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ARTICLE I.
ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1 **NAME**

- A. The organization shall be known as the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association; hereinafter referred to as the NIRA.

SECTION 2 **MISSION, GOALS & PURPOSES**

- A. The mission of the NIRA is to foster and develop rodeo at the college level so that it will provide educational and competitive opportunities for students.
- B. The goals and purposes of the NIRA are:
1. To maintain a national organization for the governance of the sport of rodeo at the collegiate level through the development, continual review, and adoption of uniform and fair rules of competition, eligibility and conduct for its members;
 2. To emphasize the importance of scholastic advancement and to provide, encourage, and promote opportunities for student members to pursue and complete post-secondary degrees at member institutions;
 3. To encourage the development of sportsmanship and humane treatment of livestock through training and by adoption and application of rules of conduct;
 4. To develop citizenship and leadership values and skills by encouraging active participation of student members in the governance of the organization and the rules of competition at the member institutions, the individual regions, and nationally;
 5. To encourage prospective college students to enroll in member schools by providing funding and competition opportunities related to the sport of rodeo;
 6. To encourage rodeo programs that enhance the missions of their member educational institutions;
 7. To provide opportunities and training to enable student members to achieve excellence in skills and competition, and to compete with other student members for regional and national championships;
 8. To promote competent and ethical coaching of student members;
 9. To stimulate and develop public awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the sport of rodeo as well as its heritage and lifestyle;
 10. To promote rodeo on a national scale as an organized, standard collegiate sport, with teams representing member educational institutions on individual campuses throughout the nation and to strive for advances that will enhance rodeo as a sport that will facilitate the mission of the NIRA.

ARTICLE II.
NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 **COMPOSITION**

- A. **NATIONAL FACULTY PRESIDENT** There shall be one (1) National Faculty President who shall serve as advisor to the NIRA Board of Directors and the National Student President. The National Faculty President shall be a faculty member of a member college or university. He/she shall be responsible for coordinating all NIRA administrative policies with member institutions through regional Faculty Directors and local member school advisors. He/she shall preside over all national meetings of Faculty Directors.
- B. **NATIONAL STUDENT PRESIDENT** There shall be one (1) National Student President who shall be the presiding officer at the NIRA Board of Directors Meetings

and enforce rigid observance of the NIRA Constitution and By-Laws. He/she shall assist the NIRA Commissioner in preparing agenda and reports for NIRA Board of Directors meetings; appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed, and see that all other officers understand and perform their official duties.

- C. **REGIONAL FACULTY DIRECTOR** There shall be one (1) regional Faculty Director from each region. The duties of the regional Faculty Director are to preside at meetings of faculty advisors of member institutions of their respective region; to coordinate the NIRA Constitution, By-Laws, and operating code with university and college administration; to be responsible for official transcripts from each respective dean of students and work with the regional Student Director in approving rodeo dates and judges. The regional Faculty Director shall act as advisor to the Regional Governing Board. To be eligible to serve on the NIRA Board of Directors, the person elected must be legally associated full-time faculty or staff with his/her institution of higher learning. He/she must have a degree and institutional responsibilities at their institution. Existing faculty directors will be grand-fathered in.
- D. **REGIONAL STUDENT DIRECTOR** There shall be one (1) regional Student Director for each region. It shall be the duty of the regional Student Director to direct the functions of the NIRA in his/her region and together with the Faculty Director, approve rodeo dates and judges; keep members in the region informed; work with event directors on complaints, disputes, or controversial matters at regional rodeos; and to preside at Regional Governing Board meetings.
- E. **COMMISSIONER** The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Board of Directors shall appoint a chief executive officer who shall carry the title of Commissioner. The Commissioner shall serve for a term of four (4) years. The appointment of the Commissioner shall be upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and subsequently approved by the entire Board of Directors. The Commissioner shall have such duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors from time to time, including but not limited to the following:
1. Direct and administer the day-to-day business of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.
 2. Supervise and direct all NIRA employees.
 3. Serve as NIRA's primary liaison with other professional organizations such as the PRC, WPRA, and NRSRA.
 4. May, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, serve as NIRA's enforcement officer and, as such, investigate any alleged violation of NIRA rules and regulations.
 5. Serve as a member, ex officio, on all standing NIRA committees, except as specified hereafter.
 6. Establish the agenda, in consultation with the Executive Committee, for all annual and special meetings of the NIRA Board of Directors.
 7. Serve as the Chairman of the College National Finals Rodeo Committee (CNFR Committee) and function as a voting member thereof.
 8. Supervise, direct, and develop the NIRA sponsorship programs.
 9. Receive and disburse all association monies and maintain financial records consistent with responsible accounting practices and IRS regulations. In this regard, the Commissioner shall prepare or cause to be prepared annual report and budget information for approval by the Board of Directors. The Commissioner shall work closely with NIRA accountants in the preparation of such materials.
 10. Keep Association funds in approved banking institutions and invest such monies for a maximum return on surplus funds, if any. An independent audit of Association financial activities shall be conducted by licensed and accredited accountants and a full report provided to the Board of Directors.
 11. Function as the corporate secretary of NIRA and shall cause to be prepared minutes of all meetings and distribution of such minutes to board members.
 12. Function as NIRA's scheduling coordinator, requesting data and site

scheduling information from the membership. The Commissioner shall cause the full schedule of NIRA rodeos to be published.

13. Interpret and implement NIRA By-Laws and legislative decisions regarding the conduct of NIRA rodeo programs. The Commissioner shall defer to the Executive Committee or to the full Board of Directors when interpretations of NIRA By-Laws or rules present particularly difficult issues.
14. Supervise and direct the officiating programs of NIRA relating to all NIRA-approved events.
15. Coordinate and direct all matters pertaining to public relations and media for NIRA. This includes but is not limited to television contracts, sponsorship contracts, promotion, and marketing of NIRA events and supervision of NIRA publications.
16. The NIRA Commissioner shall generally have the responsibility of a chief executive officer of a corporation to perform all tasks necessary to conduct the business of NIRA consistent with the purposes and philosophies of the NIRA organization and the directives of its Board of Directors. The Commissioner shall have the legal authority to enter into contracts on behalf of NIRA in furtherance of these purposes.
17. The Commissioner may be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), upon taking office. Such bond is to be purchased from a reliable bonding company and paid for by NIRA.

SECTION 2 REQUIREMENTS FOR FACULTY AND STUDENT DIRECTORS

- A. **FACULTY DIRECTORS** To be eligible to serve on the NIRA Board of Directors, the person elected must be legally associated full-time faculty or staff with his/her institution of higher learning. He/she must have a degree and institutional responsibilities at their institution. Existing faculty directors will be grand-fathered in.
- B. **STUDENT DIRECTORS** To be eligible to hold office on the NIRA Board of Directors, the student member must be eligible to compete in regional rodeos. A student must have at least one (1) year of eligibility left to run for the full term of that office. (It is suggested that candidates who run for the directorship have completed at least one (1) year as a NIRA contestant.) The student must attend school and meet the above requirements for the length of time required to meet the elected obligations.

SECTION 3 DUTIES

- A. The NIRA Board of Directors shall have supervision over the business and affairs of the NIRA, with the power to make, adopt, alter, or amend the By-Laws and rules of the NIRA. The NIRA Board of Directors may make all By-Laws and rules which it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the organization.
- B. The NIRA Board of Directors may change the Constitution in accordance with Article VII, Section 1.

SECTION 4 VOTING

- A. Each member of the NIRA Board of Directors shall have one (1) vote.

SECTION 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- A. There shall be an NIRA Board of Directors' meeting each year in conjunction with the College National Finals Rodeo.
 1. Any NIRA member in good standing may attend this meeting, take part in discussions and business of the meeting, but he/she may have no vote.
 2. A specific meeting time shall be scheduled for the purpose of appealing decisions of the NIRA Board of Directors and/or requesting a national referendum on a specific issue. National referendum voting rights are limited; each member school shall have two (2) votes, one (1) to represent the faculty and the other the students.
 3. Visitors may be placed on the agenda thirty (30) days prior to such meetings

or as invited by the NIRA Executive Committee.

- B. There shall be an annual NIRA Board of Directors meeting to be held in December of each year.
- C. Each regional director shall prepare a list of items of business to be included on the agenda of the meetings and submit it to the NIRA National Office at least thirty (30) days prior to each meeting of the NIRA Board of Directors.
- D. The NIRA Commissioner will provide copies of the agenda to NIRA Board of Directors prior to the meeting.
- E. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure at all meetings.
- F. The National Student President shall preside at all meetings of the NIRA Board of Directors. In the absence of the national student president, a substitute shall be appointed by the NIRA Executive Committee.
- G. Travel expenses for NIRA board members will be paid in the following manner:
 - 1. When traveling, each board member may receive the price of a plane ticket at the lowest rate, or mileage may be paid at the rate of forty (40) cents per mile. Plane fare or mileage is to be paid on a round trip basis.
 - 2. Lodging and meals to be paid on a per diem basis beginning twelve (12) hours prior to and ending twelve (12) hours after the scheduled meeting. The rate of per diem is to be established by the NIRA Board of Directors.
 - 3. Reimbursement for travel, lodging and meals while attending the summer board meeting and winter board meeting will be made upon receipt of reimbursement form and all receipts for travel. Lodging reimbursement will be based on stated lodging fees. Reimbursement will be based on a director's attendance at the meetings.

SECTION 6 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The NIRA Executive Committee shall include the national student president; national faculty president; commissioner; the chairman of the rules committee when business pertains to rules; or the chairman of the budget committee when business pertains to the budget.
- B. In consultation with the Commissioner, the Executive Committee shall function as an advisory committee with respect to the conduct of the affairs of NIRA between semi-annual board of directors meetings. The national faculty president shall function as the chairman of the executive committee, call such meetings in person or by telephone as he/she may deem appropriate to provide guidance and assistance in reaching executive decisions. Ultimately, the Commissioner shall have responsibility and authority to conduct the business of NIRA between board of director meetings consistent with his or her delegated responsibility, and shall be a voting member of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7 QUORUM

- A. A majority of the duly elected NIRA Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III. **ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. **NATIONAL FACULTY PRESIDENT** The national faculty president will take office at the end of the summer board meeting and shall be elected from the board, after having served one (1) year as a regional faculty director. He/she is to be elected at the summer board meeting and serve a one (1) year term. He/she will remain faculty director of his/her respective region for the elected term and must, therefore, have one (1) additional year remaining of board tenure.
- B. **NATIONAL STUDENT PRESIDENT** The national student president will take office at the end of the summer board meeting, and shall be elected in the same manner as the national faculty president.

The NIRA Student President will receive a fifth (5th) year of eligibility by completing at least one (1) year as a regional student director, and one (1) year as national

student president. Any national student president awarded a fifth (5th) year of eligibility must use that year of eligibility at a senior college or professional school and comply with the requirements of the six (6) year rule (see B.3.2.3.).

- C. **REGIONAL FACULTY DIRECTORS** There shall be one (1) regional faculty director from each region. The regional faculty directors will be elected by and from the faculty advisors of member schools. Faculty directors will be elected for a two (2) year term. The Central Plains, Grand Canyon, Ozark, Southern, Southwest, and West Coast Regions shall elect faculty directors on even calendar years. The Big Sky, Central Rocky, Great Plains, Northwest, Rocky Mountain Regions shall elect faculty directors on odd calendar years.

The newly elected regional faculty director will work with the retiring faculty director and will officially assume office at the close of the Summer Board Meeting.

- D. **REGIONAL STUDENT DIRECTORS** There shall be one (1) regional student director from each region. The regional student director will be elected by the students in their respective region in the spring and will serve two (2) years. The Central Plains, Grand Canyon, Ozark, Southern, Southwest, and West Coast Regions shall elect student directors on odd calendar years. The Big Sky, Central Rocky, Great Plains, Northwest, and Rocky Mountain Regions shall elect student directors on even calendar years.

The newly elected regional student directors will work with the retiring student directors and will officially assume office at the close of the summer board meeting. A NIRA Student Director may work any regional rodeo in his/her region if he/she is eligible regardless of team membership.

Each newly elected student director will receive a fifth (5th) year of eligibility providing he/she completes their entire two (2) year term. In the case of a director not being able to serve their full term, the newly elected director who completes the remainder of the term and fulfills all obligations connected with the position will be awarded the fifth (5th) year of eligibility. Any regional student director awarded a fifth (5th) year of eligibility must use this year of eligibility at a senior college or professional school and comply with the requirements of the six (6) year rule (see B.3.6.2.).

- E. When electing officers for the NIRA, both student and faculty members of the NIRA Board of Directors shall be eligible to vote for National Faculty President and for National Student President.
- F. If a Board member is to be replaced before the end of their term, the individual region will elect the replacement. The President of the NIRA will initiate the process.

ARTICLE IV. REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARDS

SECTION 1 COMPOSITION OF REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

- A. The NIRA Regional Governing Board shall be composed of student and faculty directors; faculty advisors of each member school within the region; two (2) students from each member school (one (1) man and one (1) woman); and elected event directors.

SECTION 2 POWERS AND JURISDICTIONS

- A. The NIRA Regional Governing Board shall supervise and direct the business and affairs of the region in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the NIRA. The regional governing board may bring matters of a controversial nature before the NIRA Executive Committee through elected or appointed representatives.

SECTION 3 VOTING

- A. Each member school shall have two (2) votes, one (1) vote to be cast by the member school advisor, and one (1) vote to be cast by the two (2) member school delegates.
- B. The regional faculty director will vote only as a member school advisor.
- C. The regional student director will vote only when serving as one of the member school student representatives.
- D. Elected event directors shall have voting power within their region.

- E. When electing Regional Faculty Director and Regional Student Director, each Regional Governing Board can elect to use either of the following procedures:
1. Faculty shall vote for faculty and students for students.
 2. Both student and faculty members of the Regional Governing Board shall be eligible to vote on all issues before the Board including election of Regional Student Director and Regional Faculty Director.

ARTICLE V.
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 **CHARTER MEMBERS**

- A. Charter members shall be all member school members and individual members of the NIRA at the time of incorporation.

SECTION 2 **MEMBERS**

- A. Any member school or rodeo association of any junior or senior college or university that is a recognized organization of said college or university and in good standing may petition for NIRA membership. Schools petitioning for NIRA membership must be listed as FULLY ACCREDITED in the current ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION: PROGRAMS/CANDIDATES. Colleges or universities belonging to the NIRA as of June, 1967, may remain as long as they pay dues and abide by rules of the NIRA.
- B. All schools and individuals will abide by the governing rules of the NIRA and so affirm when school membership and individual memberships are purchased.
- C. No team points will be counted until member school dues are paid. For competition purposes all NIRA members from the school in question will be considered off the team until such dues are paid in full. For team points to count, payment of school dues will be set according to the eligibility deadline for each rodeo in the region.
- D. A condition of membership in the NIRA is to have a current official transcript of grades from all colleges/universities attended on file in the NIRA National Office when the membership card is purchased each year. To be eligible for succeeding terms of NIRA competition, an official transcript must be on file with the NIRA National Office, also. To be eligible for the College National Finals Rodeo, an official transcript, which includes all of the previous year's grades must be on file with the NIRA National Office.
- E. All students at NIRA member schools who receive financial aid from the rodeo program and participate in the NIRA are recommended to sign a *Letter of Intent* with the institution he/she is attending or plans to attend. If a *Letter of Intent* is signed, a copy may be filed with the NIRA National Office.

No *Letter of Intent* for NIRA purposes may be signed prior to March 1 of the prospective student's senior year in high school.

- F. No member school shall deny the right of a student who is in good standing with the NIRA and his/her college/university to become a member of the NIRA, subject to the action of the NIRA Board of Directors.
- G. In order to encourage intercollegiate rodeo activity at non-member schools the following provisions will apply:
1. No more than four (4) individuals who are students at a non-member school which did not have a NIRA membership the previous year may join the NIRA as individual members. They must meet all eligibility requirements as stated in the B.3.
 2. The individual's school must sign the official NIRA Individual Membership Application which states that the student is in good standing and has been granted permission to represent the school at NIRA sanctioned rodeos. Such members may compete as individuals only, and are not eligible to compete for team championships. If the individual's school does not sign, the individual will not be granted membership status and will not be allowed to compete in NIRA sanctioned rodeos.
 3. The first four (4) individuals from a non-member school who petition the NIRA for membership will be allowed to join under the above stated rule.

When the fifth (5th) individual applies for NIRA membership, the school will be notified and will have thirty (30) days from receipt of fifth (5th) individual application in the NIRA National Office to pay NIRA member school membership dues. Failure to pay member school dues will result in team membership privileges being denied (team points, recognition, and scholarship benefits).

- H. Honorary memberships may be conferred on any person actively identified with college rodeo and livestock interests by unanimous vote of the collegiate member school and approval by the NIRA Executive Committee and shall be exempt from fees and dues. No more than two (2) such members per year may be named by a single member school.

SECTION 3 RESIGNATION/DROP/REINSTATEMENT

- A. A member school or individual may resign from the NIRA by letter to the NIRA National Office.
- B. A member school may be declared ineligible or dropped from membership in the NIRA by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the NIRA Board of Directors upon sufficient evidence that the member school is marring the good name of the NIRA by dishonesty at approved NIRA rodeos or other similar and equally undesirable acts.
- C. A member school may be reinstated in the NIRA by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the NIRA Board of Directors. The NIRA Board of Directors may also levy a fine, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) on said member school.

SECTION 4 CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBER SCHOOLS

- A. **CONDUCT.** Each NIRA individual member, NIRA member school, and school representative agrees to abide by the Articles, By-Laws and Rules of the NIRA and to be subject to reprimand, fine, suspension, expulsion or any other reasonable disciplinary action by the NIRA Board of Directors, or by action of an officer or committee to whom the NIRA Board of Directors has delegated such authority. Conduct for which such disciplinary action may be taken may include, but shall not be limited to the following:
 - 1. Writing a bad check made payable to the NIRA, a rodeo secretary, stock contractor or rodeo committee in conjunction with a NIRA approved rodeo, or any such check to any business establishment in the town of and during the time of a NIRA approved rodeo.
 - 2. Non payment of entrance fees.
 - 3. Failure of contract member, including livestock contractors, to fulfill his/her contract obligation.
 - 4. Fighting or quarreling in the arena.
 - 5. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass, or coerce the judges or rodeo officials at any time in or out of the arena.
 - 6. Engaging in any conduct or attempting to engage in any action threatening, berating, harassing, intimidating, assaulting, using profane language, or striking a rodeo official or rodeo spectator or any official representative or an employee of the NIRA. A fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) may be assessed.
 - 7. Conduct, speech, appearance or lack of financial responsibility which shall be determined by the NIRA Board of Directors to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation, or well being of the NIRA or the support of rodeo.
 - 8. Any other action or conduct found to be in violation of the Articles, By-Laws or Rules of the NIRA.
 - 9. Any NIRA member, rodeo official, or coach using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing words, or by any obscene gesture, will be fined \$100 in accordance with Section 3, A, conductd #7, will be fined and that fine doubling progressively for each additional offense thereafter and/or disqualified from further competition at said rodeo.

- B. DISQUALIFICATION** An individual member may be disqualified by an agreement of the majority of the rodeo judges and regional student and faculty directors for the remainder of the rodeo, and thereafter may be subject to disciplinary action for any of the following offenses:
1. Being under the influence of alcohol or prohibited drugs, and/or consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages or prohibited drugs in the arena.
 2. Rowdiness or quarreling within the arena.
 3. Mistreatment of stock.
 4. Refusing to contest on an animal drawn for him/her.
 5. Not being ready to compete when called upon.
 6. Cheating, or attempting to cheat.
- C. MEMBER SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT** Any of the foregoing offenses that may have been committed by an individual member shall not affect the individual member's school unless it is proven that the member school condoned such activities or takes no action to remedy the situation. Generally, where a member school appears to be involved or appears to condone the activity, a warning will be issued and, where the infraction is serious, the member school may be expelled from the rodeo in question. This expulsion action is to be taken only upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the member schools present at the rodeo, and said action must be reported immediately to the NIRA National Office.
- D. STOCK CONTRACTOR MISCONDUCT** A stock contractor may be declared ineligible upon the recommendation of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the NIRA Regional Governing Board for abusing the rules of the NIRA or attempting to take advantage of the NIRA or its members. Said stock contractor shall be placed on the ineligible list for a period of six (6) months enrolled school time, excluding summer semester/quarter. At the end of this suspension period, said stock contractor may be fined a minimum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) and may be reinstated in the NIRA upon a three-fourths (3/4ths) vote of the Regional Governing Board.
- E. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES** The following disciplinary procedures shall be applied in the event that a member or any member school or member school representative is alleged to have committed any rule violation or misconduct under this Section. It is the purpose of these procedures to afford each such person or member school a fair investigation and an opportunity to fully explain his/her position prior to the imposition of any final disciplinary action.
1. After an infraction has been reported or comes to the attention of the NIRA (at the regional or national level), the member and his/her member school shall be notified by mail, at the address appearing on the books in the NIRA National Office, regarding the nature of the charge, the potential penalty, fine or suspension and his/her right to make a personal appearance before the NIRA Commissioner during the investigation process. The member will be informed of the time and place at which the matter will be considered by the NIRA Commissioner, so that his/her defense may be made in person. Failure of the accused person or member school representative to make an appearance at the time and place so designated, unless excused by the NIRA Board of Directors or an officer thereof, may subject the member to suspension pending the completion of the investigation.
 2. As a corrective or disciplinary measure, the NIRA, acting directly or through the NIRA Commissioner, may issue a reprimand, impose a fine, declare a member to be ineligible (suspended) for a period of not more than three (3) years, or any combination of such penalties. In circumstances where the conduct of the accused is found by the NIRA Board of Directors to be extremely damaging to the NIRA, its members or the sport of rodeo, the NIRA Board of Directors may, by unanimous vote, expel such member from the NIRA indefinitely.
 3. The NIRA Board of Directors may delegate responsibility for minor rule infractions such as nonpayment of entry fees, failure to compete after entry and similar violations to the NIRA Commissioner. In such cases the NIRA Commissioner shall have full authority to impose fines and declare contestant ineligibility. The NIRA Board may also create a special committee to function as a preliminary review committee with respect to rule infractions. Said

committee shall be vested with such authority to impose disciplinary action as may be specified by the NIRA Board of Directors. This special committee shall consist of the National Faculty President, National Student President and the NIRA Rules Committee Chairman.

4. Any member or member school who wishes to dispute a final disciplinary action taken against him/her (or against the member school) under this chapter shall utilize the Grievance Procedure set forth below. In such cases, Step 1 shall be deemed waived, and the matter shall be submitted by the member directly at the Step 2 level.
5. **RELEASE** As a condition of membership, all member participants, including individuals, member schools and representatives who are affected in any manner whatsoever by a decision of the NIRA Board of Directors or any person or committee authorized by the NIRA Board of Directors to handle disciplinary matters, including matters concerning ineligibility of students to participate or disqualifications, hereby releases the NIRA, its affiliated or related entities, their officers, directors and employees, jointly and severally, individually and in their official capacity, of and from all claims, demands, damages and causes of action with any disciplinary decision or action by the NIRA, or by the individuals or committees to whom disciplinary matters may be authorized by the NIRA.

