Missouri Rodeo Cowboy Association, Inc.

Rules & By-Laws

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and a board of eleven (11) directors, one chosen from each of the following events: Bareback Riding, Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping, Over 40 Calf Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Girls Barrel Racing, Team Roping, Bull Riding, Judges, plus a Stock Contractor Director. The Personnel Director shall be a two (2) year term like all other board positions and shall be a voting position. Field Representatives shall be appointed by the President.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the MRCA and Board of Directors.
3. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform his duties.
4. Any officer of the Association will have the authority to represent any event or contract in the absence of the duly elected director.
5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes and other official reports of the Association, He (she) shall conduct its official correspondence and shall keep all records, books, documents and papers relating to the Association as such place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.
6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by him (her) and shall deposit it in the name of the Association, and only for the members, he / she shall make a statement of the current financial condition of the

Association and a detailed report of its condition for the preceding fiscal year.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded and the cost of the bond to be borne by the Association.
8. All Officers and Directors shall serve without salary, except the Secretary who shall receive an amount which shall be determined by the Board for expense. Expenses other than attending meetings, incurred by Officers or Directors directly concerned with Association business may be turned in and if approved by the board, will be paid.
9. Officers and Directors may be removed at any time by a majority of the Board of Directors for infraction of rules or by-laws.
10. All Officers and Directors shall be contacted through the MRCA office before all board meetings for time and place.
11. Officers and Directors who miss two (2) consecutive meetings without good cause are automatically dropped from the board.
12. Resignation of Officers and Directors must be presented to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancies among officers or directors by vote of a majority of directors attending a meeting where a quorum is present.
13. Board members cannot serve on the Board of two (2) associations with the exception of Little Britches, High School, or N.I.R.A. or family/junior rodeo association, as approved by the board of directors.
14. The Board of Directors shall have authority to make final decisions or interpretations regarding association rules or business.
15. The board shall not make decisions which negatively affect members financially without approval of the general membership.
16. Courtesy cards will be given to all past Presidents.
17. No two (2) immediate family members may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time.
18. Officers and Directors who are removed from the board for any reason, will be responsible for paying the membership dues for the year in which they were serving. If the dues are not paid, and they continue to compete or are active in the MRCA in any other capacity they will be placed on the suspended list for the amount of the dues that are owed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

1. Officers may be nominated by any member in good standing.
2. Officers and Directors will be voted on by a majority vote at the annual meeting.
   A. Election of directors to the board shall be voted on by only those members in the respective events. The entire assembly will vote on President, Vice President, Stock Contractor, Judging & Personnel Representative.
3. Terms of Officers and Directors shall be two (2) years.
4. Any member must have served as an Officer or Director before he/she can be elected President.
5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be hired by the Board and shall have no vote. Secretary-Treasurer will not be a yearly application, but be a yearly evaluation
6. A Director or Alternate must be an active member in his or her event.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

1. Dues shall be set by the Board and approved by members each year. Cards will be dated effective the date they are received in the MRCA office unless they are sent in with rodeo results, they will then be dated the date of the first performance of that rodeo.

A. Members shall carry same membership card number each year. Number to be retired if member does not continue membership

B. An "A" card will be issued to all MRCA members who have never had a bad check with the MRCA allowing them to write checks for entry fees.

C. A "B" card will be issued to any previous MRCA member who has bad checks and has put up a $100 dollar bond.

D. A blank card will be issued to any new member or any previous MRCA member who has had bad checks and has not put up a bond. Entry fee must be paid in cash only.

E .A complimentary "C" card will be issued to approved contractors.

F. A "P" card will be issued to personnel and must be purchased by Aug. 1st to be eligible for current year finals. To work an MRCA first approved or MRCA straight approved rodeo, all rodeo personnel must have a current MRCA Personnel card. Any stock Contractor using

personnel not having a current card will be fined the cost of the personnel card for each person working the rodeo in an official position and the card will be issued for the personnel in question.

G. Contestant cards can be purchased at any time before the cutoff for the finals, however all contestants must enter a minimum of 4 approved rodeos to be eligible to compete at the finals.

H. Any member upon attaining the age of sixty (60) years or older having been a current member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) active years, just prior to their birthday will be eligible for gold card membership at the beginning of the new season following their birthday.

3. All officers and directors shall receive an honorary membership card while serving their term.

4. Any member under 18 years of age must have the Parent/Guardian Consent portion of their Membership Application filled out every year and signed by a parent/guardian. The signature of the parents/guardian must be notarized.

5. Any person becoming a member of this Association shall comply with all of its rules and decisions, and shall be bound by same.

6. Full time Armed Service, High School Rodeo or N.I.R.A. members may compete at MRCA approved rodeos without a membership card, but may not compete at Finals unless they buy a card.

A. Proof of membership in the above listed groups will exempt the entry from the charge of a "local fee."

7. Each contestant will be issued a "Buddy Pass" for every paid membership. The use of this "Buddy Pass" must be recognized by all rodeo committees.

8. All active contestants in the MRCA must send full information with black and white head shot by August 1, if requested.

9. Memberships can be sold at rodeos at secretaries option, with one dollar ($1.00) office charge added.

10. All members must show proof of residency in Missouri and valid Drivers License upon request. Only Missouri residents may have membership in the MRCA and will compete for year-end awards.

A. MRCA membership will be opened up to Rough Stock events only to out of state contestants.

All new members must submit a copy of valid Missouri driver's license with membership application. Current members must show proof of residency and valid driver's license upon request of MRCA Board of Directors. The

MRCA may request documentation that must be submitted to the MRCA office if a question arises about a members residency within 10 days from notification. Examples may be, but not limited to: (1) Copy of bank statement showing address (2) Proof of location where state and federal income taxes are filed (3) College student, proof of full time student status at a Missouri Post Secondary School for up to 4 (four) years.

11. Any member requesting to have their membership cards replaced due to loss, misplacement, destroyed or a stolen current card will pay for the issuing of a new card. The cost of the replacement to be set by the board of directors.

MEETINGS

1. Director's meetings shall be held in person a minimum of three (3) times during rodeo season, place to be designated by Board of Directors. The other monthly meetings may be held by conference call.
2. All officers except the President and Secretary have a vote, and the President will break ties. Field Representatives have no vote.
3. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request of three (3) or more directors.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages used at any business meetings, directly before or during such meetings and at rodeos.
5. Directors meetings are open to any bona-fide member of MRCA, with no voice and no vote, but can be closed in cases of reviewing a suspension. An alternate may sit in on a meeting with no voice if the director is there, without vote and at their own expense.
6. Board members may appoint an alternate to represent them in a meeting. They will carry same vote and will receive expense, if given.
7. There shall be one (1) general membership meeting.

   A. Fall Convention shall be for the purpose of electing officers, directors and reviewing proposed rule changes and general Association business.

. All decisions regarding rule adoptions, amendments or deletions must be approved by the Board of Directors before said rule shall take effect.

A. Rule changes must be submitted in writing to the Board 30 days prior to the Fall or Spring convention. It will then be voted on by the members at the general membership meeting.

B. All rule changes will take effect at the first rodeo after the Finals.

9. A member must be present at a meeting or a letter of acceptance must be in the office at the time of nomination to be nominated for officer or director, if not, nomination will not be accepted.

10. Directors and Officers shall have the privilege of drawing up on the day of a meeting.

11. A quorum must be present at all meetings which will be defined as:

A. Board of Directors: 50% plus 1 (Majority).

B. General membership: 10% of paid members.

FINES

1. Any member who breaks the rules shall be fined.

A. Anyone harassing, threatening, disturbing judges or trying to fix draw, will be subject to a $50.00 fine and if forcible attempt, i.e., pushing, shoving or striking judge, during or after the rodeo, there will be a 30 day suspension from competing in any MRCA Rodeo and all other MRCA events, effective immediately, or until he appears before the Board at a normal scheduled board meeting. Guilty party will be subject to fine and suspension immediately, and without written notification. Verbal notification by any secretary when calling to enter, or by MRCA Secretary, judging representative or officer is considered proper notification.

B. Any officer or rodeo official that is aware of any infraction pertaining to judging that does not turn guilty party in, will be subject to a $50.00 fine, subject to impartial Board of five (5) people.

C. Definition of people qualified to turn in for rule infraction would be any MRCA officer, judging representative, rodeo secretary, stock contractor, judge or anyone officially on rodeo committee.

D. Any member capable of being mounted and participating in Grand Entry may be fined twenty-five ($25.00) dollars for not doing so.

E. Long sleeve shirts rolled down and western hats must be worn at all times when in the arena. Twenty-five dollars ($25.00) fine for noncompliance.

F. If the above offenses are not taken care of within ten (10) days of notification by the Secretary, the members name shall appear on the suspended list. Exception would be rule 1A, which is immediate suspension.

G. Any member appearing on the suspended list will forfeit their points accumulated to that time.

2. Any fine may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

A. Any person appearing on the suspended list shall not have the right to appeal the payment of the imposed fees or fines incurred if they have remained on the suspended list for a period of six (6) months or longer from the date of the infraction.

B. When making an appeal you must put the appeal in writing and send with a good cashable check, money order or cashiers check to the MRCA Secretary for consideration by the Board of Directors. This appeal to be sent to the MRCA Office postmarked within 10 days of the date of the notification. The fine money will be returned if and when the fine decision is overturned by the Board of Directors.

3. Any member who writes a bad check to the MRCA, a rodeo secretary, stock contractor, or rodeo committee for entry fees, cash or prize money in conjunction with an MRCA approved rodeo or any other MRCA event, or any such check to any business establishment in or near the town of and during the time of a MRCA approved rodeo or event will be subject to the following fines and penalties:

   A. First Offense: $25.00 fine, plus amount of bad check, loss of "A" card status and ineligibility to compete in any MRCA rodeo or any other MRCA events following notification of the infraction until such time as the amount of the bad check and corresponding fine is paid in full.

   B. Second Offense. $50.00 fine plus the amount of bad check and ineligibility to compete in any MRCA rodeo or any other MRCA events following

notification of the infraction until such time as the amount of the bad check and corresponding fine is paid in full.

   C. Third Offense. Ineligibility to compete in any MRCA event for a minimum of (30) thirty days following notification of the infraction, and for such longer period as the Board of Directors may determine appropriate. Any member suspended under this rule who wishes to be reinstated shall make application in writing to the Board of Directors within twenty days following notification of the infraction. A favorable majority vote by the Board of Directors shall be required for such member to be reinstated. Any expenses of special meetings requested by a member for the purpose of reinstatement shall be paid by the member.

