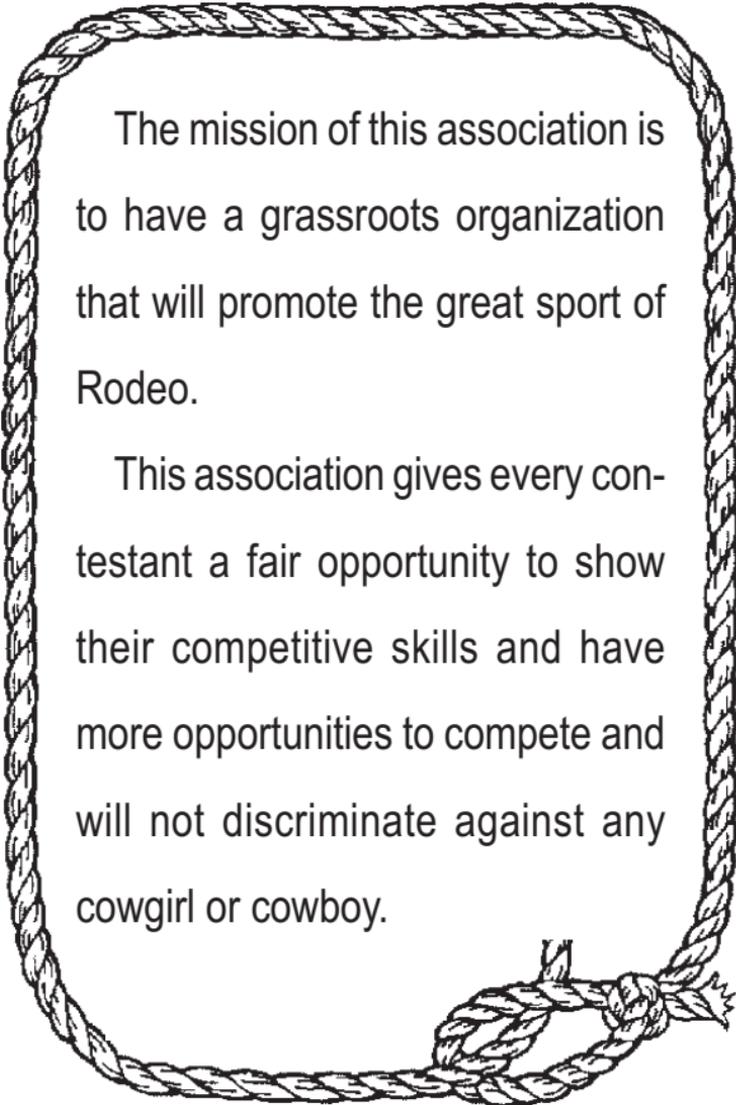


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The mission of this association is to have a grassroots organization that will promote the great sport of Rodeo.

This association gives every contestant a fair opportunity to show their competitive skills and have more opportunities to compete and will not discriminate against any cowgirl or cowboy.

# **INTERSTATES RODEO ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

As provided for in the Articles of Incorporation of Interstates Rodeo Association, the following by-laws are hereby made and adopted by the Interstates Rodeo Association.

## **OFFICIAL RULE BOOK**

1. The official rules of the Interstates Rodeo Association, as promulgated and published by such association prior to the incorporation thereof shall be and shall constitute, and by this reference are hereby incorporated in their entirety, as and into the by-laws of the Interstates Rodeo Association.
2. Provided, that should such rules or any part of them be in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation of the Interstates Rodeo Association the Articles of Incorporation shall be controlling.

## **MANAGEMENT**

1. **The management, control and actual operations and government of this association shall be vested in the Board of Directors.**

## **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. Description and Functions
  - A. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.
  - B. The President shall preside at all meetings of the general membership and Board of Directors. The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors but shall have the power to vote only in case of a tie. The President shall have the authority to represent any event in the absence of the duty elected Director.

- C. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties.
- D. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall include: Keeping the minutes and other official reports of the Association; maintaining a current list of all members; conducting the official correspondence of the Association; keeping all records, books, documents and papers relating to the Association that the Board of Directors deem necessary; keeping account of all monies of the Association; paying out or disbursing money of the Association only by check and only for purposes of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. She will be paid a salary determined by the Board of Directors.

2. Co-directors to be elected in the following categories: bare-back riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, over/40 calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, girls barrel racing, breakaway roping, stock contractor. Co-directors have equal authority.

- A. The duties of the Directors shall be to represent their events on the Board of Directors and at IRA approved rodeos and special events.
- B. A Director must be an active participant in the event he/she represents. If said director fails to attend 2 meetings or compete over the rodeo season, his/hers alternate may replace said director.
- C. Any IRA Officer will have the authority to represent any event in the case that the event director is not present.

3. Officers and Directors may be removed at any time with or without cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

4. All Officers and Directors shall be contacted through the IRA office before all Board meetings to be informed of time and place. All Officers and Directors will serve without salary.

5. Officers and Directors who miss two (2) consecutive meetings without good cause may be replaced by their alternate.

6. Resignation of Officers and Directors must be made in writing and presented to the Board of Directors.

- A. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancies among Officers or Directors or Alternate Director by a majority attending the meeting where a quorum is present.

7. Board members cannot serve on the Boards or governing committees of two associations.

8. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make final decisions or interpretations regarding IRA rules or business.

9. The immediate past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and serve until a new President is elected.

10. The President, Vice-President, Past President, and Secretary can make a decision to approve a new or co-approved rodeo or special event and can justify it with the Board of Directors. The above officers to be referred to as the Executive Committee.

11. Neither the Officers, Directors, nor members of this association shall be held personally liable for debts incurred by the association.

12. As an association as a whole each event must bring in \$800 sponsorship money for the Finals fund, (except Team Roping must bring in \$1,100). Any additional money acquired by an event shall go to that event as follows: 25% to the Association and 75% to that event. Any additional money acquired does not count towards year end at the finals.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

1. Officers and Directors may be nominated by any member in good standing.

2. Officers and Directors will be voted upon by secret ballot and shall be elected by majority vote of those members in good standing present at the annual Fall meeting.

3. Terms of Officers and Directors shall be two (2) years.

4. Officers and Directors shall be elected in alternating years by the following groupings: President, Calf Roping Director, Steer Wrestling Director, Team Roping Director, Bareback Riding Director, Bull Riding Director, and in the alternating year, Vice-President, 40 and Over Calf Roping Director, Barrel Racing Director, Saddle Bronc Director, Breakaway Roping Director, and Stock Contractor.

5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be hired by the Board of Directors and shall have no vote. Employment will continue until the Secretary-Treasurer resigns or the Board of Directors takes action by majority vote to terminate employment.

6. Special representatives may be appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis if needed.

7. Family members cannot be on the board at the same time.

8. To be voted as the President, you must have held a previous office on the IRA Board.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

1. Any membership in question will be ruled on by the Board of Directors.

2. All memberships can be purchased through the IRA office or membership's can be sold at rodeos and special events at event secretary's option. Event secretary may charge up to a \$5.00 office charge for the trouble of selling the membership. The \$5.00 will go to the Secretary selling the card.

3. Memberships will be activated when they are paid for. If bought at a rodeo or special event they must be bought before you compete.

4. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and approved by majority vote of those members in good standing at the annual Fall General Membership Meeting.

5. Any person becoming a member of this Association shall comply with all of its rules and decisions and shall be bound by same:

A. Members shall carry the same membership number each year. The number will be retired if the member does not continue membership.

B. Courtesy cards will be given to all past Presidents.

6. Annual dues of eighty-five dollars (\$85) for a contestant membership, Stock Contractor and Contract Personnel. Annual dues of forty-five (\$45) for a timer membership.

7. Announcer, Secretary, Contract Acts, Barrel men, Pick-up men, Timer, Judge, Bullfighter, and Photographer must hold an IRA card, (or a membership in a co-approving Association at co-sanctioned rodeos). Stock Contractors and event Secretaries will be responsible to see these people have cards.

8. All Officers and Directors and special appointed representatives shall receive an honorary membership card while serving their term.

9. Any member under 18 years of age must have a notarized waiver on file with the IRA Secretary.

10. Full time Armed Service personnel may compete at IRA approved rodeos and special events without a membership card.

11. All contestants must hold current IRA membership or a membership card from the co-approving Association when entering co-approved rodeos. If you enter without a card the contestant will pay an extra \$10 per entry to the IRA

12. Each contestant will be issued a "Buddy Pass" for every paid membership. All rodeo committees may recognize the use of this pass.

# MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the board of Directors shall be held each month during rodeo season, with place to be designated by the Board of Directors.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon special request of three (3) or more Directors.
3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages used at any business meeting, directly before or during such meetings.
4. Directors meetings are open to any bona-fide member of the IRA, with that member having no voice and no vote, but meetings may be closed in cases of reviewing a suspension.
5. Board members may appoint another representative from their event, to represent them in a meeting. Alternates, or substitutes, will carry the same vote and will receive expense, if given.
6. There shall be one (1) General Membership meeting.
  - A. The Fall meeting shall be for the purpose of electing Officers, Directors, voting on proposed rule changes, and general Association business. Proposed rule changes must be submitted in writing 45 days prior to the Fall General Membership Meeting. Rules may only be changed at the Fall General Membership Meeting, except by order of the Board of Directors.
7. All decisions regarding rule adoptions, amendments, or deletions must be approved by the Board of Directors before said rule shall take effect.
8. A member must be present at a meeting or a letter of acceptance must be in the office at the time of nomination to be nominated for Officer or Director, or nomination will not be accepted.
9. When a Board of Directors meeting is held at a rodeo, Directors and Officers shall have the privilege of being entered in the performance on the day of the Board of Directors meeting.

