in the riding event that is drawn but turned out will automatically go into re-ride pen as alternative for 3rd and 4th draw. In the timed events 2 animals must be drawn and put in the re-run pen in case an animal is crippled. If an animal is crippled, all stock must be competed on the 1st time before any is used the 2nd time.

11. ALL entry fees for one head of stock will be a minimum of \$95 (including stock charge, finals fund, judges, and central entry). Open and 40/40 Team Roping will be a minimum of \$260 a team\\$/130 per man (including all fees).

12. Members are to pay entry fees due to the rodeo secretary immediately upon arriving at the arena. Fees must be paid before the rodeo begins. A fee, minimum of \$5 may be assessed for failure to do so. No stock shall be given until entry fee is paid to the rodeo secretary. The rodeo secretary will be required to be at the arena at least 1 hour before the time of the performance to accept entry fee money and post the draw.

13. All pot fees will have a 5% withholding for KPRA sanction fees. This fee will exclude any added money. The fees of all

KPRA members entered will be guaranteed by the association. The rodeo secretary is to take 5% the amount of the pot fee payout as if all had competed. \*\*\*See page 26, Rule 9 for complete breakdown of entry fee money.

14. KPRA approved rodeo committees will divide the prize money among event winners in accordance with the rules of the “Pay-off Section” of the KPRA rule book. If a committee wishes to split the prize money in some other manner, the prize money split should be posted on their rodeo bills and in the listings in the KPRA paper and on the official KPRA web page.

15. Payment of prize money must be paid by the secretary immediately following the completion of the last performance of the rodeo if not before. Prize money won by KPRA members that are not present to accept their pay may be sent to the KPRA office for distribution. The KPRA Secretary/Treasurer may pick up the prize money of any or all contestants in the event of controversy.

16. In case of no qualified rides, ground money will not be paid. Unpaid ground money to be split between stock contractor and KPRA office for finals fund in that event. The stock contractor is to keep his stock charge in this case. With one or more qualified rides, the entire purse will be paid out among those qualified.

*Example: one score/time—100%, two scores/times: purse split 60-40, three scores/times: split 50-30-20, four scores/times: split 40-30-20-10, five scores/times: split 34-27-20-13-6*

The committee may retain the added money if there are no qualified rides or runs.

17. Rodeo committees, which offer extra prizes to event winners and all-around champions, should award them in the same manner that KPRA championship awards are given. If they wish to use other means of awarding these extra prizes, the method used should be posted prior to the start of the rodeo.

18. In the case of a riding event receiving five or fewer entries, the stock contractor shall have the option of adding another round for that event. The second round will be optional and open only to the contestants competing in the first go-round. Entries for the additional round are not to exceed \$50, including \$10 stock charge. The remainder of the entry fees shall be placed into the pot. If another event fails to receive enough contestants for a contest, the added money from that event can be used, with committee approval, for the additional round. Each round shall be paid individually. Winnings from an additional rough stock round shall count toward year end event standings but not toward all-around cowboy or rookie standings. All entry fees will have a 5% withholding for KPRA sanction fees.

## **PAY-OFF SCHEDULE**

TIE DOWN ROPING, BREAKAWAY, STEER WRESTLING, BARREL RACING, OPEN TEAM ROPING, 40/40 TEAM ROPING & BULL RIDING pays as follows:  
(# of contestants x fees - charges + added money)

**\$0 - \$350** Pay 1 money 100%  
**\$351- \$650** Pay 2 monies 60%-40%  
**\$651- \$1300** Pay 3 monies 50%-30%-20%  
**\$1301 - \$2200** Pay 4 monies 40%-30%-20%-10%  
**\$2201 - \$3300** Pay 5 monies 34%-27%-20%-13%-6%  
**\$3301 - \$6500** Pay 6 monies 29%-24%-19%-14%-9%-5%  
**\$6501 +** Pay 8 monies 23%-20%- 17%-14%-11%-8%-5%-2%

SADDLE BRONC & BAREBACK will be paid as follows:

(# of contestants x fees – charges + added money)

\$1-\$500 pays 1 money 100%  
\$501-\$750 pays 2 monies 60%-40%  
\$751-\$1200 pays 3 monies 50%-30%-20%  
\$1201-\$2500 pays 4 monies 40%-30%-20%-10%  
\$2501-\$5500 pays 5 monies 34%-27%-20%-13%-6%  
\$5501+ pays 6 monies 29%-24%-19%-14%-9%-5%

Rule does not apply to the finals.

RANCH BRONCS will be paid based on the number of entries in the payout.

(# of contestants x fees - charges + added money)

1-3 pays 1 money 100%  
4-6 pays 2 monies 60%-40%  
7-9 pays 3 monies 50%-30%-20%  
10-12 pays 4 monies 40%-30%-20%-10%

Pay one more hole with every additional 3 entries. Rule does not apply to the finals. Exception for 1-3 entries and 1<sup>st</sup> place pays more than \$1200.00 then the payout will be moved to paying 50%-30%-20%. This exception is only for 1-3 entries.

1. Average placings shall be determined by the highest total score (riding events) or the fastest total time (timed events) for those who received a score or a time, as the case may be, on livestock drawn for each go-round. When enough contestants do not receive a score or time, as the case may be, on all stock drawn for them equal to the number of places to be paid, revert to those contestants not already placing in the average who have competed in every go-round and who have the highest total score, or the fastest total time, on one less head of livestock than the number of go-rounds. This process shall be repeated until the number of contestants eligible for the payoff equals the number of average placings. If a contestant competes in all go-rounds but fails to receive a score or time, as the case may be, in one go-round, he shall not be eligible for the payoff in the average, unless no contestant has received a score or time, in which case the money shall be divided among all contestants who competed on all stock drawn for them. This money will count towards the contestant's money count for year-end standings.

## **RODEO JUDGES, JUDGING & TIMEKEEPERS**

1. The stock contractor and/or rodeo committee is responsible for hiring reliable personnel. Judges must have a non-contesting KPRA membership card prior to the start of rodeo being worked. All other personnel are only required to own a membership card if they choose to apply for the year-end finals.

2. There will be 2 timekeepers at every performance of a KPRA approved rodeo. They shall not be changed except in the event of

injury, emergency, or incompetence. In the event a timer must be changed, it will be with approval of judges and stock contractor. The person who starts timing the rough stock event must be the one to time throughout the entire event at all performances. Timers may trade off in the different events. Two watches must be used at all times. One timer will be the primary (head) timer and the second timer will be the backup timer. If the times differ by more than 4 tenths of a second, the fastest time must be used. They must be competent and approved by the rodeo stock contractor. It is required that an electric timer be used in the barrel race and it must be backed up by at least one timekeeper.