4. Any member receiving overpayment of prize money must repay amount of overpayment within 10 days following notification or shall pay a $25.00 fine plus the amount of the overpayment and shall be ineligible to compete in any MRCA rodeo or any other MRCA event until the amount of the overpayment is paid in full Members will be notified by certified letter.

5. Where a specific penalty is not fixed for the violation of the Articles, by-laws, or MRCA rules, the Board of Directors by majority vote, may issue a reprimand; impose a fine not to exceed $500.00; declare the member ineligible for a period of not more than five years or any combination of such penalties. In the event that the Board of Directors finds the conduct of the accused to be severely damaging to the MRCA, its members, the sport of rodeo, the Board of Directors, by three-fourths vote may expel such member from the MRCA indefinitely. Any member accused of an act or conduct for which he or she may be expelled shall be given the opportunity to have a hearing before the Board in which that member may have an opportunity to refute, deny, defend against, or oppose any and all charges.
6. Any member appearing on a suspended list will not be allowed to compete or participate in any fashion at any rodeo until suspension is cleared.
7. Any member receiving notice from an "Association Secretary" will abide by the notice. This applies to a rodeo whether it is MRCA first or second sanctioned.
8. If a judge does not abide by association rules they will be fined $100.00 1st offense and doubled thereafter.

POINT SYSTEM

1. This point system is set up solely to determine Association champions for each year.

2. There will be one (1) point awarded for each dollar ($) won at MRCA approved rodeos in each of the nine (9) standard events. Day money counts toward the standings at MRCA First Rodeos only.

3. The high point winner in each of the nine (9) standard events will be named the champions. Cut-off date for points shall be no less than 14 (fourteen) days from the start of any rodeo until the

completion of the State Finals.

4. The high point winner who has won points in two (2) or more events will be named the All-around Champion.
   A. All Around Cowboy.
   B. All Around Cowgirl.
5. Finals qualifiers in each event must compete in all go rounds at the finals in order to receive year end awards, unless excused by the Board of Directors.
6. Team Roping points will be allowed to the individual for highest placing in each go-round in all-around standings. All places will count in the team roping standings.
7. Rookies of the year. Rookies of the year will be a girl or boy 25 years of age or under and a first year contestant who is a "true rookie" in that event nominated by the event director, who in their first year of competition has won the most money.
8. In the event that a rodeo has a performance and one or more performances are canceled, the points for that rodeo will not count, excluding postponement.
9. A contestant cannot accumulate points towards the finals to qualify for the All Around in the Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping or in the Calf Roping and Over 40 Calf Roping. All points accumulated in each event will count in each events standings. Contestant must designate which of the events may qualify for All Around standings if qualified in other events. Designation to be at the beginning of the season.
10. A member will be placed on the suspended list if any fine, fees, or notification is not taken care of within 10 days of the notice. This will result in lose of accumulated points to that time. Points will not be given back after suspension is cleared. Points will begin as of the date the payment or suspension is cleared along with current membership.

Members that do not have membership renewed by December 31 will lose all accumulated points for the season to that point in time. Points will begin accumulating again upon proper renewal for the current year.

11. Any discrepancy on money won to be counted towards the year end standings must be addressed with the MRCA Secretary within thirty (30) days after the last performance of the rodeo or three (3) days after the last rodeo of the season, whichever occurs first.

AWARDS

1. In the selection of top stock of the year, members may vote for stock only in events he/she works.
2. Each contractor eligible for the finals shall be eligible to have his event stock considered for Stock of the Year awards.

   A. Awards will be given for best event stock of the year in each event.

   B. Each contractor shall nominate one (1) animal from each of the rough stock events. An award will be given for best individual animal in each rough stock event.

   C. Stock of the Year must buck at the Finals Rodeo in order to receive any Stock of the Year Awards. The exception to this rule would be a vet release or being excused by the Board of Directors.
3. Stock contractors and committee producing the best MRCA Straight Approved Rodeo of the Year, MRCA Co-Approved Rodeo of the Year with divisions to be at the Board's discretion, and New MRCA Rodeo of the Year will all receive awards. All rodeos must be first sanctioned MRCA to be eligible for awards.
   A. To be eligible for "New MRCA Rodeo of the Year", the rodeo committee/location may not have had an MRCA sanctioned rodeo in four (4) years previous.
4. Year-end awards for high point winners will be established yearly by the Board of Directors.
5. Year-end event high money rookies will be awarded a one (1) year association membership and a plaque recognizing their accomplishment.
6. The Overall Rookie Cowboy and Cowgirl will receive a trophy buckle. Overall Rookie defined as the Rookie Cowboy and the Rookie Cowgirl who wins the most money in their rookie season.
7. All voted in personnel and hired personnel for the MRCA finals will be issued a one (1) year personnel membership for the upcoming season.

8. All-Around awards will be presented to any contestant competing in two or more events throughout the season. Contestant must qualify in at least one event and compete at the finals to receive awards. Contestant must win a minimum of $500. in each event to qualify in all-around standings.
9. The Board of Directors may opt to purchase finals coats once every 5 years. ie. The first year purchase a very nice coat and consecutive years purchase patches indicating the year of qualification to the finals. Persons qualifying to their first finals will receive a coat and then receive patches after that. All money left in the coat fund at the completion of the year will be left in the coat fund.

RODEO APPROVAL

1. To gain MRCA approval, a contractor must submit the Association rodeo approval form to MRCA Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the first performance of that rodeo.

   A. Existing Summer Rodeos would have a minimum of $300 added money and $150 added for winter rodeos. All newly sanctioned rodeos would need a minimum of $400 added money.

   B. Equal added money on each end of team roping as compared to other timed events. You may enter one time in team roping. Entry fee for Team Roping will be $75.00

   C. All MRCA sanctioned or MRCA co-sanctioned rodeos must have all 9 of our standard events.

   D. Standard events are listed below: Bareback Riding, Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping, Over 40 Calf Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing, Team Roping, and Bull Riding.

   E. Any change in a sanction or ground rules must be presented to the Board of Directors in writing. Any change from the original sanction constitutes a new sanction and must be approved by a majority vote of the Directors. Any change that will incur a cost to the association must be reimbursed to the association by the responsible party for the change.

2. All rodeos must submit their prize list, ground rules, name of stock contractor and secretary to the Association.

   A. Any slack shall be run when paid performances are filled. All MRCA cardholders must be accepted. Card holders only may enter in first of entry call-in. All entries will be accepted after this time.

   B. Rodeo headquarters emergency phone must be listed on approval

form.

3. Each contract entered into between the stock contractor and the rodeo committee shall contain a clause releasing the contractor from the obligations of the contract if the rodeo or the contractor is not approved by the MRCA.

4. It is the stated policy of the MRCA to promote the sport of rodeo, to provide contestants with reputable rodeos in which to compete, and to enhance the reputation of public trust in the MRCA and the sport of rodeo. In order to facilitate these goals, the MRCA finds it necessary to regulate and control the organization, promotion and financing of MRCA approved rodeos.

5. Stock contractors desiring to put on a MRCA approved rodeo must be approved annually by the Board of Directors. The contractor shall make written application to the Board of Directors to gain approval. A contractor shall not be approved unless the Board of Directors determines that the basic conduct of the contractor has exemplified those qualities sought to be promoted and advanced by the MRCA and the sport of rodeo. The Board of Directors shall consider all factors relevant thereto including, but not limited to the following:

A. General reputation and character.

B. Felony convictions (felony as defined by jurisdiction in which conviction takes place).

C. Violations of MRCA articles, by laws, or rules.

D. Financial responsibility.

E. Has promoted good relation with businessmen, local governments and citizens in communities where rodeos have been held.

6. In order for an MRCA approved contractor to receive six (6) free Personnel Cards, they must have five (5) MRCA First (1st) sanctioned rodeos.

7. MRCA contractors may co-approve unlimited rodeos with the URA and ACRA or other associations as determined by the Board of Directors.

A. In the event a third association is included as a sanctioning entity, the stock contractor shall be responsible for monies paid to the third association. The third association is entitled to the equal amount due the second association.

B. Sanctioning of “indoor winter” rodeos may be triple sanctioned with approving associations under the following guidelines: 6% of the sanction fee will be divided equally between all three associations at 2% each. Finals funds will be collected and dispersed according to the first sanctioning asso-

ciations requirements for all 3 associations. All rules of the first approving association will be followed according to current guidelines.

8. To be eligible to bring stock to the MRCA Finals, the stock contractor must put on three (3) MRCA first sanctioned Rodeos.

9. All rodeos must take place to count. If a rodeo is approved, sanctioned and scheduled, but no performances are ever held, said rodeo will not count toward the stock contractors points.

10. Contractors may be allowed to supply the Association Secretary with marketing materials to be forwarded to new committee prospects contacting the MRCA office requesting such information.

11. To gain MRCA approval the rodeo must be within 100 miles of the Missouri State line. Any rodeos over 100 miles may be approved as MRCA 2nd or 3rd sanction if the added money is over $500 per event equal added money in all events.

12. All aspects of a co-sanctioned rodeo will be governed by the rules of the first sanctioning association's rules, by-laws and regulations. In the event that the first sanctioning association's rulebook does not cover one of the nine (9) standard events, that event's rules shall by default abide by the rules set forth by the current MRCA rulebook.

It is an individual's responsibility to be familiar with the first sanctioning association rules.

13. Equal added money in all events is encouraged. When added money is not equal, the difference between the highest and lowest added money cannot exceed 50% (twice the amount). Team roping heading and heeling, each being considered an event.

14. Any MRCA & or approved co-sanctioned Rodeos with multiple performances (3 or more, including designated slack) that add $500 or more in all events, may have their entries at least five (5)days prior to other rodeo entries with conflicting dates. If contractor or committee desires, rodeo entries may be drawn for performances, in order to fill all performances. Contestants will be allowed to trade during designated time following the draw for performance. Number of entries needed to fill an event and/or performance may be designated by the contractor/committee, with a minimum of 25% of contestants in each event or stock contractor can lower the number required for a full performance. With a maximum of twelve (12) entries being considered a "full performance" in all timed events (Open and 040 will be counted together when determining a "full performance". Contestants will be allowed to buddy at least four contestants, and up to two in each event, if entries are drawn. Draw to be posted before any conflicting rodeo entry

dates. In the case that two or more rodeos meeting this criterion, the rodeo with the most added money would be entered first. And the next rodeo would have entries five days later.