10. A quorum must be present at all board of Directors meetings, which will be defined as 50% plus 1, (simple majority).

## **FINES**

Any member who breaks the rules shall be fined and/or suspended

1. Persons qualified to turn in members for rules infractions are any IRA Officer, judge or judging representatives, rodeo secretary, stock contractor, or an official member

2. Any IRA Officer or rodeo official who is aware of an infraction pertaining to judging and who does not report the infraction may be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine.

3. Anyone harassing, threatening, or disturbing the judges, rodeo secretary, or timers, or try to fix the draw, will be subject to a fifty-dollar (\$50) fine.

4. If physical force is exerted toward a judge at any time during a rodeo, the member will be suspended from competition in IRA rodeos or other IRA approved functions for thirty (30) days and fined one hundred dollars (\$100) effective immediately.

- A. The fine is payable to the IRA Secretary and does not require written notification.
- B. Proper notification of the fine and suspension shall be verbal notification by a judge at the rodeo where the offense occurred, or by any rodeo secretary when the member calls to enter a rodeo, or by the IRA secretary, or IRA officer.
- C. Verbal notification of the fine and suspension will be followed by an official letter from the IRA Secretary verifying the fine and suspension, location, and date of the offense, duration of suspense, and appeals process available to the member.

5. Any member capable of being mounted and participating in the Grand Entry may be fined ten dollars (\$10) for not doing so.

6. Long sleeve shirts (rolled down), western hats, and boots must be worn at all times when in the arena, one hour prior to and during a performance, and during slack. Fifteen dollars (\$15) fine for non-compliance.

7. If the above offenses are not taken care of within two (2) weeks of notification by the Secretary, the member's name shall appear on the suspended list. Exception would be rules 3 & 4, as they result in immediate suspension and fine.

8. Any member who writes a bad check payable to the IRA, a rodeo secretary, stock contractor, contestant, or committee for entry fees, cash, or prize money in conjunction with an IRA approved rodeo or any other IRA event, or any such check to any business establishment in or near the town of and during the time of a IRA approved rodeo or event will be subject to the following fines and penalties.

- A. First Offense: Twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine plus the amount of the bad check and any resulting collection fees or expenses, permanent loss of "A" card status, and ineligibility to compete in any IRA rodeo or any other IRA events following notification of the infraction until such time as the amount of the bad check is paid in full.
- B. Second Offense: Fifty dollar (\$50) fine plus the amount of the bad check and any resulting collection fees or expenses, and ineligibility to compete in any IRA rodeo or any other IRA events following notification of the infraction until such time as the amount of the bad check and corresponding fine is paid in full.
- C. Third Offense: Ineligibility to compete in any IRA rodeo or any other IRA events for a minimum of thirty (30) days following notification of the infraction, and for such longer period as the Board of Directors may determine appropriate. Any member suspended under this rule who wishes to be reinstated shall make application in writing to the Board of Directors within twenty (20) days following notification of the infraction. Majority vote by the Board of Directors shall be required for such member to be reinstated. Any expenses for special meetings requested by a

member for the purpose of reinstatement shall be paid by the member in cash prior to the meeting.

9. Any member receiving overpayment of prize money must within 14 days following notification reimburse the rodeo secretary or the IRA secretary for such payment. Any member who fails to return said overpayment within 14 days following notification shall pay a twenty-five (\$25) fine plus the amount of the overpayment and shall be ineligible to compete in any IRA rodeo or any other IRA event until the amount of the overpayment and corresponding fine is paid in full.

10. IRA members and contestants will exhibit sportsmanlike conduct at all times.

11. Any fine may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

12. Where a specific penalty is not fixed for the violation of the Articles, By-laws, or IRA Rules, the Board of Directors by majority of vote, may issue a reprimand, impose a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), declare the member ineligible for a period of not more than five years or any combination of such penalties. In the event that the Board of Directors finds the conduct of the accused to be severely damaging to the IRA, its members, or the sport of rodeo, the Board of Directors by three-fourths vote may expel such member from the IRA indefinitely. Any member accused of an act or conduct for which he or she may be expelled shall be given the opportunity to have a hearing before the Board, in which that member may refute, deny, defend against, or oppose any and all charges.

## **POINT SYSTEM**

1. This point system is set up solely to determine Association Champions for each year. Points will be counted only for those contestants who are IRA members in good standing.

2. The highest money winner in each of the nine (9) standard events will be named the Champion.

- A. All Around Cowgirl
- B. All Around Cowboy

3. The high money winner who has won money in two (2) or more events will be named the All-Around Champion.
4. Any member appearing on the suspended list will forfeit points accumulated up to that time.
5. The high money person in each event must contest at the Finals Rodeo, if there is one, in order to win the Championship.
6. In Team Roping, points will be allowed to the individual for highest placing in each go-round in All- Around standings. All places will count in the Team Roping standings.
7. Rookie of the year cowgirl and cowboy will be determined by money won.
8. To be eligible for year end awards, contestant must compete at 3 IRA rodeo's.
9. Calf Roping and 0/40 calf roping when purchasing cards must designate which event counts for all around.

## **AWARDS**

1. In selection of top stock of the year, members may vote for stock only in the events in which they work.
2. All stock must have at least 3 outs at any 1<sup>st</sup> approved IRA approved events in order to be eligible for selection to the IRA Finals, Stock of the Year, or Stock of the Finals awards. Regardless if they are owned by a contractor or a sub-contractor as long as he is a card holding member in good standings with the IRA. It is up to contractor to send in proof of out and the owner of the animal when sending in results. If proof is not sent in with results, outs will not count.
3. Stock of the Year must be bucked at the finals in order to receive Stock of the Year awards. The exception to this rule would be a vet release or being excused by the Board of Directors.

4. Stock contractors and the committee producing the best rodeo of the year will both receive a trophy. Only those rodeos that are straight IRA approved or IRA first approved are eligible for Rodeo of the Year.

## RODEO APPROVAL

1. To gain approval, a contractor must submit an approval form to the IRA Secretary at least 45 days prior to the first performance of that rodeo.

- A. One hundred dollars (\$100) minimum must be added in each standard event.
- B. Standard events are as follows: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, 40 and Over Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing, and Dally Team roping.

2. The added money rule may be waived at winter rodeos at the option of the committee, with winter rodeos defined as those held from November 1 to April 30. Winter rodeos must feature at least fifty dollars (\$50) in the nine (9) events.

3. All rodeos must submit their prize list, name of stock contractor, and secretary to the Association.

- A. Slack may be run before a rodeo, if published beforehand as designated slack as long as it is a part of the rodeo and the paid performances are filled first. Any slack must be run in the same order as the rodeo. Order of slack must be posted.
- B. Stock contractor or secretary must take slack if all performances are filled, (the number of contestants to be divided as evenly as possible between all performances.)
- C. Rodeo headquarters emergency phone must be listed on the approval form.

4. Rodeos may be co-approved with any association with which the IRA has a co-sanction agreement, with the six (6%) of the total prize money being evenly divided between the associations. The finals funds must be collected and divided evenly between the associations.

## **STOCK CONTRACTORS**

1. Any new stock contractor wishing to be accepted in the IRA will go on a one (1) year trial basis.

2. New contractors coming into the IRA cannot take a present IRA approved rodeo away from a present IRA Contractor for five (5) years.

3. Any IRA rodeo committee wishing to change contractors must do so by written request to the Board of Directors, stating reasons for requesting change.

4. Board of Directors will decide if contractors on trail basis will be eligible to bring stock to the finals.

5. Stock contractors wishing to bring stock to the finals rodeo must have at least (3) IRA rodeos or (3) IRA first-approved special events.

6. Subcontractors for all leased stock must hold IRA membership. All rules regarding stock contractors will apply to subcontractors.

7. If an IRA contractor subcontracts livestock for any IRA rodeo or special event, the contractor can nominate the subcontractors livestock to represent them at the finals. The livestock will be named under the IRA contractor rodeo company and name. The IRA will pay the IRA contractor as if they were his livestock. It's up to the IRA contractor to make all arrangements and pay the subcontractor for his livestock.

8. The number of livestock each IRA stock contractor is eligible to bring to the IRA Finals will be prorated by the number of IRA sanctioned rodeo's or special events each stock contractor produces each year.

9. A contractor shall not be approved unless the Board of Directors determines that the past conduct of the contractor has exemplified those qualities sought to be promoted and advanced by the IRA and the Sport of Rodeo.

10. The Board of Directors shall consider all factors relevant thereto including but not limited to the following:

- A. General reputation and character.
- B. Felony convictions (felony as defined by jurisdiction in which conviction takes place).
- C. Violations of IRA Articles, by-laws, or Rules.
- D. Financial responsibility.
- E. The promotion of good relations with businessmen, local governments and citizens in the communities where rodeos have been held.

11. IRA contractors may co-approve unlimited rodeos and special events. To co-approve a rodeo or special event the IRA must have a co-sanctioned agreement with the other association.

12. All persons pulling rough stock chute gates or opening chute gates must have an instructional clinic with stock contractor at least 30 minutes prior to the rodeo performance.

