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# **MINUTES AND BY LAWS**

## American Professional Rodeo Association

### **ARTICLE I ASSOCIATION**

1. The name of this Association shall be the American Rodeo Association, Inc. (trading as the American Professional Rodeo Association).
2. The Association may, at its pleasure, by a two-thirds vote of the membership body, change its name.

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSES**

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote rodeo as a sport and profession, striving at all times to insure honesty and fairness to both the Contestant and the Producers; to create an amicable relationship among Stock Contractors, Producers and Contestants; to organize, sanction and advertise rodeo being sponsored within the Association standards and to the prevention of cruelty to animals.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this Association shall be open to all whom are reliable persons interested in performing in rodeos, contesting in rodeo events or producing rodeos, providing their applications are accepted.

Associate Memberships will be open to all individuals interested in the general advancement of the sport. Any person having joined this Association will thereby become subject to the rules and the bylaws now in force, or later adopted, and shall be subject to expulsion for violation of same.

### **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS ANNUAL MEETING**

There will be an Annual Membership Meeting of this Association. The time and place of said meeting will be decided by the Board. A notice will be posted on the official website of the American Professional Rodeo Association, telling the time and place of the meeting.

The Treasurer will present the yearend figures reflecting income, expenses and balance forward at the Annual Membership Meeting. A copy of the Profit & Loss and/or Balance Sheet will be available for inspection by any member in good standing whom is attending the Annual Meeting of the American Professional Rodeo Association. No copies of the document(s) themselves will be permitted to leave the room. No photos will be taken. **NOTE:** requests for this information made at any time other than the Annual Meeting must be in writing and addressed to the Board of Directors for approval. *\*See Article VIII/Treasurer for additional information.*

The presence of not less than twenty-five (25%) percent of the total membership shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this Association. A lesser number may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than three weeks.

Special meetings may be called by the President when it's deemed in the best interest of the Association. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to all members in good standing at least ten (10), but not more than fifteen (15), days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reason for the meeting, the business to be transacted and by whom called.

At the request of six (6) members of the Board of Directors or fifteen (15%) percent of the membership, the President shall call a special meeting, but such request must be made in writing at least fifteen (15) days before the requested date. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at a special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting. Regular Board of Directors meetings shall be held as needed.

## **ARTICLE V VOTING**

At all meetings, all votes shall be made via voice, except for election of Officers and/or Directors, where ballots shall be provided.

At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requires, any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for the election of Officers and Directors.

All ballot votes - the President shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three (3) who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and tally the votes. No inspector shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question(s) voted upon. Members of the preceding year shall vote for the upcoming year's Officers and Directors.

Any person nominated for an Officer or Director must have been a member in good standing for the past three (3) dues paying years. This requirement may be waived by the Board based on necessity.

Voting for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer is open to all members whom are eligible to vote.

Voting for Event Directors is only open to those persons who have competed in that event during the preceding year and whom are eligible to vote.

Only Secretaries, Timers, Judges, Announcers, Pickup Men, Bullfighters, Clowns, and Contract Acts can vote for Contract Act Director.

Ballots must include members full name, card number, event, and list one rodeo held that preceding year that he or she competed in that specific event. Ballots not containing the above information will not be tallied.

In order to facilitate a smooth transition of power, the outgoing Executive Committee (i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will attend two (2) meetings and serve in an advisory capacity to the newly elected Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Reading of minutes of the preceding meeting
2. Treasurer's report
3. Reports of Committees
4. Old and unfinished business
5. New business
6. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS/SPOKESPERSONS**

The business of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) positions together with the Executive Officers of the Association. One position on the Board shall consist of all the Stock Contractors and those present shall have one (1) vote collectively. **No Stock Contractor can serve on the Board of Directors as an elected Official.** The Directors to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be nominated by members and voted on by ballots sent to the membership. They will assume office January 1.

The previous Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction and over-see the same year's Finals.

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this Association. Such Board of Directors shall act only in the name of the Association after due notice to all the Directors of such meeting.

Seven (7) of the members of the Board of Directors and Officers shall constitute a quorum and the meetings of the Board shall be held when needed or by request. Each Director shall have one vote and voting may not be done by proxy.

Executive Officers will serve a four (4) year term. Election of Vice President and Treasurer will occur on even numbered years and election of President and Secretary will occur on odd numbered years. Alternating annually, one-half of the Event Directors to be broken down as follows: even numbered years Bareback Bronc Riding, Contract Acts, Team Roping, Tie Down Roping, and Saddle Bronc Riding Event Directors; odd numbered years Bull Riding, Cowgirl's Barrel Racing, Cowgirl's Breakaway Roping and Steer Wrestling Event Directors, as well as any optional event spokespersons.

The Board may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may, in its discretion, determine necessary.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board for the balance of the term vacated. The President of the Association, by virtue of the office, shall be Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President shall have one (1) vote on the board. In case of a tie, the President shall have one (1) vote.

Executive Officers and Event Directors will be compensated for travel expenses to a Board meeting at the rate of \$0.30 cents per mile round-trip or least expensive air fare, whichever is less, not to exceed One

Hundred Fifty (\$150) Dollars. When a Board meeting is in conjunction with a rodeo in which a member is entered then remuneration shall not be given.

An Event Director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board may entertain charges against any Event Director. An Event Director may be represented by counsel at any removal hearing. If an Executive Officer or Event Director shall miss two (2) consecutive meetings, the board, at its discretion, may remove said Officer or Director from the Board of Directors.

An Executive Office or Event Director removed from the board before his/her term is over, cannot run for any Board of Directors position for 6 years or 3 terms.

## **SPOKESPERSONS**

Each optional event shall be represented on the Board by a Spokesperson who will serve at the discretion of the Board. Each Spokesperson shall have the power of the Event Directors for administering the event they represent, but shall not have a vote on the Board and shall not be included when establishing a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & PERSONNEL**

The Executive Officers shall consist of the following; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Personnel shall consist of an Office Manager.

### **PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all membership meetings. He or she shall present, at each annual meeting of the Association, an annual report of the work of the Association. He or she shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent. He or she shall see all books, reports and certificates, as required by law, are properly kept and filed. He or she shall be one of the Officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the Association. He or she shall have the power as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the Chief Executive of any Association.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President shall, in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his or her office, become acting President of the Association with all the rights, privileges and power as if he or she had been the duly elected President.

### **SECRETARY**

The elected Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Association in appropriate books and shall attend to all correspondence generated as a direct result of Board action. It shall be his or her duty to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state. He or she shall oversee the issuance of all notice incidents with rule infractions to members of this Association. He or she may be one of the Officers required to sign the checks and drafts. He or she shall present to the membership, at any meeting, any communication addressed to him or her as Secretary of the Association. He or she shall oversee the workings of the Office Manager and Association headquarters office. The Secretary will present minutes from all meetings held during the calendar year for inspection at the Annual Membership Meeting. Requests for this same information at any time other than the Annual Membership Meeting must be made



in writing and addressed to the Board of Directors of the Association. The request must include the specific reason(s) for the request and will be granted or denied at the discretion of the Board. If granted, the member may then make an appointment to view the Minutes at the APRA Office. No documents may be copied or leave the room with the viewer.

**\*NOTE: It is understood by the applicant that any and all information is for the express purpose of viewing by the individual making the request and is not to be copied, published, or used in any way or form for any purpose other than the original purpose. The member making the request is apprised of this condition and agrees to it.**

## **TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the Association and shall be solely responsible for such monies and securities. He or she shall deposit said funds in a regular bank or trust company and/or savings account, except those sums of money that the Board may cause to be invested. He or she must be one of the Officers required to sign the checks or drafts. No special fund may be set up that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it. He or she shall render, at stated periods as the Board shall determine, a written account of the finances and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting. He or she shall exercise all duties incident to the office of the Treasurer. The Treasurer will present yearend figures (income, expenses, balance forward) as well as, providing a copy of the Profit & Loss and/or Balance Sheet for inspection at the Annual Membership Meeting. Requests for this same information at any time other than the Annual Membership Meeting must be made in writing and addressed to the Board of Directors of the Association. The request must include the specific reason(s) for the request and will be granted or denied at the discretion of the Board. If granted, the member may then make an appointment to view the Profit & Loss and/or Balance Sheet at the APRA Office. No documents may be copied or leave the room with the viewer.

## **OFFICE MANAGER**

The Office Manager shall be appointed by the Board as a salaried employee of the Association. Salary determination to be authorized by the Executive Officers. He or she shall be the official custodian of the records and seal of the Association. He or she shall perform all clerical duties necessary for the efficient operation of the Association. He or she shall be available to the Board upon request at meetings to report the operations of the Association office. He or she shall be under the direct supervision of the President and Secretary, respectively, for all operations of the Association office. The current mailing address of the appointed Office Manager shall hereinafter be referred to as the Association Headquarters Office.

## **ARTICLE IX SALARIES**

The ONLY salaried individual of the Association shall be the Office Manager. No Executive Officer or Event Director shall for any reason of his or her office be entitled to receive any salary, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an Officer or Director from receiving any compensation for duties other than as an Officer or Director. The Board shall hire and fix the compensation of any and all employees they, in their discretion, may determine necessary in the conduct of the business of the Association. The Officers, Directors, Judging Commissioner, Secretaries Commissioner, Office Manager, Points Secretary, Webmaster, Stock Contractor(s), and Humane Animal Handling Spokesperson shall be given gratis membership cards. If for any reason, they fail to complete their full tenure, those individuals must reimburse the Association for the cost of their respective memberships.

## **ARTICLE X COMMITTEES**

All committees of this Association shall be appointed by the President and their term of office shall be for a period of necessity or less, if sooner terminated by the action of the President or Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XI DEBTS**

No Member, Officer, Director, Employee, Agent or Attorney shall be personally responsible or liable for any debts, costs or judgments imposed upon or against or incurred by the corporation.

## **ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may not be changed without an affirmative vote of not less than Twenty-Five (25%) percent of the members or a majority of the Directors.

# AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION

## RULES

### **MEMBERSHIP (Requirements and/or Privileges)**

1. Membership dues shall be One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) per year (January 1st through December 31st). Applications will not be accepted for current year unless sufficient rodeos remain for member to meet AFR requirements. Dues may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Board, with proper notification to the membership.
2. All membership dues and applications must be received by the APRA office in order to be valid. No dues shall be taken by Officers or Directors. For those members with points accumulated after "Season Cut-Off" towards the following season, dues are payable by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order for those points to be upheld.
3. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL BY ALL CARD APPLICANTS BEFORE A CARD WILL BE ISSUED.
4. MINOR'S RELEASE MUST BE RECEIVED, SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND NOTARIZED, FOR ALL CARD APPLICANTS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS BEFORE A CARD WILL BE ISSUED.
5. By the act of paying dues, member accepts all rules contained herein and rules and/or policies hereafter adopted by the Board of Directors and enforced by the Executive Officers. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
6. Participation in any rodeo is subject to the laws of any Government or sub-division thereof and the APRA assumes NO responsibility for any member of the APRA from being barred from participation by reason of such law or laws.
7. Membership Requirements: a member may not hold a membership card or compete, contest, participate, perform as a contract performer, or in any other capacity in any association (or in any rodeo sanctioned by an association) that suspends an APRA sanctioned rodeo; or does not allow a member of their association to hold an APRA card, or of any rodeo association deemed detrimental to the sport of professional rodeo by the American Professional Rodeo Association.
8. Membership will be open to any person of good character and reputation interested in performing in rodeos or to any person interested in the advancement of rodeo, providing their application is accepted.
9. Member shall ALWAYS enter under name as it appears on their APRA membership card. Cards bought under a fictitious name are automatically void. Any member entering a rodeo on an expired card or allowing anyone else to use his or her card will be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50), plus current dues.
10. During any rodeo season, any member (excluding Stock Contractors) assessed a fine of Two Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$250) or more, automatically loses all award points and awards that year and cannot act in any official capacity or compete at the Finals.
11. A member of the APRA who enters a sanctioned rodeo (or rodeo event) albeit Stock Contractor, Contract Personnel, Official or staff of the rodeo, or other person admitted to the rodeo shall, as a condition of entry, employment, admission or other involvement therein, be deemed to consent to APRA ownership of all rights in and to his or her appearance or other involvement therein, and the APRA shall have the right and may permit others as it sees fit to dispense, reproduce and otherwise use any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph, and other picture(s) in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the rodeo (or rodeo event) and any reproduction thereof in any form. However; the aforementioned is not in conjunction with any statement constituting an endorsement by such person of any product or service, unless that person's consent thereto is first obtained.

12. As a condition of membership, all member-participants in APRA approved full rodeos (or approved LTFR's) affected in any manner whatsoever by decision of the APRA Board of Directors, or any person or committee authorized by the APRA Board of Directors to handle disciplinary matters, hereby release the APRA, their affiliated, related or subsidiary companies, their officers, directors and employees, the Grievance Review Committee and its members, jointly and severally, individually and in their official capacity, of and from any and all claim demands. Damages and causes of action whatsoever, in law or equity, arising out of or in connection with any disciplinary decision or action by the APRA, or by the individuals or committees to whom disciplinary matters may be authorized by the APRA or by the Grievance Review Committee.
13. In the case of any litigation brought against the APRA, members agree that the venue for said litigation will be the county and state (Chester County, Pennsylvania) where the Headquarters Office is located.
14. A \$5.00 processing fee will be paid to the Rodeo Secretary for collecting memberships. The Rodeo Secretary is required to fill out the bottom section only of the completed membership application with his or her signature and give a receipt to the member to verify membership until a membership number has been assigned.

#### PERMITS

1. APRA permits will be issued for contest events only.
2. Permits may not be purchased by any person who has held an APRA membership card.
3. All permits shall cost One-Hundred dollars (\$100.00). Completed APRA application form must be submitted to the APRA headquarters office.
4. All permits must be obtained from the APRA headquarters office and shall be imprinted "PERMIT ONLY".
5. If a permit is obtained under a false (alias) name, permit will automatically be void and contestant immediately disqualified and entry fee and/or prize money forfeited.
6. All permits will state "non transferable" and are not transferable to any other person.
7. No points shall be awarded toward any year-end awards for monies won under a permit.
8. Individual rodeos accepting permits shall be at the stock contractor's discretion. All rodeos accepting permits must be stated as such on The APRA Official Website rodeo schedule listing.
9. All permit holders will at all times conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, upholding the APRA purpose and rules and shall present themselves in a neat, clean and orderly cowboy or cowgirl manner.
10. All permit holders shall be subject to all rules governing APRA members regarding contesting, dress and conduct.
11. Full membership cardholder has priority over permit holder. Permit holder is responsible for verifying with CES whether his/her entry has been accepted for the performance requested.

#### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP (GOLDCARDS)

1. Any member upon attaining the age of fifty (50) years or older having been a member in good standing for ten (10) consecutive years, just prior to their birthday will be eligible for gold card membership at the beginning of the fiscal year following their birthday.
2. All LIFETIME MEMBERS ("GOLDCARD") ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN APRA APPLICATION YEARLY. All non-competing Goldcard members will be given the designation of NCGC (non-competing Goldcard) and all competing Goldcard members will be given the designation of CGC (competing Goldcard). The cost of a competing Goldcard member (CGC) is \$50.00 annually. The cost of a non-competing Goldcard member (NCGC) is \$25.00 annually.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

1. Associate Membership (non-competing) shall cost Forty Dollars (\$40) per year for individual membership and Seventy Five Dollars (\$75) per year for family membership (2 people). \*See application for additional benefits.

## **HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP**

1. All competing High School Association members are eligible to enter APRA rodeos on their high school card. Points in the APRA will not be accumulated, nor can you qualify for the American Finals Rodeo (AFR), unless a full membership is purchased.
2. The APRA will offer a free first year membership to members of High School Rodeo Associations who have graduated the past year. All perspective members need to supply to APRA office the following:
  - a. Copy of High School Rodeo Association Membership Card
  - b. Copy of High School Diploma
  - c. Completed APRA membership applicationSaid free membership only applies to the first year immediately following graduation.

## **Rodeo PRODUCER**

1. A Rodeo Producer (Producer only) making application for approval by the American Professional Rodeo Association, Inc., must adhere to the following:
  - a. Submit a detailed resume of the company's complete rodeo history; rodeos produced, stock leased, production experience and evidence of good character and reputation.
  - b. Submit a company financial statement for the previous two years.
  - c. Submit a letter stating what stock will be leased and from what rodeo Stock Contractor. A letter of verification from Stock Contractor stating what stock has been leased must accompany Producer's letter. All stock used must be that of an APRA approved Stock Contractor unless an approved Stock Contractor is not available to provide stock, then Producer may lease stock from an unapproved Stock Contractor if approval is granted by the APRA.
  - d. Post a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) cash bond for a period of twelve (12) months.
  - e. All sanction contracts received for approval by the APRA must be signed by the Rodeo Producer and the Rodeo Stock Contractor providing stock.
  - f. The above requirements must be met in full ninety (90) days prior to the first rodeo to be sanctioned by the APRA. Upon receipt of the above requirements, applicant's name will be submitted to the Combined Board for review. Upon Combined Board approval, applicant will be granted twelve (12) months probationary approval. Thereafter, applicant will be reviewed during the annual Producer review and will be notified of approval status.
2. Approved Producer will be given one (1) free full membership per company per season.
3. Unless otherwise provided in the sanction contract, the Producer will assume full responsibility for production, added money and Personnel at all rodeos under contract with the APRA. Unless otherwise provided in the sanction contract, the Stock Contractor will assume full responsibility for stock used at all rodeos under contract with the APRA. When unapproved Stock Contractor is used, Producer will assume full responsibility for production, added money, personnel and stock.
4. Any Producer who has not sanctioned an APRA rodeo during the previous fiscal year will relinquish approval status during the annual review. Thereafter, Producer will be required to meet the new producer requirements.

## **Rodeo STOCK CONTRACTOR**

1. Approved Stock Contractors will be given one (1) free full membership per company. If deemed necessary by the board, additional cards will be given to the Co-Owners of said company to permit working of said companies rodeos and to participate in board meetings. Stock Contractors may compete on these cards. Membership applications must be filled out yearly.
2. A rodeo Stock Contractor making application for approval by the American Professional Rodeo Association must:

- a. Submit a detailed resume giving company's complete rodeo history, production experience, number of various stock owned, rodeos under contract and evidence of good character and reputation.
  - b. Have a minimum of twelve (12) proven bucking horses in both the Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding, twenty four (24) proven bucking Bulls; twelve Calves (12), twenty-four Steers (24), or show a signed twelve (12) month non-cancelable lease on the minimum required stock.
  - c. Post a One Thousand Dollar (\$1000), forfeiture bond, for a period of twelve (12) months. This bond need not be in money. Said contractor may submit a bond in the requisite amount from any guaranteed security bonding company or the requisite amount.
  - d. Submit a list of all his rodeos held the previous year.
3. The Board of Directors will have the authority to review the requirements listed above and use their discretion in regard to approval of new Stock Contractor. However, all new Stock Contractors must sanction a minimum of three (3) rodeos, and must maintain this number to continue approval status in the APRA.
  4. Any approved APRA Stock Contractor who has not sanctioned an APRA rodeo during the previous rodeo year will relinquish their approved status during the annual review. Inactive Stock Contractor must then meet the new Stock Contractor requirements. The bond will be waived.
  5. All new Stock Contractors will be on probation for a period of one (1) year and will not be allowed to bid on existing APRA rodeos until full approval is granted. Final approval of all new Stock Contractors will be made during the annual review by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
  6. The APRA Board of Directors will review each approved Stock Contractor annually to see that their stock and production meets professional standard.
  7. Stock Contractors must:
    - a. Produce three (3) rodeos where the APRA holds the first sanction to be eligible to participate in annual APRA awards and to qualify their stock for the AFR.
    - b. AFR stock eligibility will be determined by the stock's previous year's merit regardless of ownership.
    - c. New Stock Contractor will be assisted by the nearest and/or appointed director (to be designated by the APRA Board of Directors), for the duration of said rodeos, to assist in having rodeos conform to APRA standards.
    - d. One approved Timer and two approved Judges must be hired at new rodeos produced by a first year member Stock Contractor, unless special permission is granted by the Board of Directors.
  8. To be deemed a New Rodeo, the venue must be new to the Stock Contractor in a different town. Or, it may be in the same town with the same contractor, but must be more than five (5) years since the last rodeo (this is to mean that a change of dates only is not a new rodeo).
  9. A Stock Contractor may offer a New Rodeo with seven (7) of the eight (8) standard events.
  10. Anyone purchasing an APRA approved Rodeo Company, whether in whole or in part, must comply with the requirements for new Stock Contractor approval.
  11. New Stock Contractors must bring two (2) new APRA first-sanctioned rodeos to the Association and not bid on any existing APRA rodeos their first year in the Association.
  12. Any Stock Contractor intentionally producing a rodeo without workable barriers or electric timers will be prohibited from supplying stock at that year's AFR.
  13. It is recommended that Stock Contractors have two (2) Timers in addition to the Rodeo Secretary.
  14. Stock Contractor will be held liable for all financial responsibilities of Rodeo Secretary hired by the Stock Contractor in relation to the approved rodeo.
  15. All leased cattle must be approved by the Event Directors.
  16. All bucking stock must be branded or painted with legible numbers before drawn. Stock Contractor may buck only bovine or horses, no freaks (i.e. beefalo, mules, yaks, etc.).
  17. Bulls used in the Bull Riding must be a minimum of One Thousand (1,000) pounds.

