



# **Iowa Rodeo Cowboys Association Rule Book**

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## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a board of twelve (12) directors, one chosen from each of the following events: SB, BB, BR; CR, O/40, Breakaway and Team Roping; Steer Wrestling, and Barrel Racing; Plus, a Stock Contractor, Contract Personnel, and Judging Director.
  - a. Outgoing Event Director shall serve as Alternate Directors unless they decline to do so in which case an Alternate Director will be elected by majority vote of those in good standing.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the IRCA and Board of Directors.
3. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice- President shall perform his/her duties.
4. Any officer of the Association will have the authority to represent any event or contract in the absence of the duly elected director.
5. The Treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by him/her; and shall deposit it in the name of the Association. He/she shall not pay out or dispense any of the money of the association except by check and only for the purpose of the Association. Checks must be signed by the President and the Treasurer. A statement shall be made of the current financial condition of the Association. The report will be made available to all Officers & Directors at each Board Meeting.
6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and other official reports of the Association. He/she shall conduct its official correspondence and shall keep all records, books, documents, and papers relating to the Association at such place shall be designated by the Board of Directors. The Secretary will accept memberships and membership monies.
7. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be bonded, and the cost is to be borne by the Association.
8. Officers and Directors may be removed at any time with or without cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
9. Resignation of officers and directors must be presented to the Board of Directors.
  - a. A director resigning from his/her position should choose a person to fill his/her office, until the annual meeting.
10. The Association Secretary is to be hired by the Board. The Board is to decide the salary that is to be paid.
11. The Officers & Board of Directors shall have the authority to make final decisions and/or to make interpretations regarding Association rules or business.
12. After the completion of a two year term the president will receive a buckle, after the completion of a four year term or more, consecutive years, the president shall receive a saddle certificate not to exceed the limit of the current year end champion certificates. (2022)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

1. Officers may be nominated by any member in good standing.
2. Officers and Directors will be voted in by majority vote at the annual meeting held during the finals.
3. Terms of Officers & Directors shall be alternating two (2) year terms.
4. Only those persons who compete in an event may nominate or be nominated for that event's directorship.
  - a. All of the general membership may vote for event directors.
5. A director or alternate must be an active member in his or her event.
6. All nominations for President must have served previously on the Board of Directors before they can be elected to that position.
  - a. If there are not 3 candidates for the office of President that meet the qualification stated in 6, nominations will be taken from the general membership.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The general membership meeting will be held each year at the Finals.
2. Proposed rule changes must be submitted in writing to the IRCA office, 45 days prior to the general membership meeting.
3. Members only will be allowed to attend the General Membership Meeting.
  - a. Only current members will have the right to submit rule changes and vote.

## MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Iowa residents only can join the IRCA. Must be an Iowa resident with a valid Iowa Driver's License, or valid Iowa ID.
  - a. Bareback and Saddle Bronc riding will be open to anyone, including out-of-state competitors, and they will be able to purchase an IRCA card.
  - b. Any membership in question will be ruled on by the Board of Directors.
  - c. If you are a student, attending an out-of-state college/university, and your permanent address is Iowa (parents live in Iowa) you can hold a membership in the IRCA.
  - d. Judges do not need to be an Iowa resident.
2. Membership fees will be \$100 including a mailed newsletter by request.
  - a. Members shall carry the same card number each year. Number will be retired if the member does not continue membership.
  - b. A "Cash Only" card will be issued to any new member, or any previous IRCA member who has had bad checks. Entry fees must be paid in cash.
3. Annual membership is due by January 1, for the following year.
  - a. The rodeo season ends with the Finals. Any rodeos held after the finals are considered the beginning of the next year's rodeo season. (Points will be counted for the next season). Any contestant acquiring points on the previous card must purchase membership before January 1 in order for points to count for the current year.
  - b. IRCA Finals cutoff is at least 14 days prior to the first performance of the IRCA Finals.
4. Any person becoming a member of the Association shall comply with all of its rules and decisions and shall be bound by the same.
5. Stock contractors will receive a complimentary card, but they need to purchase a membership to compete and accumulate points.
  - a. Stock Contractors will be liable for personnel (actions, abilities, membership, etc.)
6. Stock Contractors will be responsible for hiring contract personnel with a current IRCA card, at any first approved IRCA rodeo. Subject to a \$35 fine per contract personnel. (2008)
7. Membership will be needed before the entry date of the rodeo.
  - a. If you do not have a Full Membership card you will pay non-cardholder fees to compete. Points will count from the date of securing membership. If sent by mail, points will count from postmark date.
  - b. Contestants must compete in six (6) IRCA rodeos, during the season, in the event in which he/she wants to compete in at the finals or to receive year end awards.
8. For All-Around, Contestant must compete in 4 IRCA rodeos per event (end/TR)
  - a. Contract Personnel and full memberships must be bought by Aug 1<sup>st</sup> BUT points are accumulated and qualifying rodeos count AFTER membership has been purchased.
  - b. D. Rough Stock Only Events that are approved by the IRCA will count towards year end standings at the finals, excluding the all-around and rookie points. Contestants must still participate in 4 IRCA rodeos to be eligible for the finals and year end awards and cannot count the event as one (1). Once a contestant has competed in 4 IRCA rodeos, any points accumulated will be added to contestant's points. All events must be board approved and must be rough stock only. No Timed events

9. The IRCA will give a card to current rough stock members of the IHSRA (Iowa High School Rodeo). IHSRA contestants must submit proof of IHSRA membership upon submitting a membership application. Contestants need to have a signed waiver in the IRCA office to obtain the card. IRCA participant cardholders cannot vote or submit rule changes. Points will not count towards All-Around.
10. All Past Presidents will receive permanent "GOLD CARD" membership to the IRCA.
11. Any current officer/director will be admitted to any performance, at no charge.
12. The IRCA Association Secretary and family will be admitted at the gate with no gate fee charged.
13. Each contestant will receive one pass, and one companion pass for each performance (buddy pass).
14. The IRCA will allow any Iowa resident to purchase a membership.
15. The IRCA will allow any Iowa resident to purchase a membership. Out-of-State contestants competing in rough stock events (saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding) may be eligible to purchase a full membership.

## NON-IRCA CARDHOLDERS

1. Non-IRCA cardholders in good standing with the IRCA will pay an additional \$20 in rough stock and timed events. They are not eligible for year-end-awards or to compete at year-end finals.
  - a. The \$20 will be split evenly, that 50% goes to the Stock Contractor and 50% to the specific event fund to be used as each director sees fit. (Awards, Added Money, etc.)
    - i. Rodeo secretaries must specify which event non-cardholders are entering.
  - b. All non-cardholders (out-of-state) will be subject to callback on entries and must pay in cash.
  - c. All Non-Cardholders who no show or turn out, cannot enter another rodeo until fees (from rodeo where non-cardholder no showed or turned out) are paid.
  - d. Secretary and Stock Contractor are to send a complete contestants list to the IRCA Secretary at the time results are sent in. The list will be verified against the membership list. If numbers of non-cardholders do not match, the stock contractor is responsible to pay the difference.
  - e. Non-IRCA cardholders (minors) must have a signed parental release form on file at the IRCA office, notarized for the IRCA rodeo season or a notarized parental release form for each IRCA rodeo. This form shall release the IRCA from all liability from participation in an IRCA rodeo.
  - f. Non-Cardholder fees will be waived to any Iowa High School Rodeo Member providing he/she is a current member in good standing and must show his/her IHSRA membership card to rodeo secretary. A waiver will still need to be signed per Rule 1E.

## CONTRACT CARDHOLDERS/PERSONNEL

1. Contract Personnel membership must be purchased in order to work an IRCA first approved rodeo. Includes Clowns, Bullfighters, Pickup Men, Judges, Announcers, & Secretaries.
2. Timers will only need to purchase a Contract Personnel card to be eligible to submit their name for the finals
3. Contract Personnel must work at least (3) three IRCA approved rodeos to be eligible to place their name on the ballot for the finals. (Clowns, Bullfighters, judges, announcers, pick up men, timers, secretaries)
4. To be eligible for the finals, cards need to be bought by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Official Dress: Collared long sleeve shirts (rolled down), jeans, boots, and western hat must be worn at all times when in the arena. (This includes one hour before the performance and during the slack).
6. All IRCA first approved rodeos will have two bullfighters.

## STOCK CONTRACTORS

1. All new stock contractors will pay a \$500.00 bond fee to the IRCA Secretary which will be deposited into the association's general fund bank account. The \$500.00 is refundable at the end of the years' probation, providing no rule infraction is caused by stock contractor.

