

# Australian Professional Rodeo Association Inc.



## BY-LAWS & COMPETITION RULES

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is a privilege not a right, application for which shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the Association.

Membership or application therefore may be terminated or rejected by the Association for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members, as determined by the Association. Termination or application rejection proceedings under this paragraph shall be conducted in accordance with the Articles of Association.

1.1 Membership of the Association shall be available to all who qualify and whose application is approved by the Board. Every member shall pay to the Association such membership fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. Any member whose membership fee is unpaid at the time set for payment by the Board, shall be liable to pay a late payment fee in addition to current dues. An unfinancial member seeking renewal of membership is subject to a fine of \$10.00 each year he has not paid membership. Maximum of \$40 plus \$late fees per month for that current year.

1.2. Unfinancial members of the Association will be deprived of all privileges of membership until such fees are paid. A member who does not pay his membership on, or before the 1st of November each year must pay an additional sum of \$5.00 per month as a late payment fee. Membership must be paid to Head Office.

1.3. An unfinancial member who competes without paying his dues, shall pay a fine of \$100.00 for each time he competes in such manner, plus return all prize money won.

1.4 Contests restricted to Permit holders are to be known and advertised as Second Division contests.

1.5 First year members and rejoining members can join at the start of the points year (where the points year starts prior to the 1st of October) and their membership will continue until the close of the next years membership i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> September the next year.

1.6. Chute Bosses, Announcers, Photographers and Judges must pay at least non-competing membership status or above and if working in the arena pay day personal accident insurance if not already covered.

1.7 Pick Up Men, Clowns\Bullfighters and Stock Contractors must pay full membership to hold one of these positions.

1.8 The cut off date for each membership year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> September each year and membership will be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of that same year. The cutoff date for each junior membership will be due 30<sup>th</sup> of April each year and membership will be due on the 1st of May of the same year.

1.9 If a member is not paid up by that date then they are ineligible to compete or enter at any A.P.R.A affiliated rodeo. No excuses.

1.10 Any member can elect open at the beginning or during a season. If electing open at the beginning of the season full Open membership must be paid, if electing open during the season the difference between Permit and Open membership must be paid for the balance of the season.

1.11 A member may elect to pay pro-rata membership for the 3 month period prior to the end of the points season. To be eligible for pro-rata membership the member must not have been an APRA member in the preceding full 12 month season i.e. If wanting to join in January 2016 and membership year finishes 30 April 2016 they must not have been a member for the 14/15 & 15/16 season. A member cannot pay pro-rata membership for consecutive years. Pro-rata membership does not count towards Gold Card membership. Resignation rules still apply. New members eligible.

### **OPEN and SECOND DIVISION EVENTS**

2.0 The two classes of A.P.R.A. contests are Open and Second Division and conditions governing the events are:

2.1 Rodeos restricting entries in any event to open members only at an APRA points award rodeo must also conduct a second division event of a similar nature unless prior approval has been granted by the Board of Directors. Application to restrict events must be received at APRA head office no later than 6 weeks prior to the close of entries for the rodeo and prominently advertised in the Rodeo News.

2.3 If an event is not advertised for open members only, then Permit members are eligible to ride in the open event.

2.4 No event may be run for permits unless an open event of the same nature is also included in the program. All full and limited rodeo programs cannot include junior or permit events unless an open event of the same nature is included in the rodeo program. This does not apply to stand alone junior rodeo programs.

2.5 Permit members may compete in open events as well as second division events unless otherwise stated in the Rodeo News. Permit members cannot compete in the Open Bull Ride until they have won \$1000 in the 2nd Division Bull Ride.

2.6 Compulsory break open figure for permit members is \$6000 accumulative. In second division events the total amount of money won that will contribute to the break open figure will always be calculated as if there had been four places filled (i.e. 1st 40%; 2nd 30%; 3rd 20%; 4th 10%).

2.7 All competitors who begin the season as a permit holder of the A.P.R.A. (excluding those who elect to purchase full membership mid year) will be eligible to continue competing in 2nd Division events and be eligible for 2nd Division bonuses for the remainder of that season providing that they have applied for and gained written permission to do so from the Board of Directors (conditions apply).

2.7.1 Any member that joins or renews membership for our Association will be individually assessed for eligibility for Permit or Open status dependant on membership of another Association and any titles won with any other Association.

## **ROOKIE MEMBERSHIP**

2.8 The Rookie of the Year shall be defined as the first full year of Open membership contestant winning the most money in one or more events as of the season cut-off date. (i.e. Member must commence the year as an open member).

2.9 No money won in second division events will count towards Rookie standings once a member has broken open even though they have been granted permission to compete in a particular second division event. Money gained by Rookie contestants in this way will not count towards the Rookie Standings.

2.10 Once a member has won an open APRA Australian National Championship, they are no longer eligible for any Rookie Titles.

## **RULES FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 Junior A.P.R.A. Membership shall be available to all persons who qualify. Junior members shall be governed by the same rules as full members.

3.2 To qualify for Junior APRA membership, the member must not have turned 17 years of age before the commencement of the rodeo season. To qualify for the 12 and under age group incentive bonus and pro tour award, the member must not have turned 13 years of age at the commencement of the rodeo season.

3.3 Championship points will be awarded on a value of one (1) dollar equals one (1) point.

3.4 The High Point Junior Champion will be that Junior member who accumulates the highest number of dollars gained at approved A.P.R.A. contests.

3.5 No timed event cattle to be used in Junior Steer Ride events.

3.6 Members Personal Accident Insurance levy is to be deducted from entry fees and paid in accordance with policy regulations and requirements.

3.7 Current Junior membership fee will be determined from time to time.

3.8 Championship points won by a Junior member will not be tabled against his permit standings until such time as he no longer qualifies as a junior member and takes out a permit card.

3.09 Junior steer ride: In all junior steer rides stock to be used are to be steers not bulls, this also applies to the National Finals Rodeo.

3.11 Junior members cannot compete in the Open Bull Ride until they've turned 18 and won \$1000 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division Bull Riding.

3.12 Junior competitors are allowed to continue riding Junior Steers and 2nd Division bulls whilst they are within the age criteria regardless of the amount of money they win as Juniors.

3.13 It is compulsory for juniors to wear helmets when participating in all APRA events.

3.14 Points will be allocated to the 4 competitors in the 12 and under in each Junior event for an end of year pro tour title. Point will be 1<sup>st</sup> = 80 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 60 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 40 points and 4<sup>th</sup> place = 20 points.

### **NON COMPETING MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 A non contesting member of the Association shall be issued with a separate membership card.

### **RESIGNATION**

5.1 A member resigning from the Association must send in his resignation in writing to Head Office.

5.2 Any member wishing to rejoin must pay a rejoining fee and membership to be at the discretion of the Board following application in writing.

5.3 Members who resign as a permit member may rejoin the Association as permit member. Any earnings recorded prior to resignation will count towards their break open total.

5.4 A member who resigns in good standing is eligible to compete as a Day Member immediately after his resignation has been received.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

6.1 A person shall qualify for life membership by rendering to the Association meritorious service. Any such life member recommendations must be presented to full Board and must be carried unanimously.

6.2 Life members shall not be required to pay membership fees but shall have all rights of full membership including the right to hold office.

### **GOLD CARD MEMBERSHIP**

7.1 A member who has been a paid up contesting member consecutively for twenty five (25) years or a total of 30 non-consecutive years, may be granted a complimentary Gold Card membership which entitles him to continue competing without payment of annual dues.

7.2 Application to be made in writing to the Board of Directors.



## **HONORARY GOLD CARD MEMBERSHIP**

8.1 Honorary Gold Card Membership is awarded to people with extenuating circumstances who have been outstanding in their efforts both in the arena and the promotion of the sport of Pro Rodeo.

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

9.1 Honorary membership may be bestowed on any person, or persons, who the Board decide deserve recognition by the Association. Honorary members shall receive a special card suitably embossed.

## **MEMBERSHIP CARD**

10.1 Members shall receive a card bearing members number, name and date of the year of issue. The card shall remain the property of the Australian Professional Rodeo Association. No member shall be allowed to ride at any affiliated rodeos without being in possession of such membership card and producing it on demand. The loan, exchange or substitute of cards contrary to the rightful use and purpose of same shall constitute an offence to be dealt with by the Board and such fine may be imposed as the Board determines with a maximum fine of \$200.00. In the event a member loses his membership card a \$5.00 renewal fee will be charged on application to Head Office for a new card.

## **CIRCUIT RULES**

10.2 The APRA collects \$34 from all Open and Permit members on behalf of the circuits.

10.3 The APRA collects \$29 from all Junior members on behalf of the circuits. Age criteria will be as per the APRA criteria Refer rule 3.2.

10.4 The individual circuits are responsible for collecting their own Social Membership.

10.5 All circuits will have clearly defined borders with the exception of the Queensland circuits where the following variation will be applied – Members and Rodeos situated on the Line of Capricorn may elect which circuit they wish to be in.

10.6 Circuit membership will be determined by the mailing address of each member where they are residing when they pay their membership each year.

10.7 WA members may be adopted by an existing circuit but must have the approval of the nominated circuit.

10.8 Circuits may determine their own points system at their discretion. Circuits using the point per \$ system identical to the APRA may have their standings maintained by APRA.

10.9 The current circuits boundaries are as follows:

Festival State Circuit (within SA)

Island Rodeo Circuit (within Tasmania)

Premier State Circuit (within NSW and including the ACT)

Southern Cross Circuit (within Victoria)  
Sunshine State Circuit (within Queensland south of the Capricorn line)  
Golden Run Circuit (with Queensland north of the Capricorn line)  
Top End Rodeo Circuit (within the Northern Territory)

10.10 All circuits run concurrently with the APRA membership year.

### **CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

11.1 Any member may be subject to reprimand, fine, suspension or expulsion, by action of the A.P.R.A. Board of Directors.

11.2 Writing a bad cheque made payable to the A.P.R.A., a rodeo secretary, stock contractor, or rodeo committee in conjunction with an A.P.R.A. rodeo, or any such cheque to any business establishment in the town of and during the time of an A.P.R.A. rodeo.

**ACTION** A fine of \$25 per cheque, plus a bond of \$200 to be held, for one year. If three or more bad cheques passed in one year, bond is forfeited. A returned cheque received in the A.P.R.A. office will mean ineligibility to enter any A.P.R.A. approved rodeo. To regain eligibility, the face value of the cheque, the bank charge, and the fine and bond must be paid in full.

11.3 Failure to reimburse the A.P.R.A. for overpayment of prize money.

**ACTION** Member to be notified in writing and allowed twenty eight days to pay. Fine to be \$25 plus overpayment.

11.4 Failure of a contract member to fulfil his or her contract obligations.

**ACTION** A fine of \$100.

11.5 Failure to wear a western hat, long sleeved, cut and sown shirt (no knit pullovers allowed) and western boots, in the arena, behind the bucking chutes and timed event box at all times during slack and performance. The only exception to this rule will be in the bareback and bull riding events, where the rider may roll up the sleeve of the riding arm to the elbow. Bullfighters to wear appropriate clothing with cowboy hats only, no caps.

**ACTION.** The fine to be \$25.

11.6 Failure to wear contestant number when required.

**ACTION** Fine of \$25.

11.7 Failure to submit a doctors verification of illness or injury, within seven days of the last performance of the rodeo, where the doctors release was tendered.

**ACTION** Fine of \$30.

11.8 False communication with central entry system, regarding entry procedure.

**ACTION** A fine of \$30, first offence; \$60 second offence; \$100 upon the third complaint.

11.9 Contestant who is next to go and not ready and above his stock, with his glove on and tied, and chaps buckled, when the rider before him goes.

**ACTION** A fine of \$20.

11.9.1 Stallions will be allowed to be unrestrained in panel yards through daylight hours ONLY. Only 1 horse is allowed per enclosure. Stallions must be double tied at night. Panels must be a minimum of 1500mm in height. Panels must be constructed using an equivalent of 4 bars of 25mm box or pipe equivalent as a minimum. Panels must be anchored securely to a solid object ie truck, post or tree.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

This policy provides guidance for Members and Employees 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.

#### MAJOR OFFENCES

12.0 All major offences to be referred back to the tribunal.

12.1 Quarrelling or fighting in the arena.

12.2 Attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any A.P.R.A. official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress.

12.3 Engaging in, or attempting to engage in any action threatening, berating, harassing, intimidating, assaulting or striking a rodeo official, a rodeo spectator, any official representative or employee of the A.P.R.A.

12.4 Conduct, appearance or lack of financial responsibility which will be determined by the Board of Directors of the A.P.R.A., to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation or well being of the A.P.R.A. or the sport of professional rodeo.

12.5 Being under influence of liquor or a drug in the arena and/or consuming alcoholic beverage in the arena.

12.6 Mistreating stock.

12.7 Cheating or attempting to cheat.

12.8 Being in a pen with livestock, at any time, except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director, event director or a judge or when assigned to work in those pens.

12.9 Judges found to be cheating.

### **AFFILIATION FEES**

13.1 For every rodeo promoted, the committee or organising body responsible for its organising shall pay to the Association such affiliation fees as may be fixed by the Board from time to time.

### **SCALE OF AFFILIATION FEES**

Rodeos up to \$14,999.00	\$242
Rodeos over \$15,000.00	\$330

14.1 A booking fee of \$22 must be paid before any publicity is given, indicating that the Rodeo is being held under the auspices of this Association and the Affiliation fee paid two weeks prior to the commencement of the Rodeo.

14.2 Affiliation fees paid may be carried forward up to two years if the Rodeo or Show is cancelled or postponed. After two (2) years the fees are surrendered to the Association.

14.3 Rodeo results and levies must be forwarded within ten (10) days or the Rodeo may not be accepted as Points Award Rodeo the following year and a fine is liable to be imposed.

