### ISLAND RODEO CIRCUIT

# **IRC** Guidelines

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### Introduction to Guidelines Book

This Guideline Book depicts rulings by the Tasmanian Island Rodeo Circuit concering Circuit matters, but in no way overrides the Australian Professional Rodeo Association (APRA) Rule Book.

The APRA remains the governing body for the sport of Rodeo in Australia including Tasmania and all rules and guidleines as stated in the APRAs professional Rule Book and the Animal Welfare Act must be abided by.

This rule book was designed to keep a clear record of Circuit rulings including points, standings, titles and Annual General Meeting records for future reference, and will be updated after each Island Rodeo Circuit Annual General Meeting.

It is the Competitor or Members sole responsibilty to be familiar with these rulings and obtain an updated copy such after each Annual General Meeting. *Please contact the IRC Secretary for updated rulings*.

Circuit rulings and guidelines may be changed at an Annual General Meeting or via motion at an IRC general meeting. It is the responsibilty of all members to be present at AGMs for their vote to be counted.

This rule book also includes general APRA Rulings including dress code, barrel racing pattern, etc. Please always refer to the APRAs Professional Rule Book for the up to date rulings and information.

The IRC holds no responsibility for any out of date rulings or misprints in this Guidelines Book.

APRA Rule Books are available from the Australian Professional Rodeo Association Head Office upon request.

### Island Rodeo Circuit Committee

### **INCORPORATION**

1.0 The Island Rodeo Circuit is not an incorporated Organization and does not have a constitution other than this rule book including guidelines declared at Annual General Meetings.

### **RULE BOOK**

- 2.0 Circuit Rule Book to maintain true and correct records of all AGM matters. Rule Book to be updated after each IRC AGM by Secretary or responsible person and to be available to all members on request.
- 2.1 Any amendment to the IRC Guidelines book be accepted via motion carried at any IRC Meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- 3.0 A fee of \$100.00 is charged to committees to affiliate a rodeo event with Island Rodeo Circuit.

  Any committee affiliating with APRA automatically is included in the IRC circuit.
- 3.1 Notice of IRC Annual General Meeting is to be advertised in APRA News sheet at least one month prior to date and IRC social media sites. No longer required to be advertised in all three Newspapers. Committee meetings to be advised with 2 weeks notice via post/email and social media.
- 3.2 Calendar of Events
  - A calendar of events is to be made available and visible at all rodeos events for all members. Calendar should include up and coming rodeos, bull rides, jackpots, trail rides, fundraising events and other such relevant dates.
- 3.3 The IRC is responsible for the IRC rodeo Calendar of Events. All Rodeos, Rodeo Contractors, Rodeo Promoters, organizers of Jackpot days and fundraisers must contact the IRC to have their dates ratified and included on the IRC Calendar of Events. Existing Rodeos and Limited Events will hold their date on the IRC Calendar of Events each season until they advise otherwise.
  - The IRC Social Media Representative will keep the Calendar of Events updated on Facebook page during the season.
- 3.4 No new or existing Rodeo or Limited Event can take a date on the IRC Calendar of Events that is held by an existing Rodeo or Limited Event unless consultation between both parties has taken place. Rodeos and Limited Events have preference over Jackpot and fundraising day.

- 3.5 All Rodeos and Limited Events should advise IRC by AGM each season that they are running on their existing dates so the IRC Calendar of Events can be updated by Social Media Representative before the beginning of each season. This will then show vacant dates that are available for use.
- 3.6 Motions at all IRC Annual General Meetings or General Meetings
  All motions that are put forward to be included in Agenda of an IRC Annual General Meeting or
  General Meeting must have at least one person who moved or seconded the motion in
  attendance at meeting.

### **ROLES OF THE COMMITTEE & MEMBERS**

4.0 Members- Resident of Tasmania

Competitors must be residents of Tasmania for at least 12 months to be eligible for IRC Championship Titles. This clause may be waived if member wishes to write letter to IRC Committee requesting such. Individual cases to be considered by committee and applicant advised of outcome in writing. Any previous IRC members returning to IRC are eligible for end of year trophies as long as he/she is not a member of any other circuit in Australia.