- a. It is the responsibility of each stock contractor to get the timer to the rodeo. The judge is then responsible for setting the barrel and timer stakes and for setting the electronic timing devices for each performance and slack.
4. In the event KPRA has received a legitimate complaint against a judge's work, a petition with at least 5 signatures by KPRA members in good standing must be filed at the KPRA office. This could result in an immediate suspension and/or loss of the \$3 contestant fund to be paid to the KPRA Operating/General Fund, to be handled by the KPRA board. Any judge that is petitioned against will be handled by the board, and the board will decide if he will be required to attend the next scheduled judges' seminar before judging again.
5. Every KPRA rodeo will require 2 judges to work all events. Judges must be approved by the KPRA Judging Director and

must have their KPRA membership bought prior to judging. A judge may compete in a timed event with a replacement barrier judge for the entire rodeo in that event. He shall not draw stock for that event.

- a. Judges must judge 2 KPRA first approved rodeos to judge at Finals.
- b. A KPRA judge is required to attend once every three years, before judging a KPRA rodeo, including clinics and attendance of clinics as of January 1, 2017.

6. At least one judge shall be present for the drawing of all rodeo stock. Arrangements should be made with the stock contractor to do so.

7. Decision of judges, flagman and timers shall be final if in accordance with KPRA rules. In all cases of dispute, the rodeo performance will continue without delay under existing rules of the KPRA and the matter of dispute shall be settled by the rodeo judges, stock contractors, board members and spokesman present at a time which will cause no further delay of the rodeo.

- a. If a decision is not able to be made, the judge's decision is final.

8. Any judge's ruling which is NOT in compliance with the rules of the KPRA should be dealt with by the event director, if present, or a spokesman from the event elected to do so at the time immediately if the decision will have an immediate effect

on the outcome of the event, or immediately following the event, or performance, if possible.

9. Once judging sheets are handed in to the rodeo secretary when the event is finished, the contestant's score or time is final.

10. Judges scores on each ride and times in the timed events should be relayed to the rodeo announcer so that those scores and times may be made available to the rodeo audience immediately after the ride or run. It is the responsibility of the rodeo committee and announcer to see that these scores are posted as mentioned here.

11. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to compete on an animal and is unable to do so, he shall have a re-ride animal drawn for him.

12. Anytime a contestant is fouled in any riding event, he must declare himself or take that score. Anytime a timed event contestant is fouled, he must declare himself immediately when fouled or take his time. To declare himself means to make no further attempt to make a qualified ride or run.

13. In all events, all equipment which is used by contestant is his responsibility and there will not be a re-ride or re-run because of his faulty equipment; borrowed equipment is accepted as contestants own.

14. Re-runs in the barrel race will be made immediately following the final contestant's run or immediately following the rodeo whichever is more appropriate for the contestant. All other re-runs and re-rides will be run at the convenience of the stock contractor.

15. Judges will award re-rides at their own discretion. The rider will have the option to take the re-ride or the score received from the judges. The judges must notify the rodeo secretary that a re-ride or re-run is in order before the next contestant competes. This is mandatory.

16. General rules for disqualification in all events are:

- a. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- b. Rowdyism or quarreling in the rodeo arena and immediate area.
- c. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
- d. Mistreatment of stock or mount.
- e. Delaying the rodeo by not being ready to compete when their stock is in the chute or when called upon by the judge.
- f. A contestant shall be disqualified after the rodeo judge(s) signal for a 3 call by the rodeo announcer at a KPRA 1st approved rodeo.

17. In the riding events judges are to write down the stock score on judge's sheets even if the rider does not have a qualified ride.

**18. Each KPRA rodeo will have a designated Crew Chief. Their duties, along with the other judge, secretary and stock contractor, will be to fill out a Judges Report thoroughly and complete. That person will be responsible for getting a copy of the Judges Report to the KPRA Secretary and the Judge's Rep (via email, FAX, hard copy). Judges Reports will be kept on file by the KPRA Secretary and available to anyone that would like a copy.**

## **GENERAL RIDING EVENT RULES**

1. Judges marking in riding events are to be from 1 to 25 for the rider and 1 to 25 for the animal, making a possible score of 50 total from each side, thus making the highest possible score 100. The rider and animal shall be marked separately, marking the rider according to how he spurs and the animal according to its performance.
2. All rough stock is to be ridden 8 seconds. Time is to start when stocks inside shoulder first breaks the plane of the chute. One judge is to start a stopwatch at the beginning of each ride and stop it at the time of disqualification. If the judge's watch has 8 seconds on it, the contestant is to receive his score, regardless of what the timer's decision would be.
3. Re-ride **option** must be given if stock stops. Fouls are at judges' discretion. Contestants will have the option to know their current score when offered a re-ride before he must make a decision. The rider has the privilege of taking the same animal

back providing the stock contractor is willing; or rider may have re-ride drawn. If rider takes the same animal back, he must take the resulting marking.

4. Any time a contestant is fouled in any riding event, he must declare himself or take that score.

a. In the saddle bronc and bareback events, if a judge determines the rider is fouled at the gate, the mark out rule will be waived.

***b. In the bull riding, it is the judge's discretion.***

5. Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles and pull bull ropes from either side in all riding events. Middle flank belongs to the bronc rider.

6. Stock shall be drawn for not less than 1 hour before each performance. A list shall be posted at least 1 hour before each performance. A list of the draw and scores of previous performances must be available 1 hour before each performance, too. A judge must be present for all drawings.

7. Consistently undesirable rodeo stock may be disqualified for use at KPRA approved rodeos after consulting with the stock contractor and event directors. Contestants will voice their opinions through applicable event directors.

8. Any KPRA member who attempts to compete on another contestant's stock, other than for exhibition only, will be

assessed a fine of \$25 by the KPRA. No markings or time will be recorded by judges or timers on exhibition performances.

