

2009 ADOPTED RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes were adopted by the NPRA Board of Directors Sept. 21 and Nov. 15.

SECTION 1 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

General Rules

No. 5, Pg. 1-1

Contract acts and non-contesting personnel hired by a rodeo committee or stock contractor in connection with a NPRA approved rodeo may need to be approved by the NPRA Board of Directors or other association and must have a non-contesting or contract acts membership card or a one-time personnel card. A rodeo committee, rodeo producer or stock contractor who hires (regardless if paid or not) non-member or non-approved contract personnel will be subject to a \$100 fine per rodeo, per individual hired for the first offense, fine doubled thereafter.

SECTION 2 RODEO COMMITTEES

Rodeo Approval

No. 3, Pg. 2-1

There will be a \$25.00 charge (per submission) for any change to the approval form made after the rodeo information has been published in the newspaper of record. Changes to performance and/or slack times or dates must be submitted at least three (3) weeks before the first draw of the rodeo.

No. 5, Pg. 2-1

All NPRA rodeos must have a minimum of \$300 added money per event with \$600 minimum in the Team Roping. The added money must be the same in all timed events with the amount being the same for the header and heeler in Team Roping.

No. 11, Pg. 2-2

The NPRA may co-approve neighboring association rodeos that have over \$800 added per event.

NPRA Personnel

No. 1, Pg. 2-3

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SECTION 3 STOCK CONTRACTORS

General Rules

No. 2, Pg. 3-1

A stock contractor must produce and maintain three (3) NPRA rodeos, with a minimum of \$300 added, for a period of two (2) years to acquire status as an NPRA approved stock contractor. At the end of the two

(2) year probationary period the contractor will be declared an NPRA approved stock contractor subject to board approval. If contractor does not have three (3) prime rodeos per year they will go back to a probationary contractor status. Contractors that are probationary status are not eligible to bid on existing NPRA rodeos.

SECTION 4 JUDGES

Judges Qualifications

No. 2, p. 4-2

Attendance, one out of every two years, at a NPRA judges' seminar (or a seminar of equal quality) is a mandatory requirement.

No. 3, p. 4-2

To become an Approved Judge:.....

Judges Duties

No. 2, Pg. 4-6

Judges will be required to arrive at the rodeo and check in with the rodeo secretary at least four (4) hours prior to the first draw of the rodeo.

SECTION 5 SECRETARY/TIMERS

Rodeo Secretary

No. 10, Pg. 5-2

Rodeo Results and Turnout Sheet and any other fines assessed are due by 2:00 p.m. the day following the last performance. All reports and records will be mailed to the NPRA office the second business day following the last performance. The fine for late results and/or reports, turned into the NPRA office and/or Rodeo Connection office, will be \$25.00 for the first infraction.

Timers

No. 1, Pg. 5-3

New applicants must submit an application signed by one NPRA timer, one NPRA arena secretary and one NPRA judge. Application will be presented to the Judges Committee for approval.

No. 2, Pg. 5-3

An intern timer must back-up behind a qualified timer at three (3) approved NPRA rodeos. She must turn her timer's sheets into the office at the end of the rodeo to be sent to the NPRA office for evaluation of correctness and accuracy.

No. 5, Pg. 5-3

The official timer shall record the official time in ink on the official timer's sheet that will be turned into the rodeo secretary. The other timer will record the time on the backup watch and the official time. Only the official records will be turned into the rodeo secretary. Timers shall fill in times on posted sheets after each performance after verifying penalties with the judges.

SECTION 6 CONTRACT ACTS

Bullfighters

No. 1, Pg. 6-1

Bullfighters seeking approval for full membership in the NPRA must bring letters of recommendation from two (2) of four (4) sources: NPRA stock contractors, bull riding director contract acts director, NPRA bullfighter. Approval for full membership will be considered and granted by the NPRA board of directors.

No. 2, Pg. 6-1

Bullfighters with NPRA cards may be used on a probationary status until approval or denial by the NPRA Board of Directors if two letters of recommendation are on file in the NPRA office.

SECTION 8 OFFICIAL NPRA RODEO RULES

No. 8, Pg. 8-2

All contestants and personnel must wear a western hat and long sleeved shirt with collar while in the arena (including announcer's stand) one hour before a performance and while competing/working in a performance or slack. Anyone violating this rule will be subject to a fine, disqualification or both.

