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#### **Articles of Association**

- 1. The name of the association is the Lakeland Rodeo Association**
- 2. The objects of the association are:**
  - (a) To organize non-professional rodeo contestants for their mutual benefit and protection.**
  - (b) To co-operate, in so far as possible, with the management of all rodeos at which members contest.**
  - (c) To protect members against unfairness on the part of any rodeo management**
  - (d) To bring about honest advertising by the rodeo association so that the public may rely on the truth of advertised events in which it is claimed that members of the society will participate.**
  - (e) To work for the betterment of conditions and of rules governing rodeo events in which the members of the society take part.**
- 3. The operations of the association are to be chiefly carried on in the Dominion of Canada.**

#### **BY-LAWS OF LAKELAND RODEO ASSOCIATION**

##### **A. INTERPRETATION**

**The expression defined hereinafter shall, unless the context requires, have the following meanings.**

- 1. "THE ASSOCIATION" means the Lakeland Rodeo Association.**
- 2. "A MEMBER" means a person who has been granted a membership in the association.**
- 3. "APPROVED RODEO" means a rodeo that is approved by the association.**
- 4. "UNAPPROVED RODEO" means a rodeo, with paid admission and having more than two major events, which is not approved by the rodeo association or by a rodeo association which is recognized by the L.R.A.**

5. **“GUARANTEED LIST” means a list of members whose entry fees are guaranteed by the association.**
6. **“SUSPENDED LIST” means a list of members and others who cannot enter and compete at approved rodeos.**
7. **“CASH LIST” means a list of members who must pay their entry fees, dues, etc., by cash, money order or certified cheque.**
8. **“MANAGEMENT” means the rodeo committee or the rodeo producer.**
9. **“LOCAL CONTESTANT” means a contestant not holding an LRA card, who is eligible to compete at two rodeos per year**

## **B. MEMBERSHIPS**

1. **Memberships shall be open to such persons who are connected in any way with rodeos as the executive may decide to admit.**
2. **All members shall be subject to all the by-laws, rules and regulations of the association.**
3. **The annual membership fee will be set by the board of directors. Membership fees will be due and payable on the first day of January each year.**
4. **Each member shall upon payment of his membership dues be given a membership card in a form approved by the executive.**
5. **Every member of the association in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association, with the exception of junior members who may vote only on issues which directly pertain to events in which they are actively participating. All members shall be eligible to vote in an election of officers.**
6. **All new members will be required to sign a claims release before receiving a membership and anyone under eighteen ( 18) years of age must have ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN sign also, and any other releases that the executive deems necessary and also must be signed.**

- 7. Members will receive the same card number annually, and in the event of death or retirement, that number will be retired.**
- 8. Members are the only contestants who can work an approved rodeo where an entry fee is paid, with the exception of local entries.**
- 9. The Lakeland Rodeo Association will not accept a membership from anyone who is known to be on the suspended list of any other recognized rodeo association.**
- 10. L.R.A. contestants will be admitted free of charge for the performance in which they are competing, upon presentation at the gate of their current L.R.A. membership card.**
- 11. Any member may terminate his membership at any time by returning his card with a letter stating his intentions to the association secretary.**
- 12. By being a member of the association, a member releases to the association the right to use his/her name and/or picture for the good of the association or the sport of rodeo, as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale involved.**
- 13. Lakeland Rodeo Association membership will not be sold to anyone holding a PRCA or CPRA card. If the card is dropped to a semi-pro status, then the person may purchase an LRA membership. In the case where an LRA member purchased a full PRCA or CPRA card the LRA will revoke the LRA membership.**
- 14. All Secretaries, Timers, Stock Contractors, Bull Fighters, Judges, Pick-Up Men, Contract Acts, and Announcers must have an LRA membership BEFORE working an LRA rodeo must be non-competing, non-voting members. Stock Contractors will be liable for payment of card if not purchased by HIS contract people.**
- 15. One-timers must have held a card the prior year.**
- 16. All committees must send a list of personnel to the LRA office two weeks prior to the first performance.**
- 17. In the event the Lakeland Rodeo Association dissolves for any reason, Gaming Funds have to be transferred to a Non-Profitable Charitable Organization.**

### **C. Meetings**

- 1. The first annual meeting of the association was held at the town of Spedden in the province of Alberta. Subsequent annual meetings shall be held once in each calendar year at a suitable location at such time as the executive shall determine.**
- 2. Meetings of the members of the association, other than the annual meetings, may be convened and held at any time that the executive determines.**
- 3. At least seven (7) days previous notice of the time and place of holding a meeting of the association other than the annual general meeting shall be given by the Secretary or other persons designated for that purpose, by written or printed notice mailed by ordinary postage prepaid to each member of the association. Every such notice shall be deemed to be delivered to and received by the addresses on the day next following the mailing thereof at the last given address of each member.**
- 4. The business of the annual general meeting shall be to receive and consider the accounts and balance sheets of the association, the auditor's report, the election of the auditor the ensuing year, and to elect directors and officers for the following year.**
  - (a) Nominations for executive and director will be called for in the July issue of the newspaper, with the names of all persons nominated listed in the August issue of the paper. Election will be held by secret ballot at the annual general meeting**
  - (b) All members in good standing will be allowed to vote by proxy. Ballots must be sent in writing and signed by member.**
- 5. The president or in his absence the Vice-President of the association shall preside at every general meeting.**
- 6. If there is no President or Vice-President of the association, or if at any general meeting neither of the officers are present with fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding of the meeting, or is unwilling to act as Chairman, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.**
- 7. Two (2) members personally present shall be a quorum for a general meeting for the choice of a Chairman and the adjournment of the meeting. For all other purposes, the quorum for an annual meeting shall be fifteen (15) members personally present and the quorum for any other general meeting shall be six (6) members personally present. No business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of the business.**
- 8. All matters arising or dealt with at any general meeting of the association shall be carried or decided by a bare majority of those voting.**
- 10. The constitution can be amended by a majority vote of the general meeting.**

#### **D. Officer**

- 1. The officers of the association shall be**
  - (a) President**
  - (b) Vice-president**
  - (c) Secretary**
- 2. Each retiring officer or member of the executive shall be eligible for re-election.**
- 3. The president and vice-president will be elected for 2 year terms. The president will be elected in even years and the vice-president elected in odd years.**
- 4. The board of directors will have the power to replace to remove any person from the board at any time, if they decide that person is not representing the association's best interests.**
- 5. The board of directors will have the power to replace any hired personnel if the person is not representing the association's best interests.**

#### **E. Executive**

- 1. The affairs, business, rules, regulations, and activities of the association shall be under control, management, and direction of an executive board consisting of the officers of the association and the following directors appointed or elected as hereafter provided.**
- 2. A nominee to be eligible for the executive board must be a member of good standing.**
- 3. The board will consist of nine (9) directors to be elected for two (2) year terms, with the saddle bronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, and team roping to be elected in odd years, and the bareback, tie down roping, and barrel racing to be elected in even years. A judging director will be elected in even years.**
- 4. Two (2) representatives elected from the stock contractors and two (2) representatives elected from among the rodeo committees will also have a vote on the Board of Directors.**
- 5. Meetings of the executive shall be held upon written or oral notice given by the Secretary under the direction of the President or in his absence from the Vice President, at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the meeting, provided however, that a meeting may be called on shorter notice with the consent of four (4) members of the executive.**

6. A quorum for the purpose of meetings of the executive shall be four (4) of the current members of the executive provided however that in such quorum there is at least one (1) officer.
7. All matters arising or dealt with at any meeting of the executive shall be decided or carried by a bare majority of those voting thereon; in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
8. A resolution signed by all members of the executive shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a duly called meeting or casting vote.
9. The executive shall cause true accounts to be kept of:
  - (a) the assets of the society
  - (b) the sums of money received and expended by the society and of matters in respect of which receipts and expenditures took place.
10. The executive shall cause minutes to be made and kept, in books provided for the purpose of:
  - (a) all appointments and elections of officers and members of the executive
  - (b) all members of the society of the executive, and all committees.
11. The executive may from time to time appoint such committees as it may deem advisable, and all such committees may in addition to the members of the executive, appoint such other persons to act in an advisory capacity as it may deem advisable.
12. If a director misses (2) consecutive meetings, he may be replaced by the Board of Directors if he is not present at the third meeting.

#### **F. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the executive.
2. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties. In the absence of both President and Vice-President, a chairman may be selected from the quorum.
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and other reports of the association and the executive. She shall conduct the official correspondence and be responsible for the safe custody of all records and documents relating to the association. She shall keep a thorough and accurate account of all money received by her and shall deposit same in the name of the association in such depository as shall be

designated by the executive. She shall not disburse any of the monies of the association except by cheque drawn on such depository and signed by herself on behalf of the association. At each annual meeting she shall make a full report of the financial condition of the association which must be audited by the auditor of the association between the end of the fiscal year and the next annual meeting.

4. All the officers or members of the executive shall in addition perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the executive.
5. The books and records of the association may be inspected by any member in good standing at the office of the Secretary, at any reasonable time.

#### **G. REMUNERATION**

1. Officers and directors shall be paid for fuel consumed to attend director's meetings which are not held in conjunction with any L.R.A. approved rodeo, or for other meetings as approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **H. FISCAL YEAR**

1. The fiscal year of the society shall commence on the first day of November in each calendar year.

#### **I. RODEO YEAR**

1. The rodeo year shall end each and every year, two (2) weeks before the date set for the finals rodeo. The next rodeo year will commence at that time.

#### **J. RULES COMMITTEE**

1. The executive and directors shall be the rules committee and trophy committee.
2. The rules committee may amend, delete, or incorporate rules.

#### **K. BORROWING POWERS**

For the purpose of carrying out its objects, the association may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manners as it thinks fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures, but this power shall be exercised only under the authority of the association, and in no case shall debentures be issued without the sanction of a special resolution has been duly given.

#### **L. BY-LAWS**

The by-laws may be rescinded, altered or added by a "Special Resolution" passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of such members entitled to vote as are present in person, at a general meeting, at which one month's notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given.