9. Pick-up men shall not make contact or interfere in any way with bucking animal until whistle blows. Pick-up men shall not ride between bucking animal and judge until after the whistle blows.
10. In a multi-go-round rodeo, or rodeos with an average payout, no contestant (team) can compete on the same head of stock more than one time, excluding re-rides.
11. A contestant shall be disqualified after the rodeo judge(s) signal for a 3 call by the rodeo announcer at a KPRA 1st approved rodeo.
12. In the riding events a “fall” will be considered as the following: an animal falling or stumbling to at least the animal’s front knees or slipping in the hind end where the animal’s hocks come in contact with the ground. The contestant may take the marking or have the option of taking a re-ride. Excluding Ranch Broncs.
13. If in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.
14. If any equipment is damaged by the animal in the chute and found unusable by the judges, ***the contestant will have until the***

*end of the last performance of the rodeo to fix their equipment and compete.*

**15. Once judge(s) determine the animal has given ample opportunity to get out on, contestant will be put on the clock. Contestant will have 60 seconds to call for their animal or will be fined \$100. Fine money will be paid to the KPRA and will go to that events finals fund.**

## **BAREBACK RIDING**

1. Riding to be done with one-handed rigging.
2. Rigging shall not be less than 10 inches in width at hand hold and not over 6 inches at “D” ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in “D” ring. Riggings will use a standard “D” ring to be set to sit flat on horse’s back when cinched.
3. Rider may have a single layer of sheepskin or leather under hand-hold which will extend at least 1 inch on both sides of the center of the hand-hold.
4. No fiberglass or metal in riggings or hand-holds. Only leather or rawhide allowed for handhold. Flat head rivets and/or screws and “t” nuts are allowed to secure handhold; only other metal allowed will be in the “D” rings.
5. Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair or neoprene and shall be at least 8 inches in width at the center but

may be tapered to accommodate cinch “D” rings. Latigos must be of leather only.

6. Required bareback pads are to completely cover the underside of the rigging and are to extend a full 2 inches behind the rigging.

7. Pads used under riggings must be covered on both sides. Hair pads and form pads must be 1½ inches thick.

8. In addition to the pad, a piece of leather a minimum of 1/8 inch thick and a 4 inch square, must be glued or sewed to the pad centered in comparison to the total body length of the rigging. This piece of leather shall be placed so that ½ of it extends behind the rigging and the remaining 2 inches is under the rigging.

9. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges are to decide on all riggings, pads, and excessive cinching. Re-ride will be at the judges’ discretion.

10. The rider’s glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges, or gimmicks.

11. A palm piece may be used in glove which will be at least 1 inch wide and 3 inches long and will be glued in.

12. There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider’s glove. Benzoin may be used.

13. Any of the following offences will disqualify rider:

- a. Riding with rowels too sharp or locked in the opinion of the judges.
- b. Being bucked off.
- c. Touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand. One arm must be free at all times.
- d. Rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking.
- e. Not having spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's feet hit the ground with the initial move out of chute.
- f. Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute. If a horse stalls in the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the spur out will be waived.

14. Rider may not take any kind of finger tuck, finger wrap, or shall not use finger tape. Violators shall be disqualified and may also be subject to fine.

15. Judges shall disqualify bareback rider who has been advised that he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.

16. Marking a horse out too early can result in a fine to be assessed by the judge.

## **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

1. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope-rein and committee saddle. Contestants are permitted to use own committee saddle if they follow the specifications listed below.
2. Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.
3. Riding rein and hand must be on same side.
4. Horses to be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either stock contractor or contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.
5. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulder (this involves everything in front of a line from point of shoulders to point of withers) and touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground the initial move out of the chute.
6. One arm must be free at all times.
7. If a flank comes off, rider may have a re-ride provided rider completes a qualified ride on the horse.

8. No hot shots shall be used until animal turns his head out of the chute unless requested by contestant.

9. Any of the following offenses shall disqualify rider:

a. Being bucked off.

b. Changing hands on rein.

c. Wrapping rein around hand.

d. Pulling leather.

e. Losing stirrup.

f. Touching animal or saddle or rein with free hand.

g. Riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs.

h. Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute. If a horse stalls in the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck, and the spur out will be waived.

10. Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle. Anyone using any other foreign substance will be disqualified.

11. Judges may disqualify bronc rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his rein in hand when previous horse leaves the arena.

12. Marking a horse out too early can result in a fine to be assessed by the judge.

## **CONTESTANT SADDLE SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Rigging: 3/4 double-front edge of "D" ring must pull not further back than directly below center point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed 5  $\frac{3}{4}$ " outside measurement.
2. Swell undercut: not more than 2 inches - 1 inch on each side.
3. Gullet: not less than 4 inches wide at center or fork of covered saddle.
4. Tree: saddle must be built on standard tree. Specifications: Fork-14" wide; Height-9" maximum; Gullet-5  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide; Cantle-5" maximum height, 14" width.
5. Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.
6. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.
7. No freaks allowed.
8. Front cinch must be at least 5 inches wide.
9. Judges and stock contractors are to decide on all riggings, pads, and excessive cinching. Re-ride will be at judge's discretion.

## **BULL RIDING**

1. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
2. Rope must have bell; no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull.
3. Rider must not use sharp spurs. There will be only 1 rowel on each spur.
4. If flank comes off, a re-ride may be given and may be taken on the same bull provided rider makes a qualified ride; if rider disqualifies after flank comes off the bull, no re-ride will be given. The same bull may be given if the contractor so desires; however, the contestant has the option to ask for another bull.
5. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in the riding hand, he is to be marked.
6. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
7. No more than 2 men may be on chute to pull contestant's rope.
8. Hooks, rings, or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.

9. All bulls with horns must be dehorned to the size of a half dollar or kept out of drawing.
10. No hot shot will be used on a bull after rider sits down, unless rider requests such use, until the bull is out of the chute.
11. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - a. Being bucked off.
  - b. Touching animal with free hand.
  - c. Using sharp spurs.
  - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
12. Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves arena.

## **RANCH BRONC RIDING**

1. Ranch Bronc Riding will be a sanctioned event at all 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA rodeos. Ranch Bronc Riding will be at the KPRA Finals. A contestant must have a current KRPA membership and compete at 3 (three) 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA rodeos in the Ranch Bronc Riding to compete at the finals. A contestant will be allowed to enter both the Saddle Bronc Riding and the Ranch Bronc Riding at all 1<sup>st</sup> approved KRPA rodeos and the KPRA finals. All Around points will be given for the Ranch Bronc Riding.

2. Riding to be done with a plain halter, one open rein, and a standard working saddle. ***Riding rein may be put around animal's neck.***
3. Riding rein and hand shall be on same side. Rider shall hold onto rein for entire ride.
4. Horses to be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle. Horse will be saddled as it ordinarily would be for everyday use. Saddled for everyday use means: stirrups have no bindings to hold stirrups forward, nor can they be hobbled under horse's girth. Flank cinch must be hobbled to front cinch with hobble strap no longer than 10 inches. Stirrup leathers must be standard leathers. Saddle blankets or pads shall not be used. Saddles should have full or 7/8 double riggings, no center fire ***or have PRCA riggings.***
5. Saddle may be inspected before unsaddling in the stripping chute.
6. “Ride as ride can” meaning contestant can use neck rope or hack rein. ***Free hand may use saddle horn. No night latch may be used. No ropes tied to the saddle.***
7. Re-rides may be given if:
  - a. Rider is fouled at chute.
  - b. Flank strap comes off provided rider makes a qualified ride.
  - c. Horse falls completely down.

d. If judge determines that through no fault of rider, the rider was unable to be competitive in the event after a qualified ride has been made.

