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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE NEW MEXICO RODEO ASSOCIATION**

**I. INCORPORATION**

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the New Mexico non-profit corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

**II. NAME**

The name of this corporation is the New Mexico Rodeo Association.

**III. DURATION**

The duration of this corporation is perpetual

**IV. PURPOSES**

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- a. To act as a non-profit, non-political and non-denominational organization for the purpose of rodeo as a sport, striving at all times to insure honesty and fairness to both the contestants and the producers; to create an amicable relationship between committees, stock contractors and contestants; and to sanction and advertise rodeos being sponsored in accordance with Association standards.
- b. To cultivate interest and promote understanding to the public of the sport of rodeo, with emphasis upon events within the State of New Mexico.
- c. To conduct, engage in, and transact any and all types of business unauthorized by Section 53-8-5 N.M.S.A. 1978 and all things now authorized or hereinafter authorized for a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New Mexico. A substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of

propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing of distribution statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### **V. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the corporation and the assessment of regular and special dues shall be determined by the Directors from time to time and set forth in the By-Laws.

#### **VI. VOTING RIGHTS**

Each member of the corporation shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

One-tenth (1/10) of the members of the corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. Except as otherwise provided herein, a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on a matter to be voted upon by the members present at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of that manner.

#### **VII. AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members entitled to vote on each such amendment.

#### **VIII. INITIAL OFFICE AND AGENT**

The address of this corporation's registered office is 208 Griffin, Santa Fe, NM 87501, and the name of its original registered agent at such address is Mr. Paul R. Caldwell.

#### **IX. COMMON DIRECTIONS - TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN CORPORATIONS.**

No contact or other transaction between this corporation and one or more of its directors or any other corporation, firm, association, or entity in which one or more of its directors are directors or officers financially interested, shall be either void or void able because of such relationship or interest, or because such director or directors are present at the meeting of the Board of Directors, or a committee thereof which authorized, approves or ratifies such contracts or transactions, or because his or their votes are counted for such purpose if: (a) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the Board of Directors or committee which authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract of transaction by vote or consent sufficient for the purpose without counting the votes or consents of such interested director, or (b) the fact of such relationship or such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the shareholders entitled to vote and they authorize, approve or ratify such contract or transaction by vote or written consent: (c) the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to the corporation. Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof that authorizes approves or ratifies such contracts of transaction.

#### **X. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHERS.**

In governing and regulating the affairs of the corporation, the Board of Directors herein named shall not experience financial gain from any activities of the NMRA (exception: competing in his/her event) and shall receive no part of the net earnings of the corporation and no part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any of its members, directors, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.

#### **XI. BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its members. Board of Directors and Committees having and exercising any of the authority of the Board of Directors shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and address of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or their agent or attorney for

any proper purpose at any reasonable time. Financial books will be audited annually.

#### **XII. ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF BY-LAWS**

We the undersigned, being a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Rodeo Association, do hereby certify that the By-Laws were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Corporation.

#### **XIII. SEAL**

The Corporation shall have and use an official seal.

#### **XIV. DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation

exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Directors to be and remain a non-profit corporation for all purposes as provided by the laws of the State of New Mexico and the appropriate provisions of the taxation laws of the United States of America.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1990

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ( )SS,  
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1980, Steven L. Meador personally appeared before me, being first duly sworn, declared that he was the person who signed the foregoing document as Incorporator and that the statement therein contained is true.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

By Laws

Of the

New Mexico Rodeo Association

Pursuant to the Provisions of the New Mexico Non Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation, pursuant to the resolution duly adopted by its board of directors, hereby adopts the following By-Laws:

## **CHAPTER 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1 - General Powers**

- A. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct the business and affairs of the corporation and the power to make, adopt or amend the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and Rodeo Rules.
- B. The Board of Directors may take action that it considers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation and may enter into any contract or obligation necessary for the furtherance of the corporation.
- C. Supervise and direct the officiating programs (Judges, Secretaries, and Timers) of the NMRA.

### **SECTION 2 - Composition**

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of 18 members.
  1. Eleven Contesting Directors and Vice President with a vote: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, Incentive Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Incentive Calf Roping, Team Roping, and Incentive Team Roping.
  2. Two (2) Stock Contractor Directors with a vote, based on those stock contractors attending any board meeting. The stock contractors will determine among themselves prior to the start of the meeting who will vote on behalf of the stock contractors.
  3. The President, State Secretary, Central Entry Secretary, Judges Coordinator, all nonvoting positions. The President will have a vote on the NMRA Board to break voting ties on issues of the voting directors.

### **SECTION 3 - Qualifications**

- A. To qualify for Office, the following shall apply to each Director:
  1. Must hold current NMRA membership in the category of desired service.
    - a. Must have competed in the in the event represented in the previous and current year.
  2. Must have held a minimum of one (1) NMRA membership prior to the initial year of desired service.
  3. Must be a current NMRA member in "good standing."
  4. Must be elected by those who hold current NMRA memberships, in good standing, to serve in such representative capacity.
  5. Must be willing and able to fulfill the tenure of service in said capacity.

### **SECTION 4 - General Duties**

- A. Contesting Directors: Contesting Directors shall represent the general competition membership interests of the event for which they serve regarding all business and related affairs of the corporation.
- B. Stock Contractor Director: Stock Contractor Director shall represent the stock contractor

membership interest regarding all business and related affairs of the corporation.

#### **SECTION 5 - Tenure**

- A. Directors shall serve two (2) year alternating terms.
  - 1. The following Director positions will commence service in odd numbered years
    - a. Saddle Bronc Riding Director
    - b. Calf Roping Director
    - c. Team Roping Director
    - d. Barrel Racing Director
    - e. Incentive Barrel Racing Director
    - f. Stock Contractor Director
    - g. President
  - 2. The following director positions will commence service in even numbered years
    - a. Bareback Riding Director
    - b. Bull Riding Director
    - c. Steer Wrestling Director
    - d. Breakaway Roping Director
    - e. Incentive Team Roping Director
    - f. Incentive Calf Roping Director
    - g. Vice-President
- B. Term of service shall be defined as January through December of each calendar year.

#### **SECTION 6 - Nomination and Election**

- A. Nominations for Director positions will be conducted by general membership ballot 30 to 60 days prior to the start of the NMRA State Finals Rodeo annually.
- B. Those individuals nominated will be voted on by the membership for which they have been nominated to represent.
  - 1. Said vote will be conducted by ballot to be completed 15 to 30 days prior to the start of the NMRA State Finals Rodeo annually.
- C. Nomination and Election ballots must be signed by NMRA member and current year membership card number affixed to the ballot.
- D. Nomination and Election ballots will be sent to the NMRA State office and will be tabulated by the nomination and election committee, which will be appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

#### **SECTION 7 - Vacancies or Removal**

- A. Whenever the office of a director becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the remaining Directors shall appoint a replacement who shall serve for the unexpired term of service.
- B. Any director may be removed at any time, with cause, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the current Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION 8 - Voting**

- A. Each member of the NMRA Board of Directors shall have one (1) vote with the exceptions noted above in Section 2, A3.

#### **SECTION 9 - Board of Directors Meetings**

- A. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly unless otherwise necessary to conduct business for the furtherance of the corporation.
- B. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern Board of Directors meetings.
- C. Special Board meetings may be called at any time and place by the President or by any seven (7) members of the Board.
- D. By-laws and Articles of Incorporation may be amended by Board Action at any Board of Directors meeting.

#### **SECTION 10 - Quorum**

- A. A majority, being seven (7) duly elected directors, shall constitute a quorum. Proxy is allowed.

## **CHAPTER 2 PERSONNEL OF THE CORPORATION**

### **SECTION 1 - NMRA President**

#### **A. General Statement.**

1. Then NMRA membership shall nominate and elect a chief executive officer who shall carry the title of President.

#### **B. Term of Service.**

1. The President shall serve a term of two (2) years.

#### **C. Position Defined.**

1. The President shall conduct all business related to the affairs of the corporation under the sole discretion and approval of the NMRA Board of Directors.
2. The President shall have such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors from time to time, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Direct and administer the day-to-day business of the corporation.
  - b. Supervise and direct all employees of the corporation.
  - c. May at the discretion of the Board of Directors, serve as the NMRA's enforcement officer and, as such, investigate and dispense discipline for any alleged violation of NMRA rules and Regulations. President will prepare a report to be brought before the Board of Directors for review if necessary.
  - d. Establish the agenda for all Board of Director meetings and General Membership Meetings.
  - e. Receive and disburse all corporation monies and maintain financial records consistent with responsible accounting practices and Internal Revenue Service regulations. In this regard the president shall prepare an annual report and budget for approval by the Board of Directors. The President shall work closely with the NMRA accountants in the preparation of such materials.
  - f. Keep corporation funds in approved banking institutions. An independent audit of corporation financial activities shall be conducted by an accredited accountant and a full report provided to the Board of Directors, at their discretion.
  - g. Interpret and implement the NMRA Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rodeo Rules, as well as legislative decisions regarding the conduct of NMRA activities with the Board of Directors approval.
  - h. The President shall generally have the responsibility of chief executive officer of the corporation, to perform all tasks necessary to conduct the business of the NMRA consistent with the purposes and philosophies of the NMRA and the directives of its Board of Directors.
  - i. The President shall have a vote only in the case of a tie.

#### **D. Financial Interest.**

1. The President shall have no financial interest, direct or indirect, with any rodeo sanctioned by the NMRA unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 2 - Vice-President**

#### **A. General Statement**

1. Then NMRA membership shall nominate and elect an executive officer that shall carry the title of Vice-President.

#### **B. Term of Service**

1. The Vice-President shall serve a term of two (2) years.

#### **C. Position Defined**

1. The Vice-President shall assume duties of the President in his absence.
2. He/She shall sit in on all board meetings and shall have a vote as one of the directors.

### **SECTION 3 - State Secretary**

#### **A. General Statement**

1. The NMRA Board of Directors shall hire a State Secretary.

#### **B. Term of Service.**

1. The Board of Directors shall review this position annually.

#### **C. Position Defined.**

1. The State Secretary shall have such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors from time to time, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Serve as the NMRA's primary liaison with other rodeo organizations.
  - b. Shall keep minutes of all meetings and prepare for distribution such minutes to the Board of Directors.
  - c. Function as the NMRA's scheduling coordinator, requesting data and site scheduling information for all NMRA sanctioned and/or co-sanctioned rodeo events. The Secretary shall cause the full schedule of the NMRA rodeos to be published.
  - d. Take the roll call and mark the absentees at board meetings.
  - e. Read important correspondence.
  - f. Notify the committees of their appointments and business.
  - g. Take charge of all documents of the corporation when requested.
  - h. Receive and bank all monies due the corporation.
  - i. Keep records of corporation funds.
  - j. Pay bills from officers when receipts for expenditures are attached and Authorization by Board of Directors.
  - k. Disburse all monies as the corporation may direct.
  - l. Give a statement of finances as often as required
  - m. Give a complete financial report, which has been audited by the Board of Directors at annual meetings.
  - n. Other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 4 - Central Entry Secretary**

#### **A. General Statement**

1. The NMRA Board of Directors shall hire a Central Entry Secretary (CES).

#### **B. Term of Service**

1. The Board of Directors shall review the CES position and Employee annually.

#### **C. Position Defined**

1. The CES shall have such duties as may be assigned him/her by the Board of Directors from time to time, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. The CES shall take entries through the Central Entry System.
  - b. Prepare and deliver all rodeo books.
  - c. Help maintain a rule infraction list.
  - d. Other Duties directed by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 5 - Judging Coordinator**

#### **A. General Statement**

1. The Board of Directors shall hire a Judging coordinator.

#### **B. Term of Service.**

1. The Board of Directors shall review the Judging Coordinator position annually.

#### **C. Position Defined.**

1. The judging coordinator shall have such duties as may be assigned him/her by the Board of Directors from time to time, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Select qualified rodeo judges and prepare a list of such judges to be brought before the Board of Directors for approval.
- b. Develop and Coordinate a yearly judges seminar of the association.
- c. Other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION 6 - Rodeo Coordinator** (optional position)

##### **A. General Statement.**

1. The NMRA Board of Directors may hire a Rodeo Coordinator.

##### **B. Term of Service.**

1. The Board of Directors shall review the Rodeo Coordinator Position annually.

##### **C. Position Defined.**

1. The Rodeo Coordinator shall have such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors from time to time, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Work and coordinate with Board of Directors to produce the Membership Drive Rodeo and the Finals.
  - b. Develop and organize rodeo productions produced by the NMRA
  - c. Seek and coordinate advertisements, donations and sponsorships.
  - d. Other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

### **CHAPTER 3 MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1 - Minimum Standards**

- A. Membership is open to anyone who wants to promote rodeo whether through competition or active participation.
- B. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a release of liability and acknowledgment signed by a parent or legal guardian and notarized before becoming a member.

