



Edmonton First Responders Rodeo Association  
Bylaws  
&  
Rodeo Rules

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# BYLAWS

## 1 INTERPRETATION

In these bylaws and in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, the expressions hereinafter defined shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

"The Association" means the Edmonton First Responders Rodeo Association.

"A Member" a person who has been granted membership in the Association.

"Major Events" means events required for Association approved rodeos.

"Added Events" means events that are optional to rodeo committees as additional rodeo events.

"Rodeo Season" means year starting on October 1 and ending on September 30.

"Year" means rodeo season.

"First Responder" means any paid, volunteer, or retired member or immediate family of said member of a Law Enforcement Agency, Fire/Rescue Service, Emergency Medical Service, or Corrections Service.

"Immediate Family" means any spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, sibling-in-law, parent-in-law, or child-in-law of aforementioned first responder.

## 2 AMMENDMENTS

In the future the bylaws can only be changed by a special resolution of the members.

## 3 MEMBERSHIP

### 3.1 General

Membership is not required to participate in the annual rodeo. Contestants may enter the rodeo permitted they are a current member or retired member of a First Responders organization or that members immediate family. Discretion on entry will remain under the control of The Association.

Any member wishing to withdraw from membership may do so upon notice in writing to the Board through its Secretary. Any member upon a majority vote of all the members in good standing may be expelled at any time for any cause the society may deem reasonable.

Contestants under the age of 18 years old will be allowed to compete in the rodeo performance with the written consent of a legal parent or guardian.

Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended

nor expelled shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the society. Votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise.

### 3.2 Honorary and Life Members

The executive may at any time appoint any person an honorary member of the Association.

### 3.3 Fees

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the executive shall have the power and authority to determine the amount of the fees payable each year by the contestants, provided however, they shall not be increased without the approval of the members at a general meeting of the Association.

### 3.4 The Executive

The property and business of the Association shall be managed by an Executive and Directors. The executive shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The directors shall include event directors and committee representatives. The number of directors shall be determined at an annual general meeting, but shall not be less than four. All executive and directors shall have voting powers at board meeting.

One half of the executive will be elected at each annual meeting, with the stagger to include President/Secretary and Vice President/Treasurer elected on the same year. Executive will serve a minimum of 3 years, and directors will serve a minimum two-year term, unless they request their position be opened for election after only one year. The term of a serving director shall not exceed five years. A person appointed or elected a director becomes a director if they were present at the meeting when being appointed or elected, and did not refuse the appointment.

All retiring executive and directors are eligible for re-election.

The executive shall have the power to appoint a member to fill a casual vacancy in the executive.

Any director or executive, upon majority vote of all members in good standing, may be removed from office or any cause which the society may deem reasonable.

Meetings of the Board shall be held as often as required by will be held at minimum once every three months. Meeting will be called by the President with a minimum of 10 days' notice by email or telephone to each member.

### 3.5 Duties of the Executive

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and executive.

The Vice President shall perform the duties of President in the President's absence.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, and shall conduct the official correspondence and be responsible for safe custody of the corporate seal and of all records and documents relating to the Association. The position shall also be responsible for the maintenance of point records and for the regular publishing or posting of standings in a manner agreed to by the executive.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and deposit it in the name of the Association in a bank designated by the executive. He or she shall not disperse any monies except by cheque signed by other executive members as designated by the executive. He or she shall make a full report on financial condition of the Association at each Annual Meeting.

### 3.6 The Directors

The Directors shall be responsible for checking conditions in their respective events at each rodeo and handling problems or questions that may arise. In the absence of an Director, authority can be delegated to a substitute chosen by the Director. Directors include but are not limited to;

- Arena Director
- Communications/Social Media Director
- Entertainment Director
- Kids Corral Director
- Parking/Camping Director
- Sponsorship Director
- Stock Contractor Director
- Venue/Facility Director
- Volunteer Director
- Permits/Insurance Director

The Stock Contractor Director shall represent all contractors' interests at executive meetings.

The Committee Rep shall represent all rodeo committees dealing with the Association.

All executives and directors of the board shall, in addition, perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the executive.

The books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member in good standing at any reasonable time.



### 3.7 Remuneration

Unless authorized at any meeting and after notice for same shall have been given, no executive, director, or member of the society shall receive any remuneration for their services.

### 3.8 Meeting

An annual general meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at least once on every calendar year at such time and place as may be decided by the executive. Any six members shall constitute a quorum at the annual general meeting.

Every effort will be made by the executive to contact all members by email or telephone and giving 10 days' notice of the annual meeting by email or telephone. However, the accidental omission to give notice to all members or the non-receipt by any member of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

A majority of the members of the executive shall constitute a quorum for an executive meeting.

The business of the annual meeting shall be elections of the executive members applicable for that year, to receive and consider the reports of the executive, the financial statements, and to discuss new business.

A special meeting may be called on the instructions of any two members provided they request the President in writing to call such meetings and state the business to be brought before the meeting. Members will be given 10 days' notice by email or telephone prior to the meeting.

### 3.9 Borrowing Powers

For the purpose of carrying out its objects, the society may raise or secure the payment of money by sponsorship or donation.

The society may not seek the issuance of debentures to carry out its business.

### 3.10 Auditing

The books, accounts and records of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the society elected for that purpose at the Annual Meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by such auditor at the Annual Meeting of the society. The fiscal year end of the society in each year shall be November 30.

The books and records of the society may be inspected by any member of the society at the Annual Meeting or at any time upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the officer or officers having charge of same. Each member of the Board shall at all times have access to such books and records.

