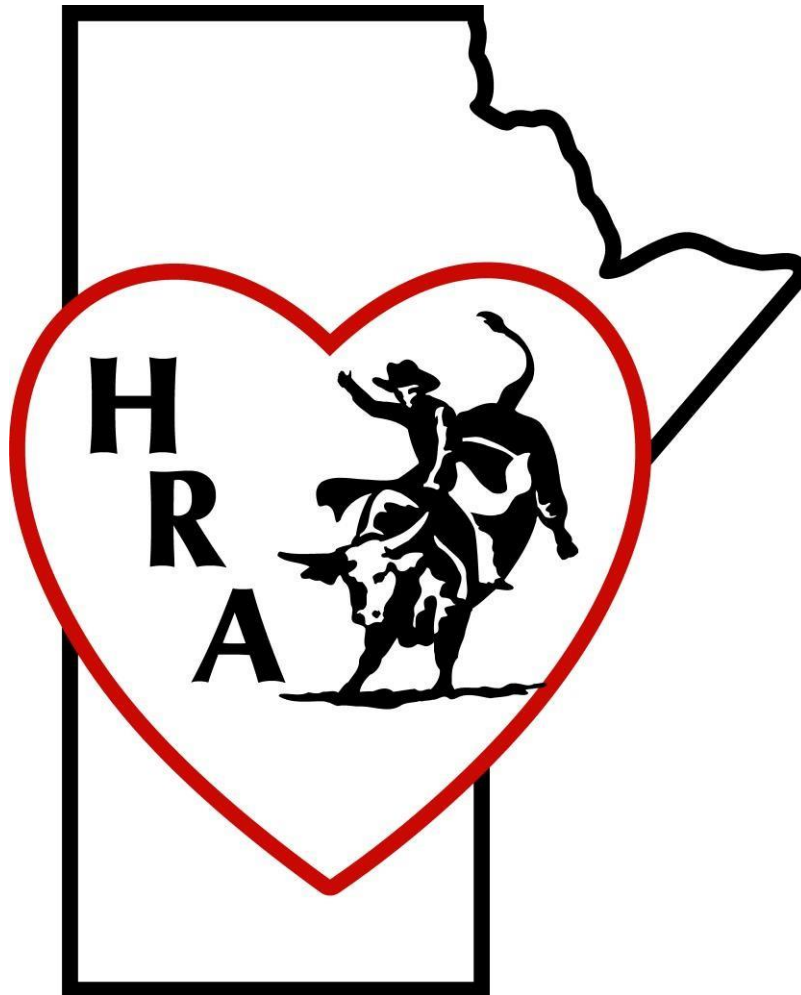


# HEARTLAND RODEO ASSOCIATION BY- LAWS & RODEO RULES

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## Heartland Rodeo Association Rule Book

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Section XXXI

\*\*\*SECTION I \*\*\*

**CONSTITUTION**

The name of the association is the Heartland Rodeo Association, herein referred to as the HRA. It shall be a Non-Profit Organization in accord with the laws of the Province of Manitoba, Canada.

The HRA has been formed for the following purposes:

1. To organize rodeo contestants and to promote rodeo within the boundaries of Manitoba.
2. To work cooperatively with rodeo committees, contestants, contractors, sponsors, members, spectators, the media, and other associations to ensure the production of high quality, family-oriented rodeos and related activities.
3. To promote western traditions, sportsmanship and friendly competition in the sport of rodeo.
4. To undertake such action necessary to promote and oversee the humane treatment of all livestock used in any manner at all HRA rodeos or events.
5. To ensure maximum entries for each HRA rodeo by not approving any overlapping rodeo dates.
6. To promote affordable family rodeo in the Province of Manitoba.
7. All executives of the HRA must be residents of the Province of Manitoba. General membership is open to all.
8. Any changes to the Constitution must be brought forward to the general membership with at least thirty (30) days written notice. There must be seventy-five percent (75%) of the general membership present at said meeting.
9. To ensure that the by-laws and rules governing the HRA are adhered to.

\*\*\* SECTION II \*\*\*

**BY-LAWS**

1. President and Vice President are elected for a two-year term
  - a. The secretary and any other position necessary will be hired on a 3-year contract by the board of directors. Such duties will be outlined in a written contract.
  - b. All other board members shall serve for a two-year term. The board shall be split in half with the positions to be re-elected on an annual basis, the split being: President, Team Roping Director, Saddle Bronc / Bareback Director, Bull Riding Director, Ladies Barrel Racing Director, and Judging Director.
2. The Board of Directors may modify the rules in special circumstances.
3. The Board of the HRA shall serve without salary. Expenses of persons performing special duties for the association can be repaid at the approval of the Board.
4. The Board shall have the authority to render decisions related to business matters of the association, members conduct, and rodeo matters.
5. No board member shall hold more than one executive position. The President shall preside at all meetings. In his / her absence, the Vice President will preside.
6. A quorum for the purpose of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be a majority (50%) of the Board of Directors. The Director's must be physically present to be included in the quorum.

**a. BY-LAW INTERPRETATION**

APPROVED RODEO – means a rodeo that is approved by the association.

ASSOCIATION – means the Heartland Rodeo Association, also referred to as the HRA.

CASH LIST – means a list of members who must pay their entry fees, dues, or other payments by cash, e-transfer, or certified cheque. The Board has the authority to add or delete the names of members to this list.

JUDGES LIST – means a list of persons who are approved by the association as qualified judges.

MANAGEMENT – means the rodeo committee or the rodeo producer.

MEMBER – means a person who has been granted membership to the HRA at the approval of the Board of Directors.

SUSPENDED LIST – means a list of members and others who cannot enter or compete at an approved rodeo.

RODEO YEAR – shall begin at the completion of the final performance of the Finals and end at the completion of the next subsequent Finals.

FISCAL YEAR – for the association shall be the calendar year and ending at midnight December 31<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*\* SECTION III \*\*\*

**MEMBERSHIPS**

1. Members shall abide by all rules and regulations of the association and are bound by the same.
2. Yearly memberships shall consist of Senior, Junior, and Family memberships. Membership fees shall be set by the Board of Directors.
3. Senior cards are to be held by all persons working an HRA rodeo for a salary. Anyone working a rodeo will be allowed one working rodeo hometown (a membership will not be required if only working one rodeo).
4. Membership of the HRA shall consist of anyone whose application as a member has been received and approved by the Board of Directors of the HRA.
5. Membership fees shall be set at:
  - a. SENIOR - \$125 + applicable taxes.
  - b. JUNIOR - \$75 + applicable taxes. Ages for all junior events will be 16 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> that rodeo year. Proof of age MUST accompany membership form (new or renewal).
  - c. Age for Pee Wee members will be 12 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> that rodeo year. The Pee Wee membership applies to Barrels only. To compete in any other events, a Junior membership must be purchased. The member may compete with the Pee Wee membership (barrels only) and the Junior membership for all other events.
6. Membership must be purchased and processed before entries open if the member wishes to enter. Memberships can be purchased at the first rodeo of the season.
7. All persons holding a valid HRA card shall be admitted to HRA rodeos free of charge on the day they're entered or working except for those rodeos that have posted in advance that contestants must pay at the gate even though they are competing. This information will be posted on the website in advance.
8. All applicants for membership will be required to sign a membership application form and release form before being eligible for membership in the association. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the application and release form.
9. Members will get the same HRA card number annually.
10. Members are the only contestants who can compete in the major events at approved rodeos with the exception of try out (hometown) contestants. One may only try out / hometown one approved rodeo per rodeo year and must enter through the ACE operator. Try out / hometown contestants must sign a waiver.
11. A hometown contestants have three business days to purchase his/her membership for their points to count toward finals.
12. Current members' entries are to be accommodated first and foremost. Hometown entries are to accommodate the association to fill performances.
13. All members of the HRA waive the HRA of liability for injury, theft, or any other claims.
14. Any member knowingly or unknowingly writing and passing cheques of non-sufficient funds (NSF) must:

- a. The first offence: make restitution to the HRA for the amount of the cheque and also pay an NSF fee. They will be put on a suspended list until the matter is cleared up.
  - b. The second offence: make restitution to the HRA for the amount of the cheque and also pay an NSF fee. If not paid immediately, they will be put on a suspended list, have name published in the newsletter, and will also be put on a cash list for one (1) year.
15. Junior contestants may enter any major event. This junior member must purchase a senior card at HRA Finals, if they have qualified and wish to compete in that event.
- a. Once a Pee Wee member goes in a junior event, they can not go back that year, but can the following year if they qualify.

\*\*\* SECTION IV \*\*\*

**HEAD OFFICE**

1. Head office of the HRA shall be the home address of the current Secretary.

\*\*\* SECTION V \*\*\*

**GENERAL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

1. The annual general meetings of the membership shall be held at the Finals. In the event that there are no Finals, the meeting shall be held at such a place and on such a day and at such a time as the Board of Directors shall appoint.
2. At the general meeting, in addition to other business that may be transacted, the report of the Directors and the financial statement shall be presented. The vacant Directorships shall be filled by nomination and a secret ballot. The Board of Directors President and Vice President shall have the power to call a general meeting at any time.
3. The association Board of Directors will make every reasonable effort to advise all members one week prior to general meeting and the subject matter therein.
4. If there is no President or Vice President, or if any general meeting neither of the officers is present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for holding such a meeting, the members present shall choose one of their members to act as the Chairman.
5. Only paid members are allowed to vote.
6. Each member present at an annual meeting or general meeting, other than the Chairperson of the meeting shall have the right to exercise one vote.
7. All matters arising or to be dealt with at any meeting of the members shall be carried or decided by the majority of the voting and no one shall have a deciding vote except the chairman, who shall vote in the event of a tie.
8. Each Rodeo Committee hosting an HRA rodeo that fiscal year shall have the authority of motion and are allowed one vote at that year's annual general meeting.
9. HRA will issue a \$50 fine to those contestants who are competing at Finals who do not attend the AGM.