#### **SECTION 2 - Dues**

- A. The NMRA Board of Directors sets membership dues annually. Dues can be adjusted at any time by any majority vote of the Board.
  1. Contesting Member dues are set at \$60 before Ap. 1<sup>st</sup> and \$75 after Ap. 1<sup>st</sup> per membership year.
  2. Contract Personnel (including stock contractors) dues are set per membership year for a "Working Card". Competing on a Working Card is not allowed unless the extra money is paid for a regular membership card.
  3. Rodeo Committee dues are paid through rodeo sanction fee monies and rodeo committee is not required to provide additional dues for membership status.
  4. Judges and Field Secretaries must purchase a working card to be eligible to participate in any Sanctioned rodeo and the Finals Rodeo. This same rule applies to Announcers, Pickup Men, Photographers, Specialty Acts, Clowns, and Bullfighters for the Finals Rodeo. These cards may be at a reduced price purchased at any time before the Finals. Non-members may not be on the ballot for Finals personnel.

#### **SECTION 3 - Membership Activation**

- A. Interested individuals may join the corporation through the NMRA office or any Arena Secretary.
- B. Championship points standings will not be calculated on any contestant until membership dues have been paid and processed.
- C. Contract personnel must have membership dues paid and processed prior to working an NMRA sanctioned rodeo.
- D. Membership in the NMRA is contingent on continuous good standing and adherence to corporation articles, by-laws and rodeo rules.
- E. Stock Contractors - see section regarding rules for Stock Contractors in Chapter 5.

#### **SECTION 4 - Membership Classification**

- A. Contesting Member: Contesting Member shall be defined as any person who engages in competition in

- any sanctioned NMRA rodeo event.
- B. Contract Personnel: defined as any person who engages in any or all of the following at an event sanctioned by the NMRA.
1. Stock Contractor
  2. Producer
  3. Judge
  4. Announcer
  5. Clown/Barrel Man
  6. Specialty Act
  7. Arena Secretary
  8. Timer
- C. Official: Judge, Arena Secretary or Event Director
- D. Honorary Membership: Honorary memberships may be granted to individuals who have done something extraordinary for the sport of rodeo and the organization.
1. Procedure. Recommendations for Honorary Membership must be made in writing by a member in good standing and must set forth in detail what the person has accomplished for the sport of rodeo and the NMRA.
  2. Awarding. Honorary Membership may be awarded only by action of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting.
  3. Voting. Honorary Membership does not include a vote in the affairs of the organization.
- D. Rodeo Committee: Rodeo Committee Membership shall be granted to two individuals for each sanctioned rodeo.
- E. Associate Member: Associate membership may be granted, by action of the Board of Directors, to any individual or organization that provides donations (in kind or cash) to the furtherance of the NMRA.
1. Voting. Associate Membership does not include a vote in the affairs of the NMRA.

#### **SECTION 5 - Membership Cancellation/Reinstatement**

- A. Members who resign or default membership status, at any time, forfeit all rights to a refund of membership dues.
- B. Reinstatement of canceled membership shall be subject to the Board of Directors approval.

#### **SECTION 6 - Membership Communication**

- A. The Board of Directors shall determine on a yearly basis the official publication of corporation used for the purpose of communicating corporation business and affairs of its membership.

#### **SECTION 7 - Meetings of the Membership**

- A. General Membership meetings will be held on an as-needed basis per calendar year.
- B. A minimum of 14 days notice of general membership meetings will be given to each member in good standing.
- C. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings, except in those cases in which Robert's Rules are in conflict with the by-laws or rules of the Association.
- D. By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation may be amended by one of two methods:
1. Ballots are mailed to all members in good standing by the NMRA office and a plurality vote of the quorum shall determine the question.
  2. Board of Directors action.

#### **SECTION 8 - Membership Privilege**

- A. All members in good standing shall be admitted free of charge to any NMRA sanctioned rodeo, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. Each member of the corporation shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

### **CHAPTER 4 ASSOCIATION RULES**

#### **SECTION 1 - General Statement**

- A. The New Mexico Rodeo Association provides its own Association rules for rodeo contests and will insist the rodeo management adhere to them. Any exceptions must be approved by the Board of

Directors.

B. Discrimination of any kind against any Association member in good standing will not be permitted.

## **SECTION 2 - Sanction Rules**

- A. Rodeo Committees wishing to Sanction their Rodeo with the NMRA must abide by all the rules set forth, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.
1. All rodeos and Rodeo Committees of member stock contractors are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
  2. The NMRA shall take eight (8) percent of the total purse, (after stock charges, before added money) of each rodeo, to be used to defray Association expenses.
  3. A sanction fee of \$100.00 is to be paid by each rodeo committee before that rodeo will be approved. A discount is offered to Committees having sanction sheets in at a predetermined "early deadline" set yearly by the Board of Directors.
  4. The \$100.00 mandatory sanction fee must be in the NMRA office at least sixty (60) days prior to the rodeo date, or a penalty of \$50.00 will be assessed the rodeo before approval.
  5. If the \$100.00 rodeo sanction fee is not in the office of the State Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the rodeo date, the rodeo will not be approved.
  6. All rodeo committees MUST have proof of liability insurance. The NMRA and the Stock Contractor shall be covered by this policy, relieving these entities of any liability.
  7. A minimum of \$100.00 (or buckle and/or jackets to equal \$150.00 in value) will be added to each event if there are only two (2) performances and a minimum of \$150.00 (or buckle and/or jackets to equal to \$200.00 in value) will be added to each event if there are three (3) or more performances. The added money and/or prizes must be available to the Arena Secretary before the rodeo starts.
  8. All NMRA sanctioned rodeos will have no limited entries.
  9. All NMRA sanctioned rodeos must use the Central Entry System (CES) unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. There is a Central Entry/Finals Fund charge added to base entry fees at all rodeos. Local Entry phones, days and times are allowed if predetermined and coordinated with CES prior to CES entry day.
    - a. Central entry times shall be the Monday prior to an evens as follows unless otherwise advertised:  
All Events 5:00 PM to 10 :00 PM
  10. Panels must be set across timed event boxes during Rough Stock events. An ambulance and apparatus to drag the arena for the Barrel Race must be available at all slack and performances.
  11. Any contestant entered in an NMRA rodeo shall be admitted free to all performances and slack unless other arrangements have been made by the Board of Directors.
  12. Any Committee adding \$500 or more to each event may set their entry fees within reason (not less than \$60 per event and \$120 in the team roping) with the approval of the NMRA Board of Directors.
  13. Rodeos must start on time designated on sanction sheet and in NMRA newsletter.
  14. All Ground Rules must be approved by the Board of Directors. Sanctioned events must follow NMRA Rules.
  15. The NMRA will provide a qualified Arena Secretary and will pay for one approved judge for each rodeo. The Stock Contractor must pay for the additional approved judge for the rodeo.
  16. An ambulance or qualified EMTs and sufficient equipment to handle common emergencies shall be present at all performances and slack.
  17. The NMRA shall display any Corporate Sponsorship signs, banners or have verbal mention of said sponsors at all NMRA rodeos.

## **SECTION 3 - General Rules for all Members**

- A. All NMRA members shall read and know the Rules and By-Laws of this Association. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
1. Year-end awards will be decided by the "money won" system.
    - a. If a team roper is allowed to enter twice and places twice at any single rodeo, only points for the highest placing shall be counted toward the season's All-Around Awards.
  2. The Association shall guarantee entry fees for members in good standing only. If a member fails to take his stock, he is still responsible for his entry fee.
  3. Rodeo stock must not be used for jackpots during the course of the rodeo.

4. The decisions of any judges, flagmen, or timers will be final. Any discussion of the matter shall only be at the Judges discretion and only after the performance or slack is over.
5. If the Arena Secretary does not have a contestant on the typed list or does not have a receipt for that person, he/she may not be allowed to compete. No switching of contestants from slack to performance or performance to slack is permitted.
6. Should a member end the rodeo year on the Rule Infraction List, the violation will be carried to the following year and he/she will not be allowed to purchase a card until fines/fees are paid.
7. Dress code goes in effect 30 minutes prior to the Grand Entry. Any infraction is enforceable by the rodeo judges, and are subject to a \$25 fine.
8. Slack will start 10 minutes after draw is posted.
9. Time limits for each event is as follows:
  - a. Calf Roping/Incentive Calf Roping – 35 seconds
  - b. Breakaway Roping – 35 seconds
  - c. Steer Wrestling – 30 seconds
  - d. Team Roping/Incentive Team Roping – 30 seconds
  - e. Barrel Racing/Incentive Barrel Racing – 60 seconds
10. Producers must pay the timers.

## **SECTION 4 - Rodeo Rules**

### **A. Entries**

1. Central Entry Secretary will take entries at designated time for respective events on a first-come first-serve basis, allowing each contestant to enter his/herself and two (2) others and must give membership card numbers of all members he/she is entering. Team Roper callers may enter a maximum of six (6) Teams. Books will be kept open designated hours and taken Monday before rodeo date, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
2. If a NMRA member phones in his or her entry and gives a valid NMRA number, their name shall be accepted by the secretary without requiring entry fee to be paid until said member reaches their destination. Immediately upon their arrival at the rodeo, member shall find the secretary and make payment of fees due.
3. Local entries must be taken prior to Central Entry day, and the local entry books must be closed by the time central books are open. Any Contractor or Committee allowing entries after the CES books are closed may be assessed a penalty and/or fine by the NMRA.
4. An NMRA member cannot enter the rodeo through local entry. If a member enters through local entry, this will be treated as a local entry for that rodeo and the points will not count, but that contestant would be paid any winnings.
5. All local entries at an NMRA approved rodeo will be included in the payoff of that rodeo, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
6. Rodeos are cash only.
  - a. Checks will be accepted for Membership dues from previous members in good standing.
7. Any rodeo having less than 100 entrants will automatically allow CES personnel to keep books open extra days if possible.
8. Incentive Team Ropers must designate themselves as such on entry day.
9. Incentive Barrel Racers must designate themselves as such on entry day.
10. Incentive Calf Ropers must designate themselves as such on entry day and be pre-approved to rope as an Incentive roper. An approved Incentive application must be on file in the State Office to be eligible for the Finals Rodeo or to garner points from any sanctioned rodeo one week prior to competing.
11. Entries are taped, any contestant claiming to be entered differently than on the day sheet may compete only at the judges discretion. Any winnings will be held until tapes can be reviewed. Falsifications will be noted, contestant will be fined and winnings will not be awarded.