15. The MRCA shall pay the stock contractor who sanctions the most MRCA first rodeos in a year $1,000, the stock contractor who sanctions the second most MRCA first rodeos will be awarded $750 and the stock contractor with the third most MRCA rodeos will be awarded $250.

16. The MRCA will approve stand alone events starting the day after the end of the MRCA season until April 1. Monies won would accrue toward individual event standings but will not be counted in the all-around Standings. Competing in stand alone events will not count toward total rodeo count to qualify for the MRCA finals. All stand alone events must be submitted for approval 30 days in advance to association and will not be scheduled in conflict with an existing rodeo. Stand alone events can be sanctioned as Open/MRCA. Instead of a percentage of prize money being paid to the MRCA, a $10 fee per entry, regardless if the contestant is an MRCA member or not, will be assessed and sent in to the MRCA secretary along with the results no later than 7 days after the completion of said event. All stand alone events shall have a minimum of $750 added per event. This rule will expire in 1 year and will require a vote by the membership to renew. Contestants entering multiple times can only designate 1 entry to count before competing with the event Secretary.

17. Any rule that is outdated, contradictory, or has not been enforced for a minimum of three years can be removed from the rules by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

TRIAL BASIS CONTRACTORS

1. Any new stock contractor wishing to be accepted in the MRCA will go on a one (1) year trial basis and post a five hundred ($500.00) dollar bond, to be refunded or forfeited at the end of the year by the Boards approval or disapproval.
2. New contractors coming into MRCA cannot take a present MRCA approved rodeo away from a present MRCA contractor for five (5) years.
3. Any MRCA rodeo committee wishing to change contractors, must do so by written request to the Board of Directors, stating reasons for requesting the change.
4. Board of Directors will decide if contractors on trial basis will bring

stock to finals.

Stock contractor applying for trial basis may be required to put on an exhibition of his stock at Board's request.

OFFICIAL RODEO RULES

1. Entry fees at all MRCA rodeos shall be $50 for all rough stock events, and $75 for all timed events. It is contractors decision to allow rough stock events (bb, sb, br) to enter twice in these events no matter the amount of added money.

A. There will be a five ($5.00) dollar fee charged per entry for day money, which must be paid out the night it is collected. It will be paid to the highest point ride or fastest time of that performance. At all one (1) performance rodeos, no day money will be charged. In barrels racing if 20 entry's or more in one performance day money will pay 2 holes.

B. There will be a one ($1.00) dollar fee charged per entry per rodeo with their fee, to be used as a Finals Fund and one ($1.00) dollar per entry to the jacket fund and two dollars ($2.00) per entry for added money at the finals in same event entries are paid, unless funds are inadequate for overall finals. Then each events finals added money funds will be used proportionately the same until funds needed tor the finals are met (for example: If $2,000 is needed, then each event would forfeit $200 of its finals added money fund).

C. Tie down events, Bkwy, SW and Team roping a Sixteen dollar 4. All contestants competing in MRCA rodeos must be MRCA cardolders if they wish to compete at the MRCA Finals Rodeo.

A. Local Entry and all non-card holders and out of state contestants will pay twenty ($20.00) dollars extra per entry fee. Ten ($10.00) dollars per local contestant shall be the associations and ten ($10.00) dollars will be the stock contractors.

5. The MRCA provides its own Association rules for rodeos and rodeo contestants, and will insist the rodeo management adhere to them. Any member of the Association who does not observe the rules, is liable to suspension, or a fine, or both.

6. Any time a MRCA rodeo must be canceled due to weather conditions, the prize money will be pro-rated according to the number of performances. The entry fees will be refunded to those who cannot be at a performance postponed to next day as long as secretary is notified prior to the new draw. Five percent (5%) of the prize money and entry fees for straight MRCA approved rodeos, must be sent to the MRCA office. Eight percent (8%) of prize money and entry fees shall be divided equally between associations for co-approved MRCA rodeos and must be sent to the MRCA office. The

MRCA will take no less than 4% for co-sanctioned rodeos and no less than 3% when the MRCA is the third sanction. At MRCA Co-Approved rodeos, eight percent (8%) of entry fees and added money must be deducted from each event, to be split between the sanctioning bodies. The percentage should be deducted from each event before the payoff is figured and must be sent along with the results to the MRCA Secretary within seven days of the last performance of the rodeo or the rodeo secretary will be fined. A complete list of entries must accompany the results to MRCA secretary, or a $25 fine will be levied per rodeo.

A. All approved rodeos must set an opening and closing date for its entries.

B. Entries may open no sooner than seven (7) days before the first performance, unless approved by the Board of Directors.

7. The MRCA, its officers and directors, stock contractors and committies assume no responsibility or liability of injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. Each participant, by act of their entry, waive all claims against those parties for any and all injuries they or their property may sustain.

8. Sponsoring committee will furnish an attended first aid auto or ambulance to stand by during the performance and during competition preceding and following each performance to properly take care of injured contestants. It is highly recommended that a doctor also be present on the grounds.

9. All rodeos must use two (2) timers and two (2) watches or one watch and one electronic timer system in all events.

A. The primary official watch or electronic timer system shall be graduated in 1/10 of a second. This excludes Barrel Racing, the electric timer will be recorded in 1/1000ths of a second and backup times in 1/100ths of a second.

B. Back up and field flag watches may be graduated in 1/10 of a second.

C. Rough stock judge on latch side of gate will have watch.

D. The contractor shall be responsible for complying with said rules.

10. The committee must provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.

11. Timers will work from same position during entire contest.

12, All approved rodeos must have an arena director. Arena director may be stock contractor or someone appointed by him.

13. Minimum pay for judges will be one hundred dollars ($125) per judge

per performance for a 2 day rodeo and $150 for a one performance rodeo. Plus $1.50 per entry for each "approved" judge from contestant entry fees

A. MRCA approved judges are to be the only judges receiving contestant money. If a non-approved judge is working a rodeo the $1.50. should NOT be collected. If the $1.50. has been collected in error, it will be sent to the MRCA office with results.

14. When contractor signs a contract with a committee and a rodeo is MRCA approved, the contractor is responsible for prize money. Contractor shall reimburse the Association for any prize money not paid to recipient within fifteen (15) days by the responsible party at any Association approved rodeo.

15. A contractor shall reimburse the MRCA for any costs or fees paid by the MRCA as a result of contracts entered into by a contractor in producing a particular rodeo. Said reimbursement shall be paid within fifteen (15) days following notification of contractor by the MRCA.

16. If a performance is rained out, that rodeo must be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of originally scheduled dates.

17. The event director has right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared will be removed from the herd after conclusion of rodeo, unless removed prior to the first performance A written complaint with at least five event signatures will be required before action can be taken. This letter will be sent to MRCA. Said stock shall remain withdrawn until a majority vote of the Board of Directors allows contractor to put stock back in draw.

18. Event director shall have option of taking stock charge away from contractor for poor stock.

19. All stock must have been used in the customary fashion before being put in draw.

20. All horned cattle must be tipped in both timed and judged events.

21. All stock used in MRCA approved rodeos must be horn branded, branded, or eartagged. All rough stock at MRCA finals will be hip-tagged, furnished by MRCA. Timed event cattle will be ear tagged or branded.

22. Any questions that may arise which are not covered by this rule book, shall be decided by agreement of judges at that rodeo. Said judge's decision is final and only an appeal to the Board of Directors may alter that decision.

23. All complaints concerning rodeos will be sent to the President with a

copy to stock contractors in letter form and will be discussed at Board meeting.

24. Saturday morning slack or any slack other than normal after performance slack must be listed on rodeo contract and published in the MRCA newsletter before the books open for that rodeo.

25. There may be designated slack in addition to after-performance slack if so approved by the contractor on the contract. Designated slack will be the only slack you may request after all performances are full as designated on the sanction form. For example: "Performances are considered full when entries equal eight (8) per event, (designated) slack entries will then be accepted."

26. All slack will be run in the same order as the performance.

27. Contestants may draw out of rodeo entering within 24 hours of books closing.

28. After a rodeo performance and before slack is started, contestants must be allowed into the arena to warm up a minimum of five (5) minutes, if arena conditions are favorable.

29. Once performances are full, per is considered full with a minimum of 7 entries, slack must be offered after all performances to be split evenly between performances, unless there is designated slack in the morning or night other than after the regular performances. If Slack is not offered, no stock charge will be paid to the contractor.

30. No feeding livestock within 10 feet of any barrel stake, roping box or bucking chute if not adequate room hay must be racked out.

CONDUCT OF RODEO

1. Approved rodeos are to accept membership cards and Buddy passes the same at they would accept paid for tickets.
2. If a member is caught passing their card around, contractor may take their card and send it to the Secretary's office.
3. Each committee has the discretion of having a list of contestants and labor list in the rodeo, only their passes and "Buddy Passes: have to be honored for every performance.

   A. Members are limited only to the performance in which they are a contestant.

   B. Officers and Directors and Official personnel will be permitted to any performance.
4. All members must ride in all grand entries unless there are extenuating circumstances or a twenty-five ($25.00) fine will result.
5. In the event a contestant wishes to turn out livestock, he should notify

contractor prior to performance.

A. Contestants turning out livestock in one event will remain eligible to compete in other events without further penalty.

B. Contestants turning out due to injury will not be liable for entry fees with a certified doctor's release or verification of injury by judges and stock contractor.

6. Contestants shall be ready to compete when called on. Rough stock contestants must be overstock ready to compete when called on or be assessed a twenty-five ($25.00) dollar fine.

7. Long sleeved shirts (rolled down) and western hats must be worn at all times when in arena. Twenty-five ($25.00) dollar fine for noncompliance with exception of, contestants may roll one sleeve while competing in their event.

8. If management provides satisfactory seats for contestants, Association will urge contestants to stay out of arena when not scheduled to compete.

9. There shall be two (2) timers at every performance of an MRCA approved rodeo. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness or injury, or by request of Association official and stock contractor.

A. Timers shall each have a set of sheets to record their times/scores on so that each records their own respective times.

10. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to events which they enter. Failure to understand or failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.

11. A contractor, secretary, or announcer may impose a twenty-five ($25.00) dollar fine on any Association member who is annoying them during a contest event. The contractor or announcer shall notify the secretary of that rodeo to forward information to the Association Secretary.