\*\*\* SECTION VI \*\*\*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The affairs, business, rules, regulations and activities of the association shall be under the control, management and direction of the Board of Directors, consisting of the election of officers from the association membership.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- **PRESIDENT**
- **VICE PRESIDENT**

There shall be event directors in each of the following events:

- Saddle Bronc / Bareback
- Bull Riding
- Team Roping
- Tie Down Roping
- Steer Wrestling
- Ladies Barrel Racing
- Ladies Breakaway Roping
- Goat Tying

There shall be Directors at large for:

- JUDGING DIRECTOR
- COMMITTEE DIRECTOR
- SPONSORSHIP/FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

The Judging Director must be someone who has completed a judging clinic or must complete one before the start of the next rodeo season. There shall be 4 area representatives appointed as needed to assist the Committee Director, and to promote rodeo in all four corners of the province. Only members of the association in good standing are eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

2. Event Directors are responsible for having someone act as Director if unable to attend a rodeo.
3. New Directors will take office at the end of the rodeo year. In the event elections are held during the Finals, the new Director will take office at the completion of the final performance.
4. Any Director can be replaced for just cause if stated at a Director's Meeting with said Director present.
5. Any Director absent for 3 consecutive meetings without just cause may be asked to step down from the Board.
6. The board of directors will ensure that a financial review will be completed by a bookkeeper, agreed upon by the board, at the completion of each rodeo year

\*\*\* SECTION VII \*\*\*

**APPROVALS**

1. Only rodeo approvals from communities within the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba shall be brought before the Board of Directors for approval. Only rodeos with at least \$100 per major event per performance, and \$50 per junior event per performance will be approved.
2. Priority will be given to approvals submitted for consideration before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Previous approval dates will be held until January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

3. Approval fees will be set by the Board of Directors and until renegotiated will be set at \$125 plus GST. Every rodeo committee must provide a phone number to be used the day of the rodeo that will be manned for the entire weekend. Phone number is to be on the approval form.
  - a. Any facility fees or contestant fees will be capped at \$5 per person.
4. All rodeo results must be sent to the HRA office within two (2) days following the final performance of the rodeo.
5. All expenses incurred by the HRA in getting delinquent rodeo results will be charged to the responsible rodeo committee.
6. The rodeo approval fees will not be refunded to the rodeo committee for cancelled rodeos or cancelled performances.
7. In the event that the HRA dual approves with any other association, HRA reserves the right of first approval.
8. There must be the 9 mandatory major events (BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LB, TR, GT, BAR) with a minimum of \$100 added per performance, plus 2 mandatory junior events (JBR, JSR) with a minimum of \$50 added per performance at all HRA approved rodeos.
9. The Rodeo Committee can hold jackpot events at each performance during the intermission providing they last no longer than 20 minutes. If the committee wishes to hold such events, they must furnish rules for said events.
10. Featured events will be allowed if added monies come from sponsorship.



\*\*\* SECTION VIII\*\*\*

**POINT SYSTEM**

1. The points awarded shall be as follows:

First receives	40 points
Second receives	30 points
Third receives	20 points
Fourth receives	10 points

a. If a rodeo has \$1000 to \$1799 (\$2000 to \$3599 in Team Roping) of combined added money and contestant entry money in any of the major events, there will be a 6-way split of points as follows:

First receives	60 points
Second receives	50 points
Third receives	40 points
Fourth receives	30 points
Fifth receives	20 points
Sixth receives	10 points

b. If a rodeo has \$1800+ (\$3600+ in Team Roping) or over of combined added money and contestant entry money in any of the major events, there will be an 8-way split of points as follows:

First receives	80 points
Second receives	70 points
Third receives	60 points
Fourth receives	50 points
Fifth receives	40 points
Sixth receives	30 points
Seventh receives	20 points
Eighth receives	10 points

\*\*\* SECTION IX \*\*\*

**FINALS**

1. The Board of Directors will establish a "Finals Committee" annually.
2. The Finals Committee will work with local committees and other interested parties to arrange for an annual HRA Finals Rodeo.
3. Ground rules for the Finals will be developed cooperatively by the Finals Committee and the sponsoring committee.
4. Ground rules and any other special conditions will be distributed to qualifying contestants, judges, contractors, committee, timers and any other persons that shall have a need to know at least one week prior to Finals.
5. The TOP TEN (10) contestants from each of the major events and the TOP SIX (6) from both the Junior Barrel Racing and Junior Steer Riding will qualify for the HRA Finals.
  - a. In Team Roping, the top 10 headers will rope with the top 10 heelers.

6. All members (senior, junior, and pee wee) must have competed in that particular event at a minimum of 60% of the approved rodeos held during the rodeo season.
7. Added money for the Finals shall be a minimum of \$500 for each major event and a minimum of \$200 for each junior event.
  - a. At the Finals, the Team Roping event will get equal added money so payout is comparable with other major events.
8. If a junior member qualifies and meets eligibility criteria, they must purchase a senior membership before competing in that event at the Finals.
9. If a full slate of Finals qualifiers can not be drawn from contestant's points earned, money earned, rodeos attended, etc., the Finals committee shall be responsible for selecting additional contestants to fill the top ten spots for major events and top six for the two junior events and pee wee events referenced.
10. Minor events or jackpot events held at the Finals are subject to the approval of the HRA Finals Committee.
11. In the event of a tie for the Finals Champion, a run off will be used to determine the winner as appropriate.
12. If any person not qualified for the Finals and are working the Finals, they shall not be invited to compete at the Finals if there are not enough qualified contestants to fill the positions.
13. Unless there are 10 rodeos in a season, the HRA does not have to have Finals unless there's a host committee to cover the entire cost.
14. The finals standings are to be posted upon completion of the last rodeo of the season and not kept concealed until after the awards banquet.

\*\*\* SECTION X \*\*\*

**PAYOUT**

1. In each of the events the prize money and entry fees are added together for the total purse in that event, less administration fee (\$7 / entry / event) that goes to the HRA.
2. If there is less than \$1000 (\$999 and under) total prized money after the administration fee is deducted in any or all events, there shall be a four-way split payout as follows:
 

First receives	40% of payout
Second receives	30% of payout
Third receives	20% of payout
Fourth receives	10% of payout
3. If there is \$1000 to \$1799 (\$2000 to \$3599 in Team Roping) total prize money in any or all of the events after the administration fee is deducted, there shall be a six-way split payout as follows:
 

First receives	35% of payout
Second receives	26% of payout
Third receives	17% of payout
Fourth receives	10% of payout
Fifth receives	8% of payout

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| Sixth receives | 4% of payout |
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4. If there is \$1800 (\$3600 in Team Roping) or more total prize money in any or all of the events after the administration fee is deducted, there shall be an eight-way split payout as follows:
 

First receives	29% of the payout
Second receives	23% of the payout
Third receives	16% of the payout
Fourth receives	10% of the payout
Fifth receives	7% of the payout
Sixth receives	6% of the payout
Seventh receives	5% of the payout
Eighth receives	4% of the payout
  5. In the event of a tie, the monies for the tied placing will be combined and split equally.
  6. The junior event payout will be the same as for the major events.
  7. All prize money in all events should be paid out of the HRA office within 10 working days.
  8. In the case of a tie in points going into the Finals, a money earned value will be used as a tie breaker.
  9. In the event of a tie for the Year End Awards, a money earned value will be used to determine the champion.
  10. All ground money will be split between qualified contestants. If there are not qualified runs, the added money will be returned to the rodeo committee and the remaining funds will be carried forward to finals rodeo purse in the same event.
  11. Finals Rodeo will payout as per Rule #2, regardless of the total purse. This will apply to all events.

\*\*\* SECTION XI \*\*\*

**ALL CENTRAL ENTRIES (ACE)**

1. No change may be made or implemented with respect to the ACE without prior approval and or consent from the HRA Board of Directors.
  - a. The ACE system will be in operation for all rodeos.
  - b. All entries, including local (try out / hometown) entries will be made through the ACE operator.
2. All entry opening and closing times listed for all HRA rodeos in the newsletter shall be official.
3. Contestants, when entering with ACE operator must have a valid and current HRA membership number. When entering, said contestant must give ACE operator the membership number, name, address, rodeo entering, and events they wish to enter and state preference, if any.
  - a. When entering, team ropers must declare name and number of header and the name and number of heeler, and must rope as entered.
4. Contestants must also notify the ACE operator of their desire to buddy with another contestant. The buddy system will be limited to 8 contestants. One member may not enter for more than 7 other members.
5. Upon entry, the contestant may state their preferred performance and state that they decline (state "OR OUT") to compete on an alternate date without being subject to a fine. Each member may enter "OR OUT" a maximum of 50% of the rodeos in that rodeo season. An alternate date must be given for all other rodeos entered.