## **OFFICIAL RODEO RULES**

1. Added money in the 40 and Over Calf Roping will be \$100 or 50% of the added money in the Calf Roping, whichever is greater, (or may be the same).

2. The maximum stock charge for winter rodeos is ten dollars (\$10). Barrels racers do not pay stock charge, but may pay a two-dollar (\$2) timer fee if an electric eye is used.

3. There will be a four-dollar (\$4) fee for day money mandatory to all entered. If there are no qualified rides or times, money goes to the following performance. If this occurs at the final performance, money will be evenly paid back to previous day money winners of said rodeo. If there are no qualified rides or times for the entire rodeo, day money is carried over to the next rodeo and divided equally in that event among performances. The amount of money is to be available upon request of the contestant. Day money is paid out for performances designated slack only.

4. At one-performance rodeos, there will be no day money.

5. There will be two dollars (\$2) collected for the finals fund. If co-approved they will receive two dollars (\$2).

- A. Add a \$2 charge for the incentive fund at all IRA First approved rodeos. That money will go towards "extra" added money at the Finals Rodeo. Money will be collected and sent in with the Rodeo results with the IRA Secretary keeping a record of the extra amount collected. At the Finals Rodeo this amount will be added to what the IRA adds and will count in year end standings. The money collected will be equally divided among the 9 Rodeo Events and will double in TR for (header & healer).

6. There will be a two-dollar (\$2) judging fee per entry collected. This will be split between the two judges.

7. Stock charge for timed events: Open, Over Forty & Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling & Team Roping to be charged based on "per event" added money as follows:

- Added money of \$300.00 per event or more = \$12.00 stock charge
- Added money of \$200.00 - \$299.99 per event = \$10.00 stock charge
- Added money for \$199.99 per event or less = \$8.00 stock charge

8. Fees will be doubled at any rodeo with more than one (1) go-round, with the exception of the Finals Rodeo.

9. All entries must be taken by phone.

10. Contestants trying to enter by using the emergency number may automatically be subjected to a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine.

11. Any IRA member may enter himself and four (4) others.

12. The IRA provides its own Association rules for rodeos and rodeo contestants and will insist the rodeo management adhere to them.

A. Any member of the Association who does not observe the rules is liable to suspension or fined or both for failure to observe the rules.

13. Any time an IRA rodeo must be canceled due to weather conditions, the prize money will be prorated according to the number of performances held.

A. If a performance is rained out, that performance must be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of the originally scheduled dates.

B. The entry fees will be refunded to those who cannot be at a performance postponed to the next day as long as the rodeo secretary is notified prior to the new draw.

14. The IRA, its sponsors, rodeo committees, rodeo production entitles, Officers and Directors, employees, Stock Contractors, and agents of such entitles, assume no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant, or other claims arising from participation in IRA sanctioned rodeos, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future and contingent.

A. Each participant, by act of their entry, waives all claims against those parties for any and all injuries or damage that they or their property may sustain.

15. The committee of each Association approved rodeo will provide an emergency vehicle and adequate first aide facilities for all performances and contestant incident thereto.

A. Anytime an emergency vehicle is not on the grounds, contestants may refuse to compete and entry fees must be refunded.

16. All rodeos must use two (2) timers and two (2) watches in all events.

- A. The primary official watch shall be graduated in a minimum of 1/10's of a second except in barrels.
- B. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness or injury, or by the request of an Association official and/or the Stock Contractor.
- C. Back-up and field flag watches may be graduated in 1/10th of a second.
- D. Rough stock judge on the latch side of the gate will have a watch. Judge must show stopwatch to contestant if asked.

17. The committee must provide a place for official timers and announcer to work without obstruction or interference.

18. Timers will work from the same position during the entire contest.

19. All approved rodeos must have an arena director, which may be the Stock Contractor or someone appointed by him.

20. Minimum pay for judges will be fifty dollars (\$50) per judge per performance plus the judge's fee of two dollar (\$2) per contestant, (each partner in team roping being defined as a contestant in this case), split between the judges.

21. When a Stock Contractor signs a contract with a committee and a rodeo is IRA approved, the contractor is responsible for the prize money. The Stock Contractor shall reimburse the Association for any prize money not paid to recipients within fifteen (15) days following notification of the contractor by the IRA.

22. A Stock Contractor shall reimburse the IRA for any costs or fees paid by the IRA as a result of contracts entered into by a contractor in producing a particular rodeo. Said reimbursement shall be paid within fifteen (15) days following notification of the Contractor by the IRA.

23. All approved rodeos must set an opening and closing time and date for entries.

24. Entries may open no sooner than seven (7) days before the first performance unless approved by the Board of Directors.

25. If books are open one day or less, someone must be present at all times to take entries.

26. Designated slack is a paid performance for contract personnel.

27. All personnel must work 3 IRA first approved rodeos to be eligible for the Finals.

28. The board of directors will hire the finals personnel.

29. In all timed events \$50 of the entry fee goes in the pot.

## **CONDUCT OF A RODEO**

1. Each contestant and contract performer is automatically entitled to an extra gate pass upon their entry or employment.

- A. Membership card and extra pass is sent out with each yearly membership.
- B. Approved rodeos are to accept Officer's and membership cards.
- C. If a member is caught passing around their card or extra pass, Contractor may take their card and extra pass and send it to the IRA office.
- D. Each committee has the discretion of having a list of contestants and labor list for the rodeo and only those passes must be honored for every performance. (They are not limited only to the performance in which they compete). IRA Officers are to be admitted into a rodeo on their passes, whether they are entered or not.

2. If a least five (5) contestants are not entered in an event, the committee can cancel the event or pay mount money.

- A. Prize money not paid out in a contest event will be returned to the committee.

3. In the event a contestant wishes to turn out livestock, he/she must notify the Stock Contractor prior to the performance.
  - A. Contestants turning out livestock in one event will remain eligible to compete in other events without further penalty.
  - B. Contestants turning out due to injury will not be liable for entry fees providing that they send to the IRA office within 10 days of the performance in which they turned out a certified doctor's release or verification of injury by Judges or the Stock Contractor and provided that the rodeo secretary is notified prior to making the payoff.
4. Contestants shall be ready to compete when called upon.
5. If management provides satisfactory seats for contestants, Association will urge contestants to stay out of the arena when not scheduled to compete.
6. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to their events, which they enter.
  - A. Failure to understand or read the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
7. The Board will expect cooperation of any member when called upon by one of the Officers or Directors to represent the Association's interest regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.

## **CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Contestants may be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - A. Being under the influence of alcohol in the arena.
  - B. Rowdyism or quarreling in actual domain of the arena.
  - C. Mistreatment of livestock.
  - D. Not being ready to compete when called upon.
  - E. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
  - F. Not wearing western clothes, including hat, long sleeve shirt, and boots.
  - G. Tampering with chutes, barriers, or livestock in any way.

2. Contestants can be disqualified only by agreement of the rodeo judges.
3. Any contestant with a complaint must report it to a Director or Officer after the performance is completed.
  - A. If a satisfactory decision cannot be reached, the contestant may call for a meetinwith the entire Board of Directors.
4. Any member or non-member using unnecessary profanity, threats, or rowdyism can be barred from the arena and/or disqualified.
5. If you take the wrong stock, you will not get the right stock back. It is the contestant's responsibility to make sure they take the right stock.

## **GENERAL RODEO RULES**

1. The Event Director has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared will be removed from the herd after the conclusion of the rodeo, unless removed prior to the first performance. A written complaint with at least five event signatures will be required before action can be taken. This letter will be sent to the IRA office. Said stock shall remain withdrawn until a majority vote of the Board of Directors allows the Contractor to put the stock back in the draw.
2. All stock must have been used in the customary fashion before being put in the draw.
3. All horned cattle must be tipped to at least the size of a quarter in both timed events and judged events or will be held out of the draw.
4. All Stock used in IRA rodeos must be horn branded, branded, or ear tagged.

5. Any question that may arise which is not covered by this rulebook shall be decided by agreement of the judges at that rodeo. Said judges' decision is final and only an appeal to the Board of Directors may alter that decision.

6. The overseeing of the working of the arena ground will be the responsibility of the Stock Contractor, judges, and the event directors. The arena shall be worked as equal as possible for all performances.

## JUDGES AND JUDGING METHODS

1. All judges and flagmen must be IRA approved judges.
  - A. Persons must take a judging test and pass it each year to be an approved judge and must attend a judging clinic annually.
  - B. Judges are not to consume alcoholic beverages for at least two (2) hours prior to the start of a performance or slack nor during a performance. A one hundred dollar (\$100) fine may be applied for infraction of this rule.
  - C. 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 performance thereafter, unless special arrangements are made with the Stock Contractor.
  - D. Judges, timers, and flagmen must be persons of experience.
  - E. It is the responsibility of the judges to see that all timed event stock is run to the end of the arena prior to the first performance of each

rodeo.

1. A judge may have someone else do this, but it is his responsibility to have it done.

2. Re-ride animals are not to be used for exhibition until all contestants have competed. Re-rides will be the first two animals drawn from the herd, with the exception of feature animals.

3. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock in any event at any rodeo, in more than one (1) go-round.

4. Re-rides must be given in all three (3) events. Rides must be scored with the option of a re-ride. If a contestant is entitled to a re-ride, the judge must inform him to that effect immediately after the ride.

5. If a re-ride is given, rider has privilege of taking the same animal back, providing the Stock Contractor is willing, or rider may have re-ride animal drawn.