### **GENERAL CONDUCT OF RODEOS**

15.1 All rodeos must appear on the official APRA website and Rodeo News at least 2 months prior to entry dates.

15.2 The A.P.R.A. does not organise rodeos except the NFR and Special Events, but they will give every assistance voluntarily to any Promoter or Committee that is anxious to run under the auspices of the A.P.R.A.

15.3 Where the A.P.R.A. conducts the N.F.R or Special Events the Association must give all members on the A.P.R.A Approved Contract Listing the opportunity to tender for contracts.

15.4 Members of the A.P.R.A. have no authority to make arrangements with any promoter or committee other than as private individuals; and arrangements made between any promoter and any such individual has no authority from the A.P.R.A. Where a new promoter is desirous of personal assistance, the A.P.R.A. will arrange that a Director or some other authorised person give expert advice and guidance.

15.5 A.P.R.A. does not appoint either chute workers, chute boss, pick up men or any other workers, and any arrangements between the promoters and members in a like capacity are purely between the promoter and a private individual.

15.6 Pick up Teams must use Western Saddles.

15.7 Committees to supply clowns for Bull Ride.

15.8 The State Ambulance Service or Advanced First Aid Provider (Level 3 certificate holders) must be used in accordance with all affiliated events. Level 3 Certificates to be supplied to Head Office with Application Form. Committee and Promoters are also recommended to notify local emergency services of their event.

### **ALTERATIONS TO RULES FOR CONDUCTING RODEOS**

16.1 The Board may amend such rules for the benefit of conducting events under the auspices of the Association. Such rules shall not be enforced until they are published in a copy of the Rodeo New/official APRA website and members are given one month after publishing for their opportunity to reject the changes to a rule.

16.2 The Board may from time to time make, amend or repeal by laws, not inconsistent with the constitution, for the internal management of the Association and any by law may be set aside by a general meeting of members.

### **MEMBERS PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

17.1 Any person, committee or society which promotes, convenes or conducts, in whole or in part, any equestrian events, the nature of which the Australian Professional Rodeo Association in its Articles of Association undertakes to encourage, and such events are promoted, convened and conducted as in affiliation with the Australian Professional Rodeo Association shall pay to the Members Personal Accident Insurance of the Association a levy at a rate to be determined by the Board of the Association from time to time.

17.2 Claims on the Members Personal Accident Insurance must be lodged with the A.P.R.A. within 10 days from the date of the Rodeo.

17.3 Claims must be accompanied by a medical certificate (which may be assessed).

17.4 Claimants name must appear on the Rodeo Injured Riders list.

17.5 Levies must be paid prior to the member competing or undertaking their duties in the arena.

17.6 Members Personal Accident Insurance levy is built into the Administration levy as part of the entry fees.

17.7 The policy is available to members working in the arena. A Premium of \$13.20 must be paid prior to commencing duties.

17.8 Claim Forms can be obtained from Head Office.

17.9 Any member who files a claim on the Members Personal Accident Insurance Policy must submit a doctor's clearance before he is eligible to compete at another A.P.R.A. affiliated rodeo.

## **AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AWARDS RODEOS**

18.1 For an affiliated rodeo to be approved by the Board as a Points Award Rodeo, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

18.2 Rodeo date and details to be listed on the official APRA website for at least 2 months prior to entry date.

18.3 Eight Standard Events as:

- 18.3.1 Saddle Bronc Riding.
- 18.3.2 Bull Riding (bulls only to be used).
- 18.3.3 Bare Back Bronc Riding.
- 18.3.4 Rope & Tie.
- 18.3.5 Steer Wrestling.
- 18.3.6 Team Roping.
- 18.3.7 Barrel Racing.
- 18.3.8 Breakaway Roping.

18.4 The eight standard events each to have same prize money except that if they wish, promoters can feature two contests, one roughstock contest and/or one timed contest and increase the prize money on that event/s. Feature event cannot have posted prize money more than double that of any one of the remaining standard events unless an application to the board is submitted.

18.5 Two judges only per event from the open panel and two timekeepers must officiate.

18.6 Arena ripped, disced or softened arena surface with minimum surface depth of three (3) inches or eight (8) cms.

18.7 Time event chute with catch pen for stock at opposite end of arena.

18.8 All stock must be numbered and drawn for.

18.9 The All Around champion will be the contestant with the greatest number of points in two or more events.

18.10 All Around cowboy awards at individual rodeos will be determined on the basis of most money won in 2 or more non restricted events.

18.11 Season to run at discretion of the Board. General period being 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September of following year.

18.12 All APRA Championship points award rodeos must contract at least two (2) APRA approved Pick-up Man, Judges and Bull fighters unless unforeseen circumstances apply, and prior approval has been granted by the Board of Directors refer rule 28.31.

18.13 Any rodeo which contends it suffers from an excessive number of entries may apply for special consideration at time of approval. Special considerations, which must be approved by the Board of Directors are as follows:

- A 'dollar-amount-won' qualification may be implemented in any or all events. Deadlines for meeting the specified qualification will either be the end of the previous Rodeo year, or a combination of the previous Rodeo year and the current year, or a combination of the previous Rodeo year and the current year up to 30 days prior to entry closing time. Contestant limits must be accepted by mutual agreement of the rodeo committee and Board of Directors. The percentage of accepted entries in each category (national, circuit, random, open, permit, junior) will be determined by the Board of Directors.

- Former APRA Champions in the event they are entering are exempt from qualification rules but must notify the central entry office of their exemption at the time of entering.

- At qualification rodeos, members must meet the qualifications to enter and may not enter as a day member if day members are accepted at that particular rodeo.

18.14 Any event posting prize money of \$6000 or more may count towards National event standings provided:

- a) event details are listed in at least 2 copies of the Rodeo News prior to entry dates
- b) APRA approved stock contractors and officials are used
- c) Board approval is granted

\*Any locations holding a full APRA rodeo will not be approved for special events should they cancel their rodeo.

\*Points will not count towards All Around Standings unless all Championship Points award criteria is adhered to i.e.: all standard events are included on the program.

18.15 All circuits are to be run under APRA rules.

### **LIMITED EVENT RODEOS CRITERIA**

18.50 No current full programme Rodeos can revert to the new criteria of Limited Rodeos.

18.51 Limited Event Rodeos must be advertised on the official APRA website and Rodeo News for at least 2 months prior to entry dates.

18.52 Limited Event Rodeo will not have points awarded for All Around status but will qualify for Event Champion status standings.

18.53 Limited Event Rodeo and prize money must be approved by Competition Board of Directors.

18.54 Limited Event Rodeos programme cannot include non-standard events. If programme has room for additional events, one or more standard Rodeo events should be included.



18.56 Limited Events Rodeos that hold junior events will be eligible for Junior High Point points. If junior competitors enter and place in open or 2nd div events these WILL NOT be eligible for Junior High Point points.

### **PROMOTER/PRODUCER RODEOS**

19.1 Any Promotor/Producer/Committee which is conducting a rodeo or limited events rodeo affiliated with the APRA is bound to do so by the current APRA rule book and constitution. An APRA approved Stock contractor or contractors must be used.

Promotor/Producers/Committees agree to abide by all prize money, levies and Entry fees. The Competition Board is also able to make certain conditions that can be enforced for the event to be approved and affiliated. By signing the event application form you are agreeing to abide by all APRA rules and constitution. The signee of the form must be an APRA member.

### **NATIONAL FINALS RODEO**

20.1 The minimum number of four full rounds must be included on a N.F.R. program.

20.2.1 The top 25 Australian Championship contenders in each event at the cut off date advertised in "Rodeo News" must enter the NFR by the due date otherwise they will automatically be cancelled out of the finals. It remains the member's responsibility to ascertain their ranking in championship standings.

20.2.2 The top 15 contenders for Australian Championship awards as of the advertised close of each rodeo season will be eligible to compete at the National Finals Rodeo. The top 10 Juniors are eligible to compete at the Junior National Finals Rodeo.

20.3 There will be a \$20.00 fine for N.F.R. qualifiers who fail to vote for bucking stock nominees, provided voting is held at the National Finals Rodeo.

20.4 The eight (8) standard events are to be included on the National Finals Rodeo programme.

20.5 Posted Prize money at the National Finals Rodeo will be equal for the eight (8) standard events.

20.6 Judges who apply for the judging at the National Finals Rodeo must be prepared to, and be capable of, judging the eight (8) standard events.

20.7 Provision to be made to adjust Team Roping payouts (ie: Adjust to a level equal to the payouts of other standard events for the purpose of All Around calculations only).

20.8 The top 15 headers and the top 15 heelers eligible for Australian Championships at the end of the season qualify for the National Finals. Team Ropers can qualify in either or both at the NFR. Competitors are to elect their options at the close of entries for the NFR. Competitor is eligible to win both titles at the NFR the same year. Same applies for top 10 junior headers and heelers for the Junior National Finals Rodeo.

20.9 The top 15 contenders in each event to vote for the judges at the National Finals Rodeo in the timeframe allocated and advised by Head Office. A \$20 fine will be imposed for anyone who does not vote.

20.10 A fine of \$20 will apply to NFR contenders who do not vote for the judges for the NFR.

20.11 The Australian Championship Title will be awarded to the contestant who earns the most points based on 1 point per dollar won at the Championship Rodeos throughout the season plus the points earned at the NFR as per rule 20.17. Contestant must win more than \$1,500 prize money in each of their events to be eligible for All Around Titles.

20.12 The Australian Junior Steer Riding, Junior Bull Riding, Barrel Race, Breakaway Roping, Rope & Tie & Team Roping titles be determined by the Junior NFR qualifiers in the 6 events and All Around category shall carry no previous earnings into the Finals, but shall start even. 4 places shall be paid in each go round and the aggregate on the basis of 40% 30% 20% 10% however for the sake of determining the Australian Champions the aggregate pay outs will be calculated as follows: 1st 30% 2nd 22.5% 3rd 15% 4th 7.5% based on prize money equal to each round. The Australian Champion in each event shall be the contestant earning the most money of the Junior NFR.

20.12.1 The Junior Bull Riding will not go towards the Junior High Point standings.

20.13 Any contestant who qualifies for the National Finals Rodeo (excluding substitutes) and does not compete at the NFR but enters another rodeo conducted the same date their money won at that rodeo will not count towards their National Standings.

20.14 The Bullfighter and Pick Up Man of the Year is to be voted by the top 15 competitors in the corresponding events at the time votes are required. A \$20 fine will be imposed for anyone who does not vote. Bullfighters and Pick Up Men must have worked a minimum of 5 rodeos to be eligible for the title. Bullfighters and Pick Up Men must tender for the position at the National Finals by the due date and agree to a pre-determined remuneration package.

20.15 Contestants must compete at a minimum of 8 APRA affiliated points award full rodeos in the regular season to be eligible to compete at the National Finals Rodeo and to be eligible for an Open Australian Championship Title. Non residents must compete at a minimum of 12 APRA championship rodeos to be eligible to compete at the NFR or win an Australian Championship.

20.16 Cut-off date for the NFR is a minimum of 21 days prior to the commencement day of the NFR.

20.17 For the purpose of determining the Australian Champions money won at championship rodeos during the Pro Tour Series will be carried over as points into the National Finals Rodeo. At the NFR Aggregate points will be determined by the points allocated for each round and the number of rounds conducted at the NFR. Based on the minimum 4 rounds the aggregate points will be the same as each round. For each additional round the aggregate points will be increased by 25%. Based on 5 rounds each round will be allocated the following points.

Go Round Points	Aggregate Points
1st 5000	1st 6250
2nd 3750	2nd 4687.50
3rd 2500	3rd 3125
4th 1250	4th 1562.50

20.18 Junior High Point Cowboy and Cowgirl to be awarded to the highest money earner from their junior money won only.

20.19.1 At National Finals Rodeo the ground around the barrels in Barrel Races will be raked after a maximum of 5 runs.

20.19.2 To be eligible for a National Finals Rodeo All-Round Title, contestants must gain points in two (2) or more events

20.19.3 Distribution of Prize Money – Payouts will be 4 places in the rounds, and 4 places in the aggregate.

20.19.4 Tied Awards - Where there is a tie, the title will be awarded to the person that has accumulated the most wins at the finals. If still tied, the count back system should be number of firsts then seconds then minor placings. If still tied, then highest scores/fastest times.

20.19.5 Draws – National Finals Draw - The first round will be in reverse standings order, and the second, third and fourth round chute and timed event draw will be the reverse of the current National standings including results from rounds one, two and three. Team Roping order will be done on the Header

20.19.6 National Finals Barrel Race – All rounds will be drawn

## ENTERING AT RODEOS

### CENTRAL ENTRY RULES

21.1 All entries for A.P.R.A. affiliated Rodeo events will be taken through the Central Entry Office. Only current financial members in good standing may enter.

21.2 All Rodeo entries and call backs will be taken under Central Entry time parameters.

21.3 All entry closing times subject to Eastern Standard Time (Queensland time).

21.4 Contestants when entering, must have valid, correct A.P.R.A. numbers or they will not be entered.

21.5 Information will be provided only with valid and correct A.P.R.A. number.

21.6 Contestants are responsible for the use of their A.P.R.A. number and possible consequences related to their use.

21.7 Unless stated otherwise in the Rodeo News, contestants will be allowed until 12 noon on the Monday prior to the rodeo to cancel out of a rodeo. (Includes public holidays).

21.8 Day Member entries will close and must be called into the Central Entry Office by 5 p.m. on the Thursday on the week prior to the rodeo.

21.9 Unless otherwise stated on the official APRA website closing date for entries will be 4pm AEST Thursday week prior to the rodeo. (i.e. two Thursdays prior to the rodeo).

21.10 Entry times will be Wednesday 9.00am to 4.00pm AEST and Thursday 9.00am to 4.00pm except if specified on the official APRA website.

21.11 In the instance of duplicate entries, the latest entry will be the one accepted.

21.12 Contestants working 2 or more A.P.R.A. rodeos in conjunction will get preference where possible. Contestants may elect an early preference at all rodeos. The first preference will be allocated to those members who are working 2 or more rodeo in conjunction. The only time a contestant can change performance is by trading out with another contestant. i.e. timed events with a contestant in another performance. Rough Stock contestants who have drawn the same head of stock. Excluding Barrel Race. (Refer to rule 45.27.)