SECTION 5 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. As a condition of membership, all members, including individuals and member schools and their representatives, agree that any dispute with the NIRA, its officers or directors, shall be resolved through the following grievance procedure. Any member may utilize such procedure to question or contest any action of the NIRA, to challenge the By-Laws, or contest any action of the NIRA involving application or interpretation of the NIRA Articles, By-Laws or Rules.

STEP 1 The grieving member shall bring the subject matter of his/her grievance to the attention of the NIRA Commissioner in writing. The letter shall set forth in full the subject matter of the dispute and the proposed action requested by the grievant. Within ten (10) days following receipt of said Step 1 grievance letter, the NIRA Commissioner shall reply in writing to the grievant setting forth his/her preliminary decision on the matter. Said decision shall be final and binding unless appealed by the grievant to Step 2.

STEP 2 Within ten (10) days after receipt of the decision letter of the NIRA Commissioner, the grievant may appeal that decision by letter to the Chairman of the Grievance Committee. Said Step 2 grievance letter shall briefly summarize the position of the grievant member and the reasons for his/her belief that the NIRA Commissioner reached an improper decision at Step 1. Within ten (10) days of receipt of said Step 2 grievance letter, the Chairman of the Grievance Committee shall issue a letter notifying the grieving member of a time and a place where the member may appear and present his/her appeal. Within ten (10) days following said hearing, or following receipt of a letter from the grievant declining to appear, the Grievance Committee shall issue a written decision on the matter. Said decision shall be final and binding unless appealed by the grievant to Step 3.

In the event of an appeal of a disciplinary action, the grieving member may bypass Step 1 and submit a full position statement (detailing all mitigating circumstances and other grounds for disputing the discipline imposed) to the Chairman of the Grievance Committee. Should the member desire to be permitted to contest or participate in NIRA events pending the outcome of his/her grievance, a cash bond must be posted in an amount determined by the NIRA Commissioner or the NIRA Board, but in no case less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250).

STEP 3 In the event that the grieving member is dissatisfied with the decision of the Grievance Committee, he/she may then appeal directly to the NIRA Board of Directors. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the written decision of the Grievance Committee, the grievant must notify the NIRA Board in writing of his/her desire for an appeal hearing in the matter. Said letter should be addressed to the NIRA Commissioner and should briefly summarize the position of the grievant. Within ten (10) days after receipt of said Step 3 letter, the NIRA Commissioner shall, in writing, notify the grievant of the next regularly scheduled NIRA Board meeting, at which time said member shall be afforded an opportunity for a full hearing of his/her

grievance. Following said hearing, the NIRA Board shall issue a final decision on the matter which shall appear in the minutes of the meeting of the NIRA Board. Said decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

- B. The NIRA Grievance Committee shall be composed of five (5) individuals selected by the NIRA Board of Directors, each to serve a two (2) year term. Said individuals shall, by virtue of their reputation for personal integrity, business and/or rodeo expertise and willingness to serve in this capacity without compensation, function as a court of review, but shall not have authority to alter or revoke the By-Laws and Rules of the NIRA. No more than three (3) such grievance committee members need participate in any grievance procedure provided that the decision making group is always an odd number. It is agreed and understood that where distance and time constraints are significant, the grievance hearing, as well as the deliberations of the grievance committee, may be conducted by a telephone conference call. The NIRA Grievance Committee will be established annually at the Summer Board meeting by a vote of the NIRA Board of Directors.
- C. The purpose of the above stated grievance procedure is to provide an open and informal method of resolving grievances by the membership and to enhance the channels of communication between the members and the NIRA officers and directors. The hearings provided in Step 2 and Step 3 of the grievance procedure outlined above will, therefore, be conducted in a conversational, non courtroom atmosphere with emphasis on full discovery of all of the relevant facts. A grievant may, however, be represented by an attorney if they so desire.

SECTION 6 SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

- A. Scholarships and financial awards given to NIRA members by their respective college/university shall not exceed the total amount of money required for tuition, general fees, books, room and board as indicated in that college/university's current catalog. Board and room shall not exceed normal and prevailing costs in a given location.
- B. Travel expenses paid by any college/university for NIRA members shall be restricted to travel specifically related to NIRA activities and shall not exceed real travel expenses as established by the school's travel policy or state and local governments. Entry fees shall not be considered as travel expenses.
- C. No cash awards shall be given, or payments made to, or for, any student member of the NIRA by his/her college/university or private benefactor for any purpose other than for expenses listed in A and B of this Section including entry fees. Any payment for employment, work study or grants must be included in the Financial Aid Report. See paragraph D below.
- D. Colleges and universities awarding scholarships for financial aid of any type to NIRA members shall be required upon the request of the regional Faculty Director and/or investigating committee to file a financial aid accountability report with the regional Faculty Director and the NIRA Commissioner no later than twenty-one (21) days following the date of the request. Information requested shall not exceed the previous five (5) year period. This report shall contain the total amount spent on scholarships and financial aid for NIRA members and shall also show the exact amount awarded to each NIRA member. Travel expenses paid, in total and to each member, shall also be included. The scholarships accountability report shall be signed by the faculty advisor or coach, college or university president, and business manager and shall be notarized. Any school submitting a false report may be suspended from team and/or individual competition for a maximum of five (5) years at the discretion of the NIRA Board. A college or university that fails to submit a report, as requested, shall not be allowed to compete in team or individual competition until the report is submitted.

SECTION 7 COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP AND MEDIA RIGHTS

- A. In order that NIRA may obtain additional support for its activities in furtherance of the purposes of the organization as set forth in Section 2 hereof, certain commercial entities may be invited to become sponsors of NIRA activities. On a limited basis, so as to preserve the integrity of the sport of collegiate rodeo, the commissioner shall create sponsorship programs which provide a means by which commercial entities may become associated with NIRA and support its' programs. As a condition of membership in NIRA, each member school and each contestant, coach, contractor or participant, subject to the NIRA, Constitution, By-Laws and Rodeo Rules, must agree

to honor NIRA national sponsorship contracts and provide certain minimum signage and media exposure to sponsors as required by those contracts.

- B. Each member institution, contestant, coach, contractor or other participant in NIRA subject to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rodeo Rules of NIRA, shall agree and acknowledge that all right, title and interest in and to intellectual property rights arising from the performance of NIRA events, is the exclusive property of NIRA including, without limitation, all literary, audio or visual rights, television rights (whether free, subscription, pay, cable or whatever means of transmission, live broadcast or delayed), or any other audio or visual media or other means of reproduction including video reproduction for retail sale. NIRA shall have full right to use all images of persons, places and livestock depicted in any form or medium reflecting participation in NIRA events, for any purpose in connection with the commercial exploitation of media rights herein acknowledged.
- C. **TELEVISION/MEDIA RIGHTS** Consistent with one of the stated purposes of the NIRA "to promote intercollegiate rodeo on a national scale as an organized standard sport" (Constitution Article 1, Section 2.A) the membership of NIRA, including all taping, still footage/photography, radio or television broadcasting, or reproduction in any manner or form of any NIRA sanctioned event. Any organization or committee obtaining NIRA approval must comply with all requests made by NIRA representatives to coordinate television and filming of approved rodeos, and must comply with all rules established by NIRA with respect to such matters. If NIRA obtains a right fee for television broadcast or film/video reproduction of an NIRA approved regular season rodeo, said rights fee (net of direct NIRA expenses) will be apportioned 60% to NIRA and 40% to the host school. It is a condition of membership that all individual members and member schools acknowledge that all right, title, and interest in and to intellectual property rights arising from the performance of NIRA events is the exclusive property of NIRA, including, without limitation, all literary, audio, or visual rights, television rights (whether free, subscription, pay, cable, or by whatever means of transmission, live broadcast or delay), or any other audio/visual media or other means of reproduction, including video reproduction for retail sale. All NIRA members grant to NIRA the full right to use their image and likeness as depicted in any form or medium reflecting participation in NIRA events, for any purpose in connection with commercial sale or marketing or other use of media rights as herein acknowledged."

ARTICLE VI.
GUIDELINES FOR FORMING REGIONS

SECTION 1 REGIONS

- A. **BIG SKY REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in Montana; Northwest College, Powell, WY.
- B. **CENTRAL PLAINS REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in Kansas, Oklahoma and the northwest corner of Missouri, west of I35.
- C. **CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in Wyoming, Colorado; Chadron State College, Chadron, NE.
- D. **GRAND CANYON REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in Arizona; New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM; San Juan College, Farmington, NM; Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM.
- E. **GREAT PLAINS REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.
- F. **NORTHWEST REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in Oregon, Washington, the northern panhandle of Idaho bound by the Salmon River to the south; and that part of Southern Idaho within the boundaries of Canyon County, and College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID.
- G. **OZARK REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities of Arkansas, that part of Louisiana north of the Red River and the Mississippi River, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Michigan, Georgia; Indiana, Eastern Louisiana; Ohio; Illinois
- H. **ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in Utah and Idaho, south of the Salmon River.
- I. **SOUTHERN REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in East Texas (all

member schools east of I35, Denton, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, Uvalde, and down Eagle Pass) and that part of Louisiana south of the Red River and the Mississippi River.

- J. **SOUTHWEST REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in New Mexico and West Texas (all member schools west of I35, Denton, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, Uvalde, and down Eagle Pass).
- K. **WEST COAST REGION** Consisting of colleges and universities in California and Nevada.
- L. Colleges and universities in states other than the states listed in established regions shall be placed in the nearest region to them.
- M. For region changes see Sections 2 and 3 below.

SECTION 2 GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSFER OF GEOGRAPHICALLY BORDERLINE SCHOOLS

- A. The purpose of a proposal of this nature is to move a school from one (1) NIRA region to another because of hardship characteristics. The format for such a proposal must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - 1. Be placed on the agenda at a regular scheduled Summer or Winter Board of Directors Meeting thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
 - 2. Proposal must be presented in person by a faculty and student representative of school wanting to be moved.
 - 3. Proposal must be submitted in typewritten form and passed out to each NIRA Board of Directors member.
 - 4. Written proposal must contain the following information and research:
 - a. Name of school wanting to be placed from one (1) region to another. Also list the regions involved.
 - b. State reasons for wanting to be moved from one (1) region to another.
 - c. List all approved NIRA rodeos in both regions in question and the mileage to each individual rodeo; figure total mileage traveled from school in question to NIRA rodeos in present region and region to be moved to.
 - d. A letter from each NIRA member school from both regions in question stating approval or disapproval of proposed move. Letters should be signed by the member school faculty advisor and student officer.
 - e. Indicate number of NIRA members at school proposing region change.
 - f. Indicate if school in question sponsors an approved NIRA rodeo.
 - g. List any additional facts and research indicating reasons for making the move from one (1) region to another.
 - 5. If a proposal of this nature is approved, the school in question must stay in new region for a period of not less than three (3) years. The NIRA reserves the right to make any change in the future for the best interest of the NIRA.

SECTION 3 GUIDELINES FOR FORMING A NEW REGION OR SPLITTING CURRENT REGIONS

- A. Any proposal presented to the NIRA Board of Directors for the formation of new regions must adhere to the following format:
 - 1. Be placed on the agenda at a regular scheduled Summer or Winter Board of Directors Meeting thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
 - 2. Proposal must be presented by a faculty and student representative of

proposed new region.

3. Proposal must be submitted in typewritten form and passed out to each NIRA Board of Directors member.
 4. Written proposal for formation of non established geographical regions must contain the following information and research:
 - a. Proposed plan for new formation.
 - b. A letter from at least six (6) schools stating their intention of joining the NIRA as member schools if a new region is formed.
 - c. A petition with at least fifty (50) signatures of currently enrolled students from proposed new region who intend to join the NIRA if a new region is formed.
 - d. Statistics listing the number of accredited schools in proposed region.
 - e. List any information that would show positive interest in the formation of the new region.
 5. Written proposal for splitting currently established regions must contain the following information and research:
 - a. Proposed plan for region split.
 - b. A letter from each NIRA member school within region to be split stating approval or disapproval of proposed split. Letters should be signed by the member schools' faculty advisor and student officer.
 - c. Indicate how many NIRA approved rodeos each region will have.
 - d. Indicate all facts and objectives for splitting region.
- B. The NIRA Board of Directors will study all proposals at length before voting, and inform the representatives of their decision within sixty (60) days of presentation.

**ARTICLE VII.
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

SECTION 1 **PROCEDURE**

- A. The Constitution may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the duly elected members of the NIRA Board of Directors.
- B. The Constitution may be changed by mailed ballot if requested by a majority of the membership of any one (1) region of the NIRA.
 1. When voting by mailed ballot, each member school shall have two (2) votes; one to represent the faculty and the other the students.

SECTION 2 **RULES COMMITTEE**

- A. **PURPOSE AND DUTIES** The NIRA Rules Committee shall study all proposed rule changes in depth and make its recommendations to the NIRA Board of Directors. Proposed rule changes can be submitted to the Rules Committee at any time; rule changes can be implemented at the Summer or Winter Board meeting. No rules may be passed or implemented at the Winter Board meeting that would be a detriment to the NIRA structure in effect that fiscal year. No rule changes may be made unless the Rules Committee studied the proposed change and provided the NIRA Board of Directors with a recommendation (either pro or con).
- B. **MEMBERSHIP** The Rules Committee shall consist of a number determined at the discretion of the National Student President. The National Student President shall appoint the members of the Rules Committee.
- C. **CHAIRMAN** The Chairman of the Rules Committee will have a vote on the NIRA

Executive Committee when an issue concerns a rule infraction. In the event of a deadlock, the tie will be broken by a Student Director on the Rules Committee.

- D. **MEETINGS** The Rules Committee will meet during the Summer and Winter Board Meetings. If necessary, a special meeting can be called at the discretion of the Chairman of the Rules Committee if approved by the NIRA Executive Committee.
- E. **RULE PROPOSAL DEADLINE** Rule proposals for both the Summer and Winter Board meetings will be submitted enough in advance of the board meetings so that the faculty and student directors have a chance to contact the coaches and students in their respective regions concerning rules and policies that will be going to the board for their determination. The deadlines will be established by the NIRA National Office.

SECTION 3 **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- A. **PURPOSE AND DUTIES** The NIRA Budget Committee shall study all financial statements and budget proposals in depth and make budgetary recommendations to the NIRA Board of Directors.
- B. **MEMBERSHIP** The Budget Committee shall consist of a number determined at the discretion of the National Student President. The National Student President shall appoint the members of the Budget Committee.
- C. **CHAIRMAN** The Chairman of the Budget Committee will have a vote on the NIRA Executive Committee when an issue concerns a budgetary matter. In the event of a deadlock, the tie will be broken by a Student Director on the Budget Committee.
- D. **MEETINGS** The Budget Committee shall meet during the Summer and Winter Board Meetings. If necessary, a special meeting can be called at the discretion of the Chairman of the Budget Committee if approved by the NIRA Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII **CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO**

SECTION 1 **OBJECTIVES OF THE COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO (CNFR)**

- A. If a college or university has a non-Sunday competition policy that will not allow their team members or individuals to compete in a Sunday performance at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), the college or university shall annually file their written policy with the NIRA national office prior to receiving their annual membership. If the NIRA Board of Directors is considering having a CNFR performance on a Sunday, they must notify the college/university, in writing, a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting to inform them that this proposal will be considered. The college/university will have a representative appear before the NIRA Board to appeal the change. Their appeal will include a legitimate alternate proposal for competition. It will be the NIRA Board's discretion to accept or reject the alternative proposal.
- B. To provide an opportunity for teams and individuals who are leading the nation at the end of the school year to meet in a common arena under as fair and equal conditions as possible to decide the national champions.
- C. To provide an opportunity for favorable national recognition of the NIRA and its champions through the press, radio, and television.

TO MEET THESE OBJECTIVES, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE CONSIDERED:

1. There should be enough stock of championship caliber to give every contestant as equal an opportunity as possible and to provide the number of go-rounds as specified by the NIRA Board of Directors and a finals in each event. All stock should be carefully selected to insure that they are even. Bucking stock should be even and good enough to provide a real challenge. Bucking stock from three (3) or more contractors should be used.
2. The procurement of awards to be the responsibility of the NIRA and the sponsoring organization.
3. Prior to the CNFR, event directors shall be appointed by the NIRA National

Student President. The event director's duties prior to the first (1st) performance shall be:

- a. Careful inspection of chutes, chute gates, barriers and boxes to insure they are in perfect working condition.
 - b. Discuss with the arena director and judges the ground rules, score lines, starting lines for girl's events and exact location of barrels and goat stakes.
 - c. Discuss in detail with the judges the rules of the girls events.
 - d. Check timed events stock for consistency and be certain that fresh stock is properly prepared for the first (1st) performance.
4. Their duties after the rodeo starts:
- a. Mediate any complaints or disputes arising involving their event. They should seek the advice of other NIRA Board members on controversial matters.
 - b. The event directors will be introduced at a contestant meeting just prior to the start of the rodeo. Arena rules will be announced at this time.
- D. All regional rodeos will end on the last full weekend of May, or earlier as approved by the board of directors, to allow sufficient time to compute national standings and develop advertising and information.
- E. Any television production must be approved by the NIRA National Office prior to the event.
- F. The Top 12 qualified contestants in each event (Top 12 teams in the team roping event) will compete in the CNFR finals. Should the rodeo be lacking qualified contestants in any event for the finals, the next highest ranked available contestant may take his/her place before stock is drawn.

The standard procedure for selecting finals contestants shall be: The Top 12 qualified contestants in each event (Top 12 teams in the team roping event). Ties will be broken by the highest marked ride or fastest time on any one head. If still tied, the tie will be broken by the second highest marked ride or fastest time on any one head. If still tied, the next highest marked ride or fastest time will be used, with the process repeated until the tie is broken. If still tied, all will be accepted.

- G. CNFR Eligibility.
1. All CNFR eligibility will be checked by the NIRA National Office. No contestant will compete prior to eligibility approval.
 2. All CNFR contestants must provide an official transcript after completion of the spring semester/quarter in question.
 3. Students from the Northwest and West Coast regions will be allowed to provide the following documentation prior to the availability of official transcripts.
 - a. An official *Proof Of Enrollment* form must be completed by the registrar including the school seal for the spring semester/quarter prior to the CNFR. [This form may not be completed prior to the final add/drop date.]
 - b. Attached to the *Proof Of Enrollment* form must be an official transcript reflecting all spring semester/quarter "In-Progress" course work.
 4. No money, awards, scholarships, or points will be issued prior to receiving official transcripts.
 5. Anyone found to be ineligible will forfeit all money, awards, scholarships, and points. The NIRA reserves the right to investigate and levy appropriate penalties not to exceed a \$500 fine and loss of two (2) years eligibility.

6. For institutions who compete at the CNFR under Work-In-Progress status, official transcripts must be provided to the NIRA National Office two weeks after the conclusion of the CNFR. There is a fine of \$250 per incident to the student or school when the official transcripts are not received in the NIRA National Office within this time frame. This fine is in addition to the \$500 fine instituted if a student is found to be ineligible for competition at the CNFR after they have already competed.

SECTION 2 **ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS**

- A. To qualify for team competition at the CNFR, a school must have placed first or second at the regional level.
- B. The team champions at the CNFR will be decided only on the basis of points won at the CNFR.
- C. Entry fees at the CNFR will be Two Hundred Dollars (\$210) per event.
- D. In the CNFR, a team shall consist of members who placed in the top three in each event. A team at the CNFR shall consist of not more than six (6) men and four (4) women that count for team points at the CNFR. If a contestant is used to fill one of the six positions on team as a bye, and is used in another event in which they are in the top 30%, they will fill another position on the team, thereby, they will represent two of the six positions on the men's team (four on the women's team) and if more than one position is used in this scenario, they will take up that many positions on the teams.
- E. No qualified team member may be removed from the team to create an opening to be filled by an unqualified individual.
 1. Current NIRA student directors that do not qualify under the top three or top 5 or 30% will be allowed to compete at the CNFR in the event in which they have the most points. If they are qualified in multiple events in the top 5/30%, they may select one event in which to compete.
 2. If a contestant has not competed in at least one (1) regularly scheduled regional rodeo and placed, that contestant cannot be used to fill a team and compete as a team member at the CNFR.
 3. It is the coaches' prerogative to pick which event(s) he/she wishes to use to fill the remainder of their team once all byes have been used.
- F. If a qualifying team from any region is not able to send a full team to the championship rodeo, it may still compete as a team.
- G. There are no team substitutions at the CNFR.
- H. In the event that anyone of the top two (2) teams cannot attend the CNFR, the next ranking team by points may attend. No substitutions of teams may occur after the rough stock draw. The rough stock draw will be established at each NIRA Winter Board Meeting.
- I. The draw out date for qualifying teams for the CNFR will be ten (10) days prior to the first performance.
- J. Veterinarian releases (for barrel racing horses only) will be handled in the same manner as R.19.

SECTION 3 **ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS**

- A. To qualify to compete in the CNFR, individuals must have placed in the top three in their event in the final regional standings counting all rodeos. An individual may also qualify by being in the top 5/30%.
 1. Current NIRA student directors that do not qualify within the top 3 (top 3 teams in the team roping) format will be allowed to compete in one (1) event at the CNFR.
 2. All-Around champions qualify in the two events in which they have the most points if they do not have a bye in more than one event. If a coach chooses to use the all-around on team in a third event in which they are not in the top three, they must use another position on that team.

3. The top three headers must rope with the top three heelers (in the case of a split for 3/4 the top four headers must rope with the top four heelers).
 4. Non-bye student directors, all-arounds needing a second event, and non-bye on-team members choosing team roping must select the next eligible team roper on the opposite side.
- B. There must be at least five (5) contestants entered in an event at all regional rodeos and the CNFR for points to be won and counted.
 - C. The individual champions for the year will be decided on the best time/score accumulated by a contestant at the CNFR.
 - D. In the event that any one of the top three (3) individuals in any event cannot attend the CNFR, the next ranking individual by points may take his/her place. Individuals next in line to qualify (not to exceed the top 5 rule) will be notified and must be entered prior to the position draw. All CNFR requirements (Eligibility, entry fees, etc.) must be satisfied.
 - E. An individual who is entered in the CNFR and does not draw out will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100). If the individual fails to pay this fine, it will revert back to his/her member school, and the member school will be held liable.
 - F. Entry fees in each event at the CNFR will be Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$210).
 - G. Veterinarian releases (for barrel racing horses only) will be treated in the same manner as R.19.