18. All bulls must be tipped to the size of a \$0.50 cent piece. Judges will notify the Stock Contractor prior to the drawing of livestock of any animal whose horns are obviously sharp. Any such animal is to be taken out of the draw any said animals must be tipped prior to the next rodeo in which that animal is to compete.
19. On rough stock chutes there must be a place to put Contestant's feet between 26 to 32 inches from ground surface and must be at least 48 inches long from front of chutes. They may be cut into chutes in the form of a "slat". If contractor fails to comply with this rule there will be a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for the first offense and doubled for each additional offense thereafter.
20. When stock is hayed in the arena, loose hay will be removed from the arena before the beginning of the performance to the satisfaction of the Judges. This is the Stock Contractors responsibility. Stock cannot be hayed, grained or watered within twenty five (25) feet of barrel stakes.
21. Steer Wrestling cattle will have a minimum weight of four hundred and fifty (450) pounds and a maximum weight of seven hundred (700) pounds.
22. All boxes and chutes in timed events must be secured, or staked down.
23. Box pads are mandatory at all rodeos.
24. Timed event cattle suitable for the draw for each timed event will be supplied by the Stock Contractor.
  - a. Tie Down Roping herds will have no duplicate numbers in any season.
  - b. All timed event cattle will be branded with legible numbers or have legible ear tags.
  - c. Stock Contractor shall endeavor to keep a uniform (meaning even in weight, height and age), set of calves and each calf shall weigh no less than two hundred (200) pounds and a maximum of two hundred seventy (270) pounds, with no more than a thirty (30) pounds difference between animals in the herd. Fresh calves will be a maximum weight of two hundred fifty (250) pounds. If two or more members protest weight to the Tie Down Roping Director, calf or calves will be weighed and if found not in the weight requirements, shall be eliminated. Cost of weighing shall be borne by Contestants protesting. Stock Contractor or Producer's failure to comply will result in a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for the first offense (fine doubled for each offense thereafter). All herds shall be of even characteristics - all of the same breed or equal cross. Judges and/or Tie Down Roping Director shall retain the privilege of eliminating uneven calves when necessary. Any time a fresh calf is added to the herd, calf must be roped and tied down at least once. All calves in the Tie Down roping must be changed every Sixty (60) days with a fresh herd. Calves used in the Tie Down Roping may not have a horn length greater than one and one-half (1 ½) inches, when measured from the base.
  - d. Calves used for Tie Down Roping may be used in the Breakaway Roping but for no other event.
  - e. Steers cannot be held over a Twelve (12) month period for use in the Steer Wrestling and Team Roping events, unless approval is granted by the Board of Directors.
  - f. Stock Contractor shall endeavor to keep a uniform set of steers (meaning weight and height); however, the privilege of eliminating uneven steers, when necessary, will be retained by the Judges and/or Event Director. Stock Contractor failing to comply will be subject to a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine for the first offense (fine double for each offense thereafter).
  - g. Only STEERS may be used in the Steer Wrestling event. Stock Contractors can supplement their Steer Wrestling herd with heifers or bulls, if needed, at the discretion of the Stock Contractor and Steer Wrestling Director. Steers used in Steer Wrestling cannot be used in any other contest or event unless prior approval is granted by the Event Director.
  - h. Steers in the Steer Wrestling must have a minimum horn length of 9 inches.
  - i. All new or fresh Steer Wrestling steers must be caught from a horse and thrown at least one time.
  - j. There will be no supplementing Steer Wrestling cattle from the Team Roping herd unless approved by the Steer Wrestling Director. Stock Contractor failing to comply with this rule will be subject to a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for the first offense (fine doubled for each offense thereafter).

- k. There will be no supplementing Team Roping steers from the Steer Wrestling herd unless previously roped or unless approved by the Team Roping Director.
  - l. Steers used for Team Roping cannot be used for any other event. There will be an automatic One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for infraction of this rule.
  - m. All new or fresh Team Roping steers must have been run and roped at least once.
  - n. Steers in the Team Roping must have a minimum horn length of 6 inches.
  - o. All steers must have head wraps when roped. These wraps must be of a nature that protects the steer's head from rope burns. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine per offense to the Stock Contractor. Judges will be responsible for reporting any infraction of this rule.
  - p. All timed event cattle shall be run prior to the first performance of each rodeo and cattle that cannot clear the chute will be eliminated from the draw or tipped at that particular rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule will result in Stock Contractor being subject to a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine.
  - q. Any timed event infraction regarding cattle will carry a minimum of a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine for the first offense and doubled thereafter. Fines to be computed per rodeo, not per performance. Each event with an infraction will be considered separately.
25. An absolute minimum of twelve (12) timed event cattle suitable for the draw will be hauled by the Stock Contractor. The office will fine Stock Contractor a minimum fine of fifty (\$50) per head they are short. The next offense will be doubled. If an event has less than 12 Contestants, Stock Contractor can bring one (1) head for each Contestant, plus one (1) extra, with approval from the Event Director and no fine shall be imposed.
  26. Stock Contractors must haul twelve (12) timed event cattle for each timed event. This rule may be omitted if the number of Contestants in each performance is less than eight and no slack is offered; then the number of cattle can equal the number of Contestants in the largest go, or paid performance. It is highly recommended that the Stock Contractor bring at least one (1) extra timed event cattle than the largest paid performance in this instance. Barring this circumstance, the Stock Contractor must haul twelve (12) timed event cattle for each timed event.
  27. Under no circumstances will Stock Contractor be allowed to Judge his own stock. Stock Contractor's failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50).
  28. Stock Contractors will not attempt to influence Judges in any way. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine.
  29. The Stock Contractor will be certain that all contract personnel (Judges, Secretaries, Timers, Pickup Men, Contract Performers, Flagmen, Announcer, Bullfighters (Clowns), Barrel Men, etc.) working their rodeos are members in good standing and have met all necessary approval standards. Failure to do so will result in a One-Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$150) fine to the Stock Contractor for each unapproved person used at each rodeo (Approved contract personnel list is available on the official APRA website). At co-sanctioned events where APRA is first sanction body, APRA personnel lists must be exhausted before non-APRA personnel can be requested, and approved, by the APRA Office.
  30. Stock Contractor is required to hire two Pickup Men in the Bareback Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding and two Bullfighters in the Bull Riding for each performance and slack.
  31. When a Stock Contractor has two rodeos per week, the second rodeo must be approved by the Board of Directors in order to maintain the quality of stock necessary for a professional rodeo.
  32. It is agreed between the Officers, Board of Directors and Stock Contractor of all championship rodeos that qualified stock will be used. If a Stock Contractor leases stock, that stock must be approved by the APRA board of directors. Said subcontractor will be required to hold a subcontractors card or be a member in good standing and will be subject to all rules and regulations of the association. Subcontractors card to cost one hundred (\$100) dollars per year.
  33. Any Stock Contractor fined **One Thousand (1,000.00) Dollars or more**, for any one occurrence, during any rodeo year, automatically loses all eligibility to represent the APRA in any capacity and will not be eligible to bring stock to the AFR.



34. Any Stock Contractor accepting a contract on a rodeo that reduced its total added money without approval of the Board of Directors will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100).
35. Stock Contractors must hire Judges from the approved Judges list. If a Stock Contractor hires an unapproved or restricted Judge, he will be fined Fifty (\$50) Dollars.
36. A Stock Contractor cannot bid on an APRA rodeo until he has a current membership.
37. A Stock Contractor must hold a Stock Contractor card in both associations to sanction an affiliated rodeo.
38. It is highly recommended that Stock Contractor designate and keep separate from spectators an area specifically for Contestants.
39. The Stock Contractor must supply the Rodeo Secretary with a "Master Stock List" prior to draw.
40. A suitable flag horse will be furnished by Stock Contractor and/or Producer for Judges at each performance.
41. Both Judges and the Stock Contractor should have all materials necessary to build a barrier.

### **RODEO OFFICIALS/PROFESSIONALS**

1. All Officials (Rodeo Secretaries, Flagmen, Pickup Men, Timers, and Judges) MUST be APRA members. Flagmen and Judges may not be changed after a rodeo begins, with exception in cases of sickness, injury, or by request of an Association Official because of incompetence or through agreement with Producer, Rodeo Committee, and Association Officials.
2. All Officials at an APRA rodeo will be directly responsible to the Board of Directors for their actions and are subject to penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
3. All Officials must show their current APRA card to the Rodeo Secretary. Any Official failing to comply with this rule will be subject to a fine (Rodeo Secretary will be responsible for reporting infractions of this rule to the APRA office). All Officials' names and card numbers are to be recorded on the results sheet. A fine will be imposed on the Rodeo Secretary for each infraction of this rule.
4. Announcers may not time, perform secretarial duties, or Judge while announcing an APRA rodeo. Rodeo Secretaries may not Judge or announce while performing Secretary duties at an APRA rodeo. Judges may not time, perform secretarial duties or announce while judging an APRA rodeo.
5. Announcers will not attempt to influence Judges in any way. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine.

### **RODEO JUDGES**

1. All Judges are subject to APRA sanction and must hold a current APRA card. The APRA office will maintain a list of Certified and Qualified Judges. These Judges will be listed on the official website of the APRA.
2. All Judges will know and understand all rules governing rodeo as set forth in the APRA rulebook, any valid ground rules enacted and will be responsible for enforcing and upholding same. All decisions will be left to the discretion of the Judges.
3. All APRA rodeos must use at least one Certified Judge and one Qualified Judge or two certified Judges. (i.e.: two Qualified Judges are not permitted to work together unless prior approval from the APRA office is granted). Certified and Qualified Judges shall be paid a minimum of \$200.00 per performance. Judges pay shall be the burden of the Rodeo Management, Producer, and/or Stock Contractor.
4. Certified Judges must attend one (1) clinic every four (4) years. Qualified Judges must attend one (1) clinic every two (2) years until they become certified. A new Judge who has attended an APRA Judges Clinic and has passed a written test will be deemed a Qualified Judge. Once a Qualified Judge has served for a period of two years and has judged ten (10) rodeos, they may then submit a written request for consideration to the APRA Office Headquarters to be reviewed by the Judges Commissioner (and/or Executive Officers) for promotion to Certified Judge status. At the discretion of the Judges

Commissioner (and/or Executive Officers), an individual may be “grandfathered” into a Certified Judge status (individual must submit a written request for consideration to APRA Office).

5. Any Judge that has two (2) letters of complaint written against them in one rodeo season, such complaints being upheld by the Board of Directors, will be dropped/suspended from the Judges list until said Judge attends one clinic to become reinstated as a Qualified Judge.
6. All Judges sheets will be reviewed and all discrepancies will be noted and brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for disposition according to the rule book.
7. Co-Sanctioned Rodeos may use one APRA Judge and one Judge from the co-sanctioning association, provided said Judge is an approved Judge in that association.
8. Under no circumstances will a Stock Contractor be allowed to Judge his own stock, flag or watch the line. Stock Contractors/Producers are not allowed to participate in judging responsibilities at their own rodeos. Stock Contractors failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine.
9. When Judges vests are furnished, Judges are responsible for care and maintenance of same and will wear them during all paid performances of the rodeo at which they Judge. All vests and flags are the property of the APRA.
10. Rodeo Judges are required to wear white shirts and have matching drop flags unless shirts are supplied by Rodeo Company.
11. A Contestant may work his event while judging by hiring a qualified member to Judge their event. The same member must be hired to watch the line for every performance at that event.
12. Judges whom are also competing in an event cannot draw stock in that event.
13. Should anything happen to a Judge during the course of a rodeo resulting in the Judges inability to fulfill their duties, either in riding events or flagging the field, the following will take place:
  - a. Rodeo Secretary will divide the total purse in proportion to the number of Contestants that have finished contesting in each event up to the point the Judge became incapacitated and pay off accordingly.
  - b. A new Judge will then be elected. The remainder of the events affected to be paid off as if it were another rodeo. If a new Judge replaces a line Judge, his replacement will not affect those timed events.
14. Announcers, Stock Contractors/Producers or Contestants will not attempt to influence Judges in any way or they will be fined.
15. A rodeo official violating any rule or making a decision which does not comply with the APRA rule book **WILL BE SUSPENDED**. Such violation needs to be witnessed by a member of the Executive Committee or be substantiated by two spokesmen. Accused violator cannot act in an official capacity at any APRA sanctioned rodeo. Such suspension to take effect immediately following the final performance of the rodeo where original violation was made by official. Suspension will remain in effect until the Board of Directors rules whether the rodeo official should remain ineligible to act in any official capacity or be reinstated. Accused violator may have privilege of posting a three Hundred Dollar (\$300) bond to remain eligible to hold an official capacity until such Board action is taken, or be immediately suspended. Any member accused of a rule violation, shall have the right to know his accuser, post a protest bond in the amount of 100% of their fine and have their case reviewed by the Board of Directors. Any member making false accusations will be fined in the amount equal to the protest bond.
16. All Judges are required to fill out a Humane Report and Report on Arena Conditions, etc. Said forms will be supplied by Rodeo Secretary. Additionally, the barrier Judge will be responsible for indicating all broken barriers and any infraction incidents therein on a separate sheet. Said sheets to be included in rodeo results.
17. A suitable flag horse will be available by Stock Contractor and/or Producer for Judges at each performance.

## **RODEO SECRETARY**

1. ALL APRA RODEO SECRETARIES MUST BE APPROVED. Rodeo Secretaries whom are not regular cardholders must buy a card, cost is One Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$150) per year. All persons seeking Rodeo Secretary approval must have attended an APRA Secretary clinic and submit a written request for approval to the APRA Headquarters Office (for approval by the Executive Officers), along with written recommendation from any APRA approved Rodeo Secretary. Prospective Rodeo Secretary must have actually shadowed one (1) or more rodeos with an approved Rodeo Secretary prior to submitting application for approval. At the discretion of the Executive Officers, an individual may be “grandfathered” into an approved Rodeo Secretary.
2. Secretary for an APRA rodeo will hold a current APRA card and be a member in good standing. All Officials at an APRA rodeo will be directly responsible to the Board of Directors for their actions and are subject to a penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
3. Contract Personnel, Photographers, Pickup Men, and all Officials must show their current APRA card (or card recognized and honored by the APRA) to the Rodeo Secretary. Contract Personnel, Photographers or Officials failing to comply with this rule will be subject to a fine. Photographers must present an APRA card or have a PRESS PASS before being able to enter the arena at an APRA rodeo (Secretary will be responsible for reporting infractions of this rule to the Stock Contractor and the APRA headquarters office). All Contract Personnel, Photographers and Official’s names and card numbers are to be recorded on the result sheet. A fine will be imposed on the Rodeo Secretary for each infraction of this rule.
4. Rodeo Secretary is to call to the attention of the Judges any person or persons who obtain entry by falsification (using another member’s card or card number, etc.). Any such person or persons who may obtain entry through falsification will be disqualified. Entry fees and prize money will be forfeited.
5. Rodeo Secretaries will be on the grounds at least four (4) hours prior to the first performance of a rodeo and at least two (2) hours before each performance thereafter, unless other arrangements are made with the Stock Contractor.
6. Rodeo Secretary will remain on the announcers stand for the entire rodeo performance, plus any slack performance, and will be responsible for recording official times and scores (except when contesting, at which time Rodeo Secretary will appoint responsible person to record).
7. Ground rules (not in conflict with APRA rulebook) must be posted in the same area where livestock draw is posted, before Contestants will be required to comply with the same. There will be a fine for not complying with the posted ground rules, unless otherwise specified in the rulebook. A copy of posted ground rules must be forwarded to the APRA office along with rodeo results.
8. Any Rodeo Secretary who pays prize money in checks will write such checks on a separate prize money account. Such Rodeo Secretary will also arrange for cash funds to be available and offer to cash all prize money checks at the time the checks are awarded to the winning Contestants. Disciplinary action will be taken against Rodeo Secretary if prize money checks are given on insufficient funds.
9. If the Rodeo Secretary mishandles prize money or entry fees (or falsifies rodeo records in any way), he or she will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and must post a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) cash bond for a period of one year. The draw must be recorded in ink. Times must be recorded in ink. Notation must be made by any changes explaining the change.
10. Rodeo Secretary will not be responsible for the refunding of Contestant’s entry fees. If a Contestant is entered in multiple events and ends up unable to compete in subsequent events, entry fees will be withheld from the payoff for those events not competed in and forwarded to the APRA office. If a doctor’s release is received within five (5) days from the date of the last performance of the rodeo in question, that entry fee will be refunded to the Contestant by the APRA office (providing the Contestant does not compete at other rodeos in that event within six (6) days from the date of the last

performance of the rodeo where doctor's release was used). Until a Contestant has received a score (not a reride or rerun) the Contestant has not contested. However; unless it is obvious that a Contestant is injured and cannot get on a reride or take a rerun, his fees will be forwarded to the APRA office and will be refunded (provided he does not compete at another rodeo in that event within six (6) days).

11. In the event payment of an entry fee involves a payoff change, fee must be paid before the event starts the last performance or by the Contestant personally.
12. The Rodeo Secretary must send a list of turnouts and fines to the APRA office within Twenty Four (24) hours following the conclusion of the last performance of the rodeo in which the fines occurred and turnout occurred. A written record of these turnouts must be maintained by the office. Any Rodeo Secretary failing to submit this information to the APRA office will be assessed a fine of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) for each turnout not submitted.
13. Rodeo Secretary will be responsible for the deduction and mailing of the APRA rodeo sanction fee from prize money and entry fees totaled before winning Contestants are paid. Sanction fee is ten percent (10%) of gross prize money (added money and entry fees totaled). Sanction fee, AFR finals fund monies, CES entry fees and complete rodeo results (in dollars and cents), including master entry sheets, Judge's sheets, secretary's official recording sheets, results sheets, report form, posted Judges books, humane report, Judges check sheet and copy of posted ground rules will be mailed (postmarked) not later than three (3) working days upon completion of each rodeo. A Twenty Five (\$25) Dollar fine will be imposed for each violation.
14. Rodeo Secretary must note on the result sheet when the barrel race is flagged and recorded by stop watch times. Written explanation regarding non-use of electric timer must be included when you submit your Official Sheets to the APRA office.
15. Rodeo Secretaries are required to submit results (points) to the Points Secretary within Twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the last performance of any rodeo, either by phone, fax, email, etc. In addition to the results, the Rodeo Secretary will be required to include notification of write-ins who have placed. Failure to supply the results in the aforesaid time frame will result in a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine.
16. All rodeo results (pay off sheets) must be filled out in total and include all card numbers when submitted to the office. The Official Results sheet must include all working personnel names and card numbers. All information requested on said sheet must be completely filled out. Any results paperwork not completely filled out will be returned to the Rodeo Secretary for completion. Any Rodeo Secretary not completely filling out the required information will be fined Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25). If the APRA office notifies the Rodeo Secretary that a Contestant has a fine, the Secretary must collect that fine before Contestant is eligible to compete at that rodeo.
17. Prize money will be mailed to Contestant within three (3) days or Rodeo Secretary will be fined.
18. When a rodeo is payed off incorrectly the Rodeo Secretary will be fined Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) for the first occurrence (fine doubled for each occurrence thereafter).
19. When conditions lead to postponement or cancellation of an event, payoff is to be prorated accordingly. (*See Payoff for more details*). In all cases; should there be question on proper payoff, all monies for that event are to be sent to the APRA Headquarters Office for proper calculation and disbursement.
20. Rodeo Secretary not repaying an underpayment after being notified by the APRA office that an error was made in the payoff will be fined.
21. Rodeo Secretary will be fined for failure to use forms provided by the APRA unless permission is granted by the APRA office.
22. Rodeo Secretaries using APRA forms for any rodeo other than APRA, APRA affiliated or APRA co-approved rodeos or misusing or mutilating forms will be fined Twenty Five (\$25) Dollars.

23. Each Contestant will pay an additional Three Dollars (\$3) Finals Fund and One Dollar (\$1) Awards Fund at each rodeo. The Rodeo Secretary must send money to the APRA office, and log on report the amount of money received, when they send in the approval fee.
24. Each Contestant will pay an additional six dollars (\$6) CES entry fee at each rodeo. The Rodeo Secretary must send money to the APRA office, and log on reports the amount of money received.
25. The Rodeo Secretary will sign receipts for entry fees, if filled out by Contestant.
26. The Rodeo Secretary will give members a receipt when they purchase a card. Rodeo Secretary is permitted to collect FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) for each membership application processed at a rodeo.
27. Rodeo Secretary must post entries for all performances in all events, position and livestock draw, Judges books, order of program, ground rules and Judges check sheet for Contestants to view before and during rodeo.
28. When scores are posted on master sheet following each performance, a Judges sheet furnished in the Rodeo Secretary's package will be completed and posted by the Judge where it can be seen by all Contestants with livestock drawn and Judges marking within thirty (30) minutes after each performance and/or slack for each Contestants inspection. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Twenty Five Dollar (\$25) fine per Judge.
29. Standings and upcoming rodeos will be posted by the Rodeo Secretaries at all rodeos.
30. If late entries are taken in the Timed Events (TD, SW, TR, CBA) they will be placed at the top of the list and the CBR entries will be added at the bottom.
31. If Contestant arrives at rodeo and due to CES error is not entered in the rodeo, the following steps are to be followed:
  - a. Must show Secretary valid CES confirmation number
  - b. Contestant will be entered in rodeo as last Contestant in his or her event
32. If applicable, stock will be drawn only for the Contestant not entered. There will be no redrawing of positions or stock for Contestants already entered.

## **RODEO TIMERS**

1. ALL APRA TIMERS MUST BE APPROVED. Timers whom are not regular cardholders must buy a card, cost is Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) per year. All persons seeking Timer approval must have attended an APRA Timers clinic and submit a written request for approval to the APRA Headquarters Office (for approval by the Executive Officers), along with written recommendation from any APRA approved Timer. Prospective Timer must have actually shadowed one (1) or more rodeos with an approved Timer prior to submitting application for approval. At the discretion of the Executive Officers, an individual may be "grandfathered" into an approved Timer.
2. Timers who time the first performance in a particular event shall be required to time all competition in that event. Failure to comply will result in board action and fine.
3. Timers are asked to be available to the Rodeo Secretary for any help he/she may need prior to the rodeo Timer is working. **Timers are not to take on any duties other than timing when working an APRA rodeo.**
4. Digital stop watches must be used in all events. Judges will be responsible for inspecting watches to insure they work properly.
5. Time is to be split by the two Timers; in case of one tenth difference, Contestant will be given the lowest time. Official time to be recorded by Secretary and Timer to record (write down) backup time.
6. The use of automatic/electric eye timers is required in the Cowgirls Barrel Race. Times must be recorded as the complete time shown on the automatic/electric eye timer.
7. The automatic/electric eye timer must be backed up with Field Judges flagged time/stop watch times. The flagged times must be recorded in hundredths of a second with one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousandths (e.g. - 14.150). Manual times will be used for payoff only when the automatic/electric eye timer is no longer serviceable.