2. Rodeo committees that hire non-IRCA stock contractors or produce their own rodeos by hiring subcontractors will pay a cash bond of \$500 to be refunded at the end of the years' probation, providing no rule infractions are caused by the contractor or committee's rodeo secretary.
3. IRCA Stock Contractors must produce 3 IRCA approved rodeos in the current year to bring stock to the finals.
4. Stock Contractor will be responsible for hiring Contract Personnel with an IRCA membership card. Subject to \$35 fine per Contract Personnel hired without an IRCA membership.
5. New contractors have the option to take stock to the finals.
6. For stock to be eligible for year-end awards, it must be used through the season and at the finals. Other variables at Board's Discretion.
7. Immediately following the Finals Rodeo, a stock contractor will submit, in writing to the IRCA secretary, their nominations for Bucking Stock of the Year.
8. Each rodeo will have a minimum of \$200.00 dollars added money per event and both sides of the Team Roping. (Added by the committee or from the stock charge).
  - a. Equal added money in all events is encouraged. When added money is not equal, the difference between the highest and the lowest added money cannot exceed 50% (twice the amount). Team roping heading and heeling, each being considered an event.
9. Thirty minutes before the start of the performance, the arena will be cleared and reworked, conditions permitting.
10. There will be no less than seven (7) steers for SW, twelve (12) calves for CR and BAR and eleven (11) steers for TR. All cattle will be as even as possible.
11. In the event, if not a minimum number of approved stock, the contractor may be subject to fine. This will be enforced.
12. Team Roping and Bulldogging cattle will be # branded on the hip or base of the horn. (Must be visible)
13. Stock contractors and their paid personnel shall not be allowed to serve as President or Vice President on the IRCA board of directors as that can be a conflict of interest. (2022)
14. The committee of each association approved rodeo will provide an emergency vehicle with appropriate equipment and medically trained personnel for all performances and slack events. No one will compete if this condition is not met. (2022)

## RODEO APPROVALS

1. To gain IRCA Approval, a stock contractor must complete the rodeo approval form and submit it to the office at least 45 days prior to the first performance of that rodeo.
  - a. Any changes on approval form must be done through the office, for IRCA approval, prior to the rodeo.
2. A late fee of \$50 will be charged for rodeos submitted between 14 and 45 days prior to the first performance. Approvals received less than 14 days prior to the first performance of the rodeo will not be approved. (2022)
3. The IRCA will approve winter rodeos within the state of Iowa. "Winter" will be from the first weekend in October through the last weekend of April. The points accumulated will count for year-end standings. The rodeo should have one judge from each association.
4. Winter rodeos may be co-approved but do not have to be in the state of Iowa.
5. Any IRCA rodeo can be co-approved
6. Rough Stock Events – It will be determined by the stock contractor if the rough stock riders can enter twice. This must be designated in the rodeo approval form.
  - a. Both rides count toward standings.
  - b. If a contestant is injured on the first ride, they will not be reimbursed their entry fees from the second entry. (2017)

## CONDUCT OF RODEO

1. Contestants will pay full gate fee at all performances he/she does not participate in, unless the sponsoring producer of the rodeo elects to lower that amount or eliminate it.
  - a. Approved rodeos are to accept membership cards, and pass cards, the same, as they would accept paid-for-tickets.
  - b. If a member is caught passing his card around, the committee may take his card and send it to the secretary's office.
2. If at least four (4) contestants are not entered in an event, the committee can cancel the event or pay mount money.
  - a. If an event is canceled due to lack of entries, the added money of said event may not be used for mount money.
3. All members must ride in all grand entries unless there are extenuating circumstances.
  - a. Contestants will receive one warning. Twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine for noncompliance.
4. Official Dress: Collared long sleeve shirts (rolled down), jeans, boots, and western hat must be worn at all times when in the arena. (This includes one hour before the performance and during the slack).
  - a. Twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine for noncompliance.
5. If the management provides satisfactory seats for the contestants, the Association will urge the contestant to stay out of the arena when they are not scheduled to compete
6. There will be two (2) timers at every performance of an IRCA approved rodeo. One will be considered the primary timer, the other the secondary timer.
  - a. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness or injury, by request of an Association official because of timer's incompetence, or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee and Association official.
  - b. The primary timer, who times the first performance of any event, must remain the primary timer of that event throughout the rest of the rodeo, except as noted above.
  - c. All timed events, (except girls' barrel racing), will be timed in tenths.
7. Field flag judge may not be changed during the course of an event.
  - a. If a judge cannot complete a rodeo, a new go round will start, and two separate pay-offs will be paid in rough stock events.
8. The decision of the judges, flagman, and timers who have been passed-on by the Association shall be final and no protest by the contestants will be permitted.
9. Trading of Positions can be approved by the judge not less than 30 minutes prior to the beginning of performance or slack in which the contestant is drawn. All trades must be made between contestants that have drawn the same stock. (2010)
10. Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should call the Association office for instructions if no director or officer is present.
11. All contestants and contractors are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those related to the events which they enter. Failure to understand or failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
12. Contestant/s must be ready to compete when called upon three times by the announcer.
13. In the event a Rodeo has a performance completed and one or more are canceled or postponed longer than 24 hours, payout will be paid for the runs completed, however the earnings will not count in the results and standings.
14. Designated slack may be held (when deemed necessary by contractor and/or committees) after performances are filled, if at least 50 or more contestants request. A \$5.00 fee, per contestant, will be assessed, by the contractor in addition to their regular fees. A team in the team roping will be considered as 2 separate contestants.
  - a. It will be the contestant's responsibility to call back, within one (1) hour of call-in closing time, to verify designated slack. Once slack has begun, it should be run until completed.

15. IRCA members acknowledge that rodeos are a dangerous activity and hereby release IRCA, IRCA officers, and IRCA directors, IRCA sponsors, IRCA rodeo committees, IRCA sanctioned rodeo productions entities, and the officers directors, employees and agents of such entities from liability from any and all property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from involvement or participation in a IRCA sanctioned rodeo, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent.
16. Should an Association member turn out stock without authority of the rodeo judges, he/she may be barred from the next approved rodeo.
17. Should a contestant not want to compete on drawn stock, he/she is required to mount somebody on said head of stock. This shall be at the expense of the contestant refusing stock. Failure to mount someone on said head of stock may result in a fine. In case of injury of a contestant, this rule may be waived. If the stock is turned out during a paid performance, contestant turning out stock may be disqualified in all events for the remainder of that rodeo and may be barred from the next approved rodeo.
  - a. Contestants refusing or turning out stock anytime other than during a paid performance will receive no time or mark.
  - b. Above contestants will not be eligible for average money in the event, in which he/she has turned out stock.
  - c. Stock turned out, will not be brought back.

## CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION

1. Contestants may be disqualified by any of the following offenses:
  - a. Being under the influence of alcohol in the arena.
  - b. Rowdyism or quarreling in the actual domain of the arena.
  - c. Mistreatment of stock.
  - d. Refusing to contest during a paid performance on an animal drawn for him/her.
  - e. Not being ready to compete when called upon.
  - f. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
  - g. Not wearing official dress, including a collared long-sleeved shirt with sleeves rolled down, jeans, boots and western hat in the arena during competition.
2. All members of the Association must make an honest effort when competing in the arena. If an honest effort is not made, the member is liable for fine and/or disqualification.
3. Contestants can be disqualified only by agreement of the rodeo judges and the arena director.
  - a. A majority decision of the three will decide.
4. Any contestant with a complaint must report it to a director or officer after the performance is completed, in writing.
  - a. If a satisfactory decision cannot be reached, the contestant may call for a meeting with the entire Board of Directors.
5. Any member or non-member using unnecessary profanity, threats, or rowdyism shall be barred from the arena, disqualified and/or fined.
  - a. Such offense may be brought before the Board for final decision.
6. No stock will be given until entry fees are paid. When a contestant has been announced to compete (three calls) and his/her fees have not been paid, his/ her stock will be turned out. Judges will be notified immediately before they compete.

## RODEO ENTRY

1. All entries must be taken by phone or online. Online entries may be taken, but there must also be an option for phone entry.



- a. The caller can enter one's self and three (3) other persons per call. Entries are for performances, not slack.
- b. Online entries may be taken, but there must also be an option for phone entry.
2. Any contestant personally entering another contestant shall be responsible for the other contestant's entry fees.

## DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEES REFUND

1. All Draw Outs and Vet Outs MUST be dated with when the Rodeo Secretary spoke with contestant. (2012)
2. To draw out of rodeo without doctors or (GBR) vet release:
  - a. If call in is more than 5 days before the 1st performance of a rodeo, contestants have up to 96 hours (4 days) before the 1st performance to draw out.
  - b. If call in is 5 days or less before 1st performance, contestants must draw out within 24 hours of call in closing time.
  - c. Any contestant who turns out stock or doesn't compete with a doctor's release, vet release or a licensed chiropractor release shall be fined, declared ineligible, or both if evidence shows he/she competed in another rodeo within 72 hours after the performance the release was turned in for.
3. No stock will be given until entry fees are paid.
4. No rodeo that completes its contract shall be responsible for the return of a contestant's entry fees if he/she has contested in the event once during the rodeo.
  - a. If a contestant is entered in other events in which he/she is unable to contest, the entry fees for those events are to be returned.
5. Any high school age student/IRCA member may be excused from their first round of competition at the IRCA Finals if they are participating in a scheduled High School Activity. Their first competition run will be designated and run on Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> performance. To be eligible for this set-up, student/member must have board approval previous to the Finals, and signed documentation from the High School Administrator verifying their participation in that Friday night activity.