SECTION 4 COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO COMMITTEE (CNFR COMMITTEE)

- A. **PURPOSE AND DUTIES** The purpose of the CNFR Committee will be to study the entire operation of the CNFR. They will make recommendations to the NIRA Board of Directors concerning location, dates, stock contractors, judges, bullfighters, secretaries, announcers, contract acts, entry systems, timing systems, and all other business pertaining to the operation of the CNFR. These recommendations will then be presented at an appropriate NIRA Board Meeting for a final decision by the NIRA Board.
- B. **COMMISSIONER** The commissioner of NIRA may, at the discretion of the NIRA Board of Directors, also function as the manager of the CNFR and shall be charged with the responsibility of implementing this Article. The Commissioner shall function as the Chairman of the CNFR Committee.
- C. **MEMBERSHIP** The CNFR Committee will consist of the NIRA National Student President, the NIRA National Faculty President, and the NIRA Commissioner. Other members may be appointed at the discretion of the NIRA Board of Directors.
- D. **MEETINGS** The CNFR Committee may meet during the regular NIRA board sessions plus one (1) meeting at least six (6) weeks prior to the winter board meeting and one (1) meeting just prior to and during the stock draw for the CNFR. A majority of the voting members of the CNFR Committee must be present at the stock draw for the CNFR. The locations of the meeting prior to and during the stock draw will be at the site of the CNFR.

SECTION 5 SCHOLARSHIPS

- A. To promote the image of NIRA rodeo and its place in education of young people, the NIRA and/or other sources will award scholarships to the winners of the ten (10) events, and also the two (2) all-around winners.
- B. Scholarship awards may be delegated by the NIRA Board of Directors to corporate sponsors. The rules governing the scholarship will be determined by the sponsor and the NIRA.

BY-LAWS

B 1 MEMBER SCHOOL - REGIONAL

- B 1.1 **OFFICERS OF MEMBER SCHOOL.** The officers of a regional member school shall keep in contact with the NIRA National Office at all times. The regional member school officers are honor bound to carry out the rules and regulations as set forth in the NIRA Constitution and By-Laws as well as other NIRA rules.

- B 1.2 **PUBLICITY DIRECTOR.** The publicity director of a regional member school should keep in contact with the NIRA Commissioner to publicize events of the regional member school.
- B 1.3 **FACULTY ADVISOR OR SPONSOR.** Each regional member school shall be required to have a faculty advisor or sponsor, and this sponsor is the official representative of the college. The permanent address of this sponsor must be sent to the NIRA Commissioner each year. The official publication, if available, and all correspondence from the NIRA will be mailed to this address.
- B 2 **DUES**
- B 2.1 **FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the NIRA shall begin July 1 and will continue through June 30 of the following year. All membership cards will be issued on this basis and expire after the CNFR of each year regardless of when they are issued.
- B 2.2 **SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Each NIRA school membership shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) per NIRA year [Ninety-two Dollars (\$92) dues; Eight Dollars (\$8) for subscription to the NIRA publication; Fifty Dollars (\$50) Rawhide program fund; Fifty Dollars (\$50) NIR Foundation. Medical insurance coverage (excess) is also offered at an additional cost of One Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$145) per individual.
- B 2.2.1 **NO TEAM POINTS UNTIL DUES ARE PAID.** No team points will be counted until member school dues are paid. For competition purposes all NIRA members from school in question will be considered off the team until such dues are paid in full. For team points to count, payment of school dues will be set according to the eligibility deadline for each rodeo in the region. School dues must be paid before the CNFR regional entry deadline in order to compete as a team at the CNFR.
- B 2.2.2 **LATE FINE.** A member school which has not renewed membership by January 1 of each year will be assessed a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25) fine plus an additional fine of Ten Dollars (\$10) per month until such time as dues are paid. The exception to this rule will be a school that was not a NIRA member school the previous year. No fine will be levied.
- B 2.2.3 **NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN THE CNFR.** Any college or university that fails to pay membership dues by the regional CNFR entry deadline will not be allowed to compete as a team at the CNFR.
- B 2.3 **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Each NIRA individual membership shall be Two Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$255) per NIRA year, eighty-two dollars (\$82) dues; One hundred twenty eight Dollars (\$128) mandatory medical insurance coverage (excess; all NIRA sanctioned practices and all NIRA sanctioned rodeos); Two Dollars (\$2) premium, Eight Dollars (\$8) NIRA Publication; Twenty five Dollars (\$25) award assessment, Ten Dollars (\$10) NIR Foundation.
- B 2.3.1 **ADDITIONAL \$5 FOR RAW HIDE.** Students attending a non-member college or university will pay an additional \$5 to support the Rawhide program. (If college/university is not listed on the back of the current NIRA Individual Membership Application and/or a current member school.
- B 2.3.2 **DUES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST RODEO.** All individual dues must be paid in advance of the first (1st) rodeo of the respective region, or before January 1, if no NIRA rodeos are scheduled prior to that date.
- B 2.3.2.1 **NEW MEMBERS.** New members may join at any time and pay the required dues.
- B 2.4 **REFUND OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES.** A student who applies for a membership card and is declared ineligible to obtain a NIRA card may void their NIRA membership, **but will receive no refund of membership dues.**
- B 2.4.0.2 **STUDENT DIRECTOR DUES.** All student directors of the NIRA Board of Directors will be required to pay only the yearly insurance premium and NIR Foundation assessment.
- B 2.5 **REGIONAL SECRETARY MEMBERSHIP DUES.** NIRA regional secretary membership dues shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30) per NIRA year. Dues must be paid in advance of the first (1st) rodeo of the respective region. Medical insurance coverage (excess) is also offered at an additional cost of One Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$145).

B 2.5.1 **BOND COVERAGE** The regional secretary shall furnish bond coverage if required by the respective region.

B 2.6 **STOCK CONTRACTOR OF RECORD MEMBERSHIP DUES.** The Stock Contractor of Record membership shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per NIRA year. Dues must be paid thirty (30) days prior to the first (1st) performance of the first contracted rodeo of the year in question. A One Hundred Dollar (\$100) late fine will be assessed. The exception to this rule will be a stock contractor who was not a NIRA cardholder the previous year.

B 2.7 **TIMED EVENT STOCK CONTRACTOR MEMBERSHIP DUES.** The Timed Event Stock Contractor membership shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per NIRA year. Dues must be paid thirty (30) days prior to the first (1st) performance of the first contracted rodeo of the year in question. A One Hundred Dollar (\$100) late fine will be assessed. The exception to this rule will be a timed event stock contractor who was not a NIRA cardholder the previous year.

B 2.8 **DUPLICATE CARDS.** Duplicate membership cards will be issued at a cost of Five Dollars (\$5) per card.

B 3 ELIGIBILITY

B 3.1 **APPROVED RODEOS.** Approved NIRA rodeos are all- student cowboy and cowgirl contests.

B 3.2 **MUST MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.** All contestants must meet all eligibility requirements and must be a member of the NIRA.

B 3.2.1 **STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED LEARNING DISABILITIES.** A student with a documented disability may apply to the NIRA National Office to reduce the required academic hours pursued/completed (B 3.6.4) and total hours to purchase a second, third and fourth card (B 3.8, 3.9, 3.10). These requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and must include supporting documentation from qualified (licensed/certified) individuals. This application must be made prior to the beginning of the fall semester/quarter. A student will also be required to submit a statement from the college being attended about their policy pertaining to reduced course load equivalency and a description from the disability office outlining accommodations being provided to the student for the current semester/quarter.

B 3.3 **GOOD STANDING WITH SCHOOL.** To be eligible to compete, a student must be in good standing with his/her school and the NIRA.

B 3.4 **ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

B 3.4.1 **REQUIRED ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS.** All member applications, all official transcripts from each institution attended (including the most recent transcripts), high school affidavit, certificate of clearance, dues and other documents, as required, must be verified as being in the NIRA National Office by the NIRA Commissioner or his designee prior to any determination of eligibility.

B 3.4.2 **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.** Eligibility will be determined only by official transcripts. Official transcripts and high school affidavit will not be accepted by fax.

B 3.4.3 **MEMBERSHIP ON HOLD.** A student who applies for a membership card and is placed on hold for academic ineligibility or a transfer penalty must resubmit a current official transcript to the NIRA National Office for reevaluation when requirements are satisfied.

B 3.5 **PROOF OF ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY WITHIN EACH REGION.**

B 3.5.1 **REGIONAL FACULTY DIRECTOR.** The NIRA National Office will verify each student member's academic eligibility at the beginning of each new semester or quarter. The national office will require an official transcript for verifying eligibility at all times. It will be at the discretion of the Regional Faculty Director whether an official transcript is required for them also, and when they will require a Work-In-Progress form. The Work-In-Progress form must carry the signature of the Registrar, the advisor or coach, and official school seal.

B 3.5.2 **FACULTY DIRECTOR AND HARDSHIP CASES.** It is recommended that the NIRA Regional Faculty Director work with the NIRA Regional Student Director and the NIRA Commissioner in determining eligibility problems that may arise within their region. The NIRA Commissioner will maintain final responsibility for determining the eligibility for all students, subject to the provisions of the "Hardship Case" section.

B 3.6 ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

B 3.6.1 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS.** All NIRA members must be a high school graduate or have obtained a general education degree.

B 3.6.2 **SIX (6) YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY.** Each prospective NIRA member will have six (6) consecutive NIRA years of eligibility to compete from the date of his/her graduation from high school.

If a prospective NIRA member did not graduate from high school, but did obtain his/her general education degree, he/she will have six (6) consecutive NIRA years from the date of his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday to complete four (4) years of NIRA eligibility. The NIRA fiscal year will be the formula used. (Example -- if a student attains his/her 18th birthday prior to July 1, 1992, the graduation date will be 1992; if attained after June 30, 1992, the graduation date will be 1993.)

B 3.6.2.1 **STUDENT DIRECTOR EXTRA YEAR WITHIN SIX YEAR RULE.** NIRA Student Director will receive one (1) extra year in which to use a fifth (5th) year of eligibility. This is to be used within the six (6) years allowed.

B 3.6.2.2 **STUDENT PRESIDENT.** Any NIRA National Student President or NIRA Regional Student Director awarded a fifth (5th) year of eligibility must use the year of eligibility at a senior college or professional school and comply with the requirements of the six (6) year rule.

B 3.6.2.3 **COMPETE AS A NON-TEAM MEMBER.** The NIRA National Student President or NIRA Regional Student Director will compete as a non team member during his/her fifth (5th) year of eligibility.

B 3.6.3 **MUST RODEO FOR THE CAMPUS CURRENTLY ATTENDING.** A student must attend the campus of the school they are representing and must take at least nine (9) hours of the twelve hours required on that campus. The student must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) hours of academic credit during the entire term that he/she is competing. Approval from the NIRA Commissioner must be obtained for institutions sponsoring two (2) separate NIRA teams on two (2) separate campuses.

B 3.6.4 **MUST COMPLETE TWELVE HOURS OF CREDIT.** Twelve (12) hours academic credit must be COMPLETED each term that a student has competed in NIRA rodeos to be eligible for competition for the following term. A student must pass at least nine (9) academic hours excluding rodeo (activity, production, judging or similar courses), work experience, and/or physical education activity courses each term. All courses must meet the requirements of NIRA B.3.6.4.2. Passing means a "D" grade or better in a letter grade course and an "S", "P", or "CR" in a pass/fail course. A student will be allowed to count as COMPLETED a maximum of six (6) hours in which he/she received a grade of "F" toward the twelve- hour academic requirement.

B 3.6.4.1 **SIX (6) HOURS OF THE GRADE OF F.** A student will be allowed to count as COMPLETED a maximum of six (6) hours in which he/she received a grade of F.

B 3.6.4.2 **COURSES USED FOR COMPLETED HOURS.** All courses to be used for COMPLETED number of credit hours must generate a course title and number, grade, and credit hours within the 4.00 grading system. The grades of P (Passing), S (Satisfactory), and CR (Credit) may be used as passed hours of credit for both completed and passed hours and not generate grade points. Repeat courses must document hours of credit for at least one term the course was taken. Repeat classes will be counted every time they are taken. A grade is never dropped, not matter how many times the same class is taken.

B 3.6.4.2.1 **REMEDIAL COURSES ONLY.** For students that are required to complete remedial courses, and the institution grading policy differs from the 4.00 grading system, official transcripts are required to document the course title and number, grade, and credit hours. This does not apply to students that receive a passing grade of "P", "S", or "CR". The following items must be submitted to the NIRA Commissioner for approval in all cases that are not included above:

- A. Letter from student outlining petition.
- B. Official transcripts.
- C. Official notification from the Registrar that the course is required, and has been COMPLETED.

If approval is granted for the course to count toward completed hours, the course will be calculated into the grade point average as an "F".

B 3.6.4.2.2 **GRADES OF "U" ON OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.** A grade of "U" on an official transcript will be counted as an "F" when figuring a student's GPA.

B 3.6.5 **CNFR OR REGIONAL RODEO BETWEEN TERMS.** If the CNFR or a regional NIRA rodeo is scheduled between terms, the student must have COMPLETED twelve (12) academic credit hours during his/her previous term or previous term of competition and meet all other eligibility requirements. Correspondence courses may not be counted.

B 3.6.6 **INTERSESSION, SHORT COURSES, INTERIM, SUMMER COURSES, ETC.** Courses taken during an intercession; interim, short course; or under a similar time frame; or the summer, will only count toward accumulation of hours or to raise a grade point average. These credits cannot be used toward previous or current term hours. The exception to this rule will be if the grade is indicated on an official transcript as a regular school term class.

B 3.6.7 **ALL COURSES WILL BE COUNTED TOWARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.** All courses taken for credit will be counted toward eligibility requirements. This rule applies to first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), and fourth (4th) year eligibility.

B 3.6.7.1 **COLLEGE COURSES TAKEN WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL** College courses taken while a student is still in high school will be included when figuring his/her overall GPA.

B 3.6.7.2 **GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.00.** To be eligible to participate, a student must meet the minimum grade point average (GPA) requirement which is a 2.00 GPA accumulation based on all college courses completed or a 2.00 GPA based upon the previous term (12 hours) of enrollment during which twelve academic (12) credit hours must be completed.

B 3.6.7.2.1 **4.0 GRADING SYSTEM** The grade point average requirements will be based on a 4.00 grading system with F=0, D=1, C=2, B=3, A=4. This formula is to be used by any school on a different grading system. Grade points may not be rounded off to meet scholastic requirements: i.e., 1.99 is not acceptable as 2.00.

B 3.6.9.3 **ON LINE COURSES** On line courses will count for enrollment.

B 3.7 FRESHMAN AND/OR FIRST YEAR ELIGIBILITY

B 3.7.1 **Purchase first (1st) NIRA card**

B 3.7.2 **NEW MEMBERS** New members (including foreign students) will be immediately eligible provided that they have a 2.00 GPA on ALL college work "or" a 2.00 GPA based upon the previous term of enrollment. For a student to use the previous terms' GPA to purchase their first NIRA card, twelve (12) credit hours must be completed, and student must be within six (6) years of their high school graduation date. New members are defined as first time card holders.

B 3.7.3 **BEGINNING FRESHMAN** Beginning freshman are immediately eligible unless they have taken college courses while in high school. To establish eligibility, a student must provide an official transcript from each institution attended along with an official high school affidavit and current membership application to the NIRA National Office before membership is approved.

B 3.7.4 **All courses taken for credit will be counted toward eligibility requirements and a student must satisfy all academic requirements outlined in B.3.**

B 3.8 SECOND YEAR ELIGIBILITY

B 3.8.1 **Purchase second (2nd) NIRA card**

B 3.8.2 **HOOR AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS** A student must have **PASSED** thirty-six (36) quarter hours of credit or twenty-four (24) semester hours of credit prior to the term of application.

B 3.8.2.1 Grades of F, Incomplete, In Progress, and grades that are similar, are not included in the calculation of number of **PASSED** hours of credit.

B 3.8.3 To purchase the second (2nd) NIRA card and be eligible to compete, twelve (12) **academic** credit hours must be **COMPLETED** the previous term or the last term the member competed in NIRA rodeos.

B 3.8.3.1 A student will be allowed to count as **COMPLETED** a maximum of six (6) hours in which he/she received a grade of F.

B 3.8.4 All courses taken for credit will be counted toward eligibility requirements and a student must satisfy all academic requirements outlined in B.3.

B 3.9 THIRD YEAR ELIGIBILITY

B 3.9.1 **Purchase third (3rd) NIRA card**

B 3.9.2 **HOURS AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.** A student must have **PASSED** seventy-two (72) quarter hours of credit or forty-eight (48) semester hours of credit prior to the term of application.

B 3.9.2.1 Grades of F, Incomplete, In Progress, and grades that are similar, are not included in the calculation of number of **PASSED** hours of credit.

B 3.9.3 To purchase the third (3rd) NIRA card and be eligible to compete, twelve (12) **academic** credit hours must be **COMPLETED** the previous term or the last term the member competed in NIRA rodeos.

B 3.9.3.1 A student will be allowed to count as **COMPLETED** a maximum of six (6) hours in which he/she received a grade of F.

B 3.9.4 All courses taken for credit will be counted toward eligibility requirements and a student must satisfy all academic requirements outlined in B.3.

B 3.10 FOURTH YEAR ELIGIBILITY

B 3.10.1 **Purchase fourth (4th) NIRA card**

B 3.10.2 **HOOR AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS** A student must have **PASSED** one hundred and eight (108) quarter hours of credit or seventy-two (72) semester hours of credit prior to the term of application.

B 3.10.2.1 Grades of F, Incomplete, In Progress, and grades that are similar, are not included in the calculation of number of **PASSED** hours of credit.

B 3.10.3 To purchase the fourth NIRA card and be eligible to compete, twelve (12) **academic** credit hours must be **COMPLETED** the previous term or the last term the member competed in NIRA rodeo.

B 3.10.3.1 A student will be allowed to count as COMPLETED a maximum of six (6) hours in which he/she received a grade of F.

B 3.10.4 **FOURTH YEAR OF COMPETITION USED AT FOUR YEAR INSTITUTION.** The fourth (4th) year of competition must be used while enrolled in an accredited four (4) year school.

B 3.10.4.1 A student may petition to attend a two-year institution during their fourth year of competition. The petition must be submitted, in writing, to the NIRA National Office by the last Friday in May. The following criteria will be used for the Board to make a determination:

- A. The student must have completed one AA, AS, AGS, or AAS or a two- year certificate during three years of attendance at a junior college. Students will be required to provide that documentation at the time of petition.
- B. Students that receive approval for a fourth year at a junior college will be required to enroll in ten hours of degree courses, and maintain twelve hours of credit each term. They must pass all ten hours of degree courses.
- C. Students will be required to provide the NIRA Board of Directors with a letter declaring a degree or certificate program and a letter of acceptance into the program from the registrar. The degree the student is seeking must be a different degree from the first Associate's earned.
- D. No repeat classes will be accepted for credit unless they are determined to be necessary to complete the student's major.

B 3.10.5 All courses taken for credit will be counted toward eligibility requirements and a student must satisfy all academic requirements outlined in B.4.

B 3.11 GRADUATE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

B 3.11.1 **GRADUATE ENROLLMENT** A student who is enrolled in the graduate or a professional school of an institution the student attended as an undergraduate, or who is enrolled and seeking a second (2nd) baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, may participate in NIRA events provided the student has eligibility remaining, and the student satisfies the applicable provisions of B.3 above.

B 3.11.2 **FULL ACADEMIC LOAD** A graduate student must be carrying a full academic load as defined by the graduate or professional school in which the student is enrolled. If fewer than twelve (12) hours are required for a minimum full time graduate program, the student's eligibility must be approved by the NIRA Commissioner. All graduate students must provide official documentation that provides satisfactory evidence that they have been accepted in to and have enrolled in the graduate program.

B 3.11.3 **GRADUATES BEFORE CNFR** A graduate student may compete in the CNFR if the student graduated before and in the same calendar year as the CNFR in which the student wishes to compete and fulfills all other eligibility requirements.

B 3.11.4 **GRADUATE SCHOOL TRANSFER EXEMPTION** A student who enrolls in a graduate or a professional school of an institution other than the one attended as an undergraduate shall not be treated as a transfer student, subject to compliance with B.3.11.2.

B 3.12 TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

B 3.12.1 **TRANSFER STUDENT DEFINED** A student shall be considered a transfer from an institution at which the student was officially registered and enrolled on the opening day of classes in the current term, or the student attended a class or classes in the current term, or the student was officially enrolled on the opening day of classes in the current term, or the student reported for regular rodeo team practice prior to the beginning of the current term.

B 3.12.2 **TRANSFER RULE** A student who transfers from one (1) institution to

another institution is subject to the requirements of B.3. The twenty-five percent (25%) rule shall not be applied until after a student has become academically eligible.

B 3.12.3 **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT 25% TRANSFER RULE.** Except as provided below, a transfer student shall not be eligible until the student has missed twenty-five percent (25%) of the rodeos held within the region during the previous year. The following shall be used to determine the twenty-five percent (25%) transfer rule penalty:

Rodeos Previous Year	Number of Rodeos - 25%
1-5	1
6-9	2
10	3

B 3.12.3.1 **NUMBER OR RODEOS TO BE MISSED.** If a student transfers from one region to another, the number of rodeos to be missed will be based on the number of previous years' rodeos in the region to which the student has transferred.

B 3.12.4 **TRANSFER STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY** It is the responsibility of the student that transfers to notify the faculty director of the region in which he/she plans to compete, and the NIRA National Office. Further, it is the student's responsibility to provide all information and documentation required for determining eligibility to the regional faculty director and the NIRA National Office.

B 3.12.5 DEFINITION OF JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT

B 3.12.5.1 **DEFINE JUNIOR COLLEGE** For purposes of this rule, a junior college is defined as an institution, university branch, or extension center not having a regular four (4) year academic degree program and includes both one (1) and two (2) year post high school institutions. Such students are subject to the requirements of B.3.12.

B 3.12.5.2 **TWO YEAR COLLEGE WHICH OFFERS A FOUR YEAR DEGREE** A student who graduates from a two (2) year college which also gives a four (4) year degree in his/her field is not subject to the junior college transfer exemption rules, but to the rules regarding transfer from one (1) four (4) year institution to another.

B 3.12.6 A STUDENT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A TRANSFER STUDENT AFTER:

B 3.12.6.1 **SUMMER SCHOOL, NIGHT SCHOOL, OR EXTENSION COURSE.** Enrollment or attendance only at classes in a summer school, night school or extension course as long as the student returns to his/her original school.

B 3.12.6.2 **INSTITUTION DOES NOT SPONSOR COMPETITION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE RODEO EVENTS** Enrollment or attendance only at classes in an institution which does not conduct or sponsor competition in NIRA sanctioned rodeo events, and the student did not compete in NIRA sanctioned events at that institution.

B 3.12.6.3 **DOES NOT BECOME A MEMBER FOR ONE FISCAL YEAR** At least one (1) NIRA fiscal year, during which the student does not become a member of the NIRA.

B 3.12.7 WAIVER OF THE TRANSFER PENALTY FROM A JUNIOR COLLEGE:

B 3.12.7.1 **A student who transfers from a junior college shall be immediately eligible under the following conditions:**

B 3.12.7.1.1 **HOOR AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS** The student presents a minimum of forty-eight (48) semester or seventy-two (72) quarter hours of passed degree credits from previously attended junior colleges with a cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.00.

B 3.12.7.1.2 **AA DEGREE.** The student is a graduate with an **AA Degree** from the junior college, and the student meets the requirements of B.3. above. If a student receives an AA Degree in less than two (2) years, he/she may transfer without penalty.