## 4 MEMBERSHIP

### 4.1 General

- 4.1.1 By becoming a contestant of the Edmonton First Responders Rodeo the contestant releases to the Association the right to use his/her picture for the good of the Association or of the sport of rodeo as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale involved.
- 4.1.2 All contestants will be required to sign a liability waiver. Contestants under the age of 18 need parental consent.
- 4.1.3 The Board will expect the co-operation of any contestant when called upon by one of the Association officials to represent the Association's interest regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo performance or any matter of official business.
- 4.1.4 All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand the rules is an unacceptable excuse.
- 4.1.5 Contestants will not be charged at the gate the day that they are competing. The contestant will be required to present identification at the gate to verify that they are competing and a member of a First Responders organization or immediate family.
- 4.1.6 Any Contestants possessing a Pro Card or Semi Pro Card are ineligible to participate.

## 5 FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

### 5.1 General

Any contestant may be removed, suspended, or both from the rodeo performance for any of the following offences:

- 5.1.1 Non-payment of entry fees.
- 5.1.2 Quarrelling in the arena.
- 5.1.3 Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges at any time between the opening and the closing dates of rodeo, in or out of the arena or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress. Violation of this rule will be reported to the Association by the judges involved or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred.
- 5.1.4 Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of the Association or the sport of rodeo.
- 5.1.5 Failure to abide by or disobedience of articles, bylaws, and rules of the Association.
- 5.1.6 Any member on the suspended list shall be subject to the following conditions:
- 5.1.7 No person shall work an approved rodeo when his name appears on the suspended list, unless he cleared it through the Association office first.
- 5.1.8 Any person on the suspended list shall lose all rights and privileges until removed from the list.
- 5.1.9 Contestants or helpers will be removed from the performance for blowing a horse out in a performance or slack. Only contestants in the event that is on will be allowed in arena on a horse. This also means no riding horse in or out of box. If animal is not ready contestant may walk horse around if acting up.
- 5.1.10 Any abuse to an animal at a rodeo the offender will be subject to removal and potential legal action.

## 5.2 Turn Out

- 5.2.1 Any contestant who does not attend the performance after paying their fees or turns out at the performance will not be refunded their entry fees.
- 5.2.2 Any contestant may appeal to the board if they feel they have extenuating circumstances that merit refund

## 5.3 Contestant Disqualification

Contestants may be disqualified at the judge's discretion for any of the following reasons:

- 5.3.1 Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
- 5.3.2 Rowdiness or quarrelling in the actual domain of the arena.
- 5.3.3 Mistreatment of stock
- 5.3.4 Refusing to contest during a paid performance on an animal drawn for him.
- 5.3.5 Not being ready to compete when called upon.
- 5.3.6 Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- 5.3.7 Unnecessary delay on taking stock (THIS ACTION WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE JUDGES WHEN A LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN LODGED BY THE CHUTE BOSS).
- 5.3.8 Judges may disqualify a rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on (if glove is needed) when previous animal leaves the arena.
- 5.3.9 All members of the contestants must make an honest effort when competing in the arena. If an honest effort is not made, the contestant is liable to be disqualified the current year and the next year at that particular rodeo.

- 5.3.10 Contestants may be disqualified for being 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.
- 5.3.11 If animals are abused in any way the contestant will be suspended from competing for a period of time at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **6 CONDUCT OF RODEO**

### **6.1 General**

- 6.1.1 The Association provides its own rules for rodeo contestants. Any contestant who does not observe the rules is liable to removal, suspension, or both.
- 6.1.2 Any rodeo with ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the Association rules must have said rules approved by the Association before they become effective and binding upon Association members.
- 6.1.3 Management must provide qualified medical personnel (2) with a vehicle on site to stabilize any injured person until the arrival of an ambulance, or provide an adequate transport vehicle. If the vehicle and/or paramedic leaves the property the rodeo must halt until a replacement returns.
- 6.1.4 No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless he has signed a waiver releasing the management and producer from liability. The arena director should enforce this rule.
- 6.1.5 All rodeo arena personnel and the persons connected with the production of a rodeo shall be subjected to the rules, policies, and standards of conduct of the Association.
- 6.1.6 Rodeo Judges, Timers, and Announcers will not be charged admission at the rodeo, which they are working.
- 6.1.7 Rodeo committees will not charge the rodeo contestants admission on the day they are competing.
- 6.1.8 EFRRR rodeo contestants must appear in complete western attire ONE HOUR PRIOR TO a rodeo performance or slack. ALL MEMBERS SHALL WEAR A COWBOY HAT, A LONG-SLEEVED CUT AND SEWN SHIRT WITH CUFFS AND COLLAR (NO KNIT PULLOVERS ALLOWED) AND COWBOY BOOTS IN THE ARENA. Failing to comply with the dress code will result in a disqualification per performance or section of slack

- 6.1.9 Complaints pertaining to conduct of a rodeo must be taken to an Association Judge or Director rather than to the rodeo committee or management.
- 6.1.10 Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should get in touch with an Association Director or representative for instructions.
- 6.1.11 Management must provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
- 6.1.12 Management must provide some method of conveyance for injured stock and arrange a veterinarian to be on call.
- 6.1.13 Rodeo Clowns will not be allowed the use of shotgun or explosives in an indoor arena unless approved by the rodeo committee or an Association director.
- 6.1.14 Snow fence will not be allowed for bull fences or arena fences.
- 6.1.15 A bull fence used in the Bull Riding must be solid enough for a man to climb, or high enough off the ground for a man to roll under (approx. 16").
- 6.1.16 Any person not competing or working at the rodeo in the arena at a rodeo enters the arena at own risk.