8. Any of the following offenses will disqualify rider:

- a. Being bucked off.
- b. Rider with locked rowels or rowels that are determined to be too sharp by a judge. **EXAMPLE: rock grinders or bull riding rowels.**
- c. Illegal or improper equipment; saddle must have a sound tree and sheep skin padding.
- d. Double grabbing hack rein or dropping hack rein **or switching hands.**

9. Judges may disqualify rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above horse preparing to compete.

## **GENERAL TIMED EVENT RULES**

1. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestants will get animal back with a lap and tap start and the time already spent will be added to the time used on lap and tap run. If field flagger fails to drop flag when animal escapes and time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final. If rope is on animal when it escapes from the arena, the roper will get the animal lap and tap with the rope on it in the chute, plus any penalties.

2. Once a contestant has been flagged out, the contestant will receive no stock back. The field flagger makes his decision on the matter, just as a rough stock judge makes his decision as to whether a rider has missed an animal out of the chute.
3. The barrier judge and field flagger shall not be changed during the rodeo unless in emergency cases.
4. The decision of any judges, flagmen or timers, will be final.
5. Anytime a timed event contestant is fouled, he must declare himself immediately when fouled or take his time. This includes the hazer in steer wrestling.
6. A barrier judge shall be on hand when an automatic barrier is used. The barrier judge will be the only person to place or supervise the placing of the barrier-breaking rope on each and every animal. He will also pass any decisions on faulty barrier. The barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have weakened or on the request of the next contestant.
7. A 10 second penalty will be added for breaking or beating barrier in timed events.
8. ***In all timed events, if barrier is OBVIOUSLY broken, contestant or team will receive a 10 second penalty.***

9. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If the equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. All barriers must be marked in a permanent manner and posted.
10. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge.
11. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a 10 second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
12. An automatic barrier must be used in all KPRA rodeos. No metal snaps may be used on neck ropes. Only neck ropes may be used as barriers, no trip alleys allowed.
  - a. Either, rubber bands or cotton string or smooth breakaway hondo will be allowed at 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA qualifying rodeos and the finals.
13. Once score line has been set in the timed events, it will not be changed at the rodeo, nor can the length of the box be changed.
14. In order for the time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.
15. If the automatic barrier does not work but the contestant or team makes a qualified run, a re-run will be given on the same stock before the stock may be competed on by another

contestant. Judge has the option to waive the 10 second penalty and the time will stand as it is.

16. If an animal must be brought back for a re-run, it should be brought back with several other animals and no excess stress should be placed on said animal which will offer the contestant an unfair advantage or disadvantage (whichever the case may be) over the other contestants in that event.

17. Stock in timed events may be drawn as much as 3 hours and no less than 1 hour before each performance and slack of all 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA sanctioned rodeos. All stock must be drawn by number, including team roping cattle.

18. All changes in lists of timed events in order to split horses, etc. must be made 1 (one) hour before the performance/slack begins. ***Failure of Stock Contractor not allowing/performing the splits will result in \$50 fine per split needed.***

a. Rodeo secretary is obligated to do splits if notified 1 (one) hour prior to the beginning of performance/slack.

19. The first contestant must remain in order and run in order.

20. All stock contractors will have timed event stock properly identified. No stick-on numbers allowed.

21. If a contestant runs the wrong head of stock, the contestant will be disqualified. It will be the contestant's responsibility to see that the right stock is in the chute.

22. When a contestant calls for his stock, it belongs to him.
23. Pusher may not go beyond the end of the gate while pushing stock.
24. The line judge must have 1 liner to stand on opposite side of line during duration of performance and slack, but no more than 2 liners. It is the contestant's responsibility before he/she accepts his run to see they are in place.
25. Pertaining to the draw: All cattle must be run once, before any cattle will be run twice. Due to a split performance, if this procedure becomes impossible, the draw will include cattle remaining that have run the least number of times. In case of re-runs, all cattle in the draw will be run 1 time before being run twice. Any animal drawn and not competed on shall be considered run and if there are no re-runs, animal shall be used for the 1st extra.
26. In a multi-go round rodeo, or rodeos with an average payout, no contestant (exact same team) can compete on the same head of stock more than one time.
27. The timing of timed events will be in tenths. Barrel racing is to be timed manually in tenths and electronically in hundredths.
  - a. All times in all timed events during a performance and/or a slack performance should be recorded on the timer's sheet once the flag man drops his flag, including a barrel racing back up time.

28. Consistently undesirable rodeo stock may be disqualified for use at KPRA approved rodeos after consulting with the stock contractor and event directors. Contestants will voice their opinions through applicable event directors. The amount of cattle in the draw must equal the largest number of contestants in a performance.

29. Re-run cattle cannot be run twice during a performance unless in 2 separate sections. Cattle drawn for cannot be used for specialty acts until after the animal has been competed on.

30. Cattle in the timed events will have a weight limit assessed to them as follows: TR-650 lbs., SW-600 lbs., TD-250 lbs. and BAW-400 lbs.

31. Cattle shall NOT be loaded in release chute for more than (3) minutes before event.

32. Anytime you have been fouled; whatever penalties you had prior to the foul will be added to the re-run.

33. Maximum time allowed in all timed events will be 30 seconds, excluding penalties.

34. In the timed events, if animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and the contestant (calf roper, steer wrestler and hazer, or header and heeler) remains behind the plane of the barrier for approximately

10 seconds, that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure.

35. A contestant shall be disqualified after the rodeo judge(s) signal for a 3 call by the rodeo announcer at a KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeo.

36. All events will carry (1) one loop, except team ropers carry (2) two at all 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA rodeos and the year-end finals.

37. *After a rodeo has been drawn and posted if one contestant in both KPRA team roping events has to draw out for any reason, said team may draw out of rodeo up to three hours before the first performance or designated slack. A new team must re-enter through Central Entry or the rodeo secretary and will be charged a late entry fee and will be the first out in the slack or performance they were originally drawn in.*

38. During the team roping events; Only the team that is competing and the last team that roped (which is leaving the arena) are allowed in the arena.

39. During the Tie Down and Breakaway roping events; No horses are allowed to set in the Heading Box.

40. At all KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeos, steer wrestling is first in timed events during the performance, and the arena must be dragged prior to steer wrestling in the slack.