B 3.12.8 WAIVER OF THE TRANSFER PENALTY FROM A FOUR (4) YEAR INSTITUTION:

B 3.12.8.1 **A student who transfers from a four (4) year institution shall be immediately**

eligible under the following conditions:

B 3.12.8.1.1 **ATTENDANCE AT ANOTHER COLLEGE AND DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN NIRA.** Upon return to his/her original college or university after attendance of one (1) academic year at another institution in a cooperative education exchange program in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original college or university, provided the student was in good standing at the time the student left the original college or university and did not purchase a NIRA card while attending the institution to which he/she transferred.

B 3.12.8.1.2 **ORIGINAL INSTITUTION DISCONTINUED THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM.** If the NIRA Commissioner concludes that the student changed institutions in order to continue the student's major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program of the student's major.

B 3.12.8.1.3 **TRANSFERRING FROM A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION TO A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION.** A student must have a degree to transfer from a four-year institution to a two-year institution without a transfer penalty.

B3.12.8.1.4 **TRANSFERRING FROM A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION.** A student who transfers from one four-year institution to another will be given a waiver of the transfer penalty if they have received a degree from the four year school from which they are transferring.

B 3.12.9 **INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WISHING TO TRANSFER TO NIRA MEMBER SCHOOL.** Independent students competing for non-member schools who wish to transfer at the end of the semester/quarter, will receive a waiver of the transfer penalty if they are transferring to a NIRA member school. The NIRA member school must be a member school as of the date of the transfer.

B 3.12.10 **TRANSFERRING MID-SEMESTER AFTER GRADUATION.** If a student who has graduated from one institution requests to transfer mid-semester to another institution, a written request must be submitted to the NIRA Commissioner for his determination.

B 3.12.11 **TRANSFERS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF REGION.** If a student transfers within the mid-year within the region, they take their individual points, but leave their team points with the previous institution. If the student transfers mid-year outside of the region, they leave both individual and team points with the previous region and school.

B 3.13 VOIDING NIRA MEMBERSHIP CARDS

B 3.13.1 **DOES NOT COMPETE DURING CURRENT YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP.** If a member does not compete during the year of his/her current membership, his/her card will be automatically voided. This will allow the student to retain one (1) year of eligibility. **No membership dues will be refunded under any circumstances.**

B 3.13.2 **COMPETES WITHOUT PERSONAL INJURY IN ONE OR MORE RODEOS.** If a student completes without personal injury, one (1) or more NIRA rodeos in his/her region during the year, he/she may not void his/her NIRA card. Complete is defined as competing on all stock and all runs in the sequence of the rodeo in question.

B 3.13.3 **PERSONAL INJURY.** If a student is injured **before** completion of the first (1st) twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her rodeos in (his/her region) during the year in question, he/she may request to void his/her NIRA card if a petition is formally made to the NIRA Commissioner. The petition must be submitted in writing to the NIRA National Office no later than May 31 of the year in question.

B 3.13.3.1 THE PETITION MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

1. Written recommendations of student's regional directors.
2. Doctor's written verification of injury. Physician letterhead is required.
3. Student's written explanation of injury and request to void card.

B 3.14 COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO ELIGIBILITY

B 3.14.1 All contestants must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Section B.3.

- B 3.14.2 All CNFR eligibility must be reviewed by the NIRA National Office. No contestant will compete prior to eligibility approval.
- B 3.14.3 All CNFR contestants must provide an official transcript after completion of the spring semester/quarter prior to the CNFR in question.
- B 3.14.4 Students from the Northwest and West Coast Regions will be allowed to provide the following documentation prior to the availability of official transcripts.
1. An official Proof Of Enrollment form must be completed by the registrar bearing the school seal and must include the spring semester/quarter prior to the CNFR in question.
 2. Attached to the Proof Of Enrollment must be an official transcript reflecting all spring "in-progress" course work.
- B 3.14.5 No money, awards, scholarships, or points will be issued prior to receiving official transcripts.
- B 3.14.6 Anyone found to be ineligible will forfeit all money, awards, scholarships, and points. The NIRA reserves the right to investigate all infractions and levy appropriate penalties not to exceed a \$500 fine and loss of two (2) year eligibility.

B 3.15 HARDSHIP CASES

- B 3.15.1 **RIGHT OF PETITION** In any case where, because of special circumstances, the application of any eligibility rule produces or will result in an unintended hardship or an injustice to a student, a petition may be submitted for waiver of the rule in question.
- B 3.15.2 Exemptions for hardship cases will be considered and may be granted by the NIRA Executive Committee or its designated representative(s) when supported by proper documentation. The exemption will not exceed four (4) years.
- B 3.15.3 A petition shall be in writing and sent to the NIRA Commissioner.
- B 3.15.4 Any petition not approved by the NIRA Executive Committee may be reviewed by the NIRA Grievance Committee with all procedures cited in Article V, Section 5. or the NIRA Board of Directors. Any written petition or request for a hearing before the board of directors (at the summer board meeting) must be submitted in writing to the NIRA National Office no later than the agenda deadline which is set prior to the scheduling of the board meeting.

OFFICIAL RODEO RULES

R 01 RODEO

- R 01.1 **MUST BE A MEMBER SCHOOL TO SPONSOR SANCTIONED RODEO.** Any school(s) that desires to sponsor a NIRA sanctioned rodeo must be a NIRA member school in good standing.
- R 01.2 **RODEO DATES DEADLINES** Any member school(s) that desires to produce or sponsor a NIRA rodeo must submit rodeo dates, in writing, through their regional student and/or faculty directors.
- R 01.2.1 **FALL RODEO DATES** All fall (September through December) rodeo dates must be submitted to the National Office no later than the last day of the NIRA Summer Board Meeting. These dates will be declared official on July 1.
- R 01.2.2 **SPRING RODEO DATES** All spring (January through May) rodeo dates must be submitted to the National Office no later than the last day of the NIRA Winter Board Meeting. These dates will be declared official on December 15.
- R 01.2.3 **FAILURE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION BY DEADLINE** Failure to submit

rodeo dates or to make changes by the appointed deadline will result in that rodeo not being held.

- R 01.3 **LAST REGIONAL RODEO OF THE SEASON** All regional rodeos will end no later than directed by the NIRA Board of Directors.
- R 01.4 **ALL RODEO APPROVAL DOCUMENTS DEADLINE** A completed and signed Application for Rodeo Approval, the purchase of liability insurance or a Certificate of Insurance verifying coverage, and a copy of established Ground Rules must be submitted to the NIRA National Office THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST (1st) PERFORMANCE OF A SCHEDULED FALL OR SPRING RODEO. Failure to submit the completed approval form, liability insurance coverage, and established ground rules within that thirty (30) day deadline will result in a Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine levied against the school(s) or region sponsoring the rodeo.
- R 01.5 **CANCELLING RODEO** A school(s) or region sponsoring a rodeo may be fined up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) if the school(s) or region cancels a rodeo. Members may compete only as individuals until such fine is satisfied.
- R 01.6 **MATCHING EVENTS BETWEEN MEMBER SCHOOLS** Any matching event between member schools must be cleared through the regional student and faculty directors and the NIRA Commissioner, and it will be approved only if it does not conflict with the best interest of the NIRA. Approval of any such contest would be for competition only and not for points in the point award system.
- R 01.7 **SPONSORING RODEO OTHER THAN AN APPROVED REGIONAL RODEO** A member school may sponsor a rodeo other than an approved rodeo if it is limited to contestants from its school and no more than one (1) other school.
- R 01.8 **TEN RODEOS PER YEAR IN EACH REGION** A maximum of ten (10) rodeos will be held each year in each region.
- R 01.9 **NIRA NATIONAL SPONSORS TO EXHIBIT PRODUCTS AT NIRA RODEOS** Unless prohibited by law or school policy the school(s)/region sponsoring the rodeo must allow the NIRA national sponsors to exhibit and sample their products. The sponsoring school(s) will be ineligible to receive team points and sponsorship money for the year in question if this rule is not followed.
- R 01.9.1 **PRE-RODEO AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICES OR SUPPORT OVER \$1500** Any entity, business or person providing services or support of any nature to a rodeo, with a value of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) or more, must receive pre-rodeo authorization from the NIRA National Office.
- R 01.9.2 **NIRA NAME, LOGO, OR MARKS** The NIRA name may not be used for any commercial purposes without the consent of the NIRA Commissioner. Any television production must be approved by the NIRA National Office prior to the televising.
- R 01.10 **PR REPORT DEADLINE** The PR Report must be submitted along with rodeo results and judges sheets within twenty-four (24) hours following the last performance of the given rodeo. Failure to submit the PR Report as directed will result in loss of good standing for the responsible college/university.
- R 01.10.1 **PR REPORT FOR REGIONAL RODEOS** The faculty and student directors of a region are responsible for submitting PR reports for rodeos sponsored by their region.
- R 01.11 **NIRA POINTS AWARD SYSTEM** There shall be twelve (12) event categories in the NIRA point award system. Seven (7) men's events - bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, team roping (header), team roping (heeler) and men's all around. Six (6) women's events - barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping, team roping (header), team roping (heeler) and women's all around.
- R 01.12 **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/NIRA EVENTS** Any organization or committee obtaining NIRA approval must comply with all requests made by NIRA representatives to coordinate television and filming of approved rodeos and must comply with all rules established by NIRA with respect to such matters. If NIRA obtains a rights fee for television broadcast or film/video reproduction of a NIRA approved regular season rodeo, said rights fee (net of direct NIRA expenses) will be apportioned 60% to NIRA and 40% to the host school. It is a condition of membership

that all individual members and member schools acknowledge that all right, title, and interest in and to intellectual property rights arising from the performance of NIRA events is the exclusive property of NIRA, including, without limitation, all literary, audio, or visual rights, television rights (whether free, subscription, pay, cable, or by whatever means of transmission, live broadcast or delay), or any other audio/visual media or other means of reproduction, including video reproduction for retail sale. All NIRA members grant to NIRA the full right to use their image and likeness as depicted in any form of medium reflecting participation in NIRA events, for any purpose in connection with commercial sale or marketing or other use of media rights as herein acknowledged."

R 02 **ENTRY**

R 02.1 **CONTESTANT UNDER THE AGE OF 21** Every contestant will be required to sign a waiver of responsibility for injuries and/or damages. The waiver must be signed by both himself/herself and his/her parents or guardians, if the contestant is twenty (20) years of age or under.

R 02.2 **ENTRY BLANKS** Entry blanks, if used, must be in the hands of the NIRA member schools within the region at least thirty (30) days before the rodeo date.

R 02.3 **REGIONAL ENTRY SYSTEM** Entry systems for regional rodeos will be determined by the Regional Governing Board.

R 02.4 **ENTRY FEES** Entry fees may be mandatory or optional. Before a team may take advantage of the optional entrance fee, they must have the written consent of the Regional Governing Board. The amount of the entry fee is to be set by the sponsoring member school(s). If the entry fee is optional, any contestant paying an entry fee in one (1) event must pay an entry fee in all events in which entered.

R 02.5 **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS MUST BE SHOWN ON ALL ENTRY BLANKS, IF USED** Each individual NIRA membership number must be shown on all entry blanks, if used.

R 02.5 **FINE OF \$50 IF WILLFULLY USING WRONG NIRA NUMBER OR INACTIVE NUMBER** A fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50) will be assessed on the contestant for willfully giving a wrong NIRA number or inactive number. The region will collect the fine and determine its' use.

R 02.6 **PROOF OF NIRA MEMBERSHIP BEFORE COMPETING IN A RODEO** No student will be allowed to compete in an NIRA rodeo if his/her name is not on the Master Entry List prepared by the National NIRA Office and submitted to the rodeo and regional secretary prior to that rodeo. The listing of contestants on the Master Entry List verifies that each contestant is eligible to compete at that rodeo. The regional secretary is responsible for checking all entries at that rodeo against the Master Entry List and drawing out any contestant who is not on the Master Entry List. If the regional secretary allows a contestant to compete who is not on the Master Entry List, he/she will be fined \$100 for the first offense and \$300 for subsequent offenses. (If a name of a qualified contestant has been omitted from the Master Entry List by mistake, a phone call must be made to the NIRA National Office by the regional secretary to verify the omission. This verification must be obtained prior to the stock draw for that rodeo. If this is done, the contestant in question will be allowed to compete.

R 03 **PERFORMANCES**

R 03.1 **GROUND RULES** All ground rules must be approved by the NIRA Office and posted at a rodeo prior to the first (1st) performance of the rodeo, and the judges must be required to have read the current NIRA Rule Book prior to the first (1st) performance.

R 03.2 **NO TEAM CHANGES ONCE STOCK HAS BEEN DRAWN** No alternate can be substituted in the place of a team member after any stock has been drawn.

R 03.3 **NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES AND NUMBER OF HEAD OF STOCK IN ANY EVENT** Any NIRA approved rodeo of three (3) performances or more must give two (2) head of stock in any event in which fifteen (15) or less contestants are entered: except at one (1) head rodeos or if there are two (2) NIRA approved rodeos scheduled the same weekend in the same region. Any NIRA approved rodeo of two (2) performances with fifteen (15) or less contestants may give two (2) head, or a long go and a short go.

- R 03.3.1 **EVENT WITH LESS THAN TWO CONTESTANTS** An event which has less than two (2) contestants paying entry fees and competing does not count in the point award system.
- R 03.4 **AMATEUR OR PRCA STOCK CONTRACTORS** The NIRA may use amateur or Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) approved stock contractors, provided they are members of the NIRA. PRCA stock contractors must be used in the CNFR as set forth in the NIRA Constitution. The stock contractor must supply sufficient re-ride stock.
- R 03.4.1 No ineligible PRCA stock may be used.
- R 03.4.2 PRCA contract performers such as clowns, announcers, trick riders, etc. may be used in any NIRA rodeo.
- R 03.5 **ALL NIRA EVENTS INCLUDED IN SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES.** All nine (9) NIRA contesting events must be featured in a scheduled performance unless otherwise approved as a ground rule by the NIRA Commissioner at the time of rodeo approval.
- R 04 **PRIZES**
- R 04.1 **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM TROPHY** Each school(s) or region which sponsors a rodeo is encouraged to award a championship team trophy to the winning team. (If the home team is the winning team, it shall be awarded the trophy.)
- R 04.2 **LIST OF PRIZES ON ENTRY BLANK** A list of prizes that are to be awarded at a NIRA approved rodeo must be on the entry blank for the rodeo or in the separate material that is mailed out with entry blanks. The NIRA member school that is sponsoring the rodeo is held fully and completely responsible for the awarding of these prizes to the winners of the rodeo.
- R 04.3 **RODEO AWARDS AND TROPHIES** Rodeo awards such as team trophies or national team trophies, if won, automatically become the property of the institution that sponsored the rodeo team. Rotating trophies shall follow the plan of the originator of the award and may be held by an institution for only a short period of time or may become the permanent property of the college/university.
- R 05 **POINTS/EXPLANATION OF NIRA POINT SYSTEM**
- R 05.1 **NIRA APPROVED RODEOS INCLUDE TEN EVENTS** There will be a minimum of ten (10) point award events represented in the program of events of an approved NIRA rodeo, namely: 1) bareback riding; 2) saddle bronc riding; 3) bull riding; 4) steer wrestling; 5) tie-down roping; 6) team roping, (header); 7) team roping, (heeler); 8) women's barrel racing; 9) women's goat tying; 10) women's breakaway roping.
- R 05.1.1 **HARDSHIP** In the event of a hardship case whereby a host school(s) cannot fulfill the ten (10) required events as stated above, a substitution may be made with the written consent of the regional Student and Faculty Directors, NIRA Commissioner, and with stated approval of rodeo entry application forms by participating member schools.
- R 05.2 **24 HOUR RESULTS RULE** The person responsible for points in each region must fax the entire rodeo results packet (event sheets, participation reports, judges reports, PR report, and the final rodeo report) to the NIRA National Office within twenty-four (24) hours of the last performance of that rodeo, unless granted an extension by the national office. In addition, the originals must be mailed reflecting a postmark within twenty-four (24) hours of the last performance of that rodeo. Failure to comply will result in a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25) fine being assessed for the first (1st) offense; Fifty Dollars (\$50) for the second (2nd) offense; and One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the third (3rd) and subsequent offenses. The fine slate will be wiped clean at the end of the CNFR unless fines have not been satisfied.
- R 05.3 **CORRECTIONS** All rodeo result corrections must be handled in a timely manner, or the responsible person will be subject to a fine.
- R 05.4 **POINTS FOR EACH NIRA APPROVED RODEO** Each NIRA point award event shall be assigned 630 (six hundred thirty) points for each NIRA approved rodeo.
- R 05.5 **ALL-AROUND POINTS.** To qualify for regional all-around standings, a contestant

must qualify by accumulating a minimum of 200 points in each of two events. Subsequent to meeting the qualifying standard of 200 points in two separate events, all points earned in all other events are added to arrive at the total points earned in the all-around. A contestant must be entered in two or more events to qualify for all-around points at a given NIRA rodeo.

R 05.6

Six hundred thirty (630) points are assigned to each point award event in each NIRA approved rodeo. (632 at a one-go rodeo). The correct division of points is given below for an event with three (3) go-rounds. When two (2) or more contestants tie or split, places that are tied should be added together and divided by the number of contestants who split or tied.

R 05.6.1

ONE GO-ROUND EVENT

1st - 23% of 630 points	145 points
2nd - 20% of 630 points	126 points
3rd - 17% of 630 points	107 points
4th - 14% of 630 points	88 points
5th - 11% of 630 points	69 points
6th - 8% of 630 points	50 points
7 th - 5% of 630 points	32 points
8 th - 2% of 630 points	13 points

R 05.6.2

TWO GO-ROUND EVENT

Six places in each go-round and average.

First go-round – 210 points total:

1st - 29% of 210 points	60 points
2nd - 24% of 210 points	50 points
3rd - 19% of 210 points	40 points
4th - 14% of 210 points	30 points
5 th - 9% of 210 points	20 points
6 th - 5% of 210 points	10 points

Second go-round - 210 points total:

1st - 29% of 210 points	60 points
2nd - 24% of 210 points	50 points
3rd - 19% of 210 points	40 points
4th - 14% of 210 points	30 points
5 th - 9% of 210 points	20 points
6 th - 5% of 210 points	10 points

Average - 210 points total:

1st - 29% of 210 points	60 points
2nd - 24% of 210 points	50 points
3rd - 19% of 210 points	40 points
4th - 14% of 210 points	30 points
5 th - 9% of 210 points	20 points
6 th - 5% of 210 points	10 points

R 05.6.3

THREE GO-ROUND EVENT

Six places in each go-round and average.

First go-round - 158 points total:

1st - 29% of 158 points	46 points
2nd - 24% of 158 points	38 points
3rd - 19% of 158 points	30 points
4th - 14% of 158 points	22 points
5 th - 9% of 158 points	14 points
6 th - 5% of 158 points	8 points

Second go-round - 158 points total:

1st - 29% of 158 points	46 points
2nd - 24% of 158 points	38 points
3rd - 19% of 158 points	30 points
4th - 14% of 158 points	22 points
5 th - 9% of 158 points	14 points
6 th - 5% of 158 points	8 points

Third go-round - 158 points total:

1st - 29% of 158 points	46 points
2nd - 24% of 158 points	38 points
3rd - 19% of 158 points	30 points
4th - 14% of 158 points	22 points

5th - 9% of 158 points 14 points
6th - 5% of 158 points 8 points

Average - 158 points total:
1st - 29% of 158 points 46 points
2nd - 24% of 158 points 38 points
3rd - 19% of 158 points 30 points
4th - 14% of 158 points 22 points
5th - 9% of 158 points 14 points
6th - 5% of 158 points 8 points

R 05.6.4

COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Eight places in first (1st), second (2nd) go-round, third (3rd) go-round, and the average. Four places in short go-round.

First go-round:

1st - 80 points
2nd - 70 points
3rd - 60 points
4th - 50 points
5th - 40 points
6th - 30 points
7th - 20 points
8th - 10 points

Second go-round:

1st - 80 points
2nd - 70 points
3rd - 60 points
4th - 50 points
5th - 40 points
6th - 30 points
7th - 20 points
8th - 10 points

Third go-round:

1st - 80 points
2nd - 70 points
3rd - 60 points
4th - 50 points
5th - 40 points
6th - 30 points
7th - 20 points
8th - 10 points

Short go-round:

1st - 40 points
2nd - 30 points
3rd - 20 points
4th - 10 points

Average:

1st - 120 points
2nd - 105 points
3rd - 90 points
4th - 75 points
5th - 60 points
6th - 45 points
7th - 30 points
8th - 15 points

R 05.6.4.1

TIE IN MEN'S/WOMEN'S ALL-AROUND OR MEN'S/WOMEN'S ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. In the event of a tie in the Men's All-Around, Women's All-Around, Men's Rookie of the Year, and Women's Rookie of the Year the following steps will be used to declare a champion:

1. Number of events entered.

2. Number of times placed in events.
3. Highest placing in each event.

R 06 **TEAMS**

R 06.1 **TEAM DUES MUST BE PAID BEFORE POINTS WILL BE COUNTED.** No team points will be counted until member school dues are paid. All members will be considered off the team until such dues are paid.

R 06.2 **NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS ON EACH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAM.** In all NIRA approved rodeos, except the CNFR, a team must consist of from one (1) to six (6) men. (In the CNFR, see Article VIII, Section 2.) Individuals competing from non member schools are not eligible for team championships. There shall be a women's team consisting of one (1) to four (4) members. (In the CNFR, see Article VIII, Section 2.) Individuals competing from non member schools are not eligible for team championships.

R 07 **DRESS CODE**

R 07.1 **MUST WEAR WESTERN ATTIRE.** All contestants must be properly dressed in western attire while in the arena, or be subject to a fine at the discretion of the regional faculty and/or student directors.

R 07.2 **MUST WEAR VEST WITH LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOL.** All contestants must wear a vest with legible identification of their school on the front and back. (If a contestant is not competing no vest is required; otherwise the contestant must have his/her vest on at all times during the rodeo including slack. This applies to hazers and pushers.) A vest is described as an open front sleeveless garment. If a contestant is not so identified, he/she will be fined Twenty-five Dollars (\$25). The fine must be paid before the conclusion of the rodeo in question. The fine must be imposed by a faculty, student, Event Director, or judge before official conclusion of the rodeo in question. If the fine is not paid at the rodeo in question, the contestant must be disqualified and considered suspended until the fine is paid.

R 07.2.1 **AESTHETIC DESIGN OF VESTS.** It is mandatory that NIRA members give aesthetic consideration to the design of their vests.

R 07.2.2 **NO TAPE ON VESTS.** Identification cannot be taped onto vest.

R 07.3 **PROTECTIVE VESTS IN BULL RIDING.** All bull riders that use a protective vest, while competing must meet school vest identification requirements. Contestants must wear protective headgear (helmet or cowboy hat) while competing.

R 07.4 **SPONSORSHIP OR ADVERTISEMENT IN ARENA.** Contestants while competing may wear only sponsorship/advertisements from individual sponsors that have been cleared with the NIRA National Office. (See addendum for rule clarifications on patch program.)