12. Upon notification the board may assess a fine of $500 for any member, contestant, stock contractor or Judge that flagrantly violates or ignores any MRCA rule.

13. The Board will expect cooperation of any member when called upon by one of the officers or directors to represent the Associations interest regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.

14. Stock contractor or rodeo secretary cannot charge riders for mounting out stock or exhibiting in rough stock or timed events.

15. Team roping is to be before barrel racing.

16. It is the contestant's responsibility to verify the correct animal is loaded

for them. Contestants who run/ride the wrong animal will receive a "No Time/Score." Judges are responsible for having a draw sheet at the roping box.

17. There must be 2 qualified bullfighters at each sanctioned rodeo.

18. A helmet may be worn in lieu of a western hat.

CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION

1. Contestants may be disqualified for any one of the following offenses:
   A. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
   B. Rowdyism or quarreling in actual domain of arena.
   C. Mistreatment of stock.
   D. Not being ready to compete when called upon.
   E. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
   F. Not wearing a western hat.
   G. Not wearing western clothes, including long sleeved shirt.
   H. Tampering with chutes or livestock in any way.
2. Contestants can be disqualified only by agreement of the rodeo judges.
3. Any contestant with a complaint must report to a director or officer after the performance is completed. If a satisfactory decision cannot be reached, contestant must submit complaint in writing to Board of Directors.
4. Any member or non-member using unnecessary profanity, threats, or rowdyism can be barred from the arena, disqualified, and/or both.

JUDGES AND JUDGING METHODS

1.

   A. Persons must take a closed book judging test and pass it annually to be an approved judge.

B. Judges are not to consume alcoholic beverages for at least two (2) hours prior to start of performance nor during performance. A one hundred ($100.00) dollar fine may be applied for infraction of this rule.

C. Judges should be on rodeo grounds at least four (4) hours prior to first performance if possible, and at least two (2) hours before each performance thereafter, unless special arrangements are made with stock

contractor.

D. Judges, timers and flagmen must be persons of experience.

E. A third person must be used between judges to collect scores, add them and report them to the rodeo secretary during rough stock events.

F. The barrier judge will also watch the time event runs and assist the flag judge with calls, crossfire, catches, ect. A designated person will take care of neck ropes. Both have to agree for the call to be valid.

G. Judges will not compare scores with each other before turning in a score.

H. All Judges must attend an Approved MRCA Judging clinic their first four (4) years being an MRCA approved judge. After judging for four (4) years the requirement will be to attend and MRCA approved judging clinic every other year.

I. Judges who work the Finals are not eligible to compete at Finals.

J. No rough stock contestant may compete and judge at the same rodeo.

K. At least 1 judge must be from MRCA if it is MRCA first approved. The other judge may be from the co-approved association.

L. Attendance of a clinic of co-approval association will satisfy MRCA requirements. Clinic must be approved by MRCA judging director.

2. The use of Video cameras by MRCA Judges to aid in making a judges decision is strictly prohibited

3. Re-ride animals are not to be used for exhibitions until last contestants have competed.

4. No contestants may compete on the same head of stock in any event at any rodeo, in more than one (1) go-round.

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

A. It is the responsibility of the judges to inform the contestant immediately after the ride if he is to be awarded a re-ride.

B. In all rough stock events, if a re-ride is awarded to a contestant, the contestant is to be given his score before making the decision to take a re-ride. Re-ride animal must be posted on the judges sheets and be told to the contestant before they make their decision.

6. If a re-ride is given, rider has privilege of taking same animal back, providing the stock contractor is willing, or rider may have re-ride animal drawn. If rider takes same animal back, he will not be eligible for any more re-rides in that event.

7. If a re-ride is offered on an animal because he ran off or couldn't be mounted out after two (2) honest efforts and is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant has the option of having a re-ride. If the contestant declines a re-ride, he must accept his score.

   A. Stock contractor will decide when re-rides will be taken at same performance.

   B. If animal has run off for the fourth (4th) consecutive time, it must be taken out of the draw.

8. If a re-ride is given because an animal hits rider on chute or falls, it is to be brought back after same performance unless otherwise agreed to by the contractor and contestant.

   A. Rider will not be disqualified for coming in contact with fence when beyond his control and re-ride may be given.

   B. If a rider intentionally or deliberately uses fence to complete a ride, he will be disqualified.

   C. If pick-up horse or other foreign object substantially interferes with contestants performance, judges may award a re-ride.

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

10. In riding events, rider and animal are to be marked separately.

   A. Rider to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25).

   B. The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25).

   C. If the animal is marked a total of twelve (12) or less, the contestant will get a re-ride. A re-ride for a total score on an animal of over 12 is up to the discretion of two judges' animal markings.

   D. A judge cannot change any scores after turning in books to secretary after each performance.

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

12. If horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell rider to take his feet out of horse's neck and first-jump rule will be waived.

A. Rider may be disqualified for not following judges instruction to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute.

B. First jump qualification may be waived at the discretion of judges if the rider is fouled on the chute gate.

C. In case stock fouls contestant, and the judge sees it, he may tell the contestant to go on with the ride and the contestant must be marked.

13. Any time contestant is fouled in any event, he must declare himself immediately, or take that mark or time.

14. Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles, and bull ropes from either side in all riding events.

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

16. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.

A. In all timed events a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within eight (8) feet of post.

B. Barrier equipment must be inspected by judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.

C. Should barrier break at any place other than designated breaking point, barrier shall not be considered broken.

D. If contestant obviously breaks barrier, but staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second fine. Otherwise this is not to be considered a broken barrier.

E. Automatic barriers must be used in calf roping, steer wrestling, and team roping.

F. Judges are responsible for the barriers and barrier equipment.

17. Barrier judge is to make sure that no one can stand close enough to barrier equipment to tamper with same, either before or after a run. The barrier must lay on the side of the chute. Pusher cannot go out past the head gate. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the

contestant.

18. In the Breakaway Roping events, the Flag Judge shall be positioned a maximum of 1/2 way down the side of the arena from the roping box. A minimum of 50' from the box and a maximum of 150'.

19. Once score line has been set in timed events, the length will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.

20. In order for time to be considered official, barrier must work properly. If barrier hangs on animal, contestant must take a re-run.

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

22. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped.

A. A contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying.

B. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge will be final.

C. If rope is on animal when he escapes, contestant will get animal back lap and tap with rope on it in the chute.

23. If a contestant is injured at a rodeo, he may be held back at same rodeo until later in the go round. Consent of stock contractor and both judges is necessary. If stock has been drawn for him, he must take that animal when he does compete.

24. In rough stock events, with any disqualification, judge must throw flag immediately.

25. In the event of postponement of a performance, positions and stock will be re-drawn.

26. When a contestant calls for stock and animal falls completely down before crossing score line, a re-run may be given at judge's discretion. Barrier fouling contestant shall be the only other reason for re-run.

27. In case of barrier failure, contestant must take a re-run.

28. Neither barrier judge nor field flag judge may be changed during the course of an event, except due to sickness or injury. Barrier judge may appoint someone to watch barrier for the entire event of the performance he competes in.

29. If a judge cannot complete a rodeo due to sickness or injury, a new

round will start and two (2) separate payoffs will be paid in rough stock events.

30. The decision of the judges, flagmen and timers who have been passed on by the Association, shall be final and no protest by the contestants will be permitted during an event.

31. The Board may disapprove judges for Association rodeos if such disapproval is based on a written complaint signed by at least five (5) members. Judges so disapproved must appear before the Board to contest the Boards decision.

32. If a judge does not abide by association rules they will be fined $100.00 1st offense and doubled thereafter.

SECRETARY AND RODEO OFFICE

1. MRCA members must pay delinquent entry fees to the MRCA or they will be fined and /or suspended. Rodeo contestants must pay delinquent entry fees before competing in another rodeo, after official notification by MRCA Secretary.

   A. Any cowboy entering another cowboy shall be personally responsible for his entry fees. Secretary must be able to verify who has entered a cowboy to collect unpaid fees.

   B. A MRCA cowboy can enter himself and other card holders.

   C. Secretary shall ask for card number on entries phoned in, if number is not given, entry may be refused.

   D. Any secretary accepting entries is responsible for those entries. Secretaries cannot accept an entry in team roping leaving an open hole. Both names are to be given upon entering.

   E. Members will have priority over non-members when entering rodeos. Non-members may be denied entry at the discretion of the Stock Contractor.

2. There must be a working emergency number with someone to answer from 8 a.m. to performance time on all days of the rodeo, for every MRCA rodeo. If not, a $25.00 fine will be imposed on the contractor and committee.

3. Local entries must pay their entry fees before the draw for the performance in which they are entered to have any stock drawn for them, or they will be drawn out. Local entries must be informed of the dress code at the time they enter by the secretary.

4. Arena secretary shall be required to have all contestants show paid up Association membership cards, or valid receipt of recent purchase of

membership, at time of paying entry fees.

A. Memberships can be sold at rodeos at the rodeo secretary's option with one dollar ($1.00) office charge added.

B. Should contestant not have a current membership card, secretary is required to refuse entrance of said person until they can secure a paid-up membership.

C. Contestant's card number must be turned in with result sheets.

5. All rodeos must have a rodeo headquarters phone. If books are open one day, someone must be present at the phone to take entries at all times.
6. Rodeo results must be turned in to the MRCA Secretary within seven (7) days after last performance.
7. Prize money will be mailed to contestants postmarked within seventy-two (72) hours of the final performance of a rodeo or secretary may be fined.

DRAWING STOCK OR POSITIONS

1. All stock in contest events must be drawn by the judges.

A. In drawing stock, there must be at least eight (8) or more in draw each time in each event except in calf roping and team roping. There must be at least (10) or more in draw each time in these two (2) events. There must be half as many animals in the draw as the greatest amount of contestants in one performance, <u>including slack,</u> with a maximum of 15 animals.

B. The first re-ride awarded will receive the first designated re-ride animal drawn. The second re-ride will go to the second re-ride animal drawn.

2. Stock in timed events must be drawn by flag judge for that event.

A. Flag judge cannot compete in the event he flags.

B. The people appointed to flag are the flag judges for those events regardless of who judges riding events and are the qualified men to deliver a decision.