### **B. Turn-outs**

1. Medical and Vet turnouts (see #3) for all events must notify three (3) hours before the start of performance or slack they are up by calling the Central Entry System phone and leaving a message for the Arena Secretary. Contestants must leave their event, card number, and reason for turn-out. The Arena Secretary will not return calls. Medical and Vet releases are the only

people required to call in. All other entries are guaranteed.

2. Once a head of stock is turned out because a contestant did not show, that contestant is considered to have turned-out and under no circumstances will the stock brought back. If contestant gets hurt at the beginning of the rodeo, contestant may be put back to the last of go-rounds at the judges discretion.
3. In the event of a medical/vet release, members must notify the rodeo secretary before beginning of performance. The member with a medical/vet release will not be liable for fees and no fine will be imposed. Entry fees for this member will not be added to the jackpot. A doctor/vet release must be sent to the state office within seven (7) days and the member cannot enter through any entry system for ten (10) days after the turn-out. **VET RELEASE** is for Barrel Racers only.
4. The medical emergency release applies to personal disability and not to that of any livestock, except for the barrel-racing horses. The vet-out rule for barrel horses will be treated same as medical release.
5. Family Emergency releases apply to immediate family members only, and proof is required in the NMRA office within seven (7) days of the last performance of the rodeo the emergency pertains to. Proof shall be sufficient as determined by the Board of Directors at next regular meeting if necessary.
6. Team Roping - Because this event involves two (2) persons there have been some specific rules set up for situations where one partner shows up and other does not.
  - a. If one partner does not show up, the other person has the option to find a partner out of someone who is already entered in the rodeo for one run. If he/she cannot find a partner to fill the vacancy, then he/she must pay his part of the team.  
In the event of a Medical Turnout for one partner, the other partner has the above option  
Choosing not to take the option does NOT excuse the remaining partner from the rodeo.
7. Members who turn-out twice in a row without notification are ineligible to enter until fees plus fines are paid in the NMRA office.

### **C. Grand Entry**

1. The Board of Directors reserves the right to institute fines for not participating in the Grand Entry at any NMRA Rodeo.
2. All members are encouraged to participate in the Grand Entry and fines can be imposed at the discretion of the event directors or judges.

### **D. Incentive Events**

1. Incentive events are included for Calf Roping, Team Roping, and Barrel Racing. Directors will use the pay-offs listed for their event, with added money split and rules determined by each Director.
2. In the event that there are fewer qualified rides or times than there are places to pay, payment will be made on qualified rides and times only. The Secretary will use guidelines specified in the rulebook to make pay-off.
3. If there are no qualified times in the Incentive Calf Roping or Incentive Team Roping events, all of money goes into the Open Calf Roping or Open Team Roping. If there are no qualified times in the Open Calf Roping or Open Team Roping, the winners of the Incentive Calf Roping and Incentive Team Roping will also win the Open money.

### **E. Treatment of Livestock**

1. No locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses or saddle bronc horses.
2. No sharpened rowels may be used on bulls.
3. Cinches on bareback riggings and saddle bronc saddles shall be made of mohair and shall be at least five (5) inches wide.
4. No wooden paddles or leather straps are permissible.
5. A neck rope must be used in the Calf Roping and calf may not be busted. If horse stops and calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that the calf busts himself, the roper will not be responsible. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Rope to be removed from the calf's body as soon as possible after the tie is completed.
6. The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steers in Steer Wrestling event is forbidden.

7. Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick or injured animal, or animals with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or be injured between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition, and another animal drawn for the contestants as provided in the association Rule Book. An official veterinarian should be available at all events.
8. No animal shall be beaten, mutilated or cruelly prodded. Electric prods not exceeding 12 inches in length shall be used as little as possible. Animal shall be touched only on hip or shoulder area with prod. See Chapter 5, Section 3, Rule A19.
9. A humane means of conveyance must be available to remove animals from arena in case of injury.
10. No sharp or cutting objects in clutch, saddle girth, or flank straps shall be permitted. Only sheepskin lined flanking straps shall be placed on the animal so the sheepskin-covered portion is over both flanks, and the belly of the animal.
11. Deliberate abuse of the rodeo stock will not be tolerated. At the discretion of the Judges, contestant will be fined. In the event of a second offense, contestant must appear before the Board of Directors before competing at any more NMRA rodeos.
12. Breaking or kinking tails is prohibited.

#### **F. PAYOUTS**

1. In the event that there are fewer qualified rides or times than there are places to pay, payment will be made on qualified rides and times only. Secretary will use percentages specified in the rulebook for guidelines to make the pay-off.
2. All money won will count toward Finals.
3. If there are no qualified rides or times, ground money will be paid to contestants who actually competed in that event (not including added money). All added money will be returned to the rodeo committee to distribute as they see fit.

#### **G. ORDER OF EVENTS**

1. The stock contractor and committee have the right to arrange the order of events as needed to fit individual rodeo needs as long as the Barrel Race/Incentive Barrel Race is after the steer wrestling.

#### **H. ALL AROUND CHAMPION(S)**

1. The All Around Champion(s) is to be determined first by the individual who enters two or more events, and wins the most money. Second, the individual who enters two or more events, competes, and wins the most total money. Third, the individual who wins the most money at the rodeo. These All Around rules are to be followed of All Around Awards of the NMRA and at all sanctioned events.
2. Should a committee desire to give All Around Award(s) and not use the above criteria, they must have a copy of their award calculation criteria turned into the field secretary prior to the start of the first performance. The field secretary must post the committee's criteria prior to the beginning of the first performance in order for their All Around Award criteria to be used.
3. A contestant can only count their highest single monetary placing if they are entered in the open and incentive division of an event. Team roping and incentive team roping will count as one event. Calf roping and incentive calf roping will count as one event. Barrel racing and incentive barrel racing will count as one event.

### **CHAPTER FIVE - STOCK CONTRACTORS**

**A. General Statement:** Stock Contractors shall qualify for and maintain position in the NMRA at the discretion of the Board of Directors and according to the following rules.

1. Approved Stock Contractors have demonstrated skills, abilities, and general excellence in their profession and will be utilized at all NMRA first-sanctioned rodeos.
2. The Board of Directors reserves the right to deem any Stock Contractor unfit to represent the NMRA with just cause (penalties, fines or rule and by-law infractions) and a majority vote, as long as two (2) approved Stock Contractors are present at vote registration.
3. Any rodeo choosing a Stock Contractor which is not approved by the NMRA shall forfeit sanction privileges.

4. When Co-Sanctioning rodeos with other Associations, first preference shall be given to rodeos involving NMRA approved Stock Contractors.
5. Contractors wishing to become an approved Stock Contractor shall demonstrate skills, abilities, and general excellence in their profession. Said process for Demonstrating Stock Contractor (DSC) is outlined below:
  - a. Stock Contracting Membership dues shall be equal to the amount of contesting members and are payable with membership application to State Office. The date of this submission shall be the start of a calendar year of the demonstration period.
  - b. The DSC must produce or bring three (3) new non-existing rodeos to the NMRA during his demonstration period. The new rodeos must follow same and usual sanction rules and the DSC must intend them to be permanent. Any DSC who produces his own rodeos to qualify must produce same rodeos for one(1) more years after his demonstration year.

**Definition of a Rodeo:** An Event over the course of one (1) day to three(3) consecutive days which includes all of the current Sanctioned riding/timed events and follows all NMRA rules and by-laws. One-day rodeos shall qualify if added money (minimum requirements apply) is provided for both days in all events and separate sanction fees are paid.

- c. DSC shall be eligible to bring stock to the Membership Drive Rodeo (MDR) if membership application and sanction money for at least one (1) of the three (3) rodeos is paid to the State Office before the MDR.
  - d. DSC shall be eligible to bring stock to the Finals Rodeo in his probationary year only if he applies for early approval, meets the qualifications, and becomes approved by the Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to said rodeo. Approval by the Board of Directors requires a majority vote with two (2) approved Stock Contractors present at vote registration.
  - e. Should a DSC apply for early approval and be denied, he still has the remainder of the demonstration year to attempt to qualify and be approved.
  - f. Should a DSC apply for final approval (at any time) and be accepted, he shall have full Stock Contracting privileges for the next rodeo season and subsequent years under the same conditions as other approved Contractors.
  - g. Should a DSC apply for final approval and be rejected, he may attempt the requalification process. This may or may not involve some of or the same three (3) new non-existing rodeos from the previous demonstration period. The new rodeos brought in under the DSC are not considered "existing" rodeos until an approved NMRA Stock Contractor is utilized.
  - h. DSC is not allowed to bid on existing NMRA first-sanctioned rodeos.
  - i. The DSC shall be governed by and follow the same rules and by-laws as set forth in the NMRA rule book, including all fines and penalties.
6. In order to maintain status and approval as a NMRA Stock Contractor, Contractors must have at least two (2) NMRA approved rodeos during the calendar year. When Contractor falls below two (2) rodeos in any given rodeo season, he shall have to have two (2) rodeos sanctioned the next year by the early deadline pre-determined yearly by the Director of Rodeo Administration. Failure to do so shall then require action by the Board of Directors as to whether to maintain said Contractor on the Approved Stock Contractors list. Any Stock Contractor that loses approval shall have to re-qualify under the above-mentioned qualification guidelines to gain reinstatement.
7. Any approved Stock Contractor that does not provide stock for the Membership Drive Rodeo will not be eligible to bring stock to the NMRA State Finals Rodeo.
8. Qualifying as an NMRA Stock Subcontractor:
  - a. Subcontractor must apply to the NMRA Board of Directors and purchase a Stock Contractors card. The Board of Directors will have the power to suspend this card at any time if it is deemed necessary. He may only subcontract stock to an approved NMRA Contractor and he may not produce rodeos with this type of card.

9. The Stock Contractor that chooses to subcontract stock for any rodeo is responsible for livestock furnished by the stock subcontractors at NMRA rodeos. Card-carrying Subcontractor may have stock at the NMRA Finals, however, it must have been used at NMRA rodeos during the season after this Subcontractor purchased their NMRA membership card. There shall be no subcontracting at the Membership Drive Rodeo.
10. All bucking stock must be proven or approved by the Event Director or his representative.
11. Cattle used for Steer Roping, Team Roping, Cutting, Penning or any other events shall not be used for Steer Wrestling.
12. No timed event cattle may be held over for longer than one calendar year.
13. Board of Directors has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared will be taken from the draw.
14. An event representative or Director may declare particular animals unsatisfactory for competition at that competition or any. Upon notification, the Stock Contractor shall eliminate such animal from competition draw. Continued use of said animal(s) after notification shall result in a fine of \$25. Unsatisfactory animals may be reinstated with approval the Event Director. The Stock Contractor will have the option to appeal the Director's decision at a regular board meeting.