6. Members may enter only once in each event per rodeo. If another member is entering for you, you are not to call and enter again. Team ropers are to enter ONCE for each team entering.
7. Anyone who enters through the ACE operator that is known to be on the suspended list will be turned out at the time of call back.
8. Any member wishing to enter a rodeo through the ACE office or as a tryout entry must be off the HRA suspended list at least the Friday at 5:00pm before entries open for that rodeo they wish to enter.
9. The fees charged to contestants will be \$4 per person per rodeo and \$5 for families (husband and / or wife and children with a junior card) entering and calling back on the same call. If a family is to be used by the ACE office, then the HRA member entering the family must at that time inform the ACE operator that is their request.
10. All contestants entering HRA rodeos are required to pay their ACE fees. Failure to pay ACE fees by any member will result in a suspension. Fines must be paid to the HRA office prior to competing.
11. Contestants will be notified on call back day what performance they will be up at, on what stock, and the order in the timed event go.
  - a. In any event that has less than 10 entries, upon doing call back contestants may enter a second time. That contestant must compete in a different performance and on different stock.
  - b. Second entry requires a second entry fee and points will count if contestant places in one or both entries.
12. The ACE office will notify the rodeo secretary of the list of contestants entered at the specific rodeo, what event they are entered in and when they are to compete.
13. At call back the ACE operator will have a list of the re-ride animals for the rough stock events.
14. Hometown contestants must pay their entry fees at the time of entry via e-transfer. Hometown entries must also complete their waiver before they will be allowed their run. Failure to do this will result in a turnout at rodeo time.

\*\*\* SECTION XII

\*\*\* **ENTRY FEES**

1. The minimum purse for each of the mandatory major events will be \$100 per performance and \$50 per each mandatory junior event per performance.
2. All prize money for major events must be equal, except where one or more events are to be featured.
3. Entry fees for major events with added money less than \$500 will be \$35. Rodeos with added money of \$500 or over will have entry fees of \$50.
4. Junior entry fees for all rodeos will be \$25.
5. All entry fees must be paid a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the posted rodeo start time or a \$50.00 fine will be issued.
6. There will be a \$1 per entry timer fee for barrel racers for the future replacement or repair of barrel timers.
  - a. There will be a \$1 per entry cowboy crisis fee.
  - b. There will be a \$1 per event sponsorship fee.
7. Contestants will be issued a receipt at time of entry from the HRA with a breakdown of fees.

**\*\* SECTION XIII \*\***

**CONTESTANTS**

Contestants may be disqualified or fined for any of the following offenses:

- a. Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the rodeo arena.
- b. Rowdiness or quarreling in or on the domain of the rodeo arena or any event hosted by the HRA or the Rodeo Committee.
- c. Mistreatment of any livestock in or on the domain of the rodeo arena.
- d. Refusing to contest during a performance of a rodeo on stock that was drawn for said contestant.
- e. Not being ready to compete when called.
- f. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- g. Delaying the rodeo for any given time or delaying in taking stock. This is at the discretion of the judges or may be brought to the attention of the event director.
- h. Contestants must wear western attire one hour prior to and during the performance, while in or around the arena. This includes a western hat, long sleeved shirt, and proper boots.
- i. Refusing, without just cause, to help out during grand entry.
- j. Fouling the stock in any form either with equipment or on purpose, at the discretion of the judges.

**ENTRIES/CALL BACK CONDUCT:**

- a. Rude, argumentative or harassing behavior or coarse language towards ACE operator will not be tolerated.
- b. Entries and callback times are as indicated by ACE operator. Calls outside these times will not be accepted.
- c. ACE does not guarantee preferred days for entries. If you do not get drawn for the day of your choice, it is your responsibility to find an equal switch. ACE is not responsible for switching/changing the draw once it has been completed.
- d. The ACE operator's and board of director's decision regarding draws are final.
- e. All incidents will be documented and forwarded to the board of directors and may result in fines/suspensions.

**\*\*\* SECTION XIV \*\*\***

**STOCK CONTRACTOR GUIDELINES**

1. "Stock Contractor" is defined as any person or company responsible for the complete production of a rodeo as set out by policy, rules and bylaws or the HRA and meeting requirements of a stock contractor as set out in these rules:
  - a. The annual dues payable for a stock contractor is the same as a senior membership - \$125 plus GST
  - b. A person or company applying for a membership for the purpose of producing HRA rodeos must comply with the following:
    - i. One person shall be identified and named responsible for the membership.
    - ii. The applicant must produce proof of number of branded stock leased or owned sufficient to produce a complete rodeo. All said livestock will be subject to inspection by the HRA

Board of Directors and eighty percent (80%) of the stock on that list must be present at the first rodeo.

- iii. Application for a HRA membership for the purpose of producing HRA rodeos indicate an agreement to abide by all rules, bylaws and policies for the HRA.
- c. Any stock contractor wishing to produce their first HRA rodeo must post a \$1000 bond with their rodeo approval and supply the HRA office with a list of two references.
  - i. The bond will be refunded at the end of the rodeo year, pending the HRA Board of Directors' approval.
  - ii. The stock contractor must have a current HRA membership and be in good standing.
- d. Written notice will be given to the person identified as responsible for the company in regard to any sanctions or actions affecting the same.
  - i. A stock contractor must produce a minimum of one rodeo per season to maintain Approved Contractor status.

Non-compliance will require a re-evaluation by the HRA Board of Directors.

**\*\*\* SECTION XV \*\*\***

**RODEO SECRETARY / OFFICE**

1. The rodeo office should be open 2 hours prior to each rodeo performance. The office will close 15 minutes prior to the start of the performance and will reopen for 15 minutes at the conclusion of each performance and 15 minutes after slack.
2. All rodeo results must be sent to the HRA office within 2 days following the final performance of the rodeo.
3. All rodeo secretaries are to call the HRA office after the last performance of a rodeo with a list of turnouts, unpaid entry fees, medicals, and fines.
4. The re-ride animal for all rough stock events must be posted.
5. The rodeo secretary is to make sure all pee wee and tryout / hometown contestants sign release waivers.
6. All rodeo results for each performance must be posted within 2 hours of the completion of each performance.

**\*\*\* SECTION XVI \*\*\***

**DRAWING OF STOCK AND RE-RIDES**

1. All stock should be clearly and easily identifiable.
  - a. All stock should be run at least once in the first day of each rodeo before contested on.
  - b. Cattle used in one event can not be used in another event at the same rodeo.
2. The draw is to be made at least 2 hours before rodeo time.
3. Only calves and steers that are used in the first go around can be put in the draw for the second or subsequent go rounds.

4. All calves and steers should be as uniform as possible. All timed event stock must be clearly and visibly identified with number or letter.
5. Any stock that is turned out automatically becomes the first stock out in the event of a re-ride.
6. The re-ride animals for all rough stock events must be posted at the rodeos and known at call back.
7. An animal can only be used for one re-ride in any single go round.
8. No rough stock contestant may compete on the same stock at any rodeo in the same event.
9. The judge and event director may pull any animal out of the draw before any performance if they find that said stock is not sound in any way.
10. In a case where stock is pulled due to sickness, unsoundness, or death, the contestant who was to compete on that stock will get an animal from the re-ride pen for rough stock and the spare in the timed events.
11. Should a contestant be given the wrong stock, nods for it and accepts it, the results of his / her run will stand. If contestant finds his / her stock has been contested on by mistake, he / she has the option to take the spare or his / her drawn stock later. It is the judges' responsibility to see that everyone competes on the proper stock drawn for them.
12. All timed event stock will be drawn no later than 2 hours before the performance. If there are no judges to do the draw at that time, then the event directors will be responsible to make a fair draw.
  - a. Draw for rough stock events must be made by the HRA secretary and another qualified member.
13. Draw must be posted at timed event end of the arena at least 30 minutes before the performance is to start.
14. If in the mind of the judges a contestant makes two honest attempts to get out on a chute fighting animal, that contestant shall be awarded a re-ride. If the contestant does not get out or takes stock from where it is located, no re-ride will be granted.
15. If a contestant is fouled they must stop competing immediately and declare, so no re-ride or re-run will be granted if contestant completes their ride or run.
  - a. The contestant can ask for a re-run if the animal is released before it is asked for or a foul result from the barriers not working properly. Judges will have the final say on re-runs. Contestant has the option to take a spare or the right stock later.
16. Re-rides will be granted in the rough stock events if stock:
  - a. Fails to break
  - b. Fouls the rider
  - c. Runs off, stops or falls
17. If a re-ride is granted, then the judges must inform the contestant of his score and re-ride.
18. Contestants must decide whether they are taking their option in just time or face disqualification.
19. If in the rough stock events a flank comes off, the contestant will be awarded a re-ride if the contestant makes a qualified ride. The stock contractor has the option of giving the contestant the same stock or drawing out of the re-ride pen.
20. No re-ride or re-run will be awarded if the contestants' own equipment fails or breaks.
21. If stock gets loose from either rough stock or timed event end before the contestant has asked for said stock, then the contestant may take spare or drawn stock at the end of the performance.
22. If the stock gets out of the arena in any way after being called for, the time will be stopped and the contestant will be given the same animal back later, lap and tap with time elapsed added to the run.
23. All decisions on draws, re-runs, or re-rides will be left up to the option of the judges at that rodeo.