8. Two Timekeepers are required in the Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping, Team Roping and Cowgirls Barrel Racing. With the exception of the Cowgirls Barrel Racing (see #6 above), ALL FIELD JUDGE FLAGGED TIMES MUST BE RECORDED IN TENTHS.
9. The use of automatic buzzers is recommended in the riding events. An extra loud buzzer must be provided. Timer selected for the AFR may work rodeo using their Timer card.

### **RODEO BULL FIGHTERS**

1. All Bullfighters must have a current APRA membership.
2. Bullfighters must apply to APRA dress code and/or be in bullfighter attire one (1) hour before performance.
3. Minimum payment requirement for an APRA bullfighter per performance is One Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$150).
4. It is recommended that in the event of accident or injury to one of the Bullfighters, Stock Contractor/Producer may use another APRA approved personnel.
5. An APRA Bullfighter must work a minimum of 3 full rodeos or 5 LTFR's to be eligible for AFR nomination.
6. Bullfighters selected to work the AFR must be members in good standing with the APRA.
7. AFR Bullfighters will be voted on by the top twelve (12) bull riders at the end of regular season prior to finals.
8. Freestyle bulls are viewed upon as part of the performance at the Stock Contractor's discretion.
9. A Bullfighter is not required by the APRA to perform any duties outside of fighting bulls. However, it will be left to the Stock Contractor/Producer's discretion of duties to be performed prior to performance (i.e. untying calves, running stripping chute, slack, etc.).
10. Any Bullfighter who does not comply with the rules above will be subject to disciplinary action and/or a fine by the APRA Board of Directors.

### **RODEO CONTRACT ACTS**

1. All persons representing Contract Acts (Specialty Acts, Clowns, Bullfighters, Barrelmen and Announcers) at an APRA rodeo must be a member in good standing with the APRA. Stock Contractor will be assessed a One-Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$150) fine for each non-APRA personnel used. The ONLY exception to this rule applies ONLY to Announcers and Specialty Acts, with the exception being they are each allowed to work one (1) "membership free" rodeo per season.
2. All Contract Personnel, Photographers and Pickup Men must show their current APRA card to the Rodeo Secretary. Contract Personnel and Photographers failing to comply with this rule will be subject to a fine. All Contract Act card numbers and names are to be recorded on the results sheet.
3. An APRA Contract Performer may not fulfill a contract with a suspended Producer and/or rodeo. Contract Performer failing to comply with this rule will be fined.
4. The sound system must be in working order and the micro phone be attended during all competition.
5. Contract acts who do not live up to contracts signed with APRA rodeos and/or Producers will be answerable to the Board of Directors and subject to suspension and fine.
6. APRA rodeos and/or Producers, Stock Contractors and Committeemen who do not live up to contracts signed with APRA rodeos and/or Contract Acts Personnel will be answerable to the Board of Directors and subject to suspension and fine. Furthermore, the Board of Directors will be empowered to fine the Producers, Stock Contractor and/or Committeemen an amount in addition to the total contract price.
7. There will be no animals or objects, other than barrel or dummy, brought in the arena by a Contract Performer during the Bull Riding event. Contract Performer will be subject to a fine for failure to comply with this rule.
8. All APRA sanctioned rodeos must have two approved Bullfighters (Clowns) in the arena during the Bull Riding event for each performance and slack. Failure to comply with this rule will subject the Producer/Stock Contractor to a fine. Judges will be responsible for reporting infraction of this rule.

9. Photographers will be issued an APRA card which identifies he or she as an approved APRA photographer. Cost is seventy-five (\$75) per year. Press passes may be used by Photographers but the committee has the right to refuse arena entry to anyone using a press pass.

### SANCTION RULES

1. Rodeos desiring an APRA sanction of their rodeo must make application to the APRA Office in time to be posted to official listing (deadline being 1st of the month preceding the month of publication). Time of at least thirty (30) days should be allowed for publication and mailing before the date of the first performance (60 days is strongly recommended). A shorter deadline may be allowed by the Board of Directors. Application shall state events and prize money information. The Rodeo Chairman's name and the Rodeo Committee's address must also be included on the sanction application before approval will be finalized. Sanctioning applications not received 30 days prior to first performance will be charged a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fee, which must be included with application.
2. Any rodeo that's APRA sanctioned only, cannot be changed to co-sanctioned without a written request (separate from the sanctioning form) and approval granted in writing.
3. All rodeos will be approved on their own merit on a year to year basis. APRA rodeos must add a minimum of **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS** (\$300.00) per event for the first performance and an additional **FIFTY** (\$50.00) **DOLLARS** per event for each additional performance. All three or more performance rodeos are required to offer at least **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY** (\$350.00) **DOLLARS** per event unless otherwise approved by the Board.
4. All APRA rodeos must offer eight (8) standard events (Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Cowgirl's Barrel Racing, Bull Riding, Team Roping and Breakaway Roping) at 50% of all first-approved APRA rodeos unless special permission is granted by the President or Board of Directors.
5. All rodeos will charge a Stock Contractor fee in the amount of \$10.00.
6. It shall be a condition of the APRA's approval of any rodeo or rodeo event, including but not limited to jackpots, LTFR's, exhibitions, television programs, and other such events, whether or not they are conducted for the benefit of commercial sponsors, that APRA shall own and have the right to use as it sees fit, all rights in and to television, including pay, cable, subscription, closed-circuit or otherwise, radio, film, or other visual and or sound depiction thereof.
7. The APRA will not sanction a rodeo which has dates that conflict with the American Finals Rodeo unless special permission is granted by the Board of Directors.
8. The closing date of the rodeo will determine the fiscal year in which points will count.
9. The APRA may sanction Less Than Full Rodeo (LTFR) competitions with a minimum of 4 events and three hundred (\$300) added per event. All other sanction rules apply. Current APRA Sanctioned rodeos may not change to this format, but will be allowed to host one of the competitions in addition to their APRA sanctioned rodeo (*see Less Than Full Rodeo section for additional information*).
10. Added money shall be equally divided among each of the eight standard events unless approved by the Board of Directors and/or Executive Board, or an event is featured and is stipulated as such by the addition of money in excess of the amount added in other events (except when the Team Roping is enter once).
11. All Team Roping will be dally unless otherwise specified on the sanction application before the rodeo is approved.
12. Team Roping will be enter twice with equal added money unless the added money is equal to or greater than \$1000.00 per event. At that point the Stock Contractor has to request the option of making Team Roping enter once.
13. A new APRA rodeo will not be sanctioned within twenty-five (25) miles of an established APRA rodeo, unless permission is granted by the established Rodeo Committee.
14. Rodeo entry times will be determined by the APRA office/CES.

15. The APRA will not sanction a rodeo with limited entries in any of the eight (8) major events unless such entries are limited by causes beyond the control of the APRA.
16. Stock Contractor has the option of canceling an event when less than four (4) Contestants are entered. Award points will be counted regardless of number of entries. The number of paid entries will determine the payoff. Should an event be cancelled, the added money designated for that event shall revert back to whomever puts up the added money.
17. Any sanctioned rodeo may schedule a novice division of competition (in addition to regular competition) in any of the sanctioned championship events and only permit holders and local Contestants may compete in the novice division. Novice events will be sanctioned under the same rules and regulations as standard events. Points won in novice competition will not count toward the APRA championship standings. Rodeos offering novice competition must be specified in the official APRA listing. A rodeo may limit its entries in the novice division.
18. Novice division prize money will not exceed 50% of the amount of the scheduled major event. If the major event is not held due to lack of sufficient number of entries, the added money in the novice event will be dropped and the advertised added money in the major event will revert to the novice event.
19. The number of go-rounds of competition in any single event will be determined by the Rodeo Management (Rodeo Committee, Stock Contractor and/or Producer) unless otherwise advertised. It is highly recommended at rodeos not having an abundance of Contestants in any event(s), that two or more head or runs be given in these events. Any rodeo desiring to have a short go-round must request special permission from the Board of Directors.
20. Seating for Contestants - management will provide satisfactory seats for Contestants. The APRA will urge all Contestants to stay out of the arena when they are not scheduled to compete. All Contestants who pay entry fees shall be entitled to admittance for themselves and one (1) additional person for every performance of the rodeo in which he or she is entered. All officials and labor passes shall be given at the discretion of the management.
21. If sufficient space is not available to exercise Contestant's animal, Rodeo Management or Committee will make arrangements to have arena available for exercising of Contestant's animal up until two (2) hours prior to the rodeo performance.
22. Prize money will be set by each individual committee except that all entry fees must be added to the purse and listed as such on advertising for the rodeo. It is highly recommended that all entry fees and added money in the eight (8) championship events be equal.
23. Any rodeo, regardless of previous sanction cannot reduce its total added money as compared to its previous year without showing sufficient cause to the APRA office and/or the Board of Directors. Any Producer or Stock Contractor accepting a contract on a rodeo that reduced its total added money without approval of the Board of Directors will be fined One Hundred (\$100) Dollars.
24. A rodeo reducing its number of performances as compared to its previous year will have the right to reduce its prize money proportionately. A rodeo increasing its number of performances as compared to previous year shall increase its prize money proportionately.
25. If a rodeo sponsor wishes to add a rodeo performance after the rodeo is already sanctioned, they may do so no later than the opening of rodeo books/entry taking time for which the rodeo is already sanctioned. If a performance is added, prize money in each contest event will automatically be increased proportionately by the rodeo sponsor to the amount already sanctioned for the other performances (ie: an already sanctioned three (3) performance rodeo with \$3,600 in total added money will automatically increase its added money by \$1,200 for each additional performance). All Contestants, when entering, will be informed by CES of the time for the additional performance and the increased prize money. Entry fees will remain the same as originally sanctioned and will not be increased for additional performances. The APRA office must also be informed of the added performance no later than the date the books open.



26. If a sponsor wishes to increase their added money after the rodeo has already been sanctioned (and when it is too late to advertise) they may do so no later than the dates the books originally are sanctioned to open. All Contestants, when entering, will be informed by CES of the increase in added money. Entry fees will remain the same as originally sanctioned and will not be increased because of the increase in added money. The APRA office must also be informed of the increase in added money no later than the date the books open.
27. A fine shall be imposed if a calf is roped in a manner which causes the animal to land on its back or head with all four feet in the air (jerkdown rule). Fines for unintentional jerkdowns may be waived if fresh or unconditioned calves are used.
28. The sponsoring committee will furnish an attended first-aid auto or ambulance and EMT crew or paramedics to be on the grounds during the performance and during competition preceding and following each performance to properly take care of injured Contestants. It is highly recommended a doctor also be on the grounds. Failure to have an accredited ambulance in attendance for either the performance or slack will constitute a Two Hundred Fifty (\$250) dollar fine. Said fine to be doubled for each offense.
29. Sanction Fee - APRA rodeos are not subject to a sanction fee from the Rodeo Committee or Stock Contractor/Producer unless sanctioning application is not received 30 days prior to first performance; however, ten percent (10%) of the gross money (entry fees and added money totaled) will be deducted by the Rodeo Secretary before placing Contestants are paid, and shall be mailed to the APRA office by the Rodeo Secretary.
30. The Stock Contractor/Producer will be responsible for all help including men turning out stock for timed events. Help to be subject to the approval of the APRA.
31. During all riding events, if background music is not subdued or eliminated, an extra loud buzzer must be provided.
32. All APRA sanctioned rodeos must have two (2) approved Bullfighters in the arena during the Bull Riding event for each performance and slack. Failure to comply with this rule will subject the Stock Contractor/Producer to a fifty (\$50) dollar fine for the first offense (fine doubled for each offense thereafter.) Judges will be responsible for reporting infraction of this rule.
33. Rodeos that have three (3) performances or more may choose not to run slack after one performance. This must be listed on the official APRA website (this action is subject to approval by the APRA Office).
34. If a rodeo has two performances or less and slack is not designated, slack will be run after each performance.
35. Slack must be designated before it can be offered at any time other than after a performance. Designated slack time must be noted on the sanction application and listed in the rodeo listing; otherwise, it will be run after the performance (exception rule #35).
36. The underwriting sponsor (Rodeo Committee and/or Producer) of any APRA sanctioned rodeo retains the exclusive right to accept or reject any promotion, telecast or sponsorship of its rodeo.
37. Committees shall have the right to use whatever program necessary for their particular needs, provided no other association is specifically mentioned. However, it is recommended that committees use programs that are especially prepared for APRA rodeos. The APRA logo MUST appear on the cover of all programs used at APRA rodeos. All APRA rodeo programs must include APRA membership information and associate membership information.
38. Rodeo Committees and or Producers of APRA sanctioned rodeos should recognize the APRA as the sanctioning body on all advertising of the event such as signs, posters, radio, news print, television, etc.
39. The APRA flag, banner and the AFR banner must be presented at all APRA rodeos.
40. It is recommended for rodeos that add \$1000 dollars or more per event, Certified Judges be used.
41. Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should call the APRA office for instructions if a Director or other representative is not present.

42. A rodeo must offer the eight standard events to be eligible for Rodeo of the Year and/or Best New Rodeo honors.
43. All permanent arenas will be disced or worked to the satisfaction of the Judges.
44. It is highly recommended that stock not be watered within Twenty-Five (25) Feet of the barrel stakes.
45. Steer Wrestling is to be run prior to Cowgirl's Barrel Racing if a barrel is set in front of the dogging box. If any timed events are held subsequent to the Barrel Racing the arena must be worked (i.e. raked, dragged w/tractor, conditions permitting) prior to the start of that event.
46. Barrels used in APRA Cowgirl's Barrel Racing contest must be regulation fifty-five gallon metal barrel size or Turning Point Industries barrel racing barrels enclosed at both ends. No pads or tires may be used on or around barrels. Barrels must be at least two colors; no solid colored barrels. No plastic or rubber barrels may be used. Producer's failure to comply will result in a fine.

### **LESS THAN FULL RODEO**

1. The APRA may approve sanction of Less Than Full Rodeo competitions with a minimum of 4 standard events and three hundred (\$300) added per event. All other APRA rules apply. Preexisting APRA Sanctioned full rodeos may not change to this format, but will be allowed to host an LTFR competition in addition to their APRA sanctioned full rodeo.
2. Stock Contractors/Producers must use APRA Personnel at all LTFR's.
3. LTFR events DO NOT COUNT towards a Contestants AFR eligibility minimum of three (3) APRA sanctioned full event rodeos (*see American Finals Rodeo, #10 for further details*).
4. Points/money won at an LTFR DO count towards individual event standings, but DO NOT count towards All-Around standings.
5. LTFR events DO count towards stock "outs" to qualify for the AFR.
6. APRA personnel (Judge's, Secretaries, Timers, Bull Fighters, Pick Up Men, Contract Acts) must work a minimum of 5 LTFR's OR 3 full rodeos to be eligible for AFR nomination.

### **SANCTION FEES**

1. Rodeo Secretary will be responsible for the deduction and mailing of the APRA rodeo sanction fee from prize money and entry fees totaled before winning Contestants are paid.
  - a. Sanction fee to be ten percent (10%) of the gross prize money (added money and entry fees totaled).
2. APRA will receive no less than three percent (3%) of the sanction fee from any rodeo affiliated or co-approved with another rodeo association.

### **JUDGING METHODS**

1. Judges will be on the grounds at least four (4) hours prior to first performance of a rodeo and at least two (2) hours before each performance thereafter, unless other arrangements are made with the Stock Contractor.
2. Judges must total own score sheets and remain with Rodeo Secretary until complete payoff is announced.
3. When scores are posted on Secretary's official recording sheet following each performance, a Judges sheet in the Secretary's package will be posted where it can be seen by all Contestants with livestock drawn and Judges markings thirty (30) minutes after each performance (except last performance) and/or slack for each Contestant's inspection. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine per Judge. Posted Judges' books must be forwarded to the APRA office with results.
4. Judges check sheet (timed events measurements drawing and inspection sheet) which is included in the Secretary's package, must be completed by the Rodeo Judges and posted with the draw. Copy of the Judges' check sheet must also be forwarded to the APRA office with rodeo results.

5. Judges' decisions are final if in accordance with APRA rules.
6. In all cases of dispute, the rodeo will proceed without delay under the existing rules of the APRA and the matter of said dispute shall be settled by the Judges. Judges are hired to Judge the complete rodeo, in all events, in their entirety and may consult with one another in case of a dispute.
7. Decisions of Judges, Flagmen and Timers will be final and no undue protest by the Contestant will be permitted. Any Contestant protesting a Judge's decision will be disqualified for the remainder of that rodeo and will be subject to a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine.
8. Arena help may be fined, and/or Contestant may be disqualified, for any mistreatment of stock. Judges, Directors, Stock Contractors or other Contestants will be responsible for enforcing this rule.
9. All arenas, indoor and outdoor, will be disked, or worked and watered to the satisfaction of the Judges. If the arena is watered during intermission it also must be worked. Ground may be worked at any time at the discretion of Judges. When extreme conditions exist (i.e. weather), Judges shall determine whether equipment is to be used to work the arena.
10. Faulty equipment - all equipment used by the Contestant is his responsibility and no rerides or reruns will be given due to faulty equipment. Borrowed equipment is accepted as Contestant's own.
11. Fouls - any time a Contestant is fouled in any event, he/she must declare themselves IMMEDIATELY (except in the Steer Wrestling event when fouled by the barrier *\*see Barriers #21 for additional information*) or take the recorded time. Any attempt to compete on stock will eliminate the eligibility of that Contestant of a foul.
12. Field flag Judge must flag all runs and Secretary shall record time. If disqualified, one line shall be drawn through the time and "NT" placed beside it.
13. Any competition rule change proposed and adopted during the course of the competitive season shall not go into effect until the following season, unless such need arises and is voted in favor of unanimously by the Executive Board.
14. All Contestants must have their cowboy hat on their head when entering the floor of the arena (this does not include the alleyway for barrel racers). Any Contestant not having a hat on their head when entering the floor of the arena will be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50). This rule will be enforced by the Judges.
15. Any Rodeo Judge has the authority to visible injure-out a contestant. (*See Rodeo Entry/Turn Outs, number 3 for additional information*)
16. When extreme conditions exist, Rodeo Judge and/or Stock Contractor has the authority to cancel an event whenever deemed necessary for the safety of all Rodeo Personnel and Rodeo Athletes.

## ROUGH STOCK

1. Judges' markings (unofficially) are to be announced publicly after each Contestant's ride or contest.
2. Judges' markings are to be from one (1) to twenty-five (25) on rider and one (1) to twenty-five (25) on animal, having a total of fifty (50) on each side, making highest possible score of one hundred (100), with full spread to be used. The rider and animal will be marked separately, marking the rider on how well he rides and the animal according to its performance.
3. Judges' markings will be final and recorded in ink. There will be no changes. Judges will be subject to a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine per offense for changing markings (notation must be made to explain why change, such as: Marking on the wrong line etc.). Judges' books must be turned in to the Rodeo Secretary to be recorded on a Secretary's Official Recording sheet upon completion of each performance.
4. In all Rough Stock events, Contestant may use their free hand against any foreign object (Pickup Men, fences, etc.) that obstructs his ride.
5. No Contestant shall ride more than two (2) head of stock in the same event during any one (1) paid performance except for rerides, unless agreed to by Contestant and rodeo officials.
6. Approved livestock prods cannot be used on bucking stock until turned completely out, unless requested by rider. Approved livestock prods must be used from the back of the bucking chutes.

7. No Contestant in an event can flank animals for other Contestants in the same event, unless permission is granted by the Board of Directors.
8. In the Rough Stock events, Judge will drop a flag as soon as a Contestant has been deemed disqualified, but Judge will watch entire ride and score the animal accordingly.
9. Both Judges will be required to use a stop watch during all riding events. At rodeos using both right and left hand delivery bucking chutes, the Judge on the "latch side" will have the official time. The Judge with the time on the "hinge side" side will serve as a backup in case of a malfunction. In the event that the watch of the "hinge side" Judge is used to determine a qualified ride, extreme close calls should go to the benefit of the Contestant. The use of a watch by both Judges will also assist in justifying calls on the other rule infractions such as loosing stirrup, touching animal, etc. After Judges have established their sides for an event, no changes may occur.
10. Once a horse is placed in the draw (drawn or reride) it will not be used in the wild horse race or other non-sanctioned events.
11. During a ride; if the flank comes off and Contestant made a qualified ride to that point, Contestant will be awarded a reride.
12. All Judges are required to inspect bulls horns to ensure they are tipped to the size of a \$0.50 cent piece before first performance. Any bulls that need to be tipped will be tipped before placing that animal in the draw. Any Judge failing to inspect bulls horns shall be fined.
13. In all Rough Stock events no new animal will be put in the draw, unless previously bucked.
14. Once animal is loaded into bucking chute, hot shots/prods are only to be used on stalling animals with contestant approval and notification to the judge(s).

#### RE-RIDES

1. If a re-ride is given on any animal and animal fails to buck, the Judge (with the Stock Contractor) will have the option to discontinue the use of said animal for the remainder of the rodeo.
2. Flank malfunctions –
  - a. Horse riding events: if a flank comes off during a ride, Contestant has the privilege of accepting his marking or receiving a re-ride (it shall be at the Stock Contractor's discretion as to whether Contestant receives re-ride on same animal). Decision must be made immediately.
  - b. Bull riding event: if a flank comes off during a ride, Contestant has the privilege of accepting his marking or receiving a re-ride on the same bull. Decision must be made immediately.
3. Contestant will have the right to know his score and stock number before he makes a decision to accept or reject a re-ride.
4. If an animal in a riding event comes out backwards, mark out rule to be waived and if rider is fouled, he must declare himself to receive a re-ride.
5. Judges' decision on re-rides will be in accordance with the rules set forth hereafter:
  - a. Contestants will not be permitted to ask for a re-ride (unless fouled) or talk to Judge about his marking during a performance.
  - b. Should an animal stop at any time during the ride, the Contestant shall be entitled to a re-ride as long as the Contestant made a qualified ride up to the point the animal stopped. However, a Contestant must make a qualified ride to receive re-ride/score option.
  - c. If, in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to get out on a chute fighting animal and is unable to do so, Contestant may have a re-ride drawn for them.
  - d. If a qualified ride is made by a Contestant and the animal is marked by either Judge at fifteen (15) or under, falls or stops, then Contestant shall have the option of a re-ride (re-ride will not be given if Contestant's equipment causes horse to fall). Judges will notify Secretary if a re-ride is to be given.
  - e. If an animal runs off, stops or falls three (3) times in one fiscal year, animal may be taken out of the draw by the director.