41. Open Team Roping and 40/40 Team Roping shall have separate pens of stock. ***These events must be ran as two separate events but can be ran back to back with either the open team roping or the 40/40 team roping as the first team roping event.***

42. Stock must cross scoreline in front of, Line Judge and Lineman (who is opposite side of line judge), in their initial move after leaving chute. Failure to do so will result in animal being brought back and rerun (or use of the extra). In the opinion of the Rodeo Judges, that failure to cross scoreline in the initial move out of the chute was caused by contestant, hazer or heeler, no rerun will be given and a ten (10) second penalty may be assessed on the run. Clarification: Not crossing in initial move may include but not limited to - animal turning back before crossing scoreline, stumbles, falls or not pulling the barrier or neck rope not breaking off of animal's neck.

***43. All timed events will be run with a closed gate at the back end, excluding Barrel Racing.***

***44. In all timed events, contestant(s) will be given the opportunity to compete. However, if there is a delay in the rodeo, contestant will be "put on the watch" and they will have 60 seconds to start their time or will be fined \$100. Fine money will be paid to the KPRA and will go to that events finals fund. In the event that contestants goes over 120 seconds, they will owe the fine and be disqualified.***

**45. If a time is obviously missed, contestant(s) will be given a rerun. The judges and timers will determine if a rerun is warranted.**

## **TIE-DOWN ROPING**

1. Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast, either is permissible. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand, cross and tie at least 3 legs.
2. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be 1 or more wraps around all 3 legs and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hitch.
3. If the calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to where 3 legs are dangling and be thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
4. Catch as catch can. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.
5. Tie must hold until after judge has completed his inspection. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked no time.
6. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
7. Any intentional dragging or mistreatment of calf regardless of distance will result in a no time and \$250 fine. Intentional

dragging shall be defined as caused by contestant. Excessive dragging of calf will receive a \$100 fine. Excessive dragging shall be defined as moving the calf 10 or more feet after the contestant has called for time. However, if in the opinion of the judge, the dragging was caused by something outside of the control of the contestant, the fine will be waived.

8. Contestants must receive no assistance of any kind from the outside.

9. The field flag judge will pass on the tie by timing 6 seconds from the time the rope horse takes his 1st step forward after the roper has remounted, unless rope comes off calf, then time begins when roper clears the calf. If the calf causes the rope to become tight after the 6 second count has begun, judge will stop his/her watch and request roper to ride forward, beginning a new 6 second count. If roper causes the rope to become tight it is an immediate disqualification.

10. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.

11. Flagger must watch calf during the 6 second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks loose using the time shown to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify. Contestant can request to see watch.

12. Under any circumstances, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the field judge.
13. Automatic barrier will be used at all KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeos for tie-down roping.
14. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.
15. There shall be 2 or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between 2 flags. Line judge must stand on the same side of the box as contestant.
16. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and timed event spokesman or director if present. Minimum length of score shall be length of box minus 3 feet and maximum length of box.
17. If there must be a re-run of calves to complete a go-round, all calves must be tied down before any stock is drawn. If after 1 go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo, they will not be considered fresh.
18. All tie-down roping must be done from the box to the right of calf chute when facing arena.

19. The “Jerk-Down Rule” will be enforced unless otherwise stated. The “Jerk-Down Rule” will be defined as over backwards with the calf landing on his back or head and all four feet in the air. The judge, at his discretion, can assess a \$100 fine for this infraction payable to the General Fund. The contestant will NOT be disqualified.

a. The “Jerk-Down Rule” will NOT be enforced on fresh calves.

## **STEER WRESTLING**

1. Contestant must furnish own hazer and horses. Only one hazer allowed.

2. Steer must be caught from horse. If steer gets loose, dogger must take no more than 1 step to catch steer.

3. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change directions and twist it down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal’s horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet then thrown down.

4. 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.

a. If for any reason, the flagger is out of position when the steer is thrown and cannot see all four legs, he should watch the hips of the steer. If the hip appears flat, you have to

assume all four feet are out instead of waiting to ride around to the front side.

5. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
  - a. However, if the steer is down, but regains his feet while the contestant is changing directions, the steer is to be considered up. The steer must be up on all four feet and then ***twisted down***.
6. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.
7. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. ***This includes swatting steer or steer wrestlers' horse.*** Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant.
8. Contestant and hazer must use the same 2 horses they leave the chute with. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping a steer.
9. A 10 second penalty will be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that the dogger's feet touch the ground before the score line is crossed.
10. No penalty will be assessed for breaking a horn.
11. Cattle used for steer roping, cutting, or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.

12. When fresh steers are used, *(any steer that has not been used for Steer Wrestling) event director must be notified by stock contractor 24 hours before beginning of rodeo so to communicate to contestants. Contestants will be given opportunity to throw down steers before rodeo begins and are responsible to throw down such steers* under the supervision of the arena director *and/or stock contactor. Failure by the stock contractor to contact director or allow steers to be thrown will result in \$100 fine per steer payable to the steer wrestling finals fund.*

13. When barrier is used in the steer wrestling, an automatic barrier will be used, and there must be at least a 12-foot box. If box is shorter, steer wrestling must be lap and tap.

14. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and steer wrestling director or spokesman, if present, subject to the conditions set forth herein.

15. In steer wrestling, at all rodeos, the score may be no longer than the length of the box minus six feet, unless other arrangements are approved by the steer wrestling director.

16. There shall be 2 or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between 2 flags.

17. Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Cattle must have adequate and natural horns. Steers horns must be tipped to at least dime size.

Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. If contestant jumps steer, he accepts him as sound. Horns must be no less than 9" long on each side. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a \$50 fine per animal levied against the stock contractor or rodeo committee.

18. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steer or chutes.
19. Anyone jumping from off side in steer wrestling must notify the rodeo secretary when entering and if possible, the barrier should be arranged on the off side in the steer wrestling for such contestants.
20. If the steer falls before it crosses the score line, the contestant shall be entitled to a re-run on his original stock, provided that the contestant declares himself immediately. There will be no penalty added to the re-run if, in the opinion of the judge, the contestant did not deliberately beat the barrier, and if the contestant declares himself immediately. If the originally drawn animal cannot be re-run, the contestant will run the extra, or have a steer drawn for him.
21. Only one jump will be allowed even in multiple go rounds such as the finals.