## FINES

1. Any member who breaks the rules shall be fined a minimum of \$25.00 and up to a maximum of \$200.00 for a first offense.
2. Second offense will be a one-year suspension and/or up to a \$200.00 fine.
3. Anyone writing a bad check for entry fees or dues will be fined as under rules one and two.
  - a. If above offenses are not taken care of within two weeks of notification by the Association Secretary, the member shall appear on the suspended list.
  - b. The IRCA will reimburse the FIRST bad check by current cardholder to the stock contractor for entry fees only ONCE.
  - c. All persons who have given bad checks will be placed on a list and entry fees are on a cash basis only for one year. Members' names will then be removed from the list but will be placed on the list permanently if any more bad checks are given.
4. Any member may be fined, suspended or barred from the Association for disorderly conduct or actions detrimental to the Association. This includes Social Media Posting(2022). Final decision to be left up to the Board of Directors.
  - a. Upon suspension a member must appear in front of the Board of Directors to state his/her case for re-entry to the Association.
5. Any member that is suspended by the Association shall be kept from competing and barred from the arena during any IRCA Rodeo, as well as being barred from attending any IRCA function. Function is defined as any activity sponsored by the Association for members, such as the banquet, dance, etc.



6. The Board will expect the cooperation of any member when called upon by one of the officers or directors to represent the Association's interests regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.

## ENTRY FEES

1. Entry fees will be \$30.00 for all Rough stock events, Barrel Racing. Entry fees for Team Roping (each end), Open Calf Roping, Over Forty Calf Roping, Breakaway & Steer Wrestling shall be \$50.00 (see day money for exceptions).
2. Stock Charge: Up to \$16 Stock Charge for each contestant in BB,SB,BR, SW, CR, O40, BAR. Up to \$8 per end in TR.
3. Electric Eye Fee: 3.00 (or \$8.00 if barn charge) for GBR. If an electric eye is not provided by the stock contractor, eye charge will not be collected.

In Addition to entry fees:

- a. Five percent (5%) will be withheld from the prize money at all IRCA approved only rodeos.
  - i. At double approved rodeos six percent (6%) will be withheld from entry fees with three percent (3%) going to each association.
  - ii. The Stock Contractor or Committee will be responsible for 3% money for rodeo with more than 2 sanctions approved.
- b. \$3.00 on each entry to go to the judges (\$1.50ea.) at all IRCA rodeos, except the finals.
- c. \$3.00 General Fund Fee and a \$1.00 Event Fund Fee will be collected per contestant per rodeo. IRCA approved Only.
- d. \$6.00 at co-approved rodeos there will be a \$3.00 IRCA General Fund, \$1 Event Fund Fee, \$2.00 for the second association fee.
- e. \$5.00 Day Money per contestant will be mandatory at each rodeo, paid in cash.
  - i. 80% (\$4.00) Day Money will be paid to the contestant with the highest score or the fastest time for that performance. If there are no qualified times or scores, the day money will be carried forward to the next performance. 10% (\$.50) will go to the rodeo secretary; 10% (\$.50) to the General Finals Fund.
  - ii. Day money does not count for year-end awards.
  - iii. If day money exceeds \$100.00, the day money will be paid to the first two places with a 60/40 payoff.
  - iv. \$5.00-day money will be collected at one-day rodeos (any rodeo with or without designated slack will be considered a one-day rodeo, as far as prize money is considered; except 80% will go into the jackpot and be treated as such instead of being paid to the event winner). Slack is included with a performance unless held at designated time from a performance, for example 10:00 a.m.
  - v. One verbal warning (from the director after receiving board approval) to the stock contractor concerning quality of stock, and then if warning is not heeded, stock charge is forfeited until action is taken.
  - vi. Stock charge is optional between committee and stock contractor.

4. Entry Fee Example:

Event	Entry Fee	Added Money	Total	Association Percentage (5% IRCA ONLY) (6% Co-Appr. with 3% split)	Stock Charge	Day Money \$5 Total (1\$.50IRCA/ \$.50 Rodeo Sec.)			Finals Fund (\$3GF \$1EF)	Co-Approved Assn. (each additional association)		Judges Fee	Non-Member Fee \$20 (\$10 to IRCA \$10 to stock contractor)
Bareback	\$30				\$16	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
Saddle Bronc	\$30				\$16	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
Bull Riding	\$30				\$16	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
Calf Roping	\$50				\$16	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
040 Calf Roping	\$50				\$16	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
Steer Wrestling	\$50				\$16	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
Girl's Barrel Racing	\$50				\$3	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
TR: Heading	\$50				\$8	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
TR: Heeling	\$50				\$8	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
Breakaway	\$50				\$16	\$4	\$.50	\$.50	\$4	\$2	\$2	\$3	
IRCA GRAND TOTAL:													

## SECRETARY AND RODEO OFFICE

1. An IRCA rodeo must have an approved IRCA secretary.
2. Rodeo secretary must ask for a card number on entries phoned in. If the number is not given, entry may be refused.
3. Any secretary accepting entries is responsible for those entries. Secretaries cannot accept any entries in Team Roping leaving an open hole. Both names are to be given upon entering.
4. The IRCA Secretary may take entries to an IRCA rodeo, if a person has "HONESTLY" tried to contact the secretary of the rodeo, during the time books are open, and the IRCA Secretary can verify it.
5. Arena secretaries may ask contestants to show a paid-up Association membership card at time of entry.
  - a. Every contestant is required to show their current membership card when paying fees should any contestant not have it with them, they will be required to pay non-refundable non-cardholder fees.
  - b. If secretary accepts a check from a member with a "CASH ONLY" status, the IRCA will not reimburse per rule under FINES #3C.
6. IRCA/Arena secretary has the right to ask to see the contestant's driver's license for proof of Iowa residence.
7. Arena Secretary must provide copies of the draw for secretary's use, posting, and a copy of the timed event draw to be posted at the roping box.
8. All rodeo information, (secretary and judges sheets, results, payoff, Association money and contestant list) must be turned into the office (association secretary) within seven (7) days following the last performance of the rodeo.

9. Contestants' checks should be mailed within two (2) weeks after last performance of rodeo.
10. The IRCA secretary will maintain a list of competitors (including out-of-state and local) who draw out, no show, and do not pay their entry fees. Secretary will forward to rodeo secretaries on a week-to-week basis. The list will carry over from one year to the next. Rodeo secretaries are to collect fees, before contestant is allowed to compete at the rodeo.
  - a. \$25.00 fine will be added to entry fees if not paid within 10 days of rodeos last performance.
11. Draw out fees and no show fees will be put in the Finals Fund to be used at the board's discretion.
12. Secretary may draw positions following the call in.
13. All new IRCA secretaries must pass a written test prior to the first rodeo they will work each year. (The test could be prepared by any officer, director or any combination of officer/director.)
14. All calves shall not be drawn MORE than four (4) hours, and not less than one (1) hour before each performance.
  - a. A list shall be posted not less than one (1) hour before each performance.
  - b. There shall be no closed drawing held.
15. There shall be no closed drawings.

## PAYOFF

1. A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him/her in an event to place in the average.
2. Payoff is figured by adding total entry fees plus added money and subtracting the Association % (5% IRCA only; 6% co-approved).

- a. All TR monies are figured on one-half (1/2) the total purse.

<b>Example:</b>	10 entries X \$30 = \$300	\$500	
Added Money	<u>+\$200</u>	<u>- 30</u>	
Total	\$500		<b>\$470 payoff from this amount</b>
6% co-approved	x <u>.06</u>		
	\$ 30		

- b. Pay 1 100%
- Pay 2 60/40 **\$470 X 60% = \$282**
- Pay 3 50/30/20 **\$470 X 40% = \$188**
- Pay 4 40/30/20/10 **470**
- Pay 5 30/25/20/15/10
- Pay 6 29/24/19/14/9/5
- Pay 7 27/22/17/13/10/7/4
- Pay 8 26/20/15/12/10/8/6/3
- Pay 10 21/18/15/13/10/8/6/4/3/2
- Pay 12 20/17/14/12/10/7/5/4/3.5/3/2.5/2

## PAYOFF PER EVENT

BB SB ENTRIES		BR O/40 ENTRIES		CR ENTRIES		SW ENTRIES		BAR ENTRIES TR TEAMS		GBR ENTRIES	
1-3	PAY 2	1-3	PAY 1	1-5	PAY 1	1-3	PAY 1	1-3	PAY 1	1-3	PAY 1
4-6	PAY 3	4-6	PAY 2	6-10	PAY 2	4-10	PAY 2	4-6	PAY 2	4-6	PAY 2
7-11	PAY 4	7-11	PAY 3	11-15	PAY 3	11-20	PAY 3	7-11	PAY 3	7-11	PAY 3
12-20	PAY 5	12-20	PAY 4	16-20	PAY 4	21-30	PAY 4	12-20	PAY 4	12-20	PAY 4
21-30	PAY 6	21-30	PAY 5	21-25	PAY 5	31-40	PAY 5	21-30	PAY 5	21-30	PAY 5
		31- UP	PAY 6	26-UP	PAY 6	41-UP	PAY 6	31- 40	PAY 6	31- 40	PAY 6
								41-50	PAY 7	41-50	PAY 7
								51-UP	PAY 8	51-80	PAY 8
										81-100	PAY 10
										101-UP	PAY 12

3. When there is an average, average will pay same number of places as the go-rounds.
4. In the event there is only one (1) qualified time or ride in any event, that contestant will receive all of the money in that event.
5. In the event there are only two (2) qualified times or rides in any event, those two (2) contestants will receive 60% and 40% of the entry money for that event.
6. In the event there are no qualified rides in any event, ground money will be paid.
  - a. Ground Money – Total payoff divided evenly between all contestants of an event with no qualified rides or times. Does not count towards year end points. In the event that has multiple go rounds and an average, if NO score or time is made in a go round, that money will be added to the average payoff and no ground money will be paid in that go round.
7. Two go-rounds and average. Average will pay same as go-rounds.
  - a. Three go-rounds and average. Average will pay 1-½ times the amount of the go-rounds.
8. Contestants' checks should be mailed within two weeks after the last performance of the rodeo.
9. Equal money in all events is encouraged. Team roping heading & heeling, each being considered an event.