- f. If rider is fouled by coming into contact with pickup horse or stationary object, rider may ask for a re-ride, but must do so IMMEDIATELY. It shall be to the Stock Contractor's discretion as to whether Contestant receives a re-ride on the same animal.
- g. Re-rides are drawn out of the horses or bulls not drawn that performance. In all three riding events (Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding) there must be three (3) head of horses or bulls drawn for re-rides out of the entire herd of animals not drawn that performance. Prior to the performance, the first re-ride horse must be drawn from the three re-ride horses so that the first re-ride horse may be loaded in the chute. All animals turned out during a performance will be added to the re-ride pen that performance. Remaining re-rides will be drawn from the original re-ride pen that performance and all animals turned out that performance.
- h. If an animal fouls a rider at the chute, or falls, the rider is granted a re-ride, provided Contestant has not been disqualified for other reasons. Contestant will receive the first designated re-ride of the same animal if the Stock Contractor agrees.
- i. If an animal is disqualified from competition after the draw, the Judge will replace the disqualified animal from the re-ride herd. If the re-ride herd has been exhausted, the animal will be replaced from the balance of the herd not out that performance. Disqualified animals will remain disqualified for the remainder of that rodeo.
- j. It is suggested that if some error or question rises during the event, the announcer be advised so that it can be announced over the speaker there may be a re-ride or rerun.
- k. Once a horse or bull has been contested on in the re-rides, that animal cannot be drawn for a re-ride again unless Stock Contractor puts animal back in the herd.
- l. If an animal stalls in the bucking chute, hot shot will not be used until animal has turned outward, unless permission is given by Contestant. Contestant must declare himself.

#### HORSE RIDING ONLY

1. Contestant's spurs must be over the break of the horse's shoulders, touching animal when the horse's front feet touch the ground the first time out of the chute.
  - a. The first jump rule will be waived automatically if horse stalls coming out of the chute. Judges may tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck. Rider may be disqualified for not following Judges' instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute.
  - b. The first jump rule will be waived automatically if horse fouls Contestant, unless Contestant declares himself for a re-ride.

#### TIMED EVENTS

1. An absolute minimum of twelve (12) timed event cattle and one extra suitable for the draw will be hauled by the Stock Contractor. If an event has less than twelve (12) Contestants, Stock Contractor can bring one (1) head for each Contestant with approval from the Event Director. The office will fine Stock Contractor a minimum fine of fifty (\$50) per head they are short. The next offense will be doubled.
2. Same man must open all front gates for entire rodeo. Producer will designate and be responsible for providing man and seeing that he works the entire rodeo. However, Judges or Event Director can replace incompetent help. Stock Contractor/Producer refusing to comply with Judge's or Event Director's decision will be fined.
3. Timed event cattle shall not be loaded in the release chute more than three (3) minutes before the beginning of that event.
4. In any timed event, if it is necessary to bring an animal back, several head of stock will be brought back together. No animal will be penned separately.
5. In the timed events, the Line Judge will drop a flag as soon as it has been determined the barrier has definitely broken.

6. Reruns - if wrong animal is given to a Contestant, Contestant shall be given the correct animal drawn for them and time on incorrect animal shall be disregarded.
7. In the steer wrestling, the only time cattle will be re-run is as follows:
  - a. Contestant is given wrong animal. If wrong animal is given to a Contestant he shall be given the correct animal drawn for him and time on incorrect animal shall be disregarded.
  - b. Flagger misflags. If the Flag Judge mistakenly flags a Contestant, he may require the Contestant to make run again, regardless of recorded time. Judge's re-run decision must be made immediately following original run. In the timed events, where barrier is used, any penalties incurred during the original run will be added to the re-run (i.e.: if barrier has been broken on original run, Contestant will get stock back lap and tap).
  - c. Steer falls before crossing score line. If barrier equipment lands on animal, stopping or jerking head out of position, or if animal falls before crossing score line, preventing Contestant from making a fair catch, the stock will be brought back. Decision of Judge will determine if stock is re-run. Stock must cross score line in front of Line Judge after leaving chute. If stock does not cross score line in front of Line Judge, stock will be brought back and re-run provided stock was not hindered by Contestant or hazer.
  - d. Bad gate.
8. Steer wrestling cattle will have a minimum weight of four hundred and fifty pounds (450).
9. Once animal is in the release chute, hot shots/prods will only be used if contestant agrees to the use of such.
10. If animal gets out of the arena, the flagman is to stop the time and Contestant will get the same animal back; lap and tap (Team Roping Only...Contestants to start in chute with same head catch) with the time he or she had when animal got out, added to that time.
11. Time for Lap & Tap runs shall start when animal crosses score line. Starting flag to be used by the Line Judges.  
Timed event cattle will not be considered run until a legal run has been made.
12. All timed event Line Judges will have a copy of the Contestant list and draw to record penalties and compare information recorded with the Rodeo Secretary.
13. Rodeo Judges are responsible for maintaining their own barriers, stop watches and timed event flag (which the APRA provides).
14. Unintentional dragging of calf will result in a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) determined by the Flag Judge.
15. In the Tie-Down roping the Judge may stand on the pin side (right) provided someone is assigned to stand on line at left side.
16. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go-round of competition.
17. In All timed events, when the CES draws positions for a particular rodeo performance and more than one Contestant riding the same horse draws up in consecutive positions, the Judge may change another Contestant to fill a position splitting Contestants who are riding the same horse. In the Cowgirls Barrel Racing; Judges will draw at least five (5) Contestants, splitting the Contestants riding the same horse. Splits must be made 30 minutes prior to each performance.
18. All timed event chutes shall be equipped with double V-type gates.
19. Timed event chutes must be manually released - no automatic openers (No garage door openers).
20. All timed event cattle shall be run prior to the first performance and cattle that cannot clear the chute will be eliminated from the draw or tipped at that particular rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule will result in Stock Contractor being subject to a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine.
21. The only man on the score line will be the Rodeo Judge. Score Line Judge to position themselves adjacent to barrier pin for viewing upon Contestant leaving chutes.

22. There will be a forty-five seconds (45) time limit for all Contestants (except in the Cowgirl's Breakaway Roping, which will be thirty seconds (30) to complete their run. Time limit to be from start to completion of run.
23. Judges will be responsible for setting up electric timers. Timers will be staked and reset over that stake for each performance.
24. In the Barrel Racing event, Judge will flag the nose of the horse at the start and finish of the run.
25. Field Flagger for all timed events, except Barrel Racing, must be mounted on a horse.
26. The arena must be worked (either raked, drug or disked - ARENA CONDITIONS PERMITTING) after twelve (12) barrel racers have run. In the slack; ground around the barrels must be worked with a tractor, if one is available, before the barrel race and after the equivalent number of Contestants drawn for a performance have competed.
27. Both Judges and the Stock Contractor should have all materials necessary to build a barrier.
28. All chutes used in the timed events will be of a mechanical nature. No manual chutes are to be used.
29. Any timed event infraction regarding cattle will carry a minimum Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine for the first offense and doubled thereafter. Fines to be computed per rodeo, not per performance. Each event with an infraction will be considered separately. Fine determination will carry rodeo to rodeo for the entire course of the year's competition season.
30. No timed event competition will be held after the barrel racing event, unless the barrel areas have been worked by machine or hand raked, unless extreme ground conditions (i.e., mud, water accumulation, etc.) exist. A fine of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars will be levied for the first offense and doubled thereafter.
31. The alleyway in the barrel racing shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet unless entrance to arena is through a bucking chute gate then the width shall be a minimum of a standard bucking chute.
32. All Judges in the timed events (Tie Down Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling and Breakaway Roping) will be responsible to verify the animal and Contestant prior to an individual run. Judges will also be responsible for marking any infraction incurred (i.e., broken barrier, etc.) and turning in those papers to the Rodeo Secretary.
33. A spotter may be used in the Cowgirl's Breakaway Roping. It will be up to the Judges to secure said spotter.
34. Timed event cattle will not be held over from one year to another.
35. Tie Down Roping herd will have no duplicate numbers in any one season.

## BARRIERS

1. Barriers must be inspected and measured "pin to arena floor" by the Line Judge immediately before timed events in each performance.
2. If automatic barrier does not work properly, Contestant will receive their time without a penalty; unless, at the discretion of the Line Judge, Contestant obviously beat the barrier.
  - a. If the neck rope remains on the neck of the animal, Contestant must declare themselves to be eligible for a rerun, provided the starting flag is positioned on the breast rope of barrier.
  - b. If the starting flag is positioned on the neck rope, a rerun will be automatically given due to the fact that there is no indicator for starting the time.
3. It shall be the discretion of the Line Judge whether or not a ten (10) second penalty shall be assessed when barrier is broken, regardless of the position of the ring. No metal may be used on jerk line and neck rope that extends beyond front of the chute. Barrier must be tied with string only.
4. Barrier and barrier equipment used in Tie Down roping cannot be used in the Steer Wrestling event.
5. Timed event chute help will be responsible for neck barriers on timed event animals. Line Judge will inspect to see if it is placed properly.
6. Neck rope used in Steer Wrestling event cannot be used in Team Roping event. Maximum length for arena conditions is requested for the Team Roping.

7. If Contestant breaks barrier before declaring a foul, Contestant will receive cattle Lap and Tap with ten (10) second penalty added to time. If Contestant is fouled by the gateman, then the ten second penalty will be waived and Contestant will rerun animal.
8. If Contestant breaks or beats the barrier, a ten (10) second penalty shall be enforced providing the barrier works properly. The horse's chest should also break the plain of the barrier otherwise this is to be considered beating the barrier. Therefore ten seconds is to be added to the time.
9. Judges will be sure no one stands close enough to the barrier or equipment to tamper with it. Any Judge failing to comply with these instructions will be declared ineligible.
10. Stock must cross score line in front of line Judge in their initial move after leaving chute. Failure to do so will result in animal being brought back and rerun. IF, in the opinion of the Rodeo Judges, the failure to cross score line in the initial move out of chute was caused by Contestant, Hazer or Heeler, a ten (10) second penalty may be assessed on the rerun.
11. In the timed events, time is to start when animal crosses score line.
12. No reruns will be given due to the hanging of a horn or horns in chute.
13. Only hard twisted polyethylene rope will be used on timed event barrier.
14. A rope will be placed to mark the score line for the Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping and Breakaway Roping events.
15. Time flags must be at least 10" x 10" and visible in color. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the Judge before each Contestant competes. Faulty equipment must be replaced.
16. Starting flag must be in most visible place for timekeepers.
17. The minimum height of the barriers will be thirty-two (32) inches, and the maximum height will be thirty-six (36) inches at center of box. Neck ropes must be routed through a pulley on the appropriate side of the timed event chute at a height relative to the height of the pin. NOTE: Neck ropes shall not be attached to overhead levers in order to pull the pin of the barrier.
18. Rodeo Judges will stake visible score line. No re-runs will be given for failure to move score line from previous event.
19. Automatic barrier will be MANDATORY in all timed events at APRA rodeos. Failure to do so will result in a Fifty (\$50) Dollar fine for the first offense, One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the second offense.
20. The length of the barrier will be determined by the Event Director and the Judge. If an Event Director is not present then the responsibility of the length of the barrier will be the responsibility of the Judge. The barrier at a weekly rodeo (permanent facility) will not be changed from week-to-week without the prior approval of the Event Director.
21. If barrier equipment fouls Contestant in Tie Down Roping, Breakaway Roping or Team Roping, Contestant will be entitled to a re-run, so long as he/she declares themselves IMMEDIATELY. If barrier equipment fouls Contestant in Steer Wrestling, Contestant will be entitled to a re-run so long as they do not try to compete on the steer. It is not necessary for a Steer Wrestler to pull his horse up in order to request a re-run, but Contestant may not try to compete on the steer and then request a re-run.
22. Re-runs are always given on the same animal unless the wrong animal is run.
23. The Score Line/Barrier Judge may give a re-run to a Contestant (whether stock is caught or missed) when, in the Judge's opinion, any of the following conditions exist:
  - a. Wrong animal run
  - b. Any barrier malfunction (i.e.: failure to pull)
  - c. Contestant fouled by barrier and/or neck rope, if Contestant declares immediately
  - d. Stock stopped or obviously hampered by barrier equipment; stock turning into either box or in front of Contestant's horse while neck rope is still attached (providing such action is not caused by Contestant or their hazer)
  - e. Gateman's error



24. If Contestant breaks barrier before foul is determined to have occurred, Contestant will receive cattle Lap and Tap with ten (10) second penalty added to time.

### **DRAWING OF LIVESTOCK**

\*\*\*DO NOT DRAW STOCK FOR NOTIFIED TURN OUTS!\*\*\*

1. Position and livestock numbers will be unfolded, uniform size and will be drawn from a smooth interior, round container.
2. Bucking horses cannot be used in both the Saddle Bronc Riding and the Bareback Riding at the same rodeo.
3. Pens will not be set except for at the AFR.
4. In the Rough Stock events, all stock must be drawn separately and before every performance. Re-rides will be drawn from the remainder of the herd. If the herd is depleted, re-rides will be drawn from the entire herd. Stock should not go to the re-ride pen more than once during a rodeo. Animals that were turned out should go to the re-ride pen, but no animal may be in the re-ride pen more than once. Said draw, with the exception of re-rides/extra's, to be posted at least one hour prior to perf. *(Clarification – this rule applies when no feature animals are provided from stock contractor).*
5. Stock contractor shall include in the pen at least one more animal per performance than the number needed for competition. Stock Contractor shall be allowed to feature one-half (1/2), or the lesser, [ie. 10 contestants, 5 featured animals; 9 contestants, 4 featured animals] of the animals per performance, but must so indicate feature animals prior to the draw. When animals are designated as feature animals, said feature animals will be held out of the draw, re-ride pen will be drawn first and then all featured animals for that performance are to be returned to the draw and performance draw to be completed. All Roughstock will be drawn one (1) performance at a time (same as the Timed Events). In all riding events, no new animals will be put in the draw, unless previously bucked (ie – you can't bring an animal that's never been bucked before and place it in the draw with seasoned animals).
6. All stock draws and Contestant runs order for the events are to be posted one (1) hour in advance of each performance.
7. No Contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice in the same event at the same rodeo. Should the same animal be drawn, Judges will draw another animal for Contestant (exception - in a one head Team Roping, it is permissible for one member of a team who is entered twice to draw the same animal).
8. All stock is to be drawn for by at least one (1) Judge. Judge to be available at designated time. Drawing must be done so that any entrant may witness the drawing if so desired. Stock must be drawn in all timed events.
9. TIMED EVENT DRAW: The timed event draw will be accomplished as follows:
  - a. Draw from herd;
  - b. Subsequent performance, draw to continue using remaining herd until herd is depleted (slack is considered a subsequent performance), then draw to the full herd;
  - c. Draw to continue from beginning basis
10. An absolute minimum of twelve (12) timed event cattle suitable for the draw will be hauled by the Stock Contractor. The office will fine Stock Contractor a minimum fine of fifty (\$50) per head they are short. The next offense will be doubled. If an event has less than 12 Contestants, Stock Contractor can bring one (1) head for each Contestant, plus one (1) extra, with approval from the Event Director and no fine shall be imposed.
11. All timed event cattle will be branded with legible number or have legible ear tag, if animal has both (brand and ear tag) they must correspond. Stock Contractor/Producer's failure to comply with any part of this rule will result in a fine. Judges and/or Event Director will be responsible for enforcing this rule and reporting infraction of same.

12. Animals will be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated before drawing. Judges will be responsible for inspection. Judges who fail to comply with this rule will be subject to fine. Team Roping and Steer Wrestling steers will be inspected by Judges to see if horns need wrapped or tipped to be suitable for the draw for safety reasons. Stock Contractor will be responsible to see that this is done.
13. All timed event cattle shall be run prior to the first performance of each rodeo and cattle that cannot clear the chute will be eliminated from the draw or tipped at that particular rodeo. Failure to comply with rule will result in Stock Contractor being subject to fine.
14. No sick or injured animals, whether discovered before or after the draw, will be permitted to be used in competition. In the timed events, blinded animals or animals with bad eyes will not be permitted to be used in competition.
15. If a mistake is made in the drawing of timed event livestock, the draw shall be redrawn, provided the mistake is discovered prior to the event and does not interfere with the continuation of the performance. If mistake is discovered after the contest has begun, runs will be completed as drawn. Judges should attempt to even the runs on cattle in the next draw. Judges will be liable for drawing mistakes, and subject to a fine.
16. In the timed events, if an injured animal is discovered after the original draw, that animal will be eliminated from the draw for the remainder of that rodeo and a replacement for said injured animal shall come from the remainder of the herd. This is not a mistake in the draw, therefore, only the injured animal will be redrawn. If there are no more animals remaining in the herd to be drawn the Contestant will receive the first animal drawn in the next run on the cattle. If more than one injured animal is discovered, draw is to be made in the order in which injured animals were discovered pertaining to that particular performance.
17. If an animal is injured in the process of contesting in the timed events, the Contestant shall not receive another head during that go-round.
18. All calves and steers for the performance of the rodeo will not be drawn MORE than four (4) hours and not LESS than one (1) hour before each performance. A list will be posted not LESS than one (1) hour before each performance. Positions will be drawn in all timed events including Cowgirl's Barrel Racing.
19. In Timed vents, when performances are drawn in the first go-round, reverse order in second go-round, trades can be made with Rodeo Secretary at rodeo in second go-round prior to draw.
20. All bucking stock must be branded or painted with legible numbers before drawn.
21. In riding events when performances are drawn, performances may be traded in all go-rounds. This will be done by CES.
22. In the Rough Stock events, objectionable stock replacements will be drawn from re-rides for the performance. If stock is not penned at arena, all re-rides must be brought to the arena with performance livestock.
23. In the Rough Stock events, if an animal is disqualified from competition after the draw, the Judge will replace the disqualified animal from the re-ride herd. If the re-ride herd has been exhausted, the animal will be replaced from the balance of the herd not out that performance. Disqualified animals will remain disqualified for the remainder of that rodeo.
24. In the Rough Stock events, replacements for injured stock will be drawn from the re-rides drawn for that performance. Replacement of an injured animal is not a misdraw.
25. Stock Contractor may run slack at his discretion any time after the first performance up to and including right after the last performance. If Stock Contractor wishes to run any slack (before the first performance), it must be published on the APRA Official Website Rodeo Scheduling Listing. Entries will not be limited in any event.
26. If slack is designated at any time other than a performance, slack will be considered a (separate) performance and said slack shall be run in the same order as a performance.

27. Cattle may be chute run in slack. Slack in the timed events shall be drawn immediately following the performance in which it is run. When slack is not run immediately after the performance, slack will be drawn not more than one (1) hour before slack is scheduled. In the rough stock events, when a re-ride is given, the Contestant will be given ride score and stock number of the re-ride animal.

### **ELIMINATION OF LIVESTOCK**

1. Any APRA Official desiring elimination of stock will personally meet with the company officials involved. Objectionable animals to be eliminated from the draw will be agreed upon by both the Event Director and Stock Contractor. If agreement cannot be made, it will be referred to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will act as the arbitration board.
2. Animals in the riding events may be disqualified from competition for the following reasons:
  - a. Any animal with a known history of falling.
  - b. Chute fighting animals.
  - c. Any animal in apparent poor health.
  - d. If an animal runs off, stops, or falls three (3) times in one fiscal year, he may be taken out of the draw by the Event Director.
3. Objectionable animals in the timed events may be disqualified from the timed events to insure an even set of competition animals.

### **DRESS CODE**

1. When Contestant numbers are furnished, all Contestants must wear their numbers to enter the arena and to receive their stock. Contestants without a number may be disqualified and/or can be fined. Numbers must be worn on Contestants backs. Anyone without a number will be subject to a \$25 fine.
2. Appropriate long sleeve shirt (sleeves rolled down, shirt tails tucked in, no T-shirts or pull-over shirts), western hats, boots and western denim jeans or western dress pants must be worn in the arena, the back of the bucking chutes and on rodeo grounds by all participants one hour prior to and during performance time and slack. In all events, a sweater or jacket may be worn over proper western attire. Failure to comply with this dress code while contesting will result in a fine.
3. Announcers are required to wear western hats and long sleeved shirts while on the announcer's stand. Timers and Rodeo Secretary are required to wear long sleeved shirts while on the announcers stand. It is required that western hats be worn. Failure to comply will result in a fine.
4. All Contestants must have their hat on their head when hitting the floor of the arena. This does not mean the alleyway into the arena but the arena floor itself. Any Contestant not having their hat on their head when entering the arena floor will be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50). Consideration may be given to Contestants opting to wear protective head gear or face mask.

### **GRAND ENTRY/COLOR PRESENTATION**

1. All Stock Contractors must use the official APRA flag in the Grand Entry and have an official APRA and AFR banner in plain view in the arena at all APRA sanctioned rodeos.
2. The APRA requires that all colors and Grand Entries be handled by competent horses and horsemen, and that APRA members ride in the Grand Entry.
3. Any Contestant having a horse on the grounds who does not ride in the Grand Entry or carry a flag when asked to do so by the Stock Contractor or Committeeman, shall be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50) payable to the APRA office and upon collection, the fine will be forwarded to the Rodeo Committee. Rider may be excused by the Judge, with good reason. Signed statement from the Judge, excusing rider, must be included with rodeo results.