Definition of Unsatisfactory Animal - An animal that:

- a. is considered by the Event Director to be unhealthy or not suitable for competition,
  - b. has in the past caused safety concerns for a contestant or his horse
  - c. would cause an uneven competition, if used
  - d. has in the past demonstrated a disposition to act in a manner which may cause bylaws or rules violations or humane problems if used in a timed event
  - e. would result in a NMRA rule violation.
15. Stock contractors shall be responsible for providing adequate numbers of stock
  16. The amount of timed event cattle at approved rodeos will be enough for one half (1/2) the amount of contestants or "minimum", whichever is least.
    - a. Minimum number of cattle for Breakaway Roping is ten (10)
    - b. Minimum number of cattle for Team Roping is fifteen (15)
    - c. Minimum number of cattle for Calf Roping is twenty (20)
    - d. Minimum number of cattle for Steer Wrestling is ten (12)
    - e. The Stock contractor can use the same calves for the Calf Roping, Incentive Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping provided they furnish one calf for each tie down roper entered, then bring the calves back to the Breakaway roping.
  17. A penalty will be imposed on Contractors who do not comply with rule regarding amount of cattle unless otherwise approved by Event Director.
  18. All fresh tie-down calves shall be flanked and tied down two (2) times with the rope around the calves neck by the Calf Roping Director, or an appointed representative, at least four (4) hours prior to their being competed on at any NMRA approved rodeo. If the Stock Contractor has a fresh calf for every roper, the calves may be roped fresh if approved by the Calf Roping Director or his appointed representative. The Calf Roping Director or appointed representatives will tie all tie-down calves being roped for the first time at an NMRA Rodeo. Calf roping and breakaway calves are to be kept separate from rodeo to rodeo.
  19. Stock Contractors shall be responsible for providing competent Timers at a rodeo, regardless whether the contractor or committee is paying them. If a Timer(s) is deemed incompetent or unacceptable by the Judges and Arena Secretary, the Stock Contractor must provide a suitable replacement(s) by the next performance or sooner if possible.
  20. The Timer's Guidelines states that the Timer's watch should start when the neck rope breaks free from the animal. In accordance, a flag will be placed on the barrier to show when the neck rope breaks free. A flag will be used at all NMRA rodeos.
  21. Stock Contractors are responsible for paying one half (1/2) the Judge's fees or one (1) Judge for entire rodeo and slack.
  22. Stock Contractors have first right of refusal on timed event cattle at the Finals and Membership Drive Rodeo.

## **CHAPTER SIX - RODEO FIELD PERSONNEL GUIDELINES**

### **A. Arena Secretaries**

1. The NMRA will furnish a secretary to each sanctioned rodeo. This secretary is responsible for taking entry fees, selling NMRA memberships and handling the payoff. The NMRA Board of Directors shall be responsible for maintaining a roster of qualified secretaries.
2. The NMRA shall be responsible for the secretary's action and is liable for secretary's mistakes or discrepancies in the payoff or in the handling of entry fees.
3. The arena secretary shall deduct eight (8) percent of the purse less added money, and shall send this money to the Association office with the completed books.
4. Arena secretaries shall send all prize money checks to the contestants not picking them up at the rodeo within three (3) days of that rodeo's final performance.
5. When the NMRA furnishes a Secretary to the rodeo, all contestants will be charged a \$5.00 office charge.
6. Cashing of checks above entry fees shall be left to the discretion of the secretary. NMRA will not cash any checks. If the contestant cashes a check including fees due the NMRA, the secretary shall be responsible for the amount above said fees.
7. Arena Secretaries will receive pay set by the Board of Directors plus \$50.00 Bonus per rodeo. This bonus will be paid only if books are postmarked or delivered within four (4) days following last performance, and are correct. **IF BOOKS ARE NOT IN THE OFFICE IN TEN (10) DAYS THERE WILL BE A FINE OF \$50.00.** If the Central Entry Secretary is also the Field Secretary, another Arena Secretary will check the field books. This person will receive the normal auditing fee for checking the books.
8. A Field Secretary who sends in three (3) consecutive incorrect sets of books or five (5) incorrect sets in the rodeo season shall be required to retrain at the discretion of the Central Entry Secretary.
9. All Secretaries will be required to work small, medium, or large rodeos at the discretion of the CES Secretary and the Board of Directors. In addition, the Membership Drive and Finals are required rodeos.
10. Arena Secretaries must be at least 18 years of age.

### **B. Timers**

1. NMRA requires two experienced and qualified timers who must read and sign the Timers Guidelines provided by the Arena Secretary.
2. Two official timers must be used at every rodeo. Before the first performance, one timer will be declared PRIMARY and the other will be declared SECONDARY. The official time will be recorded from the PRIMARY watch and the SECONDARY watch will only be used when the PRIMARY timer missed the start or stop, or is delayed in starting or stopping the watch, or if the PRIMARY watch malfunctions. The PRIMARY timer shall declare the problem to the SECONDARY timer and the SECONDARY timer's time will be used as the official time.
3. The same two (2) timers must be used throughout the whole rodeo, including slack, unless one or both are found incompetent by the Judge or Secretary.

### **C. Judges**

1. All Judges and Flagmen must be approved by the Board of Directors, attend a Judging Seminar, and/or pass a written test.
2. A rodeo judge shall not compete in any event at a rodeo he/she is judging.
3. Neither Barrier Judge, Field Judge, nor Riding Judge may be changed during the course of a rodeo except in the case of sickness or by request on an NMRA official in agreement with stock contractor and rodeo committee.
4. Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the Arena Secretary has made a final check of the books.
5. Judges Pay - The Stock Contractor will pay one Judge \$100 per performance and the NMRA will pay the other Judge \$100 per performance.
6. Paying Judges for Slack - The NMRA will pay ½ of the fee (one Judge) and the Stock Contractor will pay the other ½ of the fee (one Judge).

- 1 -10 runs - \$25
- 11-30 runs - \$50 each
- 31-55 runs - \$75 each
- 56-76 runs - \$100 each
- 77-125 runs - \$125 each
- 126 or more - \$150 each
- 8. Judges must be 18 years of age.
- 9. Judges for the NMRA Finals to be paid by the NMRA Association.
  - a. For the NMRA Finals there needs to be 2 judges.
  - b. Jackets will be purchased for each Finals Judge
  - c. Buckles for the 2 Finals Judges
  - d. Finals pay for judges will be determined before the finals and be commensurate with like associations.

#### **D. Judges Books**

1. Markings in the rodeo events shall be totaled by both judges and the rodeo secretary and posted in ink after each performance.
2. Barrier Judges shall keep a record of all barrier penalty occurrences in ink. Arena Secretary will furnish a complete list of contestants which must correspond with her list.
3. Markings must be totaled by the Judges and checked by the Secretary.
4. Arena Secretary shall tally and post scores on the bulletin board at the end of each day.
5. Any judge who does not enforce the rules of the Official Rule Book will be reported to the NMRA by the arena director, association official or spokesman. The Board will decide penalties and fines which shall be a minimum of one performance pay for that particular rodeo.

#### **E. Flagging Timed Events**

1. If an animal escapes from the arena in any timed event , flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestants will get animal back with "lap and tap" start, and time already spent will be added to previous time. If time is not recorded, the decision of the Flag Judge shall be final.
  - a. If barrier equipment hangs on animal/contestant, contestant must declare himself to receive a rerun.
  - b. If rope is on animal, roper will get animal "lap and tap" with rope on it in chute.
  - c. A field Flag Judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or jump.
2. It is the responsibility of the contestant to make sure the correct animal is in the chute. Accepting an incorrect animal will result in disqualification.
3. During any performance if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestant, or if automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during, or at the end of that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least several head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be repenned by himself. The arena director will make the decision about when stock is repenned.
4. Barrier Judge and one (1) man will line the timed event stock at the option of the contestant. The position of the hazer will be determined by the judge.
5. Flag Judge shall position himself for Calf Roping at the end of the arena allowing him to come toward the roper. In Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping, Field Flagger shall place himself against the fence on the left-hand side of the timed event box. In Breakaway Roping, Flagger shall position himself on the side the contestant is dominant-handed.
6. During both a performances and slack, no contestant or teams are to be in the arena while a timed event is in progress.
7. There shall be two (2) or more Timers, one (1) field Flag Judge and one (1) Barrier Judge. Time will be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score and length of score to be set by Judges and timed event spokesman or Director, if present. Animal used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
8. Line Judge stands same side as contestant.

#### **F. Barriers and Scorelines**

1. A ten-foot tape must be on hand for the Barrier Judge. Height of barrier in timed events shall be from 32" to 37" measured at the center of the box. Barrier Judge is responsible to change barrier

string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next contestant. Barrier Judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope each performance to assure the same start for contestants each performance. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in the rope on either end. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within ten (10) feet of the post. The Judge before each timed event must inspect barrier equipment. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to the Barrier Judge. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, Barrier Judge may assess a ten (10) second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.

2. Automatic Barrier shall be defined as a neck rope and a rope stretched across the front of the box. No metal catches shall be used. Judges discretion for barrier specifics shall apply.
3. If Barrier Flagman is used, animal to be flagged when crossing starting, or deadline, in front of Flagman, Barrier Judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.
4. Once score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.
5. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.
6. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant or team will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier.
7. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant or team will get stock back if stock is qualified on the field.
8. If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance if stock is drawn.
9. If, in the opinion of the Barrier Judge, contestant or horse is fouled by barrier, roper shall get the calf or steer back providing contestant declares himself by pulling up immediately.
10. If, in the opinion of the Barrier Judge, the contestant obviously broke the barrier, the contestant may be assessed a ten (10) second penalty.
11. Side-Pull Barrier: All barriers must be side-pull barrier with the pulley and the neck rope pulling from the side of the chute.
12. The Judges for each rodeo shall be responsible for providing adequate barrier equipment.
13. Chute Clearance: The timed event chute must have at least 28 inches clearance inside the chute, and at the gate when in an open position for Steer Wrestling and Team Roping.
14. Lining for Timed Event Boxes: In order to protect the contestant's horse, the back and the side opposite the timed event chute shall either have a lower rail which is no less than 3 ft. above ground level and with no obstruction in the area from ground level up to the lower rail or be lined from ground level up to a minimum of 3 ft. high with a solid panel (either metal or 3/4" plywood). Box pads are likewise required for each timed event box.
15. If contestant is fouled by the gate man, he must declare himself by pulling up. Example of this would include, but not limited to failing to open the gate on nod, taking more than one attempt to open gate, or an exceptionally slow opening of the gate. It would not include hanging of horns or legs, etc., by the animal. In the event of this happening, he will not receive a rerun or have a broken barrier penalty removed.

#### **G. Drawing Stock**

1. All stock contest events must be drawn by number by a judge.
2. The team roping cattle must be drawn for as in other events and run in order, except in slack where the order may be changed after the first run, but cattle must still be drawn.
3. There must be as many as six (6) exact copies made of the draw, (1) to be posted, one (1) copy for the Barrier Judge, one (1) for chute help, two (2) for Timers, and one or more copies for the Arena Secretary's record.
4. Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the drawing judge's head and numbers shaken between each number drawn. Drawing must be conducted so that any entrant may witness the draw as long as there is not unruly behavior exhibited by the contestants.
5. If Judges cannot be present at the drawing they must notify the stock contractor and have a qualified representative or spokesman present.
6. Drawing stock must be done one and one half (1.5) hours prior to each performance.

7. Draw must be posted one (1) hour prior to performance.
8. If an animal that is drawn in a riding event or is drawn in a pen in a times event becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, a Judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
9. A Contractor may set a pen of cattle prior to actual contestant draw for purpose of sorting cattle.
10. A contestant cannot compete on same head of stock twice in the same rodeo except in Team Roping and only then with a different partner.
11. Once the draw is made for the first performance, extra cattle cannot be added to the draw.
12. Method of drawing Timed Event stock shall proceed as follows:
  - a. All cattle in the draw will run one (1) time before any cattle will be run twice, except when due to split performance this becomes impossible by requiring several animals to be run twice in the same performance or slack run.

**EXAMPLE:**

Saturday Perf = 12 ropers  
Sunday Slack = 7 ropers  
Sunday Perf = 14 ropers  
17 calves

**STEP 1:** Draw 12 calves from all 17 calves for 12 ropers Saturday performance.

**STEP 2:** Draw from only the remaining 5 calves for first 5 ropers n Sunday Slack.

**STEP 3:** Hold back the 5 calves drawn in STEP 2 and draw from 12 calves for remaining 2 ropers in slack. (At this point all calves will have been run once and 2 calves will have been run twice.)

**STEP 4:** For Sunday performance, draw from only the 15 calves which have been run once for the first 14 ropers.

Thus, no animal will be drawn twice for one performance. All calves will have been run twice except for one (1) which will have run one (1) time.