24. When a contestant receives a re-run, the contestant has the option of taking the spare at that time or the one that was originally drawn for them later.
25. There will be a spare steer for each performance of Team Roping or any other event that has more than one section in a single performance.

\*\*\* SECTION XVII \*\*\*

**BARRIERS, FOULS, AND SCORE LINES**

1. Automatic barriers must be used at all rodeos and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
  - a. Arena conditions will determine score length. The score length is to be set by the judges, arena director and event directors if present.
  - b. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for a broken barrier.
2. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within 10 feet of the post.
3. In the timed events, the pusher must be clear of stock before the barrier is tripped.
4. Once the score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can the length of the box be changed.
5. In order for time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.
6. If the automatic barrier malfunctions in any way, the contestant must take a re-run providing the contestant has made a qualified run or has claimed the animal. The contestant has the option to take the spare or the drawn stock later.
  - a. If a contestant is fouled, they must stop competing immediately and declare himself, no re-ride or re-run will be granted if the contestant completes their ride or run.
7. Should a contestant be given the wrong stock, nods for it and accepts it, the results of his run will stand. If the contestant finds his stock has been contested on by mistake, he has the option to take the spare or his drawn stock later. It is the judges' responsibility to see everyone compete on the proper stock drawn for them.
8. The contestant can ask for a re-run if the animal is released before it is asked for, or if a foul result from the barriers not working properly. The contestant has the option to take a spare or the right stock later. Judges will have the final say on re-runs.
9. If the stock gets loose from either the rough stock or timed event end before the contestant has asked for said stock, then the contestant may take the spare or animal drawn for them at the end of the performance.
10. If stock gets out of the arena in any way after being called for, the time will be stopped and the contestant will get the same animal back lap and tap with the time elapsed added to the run.
11. When a contestant receives a re-run, the contestant has the option of taking the spare at that time or the one that was originally drawn for them later.
12. No re-ride or re-run will be awarded if the contestants own equipment fails or breaks.



**\*\*\* SECTION XVIII \*\*\***

**SLACK**

1. All slack performances must also be considered a performance and all rules shall be followed.
2. Slack times advertised are an option if needed.
  - a) Slack may not be entered as a preference if the slack is directly following a rodeo performance.
3. All events shall be allowed into the slack performance if there is a full slate of competitors. The ACE operator and the stock contractor will have the final say whether or what events will be in slack for all HRA rodeos.
4. The order of go in the slack will be determined by the number of competitors in each event. (Ladies and Junior Barrels will be combined) The event with the least number of competitors will go first and follow in ascending order.
5. All rodeo approvals shall have a designated slack time. This time must be sent in to the HRA office no later than one month prior to the said rodeo.

**\*\*\* SECTION XIX \*\*\***

**JUDGES AND JUDGING**

1. All judges and flagman must be persons of experience. These people must have attended a rodeo judge's clinic and may also be required to shadow judge a minimum of 3 performances. The Board of Directors has the discretion of what experience a person must possess before becoming an HRA judge. Judges must be members of the HRA.
2. Applications to be an HRA judge must be forwarded either by phone or by writing with their intent to be considered by the HRA Judging Director.
3. The Judging Director will, from the applications, form a list of judges he feels to be of adequate experience. The Judging Director will also have the responsibility to inform the judges of whether or not they are on the HRA judging list.
4. The Judging Director must appoint 2 judges to attend each rodeo approved by the HRA. The judges must be notified of their appointment to judge a rodeo at least 2 weeks prior to the said rodeo.
5. If in cases where the judge fails to show up or is unable to find a suitable replacement, the Board of Directors at that rodeo shall appoint a judge from their peers.
6. Members on a suspended list cannot judge a rodeo.

7. Salary for judges will be left up to the discretion of the Board of Directors and shall be stated to all applicants before their name is put onto the judges list.
8. The fee for judging will be set at \$300 per judge per performance of the rodeo, payable by the HRA
  - a. Judges will be paid as per the scale listed below for slack.
    - i.) \$50 per slack performance where the total slack runs equal 19% or less of the total rodeo runs
    - ii.) \$100 per slack performance where the total slack runs equal 20 to 30% of the total rodeo runs
    - iii.) \$150 per slack performance where the total slack runs equal 31% or more of the total rodeo runs
  - b. All events run after Bulls, shall be considered slack.
9. A riding event barrier judge or field judge cannot be changed during the course of a rodeo unless due to limited circumstances at the time. It is left up to the Judging Director to find a suitable replacement. The replacement barrier judge can be different at each performance if unavoidable.
10. Judges that are judging a rodeo are not allowed to compete in that same rodeo.
11. A judge must pass on an animal's inability to be used in all events. The judges have the final say whether an animal should be replaced in the draw.
12. The judges' decision is final and no protest will be permitted.
13. The judges must supply a functioning barrier for all HRA approved rodeos.
14. Under no circumstances will video cameras be used in judging calls.

\*\*\* SECTION XX \*\*\*

**TIMERS**

1. All timers must have completed a timer's school or be persons of experience and may be required to shadow time a minimum of 3 performances and be approved by the judging director. Timers must also have an HRA membership.
2. A minimum of 2 timers are required for each rodeo.
3. Timers may not change after the first performance except for just reason. If a timer must be replaced, then the Judging Director must find a suitable replacement.
4. Timers must work from the same position during the entire performance.
5. Two stop watches must be used and an average time taken.
6. Barrel racing events shall be timed in 1000<sup>th</sup> of a second.
7. All other events shall be timed in 10<sup>th</sup> of a second.
8. All rough stock events shall be timed for 8 seconds and a whistle or buzzer must notify contestants of a qualified ride.
9. Timers are required to meet with the rodeo secretary after each performance to review the correctness of all cards or answer any questions and sign timer cards.
10. No contestant is to talk to a timer while an event is going on. Any contestant in violation of this rule is subject to a fine to be levied by the judge.
11. Failure of timers to comply with HRA regulations may result in withdrawal of timer's qualifications.

\*\*\* SECTION XXI \*\*\*

## **BULL FIGHTING**

1. The stock contractor is responsible for ensuring 2 qualified bull fighters are in attendance during the bull riding event and junior steer riding.
2. A new bull fighter can work 2 HRA rodeos but may be required to shadow 3 performances. He must have the approval of the Board of Directors before he can work a third or subsequent rodeo.
3. A bull fighter that has failed to receive the approval of the Bull Riding Director may be approved by the Board of Directors.
4. A stock contractor that does not have 2 bull fighters in attendance during the bull riding and junior steer riding will be subject to a \$100 fine.
5. A bull fighter under contract that does not show up or send suitable replacement will be subject to a fine. The fine must be paid to the HRA before said bull rider can work another rodeo.
6. It is mandatory to have 2 bullfighters present at all HRA rodeos, for the safety of both the Bull Riders and the Bull Fighters.

### **\*\*\* SECTION XXII \*\*\***

#### **CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS**

1. If, due to weather conditions, attendance at any rodeo is substantially reduced, then 3 or more directors may meet with rodeo management to negotiate a reduction in the added money as the circumstances may warrant. The added money may not be reduced to less than the minimum of \$100 per performance.
2. No cancellation of a performance will be permitted unless it is the unanimous opinion of the committee chairman, stock contractor, and association directors present.
3. If a rodeo is cancelled part way through, prize money will be paid for the portion completed minus the entry fees refunded to contestants who did not get to compete. No points will be awarded to any members for the portion contested.
4. If a meeting is held to discuss the cancellation of a performance or the rodeo altogether, minutes of the meeting should be taken and sent to the HRA office.
5. No event can be cancelled without the consent of the Board of Directors after a rodeo has been approved.

SECTION XXIII \*\*\*

**TURN OUTS**

1. A contestant, who, upon calling back finds that they do not have the preferred performance asked for, may notify the ACE operator that they will be turning out.
  - a. At that point the contestant will be responsible for the entry fee, the ACE fee plus be subject to a \$10 fine.
  - b. A contestant who does not notify the ACE operator that they will be turning out will be responsible for the entry fees, the ACE fees plus be subject to a \$50 fine.
  - c. A contestant who is entered to perform in the slack may turn out without a fine but must pay the ACE fee.
2. A contestant who, upon calling back has received the preferred performance and asked to be turned out will be responsible for the entry fees, ACE fee and be subject to a \$50 fine.
3. A contestant who upon doing call back receives the performance of their choice and fails to notify the ACE operator that they will be turning out will be responsible for the entry fees, ACE fees and subject to a \$100 fine.
4. In the case of a turnout of a team roper, the remaining partner will be allowed to pick another partner who is already entered in the rodeo once.
5. In order for a contestant to be turned out, their name must be called 3 times by the rodeo announcer.
6. A Contractor or Committee must take their complaint about any turn outs to the judge who will then take it to the Board of Directors. No Contractor or Committee can turn out anyone without the Board's approval.
7. Final say on all turn outs will be left to the discretion of the judges of that rodeo.
8. If there is a full slate of competitors, contestants who entered "OR OUT" during ACE entries may receive OUT for that rodeo.
  - a) The ACE operator completing the draw has the authority to turn contestants out if they entered "OR OUT". The board and ACE operator's decision on the draw will be final.