*Clarification: Posted ground rules are the Stock Contractor and/or Committee's request that Contestants ride in the Grand Entry and/or carry a flag. If a Contestant has a team of horses, only one horse must be in the Grand Entry. It does not matter if Contestant is up in paid performance or slack, if he or she has a horse on the grounds, he or she must ride in the Grand Entry and/or carry a flag if requested to do so.*

## **RODEO ENTRY (BOOKS)/TURN OUTS**

Central Entry System (CES) guidelines -

**RODEO ENTRY/BOOKS PHONE #: (800) 54-RODEO NOTIFIED TURNOUT PHONE #: (337) 304-1840**

1. CES hours of operations of operation – **ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST)**

Monday	8:00AM - 7:00PM	Thursday	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Tuesday	9:00AM - 4:00PM	Friday	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday	9:00AM - 4:00PM	Saturday	10:00AM - 5:00PM (NTO's ONLY)
2. Rodeo entries/books/call-ins must be made as per each individual rodeo listing. All rodeo listings will include entry office phone number, date and times; along with any internet entry capabilities if applicable. Slack, as always, will be determined at the close of CES books.
3. Draws are posted by CES within one and a half hours after posted entry time closes.
4. Trades can be made by swapping position for position. (i.e.: Team Roping team #3 can trade with Team Roping team #16).
5. Trades **MUST** be made by calling CES with confirmation numbers for all contestants involved in the trade and all trade notifications must be called in **NO LATER THAN 4:00PM** the following business day, barring holidays and/or weekends (ie: original entries on Monday, trade notifications taken until 4:00PM Tuesday).
6. Notified Turn Outs (NTO) **MUST** be called into CES no later than 3 hours prior to the start of the first rodeo performance. NTO's for Sunday performances **MUST** be made by 5:00PM Saturday, the day before.

If a Contestant arrives at a rodeo after his or her event has completed, Contestant must immediately find the Rodeo Secretary and make payment of their entry fees due; unless Contestant is ill or injured. In which case, a Doctor's release (or Judges Visible Injury release) must be presented to the Rodeo Secretary and forwarded to the APRA office. Contestant's failure to comply with this rule will result in an automatic fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50), in addition to the entry fee amount.

1. The following are the only accepted reasons for failure to pay entry fees:
  - a) Doctor's Release (due into rodeo office within 48 hours from the date of the last performance of the Rodeo for which fees were unpaid) *\*see Rodeo Entry/Turn Outs #8 for additional information\**
  - b) Vet's Release – applies to Barrel Racer's Only (only one occurrence permitted per season per Contestant) *\*see Rodeo Entry/Turn Outs #2 for additional information\**
  - c) Visible Injury – (must be granted by Rodeo Judge of the rodeo turning out of) *\*see Rodeo Entry/Turn Outs #3 for additional information\**
  - d) or, Death in immediate family

**CONTESTANTS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE, WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ENTRY FEE AND ANY FINES INCURRED.** There will be a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) service charge added to all entry fees that must be collected by the APRA office. Anyone abusing the use of a Doctor's Release or Vet's Release will be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
2. No Contestant will be refunded entry fees because of illness or injury to his or her horse. A Vet Release will be accepted as legitimate excuse for failure to pay entry fees in the Cowgirl's Barrel Racing only; however, Cowgirl may not compete in an APRA rodeo within six (6) days from the date of the last performance of the rodeo where the Vet Release was used. [If the rodeo you used the Vet Release for ends on Sunday, then you cannot participate until the next Sunday (6 full days from the last perf)]. Vet Release must be in APRA office within 5 days of the date the Contestant "draws-out" of their performance using a Vet Release.
3. In the case of Visible Injury (VI) turn out, a Judge is to grant a VI release **ONLY** if there is an obvious injury or illness; otherwise, the Contestant must have a letter from a Doctor verifying the injury or illness. It is mandatory that Contestants pay their entry fee for the event being turned out and the entry fees of Contestants turning out due to VI shall remain in the payoff. All turn out fines

and mount out money charges will be waived, provided fees are paid as previously stated and Contestant does not compete in that event at another rodeo during that same time period. In this instance, the Contestant shall remain eligible to enter or compete in any APRA rodeo FOLLOWING the performance which he/she turned out because of Visible Injury. Furthermore, any Contestant turning out with a VI will not be eligible for average payoff in that event.

4. If one partner in the Team Roping does not show, Contestant can choose a partner from a team that is only entered once or any Contestant that is already entered in another event in that rodeo. No Contestant may compete more times than allowed to make up the team. Contestant must notify the line judge of the partner substitution before the start of the run. After one Contestant is declared not present to compete and another partner is substituted, you cannot change back to the original partner. The partner that does not show will be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50), in addition to their original entry fee amount. The team will draw stock in the original position and the substitute partner must pay his/her entry fee to compete.
5. All entries must be accompanied by an APRA membership card with the exception of High School Cards, College Rodeo Cards, Military Cards and/or Locals (*see High School Memberships for additional information*). Acceptance of Local entries shall be at the discretion of the Stock Contractor and/or Producer. Contestants will be permitted to enter as a Local an unlimited number of times during each rodeo season. A Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) fee will be added for a Local entry. This fee will be collected at the time of entry, along with the entry fees due for that rodeo. ALL LOCAL ENTRIES must be paid at the time of entry using a credit card. If a Local entry is underage, Contestant must provide a signed, notarized statement of permission from their parent or legal guardian upon check-in at the rodeo to the Rodeo Secretary.
  - b) In the Team Roping, when an APRA member enters with a Local, that member must adhere to the rules governing Local entries (*see Locals 1b & 1c for additional info*).
  - c) Rodeo entries will be accepted in the following order:
    - 1) APRA Cardholders
    - 2) High School, College and Military Cardholders
    - 3) Locals
6. When entering a rodeo, Team Ropers must specify to CES which end they intend to rope. There will be no switching of positions (i.e. heading and/or heeling) after the conclusion of books.
7. A Contestant working two (2) or more events in a single rodeo must pay all of his/her fees to the Rodeo Secretary prior to the first performance he/she is competing in.
8. Any APRA member calling in for another Contestant will be liable for the entry fee of that person and must present a valid APRA card number for each Contestant for whom he or she is entering. If entry fee is not paid within notification limit, member who entered Contestant will be suspended and fined Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).
9. Turn Outs - Any Contestant turning out stock because of injury may not compete at another rodeo in that particular event within six (6) days. Contestants found competing before six (6) days will be held liable for all entry fees, plus turn out fines. Each infraction will result in the same. If Contestant notifies the Rodeo Secretary (no later than one hour before the start of the rodeo performance) that he/she has arranged for another Contestant entered in the rodeo, or an APRA member, to replace themselves on their stock, this rule is waived. Provided the replacement does, in fact, mount or run the Contestant's stock. If the Contestant is turning out in one particular event due to injury/illness, the Contestant is not disqualified in all events and will have the option to compete in all other events for the remainder of the rodeo.
10. All Non-Notified Turnout (NNTO) fines will be assessed at the rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), plus entry fees and all others costs whether at a paid performance or slack (whether fees are paid or not and whether stock is turned out or not). NNTO fines paid to the APRA Office will be divided as follows: \$50.00 fine divided \$25.00 to the Association and \$25.00 to the Stock Contractor.

11. Contestants must call CES to turn out of an APRA rodeo (phone number is on the APRA website). Do not call the APRA office. However, any entry fees and fines from either a notified or non-notified turn out must be paid to the APRA office.
12. **NO NOTIFICATION FROM THE OFFICE WILL BE SENT TO ANY CONTESTANT TURNING OUT OF A RODEO. CONTESTANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF THEIR TURNOUT FINES & ENTRY FEE MONIES TO EITHER THE APRA OFFICE, OR CONTESTANTS MAY PAY AT ANY RODEO BEING HELD DURING THE WEEKEND SUBSEQUENT TO THE RODEO IN WHICH THEY TURNED OUT.**
13. CLARIFICATION - Turn outs and mount outs
  - a. MO - mounted out: if stock is mounted out during a paid performance and the Stock Contractor had to pay someone to mount or run stock, the Contestant will be marked "MO" by the Rodeo Secretary and must report how much was paid by the Stock Contractor (not to exceed \$25.00) and record who was paid to mount or run the stock. The Contestant who turned out the stock will receive a mount out fine when the before mentioned occurs. A signed receipt from the person paid for mounting/running stock must be forwarded to the APRA office with results, before Stock Contractor will receive reimbursement for mount out money paid.
  - b. TO - turned out: if stock is turned out during a paid performance (or slack), Contestant will be marked "TO" and fined a \$50 turn out fine. However; if a bona fide offer is made to mount or run stock and the Stock Contractor refuses the offer, the Rodeo Secretary must be notified and the Contestant will not be fined (ie: the stock contract does not want to buck an animal or run and animal).
  - c. HB - Hold Backs: there will be no Hold-Backs given at any rodeo.  
*NOTE: If a Contestant entered in two or more events is late, but shows up for the remainder of the events; Contestant will be allowed to work their remaining events regardless of mount out or turn out as long as fees are paid in all events. If mount money is paid, Contestant must pay it. Fees paid under this rule must be included in the payoff in all events.*
14. If a Contestant is unable to compete but forwards fees to the Rodeo Secretary to be included in the payoff, the turn out or mount out fine shall be waived.
15. In all events, if a Contestant is on the rodeo grounds within two (2) hours of their performance, but fails to get on stock or make a contest run and does not pay entry fee, Contestant will be liable for fees plus a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine for each animal they do not mount or run. If Contestant pays entry fees and Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) turn out fee per event to the Rodeo Secretary, Contestant will not be assessed the \$50 Turn Out fine from the office (\$25 fee goes to Stock Contractor - may be waived at Stock Contractor's discretion).
16. A suspended list will be sent to every Rodeo Secretary of all Contestants who have turned out of any rodeo. The Contestant may pay the Rodeo Secretary their fines and entry fees at the rodeo subsequent to the rodeo in which they turned out. If a Contestant's name appears on the listing, they must pay their fines and entry fees before they will be allowed to compete at that rodeo. If they do not pay their outstanding fees and fines, they will be ineligible to compete at that rodeo and will be assessed a turnout fine plus their fees for that rodeo.
17. A rodeo Stock Contractor, Judge, Secretary, or Timer will not be allowed to pay the entry fee for a percentage of the Contestant's winnings at any rodeo they are working.

## LOCALS

1. Acceptance of local entries shall be at the discretion of the Stock Contractor and/or Producer. Contestants will be permitted to enter as a Local an unlimited number of times during each rodeo season. Past APRA members will be allowed to enter as a local within the parameters of the local entry requirements.

- a. Local entries will be charged a \$20.00 local fee. All Local entries must be pre-paid using a credit/debit card at time of entries unless special permission is granted by the APRA Board of Directors.
- b. In the Team Roping, when an APRA member enters with a local, said member must adhere to the rules governing local entries.
- c. In the Team Roping, when an APRA member enters with a local entry, that member waives his privilege of preference.
- d. If a Local entry is underage, Contestant must provide a signed, notarized statement of permission from their parent or legal guardian.

#### **LATE ENTRIES/WRITE-INS**

1. Books will remain open for any event that is not full until before the draw of the first performance. For full event rodeo's, event performances will be considered full when the entry maximums have been met (Bulls - 12; Barrels - 12; Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Breakaway, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping - 8). For LTFR event rodeo's, event performances will be considered full when the following entry maximums have been met (Bulls - 20; Barrels - 24; Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Breakaway, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping - 8).
2. Contestants entering the events that are not full and prior to the draw of the first performance will be known as Late Entries.
3. Contestants entered in events after the draw of the first performance will be known as Write-Ins. Write-Ins are not permitted and will result in a One Hundred (\$100) Dollar fine to the Stock Contractor.
4. Contestants must have the approval of the Stock Contractor to enter. Points will count for Contestants entering as Late Entries. Points will NOT count for Contestants entered as Write-Ins.
5. Late Entries/Write-Ins may not exceed the minimums set for each event. Stock Contractors will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per Late Entry or Write-In entry accepted in excess of a full performance.

#### **ENTRY FEES**

1. The following scale will be used in determining entry fees, in accordance with added money; \$300-\$375, \$40 entry fees; \$376-\$500, \$45 entry fees; \$501-\$700, \$50 entry fees; \$701-\$900, \$55 entry fees; \$901-\$1100, \$60 entry fees; entry fees to be raised Five Dollars (\$5.00) per each additional Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) added money; One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) maximum entry fee. Team Roping entry fees will be per man. Permission must be granted by the Executive Committee for any deviation in this entry fee schedule.
2. All Contestants will pay an entry fee. In addition to entry fees, all Contestants will pay the following: \$6.00 for Central Entry System charge; \$10.00 per entry for Stock Contractor Fee; \$1.00 for Year End Awards; \$3.00 for Finals Fund. In the Team Roping, the Stock Contractor Fee will be split equally (\$5.00 each) per man. All Stock Contractor Fees are based on a per entry basis, not per Contestant. Contestants whom enter as a Local will be charged an additional \$20.00 for their entries (*see LOCALS for additional information*).

#### **PAYOFF**

1. Immediately after completion of rodeo, Rodeo Secretary shall make payment to winning Contestants in each event. On one head or any number of head of stock, added money and entry fees are to be totaled, ten percent (10%) sanction fee is to be deducted and the balance is to be paid as follows:

BAREBACK & SADDLE BRONC RIDING

BULL RIDING, COWGIRL BARREL RACING, COWGIRL BREAKAWAY ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, TEAM ROPING & TIE DOWN ROPING

Number of Contestants	Places to be Paid	Percentages to be Paid	Total Payoff Pot <i>(added \$ + entry fees)</i> <i>- 10% sanction fee</i>	Places to be Paid	Percentages to be Paid
1 – 4	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 60% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 40%	< \$600	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 60% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 40%
5 – 8	3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 50% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 30% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 20%	\$601 - \$999	3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 50% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 30% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 20%
9 or more <i>until 1<sup>st</sup> Place exceeds</i> <i>Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800)</i>	4	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 40% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 30% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 20% 4 <sup>th</sup> Place 10%	\$1,000 - \$1,999	4	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 40% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 30% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 20% 4 <sup>th</sup> Place 10%
9 or more <i>until 1<sup>st</sup> Place exceeds</i> <i>One Thousand Dollars</i> <i>(\$1,000)</i>	6	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 29% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 24% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 19% 4 <sup>th</sup> Place 14% 5 <sup>th</sup> Place 9% 6 <sup>th</sup> Place 5%	\$2,000 - \$4,999	6	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 29% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 24% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 19% 4 <sup>th</sup> Place 14% 5 <sup>th</sup> Place 9% 6 <sup>th</sup> Place 5%
<i>after 1<sup>st</sup> Place exceeds</i> <i>One Thousand Dollars</i> <i>(\$1,000)</i>	8	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 23% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 20% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 17% 4 <sup>th</sup> Place 14% 5 <sup>th</sup> Place 11% 6 <sup>th</sup> Place 8% 7 <sup>th</sup> Place 5% 8 <sup>th</sup> Place 2%	\$5,000 +	8	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 23% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 20% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 17% 4 <sup>th</sup> Place 14% 5 <sup>th</sup> Place 11% 6 <sup>th</sup> Place 8% 7 <sup>th</sup> Place 5% 8 <sup>th</sup> Place 2%

When circumstance presents less qualified contestants for payoff than described above (i.e. – event should pay 6 places, but only 5 Contestants have qualified scores/times), the following payoff percentages will apply:

Places to be Paid	Percentages to be Paid
5	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 33%
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 25%
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 19%
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place 13%
	5 <sup>th</sup> Place 10%
7	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 27%
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 21%
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 16%
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place 13%
	5 <sup>th</sup> Place 10%
	6 <sup>th</sup> Place 8%
	7 <sup>th</sup> Place 5%

Clarification - if only one qualified run or ride is made, that Contestant shall receive all the prize money; if two rides or runs are made, those Contestants shall receive the prize money, divided 60%-40% same as a two money payoff, etc. If there are no qualified rides or runs, the APRA's (10%) will be deducted from the total purse and sent to the APRA Office. The added money will divert back to the Stock Contractor or whomever put up the added money and the entry fees will be split between the APRA and the Stock Contractor.

- a. All pay off figures are after the ten (10%) sanction fee is taken out.
- b. Computation of payoff in the Team Roping will be evaluated on individual winnings, not on team basis; however, number of entries will be determined by teams.



- c. Should the automatic/electric eye timer fail and is no longer serviceable, the Cowgirl Barrel Race will be paid on hand flagged times. The flagged times must be recorded in hundredths of a second with one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousandths (e.g. - 14.150).
2. Prorated payoffs are to be calculated as follows:
  - Divide Total ADDED \$ amount by Total # of Contestants entered in that event (this equals your Prorated Added Money/Contestant)
  - Multiply your PAM/C \$ by # of Contestants whom have competed (this equals your Prorated Added Money Total)

*NOTE: this figure cannot be less than the minimum added money for an APRA sanctioned rodeo...as long as this stipulation is met, any overage is to be returned to the Committee supplying the added money*

  - Entry fees remain the same for those Contestants who have competed
  - Entry fees (less CES charges) are refunded to those Contestants who have not competed
  - Sanction % remains the same
  - Adhere to normal payoff procedures
3. Ground money will not be paid. Prize money will be paid to qualifying Contestants only.
4. Anytime there is a dispute in the prize money payoff, prize money will be forwarded to the APRA office for disbursement.
5. Average Payoff - a Contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for them in that event in order to place in the average. When two (2) or more head of stock are given, an average must be paid.
  - a. When two (2) head are given, average shall pay the same amount of money as a single go-round.
  - b. When three (3) head are given, average shall pay one and one-half (1 1/2) the amount paid in a single go-round. The correct calculation is to divide nine into total amount of prize money and multiply by two to get total amount for each go. Divide nine into total amount of prize money and multiply by three to get total amount for average.
  - c. When four (4) or more head are given, average shall pay double the amount paid in a single go-round.
6. Prize money will be mailed to Contestant or APRA office within three (3) days or Rodeo Secretary will be fined.

## CONDUCT

1. All contesting members will at all times conduct themselves in an exemplary manner upholding the APRA purpose and shall present themselves in a neat, clean, and orderly manner.
  - a. Anyone assisting a Participant will adhere to the APRA rulebook including conduct and dress rules. Each Participant will be responsible for his or her assistant's dress and conduct. This rule shall be enforced by the Rodeo Officials and/or Rodeo Management.
2. Any APRA member involving a Rodeo Committee or Sponsor in an argument shall be fined a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100).
3. A member promoting or endorsing any form of strike or boycott pertaining to the APRA, or APRA sanctioned rodeos, will be suspended from participating in any APRA rodeo and subject to a Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250) fine.
4. A member or Contestant will be responsible to the Board of Directors for his or her conduct in the vicinity of an APRA sanctioned rodeo or function.
5. A member or Contestant can be placed on report by any Rodeo Official and/or member of the Board of Directors for misconduct. The report must be made in writing to the APRA office and signed by the Rodeo Official or Board Member, or presented orally at an official Board of Directors meeting. All misconduct reports will be disposed of at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The reported member will have the right to appear or be represented before the Board of Directors to contest any action pertaining to the misconduct report.

6. When a specific fine or penalty is not set herein, that fine and/or penalty shall be assessed by the Executive Committee or Board collectively in accordance with the severity of the rule infraction.
7. Any Contestant intentionally damaging a timer will be responsible for the repair or replacement of the timer.
8. Any Stock Contractor fined **One Thousand (1,000) Dollars or more** for any one occurrence, during any one rodeo year, automatically loses all eligibility to represent the APRA in any capacity and will not be eligible to bring stock to the AFR.
9. Anyone verbally abusing a Judge will be fined an automatic One Hundred Dollars (\$100). Anyone physically touching a Judge will be automatically suspended for one year, forfeit all points awarded and awards for that year, fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) and will be ineligible to compete at the AFR that year.
10. Any written allegation of any rule infraction must be post-marked within Thirty (30) Days of the occurrence in order to receive Board consideration.
11. When appealing a fine, the full amount of the fine must be posted as a bond before an appeal will be heard.
12. When appealing a fine, said appeal must be in writing and submitted to the APRA Secretary. The full amount of the fine must be included and postmarked no more than fifteen (15) days after receipt of said notification of rule infraction to be considered by the Board.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES**

Facebook and other Social Media channels have become a valuable resource for the APRA and its members (the APRA Facebook page is listed as American Professional Rodeo Assn.). Social Media outlets are designed as forums to voice questions, concerns, and announcements of interest to all members. Social Media is not considered an official source of information or communication. Official business shall be conducted on the APRA website ([www.aprarodeo.com](http://www.aprarodeo.com)) and through phone and email with the APRA office and its Directors. The APRA Facebook page is not to be used to create, knowingly receive, store, send or forward communications which are discriminatory or harassing, offensive or derogatory to an individual or group, defamatory or threatening, obscene or pornographic or which would otherwise be in bad taste or a violation of any applicable state or federal law. In light of the fact that Social Media is an expanding communication avenue, please be mindful and consider the following when using Social Media networks with regards to APRA business:

1. Things to consider before posting or commenting:
  - a. Is my post/comment helpful for all?
  - b. Is my post/comment relevant to the APRA and its members?
  - c. Is my post non self-promotional in nature? (i.e.: the selling or promotion of goods, products or services by for-profit Associations is prohibited on the page).
2. Be Respectful
  - a. Make room for others. Every member has a right to be heard.
  - b. Interacting on Social Media can be time consuming for posters and readers. Please keep posts concise and to the point.
  - c. If comments and discussion are more relevant to specific members than the general page membership, please consider private messaging or emailing.
3. Be Positive and Truthful
  - a. When posting or commenting, please limit information that might spread rumors or cannot be supported by facts.
4. All APRA members are expected to be aware and adhere to these guidelines. Any member who violates this policy or uses the system for improper purposes shall be subject to discipline as determined by the Board of Directors including but not limited to fines, suspension and loss of membership.