21.13 Contestants are allowed 3 preferences per year excluding rodeos over two (2) head or over \$2,001 prize money.

21.14 Should a competitor claim that he is incorrectly left out of the draw or entered in the wrong event on the day of the rodeo he is to be included in the event he claims he entered. It is the competitor's responsibility to provide a confirmation number to head office by 12 noon on the Monday following the rodeo in question. In the event of a contestant supplying an incorrect confirmation number or his claim proved incorrect, the contestant will be required to repay all prize money won and a \$250 fine. Second offence - fully repay money and a \$500 fine.

21.15 If a rodeo receives less than 12 entries in a particular event the committee reserves the right to take entries on the day of the rodeo up to 12 competitors in the event providing a) all entry fees and levies are paid in full prior to competing and b) stock contractor has sufficient stock c) all prize money won by these competitors will be sent to APRA head office and paid out from there providing the competitor is a financial member with no outstanding fines. d) If no proof of membership, day membership is required to be paid e) to be drawn from surplus suitable stock not stock that has been drawn already f) in the barrel race they are to be added to the end of the draw.

## **PENALTIES AND FINES**

22.1 Turnout fine of \$50 if in performance or slack and you do not notify Central Entry Office or Rodeo Secretary.

22.2 Turnout fine of \$10 if in performance and you do notify the Central Entry Office by 5pm the Thursday prior to the Rodeo.

22.3 Turnout in slack and notify the Central Entry Office before 5pm on the Thursday before the Rodeo. No fine.

22.4 All turnouts required to pay entry fees. All fees and fines to be paid prior to competitor being permitted to enter further rodeos.

22.5 Unfinancial Members or Members on the Suspended Members List cannot compete as a Day Members.

22.6 A competitor must have a medical certificate to cancel out of a Rodeo after the closing date for entries. A competitor who cancels on a medical certificate, cannot compete for ten (10) days from the date of the Rodeo from which he cancelled and must supply a medical release.

22.7 Competitors are only allowed 3 medicals and 3 visual turn outs in each Rodeo year.

22.8 When a competitor visually turns out or Medicals out of a Rodeo, he only receives his added money back. Committee levy is retained by the committee and administration levy must be paid to head office.

22.9 Committees must advise starting time of Rodeo when listing their events, also Stock Contractor/s being used and starting time of slack.

22.10 On call back Contestants will be advised if placed in slack or performance.

22.11 On call back if a mistake of not listing the Contestant for his event is found; he is to be added to the draw list and Judges revert to draw out procedure.

22.12 Call back will be taken 9.00pm to 5.00pm on the Wednesday and Thursday following the close of entries. Unless otherwise stated in 'Rodeo News'.

22.13 If a committee has 12 entries or less in a particular event and the stock contractor is in agreement, they are at liberty to accept late entries for that event up until 1 hour prior to the rodeo commencing, rough stock events stock draw will be done at the rodeo with the rodeo officials. The office will need to Send a list of unfinancial members to the said rodeo for the judges.

22.14 Members who wish to enter rodeos after the advertised closing date published in the 'Rodeo News' will be allowed to enter up until 12 noon (EST) the following Monday providing they pay a late fine of \$50.00 per rodeo. Late fine must be paid to A.P.R.A. head office prior to receiving call back numbers and competing at the particular rodeo that entries were received for. Once entries have been accepted then that member will be responsible for all entry fees and fines incurred.

### **DAY MEMBERS**

23.1 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.

23.2 All day memberships and entry fees are to be paid up in full to Central Entries when entering. All entry fees collected to be paid to the Committee before the commencement of their Rodeo. If a committee chooses to take their own day member entries, they must follow the same rule.

### **CENTRAL ENTRY LEVY**

24.1 ALL competing members must have a \$100 Central Entry Levy in credit at any time during current membership.

## **VIOLATIONS OF CENTRAL ENTRY LEVY**

25.1 Association members who default on the Central Entry system of entering rodeos will be subject to a fine of thirty (\$30.00) dollars on the first offence; sixty (\$60.00) on the second occasion; and one hundred (\$100.00) dollars upon the third complaint.

25.2 If any contestant competes in any event at an A.P.R.A. approved Rodeo without first paying entry fees and levies or making suitable arrangements with the rodeo secretary then that competitor will be fined \$25.00 plus entry fees and levies and be disqualified from all events that were contested prior to fees and levies being paid.

25.3 Following four (4) recorded offences in one rodeo year, the respective member shall be called upon to show cause.

25.4 Contestants must pay for all events entered for on the day of the rodeo prior to competing.

25.5 Failure to pay fine/s and the amount of default by the due date on notification by head office, will result in automatic placement on the suspended members list. Suspension will be lifted only when all outstanding fines and charges have been met.

25.6 Contestant must give his membership number when entering and also when turning or medicalling out.

25.7 The promoter reserves the right to reject the entry of contestant who has violated any rules or who has been dishonest in other events or who has proven to be undesirable in any recognised rodeo event. Such rejections must be submitted to the A.P.R.A. Board of Directors for approval and the decision of the Board will be final.

25.8 There is a committee levy granted to committees on all events per entry. To qualify for the levy, it must be advertised in at least one (1) issue of the Rodeo news and subject to director's approval on the day. Timed Events: Rodeos posting prize money from \$0 to \$2000 per event will receive 2.5% of posted prize money for all timed events to a maximum of \$35. Prize money over \$3000 per event will receive a maximum \$40 per entry. Roughstock: Rodeo's posting prize money over \$1000 per event will receive 3.5 % of posted prize money for all roughstock events to a maximum of \$45. Prize money over \$3000 per event will receive a maximum \$50 per entry.

25.9 The Administration Levy will be collected by the committee and forwarded to Head Office along with any one day memberships, less any committee levies.

## PRIZE MONEY

26.1 All entry fees shall be added to the Prize money, less Personal Accident Insurance levy, administration levy, GST and committee levy, if applicable.

26.2 Prize money to be split evenly over the eight (8) main events of Bull Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bare Back Bronc Riding, Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping. All other events at the promoter's discretion, except when an event is listed as a feature event. Any events may be featured however should a committee elect two events then one must be a roughstock and the other a timed event. Prize money in the feature event not to exceed double that of the remaining standard events.

26.2.1 Prize money in the Second Division events should not exceed 50% of posted prize money in the corresponding open event.

26.2.2 Any second division or junior events posted prize money cannot be equal or more than any open event.

26.3 A competitor who visually turns out of an event only receives the added money back not the administration or committee levy.

26.4 Prize money for all events is to be split evenly, in the following manner:

\$1 to \$2999	Four (4) places to be paid.
\$3000 to \$3999	Five (5) places to be paid.
\$4000 and above	Six (6) places to be paid.

26.5 Team Roping payouts to be double before pay out splits apply.

26.6 There must be a pay out on each round plus the aggregate. If there are no scores in a round the prize money allocated to that round will be paid out to the aggregate winners and place getters.

26.7 Any rider who does not compete in every round of any contest forfeits any chance of the aggregate money. The only exception is if a judge determines that a competitor is unable to compete due to injury. I.e.: A medical or visual turnout prior to the commencement of the last round or final. In this situation a contestant will be eligible for aggregate money.

26.8 Prize money to be paid out within twenty four hours of the completion of the rodeo. When payouts are made through APRA Head Office, they will be administered on the first business day following the completion of the rodeo.

26.9 Prize money and estimated added money must be advertised as separate totals.

26.10 If there are no scores or times in an event regardless of division (open, 2nd div) the Committee retains the posted Prize Money, and the Add Back is to be distributed evenly back to the Competitors in that particular event.



26.11 No ground split to be paid. Contestant must have qualifying score to be eligible for share of prize money.

26.12 In junior events if there are no times or scores then all add back monies are to be forwarded to Head Office for the National Finals Fund. Committee retains the posted prize money.

26.13 Committees are to pay out only on the amount of contestants competing in the events. Do not pay out on turn outs unless full entry fee has been paid. A list of turnouts are required to be forwarded to Head Office with the returns.

26.14 If a member visually turns out and pays for his committee levy and administration levy they must be included on the levies sheet but not in the payouts.

26.15 The following Prize money splits apply where the number of qualified scores is less than the number to be paid:

One way split	100%.
Two way split	60%, 40%.
Three way split	50%, 30%, 20%.
Four way split	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%.
Five way split	37%, 27%, 19%, 10%, 7%.
Six way split	35%, 25%, 18%, 10%, 7%, 5%.

26.16 Rodeos posting \$2000 per event for the eight main events reserve the right to restrict team ropers to one run (team entry). Rodeos posting prize money up to \$1999 per event must allow team ropers two runs unless the posted prize money for the team roping is twice that of the remaining seven events (excluding feature events).

26.17 Scale of Entry Fee Add Back.

Posted Prize Money	Min	Max
\$299	\$10	\$30
\$300 \$499	\$10	\$50
\$500 \$999	\$10	\$60
\$1000 \$1499	\$10	\$100

26.18 The optional ceiling on entry fees is a maximum of \$100 add back plus levies for any rodeo posting \$1000 prize money per event. A further \$10 add back in entry fees may be applied for every additional \$1000 in posted prize money to a maximum of \$200 add back. ie: \$2000 posted prize money maximum add back \$110, \$10,000 posted prize money maximum add back \$200. Rodeos committees may increase this amount to 10% of the events posted prize money to a maximum of \$200 providing there are no committee levies applied to the entry fee.

26.19 Where there are no Second Division events, bonus to apply to all events. Where there is one or more Second Division events then the bonus does not apply to those particular events but does apply to the remaining open events. Pay outs should be at least double the add back and not to exceed the lowest pay out.

26.20 That for 2nd division and junior competitors who enter open events, a bonus be established for the competitor who has the highest score in riding events out of the official placings and the fastest time in the time events out of the official placings. If a second division or junior rider places in the official placing, then the bonus does not apply for that event. Day Members do not qualify for bonus.

26.20.1 If there is no second division or junior score or time, prize money automatically goes to the official placings.

26.20.2 The second division bonus prize money should be deducted from the prize pool prior to the official pay out break up calculations are done.

26.20.3 Junior and second division competitors are eligible to win second division bonus.

26.20.4 In team roping where a Second Division member is eligible for bonus pay out on open members entry then the bonus applies. If a team of two permit members are eligible, bonus is to be split between them.

26.20.5 In junior events a bonus will be paid to the highest competitor who had not turned 13 years of age prior to the commencement of the point year. Bonus will not be paid if an eligible member places in the official placings. Bonus to be 2 time the add back amount but not more than the lowest placed prizemoney. APRA Head Office to be responsible for indicating on the judge's sheets that a junior competitor is eligible for the junior bonus.

26.21 Where there is a final or short go round, the prize money pool in each event shall be paid out in the following manner:- 1st Round 35%, Final/Short Go:- 25%, Aggregate 40%. If an event is conducted over 2 full rounds the prize money is to be split equally over each round and the aggregate

### **POSITION AND STOCK DRAW**

27.1 Position draw will be done on or after the Monday following the close of entries under the supervision of a suitable person. If there are two rounds the second round will be back-to-back to the first round. (Times Events only)

27.2 All stock to be numbered. The Stock Contractor is entitled to exclude forty per cent (40%) of his stock from the re-ride pen prior to the draw.

27.3 Stock must be numbered, and a list of required numbers be supplied to the Central Entry Office by 2 p.m. E.S.T. the Monday prior to the Rodeo. Penalty if not complied with \$50 first offence and \$100 second and subsequent offences.

27.4 All re-ride stock to be listed at the same time as the draw is made and posted on the draw.

27.5 All stock in timed event contests must be drawn by number, by at least one Judge no more than one hour prior to the commencement of that event.

27.6 The first turnout head of stock becomes the first re-ride or re-run head of stock.

27.7 In all riding events, a complete go round must be drawn at one time.

27.8 Stock numbers and contestants names to be posted in a conspicuous place. If a rider draws a head of stock he has already drawn previously during the same contest, he must be re-drawn. No stock can be drawn twice in the same contest by the same contestant.

27.9 In timed events, no drawn stock can be held overnight.

Misdraws:

27.10 If three (3) or more contestants are misdrawn, all stock shall be re drawn.

27.11 If two (2) or less contestants are misdrawn, the ballot order for drawing from the herd is effected from mis-drawn competitors, numbers one (1) to two (2). When drawing stock from the herd for the mis-draw contestant, that contestant retains the numbered animal whilst the contestant who had the re-draw head of stock, takes the re-ride animal. In like manner, the second mis-draw contestants are awarded respective ballots from the herd, with the contestants previously holding these said animals listed in the order from the re ride pen. Re-ride stock numbers to be included when drawing stock for mis-drawn competitors.

27.12 At one day rodeos all timed event stock will be drawn at the same time regardless of whether stock has one or more runs in that given day. In the cases of stock sustaining injury after the draw has been completed the contestant with that head of stock will have a re-run head of stock drawn for him.

27.13 If stock is not available after the draw has been done (i.e. injured or sick) the substitute stock, if provided, will be in a draw with the re-ride stock and drawn by the judge for the competitor.

27.14 The director in conjunction with the judges has the right to remove any head of stock out of the competition herd before the event starts if unsuitable.

27.15 50% of the top 12 that are entered at a rodeo from the previous season's standings are to draw in the performance and the other 50% are to be drawn at random. Example: If 6 of the top 12 are entered at a rodeo 50% are to be drawn in the performance and the other 50% are to be drawn at random.

## JUDGING

28.1 The judge's decision shall be final and cannot be reversed by any actions of any contestant or Board. Once a judge signs off on the payout sheets/judges sheets he cannot change his decision on a ruling. Prize money payouts and clerical errors are exempt from this rule.

28.2 Any judge may be called upon by the Board to defend himself against allegations of improper judging.

28.3 All judges and flagmen must be A.P.R.A. financial (either non-competing, permit or an open member) panel judges in good standing.