- 4.1 IRC Secretary/Treasurer IRC Secretary will also hold Treasurers position.
- 4.2 IRC Social Media /Facebook Representative Will be responsible for IRC Facebook page updating season calendar and assisting IRC Secretary.
- 4.3 ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER

  Event at the discretion of the IRC Office Bearers.
- 4.4 LIST OF CHAMPIONS AND AWARD RECIPIENTS IRC. Secretary to maintain list of yearly champions and award recipients and file with IRC documents following Annual Presentation Evening. Annual award presentation list must be sent to rodeo committees and announcers.

### **VOTING**

- 5.0 This Guideline Book depicts rulings by the Tasmanian Island Rodeo Circuit
- 5.1 Proxy Votes: no Proxy votes will be accepted at any IRC Annual General Meeting
- IRC Executive Committee to be made up of all office bearers including President, Vice President/s, Secretary/Treasurer, IRC Social Media Representative, IRC Animal Welfare Representative, Rough Stock Representative, Time Events Representative, Women's Events Representative/s and any other official position on the IRC Committee.
- 5.2a All APRA competing members and noncompeting members are eligible to vote at General Meetings and Annual General Meetings.

- 5.3 Per each affiliated rodeo committee we permit the President or his/her nominee one delegate vote at IRC meetings.
- 5.4 Seven Voting delegates constitutes Quorum for IRC meetings.
- 5.5 Eligible voters can only have one vote
- 5.6 Motions put forward at all IRC Annual General Meetings or General Meetings
  All motions that are put forward to be included in Agenda of an IRC Annual General Meeting or
  General Meeting must have at least one person who moved or seconded the motion in
  attendance at meeting.

### **Presentations**

### **POINTS**

- 6.0 IRC Limited Events Rodeos Points
  - Points are accumulated at IRC Limited Events Rodeos in all events are to be included in IRC event titles with exception of All-Around titles.
- 6.1 Barrel Race- Two Horses
  - As per APRA ruling, two horses may be ran if six or less entries (Committees discretion). Cowgirl to receive points only from highest placing towards end of season Title.
- 6.2 Barrel Race- Two Horses
  - Women running two horses at any rodeo event do not have to nominate which horse they would like to receive points on. Highest place horse receives points (as per APRA Ruling)
- 6.3 Barrel Horse- Two horses
  - In event of Barrel Racer running two horses and placing twice, next place getter does not come up and receive second horses' points. Prize money and points paid for actual placings only.
- 6.4 Barrel Race- IRC Limited Events Rodeos
  - Barrel Racing events at IRC Limited Events Rodeos are to be points award for end of season Barrel Racing Titles.
- 6.5 Team Roping Points- All Round Standings
  - In event of two placing's in Team Roping event, only highest points accumulated will be included in all round Standings for Open, 2nd Division and Junior All-Around Titles.
- 6.6 Team Roping points
  - In event of two placing's in Team Roping event, both lots of points to be included in Team Roping header or heeler end of season standings. Highest amount points, which can be won in Team Roping at any one Rodeo is seven (7).

#### **TITLES**

- 7.0 All Round Titles Open, 2nd Division & Junior Competitor must compete and place in at least two events at full Championship Rodeos (not including Limited Events Rodeos). They also must enter in 50% of rodeos in 2 or more events to be eligible for All-Around Titles in all categories.
- 7.1 All Round Titles- Open, 2nd Division & Junior IRC Limited Events Rodeos placing's do not qualify rider for All-Around Titles in all categories as per above ruling # 7.0 Limited Events Rodeos not classified as "full Championship Rodeo" qualifications.
- 7.2 Junior All-Around titles include the following Junior events conducted at full championship points rodeos. Steer Ride, Barrel Race, Breakaway Roping, Rope & Tie and Team Roping.
- 7.3 All-Around Titles- Limited Events Rodeos
  No points accumulated at IRC Limited Events Rodeos in any events are to be included in AllAround Standings.
- 7.4 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Event Titles

Career earnings for IRC 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Event Titles is not to exceed \$6,000 at commencement of Season.

Once you receive notice letter from Head Office to state you have broken Open you will no longer be eligible to enter 2<sup>nd</sup> Division events. Date on official letter from APRA will be date that contestant broke open.