## 6.2 Entry Fee and Prize Money

- 6.2.1 There will be no prize money awarded during the performance, monies that would have constituted prize money will be added to the amount donated to a charitable benefactor by the Association.
- 6.2.2 Entry fees must be a minimum of \$40.00 in all major events and a minimum of \$15.00 in all Jr events.

<b>Major Events</b>	<b>Entry Fees</b>
Bareback	\$40
Saddlebronc	\$40
Bull Riding	\$40
Chute Dogging	\$40
Ladies Barrel Racing	\$40
Ladies Breakaway Roping	\$40
Ladies Steer Riding	\$40.00

Ladies Steer Undecorating  
Calf Scramble

\$40.00/person  
\$40.00



Team Roping	\$40/person
Wild Cow Milking	\$40/person
Wild Horse Race	\$40/person

<b>Jr Events</b>	<b>Entry Fees</b>
Jr Barrel Racing	\$25
Jr Calf Scramble	\$25
Peewee Barrel Racing	\$15
Peewee Calf Scramble	\$15
Mutton Busting	\$15

### 6.3 Postponement or Cancellation

- 6.3.1 If the rodeo is cancelled contestants will be given the option of a refund or to have their entry donated to the selected charitable benefactor.
- 6.3.2 If a performance of a rodeo is cancelled the Association approval is also cancelled.
- 6.3.3 The rodeo committee will have till one hour before the rodeo to cancel.
- 6.3.4 If representatives meet to discuss the cancellation of a rodeo or performance, then minutes of that meeting must be recorded and sent to the office, any postponed or cancelled rodeo must be approved by board of directors before rescheduled.
- 6.3.5 If ground conditions become unsafe it is up to the discretion of a director and judge to make the decision if the event is to be carried on or cancelled.

## 7 RODEO OFFICE

### 7.1 General

- 7.1.1 Stock contractor may furnish his own secretary at stock contractors' expense, to accept and receive entry fees at rodeos. Committee secretary or designate is to work in conjunction with rodeo secretary.

## 7.2 Paying of Entry Fees

7.2.1 Every member contestant must provide proof of membership to a First Responder organization when entering a rodeo.

7.2.2 Positions must be drawn for every contestant who is entered in applicable events. Draws must be conducted and posted one hour prior to rodeo and/or slack time.

### 7.3 Results

7.3.1 Results will be posted outside the rodeo office by the Secretary, their designate, or any member of the Association at the conclusion of the event or of the performance.

### 7.4 Rodeo officials

7.4.1 Rodeo Officials cannot compete at a rodeo where they are officiating unless approved by Board of Directors.

7.4.2 The decision of all judges, flagmen, or timers will be final.

7.4.3 Rodeo judges must judge all rodeo events from the start to finish of a paid performance. If a dispute arises in any event at a rodeo the judges, the contestant and the director of the event (or representative of that event) should meet before posting score.

7.4.4 The men appointed to flag as the judge for timed events, regardless of whom judges riding events, are the only ones authorized to deliver a decision of draw stock in timed events.

7.4.5 Neither barrier judge, field judge nor riding judge may be changed during course of a rodeo, except in case of injury or sickness. Any two Association officials and the rodeo contractor have the power to appoint a judge for the remainder of the rodeo. The injured judge must compensate the appointed interim Judge.

7.4.6 Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness, injury, or by request of an Association official because of timer's incompetence, or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee, and Association.

7.4.7 The timer who times the first performance of a riding event must time that riding event for the duration of that rodeo, except as above provided in this rule.

### 7.5 Hiring and Fees

7.5.1 Any fees incurred by the hiring of Judges and Timers will be agreed upon by the Association and the stock contractor.

## 7.6 Posting Markings

7.6.1 Contestants are privileged to see the records of all contestants in any event, in which he takes part, at the end of each performance at a reasonable time, so that the secretary and judges may be present.

## 7.7 Sick or Crippled Stock

7.7.1 In case stock is sick, crippled or already shipped, replacement will be drawn from re-ride animals.

7.7.2 If stock is crippled or becomes sick after the draw is made, the contestant who has drawn the sick or crippled animal receives the first re-ride animal drawn as a replacement.

# **8 ENTRY SYSTEM AND THE DRAW**

## 8.1 General

The Association reserves the right to cancel an event due to lack of entry. Contestants will be notified of the cancellation prior to the start of the performance.

## 8.2 Entries and Drawing & Accepting Entries

8.2.1 When a contestant enters a rodeo before the entry closing time, their name will be entered for said rodeo.

8.2.2 If only one name is given for a team entry, this team will not be accepted.

## 8.3 Trade-out

8.3.1 All trade-outs must be made before callback is closed.

8.3.2 There will be no extended hours on trade-outs unless a committee wants to do trade-outs after close of callback. It will be the sole responsibility of the committee to handle all trade-outs which will be allowed until 12 noon the following day after callback.

## **9 STOCK CONTRACTORS**

### **9.1 General**

- 9.1.1 Stock contractors are required to have two approved bullfighters on hand for the bull riding, both during the performance and slack.
- 9.1.2 Stock contractors are responsible for hiring and paying of timers in accordance with fee schedule set by the executive.
- 9.1.3 Stock contractors are responsible for providing 2 pick-up men to ensure the safety of all contestants & livestock in the arena as well as stock chase out.
- 9.1.4 All judges must supply a fully functional barrier setup at all rodeos. An honor system may be implemented at the discretion of the Association where a barrier is used for timed events.