## **M. SEAL OF THE SOCIETY**

**The association does not have custody of a seal.**

## **SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP**

### **A. GENERAL**

- 1. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those related to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.**
- 2. Where a specific penalty is not fixed by these rules regulations and by-laws for the violation of any provisions herein, the Board of Directors may fine and/or suspend (upon conviction) any member for the violation thereof.**
- 3. Members are the only contestants who can work the major events at approved rodeos, with the exception of local contestants.**
  - (a) local contestants may enter two (2) L.R.A. rodeos per year.**
- 4. No person shall work an L.R.A. approved rodeo when said is appearing on the suspended list, which shall be posted with the secretary of each approved rodeo, unless he has been cleared by the association Secretary.**
- 5. Should any contestant fail to meet any financial obligation to a member rodeo, that fact shall be reported to the Secretary of the association, and the contestant shall be barred from competing in any member rodeo until obligations are met.**
- 6. Any member may be fined, suspended, or both, from the association for any of the following offenses:**
  - (a) Non-payment of entry fees**
  - (b) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges or management, at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, or foe talking with the judge or timer while an event is in progress. Violators of this rule shall be reported to the Association Board by the judge or judges involve, or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred**
  - (c) Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of the association or the sport of rodeo**
  - (d) Failure to abide by or disobedience of articles, by-laws, and rules of this association**
  - (e) Writers of NSF cheques must make restitution to the LRA secretary for the amount of the cheque plus a fine of \$30.00. Writers of the cheques will be automatically put on the suspended list until debt is paid and will be put on the cash list indefinitely.**

- (f) **Members whose names are on the association cash list will be allowed to write cheques providing they have a member in good standing write a letter to the association guaranteeing that members cheque.**
  - (g) **A member not paying his entry fees to a rodeo, for any reason, is to send those entry fees plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per event to the LRA Secretary. If these are not paid within thirty (30) days, the member must pay double the entry fees.**
- 7. By becoming a member of the association, a member releases to the association the right to his/her name and/or picture for the good of then association or the sport of rodeo, as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale involved.**
  - (a) At such times as any member is approached by a rodeo committee for the purpose of asking that member to sign autographs, interviews, or radio or TV, etc, for the purpose of advertising, the member will be expected by the association to co-operate to his utmost.**
- 8. The Board will expect the co-operation of any member when called upon by one of the association officials to represent the association's interest regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.**
- 9. Any LRA member guilty of damage to hotel property, or any damage that is reported to the association, will be blacklisted until the reported damages are made good to the satisfaction of the executive**
- 10. The year-end winner, plus the winner of the sudden death finals will be eligible to take out their pro card.**
- 11. Stock contractors will be required to purchase a non-competing stock contractors card at a cost equal to a contestants membership fee.**
- 12. If an event director is not present at any performance of a rodeo, the contestants may elect a representative from among themselves.**
- 13. Exhibition runs or rides will be allowed at a rodeo, at the discretion of the stock contractor.**
- 14. Personal sponsors cannot be announced by an announcer.**
- 15. Upon the judge's discretion, if a contestant is interfering with a performance, they will be asked to leave the arena. Failure to do so may result in a fine.**
- 16. Any contestant or contestants representative contacting any committee member or stock contractor to get moved from any rodeo or slack performance will be fined and/or disqualified at the Lakeland Rodeo Board of Directors discretion. Trades done other than through the Lakeland Rodeo Association office will not be tolerated.**

## **B. JUNIOR MEMBER**

- 1. All members fifteen (15) YEARS OF AGE AS OF January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, shall be required to pay a junior membership fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) + GST and must have both parent and guardians sign a release form.**
  - (a) Ages for both junior events are fifteen (15) years and under for Junior Barrel Racing; fifteen (15) years and under for Junior Bull Riding; Junior Steer Riding is under fourteen (14) years. Ages are as January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**
  - (b) A junior contestant will be required to buy a senior membership card if they want their points to count in the major events.**
- 2. Junior events will not be approved if the age limits are changed.**
- 3. Whatever age the contestants is on January 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered to be his age for the rodeo year**
- 4. At a general meeting, junior members shall not be allowed to vote except for events in which they are actively participating. All members including juniors shall be eligible to vote in an election of officers.**
- 5. Pee Wee Barrel Racing membership will be twenty dollars (\$20.00) + GST and must have one parent or guardian sign a release form. Members will be ten (10) years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and this event will not be recognized at the LRA Finals. Pee Wee Barrel Racing card holders will be ineligible to compete in the Junior Barrel Racing event. Jr. Barrel Racing card holders will be ineligible to compete in the Pee Wee Barrel Racing Event.**
- 6. A junior contestant turning out of a rodeo (s) that does not notify the LRA office by 1:00 pm on the Tuesday following callback day will be charged double their entry fees.**
- 7. A junior contestant (junior barrel racer/novice horse rider/junior bull rider) may enter the open events (ladies barrel racing/open saddle bronc or bareback/open bull riding) until they have won \$500.00 in the open event and then they will have to chose whether they will compete in the open or junior events. If they choose to compete in the open event their points will be eliminated in the junior event and they will be required to buy a full senior membership.**
- 8. A junior member (15 & under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>) may enter any senior event on a junior membership until they have won \$500, at which time they must buy a full membership.**

## **C. JUDGES & TIMERS**

1. **Judges, timers, and flagmen must be men or woman of experience.**
2. **The judges will be nominated and elected by the contestants unless the judging director has already appointed judges from the LRA approved list. LRA members are to have priority as nominees for judging.**
  - (a) **Judges will be required to hold a current card at a cost of \$50.00 + GST which will include a subscription to the paper.**
3. **A riding event judge, barrier judge or field flagman, cannot be changed during the course of a rodeo unless due to sickness or injury.**
4. **Whenever it is necessary to make exception to the rules due to unusual circumstances, the judge must confer with the LRA executive members present to discuss the possibility of unfair treatment to rodeo contestants entered at such rodeo.**
5. **if a judge hired to work a rodeo he is competing at, he must compete in the slack if slack is available at that rodeo.**
3. **Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books.**
4. **The riding event judges must also be field flagman and barrier judges for the timed event or be find a suitable replacement.**
5. **Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness or injury, or by request of an association official because of timer's incompetence, or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee and association official.**
  - (a) **A timer who times the first performance of a riding event must time that riding event for the duration of that rodeo, except as above provided in this his rule.**
6. **The flagman for Barrel Racing must be a rodeo judge.**
7. **Judges to be responsible for notifying the rodeo arena secretary of any fine levied on a contestant for any reason.**
8. **Judges will be required to carry stop watches, in the rough stock events at all LRA approved rodeos, including the Finals.**
9. **Judges are responsible for providing their own stop watches.**

10. The decision of any eligible judges, flagman or timers, will be final and no protests by contestants will be permitted.

## **SECTION II: FINES & SUSPENSIONS**

### **A. Turn-Out Fines**

1. Members and/or contestants will be fined and/or suspended for failure to abide by articles, by-laws and rules of this association.
2. Contestants turning out of a rodeo at position callback after receiving his first preference will be fined \$50.00 not receiving his preference will be fined \$10.00. Contestants turning out on Friday after receiving his first preference will be fined \$100.00, not receiving his first preference will be fined \$10.00. Contestants turning out of a rodeo after Tuesday 1PM will be fined \$100.00 regardless of his preference. All turnouts' fines will include applicable entry fees.
  - (a) Contestants will be fined \$100.00 if he chooses to turn out stock while present at the rodeo.
  - (b) A contestant turning out stock in the slack performance may still qualify to take his stock in another event during the paid performance.
  - (c) A turn-out fine will be waived for one (1) week from the turn-out date before a contestants name appears on the suspended list. Entry fees must be paid before the end of the rodeo.
  - (d) Turn-out fine will be paid to the association.
  - (e) There will be no fine for a contestant turning out stock in a finals performance (short go) at any rodeo.
  - (f) Turn-out fine will be waived if a contestant is set up at two LRA rodeos for the same performance without sufficient time to travel between the two. (Contestant will still be liable for all entry fees.)
  - (g) If a contestant's first head of stock is turned out by a judge, he will still be eligible to take his second head of stock but will be liable for a turn-out fine for the turned out stock.
  - (h) Slack may be entered as a first preference. Fines will be assessed the same as if entering a performance.
  - (i) Junior contestants do not pay a turn out fine if they notify the LRA office by Tuesday 1:00 PM Junior contestants entry fees will be doubled if office is not notified.
3. Any member (including junior) not paying their entry fees at a rodeo, for any reason is to send those fees plus five dollars (\$5.00) per event to the LRA Secretary. Members will also be fined a fine equivalent to the amount of the unpaid entry fees plus payment of the fees, unless the entry fees are paid within thirty (30) days of that rodeo.
4. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judge or management at any time between the opening, and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena,

**or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress. Violators of this rule shall be reported to the association Board by the judge or judges involved or by the arena or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred.**

- 5. No contestants may talk to a judge or a timer in any way until the end of the section, and this includes asking about re-rides. Such questions may be addressed to the judge only at the end of the event for that performance or later. Any contestant violating this regulation will be reported to the association office by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred. Violators are subject to an automatic ten dollar (\$10.00) fine.**
- 6. Stock contractors are obliged to have a bullfighter in attendance during the Bull riding event or be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) per performance.**
  - (a) If a bullfighter, after signing a contract, does not show up or send a suitable replacement to a rodeo, he is subject to an automatic fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).**
  - (b) The fine must be paid to the association before the association before the bullfighter can contact or work another LRA approved rodeo.**
- 7. The directors are empowered to suspend and/or disqualify any contestant for rule infractions at the time of the infraction. A minimum fine of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) is levied for any rule infraction.**
- 8. A contestant must make an honest attempt to compete on his stock or he will be subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). This ruling to be at the discretion of the judges.**
- 9. A bareback rider hanging up or unable to loosen his hand from the rigging when a pick-up man is in position to pick him up may be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) at the discretion of the judges, and the fine will be paid to the stock contractor.**
- 10. A contestant whose name appears on the suspended list three (3) times in any one (1) year, will be suspended from competing in the LRA for a period of one (1) year or, he may post a bond of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) cash. If at the end of the one (1) year he remains in good standing, he will be refunded his bond.**
- 11. A fine will be levied against any director for not being present at the finals rodeo unless a substitute is sent.**
- 12. Any member will be fined and/or suspended for misconduct or bad cheques issued to anyone in the community during an approved LRA rodeo (to include related people in the association, i.e. photographers.**

- 13. A two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine plus a five (5) rodeo suspension will be levied on any member attempting to sneak in, or sneak others into a rodeo, or to a member who is abusive to any rodeo committee personnel.**
- 14. Members will be given 14 days from the time of the offense to pay any fine levied by a judge with the exception of turn out fines.**
- 15. A \$50.00 fine will be levied on saddle bronc/bareback and/or bull riders for cutting the horse or/or bull with sharp spurs. The fine to be decided by the judge and paid to the stock contractor.**
- 16. The time on the judge's watch is confidential. Anyone looking at or asking to look at the watch other than the contestant competing will be fined \$50.00.**
- 17. A \$25.00 fine will be levied against a competitor for not wearing proper cowboy attire, including a long sleeved shirt with sleeves rolled down, boots and hat, on the grounds during the one hour period prior to rodeo time and one hour after the completion of the rodeo and for all paid and slack performances for the performance where member is entered.**
  - (a) Exceptions may be made to the dress code for persons with injuries or special needs.**
- 18. A contestant that does not have their pictures (head & shoulder) in the office by July 31 of each year for the finals program will be fined \$100.00.**
- 19. Unless entire rodeo is cancelled, each contestant must compete in their event/s or be considered a turnout with applicable fines.**

## **B. GENERAL CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION**

- 1. Contestants may be disqualified for any of the following offenses:**
  - (a) Being under the influence of liquor in the arena**
  - (b) Rowdiness or quarreling in the actual domain of the arena**
  - (c) Mistreatment of stock**
  - (d) Refusing to contest during a paid performance on an animal drawn for him**
  - (e) Not being ready to compete when called upon.**
  - (f) Cheating or attempting to cheat**
  - (g) Unnecessary delay in taking stock. (This action to be enforced by the judges when a legitimate complaint has been lodged by the chute boss or the man in charge).**

2. Contestants who turn out stock in a second go round or subsequent go-round cannot place in the average of that event nor can he win the All-Around award at the rodeo.
3. All contestants with horses must ride in the Grand Entry if requested to do so by the management, otherwise they may be fined.
4. In the timed events, competitor has twenty (20) seconds to nod for his stock after the judge informs him that his stock is ready to be taken, or he will be flagged out.
5. Bull riding rules will apply to junior bull riding.
6. Ladies Barrel racing rules will apply to junior barrel racing.