13. Method of drawing Rough Stock shall proceed as follows:
  - a. Pens may be set by stock contractor or drawn.
  - b. At least two (2) more animals than are needed for that performance should be included in the draw. Feature animals are withheld from the draw until re-rides are drawn. The re-rides are drawn first, then the feature animals are included in the draw and stock is drawn. Stock Contractor may designate rerides
14. Drawing for Members and Non-Members in rough stock events only: The Judges and Stock Contractor can set their pens for and draw for the Members and paid Non-Members first, then draw for everyone else last. Therefore, it is advantageous for Non-Members to pay early!

**H. Riding Events**

1. Mark-out Rule: To qualify, Bareback or Saddle Bronc rider must have his spurs over or above the break of the shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on his initial move out of the chute. It is not necessary to have spurs over the break when the horse is still standing in the chute. Spurs can be well up the horses neck so long as they don't come out from behind the break. Spurs that are rolling above the break should not be disqualified. Too many riders are rough-locking the horse before he ever moves, causing many horses to stall. The best way to spur one out is to reach for him after he moves.
2. The spurs may be rolling in the bareback riding event, but must be touching the animal when the horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute. The initial move out of the chute may be the following:
  - a. Rear Out
  - b. Run Out
  - c. Buck Out
  - d. Step Out
3. Time starts when the animal's inside front shoulder crosses the plane of the chute, not when the horse's front feet make the initial move.

4. Judge should not stand too close or behind the gate and shall have a clear view of the rider and the horse at the same time. Judges should shout "go on" if the rider gets fouled at the gate or the horse stalls. If the rider gets fouled at the gate, the judge yelling "go on" tells the contestant if he is in shape to try the animal and the mark out rule has been waived. If contestant tries his animal, he has accepted the animal, and has no rерide coming because of the foul at the gate. Even if the contestant has missed spurring out on your side, continue to watch the ride because the other official may have waived the spur out rule.
5. Judge should be aware of a contestant getting in a little trouble and jumping off when he is not fouled by the animal. He may be trying to take advantage of other contestants by getting a rерide. This applies to a horse stumbling and falling or bucking into a fence. A contestant need not declare an animal that falls in order to receive a marking with an option of a rерide. All contestants shall be treated alike.
6. Even though the ride and the animal are marked separately, marking for the ride is dependant on the degree of difficulty of the animal.
7. Judges shall use the full spread when at all possible and don't hesitate to mark the top of the spread when you see something outstanding, either rider or horse. Judges should use low marks (from 5-10) for a poor ride or animal, and higher markings (from 20-25) for exceptional performance by animals and/or riders. Low markings on the winning ride defeats the purpose of the scoring system.
8. Judges must not pick out one thing on which to dock a ride. Mark the horse and ride according to the entire picture.
9. Judges will judge one foot (side) and one foot (side) alone. If an animal moves to a point where you can't see your foot, you will have to mark from what you can see. If a bull or horse spins and rider is buried in with your fool and spurring with the other foot, let the other judge mark him accordingly with the other foot (on his side). The other judge would then mark him accordingly for an outstanding ride, even though your side was only fair.
10. Anytime one judge's view is blocked for very much of the ride, he should refer to the other judge's markings for the animal, and to see if the ride was consistent while his view was blocked. In some cases, if a judge doesn't get to see much of the ride he should disqualify himself and use the other judge's markings.
11. A Judge shall judge the full eight (8) seconds of the ride. If an animal starts and then stalls for any length of time, mark the animal and rider for what they have done. If the animal stalls four (4) seconds and bucks four seconds, only mark him for four seconds. Notify the rider of his markings with the option of a rерide. Judges should not base markings on the last part only; consider the full time of the ride.
12. Contestants do not necessarily compete in the same order as the judge's sheet, so make sure you have marked the correct contestant and animal.
13. Judges shall refer back to your books, especially at rodeos with several performances, to refresh your memory about the rides.
14. Judges will mark the animal and contestant only for their efforts. Don't be fooled by dramatic actions of contestants or by movement of chaps or other equipment used to make the ride or animal look good.
15. Judges should not let the announcer, stock contractor, spectators, contestants, or anyone else influence the decision. Animals, just like contestants, have good days and bad days, so score them both on how they perform today. When a previously unriden animal gets ridden it is no sign that the cowboy should automatically win or even place.
16. Rerides
  - a. Rerides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible rerides are as follows: If an animal stops, fouls rider, stock contractor's equipment fails, or performance of animal is inferior. Contestant may take same animal back, providing stock contractor is willing, or contestant may demand a rерide animal be drawn. If contestant takes same animal back, he must take the marking the second time. The only exception will be if contestant is fouled again or there is an equipment failure.
  - b. If the pickup man or horse comes in contact with a bucking horse before qualified time has elapsed, contestant may be given a marking with an option of a rерide providing contestant make a qualified ride initially.
  - c. If rерide is given, Judge shall inform contestant of his marking and an option of a rерide.

Contestant may refuse reride and take marking. Contestant must notify Judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option.

- d. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either Judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and mark-out rule will be waived.
- e. If in the opinion of the Judges a rider is fouled at the gate, a reride may be given or the mark-out rule may be waived.
- f. If animal fouls rider, he must declare himself immediately in order to receive reride. If rider does not declare himself he must accept score given.
- g. If an animal that runs off is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant must take the animal already drawn.
- h. All rerides must be drawn for, turn-outs cannot be substituted for a reride.
- i. If an animal that is drawn for a reride is already drawn for another contestant in the same performance, the contestant with the animal drawn will take it before the man who draws the animal for a reride.
- j. If an animal that is drawn for a reride is already drawn for another contestant in a later round, the contestant with the reride in the prior go-round will take the animal first.
- k. If, in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two (2) honest efforts to get out on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a reride.
- l. When a final head is to be ridden in a riding event, at least two (2) additional head of stock will be available for rerides.
- m. If a riding event animal stops after an initial start, and any outside help is used to start it again, contestant will not be required to qualify in order to be awarded a reride.

#### **I. Pay-offs per event**

##### **BAREBACK PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$399	2 monies	60%	40%
\$399-\$750	3 monies	44%	33% 23%
\$751-\$1500	4 monies	40%	30% 20% 10%
\$1501-\$3000	5 monies	29%	24% 19% 14% 9%
\$3001 and Over	6 monies	27%	22% 18% 13% 10% 5%

##### **SADDLE BRONC PAYOFF**

Entries

1 - 5	1 money	100%
6 - 10	2 monies	60% 40%
11 - 15	3 monies	44% 33% 23%
16 - 20	4 monies	40% 30% 20% 10%
21 - 30	5 monies	30% 25% 20% 15% 10%
31 & Over	6 monies	29% 24% 19% 14% 9% 5%

##### **BULLRIDING PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$350	1 money	100%
\$351-\$650	3 monies	44% 33% 23%
\$651-\$1100	4 monies	40% 30% 20% 10%
\$1101-\$1700	6 monies	32% 25% 18% 12% 8% 5%
\$1701-\$3000	8 monies	28% 23% 17% 11% 8% 6% 4% 3%
\$3001-OVER	10 monies	24% 20% 15% 11% 9% 7% 5% 4% 3% 2%

##### **CALF ROPING, INCENTIVE CALF ROPING PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$375	2 monies	60%	40%
\$376-\$750	3 monies	44%	33% 23%
\$751-\$1500	4 monies	40%	30% 20% 10%
\$1501-\$4000	6 monies	29%	24% 19% 14% 9% 5%
\$4001-OVER	8 monies	27%	22% 18% 13% 10% 5% 3% 2%

##### **BREAKAWAY PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$150	1 money	100%
\$151-\$375	2 monies	60% 40%
\$376-\$750	3 monies	44% 33% 22%
\$751 - \$1500	4 monies	40% 30% 20% 10%
\$1501 - \$4000	6 monies	29% 24% 19% 14% 9% 5%
\$4001 & Over	8 monies	27% 22% 18% 13% 10% 5% 3% 2%

#### **STEERWRESTLING PAYOFF**

1-5 contestants	1 money	100%
6-10 contestants	2 monies	60% 40%
11-15 contestants	3 monies	44% 33% 23%
16-20 contestants	4 monies	40% 30% 20% 10%
21-30 contestants	6 monies	29% 24% 19% 14% 9% 5%
31 and over	8 monies	27% 22% 18% 13% 10% 5% 3% 2%

#### **TEAM ROPING, INCENTIVE TEAM ROPING PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$1000	1 money	100%
\$1001-\$2000	2 monies	60% 40%
\$2001-\$3000	3 monies	44% 33% 23%
\$3001-\$4000	4 monies	40% 30% 20% 10%
\$4001-\$5000	5 monies	36% 24% 19% 14% 7%
\$5001-\$8000	6 monies	29% 24% 19% 14% 9% 5%
\$8001-OVER	8 monies	27% 22% 18% 13% 10% 5% 3% 2%

#### **1-D and 2-D BARREL RACE PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$350	1 money	100%
\$351-\$650	3 monies	44% 33% 23%
\$651-\$1100	4 monies	40% 30% 20% 10%
\$1101-\$1700	6 monies	32% 25% 18% 12% 8% 5%
\$1701-\$3000	8 monies	28% 23% 17% 11% 8% 6% 4% 3%
\$3001-OVER	10 monies	24% 20% 15% 11% 9% 7% 5% 4% 3% 2%

### **CHAPTER SEVEN - INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES**

#### **A. Bareback Bronc Riding**

- Horses are to be proven bucking horses furnished by the approved Stock Contractors only.
- To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's shoulder crosses the plane of the chute and front feet hit the ground.
- Contestants will have the right to call Judges to pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
- Riding to be done with one-handed rigging. Rigging shall not be more than two (2) inches in width at hand and a not over six (6) inch "D" ring, or not a freak. Judges to decide on all riggings. Judge may require rider to take his hand out of the rigging after a horse is cinched. Stock Contractor may request the Judge to take such action.
- Rider must tell flank man and/or the stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with the hotshots. However, if rider denies use of the hotshot and the animal does not buck, no reride shall be given. Animal is not to be hotshotted until animal's head has turned out of a chute. Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider.
  - Riding with rowels too sharp (in the opinion of Judges)
  - Being bucked off
  - Touching animal with free hand
- There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry resin used on rigging or on riders glove. Glove will be plain with no flaps, rolls, wedges, welds or gimmicks.

- Rider may have a single layer of sheepskin or leather under handhold and either one shall be glued down. Rider may not take any kink or finger tuck or finger wrap.
7. If contestant hangs-up in the bareback riding, Judges would have the discretion to fine the contestant. Hang-up fines are paid to the Stock Contractor.  
First offense is \$25, second offense is \$100, third offense is Board Action.
  8. Rigging must lie on horse's back while rigging is being cinched. Stock contractor may call Judge to pass on whether rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back. No fiberglass or metal in rigging or handholds. Flat-head rivets are allowed to secure handhold; only other metal allowed will be in the dee rings. All rigging must have enough sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath to cover the bars. Pads used under riggings must be leather covered on both sides, if they are hair pads, they must be at least one (1) inch thick, and if a foam pad, at least one and one-quarter (1 ¼) inches thick. Pads will extend at least two (2) inches behind the riggings.
  9. Judges shall disqualify bareback rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.
  10. Horses will be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when horse's shoulder crosses the outside plane of the chute.
  11. If rigging comes off horse without breaking, rider is disqualified.
  12. Leather latigo must be used on bareback riggings.
    - a. if leather latigo is not used, the first offense is a warning.
    - b. second offense, the contestant is not allowed to get on bareback horse.