## **DALLY TEAM ROPING**

1. Each team will consist of 2 contestants, a header and a heeler. Each contestant will be allowed to enter one (1) time. A medical release can be used to draw out the entire team.
2. Roping steers without turning loose of the rope will be considered a no catch.
3. Roper must dally to stop a steer. No tied ropes allowed. Exception - heelers over 50 years of age and women over the age of 14 may tie-on rather than dally or with an obvious disability and judges' discretion.
  - a. Anyone tied on must use a quick release.
4. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing in line with ropes dallied tight, with horses' front feet on ground and both riders mounted.
5. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers may be dis-qualified if in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.
6. If the header jerks the steer down prior to the heel loop connecting, team may be disqualified. Judge will rule as to whether this was accidental or otherwise.
7. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time unless time has already been approved by the field judge.

8. If steer is roped by 1 horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn or head with hands.
9. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and team roping director or spokesman if present. The minimum score of the barrier is to be the length of the box minus two (2) feet.
  - a. Anything over two (2) feet of length of the box, must be approved by the team roping director.
10. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Mixing of Corrientes with other breeds will not be permitted. Cattle must have adequate natural horns. Once a loop is thrown, steer belongs to team, regardless of condition.
11. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges. Contestants must hold dallies until flagger passes catches.
12. Each team roping partner will pay the full amount of the entry fee plus stock charge and the full amount of the entry charges.
13. If contestant leaves horse between flags at any time, he will receive a no time.

## 14. LEGAL CATCHES:

- a. There will be only 3 legal catches:
  1. Whole head
  2. Both horns
  3. Half a head
- b. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
- c. The steers body must be changed and moving forward before the heel loop can be thrown; however, if the steer stops, it must be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered a “crossfire” and no time will be recorded.

## 15. PENALTIES:

- a. One hind foot receives a 5 second penalty.
- b. Breaking the barrier is a 10 second penalty.

## 16. ILLEGAL CATCHES: (Disqualifications)

- a. If hondo passes over 1 horn and the loop the other, catch is illegal.
- b. If any leg is in the head loop when the flagger drops the flag, it will be a no time. Header should release stock immediately.
- c. If, in the opinion of the field flagger, a heel loop is thrown before the header has

dallied and changed the direction of the steer, team shall be disqualified.

d. If, in the opinion of the field judge, the header jerks the steer down unnecessarily, team will be disqualified.

e. Any time loop crosses itself on a head catch, it is illegal.

18. Excessive early hazing by the heeler can result in a fine to be assessed by the judge, stock contractor or event director.

19. A person can choose to rope in either the open or the 40/40 at a rodeo but not both. At finals, they will need to choose whether they are roping in the Open or 40/40 but not both.

20. In the case of a rodeo allowing two runs in the team roping and the contestant wins money on each run, only the highest check won will count towards the KPRA standings.

## **COWGIRL'S BARREL RACING General Rules**

1. Barrel racers at KPRA approved rodeos must be female.

2. KPRA barrel racing contestants are allowed two (2) releases per season. Releases carry a charge of \$25 per rodeo released (\$5 payable to entry line and \$20 payable to Barrel Racing Finals Fund). Releases begin with the first performance/slack used, and contestant cannot compete for seven (7) days after releasing; however you will be able to

enter during this period. Violators will be fined \$250 and no earnings will count toward standings.

- a. Release can cover any rodeos currently entered that fall outside of the seven (7) day release period, if needed.
- b. Contestants releasing from a rodeo must contact the rodeo secretary (not the KPRA secretary) so their fees are not paid out. It is the responsibility of the contestant to notify the rodeo secretary at least two (2) hours prior to the performance in which the contestant is in so that their fee does not go into the payoff. If contestant fails to properly notify rodeo secretary and their fee is included in the payoff, contestant shall be responsible for fees. All KPRA members' fees are guaranteed at all KPRA 1st approved rodeos and will be added to the pot as if you have competed. ANYTIME your fees are paid out, you are responsible for them.
  1. Contestant must also provide release information to KPRA secretary within seven (7) days of beginning release date, including which rodeos they are to be released from.
  2. If contestant is releasing from slack, they must notify rodeo secretary at least two (2) hours prior to evening slack or morning slack, and at least two (2) hours prior to performance if slack is after the performance.
3. No assistance, foot OR horseback, will be allowed INTO the arena with the contestant. Contestants shall not be led past the

entry gate into the arena during the barrel race. Penalty for violation is \$50.

4. Barrels will be 55 gallon steel drums. Both ends of the barrel must be enclosed. Barrels should be brightly colored or barrel covers should be used. If barrel covers are used, they should be used in slack as well as performances. There shall be no rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads used.
5. The flag judge will flag the nose of the horse at the start and the finish of each contestant's run.
6. Any time contestant crosses starting line, time will begin and contestant accepts arena conditions, running order and rake, as is.
7. Contestants will be assessed a 5 second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.
8. Should barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the 5 second penalty will still be assessed.
9. If all barrels are standing when a contestant crosses the score line after completing a qualified run, it is still considered a qualified run, even if the barrel falls after she is flagged.
10. Committee is asked to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event and remaining performances.

11. If slack is run before the 1st performance of the rodeo, it is mandatory to work and water the ground the same as will be done for the performance.
12. Exhibition runs will be allowed during a rodeo performance at the Stock Contractors discretion and ONLY after contestant has completed her paid performance run. Violators of this rule will be assessed a \$100 fine. There will be a \$5 timer charge for each exhibition run.
13. A number less than 10- or 12-barrel racers can be approved by rodeo committee or stock contractor; however, ground must be raked after the same amount in the entire rodeo and slack if a lower number of barrel racers is chosen. All rodeos will be required to *tractor* drag after half the number of contestants the rodeo is set up for. (“Set up for” being the maximum number set on sanction agreement for the performance.)
14. Contestants may approach the right or left barrel first, whichever she chooses.
15. Contestant will be allowed to set up for her run as necessary, without circling unless there is a center gate. A spin or pivot is acceptable on a side gate. There will be no intentional dismounting. Failure to comply will be a \$50 fine.
  - a. A committee and/or stock contractor may require running in and out OR running in only if they desire. Whichever option is chosen must be posted at the secretary’s office with the barrel pattern measurements.

16. All contestants are required to make an honest effort at all times when competing. Contestants must run in the order they are drawn. Contestant cannot obstruct or cause congestion in the entry way to the arena. Failure to comply with any of the above shall result in a \$50 fine to the contestant.
17. Intentional training during your money run, arguing with the judges, or mistreatment of stock or mount shall result in a fine at the judge's discretion. Completing run is not intentional training.
18. Rakes at all performances and slacks of a 1st approved KPRA qualifying rodeo will be completed with drawn positions (not actual runs).
19. The barrel race will be the last timed event during a paid performance and arena is to be kept clear during the event. LBR may be run first during slack provided the stock contractor has informed Central Entry before entries open for that rodeo.