Open competitors who hold an exemption letters from ARPA Head Office to compete in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division events will not be eligible to be awarded end of season 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Titles or buckles.

7.5 Points System

Points system for ALL IRC placing's will be 4, 3, 2, 1 only for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> placing's. No 5<sup>th</sup> place point allocated.

- 7.6 NOVICE HORSE BARREL RACE: This is a Trophy Not a buckle. Points award as per APRA information provided in this guideline book. Must be held at three rodeos during the season to be eligible for trophy
- 7.7 End of Season Championship Draw All-Around Titles
  In the event of a tie for All-Around titles in all divisions (Open, 2nd Division and Junior) it will revert to money won.
- 7.8 End of Season Championship Draw Event Titles
  In the event of a tie in all Event titles (Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and Junior) it will revert to money won in that event.
- 7.9 IRC Runner Up titles
  Runner up placings to take into account if there is a draw for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place eg if 2 people are runner up, then no 2nd Runner up to be awarded.

### ANNUAL AWARDS

8.0 2nd Division Cowboy and Cowgirl (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)

Career earnings for IRC 2nd Division Cowboy and Cowgirl not to exceed \$6,000 at commencement of season as per APRA Rulings.

### 8.1 Supporter of the Year Award

Nominations to be called for before the Annual Presentation dinner from Rodeo Community. Recipient then to be decided by current IRC Office Bearers. Awarded at the IRC presentation dinner.

### 8.2 Rodeo Committee of the Year Award

Method votes will be taken for the award as seen fit by current IRC office bearers. Votes will be tallied, and winner announced on the night of the IRC annual presentation dinner. Rodeo must be full championship points award to qualify for this award. All current financial members of the IRC are eligible to vote and if voting held at IRC dinner all attendees also have this privilege.

### 8.3 Buckles- End of Season Champions

Buckles to be awarded for all Open Events, 2nd Division Events and Junior Events. All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl, 8 Main Events, 2nd Division Cowboy/Cowgirl. All 2nd Division events including Women's Events. Junior All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl. Six Junior Events, Junior steer, Junior barrel, Junior breakaway, Junior Bull Ride, Junior Team Roping & Junior Rope & Tie. (Junior Bull Ride, Junior Team Roping & Junior Rope & Tie must be held at three or more IRC events to have an end of season buckle.) Competitor must have competed in 50% of IRC affiliated Rodeos in that Event during the season to be eligible for Title and Championship buckle.

### 8.4 Sashes/Ribbons and Trophies

Sashes/Ribbons to be awarded to all place getters 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and Junior events and All-Around titles. All Junior events to receive trophies for Runner up & 2nd Runner up Champions.

### 8.5 Incentive Awards

Be awarded at the discretion of the IRC Office Bearers at the Annual Presentation Dinner.

### 8.6 Trophy Saddles

If finances allow a Trophy Saddle to be awarded to the Open All-Around Champion Cowboy and All-Around Champion Cowgirl for the current season then it must be decided at the first full rodeo of the season.

There must be seven (7) or more rodeo on the IRC Rodeo Calendar before All-Around Champion saddles will be purchased for the season.

Meeting to be held at the first full rodeo of the season to see if funds are available for trophy saddles and if seven (7) or more rodeos are on the IRC calendar and competitors advised of outcome.

Saddle sponsorship must be paid in full before saddles are ordered.

### **Asset & Responsibility**

### 9.0 Circuit Membership Monies

The APRA collects \$33 from all Open and Permit members on behalf of the circuits.

The APRA collects \$16.50 from all Junior members on behalf of the circuits. Age criteria will be as per the APRA criteria.

### 9.1 Electronic Eyes

Purchased in 2008 by SRJS and IRC Committees. To remain property of IRC and SRJS Committees and available for use at all IRC Rodeos, Bull Rides, Jackpots and Fundriasing Events.

### 9.2 Score/Time Board

A score/tme board is to be available at all Rodeos for timekeeping to record time or score and relay to Rodeo Announcer for nenfit of all spectatros- Balckboard or whiteboard.