### **SECTION III: CONDUCT OF RODEO**

#### **A. APPLICATION FOR RODEO APPROVAL**

1. The rodeo approval fee will be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) + GST per rodeo.
  - (a) The rodeo approval fee will not be refunded to cancelled rodeo or for performances.
2. There must be at least seven (7) major events held in order to have rodeo approval
  - (a) The seven (7) major events are Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, and Steer Wrestling.
  - (b) Other approved events are Junior Bull Riding, Junior barrel Racing, Junior Steer Riding, Pee Wee Barrel Racing, Wild Horse Race, and Wild Cow Milking, but are not necessary for rodeo approval.
  - (c) Other unapproved events may be held during intermission providing they take no longer than thirty (30) minutes.
  - (d) Approved jackpot events may be included at a rodeo with the required number of approved events. No points are credited to winners of jackpot events.
  - (e) The association cannot tell a rodeo committee what events to have except that to be approved they must have seven (7) major events.
  - (f) Committees can feature a maximum of two (3) major events but the rest of the major events must be at equal added money.
  - (g) It must be specified on the rodeo approval application form in the Junior Steer Riding event whether they will be using yearling bulls or native cattle so that it may be advertised in the paper so that members are aware prior to entry date.
3. The rodeo date, list of events, prize money, slack time, etc. must be sent to the association Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the rodeo date so that all members may be notified of its approval.

- (a) **Deadline for requests to co-sanction a rodeo with another association must be received in the office by the first of April.**
  - (b) **When the LRA invites other associations to co-sanction a LRA rodeo the LRA will pay 2 % commission (1% from the LRA and 1% from committees requesting co-sanctioning) to accepting association(s). If more than one association accepts co-sanctioning the 2% will be split evenly amongst those attending associations. The LRA will look at co-sanctioning rodeos that are requested by other associations on the agreement that the LRA receives 2% commission from the hosting association with pending approval being a full board decision.**
- 4. The minimum prize money for each major event will be \$100 per performance. Minimum prize money for each of the approved junior events will be \$50 per rodeo.**
- 5. Entry fee Scale in Major Events**

<b>\$0-\$400 added:</b>	<b>EF: \$50</b>
<b>\$401-\$500 added:</b>	<b>EF: \$50</b>
<b>\$501-\$800 Added:</b>	<b>EF: \$60</b>
<b>\$801-UP added:</b>	<b>EF: \$75</b>
- Entry fee Scale for Junior & Novice Events**  
**EF: \$20-\$25 at discretion of the Board of Directors**
- Entry fee Scale for Pee Wee Events: EF: \$10**
- 6. The association reserves the right to withdraw its members from competition in a rodeo which does not conform to these rules, providing that an agreement cannot be reached between the rodeo management and the association director or directors present.**
- 7. All rodeo entries, except for local entries and entries for unapproved events will be talked through the C.E.S office.**
- 8. Stock contractors will be required to have the necessary stock information for drawing purposes, called to the office by Tuesday at 1:00 pm following callback day.**
- 9. The drawing of positions will be made on the day after entry closing day.**
- 10. All LRA members in good standing are on the Guaranteed List. Their entry fees are guaranteed at all LRA approved rodeos.**
- 11. The LRA and the rodeo management assume no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestants or**

**assistant. Each participant, by the act of his entry waives all claims against the LRA or the rodeo management for injuries he or his property may sustain.**

- 12. The association has no set price for salaries of timers, arena directors, secretaries or announcers.
  - (a) The fee for judging will be determined by the board of directors.**
  - (b) If slack is held before the first performance on a separate day, the judges will get paid the same as a performance.****
  
- 13. The management of each LRA approved rodeo shall be responsible for providing an ambulance service and first aid facilities on the rodeo grounds for all performances. Failure to do so will result in a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day to be levied against the rodeo management.
  - (a) Ambulance service must be on the grounds before any performance, including slack may begin.**
  - (b) Ambulance service must remain on site or rodeo will be stopped until another arrives on site**
  - (c) Committees will be required to have a veterinarian “on call” during all rodeo performances (including slack).**
  - (d) The rodeo committee is responsible for notifying the judge that the ambulance service has left the site and the judge will be responsible for stopping the rodeo.****
  
- 14. All rodeos are required to use stop watches in tenths of a second or better (i.e. hundredths or thousandths)
  - (a) The two (2) stop watch times must be averaged in all timed events at all rodeos.****
  
- 15. Management to provide a place for official timers and announcer to work without obstruction or interference.**
  
- 16. Any rodeo with ground rules in addition to association rules must have rules approved by the director of the event in which they apply and must have them announced before that events starts.**
  
- 17. Automatic barriers must be used when barriers are required.**
  
- 18. Rodeo clowns will not be allowed the use of firearms in an indoor arena.**
  
- 19. The rodeo management must have a qualified bullfighter in attendance during the Bull riding event.**

**(a) A bullfighter can be hired to work one (1) LRA approved rodeo but must have the approval of the bull riding director before he can work a second or subsequent rodeo.**

**(b) A bullfighter who has failed to receive the approval of the bull riding director may be hired to work LRA approved rodeos on the approval of the LRA executive.**

**(c) If a bullfighter, after signing a contract, does not show up or send a suitable replacement, he is subject to an automatic fifty (\$50.00) fine. The fine must be paid to the association before he can contract or work another rodeo.**

**(c) Stock contractors are obliged to have a bullfighter in attendance during the Bull Riding event or be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) per performance.**

**20. All rules for paid performance will implemented for all slack performances.**

**21. Rodeo committees will be responsible for providing suitable steel for 45 gallon drums for each performance of the barrel racing.**

**22. The rodeo arena secretary will be notified of the list of contestants, events they have entered, stock they have drawn and the names of the judges assigned to work their rodeo.**

**23. Stock contractors and/or rodeo secretaries must be responsible for returning NSF cheques to the LRA Secretary within thirty (30) days from the date of the cheque in order for the LRA to be responsible for paying them.**

**24. A special award may be awarded to the High-Point or All Around Cowboy at a rodeo, but in doing so, one or the other must be indicated on the rodeo approval form to prevent confusion at the rodeo.**

**25. Local entries will be accepted, provided that the local rodeo secretary will be responsible for telephoning for entries in to the CES office immediately following the closing of entries for that rodeo.**

**(a) It will be the responsibility of the committee to have a claims release form signed by all local contestants for that rodeo.**

**(b) Committees will have the option of governing local entry eligibility.**

**26. A rodeo with \$2,000.00 or over in added prize money per major event, will have the option of limiting the entries at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**

**(a) Junior events may have the same number of entries as the major events when the qualifying rule is used.**

**(b) The allotted number of entries at a rodeo with \$2,000.00 or over, per event, will be determined from a number position in the standings on entry opening day.**

**(c) If the required number of entries is not listed in the association standings, then the positions will be drawn for with preference given to the contestant who has competed at the greater number of the LRA approved rodeos.**

**27. An association representative must be allowed to set up a booth, at no charge, for the purpose of selling approved LRA merchandise.**

**28. A slack performance will be allowed prior to the first performance of a rodeo provided that it is advertised in advance.**

**(a) Slack may be held prior to the first performance without advance notice providing that it be held on the same calendar day.**

**29. Outdoor portable arenas must be a minimum of one hundred and eighty (180) feet in length and a minimum of eighty (80) feet in width.**

**(a) The main gate into the arena must have an overhead clearance of at least ten (10) feet.**

**30. The timed event box must be a minimum of fourteen (14) feet in depth and a maximum of ten (10) feet in width in outdoor portable arenas.**

**31. The stipulation for a Pendleton run to be a suitable sized arena at the discretion of the board. A committee, with a Pendleton run, can feature one of the timed events as well as the Saddle Bronc and Bareback.**

**32. A Pendleton run in the timed events must have \$1000 added per event (calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping) in order to be approved.**

**33. Committees putting on a LRA rodeo must allow our major sponsors\'s banners to be displayed in the arena.**

## **B. CONDUCT OF RODEO**

**1. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully particularly those relating to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.**

**2. If less than five (5) contestants are entered in an event, the committee may cancel that event or pay mount money to the amount of the posted prize money for that event. If the event is cancelled, the management is not compelled to pay out either prize money or mount money for that event.**

**3. Contestants in the arena must conduct themselves in such a way as not to interfere with the vision of the spectators.**

**(a) Where possible, only the person contesting and the contestant on deck will be allowed in the arena.**

4. **If the stock contractor wants the arena clear of contestant's horses for the hour prior to the rodeo, the contestants must remove their horses when asked to do so.**
5. **If there is a complaint on the condition of the arena, it must be made by either a member of the LRA Board of Directors or the stock contractor to the rodeo committee, no later than two (2) hours prior to rodeo time.**
6. **There shall be no practicing or training of roping or steer wrestling horses in the arena until after the last performance of a rodeo.**
7. **If there are less than 3 entries in any one event, contestant will be required to take 2 head of stock (may be taken on the same day). Only one entry fee will be paid and pay-out will be made on total points on 2 head. Failing to get on your second head will result in a \$10.00 fine at rodeos where contestants are required to compete on 2 head. Entry fees will not be refunded if a contestant medicals on his second head at rodeos where contestants are required to compete on 2 head.**
8. **A stock contractor will be allowed to hold timed event stock until the last timed event section of that performance, rough stock held until the last section of rough stock event of that performance, and barrel racing until the last barrel racing event, at the approval by the contractor before a rodeo, as long as it does not change the run of the cattle.**
9. **Contestants must wear proper cowboy attire, including a long sleeved shirt with sleeves rolled down, boot and hat on the grounds during the one (1) hour prior to rodeo time and for one hour after the completion of a rodeo and during all paid and slack performances at rodeo where contestant is entered.**
10. **Unless entire rodeo is cancelled, each contestant must compete in their event/s or be considered a turnout with applicable fines.**

#### **C. TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

1. **The association shall award the championship in each year to the All-Around winner and to the winners of the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Junior Bull Riding, and Junior Barrel Racing.**
  - (a) **To qualify for the All-Around title, the contestant must place at least twice in each of two (2) major events, excluding Ladies Barrel Racing, in the current rodeo year.**
  - (b) **The All-Around Championship will be determined by sudden death at then Finals rodeo.**