### **9.2 Livestock**

- 9.2.1 All rodeo livestock must be numbered branded/ear tagged and drawn.
- 9.2.2 All major Saddle Bronc, Bareback, and Bull Riding stock must be number branded with the exception of try out stock that may be tried at two rodeos before this rule is enforced.
- 9.2.3 Calves may be up to 250 pounds and should be uniform in size with overweight up to the discretion of the event director.
- 9.2.4 Dogging steers must not weigh more than 500 pounds and a minimum of six-inch horn at the steer's first rodeo.
- 9.2.5 A violation of this rule will result in a fine to be enforced by the board.
- 9.2.6 The Association Director or official representative judges must inspect all rodeo stock at a reasonable time before the start of the rodeo and has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared shall be taken from the draw.
- 9.2.7 If stock is declared by the Association to be unsatisfactory, the director may require its replacement. If failure to do so contractor will be subject of fine.
- 9.2.8 All livestock including contestants' mounts considered unable to perform because of poor health or unsoundness may be declared unusable by the judge and required to be replaced.
- 9.2.9 Rodeo livestock may be worked in the arena two hours prior to any performance.

9.2.10 No whips or prods shall be used in the arena during slack or performance.

9.2.11 No animal shall be beaten, mutilated or cruelly prodded; standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible.

## **10 RIDING EVENTS**

10.1 No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback or saddle bronc horses. Leather soled(or taped) boots must be worn. Square toed boots are not permitted.

10.2 All animals that leave chute must be properly flanked.

10.3 Re-Ride:

Re-rides will be issued at the discretion of the event Judge.

10.4 Roughstock riders(Bareback, Saddlebronc, Bulls, Cows) must be 16 yrs of age as of midnight December 31 of previous year

## 10.5 Saddle Bronc Riding:

- 10.5.1 Horses are to be furnished by the producer. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope-rein, and a standard Association saddle. Stock contractor may call on judge to pass on whether or not a saddle is standard.
- 10.5.2 Stock contractor must supply their own halters and contestant may use them. Placing of buck rein, foreign material, fitness of halter, etc, subject of judges' approval.
- 10.5.3 Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.
- 10.5.4 Horses are to be saddled in chute. Saddles may not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Rider cinch own saddle or examine it to determine if satisfactory. Either stock contractor or contestant shall have the right to call the judge to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck to its best.
- 10.5.5 Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank cinch behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.
- 10.5.6 Contestants may cinch saddle from either side. Riding rein and hand must be on same side.
- 10.5.7 Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
- 10.5.8 One arm and hand must be free at all times.
- 10.5.9 Saddle Bronc Riding shall be timed for eight (8) seconds; that time to start when horses inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
- 10.5.10 If stock contractor's halter breaks during ride, rider shall be given a re-ride on the same horse at the discretion of contractor.
- 10.5.11 If saddle comes off horse or breaks, rider is disqualified.
- 10.5.12 Any of the following offences shall disqualify a rider: wrapping rein around hand, pulling leather, riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, failing to follow judge's instructions when horse stalls in chute, for using any substance except dry rosin on saddle or chaps.

- 10.5.13 Being bucked off or touching animal, saddle or rein with free hand will end time. Not result as a disqualification.
- 10.5.14 Contest Saddle Specifications RIGGING:  $\frac{3}{4}$  double – front edge of “D” ring must not pull further back than directly below center of point of swell Standard E-Z or ring type saddle must be used and cannot exceed  $5 \frac{3}{4}$  inch outside – width measurement. inch on each side.
- 10.5.15 GULLET: Not less than four inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.
- 10.5.16 TREE: Saddle must be built on standard tree.
- 10.5.17 SPECIFICATIONS: Fork – 14” wide: height – 9” maximum, gullet –  $5 \frac{3}{4}$ , 5” maximum length height, 14” minimum width. Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering. No freaks allowed. All cinches must be at least 8 inches wide and Latigos could be leather or nylon, which is left up to contractor.



## 10.6 Bareback Riding

- 10.6.1 One hand rigging to be used. Riders may use their own rigging, if rigging is not over ten inches in width at hand and not over six inches at "D" ring, or not a freak. No rigging may have metal, fiberglass, or other objectionable material underneath. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges to decide all riggings.
- 10.6.2 Riggings must lie flat on the horses back while rigging is being cinched so there is an even distribution of pressure at all times. 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.
- 10.6.3 All cinches must be at least 8 inches wide and latigos could be leather or nylon, which is left up to contractor.
- 10.6.4 A one-inch thick pad must be used under bareback rigging.
- 10.6.5 Contestants may pull rigging from either side.
- 10.6.6 Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
- 10.6.7 THERE WILL BE NO TAPE OR ANY OTHER ADHESIVE MATERIAL OR SUBSTANCE OTHER THAN DRY ROSIN USED ON RIGGING OR RIDER'S GLOVE.
- 10.6.8 RIDERS SHALL NOT TAKE ANY KIND OF FINGER TUCK OR FINGER WRAP.
- 10.6.9 Any of the following offences will disqualify a rider: riding with rowels too sharp in opinion of judges, being bucked off or failing to follow judge's instructions when a horse stalls in the chute.
- 10.6.10 Touching an animal with free hand or double grabbing the rigging will end time. This will not result as a disqualification.
- 10.6.11 If rigging comes off horse or breaks, rider is disqualified.
- 10.6.12 Contestants will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly flanked or cinched.

## 10.7 Bull Riding

- 10.7.1 Riding to be with one hand loose rope, with or without handhold; no knot or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull, when rider leaves him. Rope must have a bell; no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull.
- 10.7.2 No more than two men may help pull contestant's rope.
- 10.7.3 Rope may be pulled from either side.
- 10.7.4 Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked, to buck to best of his ability.
- 10.7.5 Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used. Failing to comply with rule contractor will be subject a fine set by the Board.
- 10.7.6 Bull will be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when animal breaks the plane of the chute.
- 10.7.7 If rider makes qualified ride with any rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
- 10.7.8 Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences: being bucked off, using sharp spurs, intentional leaving chute with spurs hooked in bull rope or fouling animal by holding gate.
- 10.7.9 Touching animal with free hand and/or arm will end time. This will not result as a disqualification.
- 10.7.10 The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull his rope more than two times if bull is standing well in chute.
- 10.7.11 No yaks allowed in bull riding event.
- 10.7.12 Horns on all bulls must be tipped to no smaller than the size of a TOONIE, and free of splinters before used in competition. If not tipped properly a fine of \$500 will be assessed by judge or director.