## Australian Professional Rodeo Association ...... Important Ruling

NB: - This is by no means a full description of APRA Rulings. Please contact the APRA for a complimentary rule book and make yourself familiar with all Australian Professional Rodeo Association rulings for your own benefits. Link is available here to download <a href="http://www.prorodeo.com.au/files/uploaded/file/RULE%20BOOK%20MAY%202016.pdf">http://www.prorodeo.com.au/files/uploaded/file/RULE%20BOOK%20MAY%202016.pdf</a>

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships due 1<sup>st</sup> Oct each year- \$5 per month late fee (for existing members only)

Open \$230 Permit (2<sup>nd</sup> Division) \$170

Junior \$ 90 (with Rodeo news)

Non-Competing \$ 60

\*A \$100 bond is payable for all new members

### **JUNIOR MEMBERS**

To qualify for junior APRA membership, the member must not have turned seventeen (17) years of age before the commencement of the rodeo season, however they are eligible to compete in junior events until they turn eighteen (18) years of age and qualify for junior National Finals Rodeo that same year, but must pay Permit membership and bond.

All junior competitors must wear safety approved helmets whilst participating at APRA events.

#### **DAY MEMBERS**

A day member who either:

- (A) has not at any time been a member of the association; or
- (B) Who has resigned from the Association, may compete at an affiliated event if:
- (1) the Day member completes an application on the form from time to time prescribed by the Board of the association and lodges such form together with the payment of the appropriate permit fee from time to time prescribed by the Board of the association with the Secretary of the Rodeo, and
- (2) the application for permission is accepted by the committee conducting the event.
- A Day member approved for riding at an event pursuant to this rule shall
- (a) be subject to and abide by the association's rules;
- (b) be subject to and abide by all resolutions from time to time passed by the Board of the association;
- (c) be subject to and abide by any disciplinary proceedings conducted and orders made by the Board of the association and
- (d) at the discretion of the Board of the association be entitled to such benefits under the association's Members Personal Accident Insurance policy as the Board may from time to time determine.
- (e) Junior Day Members must show Rodeo Secretary proof of age.

### PERMIT/2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION MEMBERS

A permit member of the APRA is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Division rider who is permitted to compete in both 2<sup>nd</sup> division and open events. A permit member must not have won over \$6,000 in their entire rodeo career at commencement of season.

### DRESS CODE

All members and rodeo officials must wear western hat, long sleeve shirts (cut and sown, no knit pull overs allowed) and western boots in arena.

### **ENTERING AT RODEOS**

All APRA entries are taken through the "Central Entries" phone system.

Central Entries phone mumber is 07 4661 4766

Entries are only taken Wednesday and Thursday from 9am – 5pm the week prior to Rodeo (Eastern Standard Time) refer APRA News Sheet.

Day mermber entires are taken through APRA Central Entires unless otherwise stated in APRA News Sheet.

Membership number must be quoted when phoning Cnetral Entries.

All entries are recorded and a Call back number is allocated in the event of a dispute with entries. Please ensure you keep this call back number.

Late entries taken Friday 9am until 12 noon the week of the Rodeo.

Entry fees must be paid to Rodeo Secretary prior to competiton unless suitable arrangement made. Fine \$25.00 plus entry fees and levies and disqualifications from all events contested prior entry fees being paid.

### **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

Competitors and members must be in possesion of membership card at all APRA Rodeo events and must be able to produce it upon demand.

#### **MAJOR RODEO OFFENCES**

Quarrelling or fghting within the arena

Attemping to threathen, bribe, influence or harrass and APRA official in or out of the area to any time.

Talking with a judge when an event is in progress.

Engaging in or attempting to engage in any actiion threatening berating harrasing, inimidating, assualting or stiking a rodeo official, a rodeo spectator, any official representative or employee of the APRA.

Being under the influencne of liquor or a frup in the arena and/or consumign alcoholic beverage/s in the arena.

Mistreating stock.

Cheating or attempting to cheat.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

This policy provides guidance for Member's and Employee's use of social media, which should be broadly understood for purposes of this policy to include blogs, wikis, microblogs, message boards, chat rooms, electronic newsletters, online forums, social networking sites, and other sites and services that permit users to share information with others in a contemporaneous manner.

### **PROCEDURES**

The following principles apply to professional use of social media on behalf of the Australian Professional Rodeo Association as well as personal use of social media when referencing the A.P.R.A Inc.