- 2. Championships will be determined by the total number of points won at sudden death finals rodeo in each of the events.**
  - (a) Those eligible to compete for the championship will be the top nine (9) contestants in each of then events in the association's standings plus one (1) qualifier from the LRA sanctioned finals qualifying tour. If no tour qualifier, the top 10 season standings finalists will qualify for the finals. No finalist will hold two positions at the finals in a single event. The cut-off date for points in the standings will be (2) weeks before the Finals.**
  - (b) There will be a champion header and a champion heeler declared in the Team Roping event.**
  
- 3. There will be an award presented to the contestant having the most points won in the association's standings at year-end in each of the seven (7) major events and the junior Bull Riding, Junior Barrel Racing, and Novice Horse Riding events.**
  - (a) Year-end runner up awards will be made to the top header and top heeler in each category.**
  - (b) Runner-up awards will be presented in each of the above events.**
  
- 4. There will be awards for the Saddle Bronc of the Year, the Bareback Bronc of the Year and the Bull of the Year.**
  - (a) Nominations for the Saddle Bronc of the Year, The Bareback of the Year, and the Bull of the Year must be in the LRA office no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>.**
  - (b) Each of the finalists will vote on the bucking stock of the year for then event in which he has qualified. Finalists will be expected to call the LRA office two (2) weeks before the finals to vote for his first, second and third choice.**
  - (c) There will be awards for the Saddle Bronc, Bareback Horse and the Bull of the Finals. Judging will be done by the stock contractors immediately after the last performance.**
  
- 5. There will be awards for the calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping header and heeler and barrel horse of the year.**
  - (a) Each of the top ten contestants, at the finals rodeo will vote on the horse of the year in the event in which he has qualified. Voting will take place prior to the first performance of the finals rodeo.**
  
- 6. The cut-off date for points will be two (2) weeks before the date set for the finals rodeo.**
  
- 7. LRA awards and Trophies, and those approved by the LRA will be the only ones presented at the Annual Banquet and Trophy presentation.**
  
- 8. Appreciation awards will be given only to persons who donate their time to the association.**
  
- 9. The rookie of the year award will be based on money won in the major events only during the current, regular rodeo season. Contestant must be a first year member or a**

member purchasing a senior card in the association for the first time, and must not have been a senior member of any rodeo association.

(a) A rookie is defined as one who has not won \$500.00 in the previous year in any one event or \$500 in a lifetime in any association in one particular event.

10. An award will be presented to the Cowboy of the Year. A panel of five appointed by the board of directors will select the recipient from among the nominations received. Cowboy of the Year will be judged on sportsmanship, appearance, ability, personality, and their contribution to the sport of rodeo.

11. An award will be presented annually to the "Most Sportsmanlike" member of the LRA. The same committee who selects the Cowboy of the Year will select the recipient from among nominations received.

12. A High Point Trailer will be awarded to the person or team roping team who has the highest points at the end of the finals. In the event that there is a tie, there will be one run off. If there is still a tie, after the run off go to a six point average. The six point system counts just towards the trailer. If there is still a tie the person with the most first placing will win. Finally in the event that there is still a tie the qualifier with the most money throughout the year will be declared champion of the trailer.

#### **D. AWARDING OF POINTS**

1. One (1) point shall be awarded for each dollar of prize money won by the member in approved events at approved rodeos.
2. All-Around championship to be decided on total points won in major events only. To qualify for the All-Around title, the member must place at least twice in each of two (2) major events, excluding Barrel Racing, in the current rodeo year. Once a contestant has qualified, all the points he has won in all major events will count in his total.
3. At rained out or otherwise incomplete rodeos, points shall be awarded in all completed go-rounds, but points for the All-Around cannot be awarded in any go-round in the major events are not completed.
4. Points will not count for events that have the entry fee changed from the listed amount without proper notification.
5. (a) To qualify for the Finals rodeo in all events with the exception of Junior Steer Riding and Junior Bull Riding, a contestant must have entered and competed in that event at a minimum of ten (10) LRA approved rodeos during the season, 7 of those being LRA mother sanctioned rodeo.  
(b) Or a contestant can qualify through an LRA sanctioned finals qualifying tour.

- (c) To qualify for the finals in the Junior Steer Riding and the Junior Bull Riding, a Junior Bull Rider or Junior Steer Rider must have entered and competed in that event at a minimum of seven (7) LRA approved rodeos during the season, 5 of those being LRA mother sanctioned rodeos.**
- 6. Team Roping headers and heelers money won will be tracked separately. The top ten (10) headers will have to pick from the top ten (10) heelers for the finals. If qualified in both ends you must designate which end you want to go to the Finals in.**
- 7. If any committee wants to give awards, they must set the criteria, and present the awards. The office is not responsible for distribution of awards. The association will only take care of our year end and finals awards.**

#### **E. POSTPONEMENT & CANCELLATIONS**

- 1. If due to weather conditions, attendance at any rodeo is substantially reduced, then the members of the association who have entered as contestants at the rodeo may appoint a committee of three (3) of their members to negotiate with the management of the rodeo, which committee shall be empowered to agree to such reduction in day money as the circumstances warrant.**
- 2. No event can be cancelled without the consent of the Association Director after the rodeo has been approved by the LRA**
- 3. No cancellation of a performance will be permitted unless in the unanimous opinion of the committee chairman, the stock contractor, and an association official, that it is a physical impossibility to hold the performance.**
- 4. If a rodeo is cancelled part way through due to weather, etc. prize money will be paid for the portion completed minus the entry fees refunded to the contestants who did not have a chance to compete due to the cancellation. Only the entry fees for the events in which they were unable to contest due to the cancellation are to be refunded.**
- 5. If a meeting of representatives is held to discuss the cancellation of a rodeo or rodeo performance, minutes of that meeting must be recorded and sent to the LRA office.**
- 6. If a performance has to be postponed due to weather conditions, the postponed performance(s) must be held before any subsequent performance can be held subject to association approval. Final performance must be held no later than on the calendar day in which it was scheduled. Contestant turning out stock on any day other than the one he was entered for will not be charged a turn out fine. All entry fees will be charged and points for the rodeo will count.**

#### **SECTION IV: RODEO OFFICE**

## **A. SECRETARY & RODEO OFFICE**

**1. Contestants will not suffer disqualification, etc. because of mistakes made by the rodeo secretary.**

**(a) Judges may allow a contestant to take his stock at a performance other than the one he has drawn provided that he is certain he was given the correct information at callback. If a contestant is proven wrong after the office has listened to the taped telephone call, both money and points won by the contestant will be forfeited and a fine of \$50 per event will be levied.**

**2. The stock draw will be done Tuesday after the trades are done. Stock draw will be on the next entry date.**

**3. The secretary of a rodeo must be someone who is approved by the stock contractor of that rodeo and by the LRA.**

**(a) The name of the person chosen as a rodeo secretary is to be sent to the LRA office so that he/she can be sent the association mailings of secretary information.**

**(b) The stock contractor will be held responsible for the duties of the secretary. If the secretary is hired separate from the stock contract, the committee will be held responsible.**

**4. Local entries will be accepted provided that the local rodeo secretary will be responsible for taking the entries and being paid for same before calling the entries into the CES office, immediately following the closing of entries for that rodeo.**

**(a) Local entries may be limited**

**(b) A claim release form must be signed by all local contestants.**

## **B. PAYING OF ENTRY FEES**

**1. The entry fee of an LRA member in good standings are guaranteed at all LRA approved rodeos.**

**(a) If a member contestant does not pay his/her entry fees, the LRA secretary must be notified by 10:00 am on the first Monday following the last performance of the rodeo. The rodeo committee adds the amount of the unpaid entry fee to the purse in that event and is reimbursed by the LRA.**

**(b) If the LRA Secretary is not notified of these unpaid fees within the time limit, then the LRA will not be responsible for paying them.**

**(c) Contestant must pay his entry fees in all events before the first performance in which he/she is competing, unless other arrangements are made with the secretary.**

**2. Any member reported to the association for non-payment of entry fees will be put on the suspended list until the entry fees are paid.**

3. Any member (including juniors) not paying his entry fees, for any reason, is to send those entry fees plus ten dollars (\$10) per event to the association.
4. Any member entering contestants other than themselves will be responsible for the entry fees of all contestants he/she enters and will receive the suspension if these entry fees are not paid.
5. Contestants will pay an additional \$10 per entry in all events as an administration fee.

### **C. DRAWING OUT & ENTRY FEE REFUND**

1. If a contestant is injured in an event and is, in the judge's opinion, unable to compete in other events he has entered, he may draw out of those events and be refunded the entry fees.
2. If a contestant is injured and forced to medical he will be unable to compete in any of his events.
3. If a contestant is injured in an event before he nods for his stock, he may be refunded his entry fee in that event. If he is injured after he nods for his stock, there will be no refund of entry fee in that event even though he may be injured in the chute or behind the barrier.
4. If a contestant is injured at a rodeo and wishes to draw out of another rodeo that he has entered, he must notify the rodeo secretary that he is obtaining a doctor's release and that he will send it to the LRA Secretary. The rodeo secretary will then draw him out.
  - (a) Injured contestants who obtain a doctor's release or barrel racers who obtain a veterinarian release must ensure it be received at the LRA office with the (10) days or he will be liable for the entry fees for the rodeo or rodeos for which he obtained the doctor's/veterinarian's release.
  - (b) Contestants will be allowed three separate medical/veterinarian releases after which the contestant will be responsible for his/her fees or must appear before the board.
  - (c) Medical/veterinarian releases will be accepted until 10:00 am on the Monday immediately following the last performance of a rodeo. Contestant will be responsible for calling the LRA office within ten (10) days.
  - (d) Once a contestant has medical led out of a rodeo they will not be allowed to compete at another rodeo for 10 complete days.
5. If a contestant's barrel horse is injured at a rodeo and contestant wishes to draw out of another rodeo that she has entered, she must notify that rodeo secretary that she is obtaining a veterinarian release and that she will send it to the LRA Secretary. The rodeo secretary will then draw her out.

- (a) Contestants who obtain a vet release for their barrel horse and draw out of another rodeo, cannot compete at another rodeo for ten (10) clear days and her vet's release must be received at the LRA office within ten (10) days or she will be liable for the entry fees for the rodeo or rodeos for which she obtained the vet's release.
6. A contestant will not be fined for drawing out of a finals performance (shot go) at any rodeo.
7. If a contestant is set up at two rodeo performances without sufficient time to travel between the two at a reasonable speed, the contestant will have the option at callback to draw out of one rodeo, provided they had not asked to set up that way.
8. **Visible injury:** Contestants will be allowed three (3) visible medicals in one year. If contestants feel they are unable to compete at a rodeo but feel they will be able to compete the following weekend they have the option to receive a visible medical and pay their entry fees. No fine will be levied, but they must have a medical release signed by two (2) judges and submitted into the LRS office within ten (10) days. Office must be notified by Monday morning 10:00 am. Barrel racers may receive visible medicals for their horses.
9. In the team roping event if a partner is a medical or turns out you can pick a LRA member for a partner entered at that rodeo if he is eligible and the turnout member will be fined appropriately and the partner will pay entry fees. Points will count for original entry only.