3. Four (4) copies must be made of the draw, one (1) being a part of secretary's records, and one (1) for announcer.

A. Plastic poker chips must be used for drawing positions and for drawing stock.

B. Receptacle containing numbers must be shaken before each draw.

C. Drawing must be conducted on rodeo grounds so that any contestant may witness draw.

D. Judges shall draw stock within three (3) hours prior to performance.

E. All stock in first performance of a rodeo must remain for entire rodeo.

4. Stock for re-rides must be drawn before go-round and must be posted on judges sheets only. Feature animals may be held out of this draw, then returned to draw for the go-round. No more than two (2) feature animals are allowed to be held out of each performance of a go-round.

A. No draw animal may be used for any other reason until all paid contestants have competed. They will go to the re-ride pen. These animals are to be drawn with original re-rides.

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

C. Re-rides will not be drawn before end of event in which re-ride is given. All men who have re-rides for event for that performance, will have their re-rides drawn at same time from all re-ride stock, including turned-out stock if necessary. An animal can be drawn for a re-ride only one (1) time in a go-round.

D. Once a horse is in the Bareback or Saddle Bronc event they must remain in that event for the entire rodeo.

5. Positions must be drawn within 48 hours after the books close.

6. Stock shall be drawn for each performance and posted prior to each rodeo. Order of slack may be chute run, if stock contractor wishes.

7. In case of misdraw or injured animal, go back to mistake and redraw from that point down.

8. Anyone turning out drawn stock, may be refused entry at that contractor's next rodeo, and next rodeo only.

9 The order of events shall be posted alongside draw at all performances.

10. All slack must be run in order of the performance unless otherwise posted in the entry office.

11 All stock shall be drawn for at one time per each performance and be posted one hour before show.

12. Any person allowed to enter a rodeo after the books are closed, automatically is placed in the first position to run instead of last, with the exception of barrel racing which will be placed last. This is only after positions

have been drawn.

13. If a rodeo secretary accepts the entry of someone appearing on the suspended list and that person then no shows at that rodeo, the stock charge collected with the no show fee will go into the general fund of the MRCA and not be paid to the stock contractor.

14. When entering a rodeo and a given performance is full, a waiting list will be formed on a first come, first served basis for that performance. When other performances are full the secretary will then use the waiting list. Contestants will be responsible for verifying whether his or her entry has been accepted.

15.Anyone who is entered and a position is drawn for that contestant must compete on that animal or at that position, unless authorized by the judges. If name of contestant is read by the announcer three times and the contestant is not in the arena or making an attempt within view of the judges the animal will be turned out or offered to the next contestant that has drawn the animal to compete at that time. The next contestant that has the animal drawn has the option to take the position or refuse and take the animal when their original position was drawn. If the animal is turned out, the contestant who had the animal or position drawn will receive a no time.

16, Trading of positions can be approved by the judge no less than 10 minutes prior to the beginning of a performance or slack in which the contestant is drawn. All trades must be made between contestants that have drawn the same animal to compete on or done before stock is drawn prior to the rodeo.

DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEE REFUND

1. There will be no drawing out after stock has been drawn for first performance, unless contestant has a release from both judges.

   A. Any contestant who turns out stock with a doctors or vet release shall be fined, declared ineligible, or both if evidence shows he competed in another rodeo within seventy-two (72) hours after the performance for which the release was turned in. In the case of a vet release, the contestant may not compete in barrel racing for (3) days.

   B. Contestant must reimburse the MRCA for their entry fees, unless they have contacted the rodeo secretary before the payoff with release. Anyone with release who is on grounds prior to the draw, who does not notify secretary of his release, cannot use it to draw out.

   C. All doctors releases must be dated and turned in to the Association Secretary within ten (10) days. Any release dated prior to entry may not be used to draw out of that rodeo.

D. The rodeo secretaries are to pull contestants who no show or turn out and fail to pay their fees, from payoff, and send names to MRCA Secretary, who will collect fees. A $25 fine will be assessed to the contestants who no show or turnout and fail to pay their fees at the rodeo.

E. No show fees collected will go into the MRCA general fund. Stock charge will also be collected and distributed to the stock contractor bi-annually.

F.. In team roping, when one (1) member of the team doctor releases out of a rodeo his partner is also released from his fees or has the option to choose another partner. The contractor must be notified before the draw is made.

H. In team roping, when one (1) member of the team pays his entry fee at the rodeo, but the other team member is not paid, the total amount of the paid entry fee will be forwarded to the MRCA office with the results and not be included in the payoff. The other member will be responsible for paying his no-show amount. If the non-showing member forwards a valid doctor's release the other members fees will be refunded.

I. Vet Release- "Only" contestants in barrel race may vet release from a rodeo. Only three (3) vet releases may be used per points season.

2. No stock will be given until entry fees are paid. All entry fees must be paid one hour before performance if contestant is on grounds, or entry fee may be refused, at the discretion of the rodeo secretary.

3. Contractor and committee have the discretion to stop a performance because of adverse conditions.

A. Such termination may not take place during an event.

B. Entry fees will be refunded to those contestants who have not competed.

C. If a contestant is entered in other events in which he is unable to contest, the entry fee for those events are to be returned.

4. In the event of cancellation or postponement, contestant may draw out and entry fee will be refunded.

5. All no shows and turn outs will be required to pay entry fee, stock charge, judges fee, finals fee, jacket fee and day money.

6. You may draw out of a rodeo 72 hrs. before the first performance.

PAY OFF

1. A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him in an event to place in the average.
2. Sanction Percentage
3. At MRCA approved rodeos, five percent (5%) of entry fees and added money must be deducted from each event. At MRCA co-approved rodeos, eight percent (8%) of entry fees and added money must be deducted from each event.

   A. At MRCA First Approved rodeos, five percent (5%) of entry fees and added money must be deducted from each event. The percentage should be deducted from each event before the payoff is figured, and must be sent, along with the results, to the MRCA secretary within seven days of the last performance of the rodeo, or the rodeo secretary will be fined. A complete list of entries must accompany results to MRCA secretary or a $25 fine will be levied per rodeo.

B. The MRCA will take no less than 4% for co-sanctioned rodeos and no less than 3% when the MRCA is the third sanction. At MRCA Co-Approved rodeos, eight percent (8%) of entry fees and added money must be deducted from each event, to be split between the sanctioning bodies. The percentage should be deducted from each event before the payoff is figured and must be sent along with the results to the MRCA Secretary within seven days of the last performance of the rodeo or the rodeo secretary will be fined. A complete list of entries must accompany the results to MRCA secretary, or a $25 fine will be levied per rodeo.

4. MRCA contestants are to be paid money won for a complete go-round within four hours after completion of the go-round, if requested.
5. On two head and average, monies, and average will be divided equal.
6. On three head and average, 34% to average, 22% to go-rounds, for all events.
7. If no qualified rides or times, the portion of the payoff money will be paid in the following manner:

   A. Entry fees and added money, less the sanction percentage will be figured. The sanction percentage will be forwarded to the associations with results.

   B. Timed events will pay ground money to contestants, from the remaining portion of the payback of entry fees split evenly between them. Ground money will not be figured in the payoff or included in standings.

C. Rough stock events with no qualified rides will pay the remainder of the entry fee money to the stock contractor.

D. Added money will be returned to the committee.

8. If go-round and average money cannot both be paid at any one rodeo, the go-round will be paid instead of average.

9. If any error has been made in figuring books at close of rodeo, any overpayment must be returned upon request. Failure to do so within ten (10) days after notification by the Secretary will cause a fine and automatic suspension.

10. The number of places and percentages of pay-off must be recorded on secretaries books before stock is drawn.

11. Payoff for all events at the Finals-Average is not to pay more places than go-rounds.

12. No day money will be charged or paid at a one performance rodeo.
    A. If designated slack is on the same day, Day Money will be charged.

13. Day money will be given back to contestants if no one has qualified in that event in the following manner: If there are no qualified rides or times in a performance, money goes to the following performance day money winner. If there are no qualified rides or times in the final performance, money will be given to the event winner. If there are no qualified times for the entire rodeo, day money is paid back evenly to all contestants of that event with ground money except in rough stock.

14. Day money will be paid separately for designated slack. In Barrel racing if 20 entry's or more in one performance day money will pay 2 holes.

15. Rodeo secretaries will receive fifty cents ($ .50) of day money from each entry.

Standard Payoff for all events except Team Roping: & Calf Roping

1-6 entries, 2 monies: 60%, 40%.
7-11 entries, 3 monies: 50%, 30%, 20%.
12-20 entries, 4 monies: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%.
21-30 entries, 5 monies: 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%.
31-49 entries, 6 monies: 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%.
50 entries or more, 8 monies: 23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 8%, 5%, 2%.

Barrel Racing pays 10 places when there is 71 or more entries:

25%,20%,15%,11%,9%,6%,5%,4%,3%,2%

Open Calf Roping & Team Roping payoff: (Payment is to be made in separate checks to individual team members.) (Entry is per team in TR.) (Steer Wrestling is per contestants.)

1-4 entries, 1 money: 100%

5-10 entries, 2 monies: 60%, 40%

11-16 entries, 3 monies: 50%, 30%, 20%

17-25 entries, 4 monies: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

26-40 entries, 5 monies: 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%

41-70 entries, 6 monies: 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%

71 entries & over, 8 monies: 23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 8%, 5%, 2%.

16. At MRCA rodeos, the Barrel Racing contestants should not be charged a stock charge. They must pay a $3.00 timer charge when an electric timer is used.

17. Any cash only rodeo must be paid in cash or cashier's check.

POSTING OF MARKINGS

1. Contestant is privileged to see records of all contestants in any event in which he takes part at the end of each performance. This shall be done at a reasonable time so that secretary and judge may be present.

GENERAL RULES, ROUGH STOCK

1, Stock must be ridden eight (8) seconds.

A. Time to start in the Bareback and Saddle Bronc riding events when animals front feet touch the ground on the first jump out of the chute. Time to start in the Bull Riding when the bull breaks the plane of the chute.

B. Riders will have right to call on judges to pass on whether or not animal is flanked properly to buck to best of his ability.

2. Stock is not to be hot-shotted until turned completely out of chute, unless requested by rider. Hot-shot will be used from back of bucking chute only!

3. If flank comes off, a re-ride may be given and may be taken on same animal, provided contractor agrees.

4. Rider must complete a qualified ride to be eligible for a re-ride.

5. Rider has option of taking original marking or re-ride.

A. In all rough stock events, if a re-ride is awarded to a contestant, the contestant is to be given his score before making the decision to take a re-ride. Re-ride animal must be posted in the judges sheets and be told to

the contestant before they make their decision.