## **LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES**

1. All APRA members shall READ and KNOW the prevailing rules of the APRA and of each individual rodeo. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
2. Any member suspended under these rules, continues as a member of this Association, although not in good standing, as such, continues to be subject to and bound by these rules until such time as he shall resign, his membership to be terminated by the Association, or two years passed the time of suspension, whichever time is shortest.
3. Any member or former member previously suspended or removed from the membership rolls who desires to reinstate or who seeks new membership, must first pay all previously assessed fines and penalties before he will be issued a current membership card.
4. Any member entering or participating in an APRA rodeo on an expired membership card or allowing anyone to use his or her card will be fined and/or suspended.
5. An APRA member may be fined and/or suspended for any of the following reasons:
  - a. Bad checks related to APRA rodeo activities.
  - b. Failure to pay hotel and motel bills.
  - c. Fighting in the arena and/or rodeo grounds.
  - d. Non-payment of entry fees.
  - e. Attempting to fix, bribe or influence the Judges.
  - f. Entering the arena under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs or other hallucinatory substances.
  - g. Failure to pay doctor or hospital charges for necessary services rendered as a result of injuries received at a sanctioned rodeo.
  - h. Derogatory remarks concerning the APRA which includes social media.
  - i. Any conduct detrimental to the image of the APRA and its members.
6. Contestants may be disqualified and/or fined for any of the following offenses within the rodeo grounds:
  - a. Being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs or other hallucinatory substances
  - b. Rowdyism
  - c. Altercation or quarreling with the Judges or officials in the arena
  - d. Mistreatment of animals
  - e. Not being ready to compete when called upon
  - f. Cheating or attempting to cheat in any way
7. No Contestant may be disqualified from an APRA rodeo for any altercation or charge of rowdyism that takes place anywhere outside of the rodeo grounds.
8. Any APRA member who purchases a membership card or participates in a rodeo; or rodeo event of an Association that does not allow their member to hold membership in the APRA; or in any rodeo sanctioned by an association that suspends an APRA sanctioned rodeo; or of any rodeo association deemed detrimental to the sport of professional rodeo by the American Professional Rodeo Association will be fined.
9. Any member of the APRA, whether their status be current or delinquent unless they have a proper letter of resignation on file, will be notified and suspended when reported for infraction of rules governing participation in unauthorized rodeos.
10. Stock Contractors and/or Producers may be suspended for any of the aforementioned membership offenses, and, in addition, any of the following offenses:
  - a. Failure to pay added money as advertised.
  - b. Leaving bad debts in any town, connected with the production of an APRA rodeo.
  - c. Breach of a bona fide contract involving any APRA member (the APRA will honor and act only upon written contracts, Stock Contractors, Producers, Contract Acts, etc.).
  - d. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in the event or as a bona fide assistant to a participant; or unless he or she has signed a waiver releasing the

management and Producers from all liability. This rule shall be enforced by the rodeo officials and/or management. Furthermore; anyone assisting a participant will adhere to the APRA rule book, including conduct and dress rules. The participant will be held responsible for his or her assistant's dress and conduct. This rule shall also be enforced by the rodeo officials and/or management. \*All hazers must be members\*

11. In all cases of dispute, the rodeo will proceed without delay under existing APRA rules. Any Contestant or person connected with the Contestant, altercating or arguing with Judges, will be disqualified from that go-round and will be barred from any further APRA rodeos until further notice.
12. Any member passing a bad check or checks in a rodeo area, which would affect the image or benefit of the local rodeo, the APRA, or any APRA member, must make restitution of the check(s) and may be fined and/or suspended.
13. A person on the suspended list shall not be allowed to participate, contest, or hold any official position or perform any duty at an APRA rodeo.
14. Any person suspended for failure to pay entry fees shall not have the right to protest the payment of these fees or any fines incurred for such if his or her name has remained on the suspended list for a period of twelve (12) months or longer.
15. A rodeo official violating any rule or making decision which does not comply with the Association's rule book **WILL BE SUSPENDED AND/OR FINED.**
16. Members on the suspended list will not be allowed to advertise or promote their product or themselves in or around APRA rodeos.
17. The APRA office will maintain a list of qualified and Certified Judges, Approved Contract Acts, Bullfighters, Barrelmen, Announcers, Timers and Rodeo Secretaries and a suspended list to be released to qualified, interested parties, upon request.
18. Any APRA member failing to pay any fine assessed by the Board of Directors will be automatically suspended after proper notification.
19. Anyone not repaying an overpayment after being notified by the APRA office that an error was made by a Rodeo Secretary will be fined. Rodeo Secretary not repaying an underpayment after being notified by the APRA office that an error was made in the payoff will be fined.
20. Any Contestant damaging a timer will be responsible for the repair or replacement of the timer.
21. Any member tampering with competition livestock will be disqualified for the remainder of that particular rodeo and will be subject to a fine (*i.e.: in the instance of Timed Events, Contestant will not be allowed in the holding pen(s) and/or arena with the cattle after the draw*).
22. Any individual deliberately abusing livestock in an APRA rodeo arena; regardless of whether the abuse happens during a qualified or unqualified run, will be removed from the arena, totally disqualified from that rodeo, and fined Two Hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the second offense, and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) PLUS suspension for the remainder of the fiscal year for the third offense.
23. A Contestant or Stock Contractor will be fined for penning any personal horse in the bucking chutes, roping or steer wrestling boxes.
24. Contestant will not attempt to influence Judges in any way. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine.
25. Contestants must be on hand to answer the call of the Arena Director and must comply with all other rules of the management of each particular contest or exhibition held under the auspices of the APRA as long as they do not conflict with the APRA rules. There will be a fine for not complying with posted ground rules unless otherwise specified in the rulebook. A copy of posted ground rules must be forwarded to the APRA office along with rodeo results.

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

As a condition of membership all Members agree that any dispute with the APRA, its Officers, or Directors shall be resolved through the following grievance procedure. Any Member may utilize such procedure to question or contest any action of the APRA involving application or interpretation of the APRA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or Rodeo Rules.

Step 1) The grieving member shall bring the subject matter of grievance to the attention of the President in writing. The letter shall set forth in full the subject matter of the dispute and the proposed action requested by the grievant. Within seven (7) days following receipt of said Step 1 grievance letter, the President shall reply in writing to the grievant setting forth his decision on the matter. Said decision shall be final and binding unless appealed by the grievant as set forth in Step 2 (below).

Step 2) In the event that the grieving member is dissatisfied with the decision of the President, he or she may then appeal directly to the full APRA Board of Directors. Within seven (7) days after receipt of the written decision of the President, the grievant must notify the APRA Board, in writing, of his or her desire for an appeal hearing on the matter. Said letter should be addressed to the Secretary of the APRA Board and should briefly summarize the position of the grievant. Within seven (7) days after receipt of Step 2 grievance letter, the Secretary of the APRA Board of Directors shall in writing notify the grievant of the next regularly scheduled APRA Board meeting at which time said member shall be afforded an opportunity for a full hearing of his grievance. Following said hearing, the APRA board shall issue a final decision on the matter which shall appear in the minutes of the APRA Board of Directors meeting. Said decisions shall be final and binding on all parties. The purpose of the above stated grievance procedure is to provide an open and informal method of resolving grievances by the membership and to enhance the channels of communication between the members and the APRA Officers and Directors. The hearing provided in Step 2 of the grievance process outlined above will therefore be conducted in a conversational, non-courtroom atmosphere with emphasis on full discovery of all the relevant facts. The APRA and its Duly Constituted Officials and Committees can appeal to the Combined Board for final review of actions taken by the President. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the combined board is required to overrule the President's decision.

## **RESIGNATIONS**

1. Any member desiring to resign from this association may do so by submitting a letter by certified, return-receipt mail to the APRA office and remain in good standing, providing they do not work at suspended or unauthorized rodeos or rodeos produced by suspended Producers or Stock Contractors. Thereafter, he or she will be allowed to rejoin at any time after one year has elapsed upon payment of his or her regular dues. However, if he or she attempts to rejoin within one year after resignation, then he or she will be required to pay their regular annual dues, plus a penalty of Ten Dollars (\$10) for each month since their resignation, penalty not to exceed an incurred amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30).
2. If (within one year after resignation) any of the following take place, application for reinstatement will be assessed a reinstatement fee of Two Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$250).
  - a. Members who purchases a membership card or permit in another Association that does not allow their members to hold membership in the APRA
  - b. Members who participate in a rodeo of any Association that does not allow their members to participate in APRA rodeos
  - c. Members who participate in a rodeo suspended by the APRA
  - d. Members who participate in any rodeo produced by a suspended Producer/Stock Contractor

3. Members who cannot participate in any rodeo may apply for inactive status. Upon renewal of active membership there will be no delinquent penalties, if in fact he or she did not participate in any rodeo in any capacity during inactive period.

### **PASSES (GUESTS)**

1. All Contestants who enter the rodeo and pay entry fees shall be entitled to admittance for themselves and one (1) additional person (Guest Pass). All guests attending an APRA approved rodeo as said guest must be accompanied by that Contestant when trying to gain entry to any rodeo performance. If a guest is not accompanied by that Contestant, that guest will be denied entry until such time as the Contestant accompanies them. Said admittance entitles Contestants to any performance or every performance. If a Contestant plans to attend a performance other than the one in which they are entered, they are entitled to a pass for themselves only. The Rodeo Secretary shall have the right to refuse to issue passes to the Contestant's guest if the guest is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. All Officials' and labor passes shall be given at the discretion of the management.
2. Any APRA member and/or APRA Contestant misusing their membership card, Contestant number or pass for gaining entry for others at or to an APRA rodeo will be fined. Habitual violators will be suspended and fined an amount deemed prudent and proper by the Board of Directors.
3. Official APRA Pass Cards presented at the gate shall entitle bearer to admittance at APRA rodeos (cards to be issued to current Directors, Officers, and Salaried Personnel). APRA Non Competing Goldcard Holder (NCGC) shall receive free admittance to all APRA rodeos.
4. All past Presidents receive free admittance to all APRA rodeos including American Finals Rodeo as long as they have filled out an updated membership application.
5. All Photographers entering an APRA arena shall hold a current APRA membership card, excluding credentialed members of the press on assignment.

### **INJURY OF RODEO PARTICIPANTS**

1. APRA Members, and Local entrants acknowledge that rodeo is a dangerous activity and that participation in a rodeo exposes the Participant to a substantial and serious risk of personal injury. Being fully aware that such participation in APRA sanctioned rodeos will expose members, and Local entrants, to substantial and serious risk of personal injury or death of said Members and Local entrants, hereby release the APRA, its Sponsors, Rodeo Committees, APRA Sanctioned Rodeo Production Entities, their affiliated related or subsidiary companies, and the Officers, Directors, Employees and Agents of such entities or Associations, from liability of any and all property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from participation in APRA sanctioned rodeos (this includes claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent). Each Local entrant shall be required to sign a release form before participating in an APRA sanctioned rodeo.
2. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event or unless he or she has signed a waiver releasing the Management and Producers from liability. This rule to be enforced by the Arena Director or Rodeo Judges.

### **POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION**

1. Any rodeo (or portion of a rodeo) can be postponed for up to a six (6) day period. However, after this time period the rodeo will be considered cancelled and the books must be re-opened as a new rodeo and flyers will be sent to all members (cost of the flyers will be the responsibility of the Stock Contractor). Points for the cancelled rodeo (or portion thereof), will not be counted toward year-end standings.
2. In the event of inclement weather resulting in a performance postponement and Contestants cannot be present for the rescheduled performance, they will be refunded their entry fee (less CES charges).

However, Contestants who cannot be present for the rescheduled performance, who intend to draw out, must do so prior to leaving the rodeo grounds by advising the Rodeo Secretary of their intentions to draw out.

3. If a postponement occurs and it is agreeable to Stock Contractor and Committee, Cowboys whom are to compete during that performance shall have the right to vote (each event separately) whether to contest or not. Fifty-one percent (51%), or greater, of the vote will govern.
4. Stock Contractor or Committee have authority for postponement. However, must reschedule any postponed performance or allow Contestants to vote in accordance with Rule 3 above.
5. After one (1) or more performances are held and the remaining performances are cancelled due to inclement weather, the Rodeo Committee may prorate the added money according to number of performances held as long as the added money is no less than the minimum added money for an APRA sanctioned rodeo. In such instances, Rodeo Secretary will prorate payoff accordingly as well.
6. For the safety of all Rodeo Personnel and Rodeo Athletes, when extreme conditions exist and cancellation of an event is deemed necessary by Rodeo Judge's and/or Stock Contractor, Contestants having already competed will be paid off on a prorate basis and those not having competed to the point of cancellation will be refunded their entry fee for that event.

### **HUMANE ANIMAL HANDLING**

**\*\*NOTE: ALL RULE INFRACTIONS LISTED IN THIS SECTION WILL CARRY WITH IT A \$100.00 MINIMUM FINE. A GREATER FINE, DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE INFRACTION, MAY BE SET BY THE BOARD.**

Human Animal use is deeply ingrained in our society, benefiting the health of people, supporting commerce and enhancing our enjoyment of life. American Professional Rodeo Association acknowledges the valuable role of animals in rodeo and our responsibility to provide a proper environment for the animals in competition, in transport and at rest. Through example and education, we strive to emulate professional standards of animal handling and to demonstrate sensitivity to the perceptions of the public.

1. A Veterinarian shall be in attendance, or reasonably available at every rodeo and will attend to any injured animal after its removal from the arena. Should destruction of an animal be recommended, such destruction will take place as soon as possible and shall be carried out by the most humane means possible.
2. A conveyance of a type on which injured animals may be easily placed without causing additional injury must be made available at all rodeos to remove animals from the arena in case of injury.
3. A pen, corral, or truck bed shall be available to receive injured animals removed from the arena. Adequate bedding material shall be on hand and the injured enclosure shall be bedded should its use be required.
4. A fine shall be imposed if a calf is roped in a manner which causes the animal to land on its back or head with all four feet in the air (jerkdown rule). A minimum fine of \$100 will be imposed if the calf is roped or handled in an intentional and rough manner. Fines for unintentional jerkdowns may be waived if fresh or unconditioned calves are used.
5. In Tie-Down Roping, Contestant must adjust neck rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. If a horse turns its tail to the calf and drags the calf after roper has dismounted, Field Judge may stop the horse and disqualify the roper.
6. A disqualification will be imposed for deliberate dragging of calf after roping. Unintentional dragging of calf can result in a fine to be imposed by the Flag Judge.
7. If an animal is injured in the process of contesting in the timed events, the Contestant shall not receive another head during that go-round.
8. Calves must be strong and healthy and weigh not less than two hundred twenty-five (200) pounds, and not more than two hundred seventy-five (270) pounds.

9. All flesh brands or wounds will be treated as soon as possible and as often as necessary.
10. Standard battery-operated, livestock prods may be used in moderation, when necessary, on appropriate areas of the animal's body (i.e., neck, chest, shoulder, and hips). No other electrical devices may be used. Prods such as pointed sticks are not allowed. Excessive prodding and whipping of livestock with non-electrical stock prods shall not be allowed. Stock Contractors shall be responsible for arena help adhering to this rule.
11. Chutes, corrals, mangers, etc., must be so constructed as to prevent injury to stock. All areas in which stock is kept and the arena shall be free of rocks, holes, and obstacles. The Judges will determine the safe condition of the above with all maintenance and repair expense borne by the owner of the chutes, corrals, mangers, etc.
12. No Contract Performer will abuse rodeo stock or animals used in their acts in any way. Contract Performer reported for infraction of this rule will be subject to a fine.
13. Arena help may be fired, and/or Contestant may be disqualified, for any mistreatment of stock. Judges, Directors, Stock Contractors/Producers or other Contestants will be responsible for enforcing this rule.
14. No stock belonging to either Contestant or Stock Contractor should be confined to vehicles beyond a period of twenty-eight (24) hours or as otherwise established by the federal government without being unloaded, properly fed and watered, provided that when animals are carried in conveyances in which they do have proper food, water, space, and opportunity to rest, the provision for unloading shall not apply.
15. Stock that becomes excessively excited, so that it gets down in the chute repeatedly, or any way appears in danger of injuring itself should be released from the chute except when it would endanger the stock to be released because of leg position, etc.
16. All horse flanks are to be provided with protective lining. Horse flanks shall be of the quick release type. Flank straps are to be fastened onto the animal so that the protective lining portion covers belly and both flanks and shall be cleaned frequently and kept in good repair to avoid irritation. No other devices may be used in the flank area of the horse. Bull flanks will be made of a soft ply cotton or include a protective lining. No bull tails or string will be allowed under flank straps.
17. Use of fireworks on any animal will be prohibited.
18. No sick or injured animals, whether discovered before or after the draw, will be permitted to be used in competition. In the timed events, blinded animals or animals with bad eyes will not be permitted to be used in competition.
19. Animals will be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated before drawing. Judges will be responsible for inspection. Judges who fail to comply with this rule will be subject to a fine.
20. A competitor deliberately mistreating an animal will be disqualified from the rodeo and fined. Anyone other than a competitor will be fined for the same. A fine of \$200 will be imposed for a first offense and \$500 for a second offense.
21. Timed event cattle shall not be loaded in the release chute more than three (3) minutes before the beginning of that event.
22. Any member tampering with competition livestock will be disqualified for the remainder of that particular rodeo and will be subject to a fine.  
*Clarification: In the timed events, Contestant will not be allowed in the pen with the cattle after the draw.*
23. Hazer must not hit the steer in the face before catch is made or render any assistance to Contestant while he is working steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify Contestant.
24. Pets brought on to the rodeo grounds will be restrained. Animals used by a Contract Act are not subject to restraint during the course of their performance.



## **ANIMAL EQUIPMENT**

1. Equipment must meet the following humane specifications as well as those found in the event rules -
  - a. A leather covered hair pad **MUST** be on the entire underside of the Bareback rigging next to the animal and extend a minimum of four (4) inches from the back of the rigging. Pads must be loose, (can be attached to rigging, but not permanently, so that rigging may be moved to a new area on pad for better protection to horse if rigging has broken down the contents of the pad) kept in good repair and be no smaller or larger than a minimum of fifteen (15) inches and maximum of twenty-five (25) inches. Stock Contractors will have the right to furnish pads (pads to be no thicker than standard hair pad nor larger than twenty-five [25] inches). Cinch must be at least eight (8) inches wide on all bareback riggings.
  - b. Saddle Bronc Riding is to be done with plain halter, one rein (rein may not be over 6 1/2 feet long) and saddle. Bucking rein **ONLY** may be attached to halter under penalty of disqualification. A cinch at least eight (8) inches wide must be used on all bronc saddles. The underside of all committee saddles must be maintained in good condition by the Contestant and/or the Stock Contractor providing bronc saddles. The under skirting shall be fleece lined and otherwise padded and must be smooth and free from protruding harness nails. No foreign objects shall be attached to or placed under saddle.
  - c. Bull Riding to be done with one hand and **LOOSE** rope. No knots or hitches, to prevent rope from coming off of bull when rider leaves bull, will be permitted.
  - d. In Bareback and Saddle Bronc riding, Contestants will be disqualified for riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock during ride. Judges will be responsible for inspecting rowels and enforcing this rule.
  - e. All horse flanks are to be provided with protective lining. Bull flanks shall be of a nonabrasive nature or be of cotton rope. Horse flanks shall be of the quick release type. Flank strap are to be fastened onto the horse so that the protective lining portion covers belly, both flanks and shall be kept in good repair. No foreign objects will be allowed on flanks or tied to tails.
  - f. In all riding events Contestants will be disqualified for riding with rowels too sharp in the opinion of the Judges. Contestants will be fined for cutting livestock whether rowels are sharp or not, whether intentional or not.
  - g. In Tie-Down, Contestant shall provide neck rope or appropriate equipment to prevent horse from turning tail to calf and dragging animal. If a horse does turn tail to the calf and drags the calf after roper has dismounted, Field Judge may stop the horse and disqualify the roper. Neck rope must be used in Tie-Down Roping.
  - h. A disqualification will be imposed for deliberate dragging of calf after roping. Unintentional dragging of calf can result in a fine to be imposed by the Flag Judge.
  - i. All roping steers will have horn wraps.
2. There will be no exposed wire in any of the bats (riding crops) used on horses in the arena. No exposed wire on nose band or any of Contestant's equipment.
3. Chutes must be humanely constructed so as to prevent injury to stock. Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in removal of any animal in accordance with humane conveyances should it become caught.

## **POINT AWARDS**

1. APRA members will receive one (1) point for every dollar won. Points will not be given to write-in entries (*See Rodeo Entry/Turn Outs – LATE ENTRY/WRITE-INS for additional information*).
2. Prize money will consist of added money, plus entry fees, less 10% sanction fee.
3. Points awarded to any member will be totaled for the year to determine the Champion Cowboy or Cowgirl in each event. However, in the Team Roping a Champion Header and Champion Heeler will be recognized.

4. A Contestant that is accredited points at an approved APRA rodeo must have been a member in good standing prior to the first performance of the rodeo for which he or she is to receive points.
5. Should any city, county, or state law prevent any Contestant from competing for any reason, the APRA Championship points for that contest will not be affected.
6. If due to municipal ordinance, county, state or federal law, a specific rodeo event may not be held, the All-Around standings for that group only will be affected.
7. The collective points awarded to any Cowboy or Cowgirl throughout the entire current season (current season dates to be determined annually by the Board of Directors) will be used to determine the Champion of each event, as well as the Champion All-Around Cowboy or Cowgirl (this includes all AFR points). All-Around Contestants must qualify for their respective All-Around title by being entered, and winning, in at least two (2) of the eight (8) championship events.
8. Team Roping All-Around calculations - if a Contestant places twice at a rodeo, only the larger amount will be entered as All-Around Points. If a Team Roper qualifies for the AFR in both categories (i.e. Header and Heeler) said Contestant must compete at the end where he has the most money won. Points for Headers and Heeler will be maintained separately.
9. LTFR points do not count in the All-Around standings.
10. Champions will be determined at the conclusion of the American Finals Rodeo under the APRA Professional Ranking System.
11. Any discrepancy in Year-End points must be reported to the APRA office and the APRA Points Secretary prior to the Finals cutoff date of any given year. If a Contestant fails to report any alleged discrepancy in their points by that time, the points as listed in the official points listings will be considered the points of record.
12. Funds permitting, the APRA will be responsible for all trophies awarded on the annual APRA point system. Year-End event saddles will be given contingent upon adequate funding.
13. Any member assessed a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250), or more, automatically loses all award points and awards for that season, will be ineligible to compete in the AFR, and cannot act in any official capacity unless reconsidered and approved by the Board of Directors.
14. To receive a title or award, a person must be a current member in good standing when the awards are presented.
15. Trophy winners must be personally present or send a representative to fulfill all privileges and responsibilities of said winner at the designated location, or awards banquet, each year in order to receive any trophies to which they are entitled. (If trophy winner, be it Contestant or Stock Contractor/Producer, is not present or does not have a representative present, trophy will be presented to next in line for the award.)
16. Members may compete on their existing card if a rodeo is held after the end of the point year and prior to January 1. If said member fails to renew his/her membership by December 31, any point(s) won said rodeo(s) will not count for that competition year.