## POINT SYSTEM

1. This point system is set up solely to determine the 15 contestants to compete at the year end finals.
2. There will be one point awarded per rodeo entry for bareback, saddle bronc, steer wrestling and O40 Calf Roping.
3. Contestants must still attend six (6) rodeos to be eligible to compete at finals and be eligible for year end awards.

## JUDGES AND JUDGING METHODS

1. All judges and flagmen must be IRCA members in good standing and must attend at least one approved judges' clinic per year.

- a. New judges and flagmen must be IRCA members in good standing and be approved by the Board.
  - b. Judges should be on the rodeo grounds at least four (4) hours prior to the first performance if possible and at least two (2) hours before each thereafter, unless special arrangements are made with stock contractors.
  - c. Judges must dress, accessorize, and act professionally.
  - d. Judges, flagmen and timers must be men and women of experience. Judges must have attended a judging clinic.
  - e. It is preferable that there be a rough stock judge and a timed events judge and must be approved by the majority of the Board of Directors.
  - f. If the Association does not consider the men/women chosen by a given rodeo to have adequate experience, they will expect the cooperation of the management in replacing the unsatisfactory judges, flagmen, or timers.
  - g. IRCA approved judges are mandatory at all IRCA first approved rodeos "NO EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED".
  - h. Judge cannot compete in event he/she flags
  - i. A timed event contestant can work as a judge as long as he/she attends a judge's clinic and he/she appoints an approved timed event or director to watch the line in the event he/she is competing on
  - j. A judge may compete in the performance in which he/she enters.
  - k. A contestant cannot judge and compete at the finals
2. Judges will be paid a salary of One Hundred (\$125.00) dollars a performance by the stock contractor in addition to the one dollar (\$1.50)/ per judge, per entry fee, paid by the contestants. Designated slack is treated as a performance.
    - a. Judges can judge more than 2 rodeos for same stock contractor (2011)
  3. Finals judges will be decided by ballot and voted on by competing contestants. Rough stock contestants will vote for two (2). Timed event contestants will vote for one (1) flagman. Therefore, 2 or 3 judges will be in charge of the finals.
    - a. All finals personnel will be approved by the Board of Directors
    - b. Judges for the finals cannot purchase, individually or with a partner, a contestant sold in the Calcutta. If a judge or a "member connected with him in a partnership" are caught doing so, they will be liable to a 1-year suspension from the Association and pay a \$25.00 fine.
  4. Judges not adhering to the IRCA rulebook shall be fined and/or suspended. All complaints and rules in question must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing and voted on by them.
  5. Judges' books will be posted after each performance, including scores and times for all events.
  6. A judge's form will be developed that not only indicates measurements for each rodeo, but indicates number of stock in draw, animals taken out of the draw, fines suggested and any special circumstances that may occur. This sheet is to be signed by each judge and turned into the rodeo secretary.
    - a. The rodeo secretary will submit the report to the IRCA Secretary with the rodeo results. This report will stay on file with the IRCA secretary until the end of the season.
  7. Thirty minutes before the start of the performance, the arena will be cleared and reworked, conditions permitting.
  8. Barrel space measurements, barrier measurements, and electric eye stake measurements must be turned in to arena secretary in writing prior to the first performance of a rodeo.
    - a. Re-measured before each performance.
    - b. Judges are responsible for assembling, setting up, aligning and tearing down the electric eye.
    - c. Both judges shall be required to be present during the barrel race with one judge flagging and another judge watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run.
  9. The men appointed to flag are the flag judges for those events regardless of who judges riding events and are the only men qualified to deliver a decision.
  10. Any time contestant is fouled in any event; he/she must declare himself immediately or take that mark or time.

- a. Judges will watch every ride and every run to its completion.
- 11. Any contestant, who argues with or annoys a judge while a contest event is in progress, will automatically be fined and/or suspended for the next approved rodeo.
- 12. Barrier judge will also watch the timed event run and assist the flag judge with calls such as crossfires, catches, dog falls, day lighting the calf. Take care of neck ropes, both must agree for the call to be valid.(2017)

## STOCK: Humane Rules for the Treatment of Animals

- 1. Calves shall not be dragged after roping.
  - a. Disqualification shall be imposed for deliberate dragging of calf after roping.
- 2. Calves or steers must be strong and healthy
- 3. Electric prods shall not be excessively used and should be used only when necessary.
  - a. No other kinds of prods (pointed sticks, etc.) are allowed.
- 4. Chutes, corrals, pens, etc. must be constructed as to prevent injury to stock.
  - a. Areas where stock is kept shall be free of rock, holes & obstacles.
  - b. Calves & steers will be held in the catch pen until one (1) hour before a performance WHEN POSSIBLE.
  - c. Stock Contractor shall determine the safe condition of above, with all maintenance and repair expense to be borne by the owner of said chutes, corrals, pens, etc.
  - d. Stock is not to be left in roping or dogging boxes overnight.
- 5. No contractor or performer shall abuse rodeo stock or animals used in their acts in any way.
- 6. Arena help may be fired for any mistreatment of stock
  - a. Contestant may be disqualified and fined for mistreatment of horses and/or rodeo stock.
- 7. No stock belonging to either contestant or stock contractor should be confined to vehicles beyond a period of twenty-eight (28) hours without being unloaded, properly fed and watered. When animals are carried in conveyances in which they do have proper food, water, space and opportunity to rest, the provisions for unloading shall not apply.
- 8. Stock that becomes excessively excited so that it repeatedly gets down in chute or repeatedly tries to jump out of chute, or in any way appears in danger of injuring itself, should be released into the arena.
- 9. All horse flank straps are to be provided with a protective lining and shall be of the quick release type.
  - a. Flank straps are to be fastened so that the protective lining portion covers belly and both flanks.
  - b. Flank straps and linings shall be kept in good repair.
- 10. Use of fireworks on any animal shall be prohibited.
- 11. No sick or injured animals, whether discovered before or after the draw, shall be used in competition.
- 12. No stimulants or hypnotics shall be used or given to any animal used for contest purposes.
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11. All stock in first performance of a rodeo must remain for the entire rodeo unless injured.
12. If a contestant is injured at a rodeo, he/she may be held back at same rodeo until later in the go-round.
  - a. Consent of stock contractor and both judges is necessary.
  - b. If stock has been drawn for him, then he must take that animal when he does compete.
13. All stock in contest events must be drawn by the judges and may be witnessed by contestants.
  - a. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock in any event at any rodeo, in more than one go-around.
  - b. In drawing stock, there must be at least 8 or more in the draw each time, in each event. All stock must be placed in the draw unless the animal is injured.
  - c. A copy of the timed events draws (available from arena secretary) will be posted at the roping box.
  - d. Receptacle containing numbers written on poker chips must be shaken after each draw.
  - e. Schedule of events must be posted with the draw for each performance at each rodeo.
  - f. In any timed event (except GBR) positions and cattle will be drawn for as usual and followed during any rodeo performance; but in slack, ropers and doggers should be ready to compete, and cattle will be chute run according to each section of cattle run.
  - g. If any animal that is drawn in either a riding event or a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is contested on, a judge or director must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be skipped or replaced in the draw
14. Stock for re-rides will be drawn before go-round. Re-rides must be drawn from the heard.
  - a. Featured animals may be held out of this draw, then returned to the draw for the go-round.
  - b. No more than two (2) feature animals may be held out of the draw for each performance of go-round.
15. Stock in timed events must be drawn by the flag judge for that event.
16. During any performance, if an animal escapes from the chute or pens before it is called for, that animal will be brought back after that performance with 2 or more of the same animal.

## ROUGHSTOCK

1. Both judges in each rough stock event will carry a stopwatch to time the 8-second ride.
  - a. If the latch judge's watch fails to operate, the gate judge's time becomes the primary time.
2. Judges will throw a flag to recognize a disqualification in rough stock events only (missing out a horse, slapping, etc.).
  - a. Judges must throw flag immediately when horse is missed out, not waved or thrown seconds after infraction is made.