#### **BAREBACK PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$399	2 monies	60%	40%		
\$399-\$750	3 monies	44%	33%	23%	
\$751-\$1500	4 monies	40%	30%	20%	10%
\$1501-\$3000	5 monies	29%	24%	19%	14% 9%
\$3001 and Over	6 monies	27%	22%	18%	13% 10% 5%

#### **B. Saddle Bronc Riding**

1. Horses are to be proven bucking horses furnished by the approved Stock Contractors only.  
Saddle must comply with Association specifications listed in this section.
2. Contestant Saddle Specifications
  - a. Rigging: ¾ double front edge at dee ring must pull not further back than directly below center of point of swell. Stranded E-Z or ring type saddle dee must be used and cannot exceed 5 ¾ inch outside width measurements.
  - b. Swell Undercut: Not more than two (2) inches, one (1) on each side.
  - c. Gullet: Not less than four (4) inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.
  - d. Tree: Saddles must be built on standard tree specifications:
    - Fork - 14" wide
    - Height - 9" maximum
    - Gullet - 5 ¾" wide
    - Cantle - 5" maximum height; 14" maximum width
  - e.. Stirrup leathers must hang over bars
  - f. No "freaks" allowed.
3. Standard halter with one rope-rein must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor. If contractor does not approve of contestants halter, he (contractor) must furnish one.
4. Riding rein and hand must be on same side. Horses to be saddled in chute, rider may cinch own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either Stock Contractor or contestant has the right to call the Judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.
5. One arm must be free at all times.
6. Saddle bronc riding shall be timed for eight (8) seconds. Time to start when horses shoulder passes the outside plane of the chute.
7. Rider must tell flank man and/or the Stock Contractor if he does not want his draw touched with

the hotshot. However, if rider denies use of the hotshot and the animal does not buck, no reride shall be given. Animal may not be hotshot until animal's head turns out of the chute.

8. Any of the following offenses shall disqualify a rider:
  - a. Being bucked off
  - b. Changing hands on rein
  - c. Wrapping rein around hand
  - d. Pulling leather
  - e. Losing stirrup
  - f. Touching animal, saddle, or rein with free hand
  - g. Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs
9. Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle. Anyone using any other foreign substance shall be disqualified and declared ineligible for thirty (30) days, also subject to fine.
10. Judges may disqualify bronc rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his rein in hand when previous horse leaves the arena.
11. Leather latigo must be used on all saddle bronc saddles
  - a. if leather latigo is not used, the first offense is a 'warning'
  - b. second offense, contestant is not allowed to get on saddle bronc horse.

**SADDLE BRONC PAYOFF**

Entries

1 – 5	1 money	100%			
6 – 10	2 monies	60%	40%		
11 – 15	3 monies	44%	33%	23%	
16 – 20	4 monies	40%	30%	20%	10%
21 – 30	5 monies	30%	25%	20%	15% 10%
31 & Over	6 monies	29%	24%	19%	14% 9% 5%

**C. Bullriding**

1. Animals to be proven bucking bulls and will be furnished by approved Stock Contractor.
2. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold: NO KNOTS OR HITCHES to prevent the rope from falling off bull or steer when rider leaves him. Rope must have a bell, NO BELL - NO SCORE. Bell must be under the belly of the Bull. Bull is to be ridden eight (8) seconds: time to start when animals shoulder passes the outside plane of the chute.
3. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in his riding hand, he is to be marked.
4. No more than two (2) men may be on chute to pull contestant's rope.
5. Tipped hooks, rings and/or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.
6. Head-fighting bulls having bad horns must be tipped or kept out of draw. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back a reasonable distance. Bull riders have the option to ask for a reride animal if bulls horns are not tipped or he is not a proven animal.
7. Rider must tell flankman and/or the stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with the hotshot. However, if rider denies the use of the hotshot and the animal fails to buck, NO rerides shall be given. Animal may not be hotshot until animal's head turns out of the chute.
8. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - a. Being bucked off
  - b. Touching the animal with free hand
  - c. Using sharp spurs
  - d. Placing spurs or chaps under rope when rope is being tightened
9. Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised that he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when bull leaves the arena.
10. Day money collected but not awarded will go to the Stock Contractor
11. If all bull riders get bucked-off at a rodeo event, all added money will be returned to the rodeo committee to distribute as they see fit.

**BULLRIDING PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$350	1 money	100%
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\$351-\$650	3 monies	44%	33%	23%							
\$651-\$1100	4 monies	40%	30%	20%	10%						
\$1101-\$1700	6 monies	32%	25%	18%	12%	8%	5%				
\$1701-\$3000	8 monies	28%	23%	17%	11%	8%	6%	4%	3%		
\$3001-OVER	10 monies	24%	20%	15%	11%	9%	7%	5%	4%	3%	2%

#### D. Calf Roping

1. Rope will be tied on hard and fast. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three (3) feet. To qualify as legal tie there shall be one (1) or more wraps, and a half hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must have three (3) legs straight under him and be thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Tie must hold and three (3) legs remain crossed until passed on by the Judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until after judge has completed his examination. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked no time. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens. The exception is in cases of mechanical failure, and the contestant must declare himself by pulling up immediately.
2. There will be a 35 second limit in elapsed time in the Calf Roping. The Timer shall blow a whistle at the end of the 35-second span indicating no time.
3. After tying the calf, the roper will refrain from any unnecessary training on his horse that would cause the horse to drag the calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If the horse drags the calf, the Field Judge may stop the horse. Once mounted, the contestant shall adjust the rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. It will be left to the discretion of the Flagger as to whether a roper has caused a calf to be unnecessarily abused by dragging and if so determined, a penalty will be assessed.
4. When a calf is dragged eight (8) feet or more, the roper shall be fined, even if the "abuse by dragging" is unintentional.
5. The field Flag Judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stop watch, timing six (6) seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until Field Judge has passed on tie.
6. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the field judge has passed on the tie.
7. Two (2) loops will be permitted, "catch as catch can". Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. If roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and must use second rope for second loop.
8. All roping calves must be of the same general type and approximately the same weight. Roping calves shall weigh not more than 250 pounds and a maximum variance between calves at the same rodeo is twenty (20) pounds.
9. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for Calf and Breakaway Roping. The score line may be no longer than the length of the box, minus four (4) feet, unless those roping Directors or a person of his or her choice approves other arrangements. Indoor or outdoor arena length of the box is to be measured from the center of the back end of the box to the center of the barrier.
10. Neck ropes on calves must be tied with rubber bands (#184) or string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events. The rope must run through neck rope on horse.
11. Incentive Calf Roping
  - a. Director may set handicaps according to the system of his choosing and with Board approval
    1. Incentive calf roper is identified as a USCRA #2 or less. If a roper does not have a USCRA card incentive status is up to the discretion of the Incentive Calf Roping Committee. The committee is the open calf roping director, incentive calf roping director and one man appointed by the incentive calf roping director.
  - b. A valid NMRA membership, a pre-approved application and \$25 fee must be on file in the State office one week prior to competition.

- c. Any roper earning more than \$600 in the open calf roping may lose incentive status.
- d. The year-end incentive champion will rope in the open calf roping for the following year (one year).

**CALF ROPING, INCENTIVE CALF ROPING PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$375	2 monies	60%	40%				
\$376-\$750	3 monies	44%	33%	23%			
\$751-\$1500	4 monies	40%	30%	20%	10%		
\$1501-\$4000	6 monies	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%
\$4001-OVER	8 monies	27%	22%	18%	13%	10%	5% 3% 2%

**E. Ladies Breakaway Roping**

1. Contestant may use two (2) loops if a second loop is carried, and then only in a rodeo where an "average" is figured. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
2. Ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with string and have a handkerchief or other colorful cloth attached.
3. The flag must be attached at the horn and not farther down the rope. Penalty for misplacement of flag or handkerchief will be disqualification by the Flagger.
4. Contestant will receive a no-time should she break the rope from the saddle horn herself.
5. The calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body as "catch as catch can".
6. The contestant must pass through the barrier before throwing her loop.
7. Breakaway calves shall weigh at least 200 pounds each and not exceed 350 pounds.
8. All calves must be of the same general type and about the same height.
9. Barrier timers and time limit rules as set in the Calf Roping will apply.
10. Use of colored breakaway string, provided by the NMRA is mandatory. Barrier Judge is responsible for inspecting string. Failure to use colored string may result in disqualification.

**BREAKAWAY PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$150	1 money	100%					
\$151-\$375	2 monies	60%	40%				
\$376-\$750	3 monies	44%	33%	22%			
\$751 - \$1500	4 monies	40%	30%	20%	10%		
\$1501 - \$4000	6 monies	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%
\$4001 & Over	8 monies	27%	22%	18%	13%	10%	5% 3% 2%

1. If there are not enough qualified times to pay the required places based on payoff structure, the secretary would payoff on the above percentages in accordance with the number of qualified times/contestants.

**F. Steer Wrestling**

1. If steer gets loose during run, Wrestler may take one (1) step to catch steer. After catching steer, Wrestler must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop, or is thrown by Wrestler putting animals horns into ground, it must be let up on all four (4) feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four (4) feet and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness as to catch and throw will be left to the Judges, and their decision will be final.
2. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Contestant and hazer must use the same two (2) horses they leave chute with. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping at a steer.
3. When a barrier is used in the Steer Wrestling (automatic barrier must be used), there must be at least a twelve (12) foot box. If box is shorter, Steer Wrestling must be "lap and tap".
4. Any cattle that have been used cannot be held over from one (1) year to the next for use in Steer

- Wrestling except by Event Director approval.
5. Fresh steers added to bunch that has been used must be bulldogged from horseback and thrown down prior to actual contest.
  6. It is the responsibility of Steer Wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the Stock Contractor.
  7. A weight limit shall be placed on dogging cattle - minimum of 450 pounds and maximum of 650 pounds per head.
  8. Longhorn crosses, Mexican Corriente, or Corriente Cross cattle can be used. Steer Wrestling steers must be identified on the left side with either a hot brand or ear tag. (Team roping steers are identified on the right side.)
  9. The horns on steer wrestling cattle must be tipped to the size of a dime.
  10. Ten (10) second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a Flag Judge rules that the dogger's feet touch the ground before flag line is crossed.
  11. If contestant misses or loses steer, Flagman must ask him if he wishes another jump. Contestant must reply at once.
  12. Cattle used for steer roping, team roping, cutting or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling unless approved by event Director.
  13. When fresh steers are used, any fresh steers not thrown down during competition will be thrown down after completion of go-round. Contestant will be responsible to throw down such steers under the supervision of the arena directors and Stock Contractor.
  14. Neck ropes on steers must be tied with #184 rubber band or string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.
  15. The steer wrestling chute must have at least (28) twenty-eight inches clearance inside the chute and at the gate when in an open position.
  16. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by Judges and timed event Director or spokesman, if present, subject to the conditions set forth herein.
  17. At all rodeos with a box less than or equal to 18 feet, the score may be no longer than the length of the box minus five and a half (5.5) feet. At all rodeos with a box more than 18 feet, the score may be no longer than the length of the box minus six (6) feet.
  18. Length of box to be measured from center of back end of box to center of barrier.
  19. There shall be two (2) or more Timers, a field Flag Judge and a Barrier Judge. Time to be taken between two (2) flags.
  20. Animals used for this contestant should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. If contestant jumps at steer, he accepts him as sound. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chutes.
  21. Steer Wrestlers must leave from the left box and the Hazer must leave from the right box.
  22. Field Flagger is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose. Contestant is required to turn steers head so he can get up. Arena Officials may report infractions.
  23. A minimum of 10 contestants in a rodeo performance at the committee's discretion.
  24. Steer Wrestling should precede barrel racing or arena must be worked to fill barrel holes.
  25. If the steer stops before crossing the score line completely and the contestant has not broken the barrier and has not competed on the steer, the contestant will automatically be awarded a rerun, using the steer drawn for the extra, if that steer has already been awarded, another steer will be drawn, the steer that stopped will be removed from the draw for the rest of the rodeo. If that steer stops at another NMRA rodeo, he must be removed from the herd and not be used at any other NMRA rodeo. Steer Wrestling Director or appointed representative discretion.
  26. A steer's horns shall be a minimum of 8 inches from the base to tip around the outside curvature of the horn.
  27. No clown act or any other acts that damages the arena dirt is allowed prior to the steer wrestling event, or the arena must be officially dragged.
  28. There will be a 30 second time limit on all steer wrestling runs.
  29. No steer wrestling cattle can be used for chute doggin'.
  30. Any sub-leased cattle for the Steer Wrestling event must be approved by the Steer Wrestling Director at least one week prior to the rodeo, or the primary stock contractor will be fined \$10.00/head ran on

the first offense and \$25.00/head on the second or more offences for each rodeo season. Steer Wrestling Director will provide contractors a list of approved cattle upon request.  
 A. No privately owned practice steers can be used in NMRA Steer Wrestling competition.