#### **D. PAYOFF**

1. In each event the prize money and the entry fees are added together for the total purse in that event.

(a) The rodeo secretary shall deduct six percent (6%) of the total purse of each LRA approved event and send this money to the LRA office. Seven percent (7%) of total purse will be deducted where LRA approved rodeos have been co-sanctioned. The 4 or 6 places payoff is determined on the total event prize money after the 6% and/or 7% is deducted.

(b) At a rodeo with more than one go-round the purse is divided by the number of go-rounds and the average, then each go-round and the average money is split 40, 30, 20, 10% for the payoff.

(c) At a rodeo with more than one go-round and a finals, the total purse will be divided with 80% split evenly among the go-rounds and the average and 20% paid on the finals performance.

2. At a rodeo with one go-round, the purse will be split as follows:

- (a) 4 monies will be paid if purse is less than \$1000 (\$2000 in the team roping). Payoff percentage will be 40, 30, 20 and 10%.

- (b) 6 monies will be paid if purse is \$1000-\$2999 (\$2000-\$5999 in the team roping). Payoff percentage will be 33, 25, 18, 12, 8, and 4%.
- (c) 8 monies will be paid if purse is \$3000 or over (and \$6000 or over in the team roping). Pay-off percentage will be 28, 23, 18, 13, 8, 5, 3 and 2%.

3. Contestants who turn out stock in a second go or subsequent go-round cannot place in the average of that event nor can he win the All Around award at that rodeo.
4. LRA rodeos in Canada will be paid off according to LRA payoff percentages.
5. Ground splits, if any, will be divided equally among those qualifying contestants in that event but this additional pay will not be included in the standings.
6. If there are no qualified rides in an event, the entry fees plus the added money less the LRA 6% or 7% will be kept track of and put toward the finals in that event. The top ten in that event will split this money equally towards their entry fees for the finals and any additional money left over will go into their payout for that event.

(a) In the event there are no qualified rides in an LRA approved event that does not go to the finals (eg. Junior Steer Riding/Pee Wee Barrel Racing) the entry fee plus added money less LRA's 6% or 7% will be kept track of and divided equally amongst the top six at year end.

7. The rodeo pay-out will be made by the LRA once the secretary kit is received following the last performance. The secretary kit must be into the LRA office within three working days following the last performance.

8. Rodeo pay-out cheques will be held in the office for anyone owing monies to the association for any reason.

#### **E. POSTING MARKS**

1. Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges.
2. Contestant is privileged to see the records of all contestants in any event in which he takes part, at the end of each go-round, at a reasonable time so that the secretary and a judge may be present.
3. Marks and times are to be posted after each performance and cannot be changed after being posted.

#### **F. RESULTS**

**1. Written results must be submitted to the LRA Secretary with five (5) days of the rodeo's date.**

**(a) Any expenses incurred in getting diligent rodeo results will be charged to the responsible committee.**

**(b) Results and rule infractions must be faxed in to the LRA office before 10:00 am the day following the last performance of the rodeo.**

**2. All judges' cards, timers' cards, barrier cards, rule infractions sheets, medical releases forms, payoff sheets and the barrel measurement slip must be returned to the LRA Secretary along with the rodeo results.**

## **G. TRADING POSITIONS**

**1. All trades must be done through the LRA office by Tuesday 1:00 pm. Any contestant trading after the deadline will be disqualified and will be responsible for all entry fees.**

## **SECTION V: RODEO ENTRY SYSTEM**

### **A. DRAWING POSITIONS**

**1. In the timed events, positions will be drawn for each performance. If trading is allowed, permission must be obtained from both contestants.**

**2. If a contestant is injured at a rodeo, he may be held back at the same rodeo until later in the go-round with consent of both judge and the stock contractor.**

**3. No contestant will be allowed to take two (2) head of stock in the same event in one (1) day, with the exception of re-rides or reruns unless there are two (2) complete go-rounds in that one (1) day.**

**4. Rider's position may be drawn or they make take the numbered stock they have drawn as it appears in the chute.**

**(a) If pens aren't available for separating stock, then it may be run in as it comes and the riders who drew that stock must be notified that their stock is in the chute.**

**5. After positions are drawn for timed events, a list of these positions must be posted where it is available to the contestants.**

**6. In timed events, a complete go-round must be finished before any contestant can compete on his next head of stock, except for stock that must be brought back.**

**7. The stock draw will be done Tuesday after the trades are done. Stock draw callback will be on the next entry date.**

## **SECTION VI: STOCK CONTRACTORS**

**\*\*\*\*\*A. GENERAL**

**1. A Stock Contractor is defined as a person or persons with the experience and ability to produce a LRA rodeo.**

**2. A new contractor may be granted a membership to produce one or more LRA rodeos. Membership to be reviewed after first rodeo.**

**\*\*\*3. Any carded sub-contractor or contractor's stock that has been bucked at least once in an LRA approved rodeo will be eligible to submit a stock list for the finals.\*\*\***

**4. An active carded contractor may be granted a two year leave of absence from the LRA after which time he must return as a new contractor under the permit rules.**

**5. At a co-sanctioned rodeo if the contractor producing that rodeo is an LRA approved stock contractor he will be eligible to submit that stock for the finals.**

**6. If a stock contractor withdraws stock or backs out of the finals after the stock draw is done the contractor will be ineligible to submit a list for this year and the next two years.**

**7. Ten percent (10%) of two head, whichever is greater (of stock chosen in each event from each contractor) for eligible stock for the finals may be un-branded. The remainder from each contractor in each event must be hot branded.**

**8. Stock contractors must use air horns or automatic timers (no whistles).**

**9. A stock contractor membership fee will be equal to a contestant's membership fee and must be paid prior to producing his first rodeo of the year.**

**10. All contractors, sub-contractors or donators of stock must purchase a full membership in order for the stock to be eligible for the finals.**

**11. All timed event cattle have to be approved two (2) weeks prior to a rodeo by the event director and stock and stock will be approved at the time of rodeo approval.**

**B. LIVESTOCK**

**1. All rodeo livestock used in the riding and timed events must be numbered and drawn for.**

**(a) At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the bucking stock must be number branded for a stock contractor to be approved at LRA rodeos.**

**(b) All timed event stock must be ear-tagged (preferable) or number branded.**

- 2. If timed event cattle are determined to be objectionable by the event director or his representative, the stock contractor is obligated to allow said cattle to be culled by the judge and director, providing that such culling takes place at a reasonable time before the rodeo starts. A fine of \$200.00 will be levied on the stock contractor by the board for failing to comply with this rule.**
- 3. There must be enough calves and steers at each rodeo to equal 25% of the entries with a minimum of 8 head.**
- 4. Maximum weight of calves will be three hundred (300) pounds.**
- 5. Steers used in the Steer Wrestling event must be suitable steers not exceeding five hundred and fifty (550) pounds at the first spring rodeo.  
(a) Steer Wrestling cattle must have horns a minimum of 8 inches from the tip of the horn to the base of the skull**
- 6. Stock contractors will be required to supply enough calves at each rodeo so that no one calf shall be required to run more than three (3) times in any one performance.**
- 7. Yaks will be banned from competition at all LRA approved rodeos.**
- 8. Steer Wrestling cattle cannot be held over from one year to the next, except as approved by the steer wrestling director and two other steer wrestlers.**
- 9. Steer Wrestling cattle that are barred from any other association cannot be used.**
- 10. Steer Wrestling cattle must either be all steers or all heifers.**
- 11. All event Directors have the mandate to pull unsuitable stock from their event.**
- 12. It will be up to the Bull Riding Director and Judges to approve native cattle and or yearling bulls that are to be used in the junior Steer Riding event. If suitable cattle are not available, the event will be cancelled.**

### **C. DRAWING STOCK**

- 1. All rodeo livestock used in the riding and timed events must be numbered and drawn for. Stock for the complete go-round in the riding events must be drawn up at one time with the exception that stock for one performance may be drawn if the same stock is drawn in both or subsequent performances.  
(a) All timed event stock may be drawn for a complete performance at one time but no stock is to be drawn and held over for the next performance.  
(b) All timed event cattle must be drawn in complete performance.  
(c) Remaining timed event stock must go to the top of the draw for the next section.**

**(d) Except in the case of more contestants than stock, stock must be drawn so that no stock runs more than once in a section.**

**(e) The first three cattle must be run in order of draw, for all performances, including slack, in all timed events.**

**2. In any final ride, contestants may draw own animals in the presence of judges if management desires.**

**3. All calves and dogging steers to be as uniform in size as possible.**

**4. When calves are not fresh, reruns will always be drawn from the whole herd used in the draw, not from those calves that are missed.**

**5. Any stock in original draw that is turned out (this means not bucked) exhibition or contest automatically goes into the re-ride if necessary.**

**6. Any animal drawn for a re-ride but not used in that go-round, may be held out of the draw for re-rides in the following go-rounds along with feature animals but then will be returned for the go-round draw after the re-rides have been drawn.**

**7. Re-rides may be drawn at any time after the re-ride has been granted. Re-rides will be drawn from re-ride stock, including turned out stock if necessary. An animal can be drawn for a re-ride only once in a go-round.**

**8. The association Board of Directors has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory and any stock so declared will be taken from the draw.**

**9. It is the contestant's responsibility to compete on the stock drawn for them. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.**

**10. Any contestant entered at a rodeo who has had no stock drawn for him will draw from the entire herd and the contestant who has had the stock drawn away from him will draw from the re-ride pen.**

**11. A contestant who has injured stock drawn for him in the timed events will draw one from the herd or use a spare. Order will follow as per the program.**

**12. Contestant to receive all of his stock on the same day with the possible exception of having to compete in one or more events in a Friday slack performance and also during the Saturday performance.**

**13. Junior bull riding stock must be drawn for at the same time as the timed event stock**

**14. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any rodeo in the same event.**

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

**16. All finals stock will be picked by the top ten (10) contestants in each event and the directors at the stock draw meeting. Stock will be picked and drawn for including the contractor's pen from the lists that the stock contractors have submitted prior to the meeting. Although contractors will not attend this meeting, they must be available to be reached by phone between 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The office will notify each contractor of the date of the stock draw meeting.**

**\*\*\*17. In the rough stock events, if an animal is turned out 5 consecutive times, the Board of director has the option to pull that animal from the draw for the remainder of the year, accompanied by a report from the judges from those rodeos it was turned out of.\*\*\***

## **Section VII: RIDING EVENTS**

### **A. RERIDES & RERUNS**

**1. Re-rides must be given in all three (3) riding events.**

**(a) Re-rides will be given for stock that fails to break or stock that fouls the rider.**

**(b) If a re-ride is given, the judges must have re-ride and the mark given announced and the contestant has the right to refuse re-ride before re-ride is drawn, or accept markings.**