3. Re-rides must be given in all three (3) riding events.
4. If animal fouls rider, runs off, or stops; rider has the privilege of taking the same animal back providing the stock contractor is willing, or rider may have a re-ride animal drawn.
  - a. If rider takes the same animal back, he must take that marking and is ineligible for any more re-rides in that event.
  - b. Re-rides shall be given if animal fails to perform to the satisfaction of the judges.
5. If an animal that runs off is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant must take the animal already drawn.
  - a. If stock contractor and contestant agree, such an animal may be taken immediately before or after the performance.
6. If re-ride is given because animal hits rider in the chute or falls, it is to be brought back during the same performance.
7. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two (2) honest efforts to get out on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride animal drawn for him.
  - a. If, by decision of stock contractor, a horse's head must be tied, the mark out rule may be waived by the discretion of the judge.
8. In riding events, ride and animal are to be marked separately.
  - a. Ride to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25) depending upon how much the rider spurs.
  - b. The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25).
  - c. It is suggested that the full spread is to be used.
  - d. If the animal is marked for a total of sixteen (16) or less, the contestant will get a re-ride. A re-ride for a total score on an animal of over sixteen (16) is up to the discretion of the judge.
  - e. A judge cannot change any scores after turning in books to secretary after each performance.
  - f. Scores and times will be posted
9. To qualify, a rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching the horse's neck or head when horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.
10. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first jump rule may be waived.
  - a. First jump qualification may be waived at the discretion of judges if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
  - b. In case stock fouls contestant, and the judge sees it, he may tell the contestant to go with the ride and the contestant must be marked.
11. Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles, and pull ropes from either side in all riding events.
12. The contestant must have both spur rowels touching the animal, one on each side of the animal, anywhere above the break of the shoulders when the animal's front feet touch the arena floor the first jump out of the bucking chute.
  - a. If, by decision of stock contractor, a horse's head must be tied, the spur out rules may be waived by the discretion of the judge.
13. Spur Out Area indicated by shading (see picture below)

## BAREBACK RIDING RULES

1. One hand rigging to be used.
  - a. Riders may use their own rigging if rigging is not over ten (10) inches in width at handhold and not over six (6) inch D-ring or not a freak.
  - b. Judges to decide on all riggings.
  - c. All bareback riders must use padding under rigging, and padding must extend a minimum of two (2) inches behind back of rigging. Also, in addition to the pad, a piece of leather a minimum of 1/8 inch thick and 4" 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" is under the rigging.
  - d. There will be at least an eight (8) inch wide cinch on all rigging.

2. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
3. The contestant will have the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not a horse is properly flanked or cinched.
4. Contestant must be ready to compete when called upon.
5. Horse will be ridden for eight (8) second.
  - a. Time to start when the horse's front feet hit the ground the first jump out of the chute.
6. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell rider first jump qualification will be waived
  - a. First jump rule may be waived if rider is fouled on chute gate at the discretion of the judges.
7. Horses are not to be hot-shot until turned completely out of the chute, unless requested by the rider. Hot-shot will be used from back of the bucking chute only.
8. Rider can touch hindquarters of horse with back of hand.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Rider disqualified for the following offenses:
  - a. If rigging comes off horse without breaking
  - b. Riding with rowels too sharp in the opinion of the judges.
  - c. Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock, or for attempting to lock rowels.
  - d. Being bucked off.
  - e. Riding with adhesives other than dry rosin. Benzoin may be used.

## SADDLE BRONC RIDING RULES

1. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope rein and saddle.
  - a. Contestants' saddles are to be three-quarter rigged. This is to be determined by  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the measurement from the center of the base horn to the inside of the top on the cantle.
  - b. There will be at least an eight (8) inch wide cinch in all riggings.
2. Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.
3. Contestants must furnish their own halters. Halters are subject to approval of the judges on the fitness of halters.
4. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side.
5. Horses are to be saddled in the chute.
  - a. Rider may cinch own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory.
6. Either stock contractor or contestant shall have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck the best.
7. Middle flank belongs to the bronc rider.
8. Rider may use only dry rosin.
9. Contestant must be ready to compete when called on.
10. The contestant must have both spur rowels touching the animal, one on each side of the animal, anywhere above the break of the shoulders when the animal's front feet touch the arena floor the first jump out of the bucking chute.
11. One (1) arm must be free at all times.
12. The ride starts when the front feet of the horse hit the ground the first jump out of the chute.
  - a. "Free hand" may be touching the fork of the saddle until front feet of horse hit the ground the first time out of the chute.
13. Saddle bronc riding is to be timed for eight (8) seconds.
14. If a horse stalls coming out of chute, judge may tell rider to take his/her feet out of the horse's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived.
  - a. First jump qualification may be waived at the judge's discretion if the rider is fouled at the chute.
  - b. If, by decision of stock contractor, a horse's head must be tied, the spur out rule may be waived by discretion of the judge.
15. Novice saddle bronc riding is an accepted IRCA optional event.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Rider to be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - 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 or arm.
  - G. Riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock, or for attempting to lock.
  - H. Riding with adhesives other than dry rosin.
  - I. Saddle bronc riders cannot assist themselves with rein hand locked over swells of saddle.

## NOVICE SADDLE BRONC

1. Novice saddle bronc for high school cardholders will be offered. IRCA saddle bronc rules will apply.

## BULL RIDING RULES

1. Bull having dangerous horns, in the opinion of the event director, must be de-horned, tipped or kept out of the draw.
2. Any objectionable animal will be brought before the board to be ruled upon.
3. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.
  - a. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
  - b. No ropes to be used which have any knots, wires, or other aids for the purpose of placing spurs therein
4. Rider will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck its best.
5. Only five (5) point "plain" or "notched" spur rowels (one rowel per shank) may be used in the bull riding.
6. Riders may only use dry rosin only on glove and rope.
7. Bull must be ridden eight (8) seconds
8. Time to start when animals inside shoulder or inside hip breaks the plane of the chute.
9. Rider is allowed to touch any object that interferes with his making a qualified ride, at the judge's discretion.
  - a. Bull's tossing of clown's dummy up and into competing contestant.
  - b. Bull jumping into fences, as long as contestant is not assisting his/her ride in any way.
10. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the loose rope in their hand, provided rider has not touched the ground or hasn't fouled the animal with free hand, rider is to be marked.
  - a. Judge must differentiate between a rider touching a bull and the bull touching the rider. The latter sometimes occurs when a rider is struck by a head slinging bull and is not a disqualification.

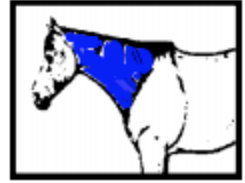
## DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Riders will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - a. Being bucked off.
  - b. Using sharp spurs.
  - c. Touching animal or himself/herself with free hand or assisting himself/herself with free arm by touching animal.
  - d. Having spurs or leggings under rope when pulled tight.
  - e. Rope must have a bell, no bell – NO MARKING. Bell must be under belly of bull.

## RE-RIDES

### Saddle Bronc/Bareback Riding

1. Riders who are fouled on the chute, or by foreign objects will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
2. If flank comes off the horse, rider has the option to take score given, or may have a re-ride (providing rider completes a qualified ride).
3. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.
4. No re-rides are to be given due to default or breakage of contestant's equipment. Borrowed equipment is classified as contestants own.



### Bull Riding

1. If flank comes off, rider has the option of taking score given, or may have a re-ride (providing rider completes a qualified ride).
2. No re-rides are to be given due to default or breakage of contestant's equipment. Borrowed equipment is considered as contestant's own.
3. Riders who are knocked off at chute, or if bull falls, shall be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of judges.
4. Re-ride to be given to rider who has made two honest tries to get out on chute fighting bull, at discretion of judges.
5. Riders, who are fouled on the chute or by foreign objects, will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.

## TIMED EVENTS

1. If any timed event contestant runs the wrong animal, not the one drawn for him/her, he/she will receive a no time and will not get a re-run.
2. There will be a barrier at all IRCA rodeos. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
  - a. The barrier includes; Neck rope, box barrier, flag, pulley system, score line and ring.
  - b. In all timed events a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within eight (8) feet of post.
  - c. Barrier equipment must be inspected by judge before each timed event.
  - d. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
  - e. Should barrier break at any place other than designated breaking point, barrier shall not be considered broken.
  - f. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled, or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second fine. Otherwise, this is not considered to be a broken barrier.
3. Automatic barrier must be used.
  - a. Length of neck rope must be a minimum of the box length minus four(4) feet, (not diagonal) Less 18 inches.
  - b. Any exception requires Calf Roping Director or their representative's approval.
  - c. Judges are responsible to see that barriers are in place before the first performance.
  - d. There should only be horizontal pin releases on barriers (No vertical pins such as on Powder River equipment).
  - e. Vertical or horizontal barriers will be up to judges' and stock contractors' discretion.
  - f. Flag should be on barrier in front of horse.
4. Barrier judge will stand on the side of the chute the barrier is rigged in all roping events.
  - a. Barrier judge is to make sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier equipment to tamper with same, either before or after a run.
5. Once score line is set, it will not be changed during that go-round or rodeo, nor will roping box, chute or barrier be changed in any manner.