A. If rider takes same animal back he will not be eligible for any more re-rides in that event.

6. If a re-ride is offered on an animal because he ran off or couldn't be mounted out after two (2) honest efforts and is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant has the option of having a re-ride. If the contestant declines a re-ride he must accept his score.

A. Stock Contractors will decide when re-rides will be taken at the same performance.

B. If an animal has run off for the fourth (4th) consecutive time, it must be taken out of the draw.

7. If a re-ride is given because an animal hits the rider on the chute or falls, it is to be brought back after the same performance unless otherwise agreed to by the Stock Contractor and the contestant.

A. Rider will not be disqualified for coming in contact with fence when beyond his control and re-ride may be given.

B. If a rider intentionally or deliberately uses the fence to complete a ride, he will be disqualified.

C. If pick-up horse or other foreign object substantially interferes with the contestant's performance, judges may award a re-ride.

8. 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.

9. In riding events, rider and animal are to be marked separately.

A. Rider to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25) depending upon how much rider spurs.

- B. The animal is to be marked one (1) to twenty-five (25).
- C. It is suggested that the full spread be used.
- D. If the animal is marked a total of twelve (12) or less, the contestants will get a re-ride. A re-ride for a total score on an animal of over twelve (12) is up to the discretion of the two judge's animal markings.
- E. A judge cannot change any scores after turning in his books to the rodeo secretary after each performance.

10. To qualify, rider must have spurs over or above the break of the shoulders and rowels touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground.

11. If horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the first-jump rule will be waived.

- A. Rider may be disqualified for not following the judge's instruction to take his feet from the neck of a horse stalled in the chute.
- B. First jump qualification may be waived at the discretion of the judges if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.
- C. In case stock fouls contestant, and the judge sees it, he may tell the contestant to go on with the ride and the contestant must be marked.

12. Any time a contestant is fouled in any event, he must declare himself immediately or take that mark or time.

13. Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles, and pull ropes from either side in all riding events.

14. If an animal that is drawn in either a riding event or a timed event becomes sick, injured, or crippled before it is contested upon, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.

15. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.

- A. There shall be no metal on neck rope past the end of the chute.
- B. Barrier equipment must be inspected by a judge before each timed event.
- C. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
- D. Should the barrier break at any place other than at the designated breaking point, the barrier shall not be considered broken.
- E. If a contestant obviously beats the barrier but staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string is unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second fine. Otherwise this is not to be considered a broken barrier.
- F. Automatic barriers must be used in the Calf Roping, 40 and Over Calf Roping, Break-Away Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping.
- G. Stock Contractors are responsible to see that barriers are in place before the first performance and judges must inspect the barriers no more than one hour before each performance.
- H. In timed events, barrier string will be retied after six (6) consecutive runs.
- I. Contestant can request that barrier string be retied.
- J. Barrier must be tied with string only, (rubber bands may not be used).

16. Barrier judge is to make sure that no one can stand close enough to barrier equipment to tamper with same, either before or after a run.

17. Once score line has been set in timed events, the length will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.

18. In order for time to be considered official, the barrier must work properly. If barrier hangs on animal, contestant must take a re-run.

19. If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.

20. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the flag will be dropped and watches stopped.

- A. A contestant will get the animal back with a lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying.
- B. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge will be final.
- C. If rope is on the animal when it escapes, contestant will get the animal back lap and tap with rope on it in the chute.

21. If a contestant is injured at a rodeo, he may be held back at the same rodeo until later in the go-round. Consent of the Stock Contractor and both judges is necessary.

- A. If stock has been drawn for him, he must take that animal when he does compete.

22. Barrier judge may appoint another person to watch the barrier while he competes.

23. In case of a miss-draw, the performance will be redrawn from the mistake down.

24. In the event of postponement of a performance, positions and stock will be re-drawn.

25. When a contestant calls for stock and the animal falls completely down before crossing the score line, a re-run may be given at the judge's discretion.

26. Neither barrier judge nor field flag judge may be changed during the course of an event except due to illness or injury.

27. If a judge cannot complete a rodeo due to illness or injury, a new judge will start and two separate payoffs will be paid in rough stock events.

28. The decision of the judges, flagmen, and timers who have been passed on by the Association shall be final and no protest by the contestants will be permitted during an event.

29. The Board may disapprove judges for Association rodeos if such disapproval is based on a written complaint signed by at least ten (10) members. Judges so disapproved must appear before the Board to contest the Board's decision.

30. Stock is not to be left in the roping or dogging boxes overnight.

31. All stock in calf roping and steer wrestling must be drawn at least one time before drawn a second time.

32. Re-rides will be the first two animals drawn from the herd, with the exception of feature animals.

33. In the Bareback & Saddle Bronc events the stopwatch will start when the animal's front feet hit the ground (first jump out of the chute). Judges must show the stopwatch to the contestant.

34. In the Bull Riding the stopwatch will start when any part of the animal breaks the plane of the chute. Judges must show the stopwatch to the contestant.

35. No rough stock contestant may compete and judge at the same rodeo.

36. All Judges must use an ink pen when writing down scores.

37. The judging test will be closed book. You have one hour, then you will get 5 minutes open book. If you fail you have 1 retake 2 weeks later.

38. At the Finals, there should be 2 rough stock judges and a timed event judge/flagger.

# **RODEO SECRETARY & RODEO OFFICE**

1. IRA members must pay delinquent entry fees to the IRA or they will be fined and/or suspended. Contestants who “no show” or turn out will be responsible for the entire entry fee, including which they are entered, contestants must send the entire entry fee to the IRA office within ten (10) days of that performance. Contestants who fail to pay within the ten (10) day grace period will be fined and/or suspended if a reminder letter must be sent from the IRA office. The contestant may not compete in another IRA rodeo until fine and fees are paid.

- A. Any contestant entering another contestant shall be personally responsible for the entry fees. Rodeo secretary must be able to verify who has entered a contestant in order to collect unpaid entry fees.
- B. A IRA member can enter himself/herself and four (4) others.
- C. Rodeo secretary shall ask for card number on all entries. If number is not given, entry may be refused.
- D. Any rodeo secretary accepting entries is responsible for those entries. Secretaries cannot accept an entry in team roping leaving an open hole. Both names are to be given upon entering.

2. The IRA will hold a Secretaries' clinic annually for the purpose of reviewing rules, rule changes, rodeo office procedures, and to gain insight into the efficient and cooperative relationship between rodeo secretaries and the IRA Secretary-Treasurer. Clinics may be conducted by the President/Vice-President and the IRA Secretary-Treasurer and may consist of group meetings or a meeting with an individual rodeo secretary. Announcers and timers are also encouraged to participate.

3. All IRA and IRA first-approved rodeos will use standard entry/result forms, which will include all entries, no show or turn out status, stock and position draw, score and time, payoff and placing, and membership numbers for all contestants and all rodeo personnel.

4. There must be a working emergency number with someone to answer from 8 a.m. until performance time on all days of a rodeo, for every IRA rodeo.
5. Rodeo secretary shall be required to have all contestants show current Association membership cards at the time of paying entry fees.
  - A. Should contestant not have a current membership card, secretary may refuse entrance of said person until they can secure a paid-up membership.
6. Rodeo results including 6% (3% if co-approved) of total payoff must be turned in to the IRA office within ten (10) days after the last performance.
7. IRA cardholders will have entering preference over non-cardholders.

## **DRAWING STOCK & POSITIONS**

1. All stock in contest events must be drawn by the judges.
  - A. In drawing stock, there must be at least eight (8) or more in the draw each time in each event except Saddle Bronc Riding. There must be at least fifteen (15) calves in the draw for the Calf Roping and 40 & Over Calf Roping. Calves may only be used for Calf Roping, 40 & Over Calf Roping, and Breakaway. All stock will be drawn once before any re-runs are drawn.
2. Stock in timed events must be drawn by the flag judge for that event.
  - A. Flag judge cannot compete in the event he flags.
  - B. The persons appointed to flag are the flag judges for those events regardless of who judges riding events and are the qualified persons to deliver a decision.

3. Two copies must be made of the draw, one (1) being a part of the secretary's records.

- A. Plastic poker chips must be used for drawing positions and for drawing stock.
- B. Receptacle containing numbers/chips must be shaken before each draw.
- C. Drawing must be conducted on the rodeo grounds so that any contestant may witness the draw.
- D. Judges shall draw stock within two (2) hours prior to performance.
- E. Re-rides must be posted with the draw for each performance.
- F. All stock in the first performance of the rodeo must remain for the entire rodeo.
- G. Positions will be drawn in the Bull Riding if the rodeo has slack.

4. Stock for re-rides must be drawn before the go-round and must be posted. Feature animals may be held out of this draw, and then returned to the draw for the go-round. No more than two (2) feature animals are allowed to be held out of each performance of a go-round.

- A. No drawn animal may be used for any other reason until all paid contestants have competed. Turned out animals will go to the re-ride draw. These animals are to be drawn together with the original re-rides.
- B. Any animal drawn for a re-ride but not used in that go-round may be held out of the draw for re-rides in following go-rounds along with feature animals, and then will be returned for the go-round draw after re-rides have been drawn.
- C. Re-rides will not be drawn before the end of the event in which re-ride is given. All men who have re-rides for the event for that performance, will have their re-rides drawn at the same time from all re-ride stock including turned-out stock if necessary. An animal can be drawn for a re-ride only one (1) time in a go-round.