\*\*\* SECTION XXIV \*\*\*

**MEDICAL AND VET RELEASES**

1. If a contestant is injured in an event and is in the opinion of the judges, unable to compete in other events he is entered, he may draw out of those events and be refunded for the uncontested events.
2. An HRA medical release must be filled in at the end of that performance and signed by both judges in order for it to be official. The said release must accompany the rodeo results to the HRA office.
3. A contestant may medical out of an event but still compete in another event, only if permission is granted from both judges.
4. If a contestant is injured in an event before he nods for his stock, he may be refunded his entry fee in that event.

5. If a contestant is injured after he nods for his stock, there will be no refund of the entry fees for that event.
6. A contestant turning out of an HRA rodeo on a doctor's or vet's release must notify the rodeo secretary at their own expense. Notice must be made prior to the performance that the contestant was to compete in.
7. Any member of the HRA who uses a medical or vet release may not compete in an HRA rodeo for 5 days.
8. Contestants may use 3 medical or vet releases each rodeo year. Any member found abusing the medical / vet release system will be fined \$100.

\*\*\* SECTION XXV \*\*\*

**HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK**

1. Humane treatment of livestock rules applies to any and all animals in or around the rodeo grounds.
2. Judges or directors may inform contestants that they are being warned, fined, or suspended for their actions.
3. No animals shall be beaten or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods are to be used as little as possible.
  - a. In the timed events, a stock contractor has the option to prod stock out of the chute, unless requested not to by a contestant.
4. No sore, lame, sick, injured, or debilitated animals shall be permitted in the draw at any time.
5. The judges can cull any animal they feel to be unfit to compete.
6. No stimulants or hypnotics to be used or given to any animal used for contest purposes.
7. The rodeo arena shall have sufficient footing and be free of rocks, holes, or objects that can cause injury of any kind.
8. Clowns are not to abuse animals in any way.
9. Water must be available at all times while contestants and rodeo stock are on the rodeo grounds. Contestants must have access to separate facilities for water than that of the rodeo stock water trough.
10. A conveyance must be available and used to remove animals from the arena in case of injury. Animals removed from the arena shall be situated in a location that is as isolated and comfortable as possible.

\*\*\* SECTION XXVI \*\*\*

**FINES AND SUSPENSIONS**

1. Members or contestants may be fined or suspended for failure to abide by the rules of the HRA.
  - a. Judges or Directors may inform contestants that they are being warned, fined, or suspended for their actions.

2. The Board of Directors is empowered to suspend, fine and / or disqualify any contestant for rule infractions.
3. Judges are empowered to disqualify or bring any contestant forward for disciplinary action.
4. The minimum fine for any infraction is \$25.
5. Members will be fined or suspended for trying to fix, bribe, threaten, or influence the judges or management.
  - a. Violators of this rule shall be reported to the association by the judges or management.
6. Any member to be fined or suspended has the right of appeal. This appeal must be brought to the Board of Directors for review.
  - a. Any fines must be paid before you will be allowed to compete at the next rodeo. If the appeal is granted, money will be refunded.
  - b. All fines will remain outstanding until collected with no expiration date and that person must pay cash and can only enter as a member in good standing guarantee for one year. Other associations will be notified of delinquent accounts.
7. Any member who has been fined 3 times in a single rodeo season must post a \$100 bond before being able to enter another rodeo. If a subsequent fine is levied, that member will forfeit their bond and be suspended for the remainder of the rodeo season.
8. The names of the individuals on the suspended list shall be published in the newsletter until paid.

\*\*\* SECTION XXVII \*\*\*

**TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

1. The association shall determine yearly champions in the major events (SB, BB, BR, CR, SW, LBR, 2TR, BAR, GT) and in the junior events (JBR, JSR).
2. The association shall determine finals champions in the major events (SB, BB, BR, CR, SW, LBR, 2TR, BAR, GT) and in the junior events (JBR, JSR).
3. Only members of the HRA will be eligible for these awards.
4. Awards will also be presented to the following horses of the year: CR, SW, LBR, GT, 2TR, BAR.
5. Awards will be presented to the Cowboy and Cowgirl for the year. These awards will be voted on by the membership.
6. All awards will be presented at an awards ceremony and all members are requested to attend.
7. All around and high point Cowboy or Cowgirl incentives will be left up to the host committee.
8. Rookie buckle eligibility will be for new senior card holders only. Top up from Junior card to Senior card to enter finals will not take away a JR right to become a rookie in future years.

\*\*\* SECTION XXVIII \*\*\*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. The association has the right to withdraw its members from competing at any rodeo approved by the association if it is found to endanger its members or the stock.
2. All members producing a valid numbered membership card are to be admitted free of charge to all HRA rodeos on the day they are competing.
3. The HRA and the rodeo management assume no responsibility or liability for any injuries or damages to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. Each participant by the act of his entry waives all claims against the HRA or rodeo management for injuries he or his property may sustain.
4. Rodeo clowns will not be allowed to use shotguns or explosives in an indoor arena unless approved by the rodeo committee.
5. Whatever times are written on timer cards are to be used as the times for the payout.
6. Management is required to provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
7. Stock contractors are required to supply their own vests for judges as part of the production of a HRA approved rodeo.
8. Turn out fines will be retained by the HRA.
9. All around and high point awards at HRA rodeos will be determined for all major events.
10. The stock contractor and the committee of each HRA approved rodeo shall be jointly responsible for providing some ambulance and / or qualified medical personnel with a means of transportation (EMT, First Responder, or Paramedic). There must be a backboard on site. Failure to abide will result in a \$200 fine per day. The performance will not proceed unless either is present. These requirements and their importance must be stressed to the committees.
11. Arena must be made available to contestants for warm up at least 2 hours prior to performance time.
12. The Jack Benny Series is open to all events for competitors 49 years of age and older. The top ten competitors in each event qualify on the basis of points alone, regardless of Jack Benny status. Where appropriate, two finals spots in each event will go to the next two Jack Benny competitors with the highest points. If the next Jack Benny contestant does not have points, the available spot will go to the Jack Benny contestant that has attended the most rodeos. In the case of a tie between two Jack Benny members with no points and equal attendance at HRA rodeos, the finals competitor will be picked by drawing a name out of a hat.
13. The cowboy crisis payout is not to exceed \$1000 per application.

\*\*\* SECTION XXIX \*\*\*

## GENERAL EVENT RULES

1. All stock should be clearly and easily identifiable.
  - a. All stock should be run once before contested on the first day of each rodeo.
  - b. Cattle used in one event can not be used in another event at the same rodeo.
2. The draw is to be made at least 2 hours before rodeo time.
3. Automatic barriers must be used at all rodeos and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
  - a. Arena conditions will determine the score length. The score length is to be set by the judges, arena director, and event directors, if present.
  - b. A 10 second time penalty shall be given for a broken barrier.
4. In the timed events, the stock contractor has the option to prod the stock out of the chute, unless requested not to by the contestant.
5. There will be a 25 second time limit to start a run: a tie down roper must have a calf caught, a steer wrestler must be dismounted, a header must have a steer caught, and an undecorator must have a ribbon. If runs are started under 25 seconds, they will be allowed to complete the run for a qualified time.
6. No time will be given when the stock reaches the end of the arena; all arenas are considered an open gate.
7. Should a contestant be given the wrong stock, nods for it and accepts it, the results of his run will stand. If the contestant finds that his stock has been contested on by mistake, he has the option to take the spare or his drawn stock later. It is the judges' responsibility to see that everyone competes on the proper stock drawn for them.
8. If a contestant is fouled, they must stop competing immediately and declare, so no re-ride or re-run will be granted if the contestant completes their ride or run.
  - a. The contestant can ask for a re-run if the animal is released before it is asked for or if a foul result from the barriers not working properly. Judges will have the final say on re-runs. The contestant has the option to take a spare or the right stock later.
9. No re-ride or re-run will be awarded if the contestant's own equipment fails or breaks.
10. If the stock gets loose from either the rough stock or timed event end before the contestant has asked for said stock, the contestant may take a spare or original stock that was drawn for them at the end of the performance.
11. If stock gets out of the arena in any way after being called for, the time will be stopped and the contestant will get the same animal back, lap and tap with the time elapsed added to the run.
12. In order for a contestant to be turned out, their name must be called 3 times by the rodeo announcer.
13. A contestant will be disqualified for not following event rules, contestant rules, or for violating contestant disqualification rules.
14. Any unnecessary delay caused by the contestant will result in disqualification.
15. When a contestant receives a re-run, the contestant has the option of taking the spare at that time or the one that was originally drawn for them later.
16. In the rough stock events, unless requested by the contestant, his horse cannot be hot shot in the chute.
17. In timed events where a flagger and stop watch are used, 10<sup>ths</sup> of a second are to be used, not rounded.