28.4 Judges, timers and flagmen must be people of experience. If the A.P.R.A. does not consider the people chosen by a given rodeo to have sufficient experience they will expect co operation from the management in replacing those considered unsatisfactory.

28.5 Any judge accepting a judging position must remain in the town where the rodeo is being held from the time that the rodeo starts until it has been concluded.

28.6 Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the secretary has made a final check of the judges sheets.

28.7 Copies of official judges sheets to be pinned up in the secretary's office by judges at close of each performance. Judges to ensure that secretary's office is run in a proper manner.

28.8 Judges, flagmen, timers and members must all wear western style dress in the arena and chute area, whilst competing, even during the conduct of the slack.

28.9 If any contestant competes in any event at an A.P.R.A. approved Rodeo without first paying entry fees and levies or making suitable arrangements with the rodeo secretary then that competitor will be fined \$50.00 plus entry fees and levies and be disqualified from all events that were contested prior to fees and levies being paid. In team roping only the contestants who failed to pay will be disqualified with prizemoney being paid to the next placed competitor. Ie: If the disqualified roper was the heeler that prizemoney and points would be allocated to the next placed heeler.

28.10 The scoring system to be based on 1 to 25 points for the stock and 1 to 25 points for the ride on each side. (Total 100 points). Half points may be used in all roughstock events.

28.11 In the event of judges error inaccurately ascertaining contestants eligible for the short go round, a contestant who, further to audit fails to qualify will be replaced by the qualifying contestant on the same head of stock. In the event of two or more errors a complete redraw is warranted.

28.12 Judges who have accepted the judging position at a particular rodeo must officiate at that rodeo or are liable for a fine or suspension or both.

28.13 Judges retain the authority to grant contestants a "free rowel" to start a chute contrary horse. In such cases the markout rule is waived strictly at the judge's discretion. Each instance to be considered on its merit not on an animal's reputation.

28.14 Flag and barrier judges cannot rope, steer wrestling or haze in the events they judge. The men appointed to barrier judge and flag are the judges for the timed events and are the only ones authorised to deliver a decision or draw stock in these events.

28.15 All flag judges to be mounted.

28.16 Barrier judge is responsible for changing barrier string whenever it may have been weakened or on request of next contestant. A 10 second penalty will be added for beating or breaking the barrier. In all timed events the barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within 10 feet of post. However, if in the opinion of the judge, contestant obviously did not break the barrier, no penalty will be imposed.

28.17 Barrier flag must operate before time is considered official.

28.18 If barrier does not work and official time is started, contestant or team will be allowed recorded time without penalty for broken barrier.

28.19 If barrier does not work and official time is not started, contestant or team will get stock back if stock is qualified on.

28.20 If in the opinion of the barrier judge contestant is fouled by the barrier, then contestant will get his stock back provided he declared himself by pulling up or signalling immediately.

28.21 There must be two timekeepers for all timed event contests.

28.22 All judges (riding events) are instructed to time all contestants during the event which they are judging, so that an official time is available in case of dispute. Contestant must qualify on judges watch on the latch side who is judging.

28.23 A panel judge who accepts a points award judging position must find a replacement judge himself for the events he wishes to contest and be responsible for his judging fee.

28.24 Any judges found to be cheating to be fined and to be suspended.

28.25 The officiating Judges be responsible for the return of all A.P.R.A. levies and judges sheets from the rodeos in which they are engaged, within 10 working days from the completion of the said rodeo. Failure to do so will incur fines and penalties at the discretion of the board.

28.26 A timed event contestant will be allowed a re-run if he does not get a fair chance to contest his stock (e.g. steer trips just outside box, or ducks back into the box, but does not include a setting up steer in the arena).

28.27 The Barrier Judge is to watch the run, if the Flag Judge has any doubts on the run he may consult the Barrier Judge. The Barrier Judge cannot overrule a Flag Judge.

28.28 Where there are no similar Second Division events held, a bonus system will apply. In open A.P.R.A. events where there are one or more Second Division competitors in the event and none place, a second division bonus will apply to the highest points scorer or lowest time. Bonus must be double the added entry fee and is not to exceed last pay out position. Bonus applies to all eight standard events.

28.29 Both Judges to have a stopwatch and use it (i.e. when animal's shoulder clear the plane of the chute, start stopwatch). When contestant fouls (i.e. bucks off, slaps etc., or whistle goes) stop stopwatch. Official clock is on latch side of the gate.

28.30 Judges can either be a specialized rough stock judge or a specialized timed event judge.

28.31 Any open member may officiate at a maximum of 3 rodeos per rodeo season without being an approved judge providing the accompanying judge is approved by the APRA.

28.32 If a head of stock comes in contact with any arena personnel ie. pickup man, judges etc, or arena fence and is fouled but contestant has made a qualified ride up to point of contact a re-ride will be given. If contestant goes on to make the 8 second whistle after contact, they will be scored with an option of a re-ride.

28.33 Pro Tour Rodeos that have posted prize money of \$2000 per event or more must advise the APRA of the judges that they are considering so that they can be approved by the Board prior to being accepted.

28.34 Any head of stock that turns around in the chute when leaving classes as a foul and qualifies for a re-ride option. Contestant that goes on with it will still receive a option. Rough stock events only.

28.35 All rodeos with \$6000 posted prize money or over must have all their officials sent in for approval at least 4 weeks prior to the entry dates. If the timeline is not met, the Board of Directors will appoint suitable personnel.

### **FEATURE STOCK**

29.1 Open feature stock shall be drawn in front of the chutes from all contestants entered in that event, and the same rules apply. If a feature animal falls, the contestant shall be paid the money the same as if he had ridden the full time. Gear slipping or breaking is the responsibility of the contestant and no re-ride shall be awarded.

### **FEATURE STOCK (Second Division)**

30.1 Shall be drawn from all Second Division riders in the like events and the same rules apply. If a feature animal falls the contestant shall be paid the money the same as if he had ridden the full time. Gear slipping or breaking is the responsibility of the contestant and no re-ride shall be awarded.

30.2 Second division feature bull riding stock must come from second division herd as per rules for second division bull riding. If not applicable Bull Riding Director or nominated deputy shall determine suitability of stock.

### **STOCK CONTRACTORS**

31.1 All A.P.R.A. approved Stock Contractors to be open financial members of the A.P.R.A. in good standing.

31.2 Stock Contractors are permitted to exclude 40% of their stock from the re-ride pen (Prior to the draw being done). The exception being stock that has been drawn and then turned out. These stock automatically become re-ride stock. They cannot be excluded from the re-ride pen unless they are injured.

31.3 If a head of stock is re-ridden for insufficient ability to buck then that head of stock is not allowed to buck again in the same contest at that rodeo.

31.4 Cattle used for steer roping, team roping, cutting and other events shall not be used for steer wrestling or rope and tie.

31.5 No ropes to remain tied to bulls once bull clears the chutes.

31.6 Known chute fighting stock or stock repeatedly refusing to allow rider to take them out can be barred from future rodeos. Joint disqualification authorized by a judge and event director.

31.7 Any Stock Contractor found guilty of mistreatment of livestock may be fined by the Board of Directors. Fine not to exceed \$500.00.

31.8 Stock must be numbered and list of required numbers be supplied to the rodeo secretary by at least one hour prior to commencement of the rodeo or slack for timed events.

31.8.1 Rough Stock numbers must be supplied to APRA head office no later than 2:00pm EST on the Monday prior to the rodeo. Failure to do so will incur a \$200.00 fine

31.9 Stock Contractors are required to have stock readily available 1.5 hours prior to commencement of each event. Stock Contractors may be fined if the slack and/or performance does not commence at the advertised starting time in the 'Rodeo News'. Penalty to be imposed at the discretion of the board.

31.10 Timed event stock in steer wrestling, rope and tie and team roping events can only be run three times at a one day rodeo, and at two or more days rodeo, only two runs a day are permitted.

31.12 Stock contractors who supply stock for rodeos that are not suitable for an event may be fined the equivalent of the entire committee/stock levy paid for the particular event in which stock were unacceptable. Board of Directors to make final decision.

31.13 The suitability of stock at rodeos must be decided by the Board of Directors in meeting.

31.14 All contract bulls must be identified with ear tags bearing their registered numbers

31.15 All contract timed event stock must be identified with numbered ear tags.

31.16 Stock Contractors and Producers must work a minimum of 5 APRA rodeos each rodeo season. Failure to do so will result in their name being removed from the Rodeo Stock Contractors and Producers list the following year. New applicants must introduce 3 new full rodeos to the APRA before being included on the promoter/producer list.

31.17 All timed event stock contractors must supply suitable pads for the back of the timed event box.

31.19 Untried stock cannot be used in roughstock events at APRA affiliated rodeos.

31.20 All stock with the exemption of rope and tie and breakaway roping calves are to be number branded by fire or freeze brands. All stock can do one rodeo without a brand, after that they must be done. Failing to do so will incur a \$25 per head fine which can be given by a judge or director.

31.21 Hotshots must not be used over or above the chutes.

31.22 Any rough stock withdrawn from a Rodeo event because of injury or sickness will not be allowed to enter a draw for a minimum of ten days.

31.23 All portable timed event chutes must have V front and finger style gate.

31.24 The vet in attendance at a rodeo in Victoria shall be appointed by APRA at the expense of the stock contractor. The vet will be required to report on the outcome to the APRA.

### **COMMITTEES/RODEO SECRETARIES**

32.1 These rules are formulated as an aid to Committees involved in running Rodeos under the auspices of the A.P.R.A.

32.2 When accepting payment for entries at the rodeo, secretary should ask to see A.P.R.A. membership card.

32.3 At the completion of the rodeo it is the secretary's responsibility to ensure correctness of all payouts and to complete all Personal Accident Insurance Levy forms and Result Sheets which have to be returned to head office within ten (10) days from the completion of the rodeo.

32.4 Secretaries will note that the Judges Sheets are in duplicate. The white original sheet is to be returned to head office. The yellow copy is to be displayed on the wall of the secretary's office after the completion of the rodeo. A copy of the stock draw is to be displayed.

32.5 The A.P.R.A. (through its insurance broker) provides a Public Liability Insurance cover to affiliated rodeo committees at the one venue for a prescribed premium. Such premium must



be paid to head office two weeks prior to the conduct of the rodeo.

32.6 The Australian Professional Rodeo Association has adopted Junior Breakaway Roping being open to male and female Australian Professional Rodeo Association members under eighteen years of age.

32.7 The committee has to include in the newsheet they will accept day membership. Day membership be on the onus of the individual committees and are responsible for entry fees if they have not chosen the APRA to be responsible for day members.

32.8 Gate lists are provided for the committee and competing members need to produce their membership card for free entry to the rodeo. Contesting members are entitled to free entry for one partner.

32.9 Central Entries is available to all committees staging A.P.R.A. affiliated rodeos.

32.10 If a competitor turns out, visually turns out or medicals out of your rodeo please deduct the committee levy only from the returns if they have not paid your committee their levies.

32.11 Junior Day members must provide proof of age to the committee before being accepted for any events and must have a parent or guardians permission before competing.

32.12 Only stock from the approved APRA Stock Contractors list are eligible to be used at affiliated APRA rodeos, exceptions may be granted by the rules committee providing the office received written notification at least six weeks prior to their rodeo. If using non A.P.R.A. approved contract stock committees are only entitled to 1% of the posted prize money to a maximum of \$5.00.

32.13 If a committee has more than one Contractor supplying stock for their rodeo then the Stock contractor with the most amount of stock becomes the spokesperson.

32.14 All APRA rodeos must contract a minimum of one APRA approved Bull Fighter and one other i.e. A second APRA approved bull fighter or a bull fighter who has applied to the Board to become an approved bull fighter and is under review.

32.15 A rodeo committee reserves the right to nominate 8 local contestants (maximum 4 in any one event) who reside in a 80km radius of the GPO where the rodeo is conducted to be placed in the performance of their rodeo. The residence of each contestant will be deemed to be that which is registered at the APRA office and has been unchanged for a period of three calendar months. All applications from committees must be reserved in writing not later than the close of entry times and dates for their rodeo and is subject to Board approval.

32.16 Pro Tour Rodeos that have posted prize money of \$2000 per event or more must advise the APRA of the judges that they are considering so that they can be approved by the Board prior to being accepted.

32.17 Committee's need prior approval from the Board of Directors to engage the services of unapproved personnel to work with approved officials.

32.18 All rodeo officials (judges, bull fighters, pick up men, announcer) names be provided to Head Office two weeks prior to the rodeo.

32.19 Rodeo Secretaries to open rodeo office at least 1.5 hours before slack time or performance.

### **RULES TO ENSURE HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK**

33.1 No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses or saddle broncs.

33.2 No wooden paddles. Straps are permissible.

33.3 A neck rope on a contestants horse must be used in the rope and tie event. The placement of such a neck rope must be in the vicinity from the head, to no more than half-way down the roping horse's neck. Neck rope, rope, reins and training aids must be adjusted in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the stock. Rope to be removed from animal's body as soon as possible after 'tie' is completed. Roping stock shall weigh at least 220 lbs (100 kgs) each and be strong and healthy.

33.4 The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steers while wrestling steer, or unnecessarily rough handling of stock after time is forbidden. Fine or disqualification may be imposed.

33.5 Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick, or injured animal, or animals with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or injured between the time it is drawn and time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal drawn for the contestant as provided in the A.P.R.A. rulebook. An official veterinarian should be available at all events where possible.

33.6 No animal shall be beaten, mutilated or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animal shall be touched only on the hip or shoulder area with prod.

33.7 A conveyance must be available and used, if possible, to remove animals from arena in case of injury.

33.8 No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, head collar, rein or flank straps shall be permitted. Only sheepskin or suitably lined flank straps shall be used on bucking stock and shall be of the quick release type. Flank straps shall be placed on the animal, so the lined covered portion is over both flanks and the belly of the animal.