SECTION 9 RODEO CONNECTION

Entry Procedures

No. 4, Pg. 9-1

- Preferences -- You can give two (2) preferences. You may use "slack" as a preference as long as you give a performance as your second or first preference..
- An invalid preference will drop a priority by one. Examples of an invalid entry are: entering for slack when there is none, entering for slack with no other preference.
- You can give a draw out parameter--if you cannot be up at a certain time you may say "draw out". If you don't get your preference you will be taken out of the rodeo. Rough Stock riders will be allowed to use an "out" preference only three (3) times per year. On the fourth "out" preference you may be drawn out and would be responsible for the Rodeo Connection fee. It is your responsibility to send to Rodeo Connection the central entry fee when you use the "out" parameter and are drawn out. If you fail to send this fee, the fee may be doubled and/or added to the contestant's next rodeo receipt.

Random Draw

Add No. 5, 6, & 7, p. 9-3

If you are drawn out of a rodeo because your preferences were full when your draw number came up, you will be put on a waiting list for the requested performance. It is your responsibility to check with the on-grounds rodeo secretary to see if there have been any medicals/turnouts for that performance. This must be done before the draw for that performance. The contestant will be placed on the timer's/judges sheet in the turned-out position as "RC drawn out" not as a late entry.

Rodeos will have a minimum of 10 timed event contestants per performance when slack is available unless the committee approves a lower or higher number of contestants per performance.

After entries close there will be a 1 hour grace period to change entries. If the contestant elects to draw out of the rodeo at that time, the central entry fee needs to be sent to the Rodeo Connection office.

Late Entries

No. 1, Pg. 9-4

Late entries may be taken by the rodeo secretary prior to the draw of a performance to fill a performance. Late entries will not be taken in slack.

SECTION 10 ENTRY FEES

No. 1, Pg. 10-1

The minimum entry fee in Bareback Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding will be \$50. The minimum entry fee in the Tie Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling and Barrel Racing will be \$75. The minimum entry fee in the Team Roping will be \$75 per man. The entry fee in the Bull Riding will be \$80--\$40 of which will go to day-money in an approved performance. The minimum entry fee for Cow Milking will be \$60. The committee has the right to raise the entry fees (except in Bull Riding) with NPRA Board approval. In addition to entry fees, contestants pay money toward specific funds and for using the central entry system. Those fees are listed at the end of this section.

No. 5, Pg. 10-1

Requests for withdrawal from any event or contest and the return of entry fees made prior to the close of the books shall be passed on by the management. After the advertised time for the books to close, no return or charge of entry fees shall be made except in cases of injury, illness or death of the contestant or immediate family member, firefighting, military deployment, or other hardship approved and verified by an appropriate document.

Event Funds

No. 1, Pg. 10-3

Each event director will set the amount of the event funds that will be added to each entry fee per rodeo for the upcoming season. This will be done at the first directors meeting following the finals rodeo. The funds will be used at the discretion of the event director to benefit contestants within the event. The amount of the event fees for the upcoming year are on page 10-4. (as printed below)

2009--BB--\$7, SB--\$7, BR--\$7, TD--\$5, SW--\$6, TR--\$8, CM--\$5, BKR--\$6, WBR--\$6.

NPRA ENTRY FEES--2009						
Event	Total	Entry	Jdg/Tmr	Finals	Event Fund	Day
BB	\$62	\$50	\$3	\$2	\$7	
SB	\$62	\$50	\$3	\$2	\$7	
BR	\$92	\$40	\$3	\$2	\$7	\$40
CR	\$85	\$75	\$3	\$2	\$5	
SW	\$86	\$75	\$3	\$2	\$6	
TR	\$88	\$75	\$3	\$2	\$8	
CM	\$70	\$60	\$3	\$2	\$5	
BKR	\$86	\$75	\$3	\$2	\$6	
WBR	\$86	\$75	\$3	\$2	\$6	
IN ADDITION TO ENTRY FEES AND ASSESSMENTS EACH CONTESTANT PAYS \$7 FOR RODEO CONNECTION						

SECTION 11

FINES OR SUSPENSION

General Rules

No 4, Pg. 11-1

Any association member or non-member who writes an NSF check or uses a credit card/debit card that is "denied" for charges payable to the NPRA or their representative will automatically be suspended until these charges, fine and bank fees are paid.

No. 5, Pg. 11-1

If entry fees are not paid prior to the end of the end of the rodeo in which contestant is competing, a \$10.00 fine will be assessed.