\*\*\* SECTION XXX \*\*\*

**EVENT RULES**

**SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

1. Stock used in this event must be furnished by the stock contractor.
2. Stock contractors must furnish their own standard halters and contestants must use them, unless use of contestant's is agreed upon by contractor and contestant.
3. Riding is to be done with a plain halter, one rope rein, and association saddle (see spec.). Contractors may call judges to pass on suitability and placement of saddle.
4. Middle flank belongs to the contestant, but the contractor may have the contestant put the flank cinch behind the curve of the horse's belly. The flank cinch may be hobbled.
5. Either the contractor or the contestant has the right to fall the judges to pass on whether or not a horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck at its best.
6. Unless requested by the contestant, a saddle bronc horse cannot be hot shot in the chute.
7. To qualify, the contestant must have his spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
8. No locked rowels, rowels that lock, or sharpened spurs may be used on saddle bronc horses.
9. The contestant must ride with one arm free at all times. The riding rein and the riding arm must be on the same side.
10. Saddle bronc riding shall be timed for 8 seconds, with time to start when the inside shoulder of the animal crosses the plane of the chute.
11. Saddle bronc contestants will be disqualified for:
  - a. Being bucked off before 8 seconds has elapsed.
  - b. Changing hand on rein.
  - c. Wrapping rein around hand.
  - d. Losing stirrup
  - e. Touching any part of yourself or the horse with your free hand.
  - f. Not following judges' instructions to take feet out of the neck of a chute stalled horse.
12. The matter of re-rides shall be at the discretion of the judges.
13. A contestant will be disqualified for not following the rules.
14. Each event director must have a representative for them at each performance if they cannot be there themselves.

**CONTESTANT SADDLE SPECIFICATIONS**

- RIGGING:  $\frac{3}{4}$  double-front edges at D ring must not pull further back than directly below the centre point of the swell. Standard E-Z ring type saddle D must be used and cannot exceed  $5\frac{3}{4}$ " outside width measurement.
- SWELL UNDERCUT: Not more than 2", 1" on either side.
- GULLET: Not less than 4" wide at the centre fork of covered tree.
- TREE: Saddle must be built on standard Association tree.
- SPECIFICATIONS:
  - Fork: 14" side, height 9" max
  - Gullet:  $5\frac{3}{4}$ " wide
  - Cantle: 5" max height, 14" max width

- Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars. Saddle should conform to the above specs with reasonable thickness for leather covering. No freaks allowed and cinches must be 5" wide.

### **BAREBACK RIDING**

1. Stock used in this event must be furnished by the stock contractor.
2. Contestants must ride with the use of a one-hand rigging (see specs). Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether or not riggings are objectionable.
3. Riggings:
  - a. Riggings must lie flat on the horse's back while rigging is being cinched so there is even distribution of pressure at all times.
  - b. A 1" thick pad must be used under the bareback rigging.
  - c. The contestant is responsible for supplying his own pads.
4. The stock contractor may call a judge to pass on whether or not the rigging is being set and / or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back. The contestant will have the right to call a judge to pass on whether or not his horse is properly flanked and cinched.
5. Unless requested by the contestant his horse cannot be hot shot while in the chute.
6. The contestant will not be allowed to use any tape or any other adhesive material or substance, other than dry rosin on his hands, rigging, and / or glove, nor may the contestant take any kind of finger tuck or finger wrap.
7. To qualify, the contestant must have spurs over the break of the horse's shoulder and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
8. The bareback bronc must be ridden for 8 seconds, with the time to start when the inside shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the chute.
9. If the bareback rigging comes off the horse (for any reason) before the whistle, the contestant will be disqualified.
10. Bareback contestants will be disqualified for:
  - a. Being bucked off before 8 seconds. This is left up to the discretion of the rodeo judges.
  - b. Touching any part of yourself or animal with your free hand.
  - c. Riding with locked rowels, rowels that are set up to lock, or sharpened rowels.
  - d. Not following the judges' instructions to take feet out of the neck of a chute stalled horse.
11. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.
12. The contestant will be disqualified for not following the rules.
13. A bareback rider who hangs up for more than two jumps may be fined \$200 at the discretion of the judges. This money is to be distributed \$175 to the stock contractor and \$25 to the HRA.
14. Every event director must have a representative for them at each performance if they cannot be present.

### **BAREBACK RIGGING SPECIFICATIONS**

- Width at the hand hold must not exceed 10"

- The D ring width must not exceed 6"
- All riggings must have sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath, but no metal, fiberglass, or other objectionable material will be permitted underneath the rigging.
- No freak riggings will be allowed.
- All cinches must be at least 5" wide.

### **BULL RIDING**

1. Stock used in this event must be supplied by the stock contractor with the use of Yaks being limited to 10% of the entry in the bull riding.
2. No bull may be put into the draw until his horns have been tipped to the size no smaller in diameter than a quarter.
3. Riding:
  - a. To be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without a hand hold. No knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the rider leaves him.
  - b. Rider will be disqualified if his rope does not have a bell.
  - c. Bell must be under the belly of the bull and attached with a suitable strap.
4. Riders may not use sharp spurs and rowels must be locked.
5. No more than 2 men may be on the chute to pull the contestant's rope.
6. Contestants have the right to call the judge to pass on whether or not a bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
7. No bull rider or junior steer rider is to take a split finger wrap or will be subject to a \$200 fine.
8. All bull riders and junior steer riders are to wear an approved protective vest.
9. Bull riders will be disqualified for:
  - a. Being bucked off before 8 seconds.
  - b. Touching any part of yourself or the animal with your free hand.
10. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judge.
11. If the rider makes a qualified with any part of the rope in his riding hand, he is to be marked.
12. A contestant will be disqualified for not following the contestant rules or for violating contestant disqualification rules.
13. Every event director must have a representative present at every performance if they are unable to attend.

## TIE DOWN ROPING

1. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately 200lbs and not more than 300lbs and must be strong and healthy.
2. Automatic barriers must be used at all rodeos and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
3. Only one string may be used to tie neck ropes for the calves.
4. At indoor rodeos, the length of the score must be no longer than the length of the roping box less 3', unless other arrangements are approved by the calf roping director or his representative.
5. .
  - a. All new calves must be tied down and numbered if needed on the day of the rodeo at least 2 hours before rodeo time.
  - b. The draw is to be made no more than 2 hours before rodeo time.
  - c. If after one go-round, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the draw, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo they will not be considered fresh.
  - d. Fresh calves being roped and tied down must be handled by hand, without the use of a horse, and must not be snubbed to a corral or chute and may be tied 3 times, if necessary.
6. Only one loop is allowed to be used and once thrown the roper may not rebuild a second loop.
7. There will be a 25 second time limit to catch the calf. If the calf is caught at or under 25 seconds, the roper may complete the run for a qualified time.
8. No time will be given when the stock reaches the end of the arena.
9. Contestants must use a neck rope and adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent his horse from dragging the calf.
  - a. If a horse drags a calf more than 10' after the tie has been completed, the calf roper will be flagged out and receive a no time.
10. Contestant must receive no outside assistance of any kind.
  - a. This is a catch as catch can event. The roper may rope any part of the calf, but the rope must be on the calf until the roper gets his hands on the calf.
11. Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast, contestant must dismount, go down the rope and throw a calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet with at least one wrap and a half hitch.
  - a. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and thrown by hand. Note: If the calf regains front or back feet, it will be considered as up. If the roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered to be thrown by hand.
  - b. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge and the roper must not touch the calf after giving the finish signal until the judge has completed his examination.
  - c. If the tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled as a fair one, the roper will be marked a no time.
  - d. Untie man must not touch the calf until signaled to do so by the flagman.
  - e. Contestants must not touch the calf and the rope must remain slack while awaiting the flag from the judge.
12. A roper will be fined \$100 for any unnecessary roughness on a calf. The fine will be paid \$50 to the stock contractor and \$50 to the HRA. A third occurrence of this fine in a single rodeo season will be dealt with by the Board of Directors. If a calf is busted by the horse with the first jerk of the rope used to catch the calf, this will be considered and enforced as unnecessary roughness.

- a. A bust means the calf is jerked straight over backwards and lands on its back with all 4 feet in the air. A bust calf will result in a \$100 fine, but the time will stand.
  - b. If the horse stops and the calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that the calf busts itself, the roper will not be held responsible.
13. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves, through the use of a stop watch, timed 6 seconds from the time the roper has remounted.
  - a. Rope will not be removed from the calf and rope must remain slack until the field judge has passed on the tie.
14. Flagger must watch the calf during the 6 seconds and will stop the watch when a calf kicks free, using the time shown to determine whether the calf was tied long enough.
15. There will be no re-run awarded for a broken rope or any other equipment failure.
16. Unsatisfactory calves at one rodeo cannot be used at any further rodeos, unless approved by the tie down roping director or the board of directors.
17. Calf roper belt line (jerk line) may not exceed 14' in length. A \$25 fine will be given for a first offense, a \$50 for second offense, a \$100 fine for the third offense and will be dealt with by the board of directors.
18. Every event director must have a representative for them present at every rodeo performance.
19. In the timed events, the stock contractor has the option to prod the stock out of the chute unless requested not to by the contestant.

## **STEER WRESTLING**

1. Arena conditions will determine score length. The score length is to be set by the arena director, judges, and event director or representative, if present.
2. The score may not be longer than the length of the box minus 6' unless other arrangements are approved by the steer wrestling director or his representative.
3. Animals used should be closely inspected and objectionable one eliminated.
  - a. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn.
  - b. If a contestant jumps at a steer, he accepts him as sound.
4. A contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with a steer or a chute.
5. Contestants must furnish their own hazer and horse.
  - a. Only one hazer allowed per contestant.
  - b. Hazer will not render any assistance to the contestant while the contestant is working the steer.