**(c) First re-ride given and accepted must be drawn first.**

**2. Re-rides may be drawn before the end of the event in which the re-ride is given. If an animal runs off, stops, falls or the flank comes off, the rider has the privilege of taking the same stock back providing the contractor is willing, or the rider may have a re-ride drawn. If the rider takes the same animal back for the re-ride, he must take the marking. Riders can be marked at the discretion of the judge.**

**3. Re-rides may be drawn at any time after the re-ride has been granted. Re-rides will be drawn from re-ride stock, including turned out stock if necessary. An animal can be drawn for a re-ride only once in a go-round.**

**(a) The stock contractor has the option to buck either the re-ride or the turn-out stock.**

**4. If in the opinion of the judge a rider makes two (2) honest efforts to get on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have re-ride drawn for him.**

**5. Riders who are fouled at the chute, or by the animal itself, must claim the animal by double grabbing or dismounting immediately so as to obviously indicate a foul in order to claim a re-ride. Final decision to be made by the judge.**

**6. Re-rides or reruns will not be given if the contestants own equipment breaks or fails.**

**7. If re-ride stock has already been bucked the re-rides will be drawn from the herd.**

**(a) There must be at least one designated re-ride in each event at each performance including slack.**

**8. In the saddle bronc event if the stock contractor's halter breaks but not if it comes off a re-ride shall be awarded on the same horse.**

**9. If the rider is making a qualified ride and the flank falls off before the 8 seconds has elapsed, the rider will be awarded a re-ride.**

**10. Stock contractors must designate two re ride stock at stock draw which will be drawn at the office and listed on the judge's cards.**

## **B. JUDGING**

**1. Rider and animal to be marked separately. Mark the ride according to how much rider spurs the horse. Mark the rider from one (1) to twenty five (25) and use the full spread. The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty five (25) and use the full spread.**

**2. To qualify, the rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.**

**(a) First jump qualifications will be waived when horse is pulled out of chute by pick up man or rodeo personnel.**

**3. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived.**

**(a) Rider may be disqualified for not following judge's instruction to take his feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute.**

**4. Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles and pull ropes from either side in all riding events. Middle flank belongs to bronc rider, within reason.**

**(a) If there is any disagreement between the rider and stock contractor about cinching the horse, the rider must meet the stock contractor's requirements, and if he does so, he should then notify the judges prior to the ride, and if the judge feels he didn't get a fair ride because of the said requirements, he will be awarded a re-ride.**

**5. All riding events to be timed to 8 seconds. Time to start when animals inside front shoulder breaks the plane of the chute.**

**6. Gate latch side of judge will be boss watch. Decision is his as to qualification of ride. In case of problem or watch malfunction, decision will revert to other judge.**

**7. Rider making a qualified ride when horn blows will be marked regardless of time on judge's watch.**

**8. In case of contestant disqualification, stop watch time must be available to contestant upon request and before the next contestant competes.**

**9. If an animal that is drawn in a riding event or is drawn in a pen in a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.**

**10. If a rigging or a saddle is broken in the bucking chutes by the rough stock horse, and is deemed unsuitable to ride with, the judges may waive the turn out fine.**

### **C. SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

#### **1. Contestants Saddle Specifications:**

**Rigging:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  double-front edge of Dee ring must pull nor further back then directly below the center point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring type saddle Dee must be used and cannot exceed  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inch outside width measurement.

**Swell Undercut:** Not more than two (2) inches. One (1) inch each side.

**Gullet:** Not less than four (4) inches wide at center of fork or covered saddle.

**Tree:** Saddles must be built on standard association tree.

**Specifications:** Fork, 14" side; height, 9" maximum; gullet,  $5\frac{3}{4}$ " wide; cantle, 5" maximum height, 14" maximum width.

**Stirrup leather must be hung over bars. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable thickness of leather covering. No freaks allowed. Cinches must be at least five (5) m inches wide.**

**2. Horse to be furnished by the producer. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope rein and saddle. Saddle must be association saddle. The contestants are allowed to use their own saddle providing they are association saddles. Stock contractors may call judges to pass on whether or not a saddle is suitable.**

**3. Stock contractors must furnish their own halters and contestants must use them, subject to approval of judges of fitness of halters.**

**4. Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.**

**5. Horses to be saddles in chute. Saddles may not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Rider may cinch own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory. Either stock contractor or contestant shall have the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck at its best.**

**6. Middle flank belongs to rider, but the contractor may have rider put flank cinch behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.**

**7. Riding rein and hand must be on same side.**

**8. Unless requested by the rider, saddle bronc horses cannot be hotshotted after rider sits down in the saddle and while the horse is still in the chute.**

**9. To qualify rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.**

**10. One arm must be free at all times.**

**11. Saddle bronc riding shall be timed for eight (8) seconds.**

**12. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.**

**(a) In the saddle bronc riding, if the stock contractor's halter breaks but not if it comes off, a re-ride shall be awarded on the same horse.**

**13. If in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have, with the approval of the stock contractor, the choice of that same horse again or he may have a horse drawn for him from the re-ride horses.**

**14. Any of the following offenses shall disqualify a rider being bucked off, changing hands on rein, wrapping rein around hand, pulling leather, losing stirrup, touching animal, saddle, rein or rider with free hand, riding with locked rowels that will lock on spurs.**

**15. Judges may disqualify bronc rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on (if glove is used) when previous horse leaves the arena, or if he is delaying the rodeo.**

**16. A contestant will be disqualified for not following contestant rules and for violating contestant Disqualification Rules.**

#### **D. BAREBACK BRONC RIDING**

**1. One hand rigging to be used. Riders may use their own rigging if rigging is not over ten (10) inches in width at hand hold, and not over six (6) inches "d" ring, or not a freak. No rigging may have metal, fiberglass, and or objectionable material underneath rigging. All riggings must have sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath. Stock contractors will have the right to have the judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges to decide on all riggings.**

**2. Riggings must lie flat on the horses back while rigging is being cinched so there is an even distribution of pressure at all times. Stock contractors may call judge to pass on whether rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back.**

**3. All cinches must be at least five (5) inches wide.**

**4. A one (1) inch thick, covered foam, felt or hair pad must be used under bareback riggings at all times.**

- 5. Contestants will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not a horse is properly flanked and cinched.**
- 6. Unless requested by the rider, bareback horse cannot be hotshotted after rider sits down.**
- 7. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when the horse's feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute. Horses will be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when horse leaves the chute.**
- 8. There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry rosin used on riggings or rider's gloves, riders may not take any kind of finger tuck or finger wrap.**
- 9. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.**
- 10. Riders who are knocked off at the chute will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.**
- 11. If in the opinion of the judges, a bareback horse deliberately throws himself, the rider shall have, with approval of the stock contractor, the choice of that horse again or he may have a horse drawn for him from the re-ride horses.**
- 12. Any of the following offences will disqualify a rider: riding with rowels too sharp in opinion of judges, being bucked off, touching animal or rider with free hand.**
- 13. If rigging comes off horse without breaking, rider is disqualified.**
- 14. Judges may disqualify bareback rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above animal with his glove on (if glove is used) when previous horse leaves the arena, or if he is delaying the rodeo.**
- 15. Contestants will be disqualified if rigging is set to far ahead (to an extreme).**
- 16. Contestants will be disqualified for not following contestant's rules and for violating Contestant Disqualification Rules.**
- 17. A bareback rider hanging up or unable to loosen his hand from the rigging when a pick-up man is in position to pick him up may be fined fifty dollars (\$50) on the recommendation of the pick-up man. Fine will be paid to the stock contractor.**

## **E. BULL RIDING**

**Bull's horns must be tipped to the size of a loonie. Head fighting bulls must be tipped to the satisfaction of the contractor, event director, and judges. If in the judge's opinion, a**

**bull's horn does not meet the rulebook requirements of tipping, the judge will notify the stock contractor that the bull must be tipped before his first performance of the rodeo or the contestant has the option to take the re-ride bull or have his entry fees refunded. If bull is not properly tipped and is pulled from the first performance of the rodeo he will not be allowed to be bucked for the entire weekend.**

**2. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him. Rope must have bell; no bell; no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull.**

**3. Rider not to use sharp spurs.**

**4. No more than two (2) men may be on the chute to pull contestant's rope.**

**5. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability.**

**6. Unless requested by the rider, no bull can be hotshotted after rider sits down.**

**7. Bull must be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when animal leaves the chute.**

**8. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.**

**9. Riders who are knocked off at the chute or if bull falls, to be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of judges.**

**10. If in the opinion of the judges, a bull deliberately throws himself, the rider shall have with the approval of the stock contractor, the choice of that same animal back again or he may have a bull drawn for him from the re-ride stock.**

**11. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of the rope in riding hand, he is to be marked if her has not touched the ground.**

**12. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences, being bucked off, touching animal with free hand, or using sharp spurs.**

**13. Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on (if a glove is used) when previous bull leaves the arena, or if he is delaying the rodeo.**

**14. If a bull is fouled because of rider holding gate, rider will be disqualified.**

**15. Yaks will be banned from competition at all LRA approved rodeos.**

**16. A contestant will be disqualified for not following contestant rules and for violating Contestant Disqualification Rules.**

**17. A fifty (\$50) dollar fine will be levied if judges find any sharp instruments causing bulls to be cut.**

**18. Stock contractors must have 2 carded bullfighters at every rodeo.**

#### **F. JUNIOR BULL RIDING**

**1. 16 years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.**

**2. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope with or without hand hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off animal when rider leaves him. Ropes must have bell, no bell no marking. Bell must be under belly of animal.**

**3. If a contestant starts with one hand he must finish with one. If he starts with two he may change to one but then rides under the one hand rule.**

**4. No more than two (2) men may help pull a contestant's rope. Rope may be pulled from either side.**

**5. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not animal is properly flanked.**

**6. No animal used in the Junior Bull Riding can be hotshotted after contestant sits on animal.**

**7. Animal must be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when animal leaves the chute. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand, he is to be marked.**

**8. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences: being bucked off; touching the animal with free hand; using sharp spurs; or fouling the animal by holding the gate.**

**9. Touching the animal with one's head is not a disqualification.**

**10. The rider shall not be allowed to reset and repull rope more than two (2) times if animal is standing well in the chute.**

**11. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.**

**12. Suitable cattle:**

**(a) All horns must be tipped back to no less than the size of a loonie.**

**(b) All cattle deemed unfit for use because of size and temperament will be taken from the draw and not allowed back in the draw.**

**(c) Maximum age for stock will be 2 year old bulls.**

**13. Any contractor supplying LRA rodeo committees with cattle will be required to number the cattle. The cattle will then be drawn for by the judges. Draw can be made at the same time as the timed event cattle. Draw will then be posted at the Rodeo Office.**

**14. If not enough suitable cattle are available the event will be cancelled.**

**15. If Junior Bull Riding is held at an LRA approved rodeo, the event must fall under guidelines of the LRA unless approved by the Board.**

**16. A junior bull rider may enter the open bull riding event until he makes \$500 in the open event, at which time he will decide which event he will continue to compete in. If he chooses the junior bull riding event he will no longer be able to enter the open event, and if he chooses the open event he must pay the balance of the membership for his senior card and all points will be forfeited in the junior event.**