- 11.10 Employees and members need to know and adhere to the [APRA Code of Conduct practises, Employee Handbook and other company policies] when using social media in reference to the APRA. 11.11 Employees and members should be aware of the effect that their actions may have on their images, as well as the APRA's image. The information that employees/members post or publish may be public information for a long time.
- 11.12 Employees/members should be aware that the APRA may observe content and information made available by employees/members through social media. Employees/members should use their best judgement in posting material that is neither inappropriate nor harmful to the APRA and its employees, or members.

- 11.13 Although not an exclusive list, some specific examples of prohibited social media conduct include posting commentary, content, or images that are defamatory, pornographic, proprietary, harassing, libellous, or that can create a hostile work environment.
- 11.14 Employees are not to publish post or release any information that is considered confidential or not public. If there are questions about what is considered confidential, employees/members should check with Head Office.
- 11.15 Social media networks, blogs and other types of online content sometimes generate press and media attention of legal questions. Employees/members should refer these enquiries to authorised APRA spokespersons.
- 11.16 If employees/members find or encounter a situation while using social media that threatens to become antagonistic, employees/members should disengage from the dialogue in a polite manner and seek the advice of Head Office.
- 11.17 Employees/members should get appropriate permission before referring to or posting images of current or former employees, members, vendors or suppliers. Additionally, employees/members should get appropriate permission to use a third party's copyrights, copyrighted material, trademarks, service marks or other intellectual property.
- 11.18 Social media use shouldn't interfere with employee's responsibilities at the A.P.R.A. The office's computer systems are to be used for business purposes only. When using the APRA's computer systems, use of social media for business purposes is allowed (eg: Facebook, Twitter, APRA blogs and LinkedIn), but personal use of social media networks or personal blogging of online content is discouraged and could result in disciplinary action.

Any breach of Association policy may subject an employee/member to disciplinary action including fines, or pending suspension.

**FINES** 

1st Offence – written warning. Subject to BOD evaluation.

2nd Offence – up to \$100 fine. Subject to BOD evaluation.

3rd Offence – up to \$500 fine. Subject to BOD evaluation.

All cases based on evaluation of recorded accounts by review of the BOD of the APRA and could lead to a member being suspended if in major breach of defaming the Association and/or member.

### Rookie

APRA Rookie year is the first full year in which cowboy and cowgirls breaks open and is no longer a permit/second division member. This is the only year in which competitor will compete for the APRA Rookie Champion Title of Australia.

### Island Rodeo Circuit: RULINGS FOR NOVICE HORSE BARREL RACE

Up to each individual Rodeo Committee whether Novice Horse Barrel Race is ran. Must be ran on a separately marked course if conducted before the APRA Barrel Race Event.12

\$10 Entry Fee's – Jackpot Only- No Prize Money

Enter on day at Secretary's Box- Please advise Horses name

### For APRA Members Only: Rulings for Novice Horse Barrel Race

- 1) Event is judged on horses ability, not the rider- any APRA rider is eligible to compete
- 2) Horse must not have placed at any Professional Barrel Race in its entire Rodeo career at start of season. (excluded jackpot rodeos but includes APRA Junior Barrel Races)

- 3) Start of season is first rodeo of IRC season, regardless of whether novice horse barrel race is ran at first rodeo or not.
- 4) Once horse begins the year as a Novice horse, it may place in as many professional rodeos as possible and still remain a Novice Horse until end of season.
- 5) All APRA rulings for Barrel Racing event apply to Novice Horse Barrel Race
- 6) APRA Dress Code must be adhered to
- 7) Event is Open to both Senior and Junior riders
- 8) Event is Open to both male and female competitors
- 9) All competitors must be financial members of APRA
- 10) APRA Day Members may participate but will not be eligible for points
- 11) Points will be accumulated for horse, not the rider
- 12) Prize money will be paid to third place with 50%, 30%, 20% split
- 13) Responsibility of rider to ensure horse meets required criteria
- 14) Any person not meeting above criteria will be automatically disqualified and all points/prize money revoked.
- 15)Committees to be advised not to run this event before APRA Barrel racing events unless a separate course is marked.

### BARREL RACING DIAGRAM

\*It is the responsibility of the last two girls drawn at any rodeo to set the barrel racing pattern up.

BACK ARENEA FENCE