- a. Score line will be marked with a rope at the end of the barrier, in all timed events. Rope will be held in place by spikes and be no less than the width of the chute/box.
6. For time to be considered official, barrier must work properly. If barrier hangs on animal, contestant must take re-run.
7. If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after same performance.
  - a. If automatic barrier fails to operate, contestant will receive same stock back.
  - b. If automatic barrier fouls contestant or neck rope goes out with stock, contestant will receive a re-run if he declares himself immediately with the judge.
8. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from arena, flag will be dropped, and watches stopped.
  - a. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start and time already elapsed will be added to time used in performance.
  - b. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final.
  - c. If rope is on animal when he escapes, contestant will get animal back lap and tap with rope on it in the chute.
9. In timed events, flag judge must ask contestant if he wants a second loop or jump.
10. If barrier fails to operate or malfunctions, contestant will receive stock back.
  - a. If automatic barrier fouls contestant, or neck rope goes out with stock contestant will receive a re-run if he declares himself immediately with the judge.
  - b. If barrier equipment stops calf or turns calf back, calf will be brought back, and decision of judge will determine if stock re-run.
  - c. During any performance, if an animal in a timed event escapes from the chute or pens before it is called for, that animal will be brought back after that performance with two (2) or more of the same animal.
11. All roping boxes must have an enclosed back and pads for the roping box must be provided by the stock contractor at each performance of each rodeo.
12. Same person must open all front gates for entire rodeo.
  - a. Stock contractor will designate and be responsible for providing a man and seeing that he works the entire rodeo.
13. During any performance, if an animal escapes from the chute or pens before it is called for, that animal will be brought back after that performance with 2 or more of the same animal.
14. All portable boxes must be a minimum of sixteen (16) foot.
15. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each contestant competes and replaced if necessary.
16. Barriers and barrier equipment.
  - a. No metal may be used on jerk line and neck rope that extends beyond front of chute.
  - b. Barrier must be tied with string only.
17. There shall be two (2) or more timekeepers, a score line judge, a field judge and a qualified person to tie neck rope around calf or steer's neck and feed neck rope from box, and as many other officials as necessary.
18. If automatic barrier fails to operate or malfunctions, contestant will receive a rerun on the same stock.
  - a. If automatic barrier fouls contestant or neck rope goes out with stock, contestant will receive a rerun on the same stock if they declare themselves immediately with the judge.
  - b. If barrier equipment stops or turns back the steer, steer will be brought back and the judge's decision will determine if the steer is rerun.
  - c. During any performance, if animal escapes from the chute or pens before roper calls for it, animal will be brought back after that performance with two or more of the same animal.
19. If stock does not break the neck rope and contestant breaks the barrier, the penalty will be carried over to the rerun time. (2022)

## COWGIRLS BARREL RACING RULES

1. Barrel racers are required to wear western attire (Collared long sleeve shirts, colored or blue jeans, hat and boots) in grand entry and while contesting.
2. Contestants must be ready to compete when called on.
3. Barrel racing is a regular rodeo event; thereby making it necessary to have at least three (3) contestants present to make up a race.
4. Barrel racers will be required to enter the arena and begin contest barrel run with hat on head.
  - a. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification for remainder of the rodeo.
5. All members are responsible at each approved barrel race or rodeo to keep complaints concerning barrel racing, the barrel racers, etc away from the stock contractor and/or the producer.
6. Stock contractor is responsible for bringing in and removing barrels from arena.
7. Barrel measurements will be posted with the draw at each rodeo and labeled clearly "CENTER GATE" or "NOT CENTER GATE"
8. Judges are responsible for staking the barrels from a marked point of origin before the beginning of the first performance of the rodeo and checking and re-measuring such prior to the beginning of each rodeo performance thereafter.
9. No obstacles may be set up to run through for starting line.
10. Flagman's starting line must be a visibly marked place.
11. If the barrel is knocked down, the judge not flagging will reset barrel in proper place.
  - a. If the barrel closest to the flagman is knocked down, flagman may reset only this barrel back in its proper place (2007)
  - b. Barrels shall be set inside of marked stakes.
12. Barrel racer cannot enter two horses in any one rodeo. A horse cannot be ridden by more than one person at the same rodeo.
  - a. Exhibition runs may be made on second horse with consent of rodeo producer.
  - b. There will be no exhibition runs before your actual competition run during a rodeo unless asked by a contractor to help fill a performance.
13. Barrels should be at least twenty (20) feet from the fence and score line whenever possible in the arena.
  - a. The score line from where time begins shall be forty (40) feet or more from the fence.
14. The barrels used in any approved barrel race must be standard size, fifty-five (55) gallon drums and shall be at least two (2) colors (one of which shall be light).
15. A gate shall be considered a "center gate" only if the first barrel and the second barrel are the same distance from the center of the center of the gate with a 4 foot maximum leeway on either side.
16. Time shall begin when horse's nose reaches the starting line.
  - a. Once a contestant or horse enters the arena and crosses the score line, time will begin.
  - b. Once the contestant has crossed the plane of the gate, the contestant can not exit the arena to set back up then re-enter or contestant will be disqualified. The judge's decision is final.
  - c. The contestant is allowed as many assistants as necessary to get to the gate. The assistant(s) cannot cross the plane of the gate or the contestant will be disqualified. The judge's decision is final.
17. Time shall end when horse's nose reaches the finish line.
18. The same flagmen, timers and judges for other time events shall be used for the barrel race.
19. Barrels are to be placed in a cloverleaf pattern, using the arcing method.
20. Contestant will NOT be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel.
21. Barrel racing must be treated with the same recognition as any approved rodeo event.
22. There shall be no tires on barrels.
23. At the finals, barrels will be run in rotation and will not be raked after every five (5).
24. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit, not including penalties.

25. After the barrels have been staked, no one will be permitted to go around the stakes or barrels for the duration of the rodeo, closer than 15 feet from the stakes used in competition.
26. Barrels must be removed 2 hours before performance, or earlier, if directed by stock contractor or judge.
27. Judges, director, and contestants will work together to see that the area surrounding the barrel stakes is kept reasonably dry and free of debris.
28. There will be 15-barrel racing contestants run during a performance. If only 15 contestants, contractor can run all 15 contestants. If more than 15 contestants, all over 15 will be run in the slack.
  - a. If slack will be run, it must be posted with the draw and at the time of the draw.
  - b. In the barrel racing, tractor rakes shall be made on draw positions, not to exceed 15 positions between rakes and not to exceed the number of positions run in the performance.
  - c. A contestant who draws fresh ground (i.e. #31) when raking every 15) cannot be moved to the bottom of the ground due to another contestant's no show or turn out.
29. When a center gate is available, barrel racer must maintain a forward motion when entering arena and approaching first barrel. (If contestant stops or circles, they will be flagged out).
30. When a center gate is not provided, contestant has the choice of running in from the gate or entering the arena and "setting up".

### GIRLS BARREL RACING RULES W/ELECTRIC EYE

1. Electric eye stakes to be measured prior to beginning of performance, placed three to five feet inside the arena fence when possible.
  - a. Judges are responsible for assembling, setting up, aligning and tearing down the electric eye.
2. Complete electric timer must be backed up by flagmen who will stand behind one timer post in the arena. One timer will record the times that appear on the electric eye readout. The other timer will operate a stopwatch and record the time show thereon. Stopwatch times start and stop from flagmen's signal and are recorded in hundredths.
3. There will be a \$4.00 stock/timer charge paid to the rodeo secretary. If an electric eye is not provided by the stock contractor, this charge is not to be collected.
4. The barrel race will be timed in the thousand of a second and paid off on thousands.
5. If a problem should arise with the electric eye, the judges have the discretion of running the remaining barrel racing in the slack.
  - a. If the electric eye continues to fail, the flagmen will be used. (See rule 6)
6. If an electric eye fails to work for the majority (over 50%), back up times will be used for all contestants. The backup times will be recorded in hundredths. The payoff then will be made on the watch times.
7. The IRCA stock contractor will be responsible for providing an operable electric eye for all IRCA performances. If an electric eye is not provided by the stock contractor, there will be a \$50.00 fine, payable by the contractor.
  - a. If an outside eye is provided the \$50.00 will be paid to the owner(s) of the eye used. If no back up electric eye is available, the \$50.00 will be paid to the Barrel Racing Fund.

### PENALTY

1. If contestant knocks barrel over there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
  - a. If a barrel is knocked over, and it stands up again on its other end, this will be considered as knocked over and a five (5) second penalty charged.

### DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Contestant will be disqualified if after crossing score line and being flagged at the beginning of the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern.
2. Failure to observe dress rules as stated above.
3. Failure to enter arena and begin run with hat on.



## RERUNS

1. No re-run will be given due to default or breakage of contestant's equipment.
2. Re-run to be given contestant, at judge's discretion, should contestant be fouled; she will make her re-run during or after that performance of the rodeo, at a time decided on by the judges and her.
3. If a whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.
  - b. No penalties will be carried forward on any re-run.