5. The rodeo secretary is allowed to draw positions prior to arriving at the rodeo. This will be done following the draw out deadline, and a contestant may call the secretary to find out their position. (A contestant may still not draw out, but will know what position they drew.)

- A. Slack will be run with the first three (3) positions competing in that order. After that, slack may be chute run.

6. When an IRA Directors meeting is held at an IRA first-approved rodeo, Officers and Directors may request that the rodeo secretary enter them in the performance closest to the time of the meeting.

7. In case of miss-draw, the performance will be redrawn from the mistake down.

8. Anyone turning out drawn stock may be refused entry at that Contractor's next rodeo, and next rodeo only. Re-rides will be the first two animals drawn from the herd, with the exception of feature animals.

9. In a rodeo performance or slack performance if your name is called 3 times and your livestock is turned out, under no circumstances will you receive your livestock or run at a later time. Fees must be paid and fines will be assessed as stated in the rulebook.

## **DRAWING OUT & ENTRY FEE REFUND**

1. Contestants may draw out of a rodeo twenty-four (24) hours after books close. The only exception is when the books open the day before the rodeo, in which case contestants may draw out only until the books close.

- A. Any contestant who turns out stock with a doctor's release shall be fined, declared ineligible, or both if evidence shows that he/she competed in another rodeo within seventy-two (72) hours after the performance for which the release was submitted.

- B. Contestant must reimburse the IRA for their entire entry fee unless they have contacted the rodeo secretary regarding release before the payoff. Anyone with release who is on the grounds prior to the draw, who does not notify the secretary of the release, can not use it to draw out.
  - C. All doctor's releases must be dated. Any release dated prior to entry may not be used to draw out of that rodeo. Doctor's releases must be in the IRA office within ten (10) days of the performance from which contestant releases.
  - D. If a contestant "vet out" on an animal, she may not compete on the same animal. "Vet" release shall be dated within seventy-two (72) hours after the performance for which the release is used. The IRA Secretary must have release within ten (10) days. If entry fee refund is being requested, the horse may be subject to visible injury inspection by a judge.
  - E. Contestants must send an appeal to the Board of Directors telling reason why they "no showed" within five (5) days after the last performance. All "no shows" will be brought to the Board of Directors for final decision. Contestants may be fined or/ suspended if appeal is denied or no appeal is sent in to the Board of Directors.
2. No stock will be given until entry fees are paid.
- A. All entry fees must be paid one hour before the performance, if contestant is on the grounds, or entry fee may be refused, at the discretion of the rodeo secretary.
3. Stock Contractor and committee have the discretion to stop a performance because of adverse conditions.
- A. Such termination may not take place during an event.
  - B. Entry fees will be refunded to those contestants who have not competed.
  - C. If a contestant is entered in other events in which he is unable to contest, the entry fees for those events are to be refunded.
4. In the event of cancellation or postponement, contestant may draw out and entry fee will be refunded.

# PAYOFF

1. A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him in an event to place in the average.

2. At IRA approved rodeos, six percent (6%) of entry fees and added money must be deducted from each event, (3% to each association at co-approved rodeos.)

- A. The percentage must be deducted from each event before the payoff is figured and sent to the IRA office with the results of the rodeo within ten (10) days of the last performance or the rodeo secretary will be fined.

3. IRA contestants are to be paid money won for a complete go-round within four (4) hours after completion of the go-round, if requested.

4. On two head and average rodeos, both day monies and average will be divided equally.

5. One three (3) head and average rodeos, average is 1 1/2 times as much as go-round money, 34% to average, 22% to go-rounds, in all events.

6. No ground money will be paid unless there are no qualified rides or times. Money will be figured into the payoff among the winners. If no qualified rides or times, money will then be split evenly to all contestants in that event on the form of ground money.

- A. No ground money will be figured in the standings.

7. If go-round and average money cannot both be paid at any one rodeo, the go-round will be paid instead of average.

8. If any error has been made in figuring books at the close of the rodeo, overpayment must be returned upon request.

- A. Failure to do so within two (2) weeks after notification by the IRA Secretary will cause a fine and automatic suspension.

9. Average is not to pay more places than the go-rounds in the payoff for all events at the Finals Rodeo.

10. Payoff of prize money at rodeos must be paid in cash or by Contractor's, cashiers, Committee, or IRA check.

## **BAREBACK RIDING**

1-3 contestants pays 1 money (100%)

4-6 contestants pays 2 monies (60-40%)

7-11 contestants pays 3 monies (50-30-20%)

12-20 contestants pays 4 monies (40-30-20-10%)

Pay 5 after 1st pays \$400, if 1st still pays \$400, pay 6 monies.

## **CALF ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, TEAM ROPING**

1-3 contestants pays 1 money (100%)

4-10 contestants pays 2 monies (60-40%)

11-20 contestants pays 3 monies (50-30-20%)

21-30 contestants pays 4 monies (40-30-20-10%)

31-40 contestants pays 5 monies (30-25-20-15-10%)

41- over pays 6 monies (29-24-19-14-9-5%)

## **BULL RIDING, SADDLE BRONC, 40 & OVER CALF ROPING**

1-3 contestants pays 1 money (100%)

4-6 contestants pays 2 monies (60-40%)

7-11 contestants pays 3 monies (50-30-20%)

12-20 contestants pays 4 monies (40-30-20-10%)

21-30 contestants pays 5 monies (30-25-20-15-10%)

31 and over pays 6 monies (29-24-19-14-9-5%)

# BARREL RACING & BREAK AWAY

1-3 contestants pays 1 money (100%)

4-6 contestants pays 2 monies (60-40%)

7-11 contestants pays 3 monies (50-30-20%)

12-20 contestants pays 4 monies (40-30-20-10%)

21-30 contestants pays 5 monies (30-25-20-15-10%)

31-50 contestants pays 6 monies (29-24-19-14-9-5%)

51- over pays 8 monies (26-20-15-12-10-8-6-3%)

## GENERAL RULES, ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

1. Stock must be ridden eight (8) seconds.
  - A. In the Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc riding, the time and judge's stop watch start when the animal's front feet hit the ground, first jump out of the chute.
  - B. In the Bull riding the timer and judge's stop watch start when any part of the animal breaks the plain of the chute.
2. Riders will have the right to call on judges to pass on whether or not an animal is flanked properly to buck to the best of its ability.
3. Stock is not to be hot-shotted until turned completely out of the chute, unless requested by the rider. Hotshot will be used from the back of the bucking chute only.
4. If flank comes off, rider has the option of taking score or given re-ride; providing rider completes a qualified ride.
  - A. Decision must be made immediately upon notification by the judge. If re-ride is accepted, previous score is eliminated.
5. If the rider is fouled at the chute or the animal falls completely down, the rider may be entitled to a re-ride at the judges' discretion.
  - A. If the animal stops the rider is entitled to a re-ride.

6. If a pick-up horse or other foreign object substantially interferes with the contestant or stock's performance, judges may award a re-ride.

7. The rider must tell the flank-man and/or Stock Contractor if he does not want his draw touched with a hotshot, however, if the rider denies use of the hotshot and the animal does not buck, no re-ride will be given.

A. Stock Contractors may deny contestant's request.

8. The contestant's feet may be away from the horse during the first jump from the chute as long as the rowels are touching the designated area when the front feet hit the ground.

9. If the horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell rider to take feet out of the horse's neck and the first jump qualification will be waived.

A. The rider may be disqualified for not following the judge's instruction to take his feet away from the neck of the horse stalled in the chute.

10. The first jump rule may be waived at the discretion of the judges if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.

11. Riders who are fouled at the chute when animal falls completely down may be entitled to a re-ride at the judge's discretion.

A. If a rider is fouled, in order to get a re-ride he must immediately declare himself and not try stock unless otherwise instructed by the judges.

12. If a horse is not standing properly, the contestant may request spur out rule be waived and take the animal immediately as is.

A. Judges may or may not approve the request.

13. No re-rides will be given if contestant's equipment comes off.

A. Borrowed equipment is considered as the contestant's own.

14. Any horse requiring a neck rope or head fastened in the chute may have the first jump rule waived at the discretion of the judges. Use of a neck rope will be decided by the Contractor and the contestant.

15. Judge on the latch side of the gate will have the watch. The judge's stopwatch reading shall be used as a means of verification when the length of the qualified ride is in question. The judge shall stop his watch when he hears the whistle or horn, or when he believes that the contestant has been disqualified for any reason, whichever comes first. In any instance where the time is eight (8) seconds or more on the judge's watch, the contestant shall be entitled to a marking without penalty. Judges must show the stopwatch to contestants.

16. Re-ride animals will be the first two drawn from the herd, with the exception of feature animals.

17. In the case of rerides the animals previously drawn for rerides must be used in the order of the rerides given. If the number of rerides given exceeds the number of rerides drawn the judges must then start at the top of the draw and work down to the first animal made available down to a contestant's turnout.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Being bucked off before the whistle.
2. Touching stock with a free hand or arm.
3. Riding rowels too sharp, in the judge's opinion.
4. Failure to mark the horse properly

## **BAREBACK RIDING**

1. One handed rigging to be used:
  - A. Riders may use their own rigging if the rigging is not over ten (10) inches in width at the handhold and not over a six (6) inch D-ring or not a freak.