R 08 **DRAWING POSITION**

R 08.1 **RANDOM DRAW.** All NIRA rodeos will use a random draw. If not drawn at a region's Central Entry Office, plastic poker chips must be used. Random computer draw may be utilized with prior approval of the National Office.

R 08.2 **TWO HEAD OF STOCK IN THE SAME EVENT DURING THE SAME PERFORMANCE.** No contestant will compete on two (2) head in the same event during the same performance, except for rerides in the riding events.

R 08.3 **MULTIPLE GO-ROUNDS.** In the case of multiple go-rounds:

R 08.3.1 For all events the positions are drawn for the first go-round, with the positions in the timed events of the second go-round being the reversal.

R 08.3.2 For second and subsequent go-rounds in the riding events as well as the third and subsequent go-rounds of all events, positions are drawn.

R 08.4 **SUBSEQUENT GO-ROUND IS THE REVERSAL OF THE PREVIOUS GO-ROUND.** In those events where a subsequent go-round is the reversal of the previous go-round: if a go-round ends and the next one starts during the same performance, contestants finishing the go-round will be dropped off and start the next

performance for their next head of stock. This same procedure will be followed if drawing of positions results in a contestant drawn twice for the same performance.

R 08.5 **TRADING POSITIONS.** Positions shall remain as drawn for all go-rounds at non-preference rodeos. Contestants may trade positions in the second and subsequent go-rounds of a performance-preference rodeo, if and only if such trading is in accordance with the procedures defined in the NIRA Rule Book. (Refer to R.20.)

R 08.6 **A go-round must be finished before the next go-round starts, with the following exceptions:**

R 08.6.1 Rerides in the riding events.

R 08.6.2 Riding events with a go-round finishing and the next one starting during the same performance.

R 09 **DRAWING STOCK**

R 09.1 **DRAWING STOCK.** If not drawn at region's Central Entry Office, plastic poker chips must be used.

R 09.2 **TIME OF THE DRAW .** A complete go-round of riding events must be drawn in it's entirety not less than two hours prior to the start of the first go-round, at a well publicized time and place. The time, place, and supervision of the draw must be approved by the Regional Faculty and/or Student Director. One (1) or more judges must be present at the drawing, or with approval of regional directors, an alternative person may be designated to draw.

R 09.3 **All stock in contest events must be drawn by number by a judge, including team roping cattle.** Any arrangements to the contrary for team roping must be approved by the team roping director prior to the first performance of the rodeo. There must always be at least four exact copies made of the draw, one to be posted, one copy for each judge, and one or more copies for the arena secretary's records. The draw at all rodeos shall be posted where contestants can examine it. Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the drawing judge's head and numbers shaken between each number drawn. Drawing must be conducted so that any entrant may witness the draw.

R 09.4 **STOCK DRAW FOR CONTESTANT THAT HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED OR IS TURNING OUT.** In all events, stock shall not be drawn for a contestant if he has notified that he is turning out in that go-round, or has been disqualified. If additional timed-event cattle are needed, cattle to be run will be drawn from those remaining in that performance's pen, with a record of the times and names of persons running these cattle posted for reference.

R 09.5 **SAME STOCK TWICE AT ANY ONE RODEO IN THE SAME EVENT.** No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any one rodeo in the same event, except in the case of a reride in the riding events.

R 09.6 **BAREBACK AND SADDLE BRONC RIDING STOCK CANNOT BE USED TWICE IN ONE DAY.** In bareback and saddle bronc riding events, stock cannot be out twice in the same day with the exception of rerides. The designated reride must be different from those animals out that given day.

R 09.7 **NO DOUBLE-BACK BULLS IN SLACK AT TWO (2) PERFORMANCE RODEO.** In the bull riding, there will be no double-back bulls in slack at two (2) go-round rodeos, progressive rodeos or rodeos with finals or short go, unless otherwise approved by the bull riding director.

R 09.7.1 In the bull riding, the designated reride must be different from those animals out that given performance.

R 09.7.2 For every time a riding event animal is in the slack twice at a given rodeo, that same animal must be included in the performance draw at least once.

R 09.7.3 At certain specified rodeos, whenever deemed necessary, the NIRA Board of Directors may implement a ground rule requiring that any riding event stock used in slack competition must also be used in the performance competition at that rodeo.

R 09.8 **DRAW MUST BE DONE A MINIMUM OF 12 HOURS BEFORE SUBSEQUENT**

GO-ROUND. In the riding events, second and subsequent go-rounds must be drawn, in entirety, a minimum of twelve (12) hours prior to the start of the respective go-round. Exceptions to this are:

R 09.8.1 Rodeos with more than one performance in a given day, in which one performance ends a go-round and the next performance starts a new go-round.

R 09.9 **PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING BUCKING STOCK:**

R 09.9.1 Pens set by stock contractor: Stock contractor shall set one more animal per performance than the number needed for competition. A single animal will be drawn from each pen and will be considered the designated reride for that performance. One-third of the animals per performance may be featured, but must be so indicated prior to reride draw, and thus held out of the reride draw. (EXAMPLE: one-third of 9=3; one-third of 12=4.) After the reride for a given performance has been drawn, all feature animals for that performance are to be returned to the draw.

R 09.9.2 Pens drawn, not set: The stock contractor may feature a maximum of three animals per performance. These animals may be set and are held out of the reride draw. Enough animals are drawn to allow one more animal per performance than the number needed for competition. A single animal will be drawn from each pen and will be considered the designated reride for that performance. After the reride for a given performance has been drawn, the feature animals for that performance are to be returned to the draw.

R 09.10 **DESIGNATED RERIDE.** In the case of riding event stock injuries or animals not shipped after the draw has been made, replacement stock should be the designated reride for the performance for which the injured animal was scheduled for competition. Any reride thereafter will be drawn from doctor releases and turn outs for that performance, provided those animals have not been mounted. A replacement designated reride should be drawn immediately from the notified turn outs for that performance. If there are not any turn outs, use the procedure set forth in R 9.11.2.

R 09.11 **DRAW OF RERIDE ORDER.** Prior to each performance or section of slack, judges will draw a reride order, using the designated reride (if not already awarded because of an injured animal or an animal that had not been shipped) as the first reride. All notified turned out or doctor released animals will constitute the balance of the reride pen from which the order is drawn. Contestants given a reride will receive the animal that directly correlates with the order rerides were accepted. Animals mounted out shall be used in the reverse order of the reride position draw with the first two animals in the reride order remaining available for rerides until after the last contestant who is entered has competed. Failure of the stock contractor to abide by this mount -out order shall subject the stock contractor to a fine of \$100 per offense. Up to five hours prior to each performance, judges may draw a reride order using available turn out/doctor release notification. At least two animals must be brought to the arena for rerides (including the designated reride), provided there is one or more turn out/doctor release notifications. When final turn out notifications are received for that performance, all animals then at the arena who have been turned out/doctor released will be drawn for a reride order, with the designated reride always being the first reride if not already used for an animal that is injured or that has already been shipped.

R 09.11.1 **ANIMALS DRAWN FOR A RERIDE.** Any riding event animal drawn for a reride, but not used in that go-round, may be held out of the draw for rerides in the following go-round along with the feature animals, then will be returned for the go-round draw after the rerides have been drawn. An animal can be drawn for a reride only one time in a go-round.

R 09.11.2 **PROCEDURE WHERE MORE RERIDES ARE AWARDED THAN THERE ARE ANIMALS AVAILABLE.** If more rerides are awarded than there are animals in that performance or slack reride draw, the remaining contestants who have not received a reride animal will be drawn rerides from the performance immediately following that performance or section of slack when the contestant originally competed in, using the same procedure as outlined in R 9.10 and R 9.10.1. This procedure will be repeated until all contestants awarded rerides have been drawn rerides. These rerides will be competed on during the performance or section of

slack the animals were designated to be bucked, or at a time mutually agreeable to both stock contractor and contestant.

- R 09.11.3 **LAST GO-ROUND.** In the case of the last performance of a go-round, if there are more rerides awarded than there are animals in reride draw, then all animals bucked the last day of the rodeo shall be declared exempt and the rerides will be comprised of all unused rerides (both designated rerides and turned-out stock) from prior performances and slacks in that go-round.
- R 09.11.4 **LIST OF AVAILABLE RERIDES FOR LAST PERFORMANCE.** In the last performance of a go-round, when all rerides from previous Performances have been used, the stock contractor must provide the judges with a list of available animals from which reride animals can be drawn. These animals must have been in the original draw of this rodeo in this event. The stock contractor can exempt 1/3 of available animals prior to the reride draw.
- R 09.11.5 **FINALS.** In a finals, should more rerides be needed than those available, 1/3 of the animals from the short go-round pen can be featured, and additional rerides necessary will be drawn from that finals pen.
- R 09.11.6 **STOCK INJURED AFTER DRAW HAS BEEN COMPLETED.** In the case of riding-event stock injuries after the draw has been made, replacement stock will be the designated reride for the performance the injured animal was scheduled for competition. A replacement designated reride should be drawn immediately from the notified turn outs for that performance. If there are not any turn outs, a reride should be drawn from all available animals.
- R 09.12 **TIMED EVENT STOCK WILL BE DRAWN NOT MORE THAN ONE-AND-ONE-HALF HOURS BEFORE PERFORMANCE.** Stock in timed events shall be drawn by either judge of that event not more than one-and-one-half hours before the performance or section of slack.
- R 09.13 **NO DRAWN STOCK CAN BE HELD OVER.** In timed events, no drawn stock can be held over from one performance to the next or overnight.
- R 09.14 **No pens of stock in the timed events may be drawn for more than one day in advance.** Pens of stock shall be drawn by the judge, and arena secretary shall provide each judge with an exact copy of the draw.
- R 09.14.1 If a judge is not available at the time it is necessary for a pen of cattle to be drawn for the first section of competition, the stock contractor and secretary may draw that pen providing a timed event contestant witnesses the draw.
- R 09.15 **TIMED EVENT STOCK DRAWN BUT NOT USED.** In timed events, stock already drawn in a pen, but not used, shall be placed with those animals not already included in competition draw or a pen draw.
- R 09.16 **IN TIMED EVENTS, STOCK WILL NOT BE DRAWN EXCEPT ONE RUN AND ONE GO-ROUND AT A TIME.** All cattle in the draw will be run one time before any cattle will be run twice, etc. When this procedure becomes impossible due to a split performance, the draw will include remaining cattle that have been run the least number of times. Immediately after a split performance, the draw will then revert to the cattle that have been run the least number of times. Any animal drawn and not competed on or exhibitioned on will be considered run. Extras may be added only if run an equal number of times at that rodeo.
- R 09.17 **DRAW FOR FINAL OR SHORT GO-ROUND.** In a final or short go-round, draw will be made from last position to first position. Also, events should be run accordingly.
- R 09.18 **TEN HEAD OF STOCK WILL BE USED IN ALL TELEVISED RODEOS.** At least ten (10) head of stock will be used in the finals at all televised rodeos, unless otherwise specified at time of rodeo's approval. In any final or short go-round, contestants in riding events may draw their own animals in presence of judges if approved at time of rodeo approval.

R 09.19 **BUCKING STOCK FOR FINAL GO-ROUND.** Selection of individual bucking stock for a final go-round of the rodeo will be accomplished by a mutual agreement between a Riding Event Director or his duly designated appointee, the rodeo stock contractor, and judges. At least two (2) head of additional stock will be available for rerides. Rerides for the short go-round may be designated by the Event Director or his appointed representative, and the stock contractor.

R 09.20 **TIMED EVENT CATTLE FOR FINAL GO-ROUND.** All timed-event cattle competed on at a rodeo by finalists will be used when drawing for final head.

R 09.20.1 **SHORTAGE OF CATTLE FOR SHORT GO-ROUND.** If not enough cattle are available for a short go-round after using all the cattle brought in by the finalists, those remaining in the herd with the fastest times will be used.

R 010 **MISDRAWS**

R 010.1 **MORE THAN THREE HEAD OF MISDRAWS.** If more than three head are misdraws, all stock shall be put back in the draw box and all redraw.

R 010.2 **Timed-Event Misdraws**

R 010.2.1 **Definition of misdraws:** Any animal that must be replaced will be considered one misdraw.

R 010.2.2 **Definition of herd:** Herd shall be defined as those animals designated prior to the start of the first go-round to be used in a given event. No animals other than these predesignated animals shall be considered qualified stock for said rodeo.

R 010.2.3 **Definition of extra:** If pens are drawn from the pre-designated herd (according to Rulebook), at least one more animal than the number of contestants should be drawn to be used in the case of a misdraw. Following the cattle draw, that animal (or animals) remaining shall be considered the extra(s). In case the extra(s) are not used for that given performance or section of slack, said extra shall be placed with those animals not already included in competition draw or a pen draw.

R 010.2.4 **In case of a misdraw discovered prior to a performance, or anytime during the slack:**

R 010.2.4.1 If an extra (s) is available, all animals below the misdraw up to the end of the run on the cattle are used. One animal is drawn, that being the animal assigned to the contestant who originally had that animal will be assigned an extra.

R 010.2.4.2 If no extra(s) is available, all animals below the misdraw up to the end of the run on the cattle are used, with the last animal drawn in that run designated the extra. In this instance, the last man to have originally drawn an animal in that run requires a repeat of the misdraw procedure that applies, but will not be considered an additional misdraw.

R 010.2.5 In case a misdraw is discovered after the start of a paid performance:

R 010.2.5.1 If an extra(s) is available, the contestant involved will automatically be assigned the extra, regardless of a possible difference in runs on the cattle.

R 010.2.5.2 If no extra is available, the contestant involved will not compete as scheduled, but later in the performance or immediately after. A replacement animal will be drawn from all animals left in the run.

R 011 **ANNOUNCERS**

R 011.1 **MISREPRESENT ANY CONTEST ACTION.** It shall be a violation of the rules for an announcer to deliberately misrepresent any contest action.

R 011.2 **INJURY OF STOCK.** If injury of stock is mentioned at all during the rodeo, announcer must tell the truth.

R 012 **STOCK CONTRACTOR MEMBERSHIP**

R 012.1 **MUST BECOME MEMBER OF THE NIRA.** All stock contractors who produce a NIRA rodeo must become members of the NIRA. The Stock Contractor of Record membership shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per NIRA year. The Timed Event Stock Contractor membership shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per NIRA year.

R 012.2 **LATE FINE FOR THE STOCK CONTRACTOR OF RECORD.** A late fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) will be assessed to the Stock Contractor of Record if dues are not paid thirty (30) days prior to the first (1st) performance of the first (1st) contracted rodeo of the NIRA year in question. The exception to this rule will be a stock contractor who was not a NIRA cardholder the previous year. A stock contractor will not be allowed to produce another rodeo until all fees are paid.

R 012.3 **LATE FINE FOR THE TIMED EVENT STOCK CONTRACTOR.** A late fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) will be assessed to the Timed Event Stock Contractor if dues are not paid thirty (30) days prior to the first (1st) performance of the first (1st) contracted rodeo of the NIRA year in question. The exception to this rule will be a timed event stock contractor who was not a NIRA cardholder the previous year. A stock contractor will not be allowed to produce another rodeo until all fees are paid.

R 012.4 **PRCA APPROVED STOCK CONTRACTORS AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE.** A PRCA approved stock contractor is automatically eligible to become a NIRA member. A non PRCA stock contractor must have regional Faculty and/or Student Director approval to become a NIRA member.

R 012.5 **NEW MEMBER.** A stock contractor applying for membership is considered a new member if that stock contractor was not a member the previous year.

R 013 **JUDGES**

R 013.1 **MUST BE APPROVED AND IN GOOD STANDING.** All judges and flagmen must be NIRA approved and in good standing. Judges who attend the officials seminar regularly will receive a preference on rodeo assignments.

R 013.2 **PAYMENT.** The NIRA has implemented a pro-official and reserve-official format whereby judges will be scheduled and paid through the NIRA office. The sponsoring school must pay a minimum of \$75.00 per performance to each judge. In addition, the school(s)/region must pay each judge \$1 for each run in slack. The school must also provide a complimentary hotel/motel room for each judge.

R 013.3 **SCHEDULING.** All NIRA rodeos will be included in the scheduling of judges.

R 013.4 **NUMBERS OF JUDGES.** Rodeos with 365 total contestant entries or less will use the two (2) judge system. It will be a regional option whether or not to use the three (3) judge system.

R 014 **JUDGING -- GENERAL**

R 014.1 **CHANGES DURING THE COURSE OF THE RODEO.** Neither timers, barrier judge, field flag judge nor riding judge may be changed during the course of the rodeo, except in the case of sickness or by request of a NIRA official in agreement with stock contractor and rodeo committee.

R 014.2 **TALKING TO JUDGE DURING AN EVENT.** No contestant may talk to a judge or timer in any way while an event is going on. Questions may be addressed to a judge no sooner than at the end of the event for that performance. Any contestant violating this regulation will be reported to the NIRA office by the judges, or the arena director, or the stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurs.

R 014.3 **TIMER DURING THE BULL RIDING.** One judge will serve as a back up timer in the bull riding event. The judge's stopwatch reading shall be used as a means of verification when the length of the qualified ride is in question.

The judge shall stop his watch when, in his opinion, the contestant has been disqualified for any reason, or when he hears the whistle or horn, whichever comes first. In either instance, the judge will refer to his watch for a time verification on each ride. In any instance where the time is eight (8) or more seconds on the judge's watch, the contestant shall be entitled to a marking without penalty on a qualified ride.

R 014.4 **JUDGES DOCUMENTATION.** Judges are required to mark on their books anyone turning out stock, and which animals were mounted out or run in the timed events. Judges shall report same, in full, to arena secretary. The secretary is required to report such infractions to the NIRA office along with the results of that rodeo.

R 014.5 **MARKINGS IN RIDING EVENTS.** Markings in the riding events shall be totaled by both judges and the arena secretary, and posted after each performance.

R 014.6 **BARRIER JUDGES.** Barrier judges shall keep a record of all barrier fines. They will be furnished a complete list of contestants by the arena secretary, and their records and the arena secretaries must correspond.

R 014.7 **JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.** The decision of the judges will be final and may not subsequently be overturned by action of the NIRA, its officers or directors, or any other party. Any judge, however, who does not perform his duties in compliance with these rules, or who otherwise abuses his position, will be subject to disciplinary action by the NIRA Board. Penalty for such improper conduct shall be a minimum fine equal to one performance judge's pay for that rodeo and/or ineligibility to judge.

R 014.8 **AUTHORITY TO REQUEST PERSON EXCUSED FROM ARENA.** A judge has the authority to request that any person be excused from the arena if that person, in the judge's opinion, is interfering with the contest event.

R 014.9 **INJURED ANIMALS.** Judges must check and determine that a satisfactory injured animal conveyance exists prior to the beginning of all NIRA rodeos.

R 014.10 **STOPWATCHES.** Judges are not required to carry a stopwatch during all rough stock events.

R 015 **RODEO ADMINISTRATION**

R 015.1 **REGIONAL SECRETARIES MEMBERSHIP.** Regional secretaries shall be NIRA secretarial members in good standing. The NIRA has no set price for salaries of regional secretaries, contract performers, announcers, labor, etc, but the NIRA expects the rodeos to pay fair salaries in keeping with the size of the rodeo.

R 015.2 **SECRETARIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ERRORS MADE.** Regional secretary will be responsible for errors made by the arena secretary or secretarial representative, and be responsible for correcting any errors.

R 015.3 **PERSONNEL MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE BONDED.** The NIRA may require rodeos and/or rodeo personnel handling money and entry fees to be bonded. This would include both the committee and the arena secretary.

R 015.3.1 **CORRECT INFORMATION TO NIRA OFFICE.** Arena secretaries are responsible for submitting correct membership card numbers and all other entrance status on all forms being submitted to the NIRA office.

R 015.4 **CANADIAN BANKS.** No checks on Canadian banks will be accepted.

R 015.5 **ENTRY FEE PAID BEFORE COMPETITION TIME.** All contestants are to pay entry fees to the arena secretary prior to competition time, or they shall be subject to a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25) fine.

R 015.6 **RECEIPTS TO CONTESTANTS.** Arena secretaries are responsible for giving receipts to every contestant whose fees are paid in a manner other than that contestant's own personal check i.e., cash, money order, traveler's check, prize money check, or a check signed by another contestant.

R 015.7 **UNPAID FEES.** All unpaid fees (for turn outs only) may be deducted from

fees collected.

R 015.8 **STUDENTS FAILING TO PAY ENTRY FEES.** Immediately after each rodeo, arena secretary must submit to the NIRA office the names of any member contestants who did not pay entry fees. Any arena secretary failing to do so will be subject to fine.

R 015.9 **ALL-AROUND COW BOY AND COW GIRL.** A rodeo's all-around cowboy will be determined according to the NIRA system. (See R.5)

R 015.10 **POSTING OF ORDER OF EVENTS.** Rodeos that have contest stock to run before or after scheduled performances shall post the order of events in the rodeo office.

R 016 **POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATIONS**

R 016.1 **POSTPONED OR CANCELLED RODEO.** A rodeo performance may not be postponed or cancelled unless agreed to by the committee chairman, stock contractor and NIRA official that it be a physical impossibility to hold the performance. In the event no NIRA official is present, a NIRA contestant member should represent the contestants.

R 016.2 **PERFORMANCE OR SECTION OF SLACK POSTPONED.** Only that performance or section of slack that had to be postponed will be rescheduled.

R 016.2.1 **RESCHEDULED POSTPONED PERFORMANCE.** That postponed performance must be rescheduled within forty-eight (48) hours or prior to the start of the subsequent go-round, whichever comes first.

R 016.3 **NO DRAW OUTS BECAUSE OF POSTPONED PERFORMANCE.** Contestants will not be permitted to draw out because of a postponed performance.

R 016.4 **ORDER OF COMPETITION.** In case of postponement, the order of competition for that postponed performance will be maintained exactly as drawn.

R 017.0 **GENERAL RODEO ACTIVITY**

AMBULANCE AND CERTIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL. The sponsoring school of each NIRA approved rodeo shall be required to provide a transport ambulance and certified medical personnel to be on site for all performances and supplementary contesting time to the performances.

R 017.1 **RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY.** The sponsoring school assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant or participant. By the act of his/her entry the contestant waives all claims against the sponsoring school for injuries he/she or his/her property may sustain.

R 017.2 **RECEIVING STOCK BEFORE OR AFTER EVENT.** No stock in any event, except for rerides, may be taken before the first section of that event on the program, and no stock in that event can be held beyond the end of the event on the program for the performance. Any deviation from this that may be deemed necessary to prevent production delay (chute fighting or stalling animal, escaped timed event cattle, etc.) may only be authorized by the judge.

R 017.1.1 **RECEIVING STOCK IN SLACK.** In slack, no stock in any event may be taken before that event is scheduled. All animals drawn for that event must be run as scheduled prior to the start of the next event, where facilities permit. Likewise, no stock may be held beyond the end of the draw (or run) in that event.

R 017.2 **CONTESTANT ILLNESS OR INJURY.** If a contestant is unable to compete at a rodeo due to sickness or injury, he may be held until later in the go-round with the consent of both judges and stock contractor.