## **JUDGES – LBR**

1. There shall be 2 judges in the barrel race.
2. Both judges shall be required to be present during the barrel racing event with 1 judge flagging the line and the other judge watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run. The same judge must flag all performances.

3. In all cases of dispute, the rodeo will proceed without further delay under the existing KPRA rules. Any contestant, or person connected with the contestant, altercating or arguing with judges will be barred from the arena and contestant will be disqualified from that go-round and may be subject to fine and suspension.

## **BARREL PATTERN – LBR**

1. Barrels are to be set on the inside of each stake in a cloverleaf pattern. Once the stakes have been set, horses shall not be worked around the official pattern with or without barrels. If working horses occurs before or after the rodeo or slack, barrels must be set 20 feet off the stakes. Barrels used for practice must be removed from the arena and returned to their original location. Once the ground has been worked for a performance or slack, NO practicing is allowed. Failure to comply shall result in a \$100 fine.

2. A standard pattern is always preferred. The standard course for barrel racing is:

Ninety (90) feet between barrel one (1) and two (2); One hundred five (105) feet between barrel one (1) and three (3); One hundred five (105) feet between two (2) and three (3); Sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to score line, unless this score line needs to be reduced to keep a seventy (70) foot stopping distance.

Score line should be at least seventy (70) feet from the end of the arena.

**BARREL PATTERNS CANNOT BE BIGGER THAN THE STANDARD COURSE, UNLESS APPROVED BY THE KPRA BARREL RACING DIRECTOR.**

3. Barrels will be set at least eighteen (18) feet from the fence or wall, except the 3rd barrel and it should be at least 25 feet from the fence or wall.
4. The starting line must be correctly measured back from barrel 1 and 2, so the distance is the same to ensure barrel racers going either to the right or left the same opportunity.
5. In small arenas, it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to a standard barrel pattern.
6. Barrels will be measured by a tape measure by rodeo judge prior to the 1st performance and staked. The measurement of barrels and score line in feet and inches MUST be turned in to rodeo secretary before 1st performance and shall be posted. Judges shall check markers before each performance/slack and re-measure, if necessary.

**Disqualifications – LBR**

1. Contestants will be disqualified if after crossing score line and being flagged by the flagman as beginning the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of the cloverleaf pattern.

2. Contestants will be disqualified for breaking the cloverleaf pattern in any way. Contestants may, however, approach the right or left barrel first, whichever she chooses.

### **Timers - LBR**

1. Electric timers must be used in ladies barrel racing.
2. Equipment necessary: Complete electric timer plus 1 extra timing clock or stop watch to be operated manually.
3. Those persons timing the 1st performance must time those contestants remaining in all performances, unless due to sickness, incompetence, or injury.
4. Electric timer must be backed up by a flagman who will stand directly behind 1 timer post in the arena. It is recommended that the electric timer be inside the arena 7 feet from the fence, and no more than even with the first and second barrels. If the electric timer is mounted in the fence, judge should be in most advantageous position to flag the race.
5. Line on fence for flagman should be marked.
6. MANUAL TIME WILL BE RECORDED AND READ IN 10THs. ELECTRIC EYE TIMES WILL BE RECORDED AND READ IN 100THs. When the backup times are to be used for those electronically missed, a zero will be added to the 100ths.

7. It is MANDATORY that back up times be recorded for all contestants.
8. Secretaries will be fined for failure to keep back up times (\$25 for the 1st offense, progressive by \$25 thereafter).
9. Set the timer the same height and position each performance and lock legs.
10. During the performance and slack prior to the barrel race, it is the judge's responsibility to set timer in the arena and see that it is functioning properly.

### **Electric Timer Failure - LBR**

1. If the electric eye fails to work for 4 or more contestants in an entire go-round, the backup (manual) recorded times will be the official times for everyone.
2. When the electric eye fails to work for less than 4 of the contestants in an entire go-round, the manual times will be the official times for those electronically missed.
3. If the timer fails to work for the 1st performance, all remaining performances will be hand flagged. A backup electric eye cannot be used for remaining performances unless it is also available for the 1st performance.

## **Re-Runs LBR**

1. There shall be no re-runs due to faulty equipment.
2. A re-run must be called for immediately following the event and contestants must be notified.
3. Re-run to be given to contestant should default occur due to interference.

## **COWGIRL'S BREAKAWAY ROPING**

1. Ropes are tied to saddle horn with nylon string provided and inspected by the judges. Flag must be 4 inches wide and 12 inches long, visible by flagman or judge, and must be attached to end of the rope, with no long tails.
2. Calf must break rope away from saddle horn. Contestant will receive no time should she break rope from saddle horn herself.
3. Breakaway cattle cannot have horns longer than 2 inches.
4. Calves used must be run and/or followed on horseback prior to the competition. Calves from the men's tie-down roping may be used for breakaway roping.
5. Rope must pass over calf's head and only a clean bell-collar catch is considered a qualified catch.

6. Contestants fouled by the barrier or if neck rope stays around the calf, she will be given a re-run if the foul is declared immediately by pulling up. If rope is thrown, no re-run will be given.
7. Breakaway roping is to be added to the association as a regular event and will be included in the finals.
8. Anything not covered in the above rules will be covered by the men's tie-down roping or under General Timed Event Rules.
9. Field Flagger may sit on either side of the arena and it is Highly Recommended they use a spotter on the opposite side.

## **40/40 MIXED TEAM ROPING**

1. To be eligible for the 40/40 mixed roping, your team must consist of: two men over 40 years old or two women of any age or a women of any age with a man over 40 or a woman over 40 and a man of any age.
2. As long as a man or woman turns 40 prior to the rodeo, they are eligible to compete in the 40/40.
3. This is a KPRA sanctioned event, and earnings will count toward the finals for all-around points as well as the 40/40 TR standings.

4. You may enter one (1) time. Only the highest earnings will go towards the all-around standings.
5. The rules not covered here will be the same as the dally team roping. Please refer to them for further information.
6. A person can choose to rope in either the open or the 40/40 at a rodeo but not both. At finals, they will need to choose whether they are roping in the Open or 40/40 but not both.
7. ***The score may be no longer than two foot under the open, unless other arrangements are approved by the 40/40 Team Roping Director.***

## **YEAR-END FINALS**

1. The KPRA will hold a year-end Finals if financially feasible.
2. The top 12 money winners in each event will be responsible for entering their events for the finals, as well as anyone else further down the list that would like to attend and are not in the top 12. If one of the top 12 chooses not to attend, the next person in line will be offered the position, and so on down the list of money earners, provided that person entered the Finals by the Finals entry deadline. If you do not enter the Finals by the entry deadline, you will not be called to fill the next position unless the event did not fill.