33.9 No 'loose ropes' allowed in bareback bronc riding.

33.10 No stimulate or hypnotics to be used or given to any animal used for contest purposes.

33.11 Chutes must be so constructed as to prevent injury to stock. Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in removal of any animal should it become caught. The arena shall be free of rocks, holes and obstacles.

33.12 Clowns are not to abuse stock in any fashion.

33.13 No animal or pets allowed in arena where restraint is necessary or subject to injury or attack by another animal.

33.14 Livestock to be removed from arena after completion of each contest ride.

33.15 Use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.

33.16 Contestant will be disqualified for any mistreatment of livestock.

33.17 No stock should be confined in vehicles beyond a period of twenty eight (28) hours without being unloaded, properly fed, and watered. When animals are carried in conveyances in which they do have proper food, water, space and opportunity to rest, the provision for unloading shall not apply.

33.18 Any animal that becomes excessively excited so that it gets down in the chute repeatedly, or tries repeatedly to jump out of the chute, or in any way appears to be in danger of injuring itself, should be released immediately.

33.19 Any A.P.R.A. member, including stock contractors, guilty of mistreatment of livestock may be fined by the Board of Directors with a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

33.20 The A.P.R.A. recognises the R.S.P.C.A., Animal Welfare Advisory Council and/or any Government body as the sole authorities for the humane treatment of animals in Australia.

33.22 Any member who mistreats livestock at rodeos will be fined \$100.00 on the first offence, \$300 on the second offence and \$600 plus 3 months suspension on the third offence. Each offence will remain on record for a 3 year period. The Board has the power to increase the fines and suspensions at their discretion. Names of offenders will be published in the 'Rodeo News'.

33.23 Persons found guilty of twisting or bending the tail of timed event stock will be fined \$100 on the first offence. The penalty for repeat offenders will be determined by the Board of Directors and may include fines and/or suspension.

33.24 Timed event contractors are only permitted to use an electric prod with a maximum of 6900 volts and no longer than 33cm in length. A prod can only be utilized by the approved contractor/sub-contractor when necessary (or worker approved by the contractor and contractors' responsibility) at each rodeo who will be held responsible for any misuse. This relates in each state and must also be complied with. A first offence breach of this rule carries a fine of \$500 to the approved stock contractor. A second breach will be referred to the Board of Directors.

33.25 Hot shots are to be banned from use on all horses at APRA events.

33.26 A competitor who whips their horse, during roping events, with their rope while in the box or during a run will be disqualified and fined.

## SADDLE BRONC RIDING

34.1 This is a one hand, eight second contest. Riding to be done in a standard saddle.

34.2 A plain head collar with a braided single rope bucking rein to be used, not more than 2m (six and a half feet) in length. Private saddles and head collar to be fully mounted. Promoter may supply a number of standard saddles which must conform with all specifications laid out by the A.P.R.A.

### SADDLE

34.3 Rigging: 3/4 (three quarter) double front edge of Dee ring must pull not further than directly below the centre of point of swell. Standard E Z or ring type saddle Dee must be used and cannot exceed 5 3/4 (three quarter) inch outside width measurements. Swell undercut: Not more than two inches - one inch on each side. Gullet: Not less than four inches wide at the centre of fork of covered saddle. Tree: Saddle must be built on standard tree. Specifications: Fork, 14 inches; height, 9 inches maximum, minimum 7 inches; gullet 5 3/4 (three quarter) inches wide; cantle, 5 inches maximum height, 14 inches maximum width; stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.

34.4 All saddles may be used in a contest if they are of the approved type (no freaks allowed). Judges check position of saddle.

34.5 It is legal to bind stirrup leathers at the knee on private saddles stirrup leathers to be not wider than three (3) inches, not including the fenders.

34.6 To qualify, contestant must have spurs in or past the break of the shoulders and touching the horse with rowels when horse's front feet hit the ground on its first initial move out of the chute. Contestant must wear suitable spurs. Time commences when stocks inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute.

34.7 All re-ride stock to be taken until it meets with the judge's approval unless a score is requested by contestant. The same stock cannot be drawn twice by the same contestant in the same contest. A rider must be scored on head of stock if flank breaks or falls off with option of re ride left to the rider on same head of stock. Slipped or broken private gear will not entitle a rider a re ride. Contestant does not have to request a re ride to be eligible for a re ride.

34.8 If a head of stock refuses to leave the chute it is classed as a No ride and not a Re ride.

34.9 Where a contestant is fouled up in the chute, at the gate, or where stock falls, he may take a re ride on the same head of stock, or as the judges see fit. If a rider is fouled at the gate and continues to make a successful ride, it is at the judge's discretion to score the ride. A rider on stock which fails to buck to the satisfaction of the judge must ride full time and qualify to be awarded a re ride. Rider can request the score if he is given a re ride. If a head of stock leaves the arena during the 8 second time limit it is automatically classed as a re ride.

34.10 When a horse falls and regains its feet; providing the rider has not fouled, he can take the score with the option of a re ride.

34.10.1 If a horse falls and, in the judges opinion, there is a possibility of injury to the rider and he grabs down then the judge can use his discretion to give the competitor a re ride.

34.11 All horses must be ridden full time to score.

34.12 If a contestant scratches after the draw his horse automatically becomes the first re ride horse. All horses to be flanked, and flank to be fitted with a quick release.

34.13 If horse fails to leave chute, judge may call for contestant to spur in the belly, which will automatically qualify as mark out.

34.14 A Stock Contractor, Chute Boss or the Saddle Bronc Director, shall have the right to call the judges to pass whether the back cinch is over tight on the contest saddle or saddle is incorrectly fitted on the horse.

34.15 There must be a 4 inch clearance under the Gullet of Saddle.

34.16 Any rider turning out stock may be liable to a fine of \$25.00 if drawn up in the performance, unless rider arranges to have stock mounted out.

34.17 Known chute fighting stock repeatedly refusing to allow rider to take them out can be barred from future Rodeos. Joint disqualification from judge and event director.

34.19 No prodding to be used while rider sitting on his stock in the chute unless requested by the rider.

34.20 Chute Boss may fine rider who is next to go and is not ready and above his stock with his bucking rein correct, and chaps buckled, when the rider before him goes out. Minimum fine \$20.00, maximum \$50.00.

34.21 Front cinch on saddle to be 5 inches in width at least.

34.22 Dry resin may only be used in chaps and saddles. No other foreign substance is allowed. A \$50.00 fine plus disqualification of the entire performance at the said rodeo. Disqualification by director and judge.

34.23 Saddle shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Stock contractor, director or judge to pass whether horse is properly saddled. Judges decision shall be final.

34.24 In all Rough Stock events it shall be illegal to throw any objects at stock to encourage them to buck.

34.25 If a horse is rerode and is drawn again in another section at that rodeo, any contestants that have drawn that horse providing the re-ride was awarded because of stock performance not equipment failure can refuse it and be drawn a reride by the judges out of 2 or more horses received from the stock contractor, unless there is a turn out horse in which case the turn out horse will be the first reride horse.

34.26 Judges must carry a flag or ribbon when judging the bareback and saddle bronc rides that is to be thrown on the ground when a competitor misses the mark out.

34.27 In the Saddle Bronc and Bareback events the horse is not required the 3 attempts to get out of the chute a re-ride horse can be awarded after 2 genuine attempts.

34.28 Any head of stock that turns around in the chute when leaving classes as a foul and qualifies for a re-ride option. Contestant that goes on with it will still receive a option. Rough stock events only.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

35.26.1 Being bucked off.

35.26.2 Not marking out.

35.26.3 Losing an oxbow.

35.26.4 Riding with locked or sharp rowels, in opinion of the judges.

35.26.5 Having rein on opposite side of horse's neck to the hand in which it is held.

35.26.6 Losing bucking rein.

35.26.7 Wrapping rein around the hand.

35.26.8 Touching any part of the body, animal or equipment with free hand.

35.26.9 Failing to answer by third call when name called by the chute boss.

35.26.10 Failing to contest on suitable stock draw for contest.

35.26.11 Ill-treatment of stock.

35.26.12 Not showing daylight between riding hand and saddle when leaving chute.

35.26.13 Sharp or cutting objects in back cinch, saddle girth, head collars, reins or flank straps.

### **STATION SADDLE BUCKJUMP RIDING**

35.27 This is a one handed, 8 second contest, riding to be done in a traditional flap style stock saddle or a stock fender saddle. Saddles must include either a cropper or back cinch.

35.28 Front cinch must be of a min 5 inches at the widest point

35.29 Time commences when horses inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute.

35.30 If spurs are used, the rowel must be of a blunt free rolling kind.

35.31 Stock whips must not be used in this event.

35.32 Competitors must be members of the APRA.

35.33 Including rules:

- 34.2 A plain head collar with a braided single rope bucking rein to be used, not more than 2m (six and a half feet) in length. Private saddles and head collar to be fully mounted. Promoter may supply a number of standard saddles which must conform with all specifications laid out by the A.P.R.A.

- 34.4 All saddles may be used in a contest if they are of the approved type (no freaks allowed). Judges check position of saddle.
- 34.7 All re-ride stock to be taken until it meets with the judge's approval unless a score is requested by contestant. The same stock cannot be drawn twice by the same contestant in the same contest. A rider must be scored on head of stock if flank breaks or falls off with option of re ride left to the rider on same head of stock. Slipped or broken private gear will not entitle a rider a re ride. Contestant does not have to request a re ride to be eligible for a re ride.
- 34.8 If a head of stock refuses to leave the chute it is classed as a No ride and not a Re ride.
- 34.9 Where a contestant is fouled up in the chute, at the gate, or where stock falls, he may take a re ride on the same head of stock, or as the judges see fit. If a rider is fouled at the gate and continues to make a successful ride, it is at the judge's discretion to score the ride. A rider on stock which fails to buck to the satisfaction of the judge must ride full time and qualify to be awarded a re ride. Rider can request the score if he is given a re ride. If a head of stock leaves the arena during the 8 second time limit it is automatically classed as a re ride.
- 34.10 When a horse falls and regains its feet; providing the rider has not fouled, he can take the score with the option of a re ride.
- 34.10.1 If a horse falls and, in the judges opinion, there is a possibility of injury to the rider and he grabs down then the judge can use his discretion to give the competitor a re ride.
- 34.11 All horses must be ridden full time to score.
- 34.12 If a contestant scratches after the draw his horse automatically becomes the first re ride horse. All horses to be flanked, and flank to be fitted with a quick release.
- 34.13 If horse fails to leave chute, judge may call for contestant to spur in the belly, which will automatically qualify as mark out.
- 34.14 A Stock Contractor, Chute Boss or the Saddle Bronc Director, shall have the right to call the judges to pass whether the back cinch is over tight on the contest saddle or saddle is incorrectly fitted on the horse.
- 34.16 Any rider turning out stock may be liable to a fine of \$25.00 if drawn up in the performance, unless rider arranges to have stock mounted out.
- 34.17 Known chute fighting stock repeatedly refusing to allow rider to take them out can be barred from future Rodeos. Joint disqualification from judge and event director.
- 34.19 No prodding to be used while rider sitting on his stock in the chute unless requested by the rider.

- 34.20 Chute Boss may fine rider who is next to go and is not ready and above his stock with his bucking rein correct, and chaps buckled, when the rider before him goes out. Minimum fine \$20.00, maximum \$50.00.
- 34.23 Saddle shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Stock contractor, director or judge to pass whether horse is properly saddled. Judges decision shall be final.
- 34.24 In all Rough Stock events it shall be illegal to throw any objects at stock to encourage them to buck.

### **BAREBACK RIDING**

36.1 This is a one hand, eight second contest. A one hand rigging is to be used. Rigging must be not more than 10 inches in width at the hand-hold, and with not more than 6 inch D Rings. No freaks allowed.

36.2 All stock to be numbered and drawn for before contestant starts.

36.3 To qualify, contestant must have spurs in or past the break of the shoulders and touching the horse with rowels when horses front feet hit the ground on his first initial move out of the chute. Contestant must wear suitable spurs. Time commences when stocks inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute.

36.4 All re-ride stock to be taken until it meets with the judges approval unless a score is requested by contestant. The same stock cannot be drawn twice by the same contestant in the same contest. A rider must be scored on head of stock if flank breaks or falls off with option of re-ride left to the rider on same head of stock. Slipped or broken private gear will not entitle a rider a re-ride. Contestant does not have to request a re-ride to be eligible for a re-ride.

36.5 If a head of stock refuses to leave the chute it is classed a No-ride and not a Re-ride.

36.6 Where a contestant is fouled up in the chute, at the gate, or where stock falls, he may take a re-ride on the same head of stock, or as the judges see fit. If a rider is fouled at the gate and continues to make a successful ride, it is at the judges discretion to score the ride. A rider on stock which fails to buck to the satisfaction of the judge must ride full time and qualify to be awarded a re-ride. Rider can request the score if he is given a re-ride. If a head of stock leaves the arena during the 8 second time limit it is automatically classed a re-ride.

36.7 If stock falls and regains it's feet; providing the rider has not fouled he can take the score with the option of a re-ride.

36.8 If stock falls and, in the judges opinion, there is a possibility of injury to the rider and he grabs down then the judge can use his discretion to give the competitor a re-ride.