- B. All bareback riders must use padding under the rigging and padding must extend two (2) inches behind the back of the rigging.
  - C. The rider may cinch his own rigging and examine it to determine if it is satisfactory before the horse is released into the arena.
2. Stock Contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
3. Any horse requiring a neck rope or head fastened in the chute may have the first jump rule waived at the discretion of the judges. Use of a neck rope will be decided by the Contractor and the contestant.
- A. If the first jump rule is waived, the rider is to take the horse as is immediately.
4. Tape may be used as long as glove is not in contact of sticky side of tape.
- A. The glove will have no flap, rolls, welds, gimmicks, or wedges. If a palm piece is used, it must cover the entire palm and be no heavier than chap leather. The rider may have a single layer of leather under the handhold, which will extend at least one (1) inch on both sides of the center of the handhold and shall be glued down. Leather may not be skived.
  - B. The rider may not take any finger tucks or wraps. Violators may be disqualified and/or fined. Only leather or rawhide is allowed for handholds. No fiberglass or metal is allowed in rigging or handholds, with the exception of D-rings and bolts or screws attaching the hand hold to the rigging.
5. The rider may not pull rigging with his hand already in place in the handhold.
6. The rider must have the riding hand visible to the judges after the rigging is set and pulled. If re-pull is needed, the hand must be removed and made visible to the judge.

7. To qualify, rider must have spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and rowels touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground, first jump out of the chute.

8. If the horse comes out of the chute backwards, the mark out rule is waived.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1. The rider will be disqualified for the following offenses:
  - A. If the rigging comes off without breaking.
  - B. Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock, or for attempting to lock rowels.
2. The judge will indicate disqualification by throwing the flag.

## **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

1. Riding is to be done with a plain halter, one rope rein, and saddle.
  - A. Saddle may be furnished by the Contractor, but contestants are permitted to use their own Committee Saddle if saddles are three-quarter rigging. This is determined by one-fourth of the measurement from the center of the base of the horn area to the inside of the top of the cantle, (horn allowed but not encouraged).
2. A standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both the Stock contractor and the contestant.
3. The Stock Contractor may furnish his own halters and contestants may use them, subject to approval of the Contractor and contestant of fitness of the halters.
4. The riding rein and hand must be on the same side.

5. The rider may cinch his own saddle or examine the same to determine if it is satisfactory. The middle flank belongs to the bronc rider, but the Contractor may have the rider out the flank behind the curve or the horse's belly.

6. To qualify, the rider must have the spurs over or in front of the break of the shoulders and rowels touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of chute.

7. If the horse comes out of the chute backwards, the mark out rule is waived.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1. The rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - A. Changing hands on the rein.
  - B. Wrapping the rein around hand or horn.
  - C. Pulling leather
  - D. Losing a stirrup
  - E. Riding with locked rowels or riding with rowels that will lock, or for attempting to lock rowels that will lock on spurs.
  - F. Riding with adhesives other than dry rosin.
  - G. Saddle bronc riders cannot assist themselves with rein hand locked over the swells of the saddle.
  - H. The judges may examine clothing, saddle, rein, and/or spurs.
2. The judge will indicate disqualification by throwing the flag.

## **RE-RIDES**

1. If, in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have the choice of that horse again or he may have a horse drawn for him from the re-ride herd. If the contestant takes the same horse, he must take the marking.

# BULL RIDING

1. Time to start is when any part of the animal breaks the plain of the chute.
2. Riding is to be done with one hand and loose rope with handhold.
  - A. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
  - B. Rope must have bell, no bell, no marking. Bells must be under belly of bull.
  - C. No foreign objects may be attached to the bull rope to help the cowboy.
3. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of loose rope in his hand, provided he has not touched the ground or animal with free hand is to be marked.
  - A. Judge must differentiate between a rider touching a bull and bull touching the rider.
4. Bull having dangerous horns in the opinion of the event director must be de-horned, tipped, or kept out of the draw.
5. Only 4 or 5-point spur rowels (one rowel per shank) may be used in the bull riding.
6. Riders may use dry rosin only on glove and rope.

## RE-RIDES

1. If flank comes off, rider has the option of taking score or given re-ride; providing rider completes a qualified ride.
2. Riders who are knocked off at chute or if bull falls shall be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of judges.

# DISQUALIFICATION

1. Riders will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - A. Not making a qualified ride.
  - B. Using sharp rowels.
  - C. Touching animal with free hand.
  - D. Having spurs or leggings under or in rope when pulled tight.
  - E. 1st jump out of chute rider must not have spurs in the knot.
2. The judge will indicate disqualification by throwing the flag.

# GENERAL RULES, TIMED EVENTS

1. During any performance, if an animal in a timed event escapes the chute or pens before it is called for, that animal will be brought back after the performance with two (2) or more of the same animals.
  - A. If the animal gets out of the arena, the flagman is to stop the time and contestant will get the same animal back.
  - B. Animal will start lap and tap.
  - C. Contestant will start in the chute with time accumulated when animal got out added to this time.
2. If contestant's equipment catches on anything other than the barrier, contestant will not get a re-run.
3. Adjustable slide shall be used on all necks of timed event cattle.
4. Barrier must be tied with string only, (no rubber bands).
  - A. Barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring falls within eight (8) feet of the post.
  - B. Barrier ropes must not be made of nylon.
5. Barrier judge will be responsible for, or tie and adjust neck rope himself.

6. No re-runs will be given due to default or breakage of contestant's equipment.
  - A. Borrowed equipment is accepted as the contestant's own.
  
7. When the contestant calls for stock and the animal falls completely down before crossing the score line, a re-run may be given at the judge's discretion.
  - A. The barrier fouling the contestant shall be the only other reason for a re-run and the contestant must pull up and declare himself immediately.
  
8. The same man must open all front gates in the timed events for the entire rodeo.
  - A. The Stock Contractor will designate and be responsible for providing a man and see that he works the entire performance.
  - B. Contestants will be responsible for getting their own tailers or pushers. If the pusher is caught cheating (tripping barrier, etc.) the contestant will be disqualified and fined \$50.00. The pusher cannot push animal past the end of the open chute. If this is done, it will result in the contestant receiving a no time.
  
9. Time flag must be on the barrier line and be at least twelve (12) inches and either red or white in color.
  
10. Positions must be drawn in all timed events.
  
11. All timed event cattle must have horns tipped.
  
12. Contestant will be given a re-run if fouled by the barrier (barrier is defined as including the neck rope), but must pull up and declare himself.
  
13. If for any reason a re-run is given, (with the exception of barrier failure), all penalties will be carried forward from the previous run.
  
14. If barrier malfunction and contestant runs the stock there will be no rerun.

15. Contractors may not mix breeds of timed event cattle. All cattle must be the same breed or crossbreed in each respective event.

16. There will be a 30 second time limit in all timed events.

17. Slack will be run with the first 3 positions competing in that order. From that point on, slack may be chute run.

18. A Stock Contractor must have fresh cattle for each timed event, (CR, O40 CR, BAR, SW, DTR), before his first outdoor rodeo after January 1.

19. Barrier will be staked on the ground with the length of the barrier plus 18" in calf events, and plus 24" in steer events.

20. If the contestant breaks the barrier and is fouled by the barrier, the contestant will receive stock back lap and tap plus ten (10) seconds.

21. A small hot shot is required to be present at the timed event end of the arena at all times.

22. Stock charge may be dropped in the timed events if a significant number of the herd becomes unacceptable. Appropriate Event Director shall contact the Stock Contractor and determine a date by which the cattle must be changed. If change is not made by the predetermined date, stock charge will be dropped until the change is made and cattle are acceptable.

- A. The Director shall immediately inform the IRA Secretary of his action. A letter confirming his action will be sent to the Stock Contractor, IRA Officers, and members of the Board of Directors.

23. Only person or team competing and on deck will be allowed in arena during their event.

24. At finals, if no qualified score or time is posted the money in that round from entry fees will be added to the average payout. But, only the original amount from the average will count toward year end standing.

25. A contestant 40 and over may enter the regular calf roping and the 40 and over calf roping at the same rodeo. The contestant must specify which event. Calf Roping of the over/40 will qualify for All-Around points standing on the IRA membership application. The event stated for use with All-Around points will be used throughout the year. There will be no changes. A member may accumulate points toward the year-end championship standings in both calf roping events and may compete in both events at the IRA finals if he has qualified as one of the top 15 in calf roping and as one of the top 15 in the over 40.

26. In the Steer Wrestling and in the Team Roping, allowed one hazer, not over 25 feet in the front of the box.

- A. A Hazer on the line must not come in physical contact with or throw any object(s) at the steer under penalty of disqualification of the roper.
- B. This is same hazer rule as in the Calf-Roping and the Forty and Over Calf-Roping, with the same wording.

## **PENALTY**

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

## **COWGIRLS BARREL RACING**

1. Portable arenas must be constructed with a center gate whenever possible. The barrel racer must maintain forward motion towards 1<sup>st</sup> barrel once in the arena.

- A. All ground rules must be posted. If judges declare a center gate, it must be posted with/on the draw sheet.

2. Barrel racing is a regular event; thereby making it necessary to have at least three (3) contestants present to make up a race.

3. Prior to the first performance of all IRA approved rodeos; measurements shall be made with a tape measure only, written down and given to each judge and the rodeo secretary for future reference. Barrels must be staked. If stakes are not visible after the first performance, they must be re-measured according to the first night's measurements.

4. Judges are responsible for marking off barrels before the beginning of the first performance of the rodeo and checking of such prior to the beginning of each rodeo performance thereafter.