**STEER WRESTLING PAYOFF**

1-5 contestants	1 monies	100%					
6-10 contestants	2 monies	60%	40%				
11-15 contestants	3 monies	44%	33%	23%			
16-20 contestants	4 monies	40%	30%	20%	10%		
21-30 contestants	6 monies	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%
31 and over	8 monies	27%	22%	18%	13%	10%	5% 3% 2%

**G. Team Roping**

1. Contestants will start from behind a barrier. Team roper behind barrier must throw first loop at head. Each contestant will be allowed to carry one (1) rope. Each team is allowed one (1) loop at the head and one (1) loop at the heels. Roping without turning loose of the rope will be considered no catch.
2. Requirements: Field Judges shall drop flag when steer is roped by its head and heels, and both horses are facing steer (in line) with ropes dallied and tight. Horses front feet must be on the ground and ropers must be mounted for the flag to drop. Steer must be standing up when roped by head and heels.
3. Steer must not be handled too roughly at any time. Ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the Field Judge they have intentionally done so.
4. A broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time or if contestant intentionally dismounts during the run, team will be disqualified.
5. Contestants may enter two (2) times with different partners, or up and back. Ropers that are dallying must have a full wrap.
6. Neither contestant may remove "illegal catch" by hand. Should head or heel loop become legal, by the time the field Flag Judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
7. Team Roping shall be enter up to two (2) times unless otherwise determined by the Stock Contractor and rodeo committee. The team roping stock must be drawn for.
8. Legal Catches - There will be only three (3) legal head catches:
  - a. Around both horns
  - b. Half a head
  - c. Around the neck
 If hondo passes over one (1) horn then catch is illegal. If loop crosses itself in a head catch it is illegal. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels. One (1) hind foot receives five (5) second fine. Failure to head and change directions of steer before heeling (crossfiring) is illegal. Front feet in heel catch is illegal. Both ends must dally unless over fifty (50) years old. In the case of a heeler over fifty, he may tie on.
9. Throwing Heel Loop: The steer's body must change directions before the heel loop can be thrown. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded.
10. Incentive Team Roping
  - a. This event shall be "within" the Open Team Roping.
  - b. Ropers shall designate themselves as Incentive teams as they enter the rodeo.
  - c. Designation shall be noted on the Day Sheets in a manner specific to Incentive events.
  - d. Proof of Handicap: ropers shall show a current handicap card from the United States Team Roping Championships at time of application for membership, or first NMRA rodeo entered. ID number and classification number will be recorded at State Office. Nonmembers must show current USTRC card at each rodeo.
  - e. Team's combined number must be below or equal to designated guidelines as set by the Director and advertised for the rodeo.
  - f. Twenty-five (25) percent of the Incentive Teams money (minus stock and sanction charges) shall go to the Open Division, which is inclusive of the Incentive Teams times, making

- Incentive Teams eligible to win in both divisions.
- g. Added money shall be split as designated by the Director, Committees and accepted by the Board.
  - h. The Finals Rodeo will have a completely separate event called Incentive Team Roping, in which no monies will be combined with the Open division and separate prizes equal to the Open division will be awarded.
  - i. Falsifying handicap information will result in winnings being forfeited. In addition, falsifying contestant will not be eligible to enter incentive team roping for one year, and will not be eligible to enter ITR finals or be eligible to win year end awards in ITR.
  - j. Central office/Director will verify handicap classification with the USTRC on or about June 15<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Members are required to let the NMRA know immediately when classification is changed. Failing to do so will subject contestant to rule G-10-i.

#### **TEAM ROPING, INCENTIVE TEAM ROPING PAYOFF**

\$0 - \$1000	1 monies	100%
\$1001-\$2000	2 monies	60% 40%
\$2001-\$3000	3 monies	44% 33% 23%
\$3001-\$4000	4 monies	40% 30% 20% 10%
\$4001-\$5000	5 monies	36% 24% 19% 14% 7%
\$5001-\$8000	6 monies	29% 24% 19% 14% 9% 5%
\$8001-OVER	8 monies	27% 22% 18% 13% 10% 5% 3% 2%

#### **H. Ladies Barrel Race**

1. Barrel racing is a timed event. The starting and finish line and position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. If an electric timer is used, it shall be permanently marked for the entire rodeo as well.
2. There shall be two Judges, one (1) to act as a Line flag Judge and one (1) to act as a Field Judge to determine any irregularities that may occur in the arena. Prior to the first performance, Judges will check and measure existing stakes. Permanent stakes will be placed at this time to be used for the entire rodeo.
3. Members up in the first performance are asked to assist Judges in setting markers and giving the measurements to the Arena Secretary. If there are more than one performance, contestants in other performances are asked to check markers before rodeo.
4. Each contestant will begin from a running start, time shall begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose reaches the finish line. The starting and finish line must be the same.
  - a. There will be no intentional circling of the horse prior to starting the electric eye. If a side or corner gate is used a spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction. Failure to comply is a \$25.00 fine.
5. The barrel course may be run with (1) right turn and two left turns or one (1) left turn and two (2) right turns.
6. Contestant will be assessed a five (5) second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.
7. Should a barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five (5) second penalty will be assessed.
8. If the barrel is still standing when contestant goes across finish line and then falls down, a time will be posted. Flagman's decision will be final.
9. Contestants will be disqualified for not following pattern, or not being ready to contest when name is called.
10. Should barrels not be placed on markers or Flagman not be in correct place, things must be put in the correct order and all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be re-run with no penalties assessed.
11. Should the markers be gone and a tape measure be used to set the barrels, that is sufficient, and no reruns will be allowed.
12. Brightly colored 55 gallon steel drums must be used. There shall be no rubber barrels or barrel

- pads used. Both ends of the barrel shall be closed in.
13. No re-runs shall be given at a rodeo when a horse falls, unless it is posted in the rodeo office as a special ground rule at that rodeo.
  14. No re-runs will be given for broken equipment. Re-run will be given should a default occur due to management.
    - a. If a re-run is allowed, contestant may be allowed to make the re-run after the performance.
    - b. The decision to re-run must be made immediately following the rodeo, and all contestants notified, if possible.
    - c. If the timer does not work and a re-run is given, a contestant has the option of keeping her original back up time. The exception is for an "average" rodeo, the contestant must run again with the electric eye, after the performance.
  15. Barrels must not be set on the markers when practicing or working horse on pattern. When markers are set for practicing or working horse they must be set at least ten (10) feet off the markers.
  16. Ground:
    - a. Committee is asked to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event. Committee shall have equipment to drag for the Barrel Race.
    - b. Whenever possible, a maximum of (14) runners shall be allowed per performance. Drag will be used after seven (7) actual runs, regardless of turnouts. No ground rules shall supercede.
    - c. 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 numbers of contestants for a performance have competed. If a drag is used, it should be dragged the same.
    - d. If slack is run before first performance of the rodeo, it is mandatory to work and water the ground the same as it will be done for the performance during the rodeo.
    - e. Incentive Barrel Race, when sanctioned will be run under the guidelines set forth by the Director of the event and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
  17. Committee ground rules may apply when approved by the Board of Directors for that specific rodeo
  18. BARREL PATTERN Standard course should be used whenever possible:
    - a. 90 feet between barrels one and two.
    - b. 105 feet between barrels one and three and between barrels two and three.
    - c. 60 feet from barrels one and two to scoreline.
    - d. Maximum distance of 105 feet between barrels one and two: 120 feet between two and three and one and three. Scoreline must never be more than 90 feet. Above rule is applicable in unusually large arenas.The following shall be used in smaller arenas:
    - a. Scoreline should be 45 feet away from end of arena.
    - b. Barrels one and two must be 18 feet from sides of the arena.
    - c. Barrels must be 36 feet from end of arena, but may not be over 105 feet between barrels one and three and two and three.
  19. The barrels must be marked using a 100-foot measuring tape. Add five (5) feet on the tape in order for correct measurement between one and three and two and three. The person measuring the barrel pattern must make an arc on the ground from barrel one to barrel three and from barrel two to barrel three. Where the arcs cross is where the third barrel marker must be placed. This will insure equal distance for barrel racers who run to either the right or left barrel first. The starting line must also be correctly measured back from barrel one and two, so that the distance is the same to insure equal distance from scoreline to either barrel. Permanent markers shall be placed on both sides to indicate the starting line.
  20. Markers should be buried so they will remain in the same place during the entire rodeo. If an electric eye is used, markers must be buried to mark the tripod locations. All three (3) barrels will be placed so the marker is on the outside of the base of the barrel as it is placed on the ground. Judges should check all three (3) barrels to make sure barrels have correctly been placed before race begins, and after barrel or barrels that have been knocked over have been reset.
  21. Entry fees must be at least \$50.00.

Electric Eye charge is a maximum of \$5.00.

22. Electric Eye should be used if provided. If electric eye fails, regardless of which performance this happens in, every effort should be made to have an eye for the remaining performances.
  - a. Judges, Secretaries and Barrel Racers shall be held responsible for readiness of the eye prior to its use. Stock Contractors should be willing to assist Judges, Secretaries and Barrel Racers in their attempts to prepare and use the eye.
  - b. The official Flag Judge will always back up the eye on the starting line. The Flagman should never leave his position.
  - c. The flag time or back-up time will always be clocked by one manual Timer. The Head Timer will make sure the Backup Timer records the manual time readout to the hundredths. The Arena Secretary will make sure the Head Timer records the eye time to the thousandths.
  - d. Back-up times will be recorded to the hundredths only.
23. In the event of electric eye failure: If the electric eye fails to work for more than one-half (51%) of the contestants in an entire rodeo (or go-around in the case of more than one go-round), the back-up recorded times will be the official times for all contestants in that rodeo (or go-round). If the electric eye works for more than half the contestants, those with electric eye times will retain them for their official times and the remainder of contestants will have back-up times for their official times.
24. Any barrel racing contestant who runs out of order will be disqualified.
25. Incentive Barrel Race (2D)
  - a. This event shall be 'within' the Open Barrel Racing
  - b. The Incentive placing will be determined by a .7 second split from the overall fast time, which is also the winning time.
  - c. 60% of all barrel racing money (added money and entry fees) will go to the open barrel race and 40% of all moneies will go to the incentive pay out.
  - f. The Finals will be run identical to how the entire rodeo season has been run.