### **AMERICAN FINALS RODEO**

1. Champions will be determined by the Contestant winning the most money during the fiscal year, plus all winnings earned during the AFR.
2. To qualify for the American Finals Rodeo, a Contestant must be ranked in the top twelve (12) in the standings and be a member in good standing. Top-12 Contestants in each event will compete at the American Finals Rodeo, unless otherwise specified by the Board.
3. Determination of Champions:
  - a. The All-Around Champion to be the Contestant who qualifies for the AFR and wins the most money in two or more events combined.
  - b. In the event of a tie for a Championship title, a "sudden death" go-round will be given to the tied Contestants. Such a go-round will take place during the last performance of the AFR.

4. Team Ropers may only enter one time in the Team Roping event at the AFR and partners must be picked from other Qualifiers (Top-12 Headers will only partner with the Top-12 Heelers). If a Contestant qualifies in both categories (i.e. Header and Heeler), said Contestant must compete at the end where he/she has the most money won. If in doing so, an "open slot" is created, the 13th Header and/or Heeler (and so on down the line) will be invited to fill the "open slots" at the Finals.
5. Breakaway Roping will receive equal added money at the AFR.
6. Contract Acts will be represented at the American Finals Rodeo. All Contract Acts applying for the AFR must be members in good standing as well as being fully approved Contract Act members.
7. Each Contestant will pay a Two Dollar (\$2) additional fee at each rodeo towards the AFR Fund. The Rodeo Secretary is responsible for collecting this fee, logging total amount collected per rodeo on Official Recording sheet and sending into the office.
8. For a Stock Contractor to be eligible to bring stock to the AFR any and all accrued fines must be paid in full, or fine amount will be deducted from Stock Contractors AFR proceeds. Stock must be either owned or under a signed lease to an approved Stock Contractor and have bucked under a signed lease at either three (3) straight APRA rodeos or five (5) APRA co-approved rodeos. The Board will have the authority to amend this ruling if an agreement cannot be reached with the Stock Contractor for the finals. The financial agreements with the Stock Contractor must be on par with the previous year.
  - a. After the Stock Contractor qualifications for the AFR are met and in order for Rough Stock animals to qualify to go to the AFR, the following conditions must be met:
    - 1) Bareback and Saddle Bronc - said animals must have had three (3) outs to qualify
    - 2) Bulls must have had five (5) outs to qualify.
  - b. AFR Horse of the Year and Bull of the Year awards will only be granted to those animals that have qualified as stated above.
  - c. Every Turn Out and Mount Out on all rough stock animals (i.e. Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding), shall count towards the total number of outs for that individual animal's eligibility for the AFR.
  - d. No individual livestock will be featured at the AFR.
9. Rodeo Secretaries and Timers will not be allowed to compete at the Finals; nor are AFR Contestants able to work at the AFR with ONLY these exceptions:
  - a. Judges may compete in events at the opposite end of the events they are judging.
  - b. Pickup Men may compete in the Timed Events.

Furthermore, no working personnel will be allowed to hold two (2) paid positions at an AFR.  
*\*See American Finals Rodeo, Rule #13 below for additional information\**
10. Contestants must have competed in a minimum of three (3) APRA sanctioned full event rodeos in the event in which he or she has qualified for to be eligible for the AFR.
11. The AFR will pay four (4) monies regardless of what first place monies will pay. If a Contestant is the only qualified score or qualified time in any respective go-round; Contestant will receive all the money allocated for that go-round and all points will count towards Finals and Season standings.
12. All rough stock animals must be legibly and permanently marked prior to their nomination for the AFR.
13. Voting for Judges for the AFR shall be as follows:
  - a. Timed Event Contestants shall vote for two (2) Judges
  - b. Rough Stock Contestant shall vote for two (2) Judges

If a Judge has enough votes to win both ends, said Judge shall be paid double the money paid at the Finals provided a four (4) Judge system is used, which will be determined annually by the Board of Directors.
14. Only approved APRA Stock Contractors shall be allowed to bid timed event cattle for the AFR. The Board reserves the right to seek nominations elsewhere if, in the opinion of the Event Director(s), the bids received do not meet the criteria of the APRA.
15. Stock meeting AFR requirements will be selected and determined by individual Event Directors.

16. For purposes of the AFR only, the Board of Directors has the authority to institute, implement, introduce, amend, revamp and/or change, any existing rule that appears in the APRA rule book.
17. If Association finances allow and jackets are awarded at the Finals, they will be awarded to those Contestants who COMPETE at the Finals, be it the Top-12 or not. If any Top-12 Contestant does not compete at the Finals, for whatever reason, his or her jacket will go to the person replacing them. AFR Jackets are now determined to be Finals Awards, not year-end awards.
18. Year-End and Finals awards will be voted on by electronic ballot on the official APRA website.
19. All Working Personnel, with the exception of Judge's, must have worked a minimum of three (3) APRA full event sanctioned rodeos, or five (5) special event rodeos, or a combination of six (6) full and/or special event rodeos to be eligible to work the AFR. All Judge's must have worked a minimum of three (3) full event sanctioned rodeos to be eligible to work the AFR.
20. AFR turn out penalties:
  - a. Notified turn out (notify APRA office no less than 7 days prior to the first AFR performance) will constitute payment of entry fees due.
  - b. Non-notified turn out will constitute payment of entry fees due, plus fines of \$200 per performance turned out.
  - c. Fines will be waived for a Visible Injury or Doctor's Release.
21. No vet releases allowed during the American Finals Rodeo.
22. In circumstance of family death during the American Finals Rodeo, documentation (death certificate, obituary, etc.) must be sent to the Office.
23. A Contestant must compete in every round at the Finals to be eligible for the average.
24. AFR competition/run order will be as follows:
  - a. Rough Stock
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> perf – 12<sup>th</sup> position up to 1<sup>st</sup> position as Standings show coming into the Finals
    - ii. every perf the same
  - b. Barrel Racing
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> perf – 1<sup>st</sup> position to 12<sup>th</sup> position as Standings show coming into the Finals
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> perf – 7<sup>th</sup> position to 12<sup>th</sup> position and then 1<sup>st</sup> position to 6<sup>th</sup> position as Standings show coming into the Finals
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> perf – 12 to 1 as they came into the Finals
  - c. All Other Timed Events
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> perf – 12<sup>th</sup> position to 1<sup>st</sup> position as the Standings show coming into the Finals
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> perf – 12<sup>th</sup> position to 1<sup>st</sup> position according to Finals Average
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> perf – 12<sup>th</sup> position to 1<sup>st</sup> position according to Finals Average

\*Timed Event AFR Contestants with no qualified times during any given performance, will compete first at the consecutive AFR performance. If there are multiple Contestants without a qualified time during a given performance, run order for those Contestants will be in accordance to said Contestants Standings position coming into the finals.

### **INDIVIDUAL RODEO AWARDS**

1. All-Around saddles, trophies, or awards of any kind given at individual rodeos are in accordance to the APRA point award system. The All-Around Champion will be determined by the Contestant having the most money won placing in two (2) or more events. If no one placed in two events, it is then determined by the Contestant winning the most money in one event who competed in two or more events.
2. If a Contestant is allowed to enter twice in the Team Roping event, all money won is to count toward the individual rodeo All-Around award. Contestant must work two (2) or more events to qualify for the All-Around.

## **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

1. Rookie of the Year guidelines/determination:
  - a. A member in his/her first year of competition in any of the eight standard events that wins the most money during the fiscal year including the AFR.
  - b. Rookies may not have won over \$500 in Professional Rodeo in the APRA, or any other association, in that perspective event.
  - c. A member can hold a Contract Act membership for any number of years prior to competition and claim Rookie status when he or she begins to compete.
  - d. All Rookies must declare themselves as such on their Membership Application in order to be eligible for Rookie status or forfeit that status.
  - e. In the Team Roping, a Rookie award will be given to a Rookie Header and a Rookie Heeler.

## **BAREBACK BRONC RIDING**

1. One hand rigging is to be used in Bareback Riding. Riders may use their own rigging, if rigging is not over ten (10) inches in width at handhold or a break. A leather covered hair pad **MUST** be on the entire underside of the Bareback rigging next to the animal and extend a minimum of four (4) inches from the back of the rigging. Pads must be loose (can be attached to rigging, but not permanently, so that rigging may be moved to new area on pad for protection to horse if rigging has broken down the contents of the pad), kept in good repair and be not larger than a minimum of fifteen (15) inches and a maximum of twenty-five (25) inches. Stock Contractor will have the right to furnish pads (pads to be no thicker than standard hair pad nor larger than twenty-five (25) inches). Cinch must be at least eight (8) inches wide on all Bareback riggings. Riders may use dry rosin or tape on handhold and glove.
2. There will be no finger tucks or wedges allowed in the Bareback riding. Anything not stationary on the handhold or glove will be considered a wedge. There will be no wedges sewn inside of Bareback riding gloves. Plain glove only, no gimmicks.
3. Horses will be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when the horses shoulder breaks the plane of the chute. Contestant will have the right to call Judges to pass on whether or not the horse was properly flanked and cinched.
4. The Contestant must have both spur rowels touching the animal, one on each side of the animal, anywhere above the break of the shoulders when the animal's front feet touch the arena floor the first time out of the bucking chute. Either Judge will have the option to waive the mark out rule if the Contestant is fouled or the animal stalls.
5. Disqualifications - any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider:
  - a. Riding with rowels too sharp in the opinion of the Judges
  - b. Rider must finish ride with hand in handhold
  - c. Locked rowels, or rowels that will lock during ride
  - d. Being bucked off
  - e. Touching himself or horse with free hand, or assisting himself with free arm by touching animal
  - f. Failure to mark horse out of chute
6. Contestant may be disqualified for not getting hand out of rigging within a reasonable length of time after the buzzer sounds, to be enforced by and at the discretion of the Judges and Pick-Up Men.
7. All Rookies in the Bareback Riding will be reimbursed the price of their membership cards after they have entered and competed in three (3) rodeos. The member is responsible to submit to the office a list of the rodeo(s) in which they competed and the dates of competition.
8. On Rough Stock chutes there must be a place to put riders feet between 26 to 32 inches from ground surface and must be at least 48 inches long from front of chutes. They may be either cut into chutes in the form of a "slat" or may be bolted or welded to inside of chute with material being at least 1-1/2 inches wide. If contractor fails to comply with this rule there will be a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for the first offense and doubled for each additional offense thereafter.

9. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from the go-round of completion.
10. The top 12 Bareback Riders will vote for Bareback Horse of the Year out of the horses chosen by the APRA Stock Contractors.

### **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

1. Riding is to be done with plain halter, one rein and saddle. Standard halter and committee or association saddle must be used. A cinch at least eight (8) inches wide must be used on all Bronc Saddles. If Contestant fails to comply with this rule, Contestant will be disqualified in that event.
2. Measurement for the saddle to be as follows: Rigging - 3/4 rigging with D-ring pulling back no further than the rear of the swells. Cantle - not more than five (5) inches tall measured from the back jockey to tallest point. Gullet - not less than four (4) inches at center of swells. Swells - not less than fourteen (14) inches wide or undercut more than one (1) inch on either side. Stirrups - hung over the bar with fenders. Seat - not less than fourteen (14) inches long. Deviation from specifications provided herein will be considered illegal.
3. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side. Horses to be saddled in the chute. Rider may cinch own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory; bucking rein must be connected to halter. Bucking rein ONLY may be attached to halter under penalty of disqualification (this is to be at the Stock Contractor's discretion).
4. Horses to be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when the horses shoulder breaks the plane of the chute. The Contestant must have both spur rowels touching the animal, one on each side of the animal anywhere above the break of the shoulders when the animal's front feet touch the arena floor the first time out of the bucking chute. Either Judge will have the option to waive the mark out rule if the Contestant is fouled or the animal stalls.
5. Rider will have the right to call Judges to pass on whether or not the horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck at its best. Middle flank belongs to rider; however, flank cannot be pulled farther back than the break unless permission is granted by the Stock Contractor.
6. During a Bareback or Saddle Bronc ride, if the flank comes off and Contestant made a qualified ride to that point, he will be awarded a re-ride.
7. Riders may use dry rosin only on saddle and chaps. Judges will inspect EVERY saddle before each performance or fined Twenty Five Dollars (\$25) for each offense.
8. Disqualifications - any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider:
  - a. Being bucked off
  - b. Changing hands on rein
  - c. Losing bucking rein
  - d. Wrapping rein around hand
  - e. Pulling leather
  - f. Losing stirrup
  - g. Riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock during ride
  - h. Touching himself or horse with free hand or assisting himself with free arm by touching animal
  - i. Failure to mark horse out of chute
9. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from the go-round of competition.
10. All Rookies in the Saddle Bronc Riding will be reimbursed the price of their membership cards after they have entered and competed in three (3) rodeos. The member is responsible to submit to the office a list of the rodeo(s) in which they competed and the dates of competition.
11. On Rough Stock chutes there must be a place to put riders feet between 26 to 32 inches from ground surface and must be at least 48 inches long from front of chutes. They may be either cut into chutes in the form of a "slat" or may be bolted or welded to inside of chute with material being at least 1-1/2 inches wide. If contractor fails to comply with this rule there will be a One Hundred Dollar

(\$100) fine for the first offense and doubled for each additional offense thereafter. The Top 20 Saddle Bronc Riders will vote for Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year out of the horses chosen by the APRA Stock Contractors (see Drawing of Livestock rules).

### **BULL RIDING**

1. Bulls must be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when animal's shoulder breaks the plane of the chute.
2. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handholds. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from coming off of bull when rider leaves bull will be permitted. Rope must have a bell when animal leaves chute. No bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull. Only the Bull Rider and one other person may pull the rider's rope in the Bull Riding, the gateman or flanker may assist. Judges will have the right to control excessive pulling of the bull rope.
3. All bull ropes must be wider than nine-sixteenth (9/16) of an inch.
4. Ropes cannot be used that have any knots, wires or other aids for the purpose of placing spurs therein.
5. Bull's horns must be larger than the size of a \$0.50 cent piece at the tip, dehorned or kept out of draw. Bulls with ragged splintered horns must be rasped or filed for competition. Non-compliance with this rule will constitute a monetary fine of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25), fine doubled each time the bull is bucked after the Stock Contractor has been told to do so.
6. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the loose rope in his riding hand, provided he has not touched the ground or has not fouled the animal with his free hand, he is to be marked.
7. Only five (5) point "plain" or "notched" spur rowels (one rowel per shank) may be used in the Bull Riding.
8. Riders may use dry rosin only on glove and rope.
9. Disqualifications - any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider:
  - a. Being bucked off
  - b. Using sharp spurs
  - c. Touching animal or himself with free hand or assisting himself with free arm by touching animal
  - d. Placing spurs in bull rope or bell strap before leaving the bucking chute (catching a knot)
10. All APRA sanctioned rodeos must have two (2) approved Bullfighters in the arena during the Bull Riding event for each performance and slack.
11. It is permitted and recommended that Pickup Men be in the arena during the Bull Riding.
12. On Rough Stock chutes there must be a place to put riders feet between 26 to 32 inches from ground surface and must be at least 48 inches long from front of chutes. They must be cut into chutes in the form of a "slat".
13. There will be no animals or objects, other than barrel or dummy, brought in the arena by a Contract Act during the Bull Riding.
14. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go-round of competition.
15. The Top 12 Bull Riders will vote for Bucking Bull of the year out of the Bull's chosen by the APRA Stock Contractors (see Drawing of Livestock rules).

### **TIE DOWN ROPING**

1. Contestant must catch calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw the calf by hand, cross and tie three (3) legs. If calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three (3) feet (calf may be helped by roper but at least three (3) feet must be dangling straight underneath calf) and calf must be re-thrown. If roper's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Tie must be finished with half hitch or a "hooley".
2. There must be an honest effort to tie down calf during a paid performance. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine.

3. Any three legs tied must remain crossed for five (5) seconds. Tie must hold for five (5) seconds and THEN be passed on by the Field Judge. Roper may not go back to pigging string or calf until Judge has completed his inspection.
4. Catch as catch can. Any catch is legal. Rope must hold until roper catches calf. Untie man must not touch the calf until the Judge passes on tie.
5. Automatic barrier must be used with a minimum of a six (6) foot score line. Score line shall not exceed twice the distance from the breast of the horse to the barrier when horse is standing in back of box. Once score line has been set, it will not be changed during that go-round, nor will roping box, chute or barrier be changed in any manner. In Tie Down Roping, the score line shall not exceed one (1) foot per each seven (7) yards of arena length, unless so authorized by the Executive Committee of the APRA. Method to be used to measure barrier/score line is "pin to arena floor". Score line to be set 18" from barrier line.
6. A stopwatch will be used by the Field Judge. Calf must stay tied securely for five (5) seconds. Field Judge will not start this five (5) second period until roper has remounted horse and given calf complete slack.
7. Calves used for the Tie Down Roping may be used in the Breakaway Roping but for no other event.
8. Disqualifications -
  - a. Roper cannot rebuild loop (two loops will be permitted if roper is carrying two loops and should he miss with both, he must retire and no time will be allowed)
  - b. Roping a calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
  - c. Contestant must adjust neck rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. If a horse turns his tail to the calf and drags the calf after roper has dismounted, Field Judge may stop the horse and disqualify the roper.
  - d. If roper, after mounting horse intentionally drags a calf he will be disqualified and subject to a \$100 fine.
9. If a tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been examined and ruled a fair one, the roper will receive no time.
10. A One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine shall be imposed (and will double for every offence thereafter) if a calf is roped in a manner which causes the animal to land on its back or head with all four feet in the air (aka "jerked-down"). A minimum fine of \$100 will be imposed if the calf is roped or handled in an intentional and rough manner.
11. Tie Down ropers shall be disqualified from remainder of rodeo for deliberately dragging or jerking down of calf after roping. Judges must notify the Rodeo Secretary of the reason for the disqualification immediately and Rodeo Secretary will report same on result sheets.
12. If animal gets out of the arena, the flagman is to stop the time and roper will get the same animal back; lap and tap (roper to start in chute) with the time he had when animal got out, added to that time.
13. Barrier and barrier equipment used in Tie Down Roping cannot be used in Steer Wrestling event.
14. Box pads, or some kind of protection, must be put in back of roping box or Stock Contractor will be fined Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25).
15. Tie Down ropers cannot work horse or touch rope after signaling for time until the tie has been passed on by Field Judge. Subject to Judge's discretion, violation shall constitute a monetary fine.
16. Calves used in the Tie Down Roping will weigh a minimum of Two Hundred (200) pounds and a maximum of Two Hundred Seventy (270) pounds, with no more than Thirty (30) pounds difference between animals in the herd. Fresh calves will be a maximum weight of Two Hundred Fifty (250) pounds. Calves used in the Tie Down Roping only may not have a horn length greater than one and one-half (1-1/2) inches when measured from the base.
17. Tie Down Roping herds will have no duplicate numbers in any season. All times will be recorded in the 10th of a second.
18. In the Tie-Down Roping, Contestant has a forty five (45) second time limit to complete his run.



19. If an animal is injured in the process of contesting in the timed events, the Contestant shall not receive another head during that go-round.
20. Animal belongs to Contestant when he calls for him, except when barrier hits rope or Contestant, Timer misses time, or in the sole opinion of the Line Judge the gateman fouls the Contestant by not releasing the animal when called for by the Contestant. Then, the Contestant will be awarded a rerun if he or she declares him or herself immediately. If the Line Judge does not feel Contestant was fouled, a no-time will be recorded and Contestant will retire from the arena.
21. Timed Event cattle will not be considered a legal run until drawn.
22. In any Timed Event, if it is necessary to bring an animal back, several head of stock will be brought back together. No animal will be penned separately.
23. In the Timed Events, the Line Judge will drop a flag as soon as it's determined the barrier is definitely broken.
24. If wrong animal is given to a Contestant, he shall be given the correct animal drawn for him and time on incorrect animal shall be disregarded.
25. If roper breaks barrier before declaring foul, roper will receive cattle lap and tap with ten (10) second penalty added to time.
26. If Contestant breaks or beats the barrier, a ten (10) second penalty shall be enforced.
27. Stock must cross scoreline in front of Line Judge after leaving chute. If stock does not cross scoreline in front of the Line Judge, stock will be brought back and rerun
28. In the Tie-Down Roping, time is to start when animal crosses scoreline.
29. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from the go-around of competition.
30. In ALL Timed Events except Cowgirls Barrel Racing, when the CES draws positions for a particular rodeo performance and more than one Contestant riding the same horse draws up in consecutive positions, the Judges may change another Contestant to fill a position splitting Contestants who are riding the same horse. Splits must be made no less than 30 minutes prior to each performance.
31. The top 12 Tie Down Ropers will vote for Tie-Down Roping Horse of the Year (see Drawing of Livestock rules).

### **STEER WRESTLING**

1. Once score line has been set it will not be changed during that go-round, nor will Steer Wrestling box, chute or barrier be changed in any manner. In the Steer Wrestling, the score line shall not exceed one (1) foot per each ten (10) yards of arena length, and shall not be more than a maximum of twelve (12) feet in length at any time, unless so authorized by the Executive Committee of the APRA. Method to be used to measure barrier/score line is "pin to arena floor". Score line to be set 24" from barrier line.
2. Automatic barrier will be MANDATORY at all APRA rodeos in conjunction with Rule 1 above. A neck rope will be used with a slip hondo so as to allow the neck rope to slide down tight on the steer's neck.
3. There shall be two or more Timekeepers, a Score Line Judge, a Field Judge, and a qualified person to tie jerkline around steer's neck and feed jerkline from box and as many other officials as necessary.
4. Only one (1) Hazer is allowed. Contestant must furnish own Hazer and horse. Hazer must be an APRA member. Contestant will be disqualified if Hazer is not an APRA member. Neither Contestant nor Hazer will be permitted to change horses after leaving chute.
5. Hazer must not hit steer in the face before catch is made, or render assistance to the Contestant while he is working steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify Contestant. Hazer may return horse to Dogger.
6. If lap and tap, Contestant's feet must hit over score line or he shall be penalized ten (10) seconds.