- A. Judges are responsible for placing barrels inside stakes prior to the event.
- B. It is the responsibility of each barrel racer to assist judges in setting barrel markers before the first performance begins and check markers before each performance.
- C. A twenty-five (\$25) fine will be levied on both judges if barrels are not staked in accordance with these rules.
- D. The flagman's starting line must be a visibly marked place.

5. Both judges shall be required to be present during the barrel race.

- A. One judge will be the flagger and the other judge will watch to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run and set up knocked over barrels.
- B. The judge that is flagging during the barrel racing may move to set up the barrel in front of him if it is knocked over during competition. Fence must be clearly marked behind the electric eye as to where the judge stands.

6. Barrel racers cannot enter two (2) horses in any one rodeo. A horse cannot be ridden by more than one (1) person at the same rodeo.

- A. Exhibition runs may be made on a second horse with the consent of the rodeo producer or stock contractor. The cowgirl will be charged the normal timer charge.
- B. There will be no exhibition runs before the actual competition run during a rodeo unless asked by a contractor to help fill a performance.
- C. If a horse is used for exhibition in barrel racing, the same horse cannot be used for a later contest run.
- D. If a rodeo has a local or junior barrel race, it must be held after the IRA barrel race.

7. The following guidelines will be used for setting the barrel pattern:

- A. Barrels 1&2 should be no more than 20 feet (no less than 15 feet) from the fence. The third barrel shall not be more than 30 feet (no less than 20 feet) from the end of the arena/chutes.
- B. The score line should be no more than 90 feet (no less than 45 feet) from the arena/chute.
- C. The barrels must be marked with a 100-foot measuring tape. The persons measuring the barrel pattern must make an arc on the ground from barrel 1 and 3 and 2 and 3. Where the arc crosses is where the third barrel stake must be placed.
- D. The stock contractor is responsible for bringing and removing barrels to and from the arena.

8. The barrels used in any approved barrel race must be standard 55-gallon steel drums with both ends closed.

- A. Barrels must be painted in a brightly visible color or all white.
- B. Barrels are to be placed in a cloverleaf pattern, not staggered.
- C. There shall be no tires on the barrels.
- D. Barrels should be raked or the ground worked after each 15th barrel racer.

9. Time shall begin when the horse's nose reaches the starting line and shall end when the horse's nose reaches the finish line.

- A. Barrel racers who are entered in the rodeo shall not time at the same rodeo.

10. "Vet" releases are allowed only in the barrel racing event and must be dated within 72 hours after the performance from which a contestant releases. The IRA secretary must have the release within 10 days.

11. Barrel racers requesting entry fee return due to lameness of their horse will be subject to a visible injury inspection by a judge.

12. Barrel Racers cannot practice barrels unless they are 20 feet off the stakes. After 1 warning you will be disqualified.

13. Barrel Racers must maintain a forward motion towards the first barrel once in the arena with a center gate.

## **PENALTIES**

1. If a contestant knocks a barrel over there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.

- A. If a barrel is knocked over and stands up again on its other end, it will be considered as knocked over and carries a five (5) second penalty.
- B. A contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Contestants will be disqualified if after crossing the starting line and being flagged at the beginning of the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern.

2. Intentionally knocking off of hat.

3. Failure to answer 3 gate calls result in being flagged out by the judge. Judge's decision is final.

4. Barrel racers will be disqualified if they run out of position unless they immediately declare themselves with one of the judges. Contestants must run in the position drawn. Disqualification will result if you run out of order.

## **RE-RUNS**

1. If a timekeeper or flagman fouls the contestant, she will make her re-run during or after the performance, whichever time is decided on by both judges and the stock contractor.

2. If for any reason, a re-run is needed, any penalty from the first run will not be carried over to the re-run.
  - A. If a whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.

## **ELECTRIC TIMER**

1. At rodeos using an electric timer, barrel racers will pay a timer fee of two dollars (\$2) to be collected by the rodeo secretary and given to the owner of the timer.
2. Judges will be responsible for setting up, removing, and maintaining the timer.
3. If the electric eye fails to work for the minority of contestant (less than half) during a performance, the manual back up times will be used for those missed electronically by adding a zero to make the time read in thousandths, unless posted that a re-run will be given. The electronically controlled times will remain unaltered.
4. If the electronic timer fails for the majority (more than half) of the contestants at an entire rodeo, manual back up times will be the official times and the rodeo will pay off with these times.
5. Back up times will be posted along with the electric timer times.
6. Stock contractors are required to use an electric timer.
  - A. At IRA rodeos, the contestants may be charged a stock charge. They will pay a two-dollar (\$2) timer charge.
7. Timers for the electric eye must be staked 5 feet on the inside of arena.

## **DAY MONEY**

1. Day money will pay off to the fastest time at the conclusion of each performance regardless if the rodeo as a whole is paid off with back up times.

# CALF ROPING

1. Contestants must catch calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw the calf by hand, and cross and tie any three (3) legs. Legs must remain crossed and tied securely for five (5) seconds.

- A. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be stood on at least three (3) legs, (calf may be helped up by roper, but at least three (3) legs, must be dangling straight underneath the calf), and calf must be re-thrown.
- B. If roper's hand is on the calf when it falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand.
- C. Roper must hold calf until roper gets a hand on the calf.
- D. Tie must be finished with a half hitch or "hooley".

2. Tie must hold for five (5) seconds, and then be passed on by the field judge.

- A. Roper must not touch the calf after giving a finish signal until the judge has completed his inspection.

3. Catch as catch can; any catch is legal.

4. Stock Contractor shall endeavor to keep an event set of calves.

- A. Calves should be even in weight, height, and age, and shall not weigh less than one hundred seventy-five (175) pounds or more than three (300) pounds.
- B. All roping calves must be branded or ear tagged.
- C. Brahmas or crossbred Brahmas may not be mixed with native cattle in the same set. Roping calves must be the same breed or crossbreed.
- D. All calves must be tied down and run prior to the draw of the performance. (It is the judge's responsibility to have calves run.)

5. Names of ropers and numbers of calves shall be posted one (1) hour before the performance.

6. The length of barrier including neck rope needs to be 5 1/2 feet shorter than the length of box. Final decision on weather cord for cattle length of barrier can change on Judges discretion and Calf Roping Directors discretion.

7. Barrier and barrier equipment used in calf roping cannot be used in the steer wrestling event.

8. If barrier equipment stops calf or turns calf back, the calf will be brought back and decision of the judge will determine if the calf is re-run.

- A. If you break the barrier and push the calf and it goes left before the line, no re-run will be given. If the calf goes left before the liner and you don't break the barrier, a re-run will be given at judge's discretion.

9. A stopwatch will be used by the field judge.

- A. Judge will not begin the five (5) second time period until the roper has remounted and given the calf complete slack.
- B. If the rope comes off of the calf after completion of the tie, five (5) second time will start when the roper leaves the calf.

10. Field judge must watch calf during the five (5) second period and will stop the watch when a calf kicks free, using this time to determine whether the calf was tied long enough to qualify.

11. Line judge will stand on the right side of the score line. At the roper's discretion, contestant will be allowed up to 2 stationary hazers not over 25 feet from the front of the box. Hazers must not intentionally come into physical contact with or throw objects at the calf under penalty of the roper.

12. If barrier equipment fouls roper and roper declares himself immediately, he must be given his calf, at the judge's discretion.

13. If barrier malfunction and contestant runs the stock there will be no rerun.

14. If a rodeo has a calf scramble, they must use different calves than the roping calves.

15. Two (2) loops will be permitted if the roper is carrying two (2) loops.

16. Stock Contractors must haul at least fifteen (15) calves.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Missing the calf.

2. Throwing two (2) loops when not carrying two (2) ropes.

3. If horse drags calf ten (10) feet or more, contestant will be fined \$25.00.

4. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand.

5. Contestant shall have and adjust a neck rope or equivalent equipment in a manner that will keep the horse from dragging the calf.

6. If the tie comes loose or the calf gets to his feet before the tie has been examined and rules a fair one, the roper will receive no time.

7. Roper will be flagged a no time for touching calf, string, or by touching rope to train his horse after giving the finished signal.

## **PENALTY**

1. The calf roper must run horse at the calf and the horse must cross the barrier line or receive a ten (10) second penalty.

## **40 AND OVER CALF ROPING**

1. Rules for the Calf Roping will also apply to the 40 and Over Calf Roping.

2. 40 and Over Calf Roping will be run with the regular Calf Roping, but will be paid off separately.

- A. Added money will be one hundred dollars (\$100) or 50% of the added money in the regular calf roping, whichever is greater, or it may be the same as the Calf Roping.

3. Contestant may enter 40 and Over Calf Roping upon reaching the date of his 40th birthday.

4. A contestant 40 or over may enter the regular calf roping or the 40 and Over Calf Roping, but not both at the same rodeo.

## **STEER WRESTLING**

1. Standard length of neck rope should be equal depth of dogging box minus eight (8) feet. Final decision for length of neck rope can change pending cattle and/or arena conditions at the discretion of the judge or steer wrestling director.

2. The barrier and barrier equipment used in calf roping cannot be used in the steer wrestling event.

3. If the steer does not cross the score line in front of the liner, the steer will be brought back and re-run.

4. Only one (1) hazer is allowed.

- A. Contestant must furnish his own hazer and horse.

5. Steer must be caught from above.

- A. If steer is missed or gets loose after the catch; no more than one (1) step can be used to re-catch the steer.
- B. If the steer wrestler misses or loses the steer, flag man must ask contestant if he wishes another jump. Contestant must reply at once.