No.10., Pg. 11-2

All infractions must be paid by the end of each year. An additional \$25 fine will be assessed at the beginning of the next year.

Turnouts/Medical Outs/Vet Outs

No. 1, Pg. 11-2

Turnout fines per-event shall be:

- \$10.00 (per event) if contestant notifies and sends entry fees to rodeo to be included in payoff.
- \$25.00 if contestant notifies by calling the turnout line or notifying the rodeo secretary three (3) hours prior to the performance or slack that he/she is turning out.
- \$50.00 if fees not sent to rodeo to be included in payoff.
- \$50.00 if notified and present on the grounds
- \$50.00 additional fine if entry fees and fine are not into the NPRA office within thirty (30) days and every thirty (30) days thereafter an additional \$50 fine will be added until payment arrangements have been made.

No. 2, Pg.. 11-3

If a contestant draws out with a medical, the family member (minor child or spouse) entered at that rodeo may draw out without penalty. Rodeo Connection fees must be paid by all drawn out contestants.

No. 2, Pg. 11-3

Medical/Vet Release--A contestant may doctor/vet release a rodeo in one or more events in a rodeo, thus waiving obligation for entry fees and turn-out fines if the contestant notifies the Rodeo Connection turnout line or rodeo secretary no later than three hours prior to the performance for which the contestant is scheduled. A doctor verification on doctor's letterhead bearing the doctor's name, address and phone number, signed by a licensed doctor or other verifiable written evidence must be received by the NPRA office within seven days of the date of the rodeo.

No. 2, Pg. 11-3

A vet's release may be used by a barrel horse only.

SECTION 12

PAYOFF

No. 4, Pg. 12-1

...Four (4) monies will be paid when the total purse is under \$2000 or in the Team Roping and Tie Down Roping if there are 20 teams or less competing

No. 4, Pg. 12-2

Write up payoff by events--BB, SB, & BR; CR, SW, BKR; TR; and WBR.

SECTION 17 BULL RIDING

No. 6, Pg. 17-1

Bull's horns must be blunted to the size of a 50-cent piece. The primary stock contractor will be fined \$50 per head drawn for violation of this rule.

Add No. 7, Pg. 17-1

If a bull hips himself changing his momentum causing the rider to be bucked off, regardless if the rider himself is touched by the object, he is subject to a reride.

SECTION 19 TIMED EVENT GENERAL RULES

Numbering Stock

No. 1, Pg. 19-1

All steers will be branded on the shoulders or gaskins with three-digit numbers, right side for team roping cattle and left side for steer wrestling cattle. The fine for the first rodeo that steers are used that are not numbered shall be \$50.00 per head and doubled per head every rodeo thereafter. Fine to be levied by the event director.

Stock Requirements

New No. 3, Pg. 19-1

All tie down roping calves must be weaned. They may not be weaned for the weekend then put back on the cow.

New No. 4, Pg. 19-1

All fresh calves may be flanked and tied prior to the first draw at rodeos at which they will be used. Calves on cows are considered fresh and should be tied prior to the draw at each rodeo. Event director or representative must verify tying of calves.

Stock Requirements

No. 6, Pg. 19-2

Steer Wrestling steers' horns shall be a minimum of 9 inches long on both sides measured from the base of the skull,

General Timed Event Rules

No. 1, Pg. 19-6

There will be a time limit in all timed events. The timers shall signal by buzzer or whistle indicating "no-time" at the end of the following time limits: Tie Down Roping -- 30 seconds; Breakaway Roping -- 30 seconds; Steer Wrestling -- 60 seconds; Team Roping -- 30 seconds, Cow Milking -- 60 seconds (head-mug -- 90 seconds). A contestant must immediately quit competing at the time limit whistle.

Contestant Rules

No. 1 Pg. 19-7

It is the contestant's responsibility to verify that they are competing on the stock drawn for them. In the event an animal is wrongly contested on they will receive a no time. However, if the judge verified the animal at the contestant's request, they will receive a rerun on the animal that was drawn for them.

SECTION 23 WILD COW MILKING

No. 6, Pg. 23-1 Delete rule

SECTION 25 WOMEN'S BARREL RACING

No. 4 & 5, Pg. 25-6 Move to Chapter 11, Fines and Suspension

OTHER CHANGES EDITING WILL BE MADE FOR TYPOS AND ERRORS