## **11 TIMED EVENTS**

### 11.1 General

- 11.1.1 It is the contestant's responsibility to compete on the stock drawn for them. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- 11.1.2 Contestants will be flagged out if they do not nod for their stock or start their barrel run within 20 seconds after the judge has informed him or her that their stock is ready or arena is clear.
- 11.1.3 Contestants have 30 seconds in the Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping and Chute Dogging to complete their run excluding penalties.
- 11.1.4 During performance, if an animal in timed events escapes the chute or pens before it is called for by the contestant, or if an automatic barrier fails to work the spare will be used.
- 11.1.5 Barrier judges shall keep a record of all barrier penalties. They are to be furnished with a complete list of contestants by the rodeo secretary and their records and those of the rodeo timers must correspond when checked in the office.
- 11.1.6 All times will be recorded in 100ths for breakaway roping, steer wrestling and team roping, and barrels in 1000ths.
- 11.1.7 Calves or timed event cattle are to be tied or run, one and a half hours before first performance of each rodeo
- 11.1.8 Contestants will receive a no time when the helper interferes (pushing excluded) with the timed event stock leaving the chute.
- 11.1.9 Fresh stock is to be thrown by the contestants they are drawn for 1 hour prior to the performance. Stock not drawn for on the first day is to be thrown by the contestants that they have been drawn for on the second day. If they have been used at other rodeos or practice pens in their event they are not fresh. (Referring to Steer Wrestling and Calf Roping calves).
- 11.1.10 All timed events will be flagged and recorded as a timed run. If a no time is assessed it shall then be recorded. With exception of rule #15 in the team roping section.
- 11.1.11 Length of horns to be at least even or past the ear with both horns being within 6 inches or with director's discretion.

## 11.2 Barrier and Score Line

### 11.2.1 Automatic Barrier

- a) Use of an electronic or physical barrier will be at the discretion of the Arena Director.
- b) A judge must be present to ensure barrier equipment is set up and functioning.

### 11.2.2 Breaking the Barrier

- a) A five-second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
- b) In all timed events. A barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten feet of the post or the electronic barrier is tripped and emits a notification alert.
- c) All decisions are up to the barrier judge.
- d) Barrier judges will assess a five second penalty if an automatic barrier is broken, an electronic barrier is activated, or if the honor system is seen to have been violated.

### 11.2.3 Barrier Failure

- a) In order for a time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate. If using an electronic for the time to be considered official, the horn must operate.
- b) In case of a barrier malfunction, a re-run will only be given if they have a qualified time or if barrier malfunction is responsible for the no time.
- c) If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock brought back, contestants must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.

### 11.3 Field Flagger

- 11.3.1 When flagging timed events, field flagger must position himself so as not to hinder contestant.
- 11.3.2 In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used qualifying. If time is not recorded when animal escapes arena contestant shall get animal back lap and tap with 10 seconds added plus any barrier penalties that occurred.

## 11.4 Steer Wrestling

- 11.4.1 Animals used for this event should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. An animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure.
- 11.4.2 Contestant will be disqualified, if he attempts in any way to tamper with steer or chutes.
- 11.4.3 Contestant must furnish own hazer and horse. Only one hazer allowed. Hazer will not render any assistance to contestant, while contestant is working steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Contestant and hazer must have used the same horses they leave the chute with.
- 11.4.4 Steer must be caught from horse. If a steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch steer. After catching steer, wrestler must bring steer to a stop or change the forward motion of the steer. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop, or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying on its left side, all four feet and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decisions will be final.
- 11.4.5 A ten second penalty will be assessed in any case, in which a flag judge rules that the dogger's feet touched ground before the flag line is crossed
- 11.4.6 No penalty for breaking a horn.
- 11.4.7 Cattle for any other events shall not be used for steer wrestling or chute dogging.
- 11.4.8 Steer Wrestling cattle are to be all heifers or all steers. No mixed pen.
- 11.4.9 Dogging steers must not weigh more than 500 pounds and minimum of six-inch horn at the steer's first rodeo.
- 11.4.10 A steer, which has been missed in the steer-wrestling event, must be thrown by the contestant, in the presence of a judge, if the stock contractor, the director or representative so requests at the end of the rodeo performance.

11.4.11 There is to be a minimum 25% of entry or minimum of eight (8) steers supplied for a rodeo at discretion of event director.

11.4.12 Rider will be judged on attempted form if all contestants miss their steer.

## 11.5 Team Roping

- 11.5.1 Each team will be allowed a total of two loops. Rodeo conditions will determine whether there is an open or closed gate in the Team Roping.
- 11.5.2 Roping steer without releasing loop from hand will result in disqualification.
- 11.5.3 Steer must be on its feet when being roped by the head or heels.
- 11.5.4 Time will be taken when steer is roped with both horses in line facing steer, with ropes dallied and tight, with horses' feet touching the ground.
- 11.5.5 A dropped or broken rope will receive a no time.
- 11.5.6 Any heel catch behind shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
- 11.5.7 Three legal head catches are:
  - 11.5.8 Head or both horns
  - 11.5.9 Half a head
  - 11.5.10 Around the neck
  - 11.5.11 If honda passes over horn and the loop over the other, or if head rope crosses itself the catch is illegal.
- 11.5.12 Team Roping cattle must all be horned.
- 11.5.13 Five-second penalty for only one heel.
- 11.5.14 Any questions as to catches or problems arising will be decided by the judges.
- 11.5.15 No cross firing i.e., header must change direction of the entire steer before the heeler throws.
- 11.5.16 Ropers may be disqualified for rough handling of stock.
- 11.5.17 Team ropers will be flagged out as soon as flagman sees front foot in headers loop, no time will be allowed for fishing front foot out of head loop.