6. After catching the steer, contestant must bring it to a stop or change direction, then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns.

- A. If steer is knocked down, tripped, or thrown by putting horns into the ground, or any other obvious illegal fall, steer must be let up and thrown again.
  - B. Steer will be considered legally thrown only when it is lying flat on its side or on its back with four feet clear from under it.
  - C. Contestant must have a hand on steer when flagged.
  - D. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decisions will be final.
  - E. If the steer "dog falls", the steer wrestler may roll the head so that the steer's legs and head are in the same direction.
7. Steers used for steer wrestling cannot be used for any other event.
- A. Contestant will not be required to compete on an injured steer or a steer with a broken horn.
  - B. If contestant jumps at the steer, he accepts it as sound.
8. Stock Contractors shall endeavor to keep even sets of steers and pens of steers should be kept together.
- A. New steers should be trained before being contested on. Director may appoint someone to do this.
  - B. Stock Contractor must start each January with fresh steers, unless the Board of Directors approves otherwise.
  - C. All bulldogging steers must be horn branded or ear-tagged.
9. Stock Contractors must haul at least seven (7) bull dogging steers.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

- 1. Contestant and hazer are not allowed to change horses after leaving the chute.
- 2. Hazer must not hit the steer in the face before catch is made, or render assistance to contestant while contestant is throwing the steer.

3. Steer wrestler will be disqualified for stepping in front of a moving steer.

## **DALLY TEAM ROPING**

1. Contestants may enter twice by changing partners or ends. Championship points will be allowed to each individual for all placing in each go-round and average. All-Around standings will count only the highest markings per go and average.

2. The header will start from the left side of the chute. A separate Team Roping barrier must be used. Team Roper behind the barrier must throw first loop at the head.

3. Each team will be allowed only 2 loops.

4. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing the steer with the horses front feet on the ground. They must remain faced and the rope dallied tight until the judge inspects the dally and cattle. The steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.

5. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time, regardless whether time has been taken or not.

6. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn or head with his hands.

7. If heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, it is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.

8. In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap and tap, and a five-second penalty will be assessed for each loop already thrown.

9. Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.

10. All re-runs will be chute run. Contractor will determine when re-run is given. More cattle will be brought back than needed.

- A. If barrier equipment stops steer or turns steer back, the steer will be brought back and decision of the judge will determine if the steer is re-run.
- B. If the steer does not cross the score line after leaving the chute (ducks back between the judge(s) on the score line and the chute); the contestant will be given a re-run, at the judge's discretion, with the barrier reset. No penalty will be assessed if the contestant breaks the barrier on the previous run.

11. Partners may be changed in team roping, no later than 48 hours from the time of closing of the books to before position is drawn for the first performance, whichever occurs first.

- A. When one member of a team has a doctor's release, his partner is also released from his fees or has the option to choose another.

12. Steers must have Humane horn wraps.

13. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if the rope goes up the heels.

14. Stock Contractors will number the team roping steers either by ear tag or by brand.

15. Team roper must be astride his horse from the start of time until the time the team is flagged.

16. A team may switch ends after the first performance when there is more than one go-round.

17. There will be no cross firing. Steer's body must be turned and it must take one jump in the opposite direction before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered a crossfire and a no time will be recorded.

18. Team roping steers should weigh 450-650 pounds.

19. Women and anyone 50 years or older may tie on at the heeling end, provided they can get the rope off in five (5) seconds.

20. At one go-round rodeos, contestants may draw the same steer twice if entered twice.

21. Barrier must be a minimum of the box length minus 4 feet, unless approved by the Director.

22. There must be a minimum of eight (8) steers in the draw.

23. Cattle which have been used previously for steer wrestling may not be used for Team roping.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1. There will be only three (3) legal head catches; head or both horns, half a head, around the neck.

A. Any other catch results in disqualification.

2. If honda passes over one horn and the loop over the other, catch is illegal.

3. If loop crossed itself in a head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.

## **PENALTY**

1. One hind foot receives a five-second penalty.

2. Breaking the barrier is a ten-second penalty.

## **BREAKAWAY ROPING**

1. Rules for the calf roping, where appropriate, will also apply to the Breakaway roping.

2. The calf must break the rope away from the horn. The contestant will receive a no time should the rope be broken away from the horn by the contestant, either intentionally or otherwise.

3. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn. String will be tied to the rope, then tied to the saddle horn. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot.

A. A white handkerchief that is visible to the flagmen or judge must be attached at the knot at the end of the rope.

B. There will be no tail. Nothing may be used on the rope to keep the loop from drawing tight.

4. The calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop may draw up any part of the calf's body behind the head.

5. If the calf enters the catch pen with the loop on the calf but the rope is not broken from the horn, the contestant shall receive a no time.

6. If the rope dallies before the calf breaks the rope from the horn, the contestant may ride up and undally the rope and receive a qualified time, providing that the contestant does not break the rope from the horn.

7. If the rope falls from the calf after it breaks from the horn, a qualified time shall be recorded.

8. All contestants must supply their own string and it must be 20-gauge, nylon string. Use of barrier string will result in disqualification.

A. Use of barrier string or threaded string will result in disqualification.

9. Fresh calves must be run or followed on horseback from the chute to the catch pen.

10. If calf roping and breakaway calves are drawn out of the same pen, calves may not be used for any other event. If drawn from a separate herd, there must be at least five (5) head in the draw.

11. Horns must be removed or docked to a maximum length of one (1) inch.
12. If the calf cannot break the string, a re-run calf will be awarded. The re-run calf will be drawn from the herd.
13. The judge will drop the flag at the end of each run. The time should be recorded, and if the time is a no time, no time is recorded in the secretary's books.
14. The line judge will check each contestant's string immediately prior to the contestant entering the box.
15. Women, and boys who are fourteen and under, may enter Breakaway Roping.
16. If a boy, 14 & under, chooses to compete in the breakaway calf roping, he must submit an official copy of said boy's birth certificate with a raised seal with their IRA membership form. Photocopies will not be accepted. Said boy will not be eligible to compete until all necessary paperwork has been turned into the IRA office and reviewed by the IRA Secretary and/or President. The IRA Secretary and/or President may request the Breakaway Roping Director and/or Alternate Director to review all boys 14 & under IRA applications.
17. Women, and boys who are fourteen and under, may enter Breakaway Roping. The age reached as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new rodeo season will determine the official age for boys, so that a contestant who turns 15 during the competition year may continue to compete and accumulate points until the end of the point's season.

# SPECIAL EVENT RULES

1. The Interstates Rodeo Association, Inc. may approve any special event. If the event is one of the 9 standard events, the money won at this event will count towards the Association Events standings for the year. The money won at a special event will not count towards the All-Around Champions.

- A. Approval forms must be sent into the office at least 45 days before the event.
- B. All special events will be run by the rulebook as each event reads in the rulebook.
- C. Any special event approval may be denied by the IRA Board of Directors. All stock contractors, committees and promoters asking to have an event sanctioned must use an IRA approved contractor. They must meet the IRA Stock Contractors qualifications in order to have any special event considered for approval.
- D. The IRA will not be responsible for any bad checks that accrue from the event. Either from contractor or to contractor.

2. All special events need to pay at least \$25.00 to the IRA before the contestants money counts in the standings. If the event doesn't pay \$25.00 it is up to the contractor to make up the rest.

3. Special events need to collect the \$2.00 finals fund per contestant per entry.

# HUMANE RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF STOCK

1. A veterinarian immediately available, at every rodeo and will examine, treat, and/or recommend disposal of any animal injured, (after its removal from the arena).
  - A. When destruction is recommended, such action shall take place as soon as possible.
2. A conveyance of such type upon which injured animals may be easily placed without causing additional injury must be made available at all rodeos in order to remove any animals injured within the arena.
3. Calves shall not be dragged after roping.
  - A. Disqualification shall be imposed for deliberately dragging calf after it is roped.
4. Any calf injured during roping shall not be tied.
  - A. Calves must be strong and healthy and weigh no less than one hundred seventy-five (175) pounds.
5. A suitable place shall be prepared to receive injured animals from the arena.
6. Electric prods shall not be excessively used and should be used only when necessary.
  - A. No other kinds of prods (such as pointed sticks) are allowed.
  - B. Hot shots will be used from back of chutes only.
7. Chutes, corrals, pens, etc. must be so constructed so as to prevent injury to stock.
  - A. Areas where stock is kept shall be free of rocks, holes, and obstacles.
  - B. Stock contractors shall determine the safe conditions of above with all maintenance and repair expense to be borne by the owner of said chutes, corrals, pens, etc.

8. No contract performer shall abuse rodeo stock or animals used in their acts in any way.
9. Arena help may be fired and/or contestants disqualified for any mistreatment of stock.
10. 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, and properly fed and watered.
11. 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.
12. All horse flank straps are to be provided with protective lining, and shall be of the quick release type.
  - A. Flank straps are to be fastened so as the protective lining portion covers the belly and both flanks.
  - B. Flank straps and lining shall be kept in good repair.
13. Use of fireworks on any animal shall be prohibited.
14. No sick or injured animal, whether discovered before or after the draw, shall be used in competition.
15. No stimulants or hypnotic shall be used or given to any animal used for contest purposes.
16. Steers must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
17. Humane horn wraps must be used on all Team Roping steers.
18. Any questions that may arise that are not covered by this rulebook, will be covered by local ground rules, or settled by the judges or IRA directors on hand at the rodeo concerned.