R 017.2.1 If held back, contestant may not compete at any other rodeo until he has competed in the performance to which he was held.

R 017.3 **CONTESTANTS IN TIMED EVENTS WHICH ARE SICK OR INJURED.** In the timed events, sick or injured contestants shall not be held back past the

end of the run on the cattle.

- R 017.3.1 The end of the run on the cattle cannot be rescheduled because of a held-back contestant. The "designated end of the run" will be determined by the original number of contestants and the original number of cattle. No contestant will be held back beyond that "designated end of the run."
- R 017.4 **QUALIFIED CONTESTANTS FOR FINAL GO-ROUND.** Only the contestant in the qualifying positions including ties, specified prior to the first performance, for a short or final go-round will be eligible to receive the final head.
- R 017.5 **ALL TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED.** All times shall be announced in the timed events during a performance or slack.
- R 017.6 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARKINGS IN RIDING EVENTS.** Markings shall be announced in the riding events at all times during the contest whether before, during or after the paid performance.
- R 017.7 **CONTESTANTS OUT OF ARENA.** If the management provides satisfactory seats for the contestants, the NIRA will urge contestants to stay out of the arena when they are not scheduled to compete.
- R 017.10 **SUPPLEMENTARY CONTESTING TIMES CONDITIONS THE SAME AS PAID PERFORMANCES.** Supplementary contesting times will be run under the same conditions as a paid performance. Stock contractor may be reported for violation of this rule at the discretion of the judge(s). First offense will constitute a warning; 2nd and subsequent offenses will constitute a \$250 fine for each offense.
- R 017.8 **CONTESTANTS ON THE BACK OF THE BOX OR ARENA.** At the discretion of the arena director, contestants on the back of the box or arena fences may be requested to move if they are obstructing the view of paying spectators.
- R 017.9 **ANY OFFICER OR DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO ANY PART OF THE RODEO ENCLOSURE OR ARENA.** Any officer or director of the NIRA shall have access to any part of the rodeo enclosure or arena when representing the NIRA on official business, if official identification card is presented.
- R 017.10 **NO PERSON SHALL BE ALLOWED IN ARENA UNLESS ENTERED IN AN EVENT.** No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event.
- R 017.11 **CONTRACT ACTS.** Contract acts not pertinent to rodeo will be excluded from the arena.
- R 017.12 **ADVERTISING IN ARENA.** Any advertising in the arena shall be subject to NIRA approval.
- R 017.13 **CONTRACT PERSONNEL SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH COMPETITION.** Contract personnel shall not interfere with competition. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action at the Board of Directors' discretion.
- R 017.14 **CONTESTANTS SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH BONAFIDE PRESS OR PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS.** Contestants in the arena must not interfere with the work of bonafide press and professional photographers, or within the view of the spectators.
- R 017.15 **BARREL RACING IN THE SAME ARENA AS OTHER EVENTS.** At rodeos where barrel racing is held in the same arena as all other events, that event must be run after all NIRA timed events for a given performance are completed with the exception of the CNFR.
- R 017.16 **PHOTOGRAPHERS NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR HATS.** Photographers will not be required to wear a hat while working in the arena.
- R 017.17 **REQUIREMENT OF TWO BULLFIGHTERS AND TWO PICK-UP MEN.** A NIRA-approved rodeo is required to have two (2) bullfighters and two (2) pick-up men.

R 017.18 **SUPPORTS FOR CONTESTANT'S FEET IN RIDING EVENT CHUTES.**
Riding event chutes must have support for the contestant's feet when he is in the chute. Sponsor signs must not inhibit competition or contestant preparation. Said signs may be altered at the discretion of the judges. Riding event chutes must have a platform in the back of said chutes that must extend the full length of the chute.

R 017.19 **UNSAFE ARENA CONDITIONS.** If the arena conditions are deemed by a majority of the event representatives present, judges and a stock contractor to be unsafe, competition can be stopped until such time as the ground is deemed satisfactory.

R 017.20 **CONTESTANT NOT READY TO COMPETE.** In any event, a contestant not ready when called during a performance or section of slack will be fined \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses, and/or may be disqualified from the rodeo where the offense is committed. The judges are the final authority.

R 018 **TURN OUT AND DOCTOR RELEASE PROCEDURES**

R 018.1 **TURN OUT TIME REQUIREMENTS.** The rodeo entry office shall be notified by contestants no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance that he/she is turning out. Should circumstances change that make it possible for a contestant to compete after a turn out notification has been made, it will be his/her responsibility to notify that rodeo individually. If his/her stock is available, the contestant may be allowed to compete. If timed event stock has already been drawn excluding this contestant, it shall not be redrawn. A contestant who notifies the rodeo secretary no later than three hours prior to the performance and turns out will not be fined for a turn out penalty; however, will still be responsible for his/her entry fees and any other regional fees and stock charge. If the contestant is unable to contact the rodeo secretary for what ever reason, he/she will be fined accordingly. A contestant who does not notify the rodeo secretary will be responsible for his/her entry fees as well as a \$25 fine. Fines will be established by the individual regions.

R 018.2 **TURN OUT DUE TO VISIBLE ILLNESS OR INJURY.** A contestant may turn out due to a visible injury or illness, providing notification of such a turn out is authorized by a judge at the given rodeo, or the rodeo secretary is notified by the contestant no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance that he/she is turning out. In this instance, the contestant shall remain eligible to enter or compete in any NIRA rodeo following the performance in which he/she has turned out because of a visible injury or illness. Entry fees will remain in the payoff, but all turn out fines and mount monies will be waived providing:

R 018.2.1 **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.** A doctor verification form, or NIRA visible injury or illness form signed by the judge of a given rodeo, is received by the rodeo secretary no later than seven (7) days following the last performance of the given rodeo.

R 018.3 **DOCTOR RELEASE.** A contestant may doctor release, thus waiving all obligations for entry fees, turn out fines and mount monies, providing:

R 018.3.1 **DOCTOR RELEASE TIME REQUIREMENTS.** The rodeo secretary is notified of the intended doctor releases no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance for which the contestant's first (1st) go-round competition is scheduled; or the doctor release is authorized by the judge of a given rodeo.

R 018.3.2 **DOCTOR RELEASE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.** A doctor verification is received by the rodeo secretary within seven (7) days of the date of the last performance of the first (1st) rodeo for which the doctor release is for.

R 018.4 **ELIGIBILITY AFTER DOCTOR RELEASE.** A contestant who is doctor released shall not be eligible to participate, enter, or compete in that event in another rodeo for five (5) days after the performance the release was turned in for. It will be that contestant's responsibility to notify the rodeo secretary of rodeos already entered so that he/she will be drawn out. (EXAMPLE: If release is used for competition scheduled for the fifth (5th) of the month, the first (1st) day the released contestant is eligible to enter or compete will be

the tenth (10th) of the month.) EXCEPTIONS to this medical ineligibility will be entering rodeos that close seven (7) days or more prior to the first (1st) performance of said rodeo. Anyone found in violation will be subject to disciplinary action.

R 018.5 **DOCTOR RELEASE ONE EVENT.** A contestant who is doctor released in one (1) event may compete in another.

R 018.6 **CONTESTANT TURN OUT AT ANY TIME.** A contestant turning out at any time will receive no time or marking for that go-round and will not be eligible for any average payoff. To receive average points a contestant must have competed in all go-rounds of the event in question.

R 018.6.1 **ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE ON OTHER STOCK AT RODEO.** A contestant will be eligible to compete on all other stock at the rodeo in question.

R 018.6.2 **TURNED OUT STOCK.** Stock so turned out will not be brought back.

R 019 **VETERINARIAN RELEASE PROCEDURES**

R 019.1 **TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR VET RELEASES.** If a contestant is vet or doctor releasing out of a NIRA rodeo he/she must notify the rodeo secretary no later than (3) hours prior to the performance he/she is up, that he/she is sending a bonafide vet release to the designated recipient.

R 019.2 **VET RELEASES CAN BE USED ONLY IN THE BARREL RACING.** Vet releases can be used only in the barrel racing.

R 019.3 **LIMITATIONS OF VET RELEASES.** Vet releases are limited to two (2) a year. Additional vet releases will result in rule violation. Competing following 7 day period voids release.

R 019.4 **DOCUMENTATION OF VET RELEASES.** To be valid, a vet release must be on their letterhead and be postmarked no later than seven (7) days from the performance the contestant is releasing. A contestant may not compete in any NIRA barrel races held during the entire period of the event she is using the vet or doctor release.

R 019.5 **ELIGIBILITY AFTER A VET RELEASE.** A contestant who vet releases shall not be eligible to participate, enter, or compete in another NIRA event for seven (7) days beginning with the first performance the release is used. A contestant is allowed two (2) vet releases per year, which have to be rodeo specific.

R 019.6 **VET RELEASE WRITTEN ON VETERINARY'S STATIONARY.** Vet releases will be accepted with a written release on the veterinary's stationary sent to the designated recipient office within (7) days of turn out.

R 019.7 **ONCE VET RELEASE IS USED CONTESTANT IS OUT OF THE ENTIRE RODEO.** Once a contestant vet releases out of the barrel racing in a rodeo, she is out of the barrel racing for the entire rodeo. Vet release may not be used by go-rounds only.

R 019.8 **JUDGE CAN AUTHORIZE A TURN OUT OR DRAW OUT ON VET RELEASE.** A judge can authorize a turn out or draw out on a vet release. Seven day time period to begin on first day release is used.

R 019.9 **ENTRY FEE REFUND:**

R 019.9.1 **IF NOTIFIED BEFORE COMPETING IN AN EVENT BECAUSE OF INJURY TO CONTESTANT.** If a secretary or designated authority is notified of withdrawal because of injury to contestant prior to her competing in an event, her entry fee is not to be included in payoff.

R 019.9.2 **IF NOTIFIED BEFORE COMPETING IN AN EVENT BECAUSE OF VET RELEASE.** If secretary designated authority is notified of withdrawal because of vet release prior to her competing in an event, her entry fee is not to be included in payoff.

R 019.10 **BEING HELD BACK:**

R 019.10.1 **BEING HELD BACK TO END OF GO-ROUND BECAUSE OF INJURY**

OR ILLNESS TO CONTESTANT. A contestant may be held back to end of go round with judges approval due to injury or illness to contestant. Contestant **MUST SHOW** valid doctor release if requested by judge, director, stock contractor or secretary before competing.

R 019.10.2 **MUST BE LAST ONE OUT IN PERFORMANCE SHE IS HELD BACK.** Contestant must be last out in the performance if she is held back. Any contestant who notifies, may be held back to the end of the barrel race in the performance or end of barrel racing slack she is scheduled to perform in.

R 019.10.3 **LIMITATIONS OF BEING HELD BACK.** When a contestant is held back on a doctor release, she cannot compete anywhere else before the run she is held back.

R 019.10.4 **CANNOT BE HELD BACK ON A VET RELEASE.** A contestant may not be held back on a vet release.

R 019.11 **VISIBLE INJURY**

R 019.11.1 **TIME LIMITATION FOR VISIBLE INJURY OR ILLNESS TO HORSE OR CONTESTANT.** A contestant may turn out due to a visible injury or illness to horse or contestant, providing notification of such turn out is called in to designated authority no later than three hours prior to the performance she is turning out or turn out is authorized by judge at the given rodeo or event.

R 019.11.2 **ELIGIBILITY AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.** In this instance the contestant shall remain eligible to enter or compete in any barrel race following the performance which she has turned out because of visible injury or illness.

R 019.11.2 **ENTRY FEES.** Entry fees will remain in the payoff, but all turnout fines will be waived.

R 019.11.3 **DOCUMENTATION OF VISIBLE INJURY FORM.** A vet verification form, NIRA visible injury form signed by the judge of a given rodeo, must be received by the designated authority no later than seven (7) days following the last performance of the given rodeo.

R 019.11.4 **TIME LIMITATIONS FOR VISIBLE INJURY TURN OUT.** If a contestant turns out of a performance or section of slack of a given rodeo with a visible injury, she may not compete in that event at another rodeo during the same time period.

R 020 **TRADE OUT RULE**

R 020.1 **TRADE OUT RULE.** The trade out rule will be allowed only to prevent a hardship upon a student or upon an institution. A petition to trade out must be submitted to the rodeo secretary of the sponsoring rodeo before the stock is drawn. Such a petition must be made by an official of the school desiring the trade out. Trade out ruling is a regional problem which shall be governed by the regional directors and the Regional Governing Board.

R 021 **GROUND MONEY RULE**

R 021.1 **POINTS WILL BE DROPPED WHEN GROUND MONEY IS PAID.** When ground money is paid in any event, the points for these places will be dropped and no contestant or team may receive them. A note of any points dropped must be reported to the regional Student Director along with the results. In the event of a two (2) or three (3) go-round rodeo, the average points will be awarded on a one (1) or two (2) head basis. To receive average points a contestant must have competed in all go-rounds of the event in question.

R 022 **DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEE REFUND**

R 022.1 **TEAM ROPERS MUST HAVE PARTNERS AT ENTRY CLOSING TIME.** Team ropers who are entered but do not have partners at entry closing time will have their names removed from the list. No position will be drawn for a single name.

R 022.1.1 **TEAM ROPER THAT TURNS OUT WITH VISIBLE INJURY AFTER**

POSITIONS ARE DRAWN. If a team roper draws out (Doctor Release or Official Draw Out) or turns out with a visible injury after positions are drawn in accordance with the regulations of the NIRA Rule Book, the person entered with him/her may draw out or may get another partner from among any of the contestants entered at the rodeo, except team ropers already scheduled to compete the maximum number of times in the event.

R 022.1.2 **TEAM ROPER THAT TURNS OUT PRIOR TO THE FIRST GO-ROUND OF COMPETITION.** If a team roper notifies of a turn out prior to first go-round competition, in accordance with the NIRA turn-out procedures, the person entered with him/her may either get another partner from among any of the contestants already entered at the rodeo, except those scheduled to compete the maximum number of times in the event; or he/she may draw out if and only if he/she is present at the rodeo and personally notifies the rodeo secretary prior to the cattle draw of first go-round competition.

R 022.1.3 **FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF TURN OUT.** If a team roper's partner fails to notify of a turn out, but does not appear prior to first go-round competition, the person entered with him/her may get another partner from among any of the contestants entered at the rodeo, except team ropers already scheduled to compete the maximum number of times in the event; or he/she may draw out providing he/she is present at the rodeo and the draw out is approved by the judges of that rodeo.

R 022.1.4 **ALTERNATE TEAM ROPING CONTESTANTS ENTRY FEES.** If an alternate team roping contestant is replacing a partner who has turned out (either notified or non-notified, that replacement will not be required to pay entry fees. If an alternate team roping contestant is replacing a partner who has doctor released or been officially drawn out, that replacement will be required to pay entry fees.

R 022.1.5 **NON APPEARANCE AFTER POSITIONS ARE DRAWN.** In the instance that a member of each of two (2) teams does not appear after positions are drawn, the remaining two (2) team members may compete as a team.

R 022.1.6 **NOTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO CATTLE DRAW OF FIRST GO-ROUND COMPETITION.** If the arena secretary has been notified of a team roper's turn out, doctor release, or draw out, the secretary must be notified prior to cattle draw of first go-round competition if the partner is drawing out, or who his/her replacement partner will be. If the secretary is not notified, the contestant will be subject to entry fee payment, will be disqualified from the team roping for that rodeo, and no cattle will be drawn.

R 022.1.7 **NO REPLACEMENTS AFTER ONE TIME OF COMPETITION.** After a team has competed one (1) time at a rodeo, neither partner may be replaced.

R 022.2 **REFUND OF ENTRY FEES.** No rodeo that completes its contract shall be responsible for the returning of a contestant's entry fees if he/she has contested in an event once during the rodeo. If he/she is entered in other events in which he/she is unable to contest, the entry fees for those events must be returned.

R 022.3 **REFUND OF ENTRY FEES DUE TO INJURY TO CONTESTANT.** If a contestant is injured while competing in the first go-round and has not been disqualified up to the point of injury, his/her entry will be refunded if a reride or rerun is due.

R 022.4 **STOCK NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMPETITION AFTER STOCK DRAW.** If a riding event contestant arrives at a rodeo and the stock drawn for his first go-round competition is not available for competition, he has the option of accepting the reride or having his entry fees refunded.

R 022.5 **POSTPONED PERFORMANCE.** Contestants will not be permitted to draw out because of a postponed performance.

R 022.6 **DRAW OUT DEADLINE.** If a contestant wishes to withdraw from an event, he/she must do so at least forty-eight (48) hours before the first scheduled performance or slack of said rodeo to avoid being liable for entry fees.

R 023 **RODEO LIVESTOCK**

- R 023.1 **STOCK MUST BE PROVIDED BY NIRA MEMBER STOCK CONTRACTORS.** Rodeo livestock must be furnished by NIRA member stock contractors, unless specific approval is granted by the NIRA Board of Directors.
- R023.1.5 **LEASING OF RIDING-EVENT STOCK.** Stock contractors will not be allowed to lease riding-event stock from non-NIRA stock contractors at NIRA rodeos. In the event of hardship, there may be consideration only by contacting the National Office and Event Representative for the event in question no less than ten (10) days prior to the particular rodeo. The penalty for violation will be Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) per head times the amount of animals in the draw.
- R 023.2 **NUMBERING OF LIVESTOCK.** All livestock must be numbered by hot iron (except calves), and no duplicate numbers shall be permitted. Duplicate numbers shall result in a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine per duplication. Any exceptions must be approved by specific Event Representatives. If numbers are blurred or haired-over, they must be clipped or renumbered so as to be readable at all times.
- R 023.3 **TIMED EVENT CATTLE IDENTIFICATION:**
- R 023.3.1 **CALVES IDENTIFICATION.** Calves may be identified with permanent, factory-numbered ear tags and/or hot-iron brand, which must be on the right side.
- R 023.3.2 **STEER WRESTLING CATTLE IDENTIFICATION.** Steer wrestling cattle must be identified with a hot-iron brand on the left side.
- R 023.3.3 **TEAM ROPING CATTLE IDENTIFICATION.** Team roping cattle must be identified with a hot-iron brand on the right side.
- R 023.3.4 **NO DUPLICATE NUMBERS.** No duplicate numbers are permitted.
- R 023.3.5 **STEERS BRANDED ON BOTH SIDES.** Steers with numbers branded on both sides may not be used in the steer wrestling.
- R 023.4 **RIDING EVENTS IDENTIFICATION.** In riding events, paint numbers may be used at a maximum of three (3) rodeos, unless otherwise approved by the Director. The description of the animal and the paint number to be used must be submitted at the time stock is submitted for a given rodeo. Any stock contractor that uses an animal that does not have a readable hot-iron brand at more than three (3) rodeos, without approval of the Director will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per animal per rodeo.
- R 023.5 **ALL TIMED-EVENT STOCK SHALL BE RUN THROUGH EVENT CHUTES.** All timed-event stock shall be run through event chutes, and through arena, prior to start of contests, where conditions permit.
- R 023.6 **FRESH CALVES.** At all rodeos, fresh calves shall be tied down, with such tying down to be completed no later than two (2) hours prior to the beginning of the performance or section of slack in which they are scheduled to be used, unless there is one (1) calf for each entry. This shall be overseen by the judge of that rodeo, and shall be the responsibility of the contestants scheduled to compete in that performance or section of slack. If after this procedure is used, a calf appears objectionable, it may be eliminated from competition.
- R 023.7 **MISSED TIMED-EVENT STOCK.** If a stock contractor is to require contestants to throw down or rope missed timed-event stock, it will have to be previously specified in the ground rules at time of rodeo approval.
- R 023.8 **NUMBER REQUIREMENTS OF TIMED EVENT STOCK FOR ALL RODEOS.** At all NIRA approved rodeos, the minimum number of cattle will be one-third of the number of entries rounded up to the nearest whole number; with a minimum of 15 head of usable and desirable cattle, unless otherwise approved by the NIRA Commissioner. Should there be fewer than 15 entries, there must be no less than one animal for each entry plus one extra.
- R 023.8 1 **NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES AND NUMBER OF HEAD.** Any NIRA approved rodeo of three (3) performances or more must give two (2) head of

stock in any event in which fifteen (15) or less contestants are entered unless there are two (2) approved rodeos scheduled the same weekend in the same region. Any NIRA approved rodeo of two (2) performances with fifteen (15) or less contestants must have a long go and a short go, or a two header.

R 023.8.2 **NO STOCK IN THE TIMED EVENTS MAY BE USED MORE THAN TWICE IN ANY GIVEN DAY, EXCLUDING THE SHORT ROUND.**

R 023.8.3 **STOCK SHORTAGE FINES.** In the event of stock shortage, the contractor will be fined as follows:

Offense/	Fine
First	\$ 25 for each animal short;
Second	\$ 50 for each animal short;
Third	\$100 for each animal short.

R 023.9 **NUMBER REQUIREMENTS FOR PAID PERFORMANCE.** There shall be a minimum of ten (10) head in the riding events and ten (10) head in the timed events at each paid performance in all events where slack is run, unless approved otherwise by the Directors.

R 023.10 **UNSATISFACTORY ANIMALS.** An Event Director may declare particular animals unsatisfactory. Upon notification, either written or verbal (verbal notification supported with documentation), stock contractor shall eliminate such animal from competition draw. Continued use of said animal(s) after notification will result in a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine per competition. Said animal(s) may be reinstated with approval of the Event Director.

R 023.11 **HORNS OF STEER WRESTLING CATTLE.** The horns on steer wrestling cattle must be blunted to the size of a dime. Failure to abide by this may result in the stock contractor being fined Fifty Dollars (\$50) per head per run.

R 023.12 **TRIMMING THE HORNS OF STEERS.** Stock contractors will be expected to cooperate in trimming the horns of steers that are not able to pass through the steer wrestling chute.

R 023.13 **HORNED ANIMALS USED IN BULL RIDING, BULLFIGHTING, OR CLOWN EVENTS.** All horned animals used in the NIRA bull riding, bullfighting or clown events shall have their horns blunted to at least the diameter of a half-dollar. Upon direction of the NIRA Bull Riding Representative or his duly designated appointee, any animal's horns may be shortened to any length deemed necessary for competition. If the above specifications are not adhered to, said animal shall be removed from competitive status.

R 023.13.1 **INSPECTION OF BULLS' HORNS.** Judges are to inspect bulls' horns at least two hours prior to performance. If bulls are not available at that time, inspection will be allowed up to time of competition. If horns are considered too sharp, stock contractor must immediately tip or contestant has the option of a reride. If the bull isn't tipped immediately, there will be a \$50 fine for the first offense. That fine will progressively double thereafter. This charge will be against the stock contractor. Judges are to notify the Faculty and/or Student Director of the bulls that need to be tipped. If those bulls are not tipped by the next time they are out, the fine to the stock contractor will be \$100 for the 1st offense, progressively doubling thereafter.

R 023.14 **USE OF ANIMALS USED IN CONTEST EVENTS.** An animal used in the contest events of a NIRA rodeo may not be used in any way, other than in the contest events of that rodeo, until the last time that animal has been used in the contest events at that rodeo.