## 11.6 Chute Dogging



- 11.6.1 Animals used for this event should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Contestants will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. An animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure.
- 11.6.2 Contestant will be disqualified, if he attempts in any way to tamper with steer or chutes.
- 11.6.3 Dogging steers must not weigh more than 500 pounds and minimum of six-inch horn at the steer's first rodeo.
- 11.6.4 Chute dogging will commence out of timed event chute/chute dogging head gate. Once ready they can request the gate opened and time starts once steers crosses plane of gate. Doggers must have overhand grip on steer until line(approx 6' in front of chute) is crossed. Throwing steer before time started will result in a 'no time'. Time stops when steer is on its side with all four feet off the ground.
- 11.6.5 If a steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch steer. After catching steer, wrestler must bring steer to a stop or change the forward motion of the steer. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop, or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying on its left side, all four feet and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decisions will be final.

## 11.7 Ladies Breakaway Roping

- 11.7.1 Either all mullies or all horned calves or steers may be used.
- 11.7.2 Rope must be tied to the horn and may not be run through bridle, tie down, neck rope or any other device. A bright cloth or flag must be attached to the rope at the horn so judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn.
- 11.7.3 Loop must pass over the animal's head but following that the catch-as-catch can rule shall apply. i.e. the loop must be drawn up on the head of the animal. If they are horned cattle a legal catch is half head, horns or around the neck.
- 11.7.4 The field judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from horn.
- 11.7.5 Contestant will be flagged out for breaking rope from saddle horn by hand or for touching rope or string after catch is completed.
- 11.7.6 Steer must be roped in 30 seconds.
- 11.7.7 Breakaway ropers come out of calf roping box.

## 11.8 Ladies Barrel Racing

### 11.8.1 General

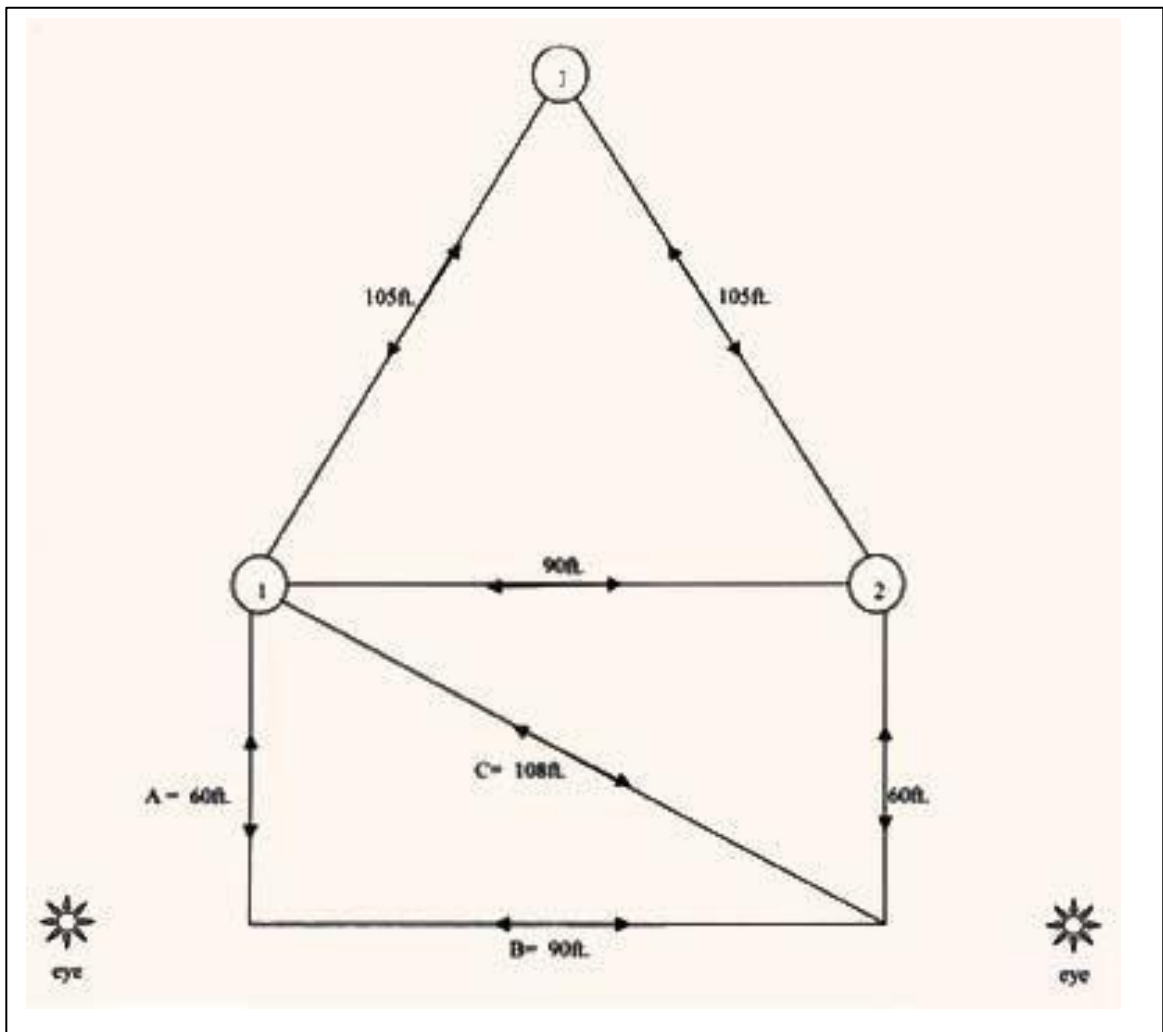
- a) Contestants must be female.
- b) The barrel racing event(s) have ten minutes to set up timers and have them in working order or that performance will be timed manually.