7. Steer must be caught from horse. If steer is missed or gets loose after catch, no more than one (1) step can be used to re-catch steer. If Contestant misses or loses steer, Field Judge must ask Contestant if he wishes another jump. Contestant must reply at once.
8. After catching steer, Steer Wrestler must bring it to a stop or change direction, then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns. If steer is knocked down, tripped or thrown, by putting horns into ground, or any other obvious illegal fall, steer must be let up and thrown again. Steer will be considered down only when it's lying flat on its side with all four feet clear from under him. Steer Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. Placing fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steer is forbidden. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the Judges and their decision will be final.
9. Animals used for this contest will be closely inspected before each performance and objectionable animals eliminated before drawing. Judges will be responsible for inspection. Judges who fail to comply with this rule will be subject to a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or steer with a broken horn(s). If Contestant calls for steer, he accepts him as sound.
10. The Field Judge must be as far back off the score line as possible before each run.
11. Box pads, or some kind of protection, must be put in back of Steer Wrestling box or Stock Contractor will be fined Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25).
12. There will be no supplementing Steer Wrestling cattle from the Team Roping herd unless approved by the Steer Wrestling Director. Steers used in Steer Wrestling cannot be used in any other contest or event unless prior approval is granted by the Event Director. Steer Wrestling steers will have a minimum weight of four hundred fifty (450) pounds and a maximum weight of Seven Hundred (700) pounds. There will be an automatic One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for infraction of this rule.
13. All times will be recorded in the 10th of a second.
14. Stock Contractors shall endeavor to keep a uniform set of steers (meaning weight and height); however, the privilege of eliminating uneven steers when necessary will be retained by Judge and/or Steer Wrestling Director. Stock Contractor/Producer failing to comply will be subject to a fine. All new or fresh steers in this event must be caught from horse and thrown at least one time.
15. In the Steer Wrestling, steers horn length must be a minimum of 9 inches.
16. Steers cannot be held over a 12 month period for use in the Steer Wrestling unless approval is granted by the Event Director.
17. Only steers may be used in the Steer Wrestling event. Stock Contractors can supplement their Steer Wrestling herd with heifers and bulls if needed at the discretion of the Stock Contractor and Steer Wrestling Director.
18. Steer wrestling is to be run prior to Cowgirl's Barrel Racing IF a barrel is set in front of dogging box.
19. If an animal is injured in the process of contesting in the Timed Events, the Contestants shall not receive another head during that go-round.
20. There will be a forty five second (45) time limit for all Contestants to catch his livestock and complete his run after official time begins.
21. Timed event cattle will not be considered a legal run until drawn.
22. In the Timed Events, the Line Judge will drop a flag as soon as it's determined the barrier is definitely broken.
23. Steer belongs to Contestant when he calls for him; unless Timer misses time, or in the sole opinion of the Line Judge the gateman fouls the Contestant by not releasing the animal when called for by the Contestant. The Contestant will then be awarded a rerun, as long as he or she declares him or herself immediately.
24. Barrier will not be considered broken unless ring falls within eight (8) feet of post. No metal may be used on jerk line and neck rope that extends beyond front of chute, barrier must be tied with string only.
25. If Contestant breaks or beats the barrier, a ten (10) second penalty shall be enforced.

26. In the Steer Wrestling event, time is to start when animal crosses scoreline.
27. No reruns will be given due to the hanging of a horn or horns in chute.
28. The top 12 Steer Wrestlers will vote for Steer Wrestling and Hazing Horse of the Year (see Drawing of Livestock rules).
29. Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go-round of competition.
30. In all Timed Events except Cowgirls Barrel Racing, when the CES draws positions for a particular rodeo performance and more than one Contestant riding the same horse draws up in consecutive positions, the Judge may change another Contestant to fill a position splitting Contestants who are riding the same horse. Splits must be made no less than 30 minutes prior to each performance.

## **TEAM ROPING**

### **(HARD AND FAST OR DALLY)**

1. TEAM ROPING WILL BE ENTER TWICE WITH EQUAL ADDED MONEY UNLESS THE ADDED MONEY IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN \$1,000.00 PER EVENT. AT THAT POINT THE STOCK CONTRACTOR MUST REQUEST THE OPTION OF MAKING TEAM ROPING ENTER ONCE.
2. Both Contestants must pay an entry fee. All Team Roping will be dally unless otherwise specified on sanction application before rodeo is approved. The official sanction form and The APRA Official Website Rodeo Schedule listing must specify dally, hard and fast or optional (Option - a rodeo can allow Contestants to enter only once but must designate such on the sanction contract. In an enter once situation, the added money must be doubled).
3. Entry fees shall be per man, not per team. Number of entries will be determined by teams. Team Roping cannot be entered "open"; a team (two Contestants) must be entered as one entry at the time of entry.
4. Header and proper Heeler are considered together as one Contestant. If Header is entered twice and runs his first steer with his second partner; he has, in fact, run the wrong head of stock and is entitled to a rerun on the correct steer.
5. Any member fifty (50) years of age or older may have the privilege of choosing hard and fast or dally. This applies to women of any age as well. Contestants must notify Judges if they are roping hard and fast prior to performance.
6. Automatic barrier must be used with a minimum of four (4) foot score line. Once the score line has been set it will not be changed during the go-round nor will roping box, chute or barrier be changed in any manner. Score line shall not exceed one (1) foot per each six (6) yards of arena length, unless so authorized by the Executive Committee. A neck rope will be used with a slip hondo so as to allow the neck rope to slide down tight on the steer's neck. Method to be used to measure barrier/score line is "pin to arena floor". Score line to be set 24" from barrier line.
7. Team will be allowed one (1) loop per Contestant (including the American Finals Rodeo) and must retire from arena should either miss. When four (4) or more go-rounds, three (3) loops will be permitted per team. Loop must be rebuilt.
8. If Field Judge flags-out team which has loops coming, team shall get animal back, lap and tap with same catch on head if animal has been roped.
9. Animal belongs to Contestant when he calls for him; except when barrier jerks rope out of Contestant's hand or Timer misses time.
10. Animal belongs to Contestant after crossing score line (exceptions - if animal gets out of arena, flag will be dropped and time will be stopped. Contestant gets animal back, lap and tap, with same head catch if animal has been roped. Time when animal left arena will be added).
11. Contestants must hold dallies until Field Judge passes catches. Dally will be one complete wrap around the horn.

12. Contestants are not allowed to remove an illegal head catch in any way. If the Field Judge sees an illegal head catch, he may flag the team a NO TIME and team will leave the arena. Loops may be changed by “fishing” only. If a front foot is caught in the head loop it may NOT be fished into a legal head catch. Such head catch will constitute immediate disqualification.
13. Times to be taken when steer is roped by both ends, in a direct line and horse is on all fours. Horses facing steer in “L” or better, with ropes tight, dallied or tied. (Clarification - direct line refers to head rope being directly from saddle horn to head of steer, and heel rope directly from saddle horn to heels of steer.
14. Only Three Legal Head Catches
  - a. Around the horns
  - b. Around the neck
  - c. Half a head
  - d. All other head catches are illegal
15. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope comes on from around heels.
16. Dew claw catches are legal if catch holds for Field Judge inspection.
17. Disqualifications –
  - a. When one member fails to be on hand for contest, the other team member will be disqualified in that event for the remainder of the rodeo unless he is entered on another team (*see Rule 18 for exception*)
  - b. Animals must be on feet when roped by either end
  - c. Using more than three (3) loops per team
  - d. Failure to head and change direction of steer before heeling (steer must be turned and in tow)
  - e. Unnecessary rough treatment of steers
  - f. Illegal head catches
  - g. Lost or broken rope
  - h. If Contestant intentionally dismounts during the contest run, team will be disqualified
  - i. Front feet in heel catch after dally
  - j. Rope must be released from roper’s hand prior to making contact with animal. Enforcement of this rule will be at the discretion of the Judge.
  - k. Heeler must start in box for Team Roping
18. If one partner in the Team Roping does not show, the other partner will have the right to choose a partner from the other Contestants that are already entered in the rodeo. No Contestant may go more times than allowed to make up the team. The Rodeo Secretary must be notified before the start of the rodeo. After one man is declared not there and another partner is substituted, you cannot change back to the original partner. The partner that didn’t show will be liable for his own entry fees and no turnout fine can be charged. The team will draw stock in the original position.
19. There will be a five (5) second penalty for roping only one heel.
20. If Header jerks stock down on back, belly or side and drags stock four (4) feet or more, the action will constitute an automatic disqualification.
21. Left-handed roper shall notify CES the day books are open to have roping box adjusted for them if arena permits.
22. In the Team Roping event, when a cardholder enters with either a local or a permit holder, that cardholder waives his/her right of preference of performance.
23. If a wrong animal is given to a Contestant he shall be given the correct animal drawn for him and time on incorrect animal shall be disregarded.
24. If animal gets out of the arena, the Field Judge is to stop the time and roper will get the same animal back; lap and tap, (roper to start in chute with same head catch in Team Roping) with the time he had when animal got out, added to that time.
25. Timed event cattle will not be considered a legal run until drawn.

26. There will be a 45 second time limit for all Contestants to catch their livestock after official time begins.
27. In any Timed Event, if it is necessary to bring an animal back, several head of stock will be brought back together. No animal will be penned separately.
28. If barrier equipment fouls Contestant in any Timed Event he will be entitled to a rerun if he declares himself immediately.
29. If Contestant breaks or beats the barrier, a ten (10) second penalty shall be enforced.
30. No re-runs will be given due to the hanging of a horn or horns in chute.
31. There will be no supplementing Team Roping cattle from the Steer Wrestling herd unless approved by the Team Roping Director. Steers used in Team Roping cannot be used in any other contest or event unless prior approval is granted by the Event Director. Steers will have a maximum weight of Seven Hundred (700) pounds. There will be an automatic One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for infraction of this rule.
32. Team Roping steers horn length must be a minimum of 6 inches.
33. Steers cannot be held over a 12 month period for use in the Team Roping event, unless approval is granted by the Event Director.
34. Stock Contractors shall endeavor to keep an even set of steers (meaning weight and height). However, the privilege of eliminating uneven steers when necessary will be retained by the Judge and/or Team Roping Event Director. Failure to comply will result in a fine. All new and fresh steers must have been run and roped at least once.
35. All steers must have head wraps when roped. These wraps must be of a nature that protects the steer's head from rope burns. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine per offense to the Stock Contractor. Judges will be responsible for reporting any infraction of this rule.
36. All horn wraps must have ear protection. It is recommended that nylon head wraps with ear protection be used.
37. When entering a rodeo, Team Ropers must specify to CES, which end they intend to rope. There will be no switching of positions after the conclusion of books. Ropers will rope as designated to CES during books.
38. There will be two Timekeepers, a Score Line Judge, a Field Judge and a qualified person to tie jerkline around steers neck and feed jerkline from box and as many other officials as are necessary.
39. All times will be recorded in the 10th of a second.
40. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified.
41. In all Timed Events except Cowgirls Barrel Racing, when the CES draws positions for a particular rodeo performance and more than one Contestant riding the same horse draws up in consecutive positions, the Judges may change another Contestant to fill a position splitting Contestants who are riding the same horse. Splits must be made no less than 30 minutes prior to each performance.
42. Year-End Championships will be awarded to a Header and Heeler Champion in the Team Roping. A saddle (if finances allow) and buckle will be awarded to the person in each designation having accumulated the most points in their individual category. If a Team Roper qualified for the AFR in both categories, said Contestant must compete on the end where he/she has the most money won. Points for Headers and Heelers will be maintained separately.
43. The top 12 Headers and the top 12 Heelers will vote for Heading and Heeling Horse of the year Year (see Drawing of Livestock rules).

### **COWGIRL'S BARREL RACING**

1. So long as gate or alleyway is in the center of the barrel pattern, Contestants must run from mouth of gate or alleyway moving in a forward direction (Contestant may not enter arena and "setup" for their run). The alleyway in the Barrel Race shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet wide unless entrance to

the arena is through a bucking chute, then the width shall be a minimum of a standard bucking chute. The bars in the alley must be removed, or buried, so that the center alley will be completely level, to be deemed safe by the rodeo Judges. Any gate that Barrel Racers are required to enter, either center or side, the bar must be removed or buried. When using a center alley in the Barrel Racing, the Barrel Racers must leave through the center alley, unless the gate has been closed. The Barrel Racer can be fined for turning her horse off before going out the center alley. This is the sole opinion of the Judges whether the rider causes this, or he can waive the fine if he thinks someone or something in the alley scares the horse.

2. Contestants cannot be required to begin run from an off-center gate or alleyway. When there is a split or double alleyway, Contestants may be required to run from either of the alleyways, if they have a choice of either alleyway. When center alleyway is used, it will be posted whether gate will be open, closed or Barrel Racer's option to run out. Once a Contestant is disqualified, she cannot work her horse.
3. Setup Arena - Contestant must be mounted on horseback and be unassisted when breaking the entryway plane onto the arena floor.
4. Barrels are to be set on inside of each stake (marker) in a cloverleaf pattern. Stakes are to be markers in the ground. Laser lights are permitted to be used from above.
5. Judges are responsible for measuring, staking and marking of the barrels and score line, before the beginning of the first performance and thereafter measured off by Judges before each performance from such stakes, to determine if stakes are still in their original places. Measuring to be done with tape measure. Judges must turn in barrel stake and scoreline measurements, in feet and inches, to Rodeo Secretary for recording before the first performance. Electric eye timers will be staked and reset over that stake each performance. Judges will be responsible for setting up electric eye timers.
6. Setting the barrel pattern - measurements for the standard barrel course shall be as follows:
  - a. Ninety (90) feet between barrels one (1) and two (2)
  - b. One hundred-five (105) feet between barrels one (1) and three (3) and two (2) and three (3)
  - c. Sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to score line
  - d. Fifty (50) feet from score line to the end of the arena for stopping room
7. To set the course –
  - a. Measure length and width of arena to determine if standard course can be set
  - b. Measure score line and stopping distance, then set barrels one (1) and two (2)
  - c. Make an arc on the ground from barrel one (1) and barrel three (3), then from barrel two (2) and three (3)
  - d. Set the marker for barrel three (3) where the arcs cross, being sure that barrel three (3) is at least twenty-five (25) feet off the back of the arena fence
  - e. Measure score line from both barrels one (1) and two (2) to be sure that the distance is equal for Contestants going to either the right or left barrel first
  - f. Barrels one (1) and two (2) will be set a minimum of fifteen (15) feet off arena fences, eighteen (18) feet when possible.

\*Standard course should be used wherever possible. If arena size does not permit standard course, measurements in proportion to the size of arena shall be used, shortening the distance between barrels. The standard course lengths cannot be exceeded. If score line is less than the maximum sixty (60) feet, there must be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the chutes or arena fence for stopping room, unless the arena has a center gate or alleyway and Contestants are allowed to run in and out.
8. Ground must be worked with a tractor after twelve (12) runs. The ground in slack will be dragged after the equivalent number of Contestants. The ground can be worked after fewer Contestants at the management's discretion; however, no more than twelve (12) can run without working the arena with a tractor. When extreme arena conditions exist it will be the Judge's discretion as to whether equipment is to be used to work the arena.

9. A Contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel. Should the horse fall down or equipment break, no re-runs will be granted.
10. If Contestant knocks barrel over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
11. If all barrels are standing when Contestant crosses the score line after completing a qualified run, it is considered a qualified run, even if a barrel falls after she is flagged.
12. Barrel Racing shall be timed by automatic electric eye timer. Automatic timer shall be backed up with a flag and two (2) manual times. Manual times must be recorded in hundreds and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands. Contestant will not be give a re-run due to malfunction of timer. Backup time will be the Contestants official time. If timer fails to work, the Judges must make at least three (3) attempts to readjust and reset the timer and check the power before completing event with manual stop watch times, at which point manual times will be used for payoff (only when the automatic timer is no longer working).
13. There shall be no talking to Flagmen, Time-Keepers or Judges during the Barrel Racing event.
14. Both Judges will be required to be present during the Barrel Racing event with one Judge flagging the line and the other Judge watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is completed. Flag Judge will flag the nose of the horse at the start and finish of the race.
15. The flagman is not to leave his place, unless it is a visibly marked place.
16. If a barrel is knocked over, the Judge not flagging line will reset the barrel in proper place. Judges may appoint responsible persons to replace barrels in proper position if barrels have been knocked down by a Contestant during a contest run.
17. Two runs may be held in one night IF agreeable with management and IF there are at least five (5) Contestants left for the remaining performances. However, there shall not be two (2) runs during any one paid performance unless requested by the management.
18. Contestants will not be permitted to work the barrel pattern within 15 feet of barrel stakes for the duration of the rodeo. Exceptions being exhibition runs, which will be made after all Contestants have run that performance. Any Contestant doing so will be disqualified.
19. Barrels used in APRA Cowgirls Barrel Racing contest must be regulation fifty-five gallon metal barrel size or Turning Point Industries barrel racing barrels enclosed at both ends. No pads or tires may be used on or around barrels. Barrels must be at least two colors; no solid colored barrels. No plastic or rubber barrels may be used. Producer's failure to comply will result in a fine.
20. It is highly recommended by the APRA that if the arena is used for special events, such as horse shows, TV filming, etc., during the rodeo, barrels for these events be set at least twenty (20) feet from stakes used in APRA competition.
21. Contestant will be disqualified, if after crossing score line and being flagged by the flagman, she re-crosses score line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern is run. A Contestant will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for going around a barrel more than one time during her competition run (i.e. - if a barrel horse turns the first barrel and ducks second barrel, Contestant may not go back to the first barrel and turn it again and then go to the second barrel).
22. If a re-run is to be given for any reason, Contestant has the option to re-run after the last horse in that performance or after the performance. If twelve (12) runs have been made during that perf, the ground must be worked with a tractor for that Contestant if option to run after performance is given.
23. Re-run to be given to a Contestant at Judges discretion should Contestant be fouled. If flagger miss-flags at the end of the run, all penalties incurred are added to the re-run. Re-runs given for other reasons will not include penalties incurred on original run. If an entire performance is rerun because of barrels not being in original places, then all Contestants will run over and any penalties are disregarded.
24. It is highly recommended that stock not be watered within twenty-five (25) feet of the barrel stakes.
25. No one on horseback, besides Contestant, will be allowed to remain in arena during contest run.

26. All Barrel Racers must have their hat on their head when entering the floor of the arena. This does not mean the alleyway. Any Contestant not having their hat on their head when entering the floor of the arena will be assessed a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine.
27. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go-round of competition.
28. Contestants riding the same horse that draws up with fewer than five (5) Contestants between them can be split by the Judge. Splits must be made no less than thirty (30) minutes prior to each performance and posted by the Rodeo Secretary. The second Contestant shall be moved down five (5) positions to split the Contestants riding the same horse. If not possible, it will be left to the Judge's discretion. Any Contestant abusing this rule will be disqualified.
29. Americans Finals Rodeo draw for two (2) go-rounds to be as follows –
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Go Round - positions coming into the finals one (1) through twelve (12)
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Go-Round - positions twelve (12) through one (1) from the first go-round (i.e.; slow back to fast back).
30. The top 12 Barrel Racers will vote for Barrel Horse of the year.

### **COWGIRLS BREAKAWAY ROPING**

1. Breakaway Roping is a standard event and will be required to be held at 50% of all first approved APRA rodeos with rodeos required to add a minimum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the first performance and an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each additional performance, with all three (3) or more performance rodeos required to add a minimum of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350) unless otherwise approved by the Board.
2. This event shall be performed following the same general rules as Tie Down Roping under the usual common rodeo standards and conditions.
3. Horse must start from behind a barrier, and a ten (10) second penalty will be added to time for breaking barrier.
4. The Contestant shall not attempt to rope the animal until the barrier flag has been dropped. Any attempt by a Contestant to position her horse behind the barrier, enabling the Contestant to rope the animal without leaving the barrier or box, shall be considered a disqualification.
5. Rope may not pass through bridle, tie-down, neck rope or any other device.
6. There shall only be one loop allowed, including the American Finals Rodeo.
7. It will be the responsibility of the Contestant to tie one rope to the saddle horn by a heavy string in such a manner as to allow the rope to break free from the saddle horn when the calf reaches the end of the rope. A WHITE flag is to be used by all breakaway contestants, flag must be tied within 6 inches of the end of the rope and must stay attached to the rope at the time the rope breaks free from the saddle horn or receive a no time. Field Judge to drop flag, stopping time, when the flag breaks free from the saddle horn.
8. Line Judge to inspect rope is properly tied to horn by tugging on rope.
9. Time will be called from drop of barrier flag to the break of rope string from the saddle horn.
10. The Contestant shall receive a NO TIME should she break the rope from the horn by hand or touch the rope or string after slack has been pulled. If the rope dallies or will not break free when the calf reaches the end of it, the Contestant will receive NO TIME.
11. Qualified catch is defined as bell collar only...ie – loop must pass over the animals whole head and come tight. There should be NO extremities (legs, tail or figure eighted tail, etc.) at the time the rope comes tight and breaks away from the saddle horn.
12. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
13. Cattle used for this event may be either calves or steers, but not mixed. Stock Contractor shall endeavor to keep a uniform herd (meaning weight and height). Breakaway Roping calves used may not have a horn length greater than three (3) inches when measured from the base.
14. A thirty (30) second time limit shall be in effect from start to completion of run.



15. The out-gate may be left open in the Breakaway Roping at the Stock Contractor's discretion; unless competing on an average, then the out gate must remain closed.
16. Breakaway Roping is a standard event, it shall receive equal added money at the American Finals Rodeo.
17. All times will be recorded in the 10th of a second.
18. In an average situation, and at the Finals, lap times should be used.
19. A Contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go-round of competition.
20. In all Timed Events except Cowgirls Barrel Racing, when the CES draws positions for a particular rodeo performance and more than one Contestant riding the same horse draws up in consecutive positions, the Judge may change another Contestant to fill a position splitting Contestants who are riding the same horse. Splits must be made no less than 30 minutes prior to each performance.
21. The top 12 Breakaway Ropers will vote for Breakaway Horse of the year.