R 023.14.1 **COMPETING ON TIMED EVENT CATTLE.** Timed event cattle cannot be competed on 36 hours prior to the first performance or slack, excluding NIRA sanctioned rodeos.

R 023.15 **ANIMAL FAILS TO APPEAR AT RODEO.** If an animal fails to appear at a rodeo by the scheduled time for the competition stock draw in the event for which the animal is to be used, or is shipped from a rodeo after it has been drawn, but before it has been competed on, the stock contractor shall be fined One Hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per animal, or One hundred and fifty

dollars (\$150) per out drawn.

- R 023.16 **ROPING CALVES REQUIREMENTS.** All roping calves must be either native, Brahma, or of a similar cross. Weight for the calves shall be a minimum of two hundred twenty (220) pounds and a maximum of two hundred eighty (280) pounds with fresh calves not to exceed a maximum of two hundred sixty (260) pounds. Any deviations must be approved by the Directors and the Calf Roping Representative. There can be no more than a fifty (50) pound deviation in weight from the smallest to the largest calf in a given herd. Any questionable animals will be taken out of the draw at the judge's discretion prior to the first draw. Any contestant may present the judge with the number(s) of the animal(s) in question. Failure to abide by the guidelines above may subject the stock contractor to a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50) per animal.
- R 023.17 **ROPING CALVES MUST BE THE SAME BREED OR CROSS-BREED.** All roping calves must be of the same breed and cross-breeds must be of the same cross. If there is any deviation from this, it must be approved by the calf roping director and regional directors. If not adhered to, the stock contractor is subject to a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine for the first offense. Subsequent offenses will subject the stock contractor to an additional One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine per rodeo.
- R 023.18 **WEIGHT LIMITATION OF STEER WRESTLING CATTLE.** A weight limit shall be placed on steer wrestling cattle: a minimum of four hundred fifty (450) pounds, and a maximum of six hundred (600) pounds per head. At televised rodeos, steers in contest events will weigh at least five hundred (500) pounds each.
- R 023.19 **WEIGHT LIMITATION OF TEAM ROPING CATTLE.** A weight limit shall be placed on team roping cattle; a minimum of four hundred fifty (450) pounds and a maximum of six hundred fifty (650) pounds. All team roping cattle used at NIRA-approved rodeos shall be protected by horn wraps.
- R 023.20 **LEASING OF RIDING-EVENT STOCK.** Stock contractors will not be allowed to lease riding-event stock from non-NIRA stock contractors at NIRA rodeos. In the event of hardship, there may be consideration only by contacting the National Office and Event Representative for the event in question no less than ten (10) days prior to the particular rodeo. The penalty for violation will be Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) per head per times animal is in the draw.
- R 023.21 **LIGHTING OVER THE TIMED-EVENT CHUTES.** The sponsoring school is responsible for checking that there is an adequate light over the timed-event chutes at all indoor and night rodeos. The judge(s) will notify the school of any lighting deficiency.
- R 023.22 **PERSON OR COMPANY WITH STOCK AT ANY RODEO.** The person or company who owns stock will be listed as the Stock Contractor of Record or Timed-Event Stock Contractor at any rodeo where his stock is used.
- R 023.23 **ALL RIDING EVENT ANIMALS MUST BE TRIED AT LEAST ONCE.** All animals in riding events must have been tried at least once as a bucking animal before being put into the draw. Failure to abide by this will subject stock contractor to a Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250) fine per animal.
- R 023.24 **ANIMALS IN ARENA.** No electric prods or whips may be used on an animal while competed on in the rodeo arena.
- R 023.25 **INJURED LIVESTOCK.** All injured livestock must be removed from the arena before continuing the rodeo contest or performance.
- R 024 **RULES TO INSURE HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK**
- R 024.1 **SPURS AND ROWELS.** No locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, or sharpened spurs, may be used on bareback horses or saddle broncs. Spurs must be dulled. Violation of this rule shall receive a fine in the amount of Fifty Dollar (\$50).
- R 024.2 **WOODEN PADDLES.** No wooden paddles. Straps are permissible.
- R 024.3 **NECK ROPE IN TIE-DOWN ROPING.** A neck rope must be used.

Contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Rope to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after "tie" is approved. Roping calves shall be strong and healthy. Calves may not be flipped backwards. Roping calves shall weigh a minimum of two hundred twenty (220) pounds and a maximum of two hundred-eighty (280) pounds each, and be strong and healthy. Jerk down shall be defined as over backwards, with the calf landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air. An intentional or unintentional jerk down will result in a minimum \$50 fine imposed by the region. The contestant will be fined, but no loss of points or forfeiture of money will occur due to this offense.

R 024.4 **STEER WRESTLING.** The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steers while wrestling same is forbidden.

R 024.5 **ANIMAL INSPECTION.** Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight, shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or be injured between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal drawn for the contestant as provided in the NIRA Rule book. A veterinarian shall be present or on call for every performance and/or section of slack. Failure to do so shall result in a fine to the school of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per performance.

R 024.6 **USE OF PRODS AND SIMILAR DEVICES.** In all events the use of prods and similar devices is prohibited. The only exceptions are: (1) a known chute-stalling animal (horse events only), only with contestants, contractors and judges approval, and should be administered by a qualified member, and (2) a prod may be used to move livestock in pens and alleys, with prod use ceasing completely when the animal enters the competition chute. In this instance, the prod shall not exceed twelve inches (12") in length. The fine for violation will be a minimum of \$250 per infraction.

R 024.7 **USE OF A CONVEYANCE.** A conveyance must be available and shall be used, where practicable, to remove animals from the arena in case of injury. Conveyance must be large enough to remove a horse or bull. Injured calves shall be removed from the arena in a pickup truck, calf stretcher, or conveyance. Animals removed from the arena shall be placed in a situation as isolated and comfortable as possible to reduce stress.

R 024.8 **NO SHARP OR CUTTING OBJECTS.** No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle girth, or flank straps shall be permitted. Only sheepskin-lined flank straps shall be used on bucking stock and shall be of the quick-release type. Sheepskin-lined flank straps shall be placed on the animal so the sheepskin-covered portion is over both flanks and the belly of the animal. No bull tails will be allowed under flank straps.

R 024.9 **BAREBACK RIDING.** No "loose ropes" allowed in bareback bronc riding.

R 024.10 **NO STIMULANTS OR HYPNOTICS.** No stimulants or hypnotics are to be given to any animal used for contest purposes.

R 024.11 **CHUTE CONSTRUCTION.** Chutes must be constructed as to prevent injury to stock. Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in removal of any animal should it become caught. The arena shall be reasonably free of rocks, holes and obstacles.

R 024.12 **BULLFIGHTERS.** Bullfighters are not to abuse stock in any fashion.

R 024.13 **NO SMALL ANIMALS OR PETS IN ARENA.** No small animals or pets allowed in arena where restraint is necessary, or where subject to injury or attack by another animal.

R 024.14 **REMOVAL OF LIVESTOCK AFTER COMPETITION.** Livestock is to be removed from arena after the completion of each run.

R 024.15 **FIREWORKS.** Use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.

R 024.16 **ABUSE OF ANIMAL BY NIRA MEMBER.** If a NIRA member abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, anywhere on the rodeo grounds, he/she may be disqualified and fined up to \$250 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each offense

thereafter. Officials will immediately inform the announcer that the contestant has been disqualified and the spectators will be informed of the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness to livestock.

R 024.17 **CONFINEMENT OF STOCK.** No stock shall be confined or transported in vehicles beyond a period of twenty-four (24) hours without being unloaded, and properly fed and watered. Failure to abide by this shall subject the stock contractor or contestant involved to a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) fine for the first offense and a progressively doubling fine for every offense thereafter.

R 024.18 **EXCESSIVELY EXCITED STOCK WHILE IN CHUTE.** Any animal that becomes excessively excited so that it gets down in the chute repeatedly, or tries to repeatedly jump out of the chute, or in any way appears to be in danger of injuring itself, should be released immediately.

R 024.19 **MISTREATMENT OF ANIMAL ON RODEO GROUNDS.** Any NIRA member, including stock contractor, guilty of mistreatment of livestock anywhere on the rodeo grounds, may be fined up to \$250 for first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each offense thereafter.

R 024.20 **VETERINARIAN REQUIREMENTS.** All NIRA rodeos must have a veterinarian on call. The veterinarian's name and telephone number must be posted in the rodeo office.

R 024.21 **HORN WRAPS ON TEAM ROPING STEERS.** All team roping steers must have horn wraps that extend four inches down the jaw from the base of the horns.

R 025 **RULES GOVERNING NIRA MEN'S EVENTS**

R 025.1 **MEN'S EVENTS.** Men's events in the NIRA will consist of tie-down roping, team roping, (header), team roping, (heeler), steer wrestling, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, and bull riding.

R 025.2 **ANY OTHER EVENTS NOT APPROVED.** Any other events that an approved rodeo desires to have must be approved by the NIRA Board of Directors.

R 025.2.1 **MEN'S ELIGIBILITY.** The eligibility for men will be governed as stated in B.3.

R 025.2.2 **SEVEN EVENTS FOR MEN.** Any approved rodeo must have seven (7) events for men.

R 025.2.3 **POINT AWARD SYSTEM.** The point award system for men will be based on the system stated in the NIRA Rule book under R.5.

R 025.2.4 **POINTS FROM APPROVED RODEO TURNED IN WITH RODEO RESULTS.** Points from each approved rodeo must be turned in on the rodeo results form and a complete record of all men's points will be maintained by the NIRA office and regional faculty and student directors.

R 025.2.5 **EIGHT MEN CHAMPIONS FROM EACH REGION.** Eight (8) men champions will be named in each region and for the year. They will be in tie-down roping, team roping, (header), team roping (heeler), steer wrestling, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, and the all around.

R 025.2.6 **THREE HIGH MEN IN EACH STANDARD MEN'S EVENTS CATEGORY.** The three (3) high men in the standard men's events category, excluding the all-around, in each region will be allowed to compete at the CNFR. If any of these are not able to compete at the CNFR, the next man in regional standings may compete. (See Article viii. Section 2-3).

R 025.2.7 **PRIZES.** Prizes will be awarded to the regional and national men's champions in all men's standard events and the all around. If a situation arises that is not covered by these rules, the regional Student Director or his/her designated student representatives shall refer to current PRCA Rule book as a guide, but shall not be bound by it.

R 026 **RULES GOVERNING NIRA TIMED EVENTS**

- R 026.1 **MEASUREMENTS OF BARRIER.** A ten (10) foot tape must be on hand for the barrier judge. Height of barrier in timed events shall be from thirty-two (32) to thirty-six (36) inches, measured at the center of the box. In timed events where automatic barriers are used, automatic slack catchers are to be eliminated. Knot behind pulley is required on all barriers.
- R 026.2 **COMPETITION MUST BE FROM SAME BOX.** All timed-event contestants must compete from the same box designated for their event, unless otherwise approved by the Event Representative.
- R 026.2.1 **TEAM ROPING** - Header must start from left box (as viewed from the box facing the arena).
- R 026.2.2 **STEER WRESTLING** - Left Box must be used.
- R 026.2.3 **TIE-DOWN ROPING** - Right box must be used.
- R 026.2.4 **BREAKAWAY ROPING** - Right box must be used.
- R 026.3 **AUTOMATIC TRIP GATE.** All timed event chutes shall be an automatic trip gate with horizontal bars, unless otherwise approved by the NIRA Commissioner.
- R 026.4 **TIMED EVENT CHUTE.** The timed event chute must have at least 28 inches clearance inside the chute, and at the gate when in an open position for steer wrestling, team roping, and tie-down roping.
- R 026.5 **HORSES USED DURING EVENT.** Only the horses needed during actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any timed event and/or non-competitive runs. Offender is subject to a \$25 fine for the first offense, with that offense progressively doubling thereafter.
- R 026.6 **BARRIER STRING CHANGES.** Barrier judge is responsible for changing barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next contestant.
- R 026.7 **BARRIER LENGTH DOCUMENTATION.** Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope each performance, to assure the same start for contestants each performance. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in the rope on either end.
- R 026.8 **BREAKING THE BARRIER.** A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
- R 026.9 **INSPECTION OF BARRIER.** Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Judge shall adjust barrier equipment at any point in the contest when it has changed from the original position. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled, or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second fine. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
- R 026.10 **BARRIER FLAGMAN.** If barrier flagman is used, animal is to be flagged when animal's nose crosses the starting line, or deadline in front of flagman.
- R 026.11 **TAMPERING WITH BARRIER EQUIPMENT.** Barrier judge shall be sure that nobody can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.
- R 026.12 **LENGTH OF BOX.** Unless otherwise approved by the regional faculty director and NIRA Commissioner, the box for each timed event must be at least sixteen (16) feet in length, and the width and length of both boxes must be the same.
- R 026.13 **CHANGE OF SCORE LINE.** Once score has been set in timed events, it will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.
- R 026.14 **BARRIER FLAG.** In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate. The barrier flag should be on the barrier pole or barrier instead of on the neck rope of the timed event cattle whenever possible.

- R 026.15 **AUTOMATIC BARRIER DOES NOT WORK BUT TIME IS RECORDED.** If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant or team will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier, providing judge rules barrier was not beaten.
- R 026.16 **AUTOMATIC BARRIER DOES NOT WORK WITH TIME NOT STARTED.** If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant or team will get stock back if stock is qualified on in field.
- R 026.17 **CONTESTANT FOULED BY BARRIER.** If, in opinion of the line judge, contestant is fouled by barrier, contestant shall get their calf or steer back providing contestant declares himself by pulling up immediately.
- R 026.18 **TIMED EVENT STOCK ESCAPES FROM THE ARENA.** In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap-and-tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final.
- R 026.19 **LAP-AND-TAP WITH ROPE ON.** If rope is on animal, roper will get animal lap-and-tap, with rope on it in chute.
- R 026.20 **SECOND LOOP.** A field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or jump. Once a contestant has been flagged out, he/she will receive no stock back.
- R 026.20.1 **TIME NOT RECORDED WHEN CONTESTANT USES SECOND LOOP.** If time is not recorded when a field flagger flags out a contestant who has a second loop or jump coming, the contestant has the option of taking the animal back, lap-and-tap, with ten (10) seconds added to the new time.
- R 026.21 **ANIMAL ESCAPES BEFORE CONTESTANT CALLED FOR ANIMAL.** During any performance, if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestant; or if the automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately after the same performance; and that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during, or at the end of, that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least several head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be penned by itself. Decision will be made by arena director about when stock is penned.
- R 026.22 **LINED CALVES IN TIE-DOWN ROPING.** Tie-down roping cattle must be lined.
- R 026.23 **POSITION OF FLAG JUDGE.** Flag judge shall position himself for tie-down roping at the end of the arena allowing him to come towards the roper. In steer wrestling and team roping, field flagger shall place himself against the wall on the left-hand side of the timed-event box. Arena conditions must be taken into consideration.
- R 026.24 **SICK OR CRIPPLED TIMED EVENT CATTLE.** If an animal that is drawn in a pen in the timed events becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
- R 026.25 **PERFORMANCE COMPETITION CHANGES.** All performance competition order changes must be made with arena secretary or timed-event chute boss if splitting of horses is necessary. Contestants can only be moved far enough to accommodate the split on a horse. All splits must be confirmed by a judge.
- R 026.26 **CONFINES OF TIMED-EVENT BOX.** Within the confines of the timed-event box, it is the privilege of a contestant to dismiss someone from the box or have up to three (3) persons in the box for assistance. He/she may instruct the judge to either remove or allow other people in the box.
- R 026.26.1 **PUSHING CATTLE.** The person pushing cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the box until the animal has crossed the score line. Penalty for failure to abide by this rule will be a (\$25) fine charged to the contestant.

- R 026.26.1.2 **ELIGIBLE PUSHERS.** Pushers shall only be NIRA student members in good standing.
- R 026.26.2 **RATTLING OF CHUTE.** A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for him/her. This applies in both the performance and the slack. Rattling of the chute will result in a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25) fine to the rattler and/or the contestant.
- R 026.27 **NUMBER OF STOCK TO THE CHUTE.** Stock contractors shall bring at least three (3) head of stock in the timed events in to the chute, according to position drawn, at the start of each go-round, unless contestants are riding the same horse. In that case, the first contestant draws a position not riding the same horse shall be moved up to the position to be split. This pertains to scheduled and unscheduled performances.
- R 026.28 **NO CONSECUTIVE RUNS ON THE SAME HORSE.** In timed events, provided there are other qualified horses on the rodeo grounds, no consecutive runs shall be allowed on the same horse, or horses, unless approval is granted by the arena director, arena boss and/or stock contractor.
- R 026.29 **DROPPED ROPE.** In roping events, a dropped rope that must be recoiled to be rebuilt is considered a thrown rope.
- R 026.30 **NECK ROPE.** Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.
- R 026.31 **ANIMAL BELONGS TO CONTESTANT WHEN CALLED FOR.** Animal belongs to contestant when called for, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. If contestant accepts animal, it is accepted as sound.
- R 026.32 **SCORELINE LENGTHS.** All score line lengths are to be set by the Judges and the Event Director, in accordance with the NIRA Rule book, arena conditions and cattle unless otherwise approved.
- R 026.33 **TWO TIMERS, BARRIER JUDGE, AND FIELD FLAG JUDGE.** There shall be two (2) timers, a barrier judge and a field flag judge. Time to be taken between two (2) flags.
- R 026.34 **INSPECTION OF ANIMALS.** Animals used for these events should be inspected, and objectionable ones eliminated.
- R 026.35 **MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS.** Any timed-event contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from the field flagger that he/she is mistreating an animal will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the first offense and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for the second offense. In addition, if warranted, the field flagger may disqualify that contestant from that event for the remainder of the rodeo.
- R 026.36 **INTERFERENCE BY ARENA PERSONNEL.** If any arena personnel (pickup men, bullfighters, announcers, etc.) interfere with a timed event competition, at the discretion of the judge, contestant may receive a rerun providing he/she has made a qualified run up to the point of interference and contestant declares at the time of interference.
- R 026.37 **FAILURE OF ANIMAL TO PULL NECK ROPE.** In the timed events, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animals and contestant (tie-down roper, steer roper, steer wrestler, and hazer of header and heeler) remains behind the plane of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds, that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure.
- R 026.38 **TIMING.** Two hand-held digital watches must be used in the timed events. All digits beyond tenths will be ignored. Official time shall be the average of the two times, ignoring any digit beyond the tenths. All times in the timed events are to be recorded in 10ths of a second. If one of the two timers misses the start or if the watch used by one timer malfunctions, that timer shall declare the problem to the other timer and only the time recorded by the other timer will be used.

R 026.39 **ELECTRONIC TIMERS/SCOREBOARDS.** Any rodeo using electronic timers for NIRA approved events shall be required to use a minimum of two back-up hand-held stopwatches.

R 026.40 **POSITIONING OF TIMERS.** Timers will work from the same location during all competition in NIRA events.

R 027 **EXPLANATION OF NIRA MEN'S TIMED EVENTS**

R 027.1 **TIE-DOWN ROPING**

R 027.1.1 **TIE-DOWN ROPING RULES.** Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast; either is permissible. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three (3) feet. To qualify as legal tie, there shall be at least one (1) wrap around all three (3) legs and a half-hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and be thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Tie must hold and three (3) legs remain crossed until passed on by the judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving "finished" signal until after judge has completed his examination. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stopwatch, timing six (6) seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from calf, and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after completion of tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears calf. Flagger must watch calf during the six (6) second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free, using the time shown on watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the field judge. If tie comes loose, or calf gets to his feet before tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked "no time."

R 027.1.2 **TWO LOOPS.** Each contestant will be allowed to carry one rope. If more than one go-round, each team is allowed two loops in the long-go and three loops in subsequent go-rounds. At all one head rodeos, only two loops per team shall be allowed.

R 027.1.3 **NO JERK DOWN.** The no jerk down rule shall be in effect at all NIRA sanctioned rodeos. Jerk down shall be defined as over backwards, with calf landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air. Jerk down infraction shall be fifty dollars (\$50) on the first offense and every offense thereafter. All tie-down roping cattle must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and no more than 280 pounds, with the approval of the faculty and student directors from the region.

R 027.1.4 **TWENTY-FIVE SECOND TIME LIMIT.** There will be a twenty-five (25) second elapsed time limit in the tie-down roping. A whistle indicating "no time" shall be blown by timer at the end of the twenty-five (25) second span. Deviations must be approved at time of rodeo approval.

R 027.1.5 **MISTREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK.** If a tie-down roper ropes calf after 25-second whistle has sounded, he will be subject to disciplinary action for mistreatment of livestock.

R 027.1.6 **NECK ROPE.** A neck rope must be used on the horse, and contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If horse drags calf excessively, field judge may stop horse. The fine for unintentionally dragging a calf excessively shall be \$25 for the first offense; \$50 for the second offense; and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses. Excessive dragging is defined as five feet or more. Intentionally dragging a calf, regardless of distance, shall result in a minimum of a \$150 fine for each offense, plus possible disqualification. Intentional shall be defined as caused by contestant. The offense is considered on a "per year" basis.

R 027.1.7 **AUTOMATIC BARRIER AND SCORE LENGTH.** Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for tie-down roping. At indoor rodeos, length of score will be the length of the box minus three (3) feet. The minimum length of score at outdoor rodeos will be the length of the roping box minus two (2) feet. All score line lengths are to be set by the judges and Event Director in accordance with the NIRA Rulebook, arena conditions and cattle unless

otherwise approved.

R 027.2

STEER WRESTLING

R 027.2.1

CONTESTANT MUST FURNISH OWN HORSES. Contestant must furnish own hazer and horses. Steer must be caught from horse. Only one (1) hazer allowed.

R 027.2.2

STEER WRESTLING RULES. If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one (1) step to catch steer. After catching steer, wrestler must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. If steer is accidentally knocked down, or thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four (4) feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four (4) feet and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision shall be final.

R 027.2.3

HAZER. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Contestant and hazer must use the same two (2) horses they leave chute with. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping at steer.

R 027.2.3

USED CATTLE CANNOT BE HELD OVER. Any cattle that have been used cannot be held over from one (1) year to the next in steer wrestling, except by Event Director approval.

R 027.2.4

FRESH STEERS. Fresh steers, added to a bunch that has been used, must be bulldogged from horseback and thrown down. It is the responsibility of steer wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.

R 027.2.5

TEN SECOND PENALTY. A ten (10) second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that a bulldogger's feet touch the ground before flag line is crossed.

R 027.2.6

DOGGER MISSES OR LOSES STEER. If a dogger misses or loses steer, flagman must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must reply at once.

R 027.2.7

LIMITATIONS OF USE OF CATTLE. Cattle used for steer roping, cutting or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.

R 027.2.8

CLEARANCE OF CHUTE. The steer wrestling chute must have at least twenty-eight (28) inches clearance inside the chute, and at gate when in an open position.

R 027.2.9

LENGTH OF SCORELINE. In steer wrestling, at all rodeos, the score may be no longer than the length of the steer wrestling box minus five-and-a-half feet. All score line lengths are to be set by the judges and Event Director in accordance with the NIRA Rule book, arena conditions and cattle unless otherwise approved.