- 36.9 All stock to be ridden to the whistle, bell or the full 8 seconds to score. If the whistle is blown before the 8 seconds and the contestant grabs down or bucks off they will still receive their score.
- 36.10 If a contestant scratches after the draw his head of stock automatically becomes the first re-ride stock. All stock to be flanked, and flank to be fitted with a quick-release.
- 36.11 If stock fails to leave chute, judge may call for contestant to spur in the belly, which will automatically qualify as mark out.
- 36.12 Any rider turning out stock may be liable to a fine of \$25.00 if drawn up in the performance, unless rider arranges to have stock mounted out.
- 36.13 Known chute fighting stock repeatedly refusing to allow rider to take them out can be barred from future Rodeos. Joint disqualification from judge and event director.
- 36.15 No prodding to be used while rider sitting on his stock in the chute unless requested by the rider.
- 36.16 Chute Boss may fine rider who is next to go and is not ready and above his stock with his glove on, and chaps buckled when the rider before him goes out. Minimum fine \$20.00, maximum \$50.00.
- 36.17 Pads used under riggings must be leather covered both sides. If hair felt pads they must be at least 3/4 of an inch thick. If rubber of equal density they must be 1 inch thick. Pads must extend at least 2 inches past back of rigging Pads to be approved by the Event Director. Girths to be at least 7 inches in width at the centre but may be tapered to accommodate the D rings. Latigos must be of leather only.
- 36.18 Judge or Stock contractor to report to the Bareback Bronc Riding Director any contestant who hangs up in rigging. All cases to be directed for Board consideration for imposition of penalties.
- 36.19 If a horse is rerode and is drawn again in another section at that rodeo, any contestants that have drawn that horse providing the re-ride was awarded because of stock performance not equipment failure can refuse it and be drawn a reride by the judges out of 2 or more horses received from the stock contractor, unless there is a turn out horse in which case the turn out horse will be the first reride horse.
- 36.20 Judges must carry a flag or ribbon when judging the bareback and saddle bronc rides that is to be thrown on the ground when a competitor misses the mark out.
- 36.21 In the Saddle Bronc and Bareback events, after two honest attempts to get out on stock, rider can turnout with the consent of the judge and take another head of stock.
- 36.22 Any head of stock that turns around in the chute when leaving classes as a foul and qualifies for a re-ride option. Contestant that goes on with it will still receive a option. Rough stock events only.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- 36.20.1 Being bucked off.
- 36.20.2 Not marking out.
- 36.20.3 Losing hold on rigging.
- 36.20.4 Riding with locked or sharp rowels, in opinion of the judges
- 36.20.5 Touching any part of the body, animal or equipment with free hand.
- 36.20.6 Failing to answer by third call when name called by the chute boss.
- 36.20.7 Failing to contest on suitable stock draw for contest.
- 36.20.8 Ill-treatment of stock.
- 36.20.9 No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, girth or flank straps shall be permitted.
- 36.20.10 Not using suitable pad under rigging.
- 36.20.11 Contestants are not to use any foreign substances on riding equipment excluding rosin, saddle soap and benzoin.

## **BULL RIDING CONTEST RULES**

- 37.1 This is a one hand, eight second (8) contest. Riding to be done with a loose rope with or without a handhold. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off animal when rider has left.
- 37.2 Time commences when stocks inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute.
- 37.3 Head fighting bulls or bulls with bad horns to be tipped to minimum of 20cent piece. All bulls to have a bell on the loose rope and flanked, no rubber rings to be used. Contestant has the right to call judges to pass on whether or not the bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
- 37.4 The rider shall not be allowed to re-set and re-pull his rope more than two (2) times if the bull is standing well in the chute.
- 37.5 Known chute fighting and unsuitable stock, repeatedly refusing to allow rider to take them out can be barred from future rodeos. Disqualification from event Director or a Judge.
- 37.7 After their (3) honest attempts to get out on stock, rider can turn out (with the consent of the judge) and take another head of stock, to be drawn for out of re-ride stock.
- 37.8 No prodding to be done while rider is sitting on his stock in the chute unless required by the rider.
- 37.9 Arena must be cleared of loose stock if requested by the competitor.
- 37.10 Chute boss may fine a rider who is next go, if not ready and above his stock with glove on and tied and chaps buckled when the rider before him goes out. Minimum fine \$20.00, maximum \$50.00.
- 37.11 Any rider turning out stock will be liable to a fine of \$25.00 if drawn up in performance, unless rider arranges to have his head of stock mounted out.

37.12 Stock to be numbered and drawn for.

37.13 All re-ride stock to be drawn for.

37.14 Re-rides to be taken until it meets with judges approval unless a score is requested by contestant.

37.15 The same stock cannot be drawn twice by the same contestant, in the same contest.

37.16 Contestant who is fouled at the chute, draws stock which fails to buck to judges' satisfaction, or falls is entitled to a re-ride.

37.17 When a bull falls and regains its feet; providing the rider has not fouled, he can take the score with the option of a re-ride.

37.19 A rider must be scored on head of stock if flank breaks or falls off with option of a re-ride left to rider on same head of stock

37.20 If head of stock refuses to leave the chute it will be classed a no-ride.

37.21 If rider is fouled at the gate and continues to make a successful ride, it should be at the judges discretion to score the ride.

37.22 If stock leaves the arena during the 8 second time limit, it is automatically classed as a re-ride.

37.23 If contestant makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in his riding hand he is to be marked.

37.24 Slipped or broken private gear will not entitle a rider to a re-ride.

37.25 A rider must ride full time and qualify on stock which fails to buck to the satisfaction of the judges to be awarded a re-ride. Rider can request a score if given a re-ride.

37.26 If contestant scratches after the draw, that head of stock automatically becomes the first re-ride bull.

37.27 Bulls and steers must not be used in the same contest.

37.28 All contract bulls must be identified with ear tags bearing their registered numbers.

37.29 Any head of stock that turns around in the chute when leaving classes as a foul and qualifies for a re-ride option. Contestant that goes on with it will still receive a option. Rough stock events only.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 37.29.1 Being bucked off.
- 37.29.2 Losing hold on rope.
- 37.29.3 Riding with sharp rowels in opinion of event Director, his Deputy or the Judge.
- 37.29.4 Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.
- 37.29.5 Failing to answer by third call when name is called by the chute boss.
- 37.29.6 Failing to contest on suitable stock drawn for contest.
- 37.29.7 Ill-treating stock.
- 37.29.8 No sharp cutting objects in rope or flank straps shall be permitted.
- 37.29.9 Contestant are not to use any foreign substance, on riding equipment, excluding rosin, saddle soap and benzoin.
- 37.30 Judges decision shall be final.
- 37.31 If a bull hips himself when leaving the chute and in the opinion of the judge it severely disadvantages the competitor, he may be awarded a reride.
- 37.32 No knot holts allowed prior to leaving the chute gate.
  
- 37.33 It is compulsory for all 2nd Division Bull Riders to wear a helmet and vest.

## TIMED EVENTS

- 38.1 Timed event box to be at least twelve (12) feet in length.
  
- 38.2 Barrier to be no less than 6' for the Steer Wrestling and Team Roping events with a minimum length 10' for Steer Roping, Rope and Tie and Breakaway Roping events. If the length of the arena or stock does not accommodate a 10' barrier – the barrier judge, stock contractor and a director must come to a combined agreement that will suit the conditions of the events but no less than 6'. If no barrier is used the contest will be deemed non-points.
  
- 38.3 A ten (10) foot tape must be on hand for the barrier judge. Height of barrier in timed events shall be from thirty-two to thirty-six inches measured at the centre of the box. In timed events where automatic barriers are used, knot behind pulley is required on all barriers.
  
- 38.4 See rule 38.40.
  
- 38.5 Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope each performance, to assure the same start for contestants each performance. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in the rope in either end.
  
- 38.6 A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken, unless ring drops within ten (10) feet of post, however, if in the opinion of the judge, contestant obviously did not break the barrier, no penalty will be imposed.
  
- 38.7 Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples

are pulled or barrier rope is broken and sting unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.

38.8 Barrier judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.

38.9 Once the score, barrier or automatic barrier has been set in timed events, it will not be changed at the rodeo, nor can the length of box or electric eye be changed. If any of this does occur, all competitors will be offered a re-run or if in the opinion of the barrier judge the contestant obviously did not break the barrier, no penalty will be imposed.

38.10 In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.

38.11 If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant or team will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier, provided judges rule barrier was not beaten.

38.12 If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant or team will get stock back if stock is qualified on.

38.13 If in the opinion of the barrier judge, contestant is fouled by barrier, ropers shall get their stock back providing contestant declares himself by pulling up and signalling immediately.

38.14 If an animal escapes from the arena the flag judge must signal time and the time shall be recorded. The recorded time must be in the placings before a re-run is awarded. The competitor will then get the re-run stock lap and tap with the time added which was recorded when the animal left the arena. If the first run was clear on the barrier no penalties apply.

38.15 If rope is on animal, roper will get animal lap-and-tap, with rope on it in chute.

38.16 A field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or jump. Once a man has been flagged out, he will not receive stock back.

38.17 During any performance, if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes, or pens before it is called by contestant, or if the automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately after the same performance, and that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labour crew during, or at the end of, that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least several head of animal will be brought back together. No animal may be re-penned by himself. Decision will be made by arena director about when stock is re-penned.

38.18 The decision on whether or not timed event cattle are to be lined will be made by the respective event director or his duly designated appointee, who will in turn notify the barrier judge. If cattle are to be lined, it shall be accomplished by one appointee to be stationed at the same position on all contested cattle, including supplementary contesting. Violators will be subject to Board action.

38.19 Flag judge shall position himself for roping at the end of the arena allowing him to come towards the roper. In steer wrestling and team roping, field flagger shall place himself against the wall of the left hand side of the timed event box, whenever possible.

38.20 If an animal that is drawn in a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is out of time, a judge must pass on the animals inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.

38.21 All performance competition order changes must be made with arena secretary or timed event chute boss prior to the start of that performance, or at a later time if agreeable with the arena secretary.

38.22 Within the confines of the timed event box it is the privilege of a contestant to dismiss someone from the box or have up to three (3) persons in the box for assistance. He may instruct the judge to either remove or allow other people in the box. No horse is to be in the side of the rope box during a one person event. (Rope and Tie and Breakaway Roping.)

38.23 In roping events, a dropped rope that must be recoiled to be rebuilt is considered a thrown rope.

38.25 Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, except in cases of mechanical failure. If contestant accepts animal, he accepts it as sound at that time.

38.27 There shall be two (2) timers, a barrier judge and field flag judge. Time to be taken between (2) flags using correct timing devices. Winners will be determined by the average time of both timers. Times taken to one decimal place and averaged.

38.28 All animals used for timed events should be inspected, and objectionable ones eliminated.

38.29 Any timed event contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from the field flagger that he is mistreating an animal will be fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offence and two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for the second offence. In addition, if warranted the field flagger may disqualify that contestant from that event for the remainder of the rodeo.

38.30 Roping, steer roping, steer wrestling and team roping all have thirty (30) seconds time limit. Breakaway roping twenty (20) seconds.

38.31 If a timed event contestant's horse backs out or runs through a set barrier there will be no penalty on the first occasion but on the second occasion he will be penalized then (10) seconds and will run without the barrier. On the third occasion, if the horse crosses where the barrier would have been, the contestant is automatically disqualified.

38.32 An A.P.R.A. approved calf roping device must be used in all rope & tie events at A.P.R.A. affiliated rodeos.

38.33 A contestant will be entitled to a re-run on the same head of stock in cases where a discrepancy of point 5 (0.5) of a second or more occurs between the two stopwatches, provided that at the completion of the go-round or contest (if one head) the quickest of the

two recorded times would have placed. (It is the barrier judge's responsibility to check the timers sheets following completion of go-round or contest).

38.34 In the event of stock stumbling or severely changing direction before the barrier breaks away, and in the opinion of the barrier judge, it makes it impossible for the contestant to qualify on that head of stock, the barrier judge may award the contestant a re-run.

38.35 Ropers in all roping events (except team roping and breakaway roping) must utilize a neck rope on their horses.

38.36 Timed event stock can only be run three times at a one day rodeo. At a two or more day rodeo, only two runs per day are permitted.

38.37 If roper fouls on any part of time event box or arena, with his rope it is his responsibility. No rerun provided arena conditions are the same for everyone. Arena conditions to be checked by Judges prior to commencement of competition.

38.38 All contract timed event stock must be identified with numbered ear tags.

38.39 All timed event stock must be run in accordance with the position draw. The only exception is (a) when a contestant has made suitable arrangements with the chute boss prior to the commencement of the event and (b) in the slack providing the first three in each section of slack are run in accordance with the position draw.

38.40 APRA approved zip ties or string to be used on barrier and neck rope. Barrier string is to be 2 separate pieces of string on the barrier. Not one piece doubled up. Approved rubber rings can also be used on the neck rope.

38.41 Rope and Tie, Steer Roping and Breakaway Roping contestants must start the contest from behind the barrier on the right hand side of the box.

38.42 Points of horns must be removed from all timed event stock.

38.43 - If animal is injured while contestant has noddled and competing on the head of stock the judge (flag or barrier) may allow a rerun. Judges discretion and only while contestant is competing on the run.

38.44 Barrier is to have a pig tail on it minimal length 10cm max of 30cm. Barrier string will be tied with rope to rope & steel ring placed in pin.

38.45 Animals for all timed events should be inspected and unsuitable ones eliminated.

## **ROPE AND TIE CONTEST**

39.1 Only one loop may be thrown in the Rope and Tie contest.

39.2 Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging stock. Rope must be tied hard and fast.

39.3 Contestant must not receive assistance of any kind from outside, but if horse drags stock, field judge may stop horse and any penalty for such offences can only be assessed by the field judge. After making catch, contestant must dismount, throw stock by hand, cross and tie any three legs. If stock is down when roper reaches it, it must be got to its feet and re-thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the stock when it falls it is to be considered thrown by hand.

39.4 Rope must hold stock until contestant has hand on stock.

39.5 Cross legged tie must hold until contestant has mounted horse and put slack in the rope before it can be ruled fair and roper may not touch stock after giving finish signal until judge has completed his examination failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification. Time is taken on the signal of the field judges flag. If tie comes loose, or animal gets to its feet before tie has been ruled fair, the contestant will receive no time. After completing tie, the roper must mount his horse and ride forward so catch rope is slack. Untie men must not touch stock until judge passes the tie as fair. The tie will be deemed satisfactory as soon as there is slack in the rope.