#### **BARREL RACE**

\$0 - \$350	1 money	100%																	
\$351-\$650	3 monies	44%	33%	23%															
\$651-\$1100	4 monies	40%	30%	20%	10%														
\$1101-\$1700	6 monies	32%	25%	18%	12%	8%	5%												
\$1701-\$3000	8 monies	28%	23%	17%	11%	8%	6%	4%	3%										
\$3001-OVER	10 monies	24%	20%	15%	11%	9%	7%	5%	4%	3%	2%								

Incentive payoff in the event of an average rodeo: Incentive average should be .7 X # of runs. Example:  
Open 1<sup>st</sup> run – 15.0; 2<sup>nd</sup> run 15.0; Average 30.0 Sec.  
Incentive 1<sup>st</sup> run – 15.7; 2<sup>nd</sup> run – 15.7; Average 31.4

### **CHAPTER 8 INFRACTION SYSTEM**

#### **SECTION 1 - General Statement**

A. Each member agrees to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Rules of the organization and to be subject to reprimand, fine, suspension, expulsion or any other disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, or action of an officer of committee to who the Board of Directors has delegated authority.

1. The NMRA shall maintain a current infraction list at all times.
2. Any contestant who appears on the Infraction List shall only be allowed to compete at one other NMRA sanctioned rodeo (to collect fine) until said infraction has been cleared.
3. All monetary infraction penalties must be paid in the form of a money order, cashier check or cash.
4. Rodeo Judges and Arena Secretaries shall post any infraction and fine which occurred during a rodeo performance or slack competition at all NMRA sanctioned rodeos immediately following the performance or slack whenever possible.
5. Arena Secretary is responsible for forwarding to the NMRA office a complete listing of infractions from each NMRA sanctioned rodeo with their results list on the first business day

after the rodeo and in the final rodeo books.

6. The NMRA will honor any other associations "Cannot Enter List" and "Rule Infraction" penalties for a co-sanctioned rodeo with said association.
7. An infraction-listed member will have his/her points withdrawn from the time of the infraction until he/she has been reinstated.
8. Failure by a member to clear infraction(s) at the conclusion of the fiscal year could result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors with Suspension of member or non-member up to and including five (5) years.
9. All fines must be paid within 30 days from the time the fine was imposed. If the fine is not paid within the 30 days, the Board of Directors may take any action (doubling of fine, ineligibility, expulsion from membership) deemed necessary.

## **SECTION 2 - Infraction and Fine list with Disciplinary Action**

A. Conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken when applicable. Discipline may include, but shall not be limited to the following ("progressive" is incremental fines upon worsening activity):

1. Animal Abuse. Any contestant who fails to head an initial warning from the field flagger that he/she is mistreating an animal will be fined \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for the second., progressive at the discretion of the Judges after that.
2. Bad Checks. Rodeos are cash only. Checks may only be written for membership dues.
3. Conduct Detrimental to Public Image. Unbecoming conduct, speech (obscene language), appearance or lack of financial responsibility which shall be determined to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation or well being of the NMRA or the sport of rodeo will result in a \$200 fine and possible suspension.
4. Contestant not ready to perform. In any event a contestant not ready when called during a performance of section of slack is subject to a fine of \$25 progressive and/or disqualification.
5. Delay of Performance or Slack. All scheduled performances and slack competitions must start on time as indicated on rodeo approval application. Rodeo Committee is subject to a fine equal to the sanction fee.
6. Dragging calf in calf roping. If the horse drags the calf excessively, the field judge may stop the horse. Once mounted the contestant shall adjust the rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. An excessive drag shall be defined as more than eight (8) feet. A \$25 fine shall be imposed for unintentionally dragging a calf. Intentionally dragging a calf (caused by the contestant) regardless of the distance, shall result in a \$100 progressive fine and disqualification.
7. Dress Code. Contestant must wear cowboy hat, boots and a long-sleeved shirt in the arena. The dress code goes into effect one half hour before the Grand Entry. A \$25 fine shall be assessed.
8. Election Falsification:. Any person caught falsifying information/ forms or campaigning illegally shall lose membership privileges.
  - a. All elections shall be run through the state office.
9. Entry Information Falsification: All CES conversation is taped. If entrant has a claim that proves to be incorrect after listening to the CES tapes, the fine will be \$100 and possible suspension of membership.
10. Failure to make an honest effort. All contestants are required to make an honest effort and failure to do so shall be reported by the judges and a \$25 fine shall be assessed.
11. There will be no intentional circling of horse prior to the start of the electric eye in the barrel race. If a side or corner gate is used a spin or pivot is acceptable in any direction. Failure to comply is a \$25.00 fine.
12. Failure to submit a Doctor or Judge's verification of a visible injury. If a contestant draws out of a rodeo due to a visible injury, the contestant must submit a doctor or judge's verification to the NMRA office within seven days of the last performance of the rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a fine equal to a non-notified turn out as set forth in this section.
13. Failure to submit Doctor's or Veterinarian Release. If a contestant doctor releases or veterinarian releases, failure to submit a doctor's or veterinarian verification on a

doctor/veterinarian letterhead bearing the doctors/ veterinarian name, address and phone number and signed by a licensed practitioner to the NMRA office with in seven days of the last performance of the rodeo will result in fees equal to the entry fees for the event in question, plus an additional \$50 fine.

14. Fees, Nonpayment of: Any failure of a contestant to pay entry fees will result in a \$25 progressive fine plus said fees. Upon third (3rd) offense, member will be ineligible to enter a NMRA sanctioned rodeo.
15. Fighting in the Arena. Fighting in the arena will result in a fine of \$200 progressive and member is subject to suspension.
16. Foreign substance (unapproved) on glove, saddle, or chaps will result in a \$50 fine.
17. Handicap Falsification: Misrepresentation by giving the Arena Secretary an out-of-date handicap card or false information will result in winnings being forfeited. In addition the contestant will not be eligible to enter incentive team roping for one year, and will not be eligible to enter ITR finals or be eligible to win year end awards. The roper will be reported to the USTRC.
18. Harassment of Rodeo Personnel in or out of the arena or during Central Entry: This is a progressive fine beginning with \$50 and can be imposed by any Official or Secretary.
19. Holding on to the Gate. Any riding event contestant who holds on to the chute gate, preventing the gate from opening after he has indicated he is ready to compete will be assessed a \$50 progressive fine.
20. Horses not being used for competition. Only the horses needed during actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any timed event. A \$50 progressive fine will be assessed to the competing contestant should another horse be present when he calls for his animal.
21. Illegal use of Prods or similar devices. In the riding events, use of prods and similar devices is generally prohibited. Exceptions shall be in the case of a known chute stalling animal, and only if judges and contestant are notified before the contestant's competition begins. In this instance, the prod shall not exceed 12 inches in length. Use of prod without notifying judge and contestant before contestant's competition begins shall result in a fine of \$100 to the Stock Contractor, and the contestant will receive an automatic option of a ride. The use of a prod in excess of 12 inches in length in the arena (bucking chutes included) shall result in a fine of \$200.
22. Inability to free hand from bareback rigging. The inability to free hand from rigging by a bareback rider shall cause a \$50 fine to be assessed.
23. Influencing an Official. Attempting to bribe, influence through physical intimidation, or fix any event through contact with any NMRA official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking to the judge at a time when an event is in progress will result in a \$250 fine and is subject to suspension.
24. Late Rodeo Books. Arena Secretaries must have the books back in the CES office within 10 days after the last performance or no bonus will be awarded.
25. Late Sanction Fee. Sanction Fee must be in the NMRA office a minimum of 60 days prior to the first scheduled competition time of the rodeo. A \$50 penalty will be assessed if the rodeo committee fails to submit approval application and fee 60 days prior to the start of the first scheduled competition time of the rodeo.
26. Non-Notified turn out for a Member All members are responsible for entry fee except in the case of Medical or Vet (Barrels only) turnout. Turnout line must be notified in time for the performance or slack scheduled to ride in.
27. Non-Tipped horns on steer wrestling cattle. Stock contractor will be expected to cooperate with trimming the horns of all cattle which are not able to pass through the chute. Steer wrestling cattle must have horns blunted to the size of a dime. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine per head per run.
28. Non-Tipped horns in the bull riding. All bulls in the bull riding must have their horns blunted to the size of a quarter. Animal is subject to being pulled from the draw and Stock Contractor may be assessed a fine of \$100 per animal for failure to abide rule.
29. Proven animals. All animals in riding events must have been tried at least once as a bucking animal before being put in the draw. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a

\$200 fine per animal assessed to the stock contractor of record.

30. Pusher in timed events. The assistant to the contestant who is pushing the cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the chutes until the animal has crossed the score line. A \$25 fine will be assessed to the contestant and pusher
31. Refusal to pay fines. Any member refusing to pay fees or fines will be placed on the Rule Infraction List and suspended from competition until appearing before the Board of Directors to make restitution.
32. Rowdyism and Quarreling. Rowdyism and quarreling in the arena will not be allowed. A \$50 progressive fine shall be assessed.
33. Rule Enforcement: Any judge who does not enforce the rules of the NMRA Rule Book shall be fined. Any Official may report such activity. The fine assessed shall be a minimum of one (1) performance's pay at said rodeo. Upon a second infraction, Judge will be brought before the Board of Directors for review and possible disciplinary action.
34. Running out of order in barrel racing. Running out of order in barrel racing event shall result in a \$50 fine and disqualification.
35. Spurs, Locked or Non-Dulled in horse riding events. Any riding event contestant competing with locked or non-dulled spurs will be disqualified and subject to animal abuse fine.
36. Stock Confinement: No stock shall be confined or transported in Vehicles beyond a period of twenty-four (24) hours without being unloaded, and properly fed and watered. Failure to abide by this shall subject the stock contractor or contestant involved to a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense and a doubling fine thereafter.
37. Stock Contractor failure to produce (his own) qualifying rodeos for subsequent one (1) year following demonstration year: Penalty shall be a \$500 fine per rodeo and possible expulsion by the Board of Directors.
38. Stock Identification/Duplication, Riding Event: All riding event livestock must be numbered by permanent brand or a permanent factory numbered ear tag, unless otherwise approved by the A \$100 fine per animal not identified per time drawn will be assessed to the Stock Contractor. No duplication of numbers shall be permitted. A \$100 fine per duplication shall be assessed to the Stock Contractor.
39. Stock Identification/Duplication, Timed Event: All timed event livestock must be numbered by permanent brand or with a permanent factory-numbered ear tag, unless otherwise approved by the Event Director. A \$100 fine per animal not identified per time drawn will be assessed to the Stock Contractor. No duplication of numbers shall be permitted. A \$100 fine per duplication shall be assessed to the stock contractor.
40. Stock Shortages. In the event of a shortage of stock, the Contractor shall be assessed a fine based upon offense: (1) First offense/Rodeo Year shall equal \$50 per shortage; (2) Second offense/Rodeo Year shall equal \$100 per shortage; (3) Third offense/Rodeo Year shall equal \$200 per shortage.
41. Switching of livestock between events. No timed event animals may be switched in events unless approved by event directors in both events involved. A \$50 fine per head will be assessed to the stock contractor of record.
42. Timer inadequacy: A Timer deemed inadequate or unacceptable by a Judge and the Arena Secretary must be replaced by the next scheduled performance. Stock Contractors failing to do so may be fined \$100.
43. Unnecessary Roughness in barrel racing. Unnecessary roughness to the horse during competition shall result in a \$50 fine to the Barrel Racer in addition to the animal abuse fine.
44. Unsatisfactory Animals. An event director may declare particular animals unsatisfactory. Upon notification, either written or verbal, stock contractor shall eliminate such animal from competition draw. Continued use after notification will result in a \$100 fine per use.
45. Unwarranted Presence in Livestock Pen. Contestant will be disqualified for being present in a pen with livestock at any time, except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director or a judge or when assigned to work in those pens.

46. Working horse on barrel markers. Working horse on barrel markers shall result in a \$100 fine.

**NOTES**