## CALF ROPING/OVER 40/ BREAKAWAY RULES

1. Automatic barrier must be used.
  - a. The Score line shall be one (1) foot per each twenty-one (21) feet of arena length.
  - b. Where permanent boxes are under sixteen (16) feet in depth, Automatic barrier must be used. Length of neck rope must be a minimum of the box length minus four (4) feet, (not diagonal) Less 18 inches.
  - c. Maximum barrier length shall be twelve (12) ft.
  - d. Any exceptions require the Breakaway, Open, or O40 Roping Director or their representative's approval.
  - e. Once score line is set, it will not be changed during that go-round or rodeo, nor will roping box, chute or barrier be changed in any manner.
2. If calf falls completely down before crossing score line, calf may be brought back and re-run.
  - a. Decision of judge will determine if calf is re-run.
3. Women and boys who are thirteen (13) and under, may enter Breakaway Roping. The age as of January 1st of the competition year will determine the official age for boys. (2022)
4. Breakaway contestant may compete in Open Calf Roping but points will not count towards All-Around, Rookie or Finals.
5. Automatic barrier length will be the same as for the Open and O/40 calf roping.
  - a. The Score line shall be one (1) foot per each twenty-one (21) feet of arena length.
  - b. Where permanent boxes are under sixteen (16) feet in depth, Automatic barrier must be used. Length of neck rope must be a minimum of the box length minus four (4) feet, (not diagonal) Less 18 inches.
  - c. Maximum barrier length shall be twelve (12) ft.
  - d. Any exceptions require the Breakaway Roping Director or their representative's approval.
  - e. Once score line is set, it will not be changed during that go-round or rodeo, nor will roping box, chute or barrier be changed in any manner.
6. If automatic barrier fails to operate or malfunction, contestant will receive stock back.
7. If, in the opinion of the line judge, automatic barrier equipment fouls contestant or neck rope goes out with calf, contestant shall get calf back providing contestant declares himself/herself by pulling up immediately. If rope is thrown, no re-run will be given.
8. If barrier equipment stops calf or turns calf back, calf will be brought back and decision of judge will determine if stock is re-run.
9. If calf falls completely down before crossing score line or does not cross score line, decision of judge will determine if calf may be brought back and re-run.
10. Calves can be lined to the score line. Person selected to line calf must remain stationary and may not come in physical contact with calf, throw or wave any foreign object at the calf, yell or "shoo" the calf under penalty of disqualification of the contestant.
11. Only one (1) loop will be allowed at all one go-round rodeos. Two (2) loops will be permitted at rodeo with two or more go-rounds (i.e. finals). Contestant must carry two loops to use two loops and must use second rope for second loop.
12. No loops may be rebuilt. Should contestant miss with first loop, the second loop becomes uncoiled or loose and touches the ground, they will receive a "no time".

13. If out of the average, only one (1) loop can be used. (Contestant will be considered “out of the average” if they have missed their calf with two (2) loops during a previous go-round) If a contestant is still in the average, two (2) loops can be used.
14. If contestant missed with the first (1st) loop and catches with the second (2nd) loop, but timer fails to get time, a five (5) second penalty for missed first loop will be assessed.

## CALF ROPING RULES - OVER FORTY RULES

1. In IRCA first approved rodeos, contestant will only be allowed to compete for one payoff, either Open or Over Forty Calf Roping, not both.
  - a. Contestant must declare which payoff (Over Forty or Open) contestant will be competing in for IRCA points when membership is sent in. This includes IRCA standings, finals, year-end awards and All-Around.
  - b. Contestant will only accumulate points in one payoff (Open or Over Forty) in the IRCA. This includes co-approved rodeos, the IRCA standings, IRCA year-end awards, IRCA finals, and IRCA All-Around.
  - c. In the case where a contestant is allowed to enter both Open and Over Forty Calf Roping in another association’s first approved rodeo and the rodeo is co-approved with the IRCA, contestants points will only count in the payoff contestant has declared as the payoff contestant will be competing in for points.
2. To compete in the Over Forty calf roping, Contestant must be forty years or over, or any female.
3. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit, not including penalties.
  - a. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit, not including penalties, at the finals.
  - b. Only one loop will be allowed at the finals.
4. Contestant must catch calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw calf by hand, cross and tie any three legs and legs must remain crossed and tied securely for five (5) seconds.
  - a. If a calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three (3) feet (calf may be helped by roper, but at least three (3) feet must be dangling underneath calf) and calf must be re-thrown.
  - b. If roper’s hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
  - c. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.
  - d. Tie must be finished with a half hitch or ‘hooley’
5. Tie must hold for five (5) seconds and then be passed on by field judge.
  - a. Untie man must not touch calf until judge passes on tie.
6. Stock contractor shall endeavor to keep an even set of calves.
  - a. Judges and/or calf roping director shall retain the privilege of eliminating uneven or undesirable calves when necessary.
  - b. Anytime there is not a fresh calf for every roper, all calves must be run and tied down at least once.
  - c. Calves should be even in weight, height, and age. No calf in the tie down calf roping(s) will weigh over 250 lbs.
  - d. All roping calves must be branded or ear-tagged.
7. Any member tampering with calves will be disqualified at that particular rodeo.
8. Barrier and barrier equipment used in calf roping cannot be used in the bulldogging event.
9. A stopwatch will be used by the field judge.
  - a. Calf must be tied securely for five (5) seconds.
  - b. Judge will not begin this five (5) second period until roper has remounted and given calf complete slack. If rope is no longer on calf, time starts when roper calls for flag.
  - c. Field judge must watch calf during this five (5) second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free, using this time to determine whether the calf was tied long enough to qualify.
  - d. If calf roper’s calf kicks up and roper is disqualified, the roper must ask judge immediately to see the watch. If watch is cleared or did not work correctly, roper gets calf over.
10. Roper will have privilege of selecting two men to go into arena to prevent calf from turning back. One must remain at score line, the second not over 25 feet from the box.

- a. Man must not come in physical contact with or throw any foreign objects at calf under penalty of disqualification of roper. Both men must remain motionless.
- 11. Stock must cross score line in front of line judge after leaving chute.
  - a. If calf does not cross score line in front of line judge, stock may be brought back and re-run.
  - b. Judge's decision will determine if calf is re-run.
- 12. When roper calls for calf, calf belongs to roper.
- 13. Two loops allowed only if there is an average.
- 14. If a rodeo has a calf scramble, they must use different calves than roping calves.
- 15. A calf must be re-run before it is used by another contestant.
- 16. Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of calf or roping horse.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
- 2. If tie comes loose and calf gets to his feet before the tie has been examined and ruled a fair one, roper will receive a no time.
- 3. Roper may be disqualified for excessive dragging of calf.
- 4. No re-runs will be given due to default or breakage of contestant's equipment.
  - a. Borrowed equipment is accepted as contestant's own.
- 5. Contestant must be ready to compete when called on.
- 6. If any timed event contestant runs the wrong animal not the one drawn for him/her, he or she will receive a no time and not get a rerun.

## DRAG RULE

- 1. At all rodeos the following will constitute excessive dragging of a calf in the calf roping events. This rule will be classified as one of 2 types: #1: Non-Intentional and #2: Intentional.
  - a. Type #1: Non-intentional drag is when any calf is dragged after being tied 10 ft (or approximately the calf's body length from nose to tail head) and signal completion of the tie.
    - i) Such an infraction will be identified by the flag judge and the roper will be assessed a \$25.00 fine. The flag judge must announce immediately to the roper that he will be fined and it is the flag judges' responsibility to mark it on the judge's sheet (or with the secretary). A drag will not be assessed if dragging occurs during the tie and when the calf is struggling to be tied. The \$25.00 fine can be paid immediately to the rodeo secretary and must be paid to the contractor prior to competing in his/her next rodeo.
    - ii) All drag fines must be paid by the first performance of the IRCA Finals or forfeit your position in the finals/ or during the finals before the payoff of the event.
  - b. Type #2: Intentional dragging will be immediate disqualification, \$25.00 fine. Paid as stated above.
    - i) Intentional dragging will be any action or lack of action of the roper that makes or allows the calf to be dragged any extended length. This will include but not be restricted to:
      - (1) Slapping horse back with or without rope after tying or trying to tie calf.
      - (2) Jerking reins or jerk line on horse causing dragging after tying or attempting to tie.
      - (3) Not trying to mount horse quickly enough to prevent dragging.
      - (4) Any other intentional action by roper that causing dragging.
- 2. The flag judge must immediately flag out roper and announce to the roper the reason for the disqualification. It is the flagger's responsibility to record disqualification and fine on judge's sheet or with the rodeo secretary.
- 3. The flag judge will give the benefit of the doubt in favor of the roper.
- 4. The flag judge, at his discretion, may ride behind calf horse to prevent excessive dragging.
- 5. All drag fines will be reported to the IRCA secretary and stock contractor will retain or receive fines when they are paid.

## PENALTY

1. There shall be a ten (10) second penalty for beating or breaking the barrier.
2. The calf roper must run horse at calf and horse must cross barrier line or receive a ten (10) second penalty.

## RE-RUNS

1. If calf gets out of arena, flagman is to stop the time and roper will get the same calf back.
  - a. Calf to start lap and tap.
  - b. Roper to start in chute with time accumulated when calf got out added to his time.

## BREAKAWAY ROPING RULES

1. A calf must be re-run before it is used by another contestant.
2. When roper calls for calf, calf belongs to roper.
3. Catch pens will remain open at all one go-round rodeos. Catch pen gate will be closed at all rodeos with two or more go-rounds. At the finals the catch pen will remain open.
4. A white flag that is visible to the flagman or judge must be attached no more than six (6) inches from the horn.
5. Rope may not be run through bridle, tie down, neck rope or any other device.
6. Nothing may be used on the rope to keep loop from drawing tight.

## DISQUALIFICATION

1. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
2. No re-runs will be given due to default or breakage of contestants equipment.
  - a. Borrowed equipment is accepted as contestant's own.
3. Any member tampering with calves will be disqualified at that particular rodeo.
4. The contestant will receive a "no time" should they break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand.
5. Once slack is thrown, roper will be disqualified if they go back to the rope.
6. Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of calf or roping horse.