B. Decision must be made immediately upon notification by judge. If re-ride is accepted, previous score is eliminated.

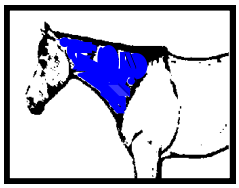
6. Riders who are fouled at chute or if animal falls completely down, may be entitled to a reride at judges discretion.

If animal stops, rider is entitled to a re-ride. If you are fouled at the gate you must declare yourself immediately or you will not be awarded a re-ride.

7. If pick-up horse or other foreign object substantially interferes with contestants or stock performance, Judges may award a reride.
8. Rider must tell flankman and/or stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with a hot shot, however, if the rider denies use of a hot shot and animal does not buck, no re-ride shall be given. Contractor may deny contestants request.
9. Contestants feet may be away from horse during first jump from chute as long as rowels are touching designated area when front feet hit ground.
10. If horse stalls coming out of chute, either judge may tell rider to take feet out of horses neck and first jump qualifications will be waived. Rider may be disqualified for not following judges instructions to take feet away from neck of horse stalled in chute.
11. First jump rule may be waived if rider is fouled on chute gate at discretion of judges.
12. Riders who are fouled at chute, or if animal falls completely down, may be entitled to a re-ride at judges discretion. If a rider is fouled, in order to get a re-ride, he must immediately declare himself and not try stock unless otherwise instructed by judges.
13. If horse is not standing properly, contestant may request spur rule be waived and take animal immediately as is. Judges may or may not approve request.
14. No re-rides will be given if contestants equipment fails or comes off. Borrowed equipment is considered as own.
15. Any horse requiring a neck rope or head fastened in chute may have first jump rule waived at discretion of the judges. Use of neck rope will be decided by contractor and contestant.
16. Once a horse is in the draw for the Bareback or Saddle Bronc event, they must remain in that event for the entire rodeo.

17. If animal fails to buck or stops during ride, rider shall have option of a

re-ride. If rider takes the same animal for re-ride he must take the marking with no option of a re-ride. If animal falls completely down or fouls rider at the chute rider maybe entitled to a re-ride at judge's discretion. If rider is fouled etc. on same re-ride animal he has no option for a re-ride.



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DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Being bucked off before whistle.
2. Touching stock with free hand or arm.
3. Riding with rowels too sharp in judges opinion.
4. Failure to mark horse properly.

BAREBACK RIDING

1. One handed rigging to be used.

   A. Riders may use their own rigging if rigging is not over ten (10) inches in width at hand hold and not over six (6) inch D-ring or not a freak.

   B. All bareback riders must use padding under rigging and padding must extend two (2) inches behind back of rigging.

   C. Rider may cinch own rigging and examine to determine if satisfactory before horse is released into arena.

2. Stock contractors will have right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
3. Any horse requiring a neck rope or head fastened in chute, may have first jump rule waived, rider is to take horse as is immediately, at discretion of judge. Use of neck rope will be decided by contractor and contestant.
4. There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry rosin and/or benzoin used on rigging or riders glove, which will be a plain glove.

   A. The glove will have no flap, rolls, welds, gimmicks or wedges If a palm piece is used, it must cover entire palm and be no heavier than chap leather. Rider may have a single layer of leather under hand hold and

shall be glued down. Leather may not be skived.

B. Rider may not take any finger tucks or wraps. Violators may be disqualified and/or fined. Only leather or rawhide allowed for hand holds. No fiberglass or metal to be allowed in rigging or hand holds within exception of D-rings and bolts or screws attaching hand hold to rigging.

5. Rider may not pull rigging with hand already placed in hand hold.
6. Rider must have riding hand visible to judge after rigging is set and pulled. If repull is needed, hand must be removed and made visible to judge.
7. To qualify, rider must have spurs over or in front of break of the shoulders and rowels touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.
8. If horse comes out of chute backwards, the mark out rule is waived.
9. Rider touching rump of horse with **"Back of Hand"** while bucking, will not be disqualified.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Rider will be disqualified for following offenses:

   A. If rigging comes off without breaking.

   B. Riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock, or for attempting to lock rowels.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING RULES

1. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope in rein, and saddle.
2. Saddle may be furnished by contractor, but contestants are permitted to use own association saddle. Definition of an association saddle is: 3/4 rigging with D ring pulling no farther back than the rear of the swells. Cantle not more than five (5) inches tall measured from the back jockey to the tallest point. Gullet not less than four (4) inches at center of swells. Swells not more than fourteen (14) inches wide or undercut more than one (1) inch on either side. Stirrups hung over the bars with fenders. Seat

   not less than fourteen (14) inches long. Deviation from specifications provided herein will be considered illegal.
3. Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both judges and stock contractor.
4. Stock contractor may furnish their own halters and contestants may use them, subject to approval of contractor and contestant of fitness of

halters.

5. Riding rein and hand must be on the same side.
6. Horses to be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory.
7. Middle flank belongs to the bronc rider, but contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horses belly.
8. To qualify, rider must have spurs over or in front of break of the shoulders and rowels touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.
9. If horse comes out of chute backwards, the mark out rule is waived.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Rider to be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
   A. Changing hand on rein.
   B. Wrapping rein around hand or horn.
   C. Pulling leather.
   D. Losing stirrup.
   E. Riding with locked rowels or riding with rowels that will lock, or for attempting to lock rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs.
   F. Riding with adhesives other than dry rosin.
   G. Saddle bronc riders cannot assist themselves with rein hand locked over swells of saddle.
   H. The judges may examine clothing, saddle, rein, and spurs.

2. If in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc deliberately throws himself the rider shall have the choice of that horse again or he may have a horse drawn for him from the re-ride horses. If cowboy takes same horse back, he must take the marking.

BULL RIDING RULES

1. Riding is to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.
   A. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
   B. Rope must have a bell; no bell, no marking.
   C. Bell must be under belly of bull.
2. No more than two bells may be used and must be of conventional type

attached by leather strap. Point of attachment shall be within two inches of rope.

3. All bulls having horns whether fighters or not, must be tipped to the size of a 25 cent piece (quarter) or will be removed from the draw.

4. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

5. Rider must use five (5) point straight rowels, one rowel per shank in the bull riding. No rowels will be solidly locked or be bent. Rider will be disqualified and/or fined for infraction of this rule.

6. No foreign objects may be attached to bull rope.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:

A. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope when the rope is being tightened.

B. For intentionally putting spurs in knots.

GENERAL RULES, TIMED EVENT

1. During any performance, if an animal in timed event escapes chute or pens before it is called for, that animal will be brought back after the performance with two (2) or more of same animals.

2. If animal gets out of arena, flagman is to stop the time and contestant will get same animal back.

A. Animal to start lap and tap.

B. Contestant to start in chute with time accumulated when animal got out added to this time.

3. If contestants equipment catches on anything other than barrier, they will not get a re-run.

4. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes of timed event cattle.

5. Barrier must be tied with string only.

A. Barrier will not be considered broken unless ring falls within eight (8) feet of post.

B. Barrier ropes must be made with nylon or poly.

6. Barrier judge will be responsible for tying and adjusting neck rope himself.

7. If barrier fails to work but the flag operates correctly and time is recorded, contestant or team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless barrier is obviously beaten by contestant. If official time

has not started contestant or team will receive stock which contestant originally drew if contestant has qualified on that stock.

8….Malfunction of a barrier or barrier fouling a contestant shall result in a re-run penalty free (Barrier is defined as including the neck rope)

9. Same man must open all front gates for entire performance. Stock contractor will designate and be responsible for providing a man and seeing that he works entire performance.

10. Time flag must be put on jerk line and be at least twelve (12) inches and either red or white in color.

11. Positions must be drawn in all timed events.

12. The contestant must compete on stock drawn for them.

13. Stock is not to be left in roping boxes overnight.

14. No keeping any horses (i.e. judges horse) in the roping box or bucking chute.

15. All stock in calf roping, breakaway roping, team roping, and steer wrestling must be run at least one time before being drawn a second time.

16. In all timed events, only the main watch will be posted unless the main watch malfunctions, in which case the back up watch will be posted. In the barrel race, the electric timer and the back up time will be posted.

17 . In timed events, the barrier judge must throw flag immediately upon barrier break or malfunction.

18. If the barrier malfunctions, the cowboy must rerun his cattle, after the performance, whether he had a qualified time or not.

19. Horns may be no wider than 28" on all roping and steer wrestling cattle.

20 Only person or team competing and on deck will be allowed in arena during their event.

21.Contractor may use same calves for Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping at rodeos that are not MRCA first approved. All rodeos that are sanctioned MRCA first, the contractor must use separate sets of calves.

22. The overseeing of the working of the arena ground will be the responsibility of the Stock Contractor. The arena shall be worked as equal as possible both nights.

23.No timed event will run after the barrel race without the arena being drug.

24. Line judge will stand on the left side of the score line.

25 At ropers discretion roper will be allowed two (2) hazers, one on score line on either side and one not over 25 feet from the front of the box. Hazer must not come in physical contact with or throw objects at calf, under penalty of disqualification of roper.

26 The judge shall drop the flag at the end of each run. The time should

be recorded, and if the time is a no time, record no time in secretary book.

27. All timed event cattle shall be run through prior to first performance.

28. There will be a 30 second time limit in all timed events except in Breakaway, 20 seconds.

29. Breakaway and Calf Roping calves may not be used in calf scramble.

30 Calf Roping neck rope must be the length of the box minus four (4) feet, with a one (1) foot deduction for each twenty (20) feet of the arena that is less than two hundred feet. This applies to O40 Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping as well.

31. Box Pads are required to be used in all roping boxes.

32. Roping boxes must be a minimum of 16' except where permanent facilities are used.

33. The barrier flag must be down the sides of the box, not above the bon on a pole..

34. At judges' or stock contractors' discretion a sullen or uncooperative animal maybe pulled from the herd. In such instance the extra will be used and will either to be run in that performance or run of slack. Contestant has ultimate option to take animal as is or take extra.

35. Once the barrier is pulled you get 3 chances to get your horses backed in the box or you will be flagged out.

36. The barrier flag must be down the side of the box not above the box on a pole.

PENALTY

1. If contestant breaks or beats barrier, a ten (10) second penalty shall be enforced.

COWGIRL'S BARREL RACING RULES

1. Barrel racers are required to wear western attire (long sleeve shirts, western dress pants or permanent press colored jeans or blue jeans, hat, boots) in Grand Entry and while contesting.
2. Barrel racers will be required to enter the arena and begin contest barrel run with hat on. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
3. Committee is responsible for bringing in and removing barrels from arena.