3. Team ropers may enter the Finals only 1 time. Money won by the team will be accredited to each contestant's year end standings. All money won will count toward the Finals. Team ropers must choose their partner from the top 12 headers or top 12 heelers, and they must be a KPRA member in good standing and can only substitute if there is a medical release. They must meet all eligibility requirements. Saddles and buckles to be given to Champion Header and Heeler.

4. To be eligible for the KPRA Finals, you must have competed in at least **ten (10)** KPRA first-approved rodeos, EXCEPT bareback, saddle bronc, ranch bronc, and bull riding, which are required to have competed at **seven (7)** KPRA first-approved rodeos in each event during the current season as a KPRA card holder or have board approval. A contestant that competes in multiple events must follow the guidelines for all the events to qualify for the year-end finals they wish to compete in.

a. If there are less than 12 contestants in any event, the KPRA board may invite KPRA members who have competed in that event. If more contestants are needed to fill the event, the KPRA board may invite contestants from associations we have co-approved with in order to fill the event to 12 contestants.

5. If a contestant, who is not a current KPRA member, is invited to attend the KPRA Finals, he/she is responsible for immediate payment of the KPRA membership for the upcoming year. NO EXCEPTIONS!

6. Invited contestants will be eligible for finals awards but will NOT be eligible for year-end awards.
7. Year-end finals personnel pay scale pays per performance set by the KPRA Board of Directors.
  - a. Judges will be paid from the Judges Finals Fund and Pay Scale will be set by KPRA Board of Directors as per Judges Representatives suggestions.
8. Contract help must have worked at least two KPRA first approved or co-approved rodeos during the current season as a KPRA card holder to be eligible to work the Finals. Rodeos will not count until after card has been purchased. Announcers, music directors and barrel-man are not required to purchase a membership card to be selected for the finals.
9. KPRA Board of Directors will serve as year-end finals committee. Pick-up men will be voted on and chosen by the rough stock directors. Bullfighters will be voted on and chosen by the bull riding director. Judges will be voted on and chosen by the entire Board of Directors.

All other finals personnel will be hired by the executive committee, all personnel will be hired no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>.

10. In order to qualify to bring stock to the Finals, a stock contractor must have a minimum of 2 KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved sanctioned rodeos during the year.

a. Stock contractors will nominate animals from their herd for the rough stock events. Contractors may feature two animals in each event to be considered for bucking horse or bull of the year.

b. Event directors shall select finals stock from contractors list and shall be responsible for setting pens. Judges who have knowledge of animals shall assist each event director with this task.

11. Entry fees and prize money will be set by the Board of Directors at the same time the number of performances are set. This is determined by the financial condition of the association. All events, including heading and heeling, shall have equal added money from the KPRA Finals Fund.

a. At the KPRA Finals the 40/40 entry fee will be \$500 per person.

12. If a contestant turns out stock other than for medical or vet reasons, he will receive a no score for that performance and may compete on remaining stock.

13. Contestants must enter and compete at the KPRA Finals to win year end awards, unless medical or veterinarian releases are approved by the board.

14. All mounted contestants must ride in the Grand Entry. Stock contractors, judges and directors have the right and responsibility

to turn in violators. A fine of \$50 can be assessed on anyone who does not ride in the Grand Entry.

15. Finals award winners must be present at the designated place of the awards presentation in order to receive any awards to which they are entitled. If an award winner has a valid excuse for not attending, he/she must notify the KPRA secretary prior to the awards presentation.

16. If the director of an event doesn't qualify for the finals and has met all the following criteria, he/she will be allowed to compete at the finals as the 13<sup>th</sup> contestant in that event.

1. The director has attended every board meeting.
2. Has competed in the required amount of first approved rodeos for that event.
3. Has gotten enough sponsor money to cover the cost of all that events prizes that year by the deadline for finals sponsors.

In the event the head director has qualified for the finals and the other director has not and has helped the head director get sponsors and has met the above criteria, the second director will be allowed the thirteenth spot at the finals. This rule shall only allow one director into the finals via this rule and will NOT create a 14<sup>th</sup> contestant at the finals.

- a. The top 12 qualifiers in the heading standings will rope with the top 12 qualifiers in the heeling standings. The director will rope with the next additional person available in the standings.

b. If the President does not qualify for the finals and has met all the following criteria, he/she will be allowed to compete at the finals as the 13th or 14th contestant in one event.

1. Fulfills the duties of the President during the year.
2. Has attended every board meeting.
3. Has competed in the required amount of first approved rodeos for that event.

*If the head event direct, President and Vice President (if not otherwise a head director) have satisfied all the requirements listed above to qualify to compete at the yearend finals, they will receive a \$250 stipend from the KPRA General Fund to be used towards their entry fees at the finals.*

17. There will be a standardized payout for the KPRA Finals.
18. Ranch Bronc Riding will be a sanctioned event at all 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA rodeos. Ranch Bronc Riding will be at the KPRA Finals. A contestant must have a current KPRA membership and compete at 3 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA rodeos in the Ranch Bronc Riding to compete at the finals. A contestant will be allowed to enter both the Saddle Bronc Riding and the Ranch Bronc Riding at all 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA rodeos and the KPRA finals.
  - a. There will be Ranch Bronc Riding at all three (3) performances during the KPRA Year-end Finals.

19. All timed events at the finals will be during the set performance time, like other 1<sup>st</sup> approved KPRA sanctioned rodeos, not following the bull riding event.
20. The run order for all events, exception the barrel racing, will be 1<sup>st</sup> Go – low money to high money, 2<sup>nd</sup> Go – slowest to fastest in the average or highest to lowest money winner determined by director and co-director with a vote that they hold prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Go, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Go – slowest to fastest in the average. Splits will be allowed if needed. The run order for the barrel racing will be set according to the Finals Ground Rules, which will be determined by the current barrel racing director and the alternate, after a majority vote has been done, allowing the top 12 qualified barrel racers to vote. The barrel racing directors will be responsible for gathering votes.
21. The ground rules established at each “year-end finals” will override the existing rules in the current rulebook.
22. A fee of \$150 per rough stock out will be paid to the stock contractors at the KPRA Year-End Finals.
  - a. Stock brought as a re-ride option will be paid \$75, even if the stock is not used.
23. If during any performance of the KPRA Year-End Finals a re-ride is given, the re-ride stock receives the allotted out money.
24. KPRA Directors will receive choice of stalls and hook-ups at the KPRA Finals.

25. If KPRA finals contestant uses a hook-up or stall that is assigned to another contestant, said violator will not be allowed to check-in for finals until they have moved to their assigned spot/stall.

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