**17. Junior bull riders are not required to “start” their stock. All stock used in the Junior Bull Riding event must be flanked.**

**18. It is mandatory for the riders to wear protective vest while competing in the junior bull riding event.**

#### **G. JUNIOR STEER RIDING**

**1. Contestants must purchase a junior membership in order to qualify for the year end championship and must be fourteen (14) years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Committees are allowed to accept local entries.**

**2. Riding to be done with one (1) or two (2) hand and loose rope, with or without hand hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer when rider leaves it. Rope must have a bell; no bell will result in no marking. Bell must be under belly of steer.**

**(a) If a contestant starts with one (1) hand they must finish the ride with one (1) hand. If they start with two (2) hands they may change to one (1) hand, but then rides under one (1) hand rule.**

**3. It is mandatory for the riders to wear protective vests while competing in the junior steer riding event.**

**4. No more than two (2) men may help pull contestant’s rope. Rope may be pulled from either side.**

**(a) The rider shall not be allowed to reset and repull the rope more than two (2) times, if the animal is standing well in the chute.**

**5. Contestants will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not the steer is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability.**

**6. Steer will be ridden eight (8) seconds; the time to start when animals inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.**

**7. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences: being bucked off; touching animal with free hand: using sharp spur; or fouling animal by holding gate.**

**(a) Touching the animal with head is not disqualification**

**8. If a qualified ride is made until the flank comes off, a re-ride shall be optional, but if need not be on the same animal.**

**9. Suitable cattle will be native cattle or yearling bulls. If suitable cattle are not available, the event will be cancelled. If a boy's steer riding is held at an association approved rodeo, the event must fall under the guidelines of the Association.**

**10. It will be up to the Bull Riding Director and judges to approve the native cattle or yearling bulls that will be used in the Junior Steer Riding event.**

**\*\*\*11. A Junior Steer Rider may enter the Junior Bull Riding event until he makes \$500 in the Junior Bull Riding event, at which time he will decide which event he will continue to compete in. If he chooses the Junior Steer Riding, he will no longer be able to compete in the Junior Bull Riding.\*\*\***

## **H. NOVICE HORSE RIDING**

**1. Both Saddle Bronc and Bareback combined as one event.**

**2. Novice Horse Riders can compete on a permit at a cost of \$50.00 plus GST.**

**3. To qualify for the Novice Horse Riding, a contestant must not have won over \$500 in their lifetime in either the Open Bareback or the Open Saddle Bronc combined in any approved Association, but in order to qualify for the finals you must be 20 years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.**

**(a) Once novice wins over \$500 in the open event and chooses to compete in the open event only, they must buy a full membership and will relinquish all Novice Points and awards.**

**4. Each contestant will only be allowed to enter the Novice Horse Riding event once.**

**5. All stock will be drawn for in the same manner as in the Open events. Horses will be drawn from a Novice pen of horses.**

**6. Entry fees and prize money will fall under the same guidelines as in the junior events.**

**7. Spur out rule in the Novice Horse Riding will be waived**

## **SECTION XI: TIMED EVENTS**

### **A. GENERAL**

- 1. Team Roping, calf roping, and steer wrestling will be timed to one tenth of a second when manual times are used (the last digit to be dropped when timed with watches which read to hundredths, e.g. 14.66 will14.6).**
- 2. In any timed event, of an animal escapes from the arena, the contestant will be awarded a re-run with a lap and tap start plus 10 seconds.**
- 3. If an animal that is drawn in a riding event or is drawn in a pen in a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.**
- 4. If the timed event chute gate opens properly and the calf or steer fails to come out, the gate cannot be closed for a rerun.**

### **B. BARRIERS & SCORELINE**

- 1. 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 the ring drops with ten (10) feet of the post. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Barrier judge is responsible for changing barrier string and see that neck rope is on properly at the request of the contestant. Should a barrier break at any point, decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, a barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second fine. Otherwise this will not be considered a broken barrier.**
  - (a) Copies of the timer's cards are to be posted at the calf and dogging chutes to be available for the judges to mark all barrier penalties.**
- 2. Barrier judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier equipment to tamper with same.**
- 3. In the timed events, the pusher must be clear of stock before the barrier is tripped.**
- 4. Once score line has been set in times events, it will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can length of box be changed**
- 5. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.**
- 6. If automatic barrier fails to work or malfunctions in any way, stock will be brought back regardless, provided the contestant has made a qualified run.**
  - (a) If barrier equipment hangs on animal or fouls horse, roper or dogger must declare himself in order to get the animal back.**

**7. If automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.**

**8. To measure score line correctly, put barrier up with pin in the barrier ring. Holding the pin in place, measure from the front of the chute to a point where the neck rope touches the ground. Set the score line 18” beyond that point.**

**9. Neck rope must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.**

### **C. TIE DOWN ROPING**

**1. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for tie down roping and there must be a score line at that point where barrier trips.**

**2. At indoor rodeos, length of score may no longer than the length of the roping box minus five (5) feet, unless other arrangements are approved by the roping director or man of his choice.**

**3. All fresh calves must be tied down and numbered in the arena on the day of the rodeo, at least one (1) hour before rodeo time. The draw is to be made no more than one (1) hour before rodeo time. If after one go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo, they will be considered fresh. Fresh calves being roped and tied down must be handled by hand without the use of a horse and must not be snubbed to a corral or chute post and may be tied three (3) times, if necessary.**

**(a) All tie down roping calves are to be tied at least one hour prior to the first performance of a rodeo unless otherwise directed by the Tie Down Roping Director or Representative. No calves may be tied after the draw has been made.**

**4. Ropers to receive a no time if he has not caught his calf in thirty (30) seconds.**

**5. Contestant must adjust rope and rein in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. This is a catch as you can event and the roper may rope any part of the calf, but rope must be on calf until roper gets his hand on the calf.**

**6. Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast, either is permissible, contestant must dismount, go down rope, and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three (3) legs in a 3-bone cross tie, calf must remain tied in a 3-bone cross tie for six (6) seconds. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be cleared (daylight between calf’s body and ground) or let up on his feet and thrown by hand. If roper’s hand is on the calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal after judge has completed his examination. In the event the calf kicks**

free the roper shall dismount and flank or leg the calf to the ground again and hold it there until assisted by people untying calves.

7. A bust means that a calf is jerked straight over backwards, landing on its head or back, with all four feet in the air. If roper deliberately or unintentionally busts a calf, at the discretion of the judge he will be liable for a one hundred (\$100) fine. The bust must be announced immediately.

8. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stop watch, timing six (6) seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first step toward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge passed on tie.

9. Flagger must watch calf during the six (6) second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free using the time shown on the watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify.

(a) Judge will be responsible for asking contestant if he wants to look at the time clocked on the stop watch.

10. Roper who does not leave rope slack until tie is passed on, or jerks rope or drags calf after remounting, will be disqualified.

11. Under any circumstances, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the field judge.

12. There will be no re-run awarded for a broken rope or other equipment.

13. If a contestant causes his horse to intentionally drag, or causes excessive abuse to a calf after it has been thrown, the roper will be flagged out and possibly fined. Intentional roughness towards a calf, examples are as follows: Intentionally dragging a calf, running a calf into the back fence, or any roughness towards a calf that could be avoided. Any excessive dragging of a calf can result in a fine.

14. A stock contractor cannot haul the same calves to more than three (3) rodeos without the approval of the roping director.

15. Contestants may not have calf lined beyond the score line. The judge and/or event representative will position liner in roping event.

16. A legal tie in the tie down roping will be one complete wrap and a half hitch on 3 legs.

#### **D. STEER WRESTLING**

1. In steer wrestling the score may be no longer than the length of the steer wrestling box minus six (6) feet, unless other arrangements are approved by the steer wrestling director or a man of his choice.

**2. Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable one eliminated. \*\*Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. If a contestant jumps a steer, he accepts him as sound.**

**3. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chutes.**

**4. Contestants must furnish own hazer and horses. Only one (1) hazer allowed. Hazer will not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working on steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant.**

**5. Steer must be caught from horse. If a steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than on (1) step to catch steer. After catching steer, wrestler must bring to a stop and twist it down. If steer accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop, or is thrown by wrestler putting animals horns to the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its left side or back with all four and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of the catchand will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.**

**(a) If a steer is turned back, he is considered to have stopped.**

**6. When a barrier is used for steer wrestling, an automatic barrier is used and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.**

**7. There must be a least fourteen (14) foot box. If the box is shorter than fourteen (14) feet, then the steer wrestling must be a lap and tap.**

**8. A ten (10) second penalty will be assessed in any case in which a flag rules that the dogger's feet touched the ground before the flag line is crossed.**

**9. Contestants will be allowed only one (1) jump and it must be made within thirty (30) seconds.**

**10. No penalty for breaking horn.**

**11. Cattle for steer roping, cutting or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.**

**(a) Cattle used in the team roping may be used in the steer wrestling with the approval of the steer wrestling director and two other steer wrestlers.**

**12. All steers may be thrown in the pen one (1) hour before the start of the rodeo, in the presence of a judge and before steers are drawn, at the request of the director or a judge.**

**13. Steer wrestling cattle cannot be held over from one year to the next, except as approved by the steer wrestling director and two other steer wrestlers.**

**14. At the first two rodeos where fresh cattle are used at, if you miss your steer you must arrange for that steer to be thrown immediately after that performance or you will be liable for a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar fine.**

#### **E. TEAM ROPING**

**1. The Lakeland Rodeo Association will not approve any rodeos that have dual entries**

**2. Each team will be allowed a total of two (2) throws. Roping steers without releasing loop from hand will be considered no catch. Ropers must dally to stop steer.**

**3. Tie on Rule: Any heeler 55 years old or older as of January 1 of current year may tie on. The length of rope would be 25 feet. Approval of any disability that would require tie on rule to be used would be at the discretion of the Team Roping Director.**

**4. In the Team roping event if a partner is a medical or a turn out you can pick up a LRA member entered at that rodeo for a partner if he is eligible and the turn out member will be fined appropriately but partner will pay entry fees. Points will count for original entry only.**

**5. In case the filed flagman erroneously flags out a team that still has one or more legal loops coming, the judge will award the team a fresh run on the same steer.**

**6. Time will be taken when steer is roped by both head and heels, with both horses in line facing steer with ropes dalled and tight. Steer may be standing or lying down. Steer must be on its feet when it is being roped by the head or heels.**

**7. The roper will not get extra loop for a broken rope or a dropped rope. He will receive a no time (NT)**

**8. Any changes in lists of roping order to split horses, etc., must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in the chutes. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order list.**

**9. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the filed flagman drops his flag, time will be counted.**

**10. When using the automatic barrier, neck ropes must be tied with string.**

**11. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed if only one (1) hind foot is roped. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judge.**

**12. Header must change direction of steer's body before heel(s) are roped. Any heel catch behind shoulders is legal if rope goes up heel. Only three (3) head catches are legal: 1) head or both horns, 2) half a head; 3) around the neck. If Hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, catch is illegal.**

13. Catch is illegal if time is taken when horse or horses are tangled in any way with rope.
14. Catch will be illegal if the head loop crosses over itself.
15. Open catch pen ruling to be used.
16. Both loops must be thrown within thirty (30) seconds, or team will receive no time.
17. Contestant will be flagged out if he does not nod for his stock within twenty (20) seconds after the judge has informed him that his stock is ready.
18. Team roping steers must be drawn for at all rodeos.
19. Team roping cattle must be all horned cattle and must have horn wraps.
20. Cattle used in the steer wrestling event may be used in the team roping with the approval of the team roping director and two other team ropers.