39.6 There shall be no assistance from any other person to a contestant in this contest.

39.7 Committee please note that all roping stock must weigh a minimum of 220 lbs (100 kgs). All stock to be numbered. All fresh stock to be tied down and run.

39.8 There must be at least one wrap and hooey.

39.9 Field flaggers will pass on the tie once rider has remounted his horse and put slack in the rope.

39.10 Roper will be fined \$50 and disqualified if stock is jerked in a severe manner over in a backward motion landing on its back or side with all four legs in the air.

39.11 An approved roping device must be used in all rope and tie events at APRA affiliated rodeos and 300-600mm must be paid red. If device and rope is not set up according to instructions on APRA website will have to face a penalty.

39.13 In the Rope and Tie events an open gate catch pen may apply in a one head contest however it should remain shut in a two headed and where an average pay out applies.

39.13 After being flagged off for a bust/jerk down judge to inspect calf roping device on the spot.

39.14 Rope and Tie, Steer Roping and Breakaway Roping contestants must start the contest from behind the barrier on the right hand side of the box.



## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

39.15.1 A roper who deliberately makes his horse drag the stock more than one metre after time is recorded or permits the horse to drag the stock more than 1 metre after time is recorded. The competitor will be disqualified and fined \$50 for the first offence, \$100 for the second, \$150 for the third and so on. All infringements must be notified to head office so fines can be collected.

39.15.2 Not having made catch and tie within the time limit allowed.

39.15.3 Failing to contest on suitable stock drawn for the contest.

39.15.4 Failing to contest when called by chute boss or arena director.

39.15.5 Roping cattle without releasing loop from the hand.

39.15.6 Cheating with stock, or position of stock in chutes.

39.15.7 Ill-treating stock.

39.15.8 Failure of cross legged tie hold to judges satisfaction

39.15.9 Failure to use approved roping device at A.P.R.A. affiliated rodeos

39.15.10 Touching calf after giving finish signal and before judge completes examination.

## **STEER ROPING CONTEST**

40.1 There shall be a thirty (30) second time limit.

40.2 Stock to be numbered and drawn.

40.5 Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging steer. Contestant must not receive assistance of any kind from outside, but if horse drags steer, field judge may stop horse, and any penalty for such offence can only be assessed by the field judge.

40.6 After catching steer with rope, roper must dismount and touch steer forward of the shoulder to record time. Time is taken on the signal of the field judge's flag.

40.7 Tie must hold for the satisfaction of the flag judge after time has been recorded for it to be passed as a fair catch by the field judge.

40.8 When claiming steer to record time, steer must be standing on all four legs.

40.9 Untie man must not touch steer until catch has been passed by the field judge.

40.10 Steer must be roped around the neck, horns, or half head. If steer is caught other than that described, it is a foul or no catch. If a foul catch is made a second loop may be used, but the first must be released from the steer or saddle.

40.11 In the Steer Roping event an open gate catch pen may apply in a one head contest, however, it should remain shut in a two head and where an average payout applies.

40.12 Roper will be fined \$50 and disqualified if stock is jerked down hard by horse with the first jerk of the catch rope. A jerk down means that stock is jerked down hard, at the discretion of the judge.

40.13 Steers for Steer Roping to weigh minimum 200 kg maximum 250kg.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

40.14.1 Not having made the catch and time within time limit allowed.

40.14.2 Failing to contest on suitable stock drawn for contest.

40.14.3 Failing to contest when called by chute boss or arena director.

40.14.4 Catching steer before its head crosses the barrier line.

40.14.5 Failure of rope to hold to the satisfaction of the judge.

40.14.6 Cheating with steer or position of steers in chutes.

40.14.7 Ill-treating stock.

40.14.8 Roping steer without releasing loop from the hands.

40.14.9 Using roping device not approved by the A.P.R.A

### **STEER WRESTLING**

41.1 Steer must be caught from horse, if steer gets loose after being caught, contestant may only take one step to recapture it.

41.2 There is only one hazer permitted.

41.3 Contestant must furnish his own hazer and horses.

41.4 After catching steer, contestant must bring it to a stop or change direction and twist it down.

41.5 Hazer and contestant to start their run from behind the start line.

41.6 If a steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown before being brought to a stop, it must be let upon all four feet and twisted down by head or horns. Steer will be considered down when it is lying flat on the ground on its near side or back with all four legs straight. Contestant must have hand on steer when time is signalled. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the field judge and his decision shall be final. Time is taken on the signal of the field judge's flag. If contestant misses or loses steer, he must signal the field judge immediately if he wishes to continue. Contestant and hazer must use their respective horse throughout the run and hazer must not render the contestant any assistance.

41.7 There shall be no assistance from any other person to the contestant in the event.

41.8 Steer Wrestling stock must weight in the vicinity of 400lbs to 500lbs (181kg – 227kg) and be as even as possible stock to have suitable horns and must be a minimum of nine (9) inches in length. Male cattle only to be used which includes steers and mickeys.

41.9 Arena conditions will determine the length of score by the judge and timed event director if present subject to the condition set forth herein.

41.10 Any fresh steers not thrown down during competition will be thrown down after completion of the go-round. Contestant will be responsible to throw down such steers under supervision of the arena director or event director.

41.11 Cattle not to be held over from one year to the next without approval of the A.P.R.A. Steer Wrestling Director.

41.12 Fresh steers added to steers which have already been used, must be steer wrestled from horseback and thrown down.

41.13 Steer Wrestling chute must have at least thirty (30) inch clearance inside chute and at gate, when gate is open.

41.14 Steer Wrestling hazers are to be A.P.R.A. members in good standing except for bona fide local entries.

41.15 In steer wrestling events, the barrier is to be a minimum of half the length of the box except where arena conditions are suitable, the length of the barrier will be at the discretion of the event director/judges.

41.16 All Steer Wrestlers must leave from behind the barrier on the left hand side of the box.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

41.17.1 Not having made catch and time within the limit allowed.

41.17.2 Assistance in any form by the hazer while contestant is wrestling steer.

41.17.3 Failing to contest on suitable stock drawn for contest.

41.17.4 Failing to contest when called by chute boss or arena director.

41.17.5 Cheating with steer or position of steer in chutes.

41.17.6 Ill-treating stock.

### **TEAM ROPING**

42.1 No roper to compete without payment of an entry fee. This will allow each contestant to compete once on his entry and once on another contestant's entry. Contestants are not allowed to compete more than once with the same partner.

42.2 Team roping is a thirty second (30) contest with points being counted toward All Around and Rookie standings. Each team is allowed two loops per team. The header must come from behind the barrier.

42.3 Header must start from behind barrier on the left hand side of timed event box and must throw loop at the head. There will be a ten second (10) penalty for beating the barrier. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for it except for cases of mechanical failure or fouls.

42.3.1 The header may start from behind the barrier on the right hand side of the box provided permission is given by the committee and the stock contractor.

42.4 Time will be taken when steer is roped with both horses facing steer with ropes dalled and tight. Horses front feet must be on the ground and ropers mounted when time is taken. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.

42.5 In a one head of stock contest header shall have one throw at the head only.

42.6 If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over horn or head with his hand.

42.7 If healer ropes the front foot or feet in the feet loop this is considered a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.

42.8 Steer must not be handled roughly (hit with rope when down etc.) Ropers to be flagged out if in the opinion of the flag judge they have intentionally done so.

42.9 Cattle to be in the vicinity of four to six hundred pounds (180 - 300 kg) in weight with horns at least 7 inches long (17.5 cm).

42.10 All contract team roping cattle must be fitted with protective horn wraps.

42.11 There are only three legal head catches.

42.11.1 Around both horns.

42.11.2 Around the neck.

42.11.3 Half head catch.

42.12 If honda passes over 1 horn and loop goes over the other horn, catch is illegal.

42.13 Any heel catch behind the shoulders is legal provided rope goes up heel.

42.14 Catching only one hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.

42.15 If loop crosses itself in head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.

42.17 In team roping events the barrier is to be a minimum of half the length of the box except where arena conditions are unsuitable, the length of the barrier will be at the discretion of the event director/judges.

42.18 In team roping events an open gate catch pen may apply in a one head contest however it should remain shut in a two headed and where an average pay out applies.

42.19 If competitors in the team roping event are 50 years of age and over, they are permitted to tie their ropes (hard and fast) on saddle horn (HEELERS ONLY).

42.20 In team roping where a Second Division member is eligible for bonus pay out on an open members entry then the bonus applies. If a team of two permit members are eligible, bonus is to be split between them.

42.21 The heel loop cannot come in contact with the steer's legs until both of the following happen – the header has control of the steer's head and the steer's hips have changed direction. Even if the steer stops, slows down or drifts toward the header, the two above directives must still be observed.

42.22 All steers used in Team Roping must be fitted with APRA approved horn wraps which protect steers ears from the rope.

42.23 Any header who unduly handles their stock roughly and jerks the steer off its feet in Team Roping events will be disqualified at the discretion of the Judge.

42.24 Should a contestant in the Team Roping withdraw from the event after the contest has commenced, his partner may select a replacement from competitors entered at the same rodeo. A replacement may not be one who already has the maximum number of runs allowed in the Team Roping at that rodeo. Only the original entered competitor is eligible for standings NFR points.

42.25 If the heading competitor misses neither competitor can throw a rope at the steer.

### **STEER OR BULLOCK RIDING**

43.1 Same rule to apply as for Bull Riding apart from the need for any bell on the rope or flanks and the age of restrictions. Bulls cannot be used in the same contest.

43.2 No flank should be used in steer rides unless they are contract stock.

43.2.1 The 12 and under bonus will be paid to the highest placing competitor who had not turned 13 years of age prior to the commencement of the points year. Bonus will be paid if an eligible member places in the official placings. Bonus to be two times the add back amount but no more than the lowest placed prizemoney.

43.2.2 Points will be allocated to the 4 competitors in the 12 and under age group in each Junior event for an end of year pro tour title. Points will be 1<sup>st</sup> place = 80 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 60 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 40 points, and 4<sup>th</sup> place = 20 points.

### **PODDY RIDING**

43.3 The rider must be able to attempt the ride unassisted.

43.4 At no time must a person or persons assist the rider in any way after the chute gate opens included holding onto the calf's tail or ears.

43.5 Protection clowns may assist the rider dismounting by holding onto the rider only.

## **JUNIOR BULL RIDING**

44.1 Flanks to be used on junior bulls.

44.2 Judges to ensure a competent person flanks the junior bulls

44.3 Stock must be suitable for juniors and cannot be used in an open event. Judges, Directors or Deputy Directors to rule on the suitability of junior bulls and may cancel the event at their discretion. Horns must be tipped to 25mm if horns extra thin, tipped half their size.

44.4 Junior bull riding standings shall be separate from junior steer riding or 2nd division bull riding points standings and none shall be carried into another event.

44.5 Competitor must be 14, 15, 16 or 17 years of age at the commencement of the rodeo season to be eligible to enter junior bull riding contests.

44.6 No hot shots are to be used once the stock is in the chute.

## **BARREL RACING**

45.1 Competitors may go either to the right or left barrel first but must take one right and two left turns or one left and two right turns.

45.2 A five second penalty will apply for knocking over a barrel

45.3 Competitors will be disqualified for not following the pattern or not being ready when name is called. Touching the barrel is permitted.

45.4 Should a barrel be knocked over and is set up again on opposite end five second penalty will apply.

45.5 The starting and finishing line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The horse's nose will be marked as it passed the score line both ways.

45.6 The starting and finishing line must be in line with the first and second drums.

45.7 Should for any reason the barrels not be placed on the markers or timers are not in correct position the whole event must be re-run, with everything in order. Judges must make the decision that the barrels are not on correct markers at time of event before barrels are moved from position. Should this happen, competitors and judges should be notified, then judges and arena directors will set time for re-run.

45.8 Contestants must be able to ride unassisted from the time line in the junior or open barrel races at APRA rodeos.

45.9 Drums must be 44 gallon size (empty) and have at least one end enclosed. Closed end to be at top.

45.10 If a competitor desires to withdraw for any reason, e.g. Veterinary certificate the decision will be left to the discretion of the judges.

45.11 When a competitor turns down a run she will be disqualified for the remaining performance of rodeo.

45.12 Any member of the association who does not follow the above rules is liable to a fine, suspension or both.

45.13 Timers are to be informed that clocks are not to be stopped until a girl has completed the course or in the event of an accident.

45.14 A contestant is restricted to one horse for barrel racing unless there be six entries or less. The rodeo committee then has the right to allow two horses per contestant, high money horse then being the points winning horse. A horse is restricted to one run per round. Two entries must be paid when two horses are entered.

45.15 Jackpot barrel races are not points award.

45.16 Before commencement of rodeo, horses may be exercised in arena with the approval of the committee, director and/or stock contractor. No setting up of drums in arena on day of rodeo. No circling around markers once course is marked. Any member abusing this privilege may be removed from the arena by committee, director and/or stock contractor. Further disciplinary action may be taken.

45.17 One revolution (one roll back, tail turn) is permitted to start a pattern. The time event box is not part of the arena in the barrel race.

45.18 A .5 second difference between clocks, competitors to have option of re-run. Only if a clear round is run.

45.19 Hats must be cleared from arena before next run.

45.20 Where a full course can be fitted in the arena it must be marked but cannot exceed maximum measurements.

45.21 Hitting horse around head or excessive use of whip, over and under in barrel race competition will result in disqualification for the duration of the rodeo. Ruled by judges. There will be no refund of entry fees. Further disciplinary action may be taken by the board in the form of a fine.

45.22 Once entering the arena/alleyway box, two whips or contacts with an under and over action are allowed going to the first drum. Exceeding this will result in disqualification. More than two whips between barrels and four whips coming home or more than two contacts between barrels and four contacts coming home with an over and under will result in disqualification. To be ruled by judge. Once entered the arena box, two whips or contacts with an under and over action are allowed going to the first drum. Exceeding this will result in disqualification.

45.23 RECORD ATTEMPT - To record an official record, measurements, rules, equipment etc. must be checked and confirmed in order by both judges.