- c. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the contestant.
  - d. Hazers must have a valid HRA membership or sign a waiver for each HRA rodeo they compete at.
  - e. The Hazer will not be permitted to wave his bat in front of the steers face. In the event that they do, the contestant will be issued a No Time and the hazer will be issued a fine.
  - f. If a steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop, or direction being changed by the contestant, putting the animal's horns or head to the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown.
6. The steer must be caught from the horse.
    - a. If the steer gets loose the dogger may take no more than one step to re-catch the steer.
    - b. After catching the steer, the dogger must bring a steer to a stop or change directions and twist him down.
    - c. If a steer's legs are accidentally knocked from underneath them before being brought to a stop or is turned he is considered as being not down.
    - d. Steer will be considered down only when it is thrown on its left side or back with all four feet and head straight.
    - e. Wrestler must have a hand on the steer when flagged.
    - f. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the discretion of the judge.
  7. An automatic barrier must be used and there must be a score line where the barrier trips.
  8. There must be at least a 12' box.
  9. Neck ropes must be tied with string.
  10. A ten second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules the dogger's feet touched the ground before the score line is crossed.
  11. Steer wrestlers are allowed only one jump. Contestants must make a jump within 25 seconds or before the steer reaches the end of the arena.
    - a. Contestant must have steer thrown inside of 1 minute of crossing the score line or will receive a no time.
    - b. No time will be given when stock reaches the end of the arena. All arenas are considered an open gate.
  12. There shall be no penalty for breaking a horn.
  13. Cattle used in other events shall not be used in steer wrestling.
  14. Dogging steers must not weigh more than 550lbs and have a minimum of 8" of horn at the first spring rodeo.
  15. All steers may be thrown in the pen 2 hours before the rodeo, in the presence of a judge and before the steers are drawn.
  16. Any steer wrestler unnecessarily abusing or leaving a steer with a horn stuck in the ground after being flagged will be disqualified by the flagman.
  17. All stock must be clearly and easily identifiable as of the first rodeo.
  18. No placing of fingers in the eyes, nose, lips or the steer to twist the steer down.
  19. Every event director must have a representative for them at every rodeo if they are unable to attend.
  20. In the timed events, the stock contractor has the option to prod stock out of the chute, unless requested not to by the contestant.

#### **LADIES AND JUNIOR BARRELS**

1. Rules for the junior barrel racing shall be the same as those established for the Ladies Barrel Racing.

- a. Junior Barrel Racing as is 16 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that rodeo year.
2. Ladies Barrel Racing event must be run on a horse ridden by a female contestant only (except in the case of junior and pee wee barrels).
3. Barrels and score line must be permanently staked for the entire contest.
  - a. When the barrel pattern is marked, a judge must be present and measurement slip must be signed by both the judge and the barrel rep.
  - b. A judge and barrel rep must verify the barrel measurement for the second and subsequent performances.
4. Barrels must be metal drums of 45gal size with both ends intact.
5. A 5 second penalty will be given per run for each knocked over barrel.
6. The electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be timed to the 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of a second. It must also be backed up by two timers using stop watches to the 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second. Both sets of times are to be recorded. The electric eye time is to be recorded by the judge. When the electric timer is used and less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the contestants are missed in that go-round, the stop watch times are to be used as the official times for the contestants missed. Should the timer fail for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> or more, then the stop watch times are to be used as the official times for all contestants. When electric timers are not available then two stop watches in 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second time are to be used.
  - a. To ensure the electric timers are ready to be used at each performance of a rodeo, it shall be the responsibility of the last 2 HRA card holders in that performance or slack to make sure the timer is operational and ready at the out gate for use.
  - b. The judges are responsible to spot the eyes and ensure they are operational. The first 2 HRA card holders running in that performance or slack shall be responsible for taking the timers down and putting them away at the end of the event. If these responsibilities are not carried out, a \$25 fine can be issued at the discretion of the judges.
7. Official time is taken when any part of the horse crosses the score line, start and finish.
8. After official racing times begin, re-runs are not allowed.
9. Either barrel #1 or barrel #2 may be taken first, but the contestant will be disqualified for not following the clover leaf pattern or for not being ready to contest when their name is called.
10. Contestant will be ineligible for the average payout if she is absent from a run.
11. A horse can be ridden more than once in a go-round or performance by different riders, but a rider may only ride one horse in a go-round thereby allowing contestants to change horses between go-rounds.
  - a. If a contestant is injured during a competition, a substitute contestant cannot take her place.
  - b. Contestants may not change the order of the run in a performance or slack as specified by ACE without the approval of both judges.
12. Contestants may, from a riding position, hold a barrel from falling.
13. When arena conditions and pattern set up do not allow a centered entry to the barrel racing pattern, the contestant may walk in and do a rollback start.
14. The arena gates may be opened or closed for all contestants during the race. The arena director must decide before the race starts and must remain constant for the entire rodeo.
15. The use of bats and spurs is allowed, however excessive use of either before, during or after the race, will mean disqualification and a fine for that race, which will be decided on by the Judge.
16. The rider may use both hands on the reins or may hang onto the saddle if she desires.
17. The barrel race must be flagged by a judge.

18. Practice runs must be made at least 10' from the official markers.
  - a. Practice runs will not be allowed in the arena 1 hour before the rodeo or slack time or during intermission.
19. Veterinary release for horses will be treated the same as a medical release is for rodeo contestants.
20. Junior Barrel Racing will be run after the Ladies Barrel Racing.
21. If more than one-barrel racer falls due to hitting cement or ice, the barrel racing may be jackpotted.
22. A \$1 per entry timer charge will be levied on all contestants entering barrel racing.
23. There must be 2-barrel reps at the first performance of every rodeo and one at every performance thereafter to set up the barrel pattern. A barrel director or her representative must also be present at every rodeo.
24. The Barrel Rep for each day is responsible for duties, as assigned by the HRA.
  - a. Duties of the Saturday barrel reps include setting up the pattern according to HRA rules and having it verified by one of the judges, putting the covers on the barrels, informing the first two contestants for the performance that they are responsible for taking down timers after junior barrels is finished and informing the last two ladies barrel racers in the performance that they are responsible for setting up the timers prior to the start of peewee barrels. The Saturday barrel rep should set up the barrel pattern 2.5 hours prior to performance.
  - b. Sundays barrel rep is responsible for verifying that Saturdays barrel pattern is still set up and markers in place and having it verified by the judge and once again informing the first two contestants for the performance that they are responsible for taking down timers after junior barrels is finished and informing the last two ladies barrel racers in the performance that they are responsible for setting up the timers prior to the start of peewee barrels.
  - c. If there is a separate slack performance the assigned barrel rep must verify the pattern with a judge and inform first and last ladies barrel racers they are responsible for timer set up and take down. If slack is after performance and no other barrel rep has been assigned, the barrel rep for the performance should verify pattern is still set up correctly.
  - d. Failure to complete these duties will result in a fine.
25. Barrel reps are responsible for maintaining and care of the HRA barrel bag. This means at the end of Sunday perf - the barrel rep for that day is responsible for making sure all markers, barrel covers, measuring tapes, shovel, etc. must be put back in the barrel bag and taken to the office so it can travel to the next rodeo in a timely fashion. The judges will inspect the equipment after each performance and if there are missing or damaged items, (pattern marking supplies as well as and including timers and barrel covers) the judge will notify the barrel director and a \$50 fine will be issued and the member will be suspended until the fine is paid to the HRA. The barrel director will notify the HRA secretary of such fines.

26. The barrels will be raked after a set number of horses and will remain consistent throughout the event.

#### BARREL PATTERN SPECIFICATIONS

- The regulation barrel pattern for barrel racing shall be 60' between barrel #1 and #2, and 120' arc from barrel #1 and #2 to barrel #3. The score line shall be a maximum of 40' and a minimum of 30' with a stopping distance minimum of 45' with a closed gate and 30' on a safe open gate. Barrels are to be set on markers in the center of the barrel.
- When conditions are suitable, the following distances may be used: 90' between barrel #1 and #2 and a 100' arc from barrel #1 and #2 to barrel #3. The score line and stopping conditions are the



same as above. With these patterns, the barrels must be a minimum of 20' off of all fences, walls and chutes. o An exception to the above rules would be the very small arena or an arena where these patterns will not fit. In these arenas, the barrels would be marked 15' off the wall or fence and 18' off the chutes. The score line would be a minimum of 20' with a stopping distance of 40' measured from the center of the arena

27. Contestants will not be allowed any circle in the arena prior to the start of a barrel run. The competitor may start inside or outside of the arena, but must be moving forward towards the barrel.
28. If a contestant runs out of order, without being called, her time will be disqualified.
29. There is to be a rake after a predetermined number of runs. This is to be established at the beginning of the rodeo by the judges and the barrel rep of the first performance. Rakes will be based on the draw. If a contestant does not run, that run is still counted.