### 11.8.2 Regulation Size Pattern

Arena conditions permitting, barrel distance shall be ninety (90) feet between Barrel one (1) and Barrel two (2). From the center of barrels 1 & 2 the arc should be one hundred five (105) feet to Barrel three (3). Score line is to be sixty (60) feet, with a minimum of forty five (45) feet from stopping distance with a closed gate or thirty (30) feet inside arena with a safe center alley. Barrels one (1) and two (2) a minimum of eighteen (18) feet off of fence and Barrel three (3) twenty-five (25) feet off of fence.

Standard Regulation Pattern  
90 X 105 X 60 feet

Arena size permitting



### 11.8.3 Non-Regulation Size Pattern

(Smaller, off size arenas or Indoor Pattern)

For non-regulation pattern use 15 feet off fence for barrels 1 and 2, 25 feet off barrel 3 using complete arena and score line set accordingly. 45 feet stopping with closed gate or 30 feet with safe centre alley.

#### THE DIAGONAL MEASUREMENT OF THE SCORELINE

Will be marked as follows

EXAMPLE:

3rd Barrel \*

Distance between 1 and 2

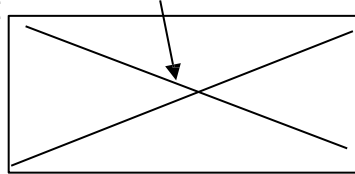
90 ft 40 ft

Score line

Distance

40 squared =

answer then square rooted



diagonal =

90 squared +

Timer

$$8100 + 1600 = 9700 = 98.4$$

- 11.8.4 The barrels and score line must be permanently staked for entire contest.
- 11.8.5 Barrels must be set to run in and out equally for left handed or right handed barrel racers, where safe and possible.
- 11.8.6 Once barrel markers have been placed, no practicing is allowed on course marked. For the purpose of practice, barrels must be placed at least 10 feet three meters away from markers. This also includes all local barrel racing events.
- 11.8.7 No contestant shall walk, trot or run a barrel pattern in the arena within one (1) hour of show time.
- 11.8.8 Barrels to be forty-five (45) metal gallon size and closed on both ends. Tires or thick rubber protectors are not to be used on barrels.
- 11.8.9 Either barrel one (1) or two (2) may be taken first but contestant will be disqualified for not following cloverleaf pattern.
- 11.8.10 Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when called. Ill-mannered horses will be disqualified at the judge (s) discretion.
- 11.8.11 Whenever arena conditions permit, a contestant may come into the arena and start the race on the run or start from standing position, but in no case may a contestant cause any unnecessary delay in starting the race.
- 11.8.12 Contestants may, from a riding position, hold barrel from falling.
- 11.8.13 Arena gates are to be left open for all contestants or closed for all contestants during a race. Barrel markers can request the decision before the race starts but the same for entire rodeo.
- 11.8.14 A contestant can change horses during a barrel racing competition.
- 11.8.15 A barrel horse may be used by the same girl in both senior and junior racing events.
- 11.8.16 A horse can ridden more than once in a go-round and/or performance by different girls, but a girl may only ride one horse in a go-round.

- 11.8.17 The use of bats and spurs is allowed; however, excessive use of the bat prior to the race, during the race, or after the race, will mean automatic disqualification for that particular race.
- 11.8.18 The rider may use both hands on the reins or may hang on to the saddle if she desired.
- 11.8.19 Show representatives who have been assigned to mark barrels at a rodeo and failure to do so or failure to appoint someone to do this, will be assessed a fine at the discretion of the executive.
- 11.8.20 The electric timers may not be rented out to another Association.
- 11.8.21 Raking will be done between actual barrel runs according to #'s determined in the first performance. Ladies Barrels, Junior and Peewee Barrels are classified as 1 event in the rotation. In the slack, the arena is to be harrowed after the same number of ladies as are in the performance.
- 11.8.22 Timing the Barrel Race
- 11.8.23 A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over.
- 11.8.24 Horses are to be timed on the nose both at the start and finish of the race. Contestant must complete the race on the horse in order to have her time.
- 11.8.25 The electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be timed to the one one thousandth (1/1000) of a second. It must also be backed up by two (2) timers using watches to the one-one thousandth (1/1000) of a second. Both sets of times are to be recorded. When the electric timer is used, and a minority of the contestants is missed, the stopwatch times plus "0" are to be used as the official times for the contestants missed (i.e. 16.15 would become 16.150). Should the timer fail to operate for more than half of the contestants in a single go-round, then the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all contestants in that go-round.

## **12 ADDED EVENTS**

### 12.1 General:

Any added events can be added to the program at any given time prior to the rodeo and will be up to the discretion of the board members. Considerations may include but not limited to; Time allowed in the program, availability of stock, Risk, and or sponsorship.