4. Prior to first performance of all MRCA approved rodeos,
down, given to each judge and rodeo secretary for future reference. Barrels must be staked. If stakes are not visible after first performance, they must be re-measured according to first nights measurements.

5. Judges are responsible for marking off barrels before the beginning of first performance of rodeo and checking of such prior to beginning of each rodeo performance thereafter with a tape measure.

   A. Judges are responsible for placing barrels to inside of the stakes prior to the event.

   B. A twenty-five ($25.00) dollar fine will be levied on both judges if barrels are not staked in accordance with these rules.

6. No obstacles may be set up to run through for starting line.

7. Flagman's starting line must be a visibly marked place.

8. Barrel racer cannot enter two (2) horses in any one (1) rodeo. A horse cannot be ridden by more than one (1) person at the same rodeo.

   A. Exhibition runs may be made on second horse, with consent of rodeo producer.

   B. There will be no exhibition runs before the actual competition runs during any rodeo.

9. Barrels should be placed at least twenty (20) feet from fence whenever possible.

10. Score line shall be at least sixty (60) feet or more from fence when possible, or there should be an open gate at the end of arena to run through.

11. The barrels used in any approved barrel race must be metal, closed-end, fifty-five (55) gallon size. It is required that barrels be painted or covered a visible uniform color.

12. Time shall begin when horse's nose reaches starting line and shall end when horse's nose reaches finish line.

13. Barrel racers who are entered in rodeo shall not time at same rodeo for the barrel racing.

14. Barrels are to be placed in a cloverleaf pattern, not staggered.

15. Contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel.

16. There shall be no tires on barrels.

17. In case of two (2) or more go-rounds, positions will be drawn each go.

18. It is requested that rodeo secretary inform local contestants of dress code.

19. If a rodeo has a local or junior barrel race, it must be held after MRCA barrel race.

20. It is the barrel racer's responsibility to know their position and notify the judge if they have been called out of order. If the barrel racer runs out of order, she will not receive a re-run.

21. If the electronic timer fails on one-third (1/3) or more barrel racers, back up times will be used for all contestants.

Anything less than 1/3 will receive back-up times while rest of contestants receive timer times.

22. Electric timers must be used at all rodeos and finals.

A. Contractors will be charged a fine of fifty ($50.00) dollars for a non-working timer. This will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

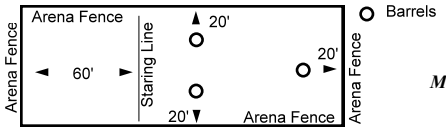
B. Electric timers will be staked inside the arena and the judge will stand directly behind the timer.

23. If a center gate is used, contestant in barrel race must maintain continuous forward motion. (No circling allowed). Failure to maintain forward motion coming in the arena will result in disqualification. Failure to maintain forward motion leaving out of the arena will result in a $25 fine unless, in the judges opinion every effort was made to comply.

24. If deemed a center ally-if there is a bar in the ally it must be buried or covered to be deemed safe.

25. Barrel racers will not be permitted to work their horses around the stakes or barrels closer than twenty (20) feet from the stakes used in MRCA competition. Noncompliance of this rule will result in disqualification.

26. The arena must be raked or dragged after twelve(12) barrel racers and before slack.



Minimum Standard Pattern

27. Once a drag is set in the barrel racing it cannot be changed due to no shows or turn outs. Example: If dragging after #12 and #7 turns out #13 cannot roll up one. #13hould have a run on top of the ground and run after the drag.

28 Measurements of barrel pattern must be posted with draw prior to each performance.

29. Both judges shall be required to be present in the arena during the Barrel Race, with one judge flagging, the other judge watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run.

30. Should for any reason the barrels not be placed on the markers or the flag man not be in the correct place things must be placed in the correct order and all contestants who ran on the in correct course must be re-run with no penalties. However, if it is to the contestants disadvantage then she should be allowed to choose to re-run or take original time.

PENALTY

1. If contestant knocks barrel over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If barrel is knocked over and it stands up again on its other end, this will be considered as knocked over and the five (5) second penalty charged.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Contestant will be disqualified if after crossing score line and being flagged at the beginning of the run, she recrosses the score line before completion of a true clover leaf pattern.
2. Failure to observe dress code as stated..
3. Failure to enter arena and begin run with hat on.

RE-RUNS

1. If a timekeeper or flagman fouls the contestant, she will make her re-run during or after that performance of the rodeo, at a time decided on by the judges and herself.
2. If for any reason a re-run is needed, any penalty from the first run will not carry.
3. If whole section is re-run, all penalties will be dropped.

CALF ROPING RULES

1. Contestant must catch calf, dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand, cross and tie any three (3) legs. Legs must remain crossed and tied securely for five (5) seconds.

   A. If calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three (3) feet (calf may be helped by roper but at least three (3) feet must be dangling straight underneath the calf) and calf must be re-thrown.

   B. If ropers hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by

hand.

C. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.

D. Tie must be finished with half hitch or “hooey”.

2. Tie must hold for five (5) seconds, then be passed on by field judge.
3. Roper will be flagged no time for touching calf, string, or by touching rope to train his horse after giving finished signal.
4. Catch as catch can: any catch is legal.
5. Untie man must not touch calf until judge passes on tie.
6. Stock contractor shall endeavor to keep an even set of calves.

A. Calves should be even in weight, height, and age, and shall not weigh less than one hundred seventy-five (175) pounds and shall not weigh more than two hundred fifty (250) pounds.

B. All roping calves must be branded or eartagged.

C. Brahmas or cross bred Brahmas may not be mixed with native cattle in the same set.

D. All fresh calves must be tied and run prior to draw of performance.

7. Names of ropers and number of calves shall be posted one (1) hour before performance.
8. Calf Roping barrier must be the length of the box minus four (4) feet, with a one (1) foot deduction for each twenty (20) feet of the arena that is less than two hundred feet. This applies to O40 Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping as well.
9. All boxes must have an enclosed back.
10. Barrier and barrier equipment used in calf roping cannot be used in steer wrestling event.
11. If barrier equipment stops calf or turns calf back, calf will be brought back and decision of judge will determine if calf is re-run.
12. A stop watch will be used by field judge.

A. Judge will not begin five (5) second time period until roper has remounted and given calf complete slack.

B. If rope comes off calf after completion of tie, five (5) second time will start when roper leaves calf.

13. Field judge must watch calf during five (5) second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free, using this time to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify. Contestant has the right to see time on the watch if his calf kicks free.

14. If barrier equipment fouls roper and roper declares himself immediately, he may be given his calf at judges discretion.

15. If a rodeo has a calf scramble, they must use different calves than roping calves.

16. Two (2) loops will be permitted if roper is carrying two (2) loops.

. If horse drags calf ten (10) feet or more after the calf is roped and tied, field judge may stop horse and rider may be fined $50.

A. Contestant shall have and adjust neck rope or equivalent equipment in such manner that will keep horse from dragging calf.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Missing calf.
2. Throwing two (2) loops when not carrying two (2) ropes.
3. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
4. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before tie has been examined, and ruled a fair one, roper will receive no time.
5. No electrical or mechanical devices are allowed except standard jerk lines.

PENALTY

1. The calf roper must run horse at calf and horse must cross barrier line or receive ten (10) second penalty.

OVER 40 CALF ROPING RULES

1. Rules for Calf Roping will apply to the Over 40 Calf Roping.
2. Calf roping events may be run together, but will be paid off separate.
3. Age Clarification: After reaching your 40th Birthday, you may continue roping in the Open Calf Roping and/or move to the Over 40 Calf Roping. You may rope in both events during the year, and both at the same rodeo as long as you are not drawn the same calf at that rodeo.
4. You may accumulate points in both CR events, but the points will count towards the All-Around throughout the year in only one calf roping event. To qualify for the All-Around you still must earn points in an event other than Calf Roping. You may go to the Finals in both CR events, but only one event will count towards the Finals and Year-end All-Around Champion. At the beginning of the season the roper must contact the MRCA office to designate which event he wants to count for the all-around points, or the points from the first event which money is won will be those placed towards all around standings.

5. Over 40 CR and Open CR must be drawn from a separate pen of cattle.

BREAKAWAY ROPING RULES

1. The calf must break the rope away from the horn. The contestant will receive no time should he/she break rope from saddle themselves.
2. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with string. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot.

   A. The flags on breakaway ropes must be a handkerchief of any color. The flag will be tied by one (1) corner with three (3) corners showing, and it must be tied at the knot of the rope.

   B. There will be no tail. A flag that is visible to the flagman or judge must be attached at the knot at the end of the rope. Nothing may be used on the rope to keep the loop from drawing tight.
3. The only legal catch is a bell collar catch. All other catches are a no time. A bell collar catch is defined as the rope being above the knees, behind the head and in front of the tailbone.

   B. There must be a spotter to assist the judges during the breakaway roping.
4. If calf enters the catch pen with loop on the calf, but the rope is not broken from the horn, the contestant shall receive a no time.
5. If rope dallies before the calf breaks the rope from the horn, the contestant may ride up and undally the rope, providing he/she does not break the rope from the horn themselves, and contestant will receive a qualified time.

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6. If the rope falls from the calf after it breaks from the horn, a qualified time shall be recorded.
7. Each contestant may throw one (1) loop with a twenty (20) second time limit, with the catch pen open.
8. Fresh calves used must be run or followed on horseback from the director.
9. Horns must be removed or docked to a maximum length of one (1) inch.
10. String must be at least 150# weight nylon. Contestant is responsible for furnishing their own string. If the calf cannot break string, a re-run will be awarded. The re-run will be drawn from the herd.
11. Boys 13 years old and younger as of January 1st of current season may compete in MRCA first sanctioned rodeos. The top 15 combined contestants will compete at the finals. There will be a one finals and one year end saddle awarded. The age at which they are January 1st is the age they will

remain for that season.

12. Breakaway Roping neckrope must be the length of the box minus four (4) feet, with a one (1) foot deduction for each twenty (20) feet of the arena that is less than two hundred feet. This applies to O40 Calf Roping and Open Calf Roping as well.

STEER WRESTLING RULES

1. Length of barrier equals depth of steer wrestling box less six (6) feet as a maximum. Maximum of twelve (12) feet and minimum of six (6) feet. All boxes must have enclosed back.