### **TEAM ROPING**

1. The automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
  - a. Neck ropes must be ties with a string and a 10 second penalty will be assessed for breaking the barrier.
  - b. There will be a 25 second elapsed time limit in the team roping for the header to have caught the steer. A whistle indicating the 25 second mark will be blown.
2. Arena conditions will determine score length. Length of the score to be set by the arena director or event director.
  - a. The steer belongs to the roper after they cross the score line, regardless of what happened, except if the steer gets out of the arena, the flag will drop to stop the time, and the roper will get the steer back, lap and tap his time added to that which elapsed before the steer left the arena.
3. Each roper is allowed one loop for a total of two loops per team.
4. Roping a steer without releasing the loop from the hand will be considered a no catch. No tied ropes allowed.
5. Times will be taken between barrier, flag and signal of the field judge.
  - a. A steer must be on its feet when it is being roped by either head or heels.
  - b. Time will be taken when steer is roped by both head and heels with both horses inline facing the steer. Heeler's rope must be dallied and tight. Header may have rope in hand and does not need to have rope dallied or tight. The header may dally if they choose.
6. Ropers will not get an extra loop for a broken rope or a dropped rope. The team will receive a no time.
7. Any changes in roping order to split horses etc must be made before any stock is loaded in the chute. After stock is loaded, ropers must follow the list.
8. Roping teams must be entered in both ropers' names and must state "Header's name is ..., and heeler's name is ... ."
9. A team roper may enter with 2 different partners and may work either end, or a team may switch ends with the same partner, but it must be stated at the time of entry.
10. Head must be caught before the heels.
  - a. No heel ropes are to be thrown if there is no head catch. A fine will be given to the heeler who throws his rope.
11. Any heel catch behind the shoulders is legal if the rope goes up the heels.

- a. Only 3 head catches are legal:
    - i. Both horns.
    - ii. Half a head.
    - iii. Around the neck
  - b. If hondo passes over a horn or if a rope crosses itself, the catch is illegal.
  - c. A 5 second penalty will be assessed if only one hind foot is caught.
  - d. Catch is illegal if time is taken when one or both horses are tangled in any way with the rope.
12. Any question as to a catch in this event will be decided by the judge.
  13. Steers in team roping must be horned cattle with the use of attachable artificial horns being permitted. If artificial horns come off, then the team ropers will get the same steer back.
  14. Team roping cattle cannot be used for ladies' steer undecorating.
  15. The direction of the steer (steer's hips) must be changed before the heel loop is thrown or a no time will be issued.
  16. No time will be given when stock reaches the end of the arena. All arenas are considered an open gate.
  17. Every event director must have a representative at every performance if they cannot be in attendance themselves.
  18. In the timed events, the stock contractor has the option to prod stock out of the chute unless requested not to by the contestant.
  19. Any heeler fifty-five (55) years of age or older will be allowed to tie-on with the use of a mechanical quick release.
    - a. Quick release must be attached directly to saddle horn.
    - b. Heeler's rope must be a minimum of 20 feet in length
    - c. Dallying over a tie-on device or reattaching a loose rope during a run will result in a no time
    - d. Heeler who chooses to tie-on is responsible for advising field judge prior to making run
    - e. Time will be taken when both header's and heeler's horses are facing the steer with the heel rope tight and either dallied at least one complete turnaround saddle horn or attached to quick release
  20. All female contestants may tie on when heeling.

#### **LADIES STEER UNDECORATING**

1. An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos, and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
2. Arena conditions will determine score length, with length of score line being set by arena director, judges and event director or rep.
  - a. There must be at least a 12' box.
3. A 10 second penalty shall be given for a broken barrier.
4. Steers should be run once every rodeo.
5. Cattle used in other events may not be used in steer undecorating. Steers should weigh approximately 500lbs and horns should have no more than 28" spread.

6. Animals used for this contest should be inspected and sick and crippled ones eliminated. Stock must be drawn for at least 1 hour before rodeo time.
7. Once clear from the chute, contestant may take ribbon from either side of the steer. Contestant may come from either box. Rider must be mounted to complete a qualified run.
8. If a ribbon falls off through no fault of the contestant, she will receive a clean re-run, regardless if the barrier is broken or not. Stock contractor should supply ribbons and ribbon tie etc.
9. If animal gets out of the arena any way, the time will be stopped and the contestant will get the same animal back lap and tap with the time elapsed added to the run.
10. The contestant is allowed to claim a re-run if the animal is released before it is asked for or a foul result from the barrier not working properly. Undecorators must declare immediately in either case. The judges will have final decision on re-runs.
11. Time will not be taken until the ribbon is raised to at least the contestant's shoulder height.
12. Disqualification will occur when the end of the arena is reached. There will be a 25 second time limit for the undecorator to have the ribbon. A whistle will be blown at the 25 second mark.
13. A male or female can haze in this event and the hazer and contestant must supply their own horse.
14. The barrier judge is responsible for placing the ribbon on the steer.
15. The hazer will not render any assistance to the contestant while the contestant is working the steer. Failure to observe this rule will result in a disqualification.  
Disqualification may result from:
  - a. Undecorating a steer when cornered.
  - b. Tampering with the steer or chute.
  - c. If hazer undecorates the steer.
  - d. Any unnecessary delay caused by the contestant or hazer.
 Ribbon size is 3" wide by 14" long. It is to be placed approximately 3" under the strap or clipped to the steer.
16. If event director is not present, they must have someone to take their place.
17. In the timed events, the stock contractor has the option to prod the stock out of the chute unless requested not to by the contestant.

#### **JUNIOR STEER RIDING**

1. Age to be 16 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the rodeo year.
2. Judges of junior steer riding marking left to discretion of the judges, with no discrepancy of points against 1 or 2 handed riders.
3. Stock does not have to be marked out of the chute.
4. No junior steer rider is to take a split finger wrap or he will be subject to a \$200 fine.
5. All junior steer riders are to wear an approved protective vest.
6. The bull riding director is to represent the junior steer riders and to enforce their rules.
7. All stock for steer riding must be flanked.
8. Contestant will be disqualified for touching the steer or self with free hand, except when riding with two hands.
9. If riding with 2 hands and one hand breaks loose after the ride starts, the contestant will be disqualified.
10. Steers horns must be tipped to at least the size of a quarter or be covered with protective padding.
11. Steer riding contestants will be disqualified for being bucked off before 8 seconds has elapsed.
  - a. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

12. Contestant must use proper bull riding spurs, but may choose to use no spurs at all.
13. Stock should be junior steers, not junior bulls.

### **GOAT TYING**

1. Goats should be tethered 10 feet off of the 3<sup>rd</sup> barrel peg.
2. The goat should be firmly tied to a stake with a rope or chain at least 10' in length (in the centre of the run, if possible), and an approved humane form of tethering equipment to be used.
3. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and made to run from behind the score line to the goat, dismount, throw the goat by hand and tie any 3 feet securely with a leather thong or pigging' string. A score line of 15' or more from the end of the arena must be used.
4. Timing will start when any part of the contestant's horse crosses the starting line and will stop when she signals the completion of the tie by releasing her thong or pigging' string. The tier cannot touch the goat after completing the tie until the judge completes his examination.
5. Goats to be tied down 5 seconds as timed with stop watch by flag or field judge. Contestant must walk back approximately 10' from the tied goat before the 5 second timing begins.
6. At a rodeo where there is more than one performance, goats must be numbered and drawn for, and the girl may not contest on the same stock twice. Goats are not to be used in excess.
7. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, then the goat must be let up to its feet and then thrown by hand.
8. Fresh goats must be tied down prior to show.
9. Goats may be culled at option of the ladies' goat tying director and should be between 40 and 60 pounds with horns tipped if needed. No billy goats are to be used.
10. Should a contestant run over or contact her goat or rope with her horse, she will have 10 seconds added to her time.
11. If the goat should break away with no fault of the contestant or her horse, she will receive a re-run.
12. Should a goat tier be injured before or absent from her run, the goat must be changed for the next contestant.
13. Person holding rope with which the goat is tied, must release the rope when the flag is dropped. The goat is to be held in line with the starting line and on an angled run, must be in line with the gate.
14. A goat tying rep will be designated at entries and will be responsible to set the goat peg and check goats.

### **BREAKAWAY ROPING**

1. The contestant can only use one loop.
2. A time limit of 25 seconds to have the calf caught and a run started.
3. Regardless of horn length, a legal catch will include a half head, or neck catch as long as the rope passes the nose.
4. The ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with the colour coded string furnished by the HTA and a 12" x 12" or larger white flag which is to be attached and tied to the horn or behind the horn. The flag must be attached to the rope when the time is taken.

5. The contestant will receive a no time should she break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope and then stop her horse to make the rope break away.
6. If the contestant is fouled by the barrier or the neck rope that stays around the calf's neck, then she will be given a re-run, if the foul is declared immediately by pulling up. If a rope is thrown, no re-run will be given.
7. A barrier will be used in this event and a 10 second penalty added if it is broken.
8. Roping the calf without releasing the rope from the hand will result in a no time.
9. All roping calves must be permanently marked for the season.
10. If a calf is roped and crosses the catch pen gate before the rope breaks free, it will be a no time. If the calf is roped and the 25 second time limit whistle blows before the rope breaks, it will be a no time.
11. Cattle will be drawn.
12. Any discrepancy will be left up to the judge and the judge's decision will be final.
13. If the stock used for breakaway roping are not calves, and have prominent horns (more than 2 inches) a half head, or neck catch will be considered a legal catch as long as the rope passes the nose.

\*\*\* SECTION XXXI \*\*\*

**AGREEMENTS**

1. The HRA has agreement with all recognized associations to honour each other's suspended lists.
2. Members shall not be required to contest or appear, nor shall management or producers require contestants or contest to appear directly or indirectly on television, close circuit television, film recording, visual and / or sound recording, or the like in connection with any approved rodeo without first securing the written consent of the Board of Directors of the Heartland Rodeo Association.