### 12.2 Ladies Cow Riding

- 12.2.1 Riding to be done with one or two hands and loose rope, with or without handhold: no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer, when rider leaves him.
- 12.2.2 No more than two men may help pull contestant's rope.
- 12.2.3 Rope may be pulled from either side.
- 12.2.4 Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not cow is properly flanked, to buck to best of his ability.
- 12.2.5 Unless agreed upon between contractor and rider no hotshot shall be used.
- 12.2.6 Cow will be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when animal breaks plane of chute.
- 12.2.7 If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand he is to be marked.
- 12.2.8 Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences: being bucked off, using sharp spurs, or fouling animal by holding gate.
- 12.2.9 Rider will be disqualified if any part of their upper body comes in contact with the animal during the 8 second ride.
- 12.2.10 The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull the rope more than two times, if the cow is standing well in the chute.
- 12.2.11 Animals have to be yearling heifers, yearling steers or cows to directors' discretion.
- 12.2.12 If a contestant starts with one hand, he must finish with one hand. If he starts with two, he may change to one, but then rides under the one hand rule.
- 12.2.13 Horns on all bulls must be tipped to no smaller than the size of a TOONIE, and free of splinters before used in competition. If not tipped properly a fine of \$500 will be assessed by judge or director.
- 12.2.14 Protective Riding helmets and vests are mandatory in the Ladies Cow Riding.



### 12.3 Jr Barrel Racing

17 years and under as of midnight December 31 of previous year

12.3.1 Contestants may be male or female.

12.3.2 All other Ladies Barrel Racing rules apply.

### 12.4 Peewee Barrel Racing

10 years and under as of midnight December 31 of previous year

12.4.1 Contestants may be male or female.

12.4.2 All other Ladies Barrel Racing rules apply.

### 12.5 Ladies Steer Undecorating

16 years & over as of midnight December 31 of previous year

- 12.5.1 Steer undecorating is to be held only where there is sufficient room, as closely restricted areas may cause wrecks and possible injury to animals. Maximum of six (6) head to be used at any time; less if the area is restricted.
- 12.5.2 Teams shall consist of three (3) ladies only- an anchor, a mugger, and a ribbon remover. All three team members may hold the shank at any given time.
- 12.5.3 Steers will be haltered with lead shank dragging. All steers(6 max) will be loose in the arena. All contestants will start at one end of the arena and on the call by the event judge, one team member per team will be allowed to retrieve the lead rope of any of the colour assigned steers. Once that team member has the lead rope the two other team members may assist. Time will stop when one team member presents the ribbon retrieved from their steers back and the halter to the event judge.

## 12.6 Wild Horse Race

- 12.6.1 Wild Horse Race is to be held only where there is sufficient room, as closely restricted areas may cause wrecks and possible injury to animals. Maximum of six (6) head to be used at any time; less if the area is restricted.
- 12.6.2 Any animal in poor flesh, poor health or suffering from an injury is to be eliminated. Objections may be registered by any rodeo official. Objectionable animals are to be removed from the arena area.
- 12.6.3 Arena fences, chutes, catch pens and grounds considered hazardous to wild horses should eliminate the event from consideration by the committee.
- 12.6.4 Horses must cross a line and be saddled clear of chutes. There should be a destination line in every Wild Horse Race and riders should be advised to dismount upon reaching destination, reporting to the judge and being recognized and not riding around whipping the horse with hat, whips, etc.
- 12.6.5 All wild horses shall be haltered and led by lead shanks from halters only. No dragging, at all, is allowed and no choking down. Contestants leading horses are to be instructed to let the wild horses move out in front and haze them in the direction they want them to go.
- 12.6.6 If horses are let out of the chutes, they are to be haltered in the chutes with lead shank from halter only.

- 12.6.7 The lead shank shall be pulled from halter only. No half-hitch around the horse's neck or nose is allowed. Offenders shall be disqualified in all events and subject to a fine or declared ineligible or both. Infractions are to be reported by the judges of the event or the Arena Director or an Association official.
- 12.6.8 Teams are to be immediately disqualified and ordered to turn loose their stock for any mistreatment or unnecessary roughness. Mistreatment includes striking animals with sticks, ropes, hands, feet or any instrument.
- 12.6.9 If a horse gets down, it is to be assisted to its feet and not struck, dragged or abused in any manner. If it is down and does not immediately get to its feet by assistance only, the judges are to order the team loose altogether and at once.
- 12.6.10 Once the team has been handed the lead shank, they shall not dally around with the rope. Horses must be held by hand only.

## 12.7 Wild Cow Milking

- 12.7.1 Cows shall be in chute with rope around their neck.
- 12.7.2 Teams shall consist of three (3) persons only – a milker, anchor and a mugger.
- 12.7.3 Team shall start from their designated chute.
- 12.7.4 Cows must be milked standing up.
- 12.7.5 Calves shall be cut off cows for Wild Cow Milking before the stock is drawn.
- 12.7.6 The milker must bring enough milk to pour out of the bottle to qualify.
- 12.7.7 The finish circle must be clearly marked.
- 12.7.8 The milker shall be flagged upon entering the finish circle. Cows shall not be milked in the finish circle.
- 12.7.9 Teams shall be disqualified for any rough treatment of cows.
- 12.7.10 Any contestants cheating or attempting to cheat shall be disqualified in that event.

## 12.8 Calf Scramble

Age Group 13-15

12.8.1 A horn will sound marking go

12.8.2 Object is to pull the ribbons off the calf and run the ribbons back to the designated person. First person the bring the ribbon back is the winner.

## 12.9 Junior Calf Scramble

Age Group 8-12

12.9.1 Object is to pull the ribbons off the calf and run the ribbons back to the designated person. First person the bring the ribbon back is the winner.

## 12.10 Mutton Bustin'

Max weight of rider to be 55lbs

12.10.1 Contestants must provide their own helmet.

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