## CALVES

1. All roping calves should be of the same type. Any deviation from this must be approved by the Breakaway Director.
2. All calves must be ear tagged. No duplicate numbers will be permitted.
3. If horned cattle, horns will not exceed half the ear length.
4. Calves should weigh a minimum 170 pounds and maximum of 350 pounds. (2017)
5. The same set of calves may be used for breakaway as used in the open and O/40 tie down calf roping with a minimum of 6 calves drawn for breakaway. Calves used in the breakaway event may not be used for any event other than calf roping (i.e. calf scramble).
6. Judges and/or Breakaway Director shall retain the privilege of eliminating uneven or undesirable calves when necessary. Upon notification, either written or verbal, the stock contractor shall eliminate the animal in question from the competition draw of that rodeo and future rodeos.
7. Calves must be run through chute to catch pen prior to the first performance of each rodeo.
8. No electric prods (hot shots) should be used on roping calves in catch pen or chute areas unless numerous attempts to load animal by other means have failed.

## JUDGING

1. The line judge should stand on the same side of the chute that the contestants are competing from.

2. The flag judge in the breakaway roping shall position himself against the wall to the right of the timed event box, approximately halfway down the arena.
3. Judge is to flag time for the run, then flag contestant out if the run and/or catch is not legal.
4. In case the field judge flags out a roper that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same calf back lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
5. If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena.

## LEGAL CATCHES

1. Rope(s) must be tied to the saddle horn with a minimum of 90-test weight nylon string, provided by the contestant. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. String will be inspected by the barrier judge and/or the Breakaway Director before each contestant competes.
2. Bell collar catch is the only legal catch in breakaway roping. Bell collar catch is defined as passing over the head including any area from brisket to the tail head at the time the rope breaks away from the saddle horn.
3. If rope should dally around horn and not break free when calf hits end of rope, contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope, and then stop his/her horse to make the rope come tight, not breaking from horn, and stopping or turning calf. Only then can contestant touch rope to remove dally. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking rope from horn.
4. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit. A whistle indicating "no time" shall be blown by the timer at the end of thirty (30) seconds.
5. Neck rope must be broke before a loop is thrown.

## PENALTY

1. There shall be a ten (10) second penalty for beating or breaking the barrier.
  - a. Barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within eight (8) feet of post.
2. The calf roper must run horse at calf and horse must cross barrier line or receive a ten (10) second penalty.

## RE-RUNS

2. If calf gets out of arena, flagman is to stop the time and roper will get the same calf back.
  - a. Calf to start lap and tap.
  - b. Roper to start in chute with time accumulated when calf got out added to his time.

## STEER WRESTLING RULES

1. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit, not including penalties.
2. Automatic barrier must be used.
3. Any exception requires the Steer Wrestling Director or their representative's approval.
4. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit, not including penalties, at the finals.
5. Length of neck rope must be a minimum of the box length minus six (6) feet (not diagonal) Less 24 inches.
6. When dogger calls for steer, the steer belongs to dogger.
7. Only one hazer is allowed.
  - a. Contestant must furnish own hazer and horse.
  - b. Neither contestant nor hazer is allowed to change horses after leaving chute.
8. Steer must be caught from horse.
9. If steer is missed or gets loose after catch, no more than one (1) step can be used to re-catch steer.
10. If dogger misses or loses steer, flagman must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must reply at once.
11. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change directions, then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns.

12. If steer is knocked down, tripped or thrown by putting horns into ground, any obvious illegal fall; steer must be let up and thrown again.
13. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on it's side or on its back with all four feet clear from under him and head straight.
14. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
15. The fairness to catch and throw will be left to judges and their decision is final.
16. Steers used for steer wrestling should not be used for any other event. Exceptions may be made by discretion of director.
17. Animals used for this contest will be closely inspected before each performance; objectionable animals will be eliminated.
18. Steer Wrestling Director may deem a steer or steers undesirable. These undesirable animals must be withdrawn and/or replaced in the draw with fresh cattle.
19. Contestant will not be required to compete on crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn.
20. If contestant jumps at steer, he accepts him as sound.
21. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chutes.
22. Stock contractors shall endeavor to keep an even set of steers.
  - a. All steers in this event must have been run and thrown at least one time.
  - b. All bulldogging steers must be horn branded or hip branded.
23. The privilege of eliminating uneven steers, when necessary, shall be retained by the judges and Bulldogging Director.
24. No re-runs will be given due to hanging of horn, or horns in chute.
25. The field judge must be as far back of the score line as possible before each run.
26. ONLY STEERS may be used in the steer wrestling.
  27. In NO situation may steer wrestling cattle use artificial horns.
  28. There must be at least 4 contestants per rodeo in order to hold the event. If there are less than 4 contestants, the stock contractor may make the decision whether to hold the event. It is the contestants' responsibility to check back with the stock contractor to see if the event will be held.
  29. Steer Wrestling cattle will be # branded on hip or base of horn. (Must be visible).
  30. A steer must be re-run before it is used by another contestant.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with chutes or steers.
  - a. During, before or after performance.
2. Hazer must not hit steer in the face before catch is made or render assistance to contestant while he is working.
  - a. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the contestant.

## PENALTY

1. If contestant breaks or beats barrier, a ten (10) second penalty shall be enforced.

## RE-RUNS

1. If barrier malfunctions, cattle will be re-run regardless if qualified catch or not.
2. The steer must be able to move out. If barrier equipment hangs on steer, stopping or jerking head out of position, or steer falls before crossing line preventing contestant from making a fair catch, stock will be brought back.
  - a. If stock does not cross score line in front of line judge, stock may be brought back and re-run.
  - b. Decision of judge will determine if stock is re-run.

## DALLY TEAM ROPING

1. Team Ropers can enter one time.
  - a. At co-approved rodeos, where the association with first approval allows it, contestants may enter twice, by changing partners or ends.
  - b. Contestant's points will count towards their event standing. With only their highest placing counting towards the all around.
2. If one partner in the team roping does not show, the other partner has the right to choose another partner. The substitute partner must be entered in the rodeo
3. Any heeler 50 years of age or older, all women, boys and girls 14 years of age and under, will be allowed to tie on "hard and fast" in the team roping. It is their responsibility to inform the judges before roping.
4. Ropers have the option of selecting up to two people to go in to the arena to prevent steer from turning back. One must remain at the score line the second may be positioned not over 25 feet from front of box. Helpers must remain motionless, and may not touch the steer under penalty of disqualification of the team
5. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Only one loop is permitted at each end
6. Header starts from behind the barrier and must throw the first loop.
7. Roping steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch.
8. Header must rope, dally and change direction of the steer.
9. Steer must be turned and one jump in tow by header, before the heeler's rope contacts the steer. If steer stops, steer must be in tow with rope tight before heeler's rope contacts steer. Or team will be disqualified.
10. Time is taken when steer is roped, by both ends, horses are facing steer in "L" or better shape, and ropes are tight, dallied or tied. Horses' front feet must be on the ground and ropers must be mounted.
11. Dallys must be held tight until inspected by field judge
12. If a heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. However, should the front feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted. Contestant may not remove the front foot or feet by hand.
13. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to use his hands to remove loop or put loop over other horn or head.
14. A broken rope or dropped rope may be considered a no time at the discretion of the judges.
15. No reruns will be given due to broken or dropped ropes or other contestant equipment failure.
16. All ropes will be removed in catch pen where arena conditions permits.

### Legal Catches: Other catches result in disqualification

1. There are only three legal head catches: Both horns, around the neck or a half head {one horn and the head}
2. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is a legal catch, if rope goes up heel or heels.

Around Horns



Around Neck



Half a Head





## Illegal Catches: Resulting in Disqualification

1. A Hondo which passes over one horn and the loop over the other horn.
2. A loop which crosses itself in a head catch.

## Time Added Penalties

1. If contestant breaks or beats the barrier, a 10 second penalty will be added.
2. If heeler catches only one hind foot, a 5 second penalty will be added.

## Judging Team Roping

2. There will be a 60 second time limit, not including penalties at regular season rodeos.
  - a. At the finals there will be a 30 second time limit not including penalties
  - b. Only one loop per end allowed at the finals.
3. Stock:
  - a. When necessary, judges or the Team Roping Director may eliminate uneven steers.
  - b. Steers must be number branded.
  - c. Stock contractor may use artificial, plastic horns. These horns are to be the strap down type that fit snug on the head.
    - i) These horns are not to be on cattle more than two (2) hours before or after the rodeo, for humane purposes, and subject to a fine of \$25.00 to \$100.00
    - ii) In the event that plastic horns are used, and on a Team Roping run the horns come off or are turned more than halfway around the face, the team will automatically receive a rerun after the show on the same steer. The judge's decision is final.
    - iii) All other team roping rules are valid
    - iv) It is the judge's responsibility to see that each steer's horns are securely fastened before each run.
    - v) There will be no mixing of natural and artificial horn cattle.
  - d. stock contractors may mix steers and heifers in the same pen as long as the pen stays evenly matched (2022)
4. Automatic barrier must be used:
  - a. Length of neck rope must be a minimum of the box length minus four (4) feet (not diagonal).
  - b. Any exceptions require the Team Roping Director or their representative's approval.
5. Team roping barrier shall never exceed 4 feet under the length of the box without the directors approval. If the roping arena is less than 200 ft long, the barrier will be shortened 6 inches for every 20 feet. The barrier has to be a minimum of ten (10) feet. (2017)
6. All changes in lists of roping order to split horses, etc., must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in chutes. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order listed. Header must head - Heeler must heel, in listed order.
7. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time; ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.