   A. All portable arenas must have twelve (12) foot box or longer, as so authorized by a director. Judges and their decision will be final.

   B. Minimum of thirty-two (32) inches clearance at top of chute.

2. Barrier and barrier equipment used in calf roping cannot be used in Steer Wrestling.

3. Heifers maybe ran in steer wrestling however the pen must be all heifers or all steers.

4. If steer does not cross score line in front of flagman, steer will be brought back and re-run..

5. Only one (1) hazer is allowed. Contestant must furnish own hazer and horse.

6. Steer must be caught from above.

   A. If steer is missed or gets loose after catch, no more than one (1) step can be used to re-catch steer.

   B. If steer wrestler misses or loses steer, flagman must ask wrestler if he wishes another jump. Steer wrestler must reply at once.

7. After catching steer, contestant must bring it to a stop and change direction, then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns.

   A. If steer is knocked down, tripped or thrown by putting horns into ground, or any other obvious illegal fall, steer must be let up and thrown again.

   B. Steer will be considered legally thrown only when it is lying flat on its side or on its back with four feet clear from under him.

   C. Contestants must have hand on steer when flagged.

   D. The fairness of catch and throw will be left up to judges and their decision will be final.

   E. If steer falls, contestant can turn steers head over, straighten the

steers body with all four legs in one direction to receive a qualified time.pen, and minimum 9" horn per side.

F. Steers will be deemed unsatisfactory if (1) animal is unhealthy, (2) has in the past caused safety concerns for a contestant or his horse, (3) would cause an uneven competition, if used, (4) does not comply with one or more of the other provisions of the MRCA rulebook.

G. Stock contractor who does not meet these guidelines will be notified by the Director in writing, and asked to replace the steer in dispute. He will have one (1) rodeo grace period to act upon this request, after which he will forfeit all stock charges for the event, plus an additional fine at the discretion of the director and the board.

8. Steers used for steer wrestling cannot be used for any other event.

A. Contestant will not be required to compete on injured steer or a steer with a horn broken.

B. If contestant jumps at steer, he accepts him as sound.

9. Stock contractors shall endeavor to keep an even set of steers.

A. Stock contractor must start each January with fresh steers unless Board of Directors approves otherwise.

B. All steers must be horn branded or eartagged.

C. All steers must be of the same breed.

D. Steers must weigh between 400 and 650 pounds, with no more than 100 pounds difference between the smallest and largest in the

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Neither contestant or hazer are allowed to change horses after leaving chute.
2. Hazer must not hit steer in face before catch is made, or render assistance to contestant while contestant is throwing steer.
3. Contestant will be disqualified for stepping in front of moving steer.

RE-RUNS

1. If wrong steer is given to a contestant, he shall be given a no-time.

DALLY TEAM ROPING RULES

1. Championship points will be allowed to each individual for all placing in each go-round and average. All-around standings will count only the highest markings per go and average.

A. You may enter the team roping at an MRCA rodeo as a Header and/or Heeler. Points will be kept separately with the top 15 headers and top 15 heelers qualifying for the finals. At the end of the finals a champion header and champion heeler will be crowned.

2. The header will start from the left side of chute. The steer wrestling barrier can be used. Team roper behind barrier must throw first loop at the head.
3. Each contestant will be allowed to only carry one rope. At a one-header, two loops only may be used. At a two -header that also pays an average, team can use three loops on first head; but on second, if out of the average, only two loops may be used. If the team is still in the average, three loops may be used..
4. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time, regardless whether time has been taken or not.
5. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands.
6. If heeler ropes a front foot or feet in heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
7. Ladies may enter Team Roping under the local entry rule or with an MRCA card. The points will count in team roping standings.
8. In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap and tap, and a five second penalty will be assessed for each loop already thrown.
9. Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.
10. All re-runs will be chute run. Contractor will determine when re-run is given. The animal needed with two (2) or more of the same animals will be brought back.
11. At a two header that pays an average, if header misses, heeler may become header when in contention for average.
12. Partners may be changed in team roping no later than 48 hours from the time of closing of books or before position is drawn for first performance, whichever occurs first.
13. Steers must have Humane horn wraps. Wraps must be satisfactory to

the Team Roping Director or there will be a fine of $10.00 (ten dollars) per head per rodeo.

14. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up both heels.

15. There is a (30) thirty second time limit in team roping. A whistle will be blown at the end of this time period.

16. Stock contractors will permanently number the Team Roping steers.

17. Man in the Team Roping must be astride horse from start of time until time he is flagged.

18. The barrier in the Team Roping will be no less than 4 feet less than the box length, at a minimum.

19. Contestants 50 and over will have the option to tie on hard and fast with a release within five (5) seconds and a 25' minimum of rope.

20. Throwing a heel loop, the steers body must change directions and be in tow before heel loop can reach the steer. However, if the steer stops it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to reach the steer. Any heel loop reaching the steer in the switch will be considered a cross fire and flagged out by the judge following the completion of the fun and agreement by both the field judge and line judge.

21. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer with horses front feet on ground and must remain faced and dallied tight until judge inspects dally and cattle. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.

22. Female ropers may use a quick release or tie-on when heeling

23, Conflict due to qualifications for progressive go-round "shoot-out"round or finals. A contestant who qualifies for a progressive go-around. "shoot-out" round or finals, resulting in a conflict with another MRCA approved rodeo, at which eh/she has not yet competed, may request that the stock contractor draw him/jer out of the conflicting rodeo, without penalty. This notification must be made no later than prior to the stock draw of his/her scheduled competition at the conflicting rodeo.

Legal Catches and Disqualifications

1. There will be only three (3) legal head catches. Head or both horns.

Half Head. Around Neck. Any other catch results in disqualification.

Around Horns

Around Neck

Half a Head

2. If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, catch is illegal. If loop crossed itself in a head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.

PENALTY

1. One hind foot receives five (5) second penalty.

HUMANE RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF STOCK

1. A Veterinarian shall be in attendance, or immediately available, at every rodeo and will examine, treat, and/or recommend the animal to be humanely euthanized (after its removal from arena). When euthanasia is recommended it shall take place as soon as possible.
2. A conveyance of such a type on which injured animal may be easily placed without causing additional injury must be made available at all rodeos to remove any animals injured within the arena.
3. Calves shall not be dragged after roped and tied. Disqualification shall be imposed after roper has signaled for time and calf is dragged over ten (10) feet.
4. Any calf injured during roping shall be tied.
5. Calves must be strong and healthy and weigh no less than one hundred seventy-five (175) pounds.
6. A suitable place shall be prepared to receive injured animals from the arena. Such a place shall have an adequate bed of straw or other

appropriate bedding.

7. Electric prods shall not be excessively used and should be used only when necessary.
   A. No other kinds of prods (such as pointed sticks) are allowed.
   B. Hot shots will be used from back of chutes only.
8. Chutes, corrals, pens, etc. must be so constructed so as to prevent injury to stock.
   A. Areas where stock is kept shall be free of rocks, holes, and obstacles.
   B. Stock contractor shall determine the safe conditions of above with all maintenance and repair expense to be borne by the owner of said chutes, corrals, pens, etc.
9. No contract performer shall abuse rodeo stock or animals used in their acts in any way.
10. Arena help may be fined and/or contestants disqualified for any mistreatment of stock.
11. No stock belonging to either contestant or stock contractor should be confined to vehicles beyond a period of twenty-eight (28) hours without being unloaded, properly fed, and watered.
12. Stock that becomes excessively excited so that it repeatedly gets down in chute or repeatedly tries to jump out of chute or in any way appears in danger of injuring itself, should be released into the arena.
13. All horse flank straps are to be provided with a protective lining, and shall be of the quick release type.
    A. Flank straps are to be fastened so that the protective lining portion covers belly and both flanks.
    B. Flank straps and lining shall be kept in good repair.
14. Use of fireworks on any animal shall be prohibited.
15. No sick or injured animal, whether discovered before or after the draw, shall be used in competition.
16. No stimulants or hypnotics shall be used or given to any animal used for contest purposes.
17. Steers must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
18. Humane horn wraps must be used on all Team Roping steers. Wraps must be satisfactory to Team Roping Director or there will be a fine of $10.00 (ten dollars) per head per rodeo.

FINALS RODEO RULES

1. There will be double fines at the Finals, this may include but is not limited to any infraction pertaining to the rules and guidelines of the MRCA for any contestant, personnel, stock contractor or individual and event at the Finals.
2. Barrel racers will not be permitted to work their horse around the stakes or barrels closer than twenty (20) feet from the stakes used in MRCA competition.. Non-compliance with rule will result in disqualification.
3. Barrel Racing positions will be at the discretion of the director.
4. The draw for the first performance must be held by noon of the same day. The draw for the next performance will be held immediately after the previous rodeo.
5. At the Finals, all roping events will get one loop and team roping only two loops. Steer Wrestlers get one jump only. Twenty (20) second time limit in Breakaway Roping.
6. Contestants that do not compete in all three go-rounds of the finals, with the exception of having a doctors release or being excused by the Board of Directors, will not be eligible for year end awards.
7. Pay for judges at finals will be $150.00 per performance regardless of number of judges elected to work.
8. All Personnel seeking to work the MFR must work two (2) first approved MRCA Rodeos or work three (3) co-approved MRCA rodeos in their respective position to be eligible to work the MFR.

.9. Number of stock to be brought to Finals by each qualified contractor shall be determined by formula established by Board of Directors based on income to MRCA. Stock contractors shall furnish list of stock to go to Finals to event directors and both shall work together to determine Finals stock list. Directors shall pick stock to go in each round.

10.At the Finals, Directors will be responsible for proper stock list and draw in his/her event.

11. Allow college and high school rodeo members to compete on two head of stock on the same night at the MRCA finals if competing at a sanctioned college or high school rodeo.

A. All rides and/or runs must be completed during or after the second performances for rough stock events and timed event contestants respectively. All runs will be completed with ground as is after the performance without dragging the arena.

12. For Finals Personnel the top 20 contestants for each event will vote

accordingly:
Judges: timed event contestants (excluding barrel racers) will vote for a flag judge only, rough stock contestants will vote for rough stock judge and the board of directors will vote for third judge. Both Rough stock judges will work the line if they are different from the voted flag judge.
Pickup men: will be voted on by the bareback and saddle bronc contestants only.
Bullfighters; will be voted on by the bull riders only.

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