#### **F. LADIES BARREL RACING**

1. The Ladies Barrel Racing must meet LRA approval and be run during the regular or slack performances or it cannot be held.
2. Ladies Barrel Racing event must be run on a horse ridden by a female contestant.
  - (a) Junior Barrel Racing may be entered by boys or girls.
3. Barrels and score line must be permanently staked for the entire contest.
  - (a) Once barrel markers have been placed, no practicing is allowed on the course so marked. For the purpose of practicing, barrels must be placed at least ten (10) feet (3 Meters) away from the markers.
4. Regulation barrel distances are ninety feet (90) between barrel one (1) and two (2) one hundred and five feet (105') between barrel one (1) and three (3) and between barrel two (2) and three (3) and sixty feet (60') from barrels one and two (2) to the score line. In smaller arenas, barrel three (3) should be no closer than twenty five (25') to the end of the arenas and should be set no more than fifteen (15') longer than barrel one (1) and two (2). Barrels should be eighteen feet (18') from the sides of the arena, but in small arena, they may be less. In no instance should they be less than fifteen feet (15').
  - (a) In smaller arenas, as a guideline, add fifteen feet (15') to the distance from barrel one (1) to two (2) to get the measurement for the arc to barrel three (3).
  - (b) When arena conditions are not suitable for the above pattern following distances should be used, ninety feet (90') between barrel one (1) and two (2) and one hundred and ten feet (110') from barrels one (1) to three (3) and from barrels two (2) to three (3) with a sixty foot (60') maximum and a thirty foot (30") minimum score line.

**(c) This pattern must be a minimum of twenty-five feet (25') off barrel three (3) to the fence and a minimum of fifteen feet (15') to the fence from barrels one (1) and two (2).**

**(d) The stopping distance is a minimum of forty-five feet (45') with a closed gate or thirty feet (30") with a safe, open centre alley.**

**5. Barrels to be forty-five (45) gallon size.**

**(a) It shall be the responsibility of the rodeo committee to provide suitable steel 45 gallon drums.**

**6. A five (5) second penalty will be given per run for each barrel knocked over.**

**7. Disqualification will result from the use of an electronic device as a riding aid during a performance.**

**8. The electronic timer must be used whenever available. It must be backed up by two (2) timers using watches to the 10<sup>th</sup> of a second or better. Both sets of times are to be recorded. When the electric timer is used and a minority of the contestants in that section are missed, the stop watch times are to be used as the official times for the contestants missed. Should the timer fail to work for more than half of the contestants in a go-round, the stop watch times will be considered official for all contestants in that complete go-round.**

**9. Horses are to be timed on the nose, start and finish.**

**10. After official racing time begins, re-runs are not allowed.**

**11. Either barrel No.1 or barrel No. 2 may be taken first, but contestants will be disqualified for not following the cloverleaf pattern or for not being ready to contest when name is called.**

**12. A contestant can change horses during a barrel racing competition.**

**(a) A barrel horse may be used by the same girl in both senior and junior barrel racing events.**

**(b) A horse can be ridden more than once in a go-round and/or performance by different girls, but a girl may only ride one horse in a go-round.**

**13. Contestants may, from a riding position, hold barrel from falling.**

**14. Wherever arena conditions permit, contestants may come into the arena and start the race on the run or they start from a standing position.**

**15. The arena gates may be closed during and for the finish of the race at the request of the individual contestant or show manager.**

**16. If there are less than five (5) entries, the rodeo management has the right to ask for the cancellation of the event.**

**17. One contestant cannot change places with another in an event unless the request is made before the programs are drawn up and the rodeo management and both contestants agree to change.**

**18. The use of bats and spurs is allowed; however, excessive use of bat prior to the race, during the race, or after the race, will mean automatic disqualification for that particular race. Whipping ahead of the shoulders will also result in disqualification.**

**19. The rider may use both hands on the reins or may hang on to saddle if she desires.**

**20. All Timers and flagman must be experienced. The flagman must be a rodeo judge.**

**(a) One judge to flag the barrel racing and one judge to record the times from the timer box.**

**21. A barrel racer will be considered properly attired if she wears colorful pants, long sleeved shirt, western hat and boots, in the arena during the paid and slack performances. Western blue jeans are permissible.**

**22. Barrel racing positions must be drawn for.**

**23. Show representatives will be delegated for each rodeo. Their duty will be to mark barrels, ensure the timer is at the rodeo and appoint someone to set and run the timer. All contestants are required to carry their own equipment to enable them to properly set up the barrels. Two written copies of the measurements must be left with the rodeo secretary. Barrel must be marked at least one and half hours (1 1/2) before the grand entry. Contestants are responsible for checking markers and measurements before each performance and to turn into the office, signed notice of this check.**

**24. If a contestant is injured during competition, a substitute cannot take her place.**

**25. If a barrel horse is injured at a rodeo and the contestant wishes to draw out of another rodeo she has entered, she must notify the rodeo secretary that she is obtaining a veterinarians release and that she will send it to the LRA Secretary. The rodeo secretary will then draw her out.**

**(a) Contestants who obtain a vet release for their barrel horse and draw out of a rodeo, cannot compete at another rodeo for ten (10) clear days and her vet's release must be received at the LRA office within ten (10) days or she will be liable for the entry fees for the rodeo or rodeos for which she obtained the vet's release.**

**26. No one will run barrel patterns in the arena within one (1) hour of rodeo time.**

**27. When extreme changes are made to arena conditions following any performance, other than by natural causes, only day money will be paid.**

**28. Any barrel racer competing in an unapproved event at an unapproved rodeo will be fined \$200.00.**

**29. In the slack, the arena is to be harrowed after the same number of ladies as are in the performance.**

**30. Rakers in the Barrel Racing must be done by numbers on the timer's card, before vets and turn out and not on runs.**

## **G. JUNIOR BARREL RACING**

**1. Contestants may be girls or boys.**

**2. Will run under Ladies Barrel Racing Rules**

**3. Once a junior barrel racer has won \$500 in the Ladies she will have to choose either the ladies or the juniors. If she chooses the ladies her name will be eliminated from the juniors (she will be unable to qualify for the finals, or year-end awards) all money already won in the ladies will still count in the ladies event, and she will be required to buy a full senior membership.**

**4. Payout for the Junior Barrel Racing will be as follows: If the payout is %599 or less it will be split 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%. If payout is \$600 or over, payout split will be 33%, 25%, 18%, 12%, 8%,4%.**

## **SECTION X: FINALS RULES**

**1. A contestant that does not have their picture (head & shoulders) in the office by July 31, of each year for the finals program will be fined \$100.**

**2. Personal sponsors cannot be announced by an announcer.**

**3. Contestants must wear proper cowboy attire with their back numbers on and will not be allowed to wear jackets during the grand entry. Barrel Racers will be exempt from having to have numbers on their back as most put their numbers on their saddle pads. Contestants are also required to run on or show some enthusiasm as they are putting on a show for the spectators. Appropriate fines will be assessed to anyone failing to follow these procedures.**

**4. All rough stock at the finals must be owner branded and number branded.**

**5. Turning out of any performance after entry at the finals will result in a \$1000 fine.**

**6. The finalist in each of the seven major events will compete over the five go-rounds with an average. The contestants earning the most points over the go-rounds with the average added in will be declared the champion.**

**7. The finalists will not carry their earnings from the regular season into “Showdown” making it a sudden death for the championship.**

**\*\*\*8. The first four places in each of the go-rounds and the average will be awarded, 40, 30, 20, 10 respectively, except in the Novice Horse Riding, Junior Bull Riding, and Junior Steer Riding where points will be awarded as follow 40, 30, 20.\*\*\***

**9. In the event of a tie for the championship at the end of the 5 go-rounds and average, those contestants will compete on additional stock at the 5<sup>th</sup> performance until the tie is broken and a championship is declared. Except in the junior events and Novice Horse Riding where there is no average, those contestants will compete on additional stock at the 5<sup>th</sup> performance until the tie is broken.**

**10. Four contestants will be taken to the finals in each of the following events: Junior Steer Riding, Junior Bull Riding, and Novice Horse Riding.**

**11. Finals Contestants in all major events are to vote on the judges for the finals. The voting is one point per vote. In case of a tie the judge with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place votes will be ahead.**

**12. Each carded Stock Contractor that has stock at the finals, must be allowed to have a least one representation in each of the major events in the Stock Contractor Pen.**

**13. All finals contestants must attend the General Meeting or be fined \$50 with the exception of husband/wife where one must attend. Fines payable before competing in the next performance. Must sign in and out of meeting.**

**14. There will be a time limit of one (1) minute to get in and out from the time the barrier is strung. At one (1) minute you will be told to get on another horse. The horse used first will not be used by any other contestants. The horse can be used in the next performance if he is not suitable he can not be used again.**

## **SECTION XI: HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK**

**1. No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses, Saddle Bronc or cows, except in the Junior Bull Riding where locked rowels will be permitted.**

**2. If more than one horse falls due to adverse ground conditions, that event will be postponed until arena conditions are improved.**

**3. A neck rope must be used in the tie down event.**

**4. The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steers, while wrestling, is forbidden.**

- 5. Animals for all events may be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame sick or injured animal, or animals with defective eyesight, shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or be injured between the times it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, another animal shall be drawn for the contestant as provided in the LRA rulebook.**
- 6. No animals shall be beaten, mutilated or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods shall be used as a little as possible.**
- 7. A conveyance must be available to remove animals from the arena in case of injury.**
- 8. No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle girth, or flank straps, shall be permitted. Anyone caught using such devices shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).**
- 9. Excessive whipping ahead of the shoulders will result in disqualification.**
- 10. No stimulants or hypnotics to be used, or given to any animal used for contestant purposes.**
- 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.**
- 12. Clowns are not to abuse stock in any fashion.**
- 13. No small animals or pets allowed in arena where restraint is necessary or subject to injury or attack by another animal.**
- 14. Livestock to be removed from arena after completion of entry in contest.**
- 15. Use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.**
- 16. All cattle used in the Team Roping event shall be required to have their horns wrapped.**
- 17. Stock contractors shall be required to supply enough calves at each rodeo so that no one calf shall be required to run more than three (3) times in any one performance.**
- 18. Any mistreatment of livestock used in rodeo competition may result in contestant disqualification or a fine.**