45.24 If the electric eye fails to work for more than one half of the contest in an entire go-round, the back up (manual) recorded times will be the official times for all contestants in that go round. When manual clocks are used the times should be to the hundredth of a second. Two clocks must be used. If one clock fails, time will be taken from the remaining clock, a back up clock is to be used where possible. Average time from two clocks to be official judges time.

45.25 If a junior and open barrel race is run consecutively the open event will run first.

45.26 When the electric timers are in use in the ladies and junior barrel races, that 5 digits are to be written down on judges sheet by timers/judges eg. 17.312 not 17.31 (to the third decimal place).

45.27 Trade outs will be allowed 3 times in the season for the barrel race. Signature of one judge to be on the judges sheet. Tradeouts are to be done through Head Office by 3pm the business day prior to the rodeo.

45.28.1 If barrels are not marked at least 1hr prior to 1st Section, the last 2 barrel racing competitors in that section will be responsible to mark the barrel course or will be fined \$50 each on 1st occasion. If there is a 2nd occasion that competitors do not fulfil this responsibility the fine will increase to \$100. Day members excluded.

45.28.2 The last 2 competitors in each section are responsible for ensuring that the electric timers are assembled ready for judges prior to the barrel race and placed on the correct markers. NB: -It is the competitor's responsibility to find out where they have drawn prior to the rodeo and to have equipment (e.g. pegs) available for their use. Competitors are encouraged to seek assistance or direction from the Directors/Deputy Directors as necessary when setting the course.

45.29 A tractor drag of the arena surface must be done at the commencement, completion and after a maximum of 7 competitors (or less) in both the slack and performance. I.e. If there are 24 competitors drawn in the slack and 7 in the performance, then a tractor drag must occur after 7 competitors (or less) in the slack and vice versa. This is the responsibility of the committee or stock contractors. If a tractor is unavailable, then a similarly suitable implement is acceptable.

45.30 Open members must ride in a western saddle. Permit members who break open mid year may finish the remaining points year in their existing saddle.

45.31 If a competitor fails to respond as ready to compete once the chute boss has called their name three (3) times the chute boss can then call on the next competitor in the draw. Once that next barrel racer fills that position, there will be no opportunity for the competitor that failed to respond to compete. Touching the barrel is permitted. A safe and clear entry area must be provided for all competitors.



45.32 The electric timer shall be set at the same height and position for each performance or slack. The height of the timers shall be between 36 inches (91.4cm) and 42 inches (106.7cm) from the ground.

45.33 The Junior Barrel Race event be split into two age groups. The age groups would be the current age group and a 12 & Under age group. This would be optional for committees to choose whether they run one age group or both.

45.34 All other barrel racing courses can only be on the open course if the open has been completed. A second course will be set if this does not occur. The junior course will be set 15ft to 20ft closer to the timers from the first, second and third barrels or a minimum of 10ft if arena size suggests this. If this minimum distance cannot be met all Junior barrel Racing must run at completion of the Ladies Barrel Race.

45.35.1 A Novice Barrel Horse Declaration to be filled in and received upon entering. Declarations to be available of website, Barrel Racing Director to keep track of declarations.

45.35.2 Must be paid out as per APRA prizemoney rules therefore no divisional payouts.

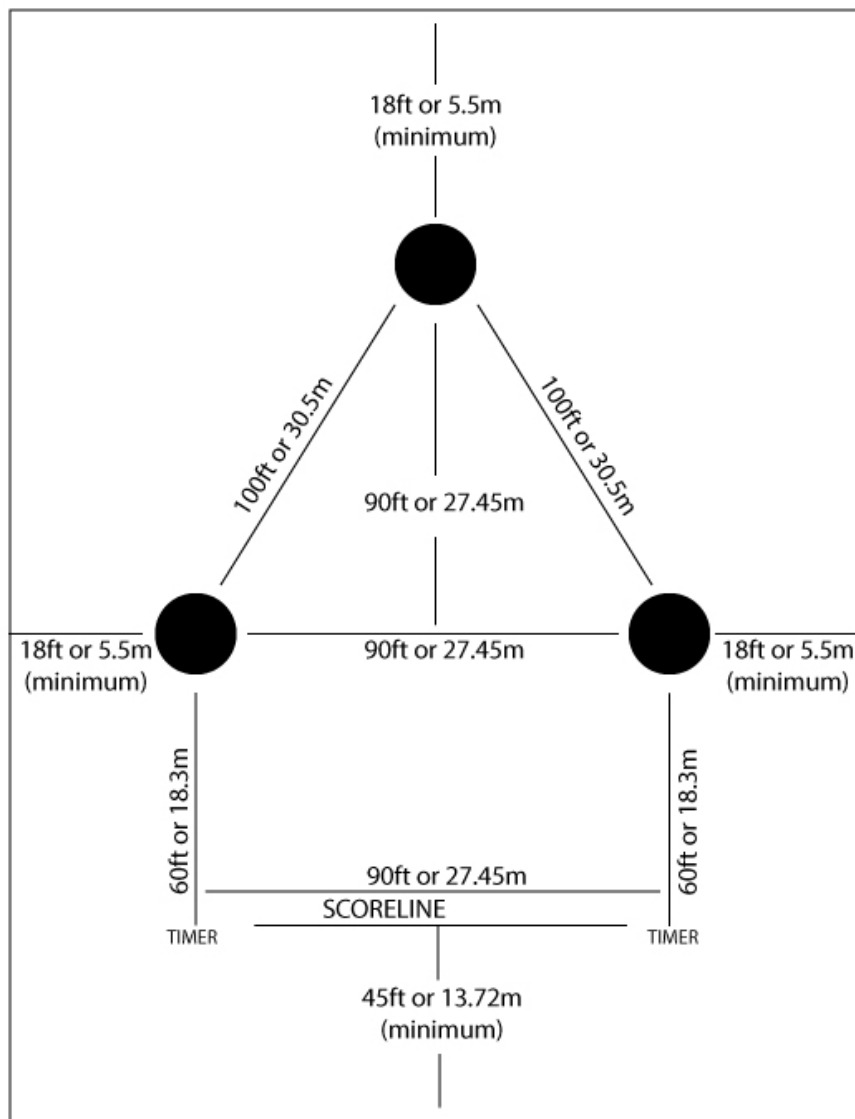
45.35.3 A Novice Barrel race or additional Junior age barrel races are not to be approved at Limited Event Rodeos. If a promotor or committee runs a novice without notification on affiliation form, insurance for this event will not apply. Overlap of other affiliates for a Novice barrel race are not to run on the same day or complex as an APRA event.

45.35.4 The horse can win a total of 3 Novice Barrel races with the APRA. This horse must not have won an Open Barrel Race of 17 and Under Junior barrel race at any other recognised rodeo association.

45.35.5 Entry fee to be set with APRA Administration levy of \$25 in mind. Levy Sheet to be recorded and sent to APRA Head Office.

45.36 Novice Barrel Race is not to be run on the Junior or Open course. Ideally it will be run on completion of rodeo however if it is conducted prior to start of rodeo, a complete repack and levelling of surface must take place to ensure there is no evidence of ruts or tracks that may interfere with the rodeo barrel racing. Overlap of other affiliates for a Novice Barrel race are not to run on the same day or complex as an APRA event.

# BARREL RACING DIAGRAM



## **BREAKAWAY ROPING**

46.2 One rope to be used. Roping head of stock without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.

Rule 46.3 Ropes to be tied firmly at the end of rope to the saddle horn with 3 pieces of heavy duty jute string. Rope must also have bright coloured or white cloth for clear visual attached to end of the rope at saddle horn.

46.4 The rope must pass over the head and draw up as a clean neck catch around the neck, hump or brisket, no legs or figure of eight on the tail. Stock with horns measuring 125mm (5inches) or more can be roped around neck, both horns, half head. Any other catch is illegal including- a. If loop crosses itself in head catch it is illegal. B. If honda passes over one horn and the loop over the other, catch is illegal. Judges to determine the length of the horns and the legal catches prior to the commencement of the event. No mixed stock to be used in any one contest.

46.5 The flag judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the horn of the saddle.

46.6 Contestants will receive no time should she break rope from the saddle horn by hand or by touching rope or string after catch is completed.

46.7 Ten second penalty for breaking barrier.

46.8 There will be a 20 second time limit.

46.10 All stock must be drawn.

46.11 Rope and Tie, Steer Roping and Breakaway Roping contestants must start the contest from behind the barrier on the right hand side of the box.

## **STEER UNDECORATING**

47.1 Time limit 15 seconds.

47.2 Ribbon to be taken form left hand side of steer.

47.3 Penalty for breaking barrier is 10 seconds.

47.4 Two timers, a flag judge on horse back and a barrier to be used.

47.5 Ribbon to be returned to flag judge.

47.6 Each contestant must use a hazer who is a current APRA member.

47.7 Arena must be cleared after each run.

47.8 If beast leaves the arena after the clocks are started, the clocks are to be stopped and a re-run to be awarded with time already recorded added on. If barrier is broken 10 second penalty is to be added to time recorded. Contestant to take re-run without barrier.

47.9 If ribbon falls off beast a complete re-run is to be awarded.

47.10 Time to be taken when girl's arm reaches her shoulder.

### **JUNIOR BAREBACK BRONC RIDE**

48.1 All Bareback riggings must be made of leather only (handhold must be loose and no raw hide to be used).

48.2 Flank straps to be correctly fitted and able to be adjusted to suit ponies.

48.3 Bareback riding gloves to be made of thin soft leather and must not have any chocks in them. Benzoin is not to be used on gloves. No finger tucks.

48.4 All contestants must ride in correctly fitted helmets and vests.

48.5 Contestant will not be disqualified for a missed mark out.

48.6 Event may be a 6 second contest or 8 second contest as determined by judges or directors.

48.7 All stock in Junior Bareback bronc ride must be handled and tried out before going to a rodeo.

48.8 Ponies must be at least 4 years of age or more.

48.9 Minimum weight 200kg.

48.10 Stock to be removed from arena before the one next in is bucked.

48.11 All ponies to be cross tied in chute by experienced person.

48.12 Contestant and pony to be matched up according to size. Bigger contestants are not permitted to ride small ponies. (Judges to rule on suitability of match up).

48.13 Due to the necessity to match contestants with in stock this will remain a non-points event.

48.14 All stock must be supplied by an approved A.P.R.A stock contractor and the board reserves the right to ban any stock they deem as unsuitable.

48.15 All other A.P.R.A rules and conditions including animal welfare standards must be strictly adhered to.

48.16 An extra 5 points will be awarded per judge for marking out.

48.17 To compete in the Junior Bareback contestants must be aged 10-16 years old.

48.18 The 12 and under bonus will be paid to the highest placing competitor who had not turned 13 years of age prior to the commencement of the points year. Bonus will be paid if an eligible member places in the official placings. Bonus to be two times the addback amount but no more than the lowest placed prizemoney.

49.19 Points will be allocated to the 4 competitors in the 12 and under age group in each Junior event for an end of year pro tour title. Points will be 1<sup>st</sup> place = 80 points, 2nd place = 60 points, 3rd place = 40 points, and 4th place = 20 points.

### **JUNIOR TEAM ROPING**

49.1 Each Competitor gets 1 run and can rope with a senior volunteer competitor who is entered at the rodeo. Only the junior competitor that makes a qualified run will be eligible for points and/or prize money, senior competitors will not place. Contestant can compete with another junior and this will count as a run for header and heeler unless they are just filling a spot (this must be advised to judges before run). Senior volunteer competitor does not pay entry fees and can have a maximum of 2 runs with different competitors but only one run with each individual junior competitor. This also applies to the Junior National Finals Rodeo.

Header	Heeler	Time	Place
Junior	Senior	9.00	1st Place Header
Senior	Junior	10.00	1st Place Heeler
Junior	Junior	11.00	2nd Place Header and Heeler
Senior	Junior	12.00	3rd Place Heeler
Junior	Junior	13.00	3rd Place Header 4th Place Heeler
Junior	Junior	14.00	4th Place Header

If payouts are 4 ways and last hole has only one junior placing, prize money to go to the next qualified time. An option of no-dally rule for heeler will carry a 5 second penalty and flag/field judge must be notified by contestant that they are not dallying prior to each run. All other rules to be as per senior team roping rules and guidelines.

49.2 The 12 and under bonus will be paid to the highest placing competitor who had not turned 13 years of age prior to the commencement of the points year. Bonus will be paid if an eligible member places in the official placings. Bonus to be two times the addback amount but no more than the lowest placed prizemoney.

49.3 Points will be allocated to the 4 competitors in the 12 and under age group in each Junior event for an end of year pro tour title. Points will be 1<sup>st</sup> place = 80 points, 2nd place = 60 points, 3rd place = 40 points, and 4th place = 20 points.

## **JUNIOR BARREL RACE**

### 50.1 Rules for Junior Membership

50.1.1 Contestants must be able to ride unassisted from the timeline in the junior or open barrel races at APRA rodeos.

50.1.3 Points will be allocated to the four (4) competitors in the 12 and under age group for end of year qualification and champion title. Points will be 1<sup>st</sup> place 80; 2<sup>nd</sup> place 60; 3<sup>rd</sup> place 40; 4<sup>th</sup> place 20.

50.1.4 The 12 and under bonus will be paid to the highest placing competitor who had not turned 13 years of age prior to the commencement of the points year. Bonus will be paid if an eligible member places in the official placings. Bonus to be two times the addback amount but no more than the lowest placed prizemoney.

## **JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING**

51.1 The 12 and under bonus will be paid to the highest placing competitor who had not turned 13 years of age prior to the commencement of the points year. Bonus will be paid if an eligible member places in the official placings. Bonus to be two times the addback amount but no more than the lowest placed prizemoney.

51.2 Points will be allocated to the 4 competitors in the 12 and under age group in each Junior event for an end of year pro tour title. Points will be 1<sup>st</sup> place = 80 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 60 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 40 points, and 4<sup>th</sup> place = 20 points.