R 027.2.10

JUMPING FROM THE OFFSIDE. Anyone jumping from the offside in the steer wrestling must notify the Regional Entry Office or rodeo secretary when entering and, if possible, the barrier should be arranged on the offside in the steer wrestling for such contestants.

R 027.2.11

ANIMAL ASSISTANCE. Field flagger is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so he can get up. Arena director may report infractions.

R 027.2.12

HAZERS MUST BE NIRA MEMBERS. Hazers must be NIRA contestant members in good standing.

R 027.2.13

TIME LIMITATIONS. All regional rodeos and the CNFR Rodeo shall have a time limit set in the steer wrestling. Time limits at regional rodeos shall be sixty (60) seconds.

R 028

EXPLANATION OF NIRA MEN'S/WOMEN'S TIMED EVENT

R 028.1

DALLY TEAM ROPING

- R 028.2 **MAY ENTER TEAM ROPING ONE TIME.** A team roping contestant may enter the team roping one time per rodeo.
- R 028.2.1 **ENTERING TEAM ROPING.** Roper must enter as a header or a heeler.
- R 028.3 **START BEHIND THE BARRIER.** Contestants will start from behind a barrier. In all rodeos with a mechanical barrier, header must start from steer wrestling box.
- R 028.4 **NUMBER OF LOOPS.** Each contestant will be allowed to carry one (1) rope. If more than one (1) go-round, each team is allowed two loops in the long-go and three loops in subsequent go rounds. At all one (1) headers, only two (2) loops per team shall be allowed.
- R 028.4.1 **HEADER/HEELER CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.** At rodeos where three loops are allowed, if the header (the contestant who starts from the header's box) misses with his first loop, and the heeler (the contestant who starts from the heeler's box) chooses to rope the head, any championship points won shall be counted toward the header championship point standings and the heeler championship point standings in accordance with the original header and heeler designation indicated at time of entry for that rodeo.
- R 028.5 **CONTESTANTS MUST DALLY.** Roping steers without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. Contestant must dally to stop steer. No tied ropes allowed unless Tie Face Option has been approved by Team Roping Director.
- R 028.6 **TIME.** Time will be taken when steer is roped, and both horses are facing steer in line with ropes dallied and tight. Horses' front feet must be on ground and contestants must be mounted when time is taken. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
- R 028.7 **HANDLING STEERS ROUGHLY.** Steer must not be handled roughly at any time. The contestants may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the field judge, the contestants have intentionally done so.
- R 028.8 **NO CROSSFIRE.** The steer's body must be changed and moving forward before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded.
- R 028.9 **BROKEN ROPE OR DROPPED ROPE.** Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time, whether time has been taken or not.
- R 028.9.1 **TEAM ROPING CATTLE.** All team roping cattle must be horned.
- R 028.10 **STEER ROPED BY ONE HORN.** If steer is roped by one (1) horn, roper is not allowed to use his hands to place loop over other horn or head.
- R 028.11 **HEELER ROPES FRONT FOOT OR FEET IN THE HEEL LOOP.** If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the 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.
- R 028.12 **TEAM FLAGGED WITH ONE MORE LOOP COMING.** If the field judge flags a team that still legally has one (1) or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap-and-tap, and a ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for each loop already thrown.
- R 028.13 **LENGTH OF SCORELINE.** The length of the score will be determined by arena conditions. The minimum length of the score at all rodeos will be the length of the roping box minus two feet (2'). All score lengths are subject to the Team Roping Director's approval.
- R 028.14 **NO STEER WRESTLING CATTLE CAN BE USED IN TEAM ROPING.** No steer wrestling cattle may be used in team roping without approval of the Event Director.
- R 028.15 **LEGAL CATCH DECISION MADE BY JUDGES.** Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.

- R 028.16 **ILLEGAL HEAD CATCHES:**
- R 028.16.1 If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other.
- R 028.16.2 If loop crosses itself in a head catch.
- R 028.16.3 If loop is in the steer's mouth.
- R 028.17 **LEGAL CATCHES.** There will be only three (3) legal head catches:
- R 028.17.1 Around both horns.
- R 028.17.2 Half a head.
- R 028.17.3 Around the neck.
- R 028.18 **TIME LIMIT.** All regional rodeos shall have time limit set in the Team Roping of thirty (30) seconds. The CNFR rodeo shall have a time limit.

R 029 **RIDING EVENTS**

- R 029.1 **RIDE AND ANIMAL ARE TO BE MARKED SEPARATELY.** Ride and animal are to be marked separately. Ride will be marked according to how much rider spurs the animal. Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from one (1) to twenty-five (25) on both the animal and rider, using the full spread.
- R 029.2 **JUDGES MARKINGS.** Judges in the riding events at all NIRA rodeos will hand in their markings for that event for that performance, and these shall be termed the official markings. These markings shall not be changed.
- R 029.3 **SPUR-OUT RULE.** To qualify for a marking, bareback or saddle bronc rider must have the rowels of the spurs touching the horse above the break of the shoulders when horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.
- R 029.4 **HORSE STALLS.** If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and spur-out rule will then be waived.
- R 029.5 **FOLLOWING JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS.** Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute.
- R 029.6 **RIDER FOULED AT THE GATE.** If, in the opinion of the judges, rider is fouled at the gate, at the judge's discretion a reride may be given or the spur-out rule be waived.
- R 029.7 **FLAGS USED FOR VIOLATION OF THE SPUR-OUT RULE.** Rodeo judges will use flags to indicate a violation of the spur-out rule and all other disqualification violations. Judges are to indicate disqualification violations by established hand signals.
- R 029.8 **PREPARATION OF RIGGINGS, SADDLES, AND ROPES.** Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles, and pull ropes from either side in all riding events. Middle flank belongs to bronc rider.
- R 029.9 **SICK OR INJURED LIVESTOCK.** If an animal that is drawn in a riding event, or is drawn in a pen, becomes sick or injured before it is out that time, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
- R 029.10 **EIGHT SECOND TIME REQUIREMENT.** All riding events shall be timed for eight (8) seconds; that time to start when animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
- R 029.11 **USE OF PRODS .** In the riding events, use of prods and similar devices is prohibited. The only exceptions shall be in the saddle bronc riding and in the bareback riding, and only in the case of a known chute stalling animal, and only if agreed upon by the contestant, the stock contractor, and the judge before the contestant's competition begins. In this instance, the prod shall

not exceed twelve (12) inches in length.

R 029.12 **IF PROD IS USED.** Use of a prod without the agreement of the contestant, stock contractor, and the judge before the contestant's competition begins in the saddle bronc riding and the bareback riding, or use of a prod in the bull riding at any time, shall result in a fine of \$250.00 to the stock contractor of record, and the contestant will receive an automatic option of a reride. Use of a prod in excess of twelve (12) inches in length shall result in a fine of \$100.00 charged to the stock contractor of record.

R 029.13 **RIDING CONTESTANT HOLDING ON TO THE CHUTE GATE.** Riding event contestant holding on to the chute gate, and thus preventing the gate from being opened, after he has indicated he is ready, will be fined \$50 for the 1st offense, progressively doubling thereafter.

R 030 **RERIDES**

R 030.1 **DRAWING STOCK.** Refer to "Drawing Stock" for additional information, as well as individual riding event categories. (See R.9.)

R 030.2 **DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.** Rerides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible rerides include the following: if an animal stops or fouls rider, stock contractor's equipment fails, performance of animal is inferior, or, if by stock contractor's or flankman's own admission, the flankman did not flank the animal properly. No reride will be given if a contestant's own equipment breaks.

R 030.3 **ARENA PERSONNEL COME IN CONTACT WITH BUCKING HORSE.** If any arena personnel (pickup men, clowns, announcers, etc.) comes in contact with a bucking horse before qualified time has elapsed, contestant will be given a marking with an option of reride, providing contestant made a qualifying ride up to the point of infraction.

R 030.4 **INFORMING CONTESTANT OF RERIDE.** If reride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his marking and an option of a reride. Contestant may refuse reride and take marking. Contestant must notify judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option.

R 030.5 **INFLUENCING THE JUDGE.** Contestants shall not influence the judges by asking for a reride at any time.

R 030.6 **ANIMAL THAT RUNS OFF.** If an animal that runs off is drawn for another contestant, that contestant must qualify on that animal before reride is given.

R 030.6.1 **TAKING ANIMAL OUT OF THE DRAW.** If, in the opinion of the stock contractor and judges, that animal needs to be taken out of the draw, the second contestant who had him drawn will automatically get the designated reride.

R 030.6.2 **TWO HONEST EFFORTS TO GET CHUTE-FIGHTING ANIMAL OUT.** 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 reride drawn for him.

R 030.7 **RERIDE ON ANIMAL ALREADY DRAWN FOR ANOTHER CONTESTANT.** If an animal that is drawn for a reride already is drawn for another contestant in that or a later go-round, the contestant with the reride in the prior go-round will take the animal first.

R 030.8 **COWBOYS EQUIPMENT BREAKS.** No reride will be given if a cowboy's own equipment breaks. If stock contractor's equipment breaks, or if by his own admission the flankman did not flank the animal properly, contestant may have a reride.

R 030.9 **RIDING-EVENT-STOCK INJURIES.** In case of riding-event-stock injuries after the draw has been made, replacement stock should be the designated reride for the performance the injured animal was scheduled for competition. A replacement designated reride shall be drawn immediately from the notified turn outs for that performance. If there are not any turn outs, a reride should be drawn from all available animals.

- R 030.10 **RIDING-EVENT ANIMAL STOPS AFTER INITIAL START.** If a riding-event animal stops after an initial start, and any outside help is used to start it again, contestant will not be required to qualify in order to be awarded a reride.
- R 031 **BAREBACK RIDING**
- R 031.1 **ONE-HANDED RIGGING.** Riding to be done with one-handed rigging.
- R 031.1.1 **RIGGING REQUIREMENTS.** Rigging shall be leather and shall not be less than 10 inches in width at hand-hold and not over 6 inches at the "D" ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in "D" ring. Riggings will use a standard "D" ring to be set to sit flat on horse's back when cinched. No freaks allowed. Only rawhide may be used under the body of the hand-hold. That rawhide will be a maximum of 10 inches wide, tapered back to 6 inches deep, with no more than one layer of rawhide. A 4-inch strip of rawhide (2 inches on each side) with a maximum width of 1 inch will be allowed at each "D" ring rivet.
- R 031.1.2 **SINGLE LAYER OF LEATHER UNDER HAND-HOLD.** Rider may have a single layer of leather under hand-hold, which will extend at least one inch on both sides of the center of the hand-hold, and which shall be glued down.
- R 031.1.3 **NO FIBERGLASS OR METAL IN RIGGINGS OR HAND HOLDS.** No fiberglass or metal in riggings or hand-holds. Only leather or rawhide allowed for hand-hold, with a maximum of 3/4 inch of rawhide allowed. Flat-head rivets and/or screws, and "t" nuts allowed to secure hand-hold; only other metal allowed will be in the "D" rings.
- R 031.1.4 **CINCHES AND LATIGOS.** Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair and shall be at least eight (8) inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch-"D" or rings. Latigos shall be leather only.
- R 031.2 **BAREBACK PADS.** Required bareback pads are to completely cover the underside of the rigging, and are to extend a full two (2) inches behind the rigging.
- R 031.2.1 **PADS MUST COVER UNDERSIDE OF RIGGING.** Pads used under riggings must be leather-covered on both sides. No hair pads will be allowed. Only a high-density foam pad, at least 3/4 inches thick will be allowed. In addition, the pad must have leather over the bars 3/15 inch thick, extending at least 1/2 inch on either side and back of the handle bars.
- R 031.2.2 **PAD REQUIREMENTS.** In addition to the pad, a piece of leather a minimum of 3/16 inch thick and 4 inches square must be glued or sewed to the pad, and centered in comparison to the total body length of the rigging. This piece of leather shall be placed so that 1/2 inch of it extends behind the rigging and the remaining 2 inches are under the rigging.
- R 031.2.3 **NO QUICK TRIPS.** No quick trips allowed on bareback riggings.
- R 031.2.4 **SPUR ROWELS.** Spur rowels must have five or more points. First reported offense shall subject contestant to a warning; every offense thereafter shall result in disqualification in that event for the following two rodeos.
- R 031.3 **APPROVAL OF RIGGINGS AND PADS.** Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings and pads satisfy the requirements listed above. Judges shall determine whether pads are satisfactory. If judges rule the pads are not satisfactory, contestant will be warned for the first offense. Any offense thereafter shall result in an immediate \$100.00 fine.
- R 031.4 **RIDER'S GLOVE.** The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedge or gimmicks. An extra piece of leather may be used at the base of the little finger only. It must be on the inside of the glove and is not to extend out from the seam more than 5/8 inch and can be no more than 5/8 inch thick.
- R 031.4.1 **PALM PIECE.** A palm piece may be used in glove, which will be at least one (1) inch wide and three (3) inches long, and will be glued in.
- R 031.5 **ADHESIVE MATERIAL.** There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider's glove. Benzoin may be used.

- R 031.6 **FLANKS BREAKS IN BAREBACK RIDING.** Rider may be given a reride on same horse if flank comes off or breaks. A bareback rider may have the option of a reride or of accepting a marking if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a reride if flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off.
- R 031.7 **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WILL DISQUALIFY A RIDER:**
- R 031.7.1 Riding with rowels too sharp, or locked, in opinion of the judges.
- R 031.7.2 Being bucked off.
- R 031.7.3 Touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand. One arm must be free at all times.
- R 031.7.4 Rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking.
- R 031.7.5 Not having spurs above the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's feet hit the ground his initial move out of the chute.
- R 031.7.6 Rider may not take any kind of finger tuck, finger wrap, or shall not use finger tape. Violators shall be disqualified and may also be subject to fine.
- R 031.7.7 Judges may disqualify bareback rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.
- R 031.8 **INABILITY TO FREE HAND.** If, in the opinion of the pickup men and/or stock contractor, a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging after a qualified ride or after declaring by double grabbing, he shall be fined One Hundred dollars (\$100). A contestant fouled or bucked off before or after the whistle will not be fined. Judges are required to report the offense.

R 032 **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

- R 032.1 **SADDLE MUST MEET NIRA SPECIFICATIONS.** Riding to be done with saddle that complies with NIRA specifications listed below.
- R 032.2 **CONTEST SADDLE SPECIFICATIONS:**
- R 032.2.1 **Rigging:** Three-quarter double; front edge of "D" ring must pull not further back than directly below center of point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring-type saddle "D" must be used, and cannot exceed 5-3/4 inches outside-width measurement.
- R 032.2.2 **Swell Undercut:** Not more than two (2) inches -- one (1) inch on each side.
- R 032.2.3 **Gullet:** Not less than four (4) inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.
- R 032.2.4 **Tree:** Saddles must be built on PRCA-approved tree.
- Specifications:
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| Fork | Fourteen (14) inches wide |
| Height | Nine (9) inches maximum |
| Gullet | Five-and-three-quarters(5-3/4)inches wide |
| Cantle | Five (5) inches maximum height;
Fourteen (14) inches maximum width. |
- R 032.2.5 **STIRRUP LEATHERS.** Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.
- R 032.2.6 **MEASUREMENTS.** Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.
- R 032.2.7 **NO FREAKS.** No freaks allowed.
- R 032.2.8 **CINCHES AND LATIGOS.** Front cinch on bronc saddles shall be mohair, and shall be at least eight (8) inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch "D" or rings. Latigos shall be leather only.

- R 032.3 **STANDARD HALTER.** Standard halter must be used, unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.
- R 032.4 **HALTERS FURNISHED BY STOCK CONTRACTOR.** Stock contractors must furnish their own halters and contestants must use them, subject to approval of judges on fitness of halter. Halters must have adjustable nose bands.
- R 032.5 **REIN AND HAND MUST BE ON SAME SIDE.** Riding rein and hand must be on same side.
- R 032.6 **POSITION OF SADDLE ON HORSE.** Horses to be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either stock contractor or contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.
- R 032.7 **FLANK OR HALTER FAILURE IN SADDLE BRONC RIDING.** A saddle bronc rider may have the option of a reride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a reride if flank comes off the animal, but the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off. If a flank comes off, rider may have reride on same horse. If halter breaks, rider may have a reride, provided the contestant made a qualified ride up to the time the halter breaks, and provided that the halter does not belong to the contestant.
- R 032.8 **HORSE THROWS HIMSELF.** If, in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc deliberately throws himself, the rider shall have the choice of the same horse again or he may have a horse drawn for him from the reride horses.
- R 032.9 **Any of the following will disqualify a rider:**
- R 032.9.1 Changing hands on rein.
- R 032.9.2 Losing or dropping rein before pre-designated time.
- R 032.9.3 Wrapping rein around hand.
- R 032.9.4 Pulling leather.
- R 032.9.5 Losing stirrup.
- R 032.9.6 Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.
- R 032.9.7 Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, in the opinion of the judges.
- R 032.9.8 Not having spurs above the break of the horse's shoulders and touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground his initial move out of the chute.
- R 032.9.9 Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle. Anyone using any other foreign substance shall be disqualified and declared ineligible for thirty (30) days; also subject to fine. (The judges will examine clothing, saddle, rein and spurs, and exception will be made if local rules make it necessary for the covering of spur rowels.)
- R 032.9.10 Judges may disqualify bronc rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on, if used, when previous horse leaves arena.

R 033 **BULL RIDING**

- R 033.1 **ONE HAND AND LOOSE ROPE.** Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold.
- R 033.1.1 **NO KNOTS OR HITCHES.** No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves animal.
- R 033.1.2 **BELL.** Rope must have bell.

- R 033.1.3 **NO HOOKS OR POSTS.** Hooks or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.
- R 033.2 **RIDER KNOCKED OFF BY GATE.** Riders who are knocked off at the chute, or if bull falls, are entitled to a reride at discretion of judges.
- R 033.3 **FLANK COMES OFF A BULL.** A bull rider may have the option of a reride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a reride if the flank comes off the animal, and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off. The reride may be given on the same animal, if the stock contractor is willing, or a reride animal if so requested by the contestant.
- R 033.4 **JUDGES DECIDE ON RERIDES.** The matter of rerides shall be decided by the judges, regardless of performance.
- R 033.5 **ANY PART OF ROPE IN HAND FOR QUALIFIED RIDE.** If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
- R 033.6 **FLANKING OF BULL.** Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
- R 033.7 **BELL.** Bell must be under belly of bull.
- R 033.8 **SHARP SPURS OR PLACING OF SPURS OR CHAPS UNDER ROPE.** Rider may not use sharp spurs, or place spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
- R 033.9 **BULL TAILS.** No bull tails will be allowed under flank straps.
- R 033.10 **TWO MEN LIMITATION TO PULL CONTESTANT'S ROPE.** No more than two (2) men may be on chute to pull contestant's rope.
- R 033.11 **TIPPING HORNS.** Head-fighting bulls having bad horns must be tipped or kept out of the draw.
- R 033.12 **HORN CUT BACK.** No bull may be put in the draw until his horns are blunted to at least the diameter of a half-dollar.
- R 033.13 **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WILL DISQUALIFY RIDER:**
- R 033.13.1 Being bucked off.
- R 033.13.2 Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.
- R 033.13.3 Using sharp spurs, or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
- R 033.13.4 Not having a bell on bull rope.
- R 033.13.5 Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.

R 034 **RULES GOVERNING NIRA WOMEN'S EVENTS**

- R 034.1 **WOMEN'S EVENTS.** Women's events in the NIRA will consist of cloverleaf barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping and team roping (header) and team roping (heeler).
- R 034.2 **ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN.** The eligibility for women will be governed by B.3.
- R 034.3 **FIVE EVENTS FOR WOMEN.** Any approved rodeo must have five (5) events for women.
- R 034.4 **POINTS AWARD SYSTEM.** The point award system for women will be as explained in R.5.
- R 034.5 **POINTS TO BE SENT WITH RODEO RESULTS.** Points from each approved rodeo must be turned in on the rodeo results forms and a complete record of all women's points will be maintained by the NIRA office and

regional student director.

- R 034.6 **FOUR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS.** Four (4) women champions will be named in each region and for the year. They will be in cloverleaf barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping, and the all around.
- R 034.7 **TWO HIGH POINT WOMEN IN EACH OF THE FOUR APPROVED EVENTS.** The three (3) high point women in each of four (4) approved events in each region will be allowed to compete at the CNFR. If any of these are not able to compete at the CNFR, then the next woman in the regional standings may compete. (See Article VIII, Section 2-3)
- R 034.8 **ONLY GOATS WILL BE TIED.** Only goats will be tied in all NIRA approved rodeos.
- R 034.9 **PRIZES.** Prizes will be awarded the regional and national women champions in barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping, all around; and the values shall be comparable to the value of the prizes received by the men.
- R 034.10 **DRESS CODE.** The dress code for NIRA female members during a rodeo shall consist of a western hat, boots, long sleeved shirt, and other appropriate western attire. (See R.7)
- R 035 **EXPLANATION OF NIRA WOMEN'S EVENTS**
- R 035.1 **CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE**
- R 035.1.1 **BARREL RACING IS A TIMED EVENT.** Barrel racing is a timed event. The start and finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The contestant is allowed a running start. Time shall begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line.
- R 035.1.2 **FIVE SECOND PENALTY FOR KNOCKED OVER BARREL.** Contestants will be assessed a five (5) second penalty for knocking over a barrel.
- R 035.1.3 **NOT FOLLOWING PATTERN.** Contestants will be disqualified for not following the pattern, or not being ready to contest when name is called. Touching barrel is permitted.
- R 035.1.4 **KNOCKED OVER BARREL SET BACK UP.** Should barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, a five (5) second penalty will be assessed. Barrel must be set back on mark.
- R 035.1.5 **BARRELS NOT PLACED ON MARKERS.** Should, for any reason, the barrels not be placed on the marks or the flagman not be in the correct place, things must be put in correct order and all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be rerun without penalty.
- R 035.1.6 **ONE CONTESTANT HORSE IN ARENA.** There is to be only one (1) contestant horse in the arena at a time during the barrel race, without exception.
- R 035.1.7 **GATES.** The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire rodeo.
- R 035.1.8 **RUNNING START.** The contestant is allowed a running start, and will be required to run in and out of the arena only when an acceptable, centrally located gate or gates safely permits, or by event and regional directors approval.
- R 035.1.9 **NO CIRCLING HORSE.** No circling horse in arena. One spin or pivot in either direction is acceptable if centrally located gate is not used. When contestants are not required to run in and out, they must keep forward motion toward first barrel, prior to crossing scoreline.
- R 035.1.10 **GROUND PREPARATION.** Committee is required to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event.
- R 035.1.10.1 **DURING PERFORMANCE.** No more than twelve (12) contestants shall run during the performance without the ground being worked with a tractor. If more than twelve (12) are run in a performance, the following guidelines will

be used, unless by approval from the NIRA Commissioner: If there are thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) contestants to run during a performance, the ground will be worked after seven (7); If there are fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) contestants to run during the performance, the ground will be worked after eight (8), etc. Vet and doctor releases will be included in the count.

- R 035.1.10.2 **DURING SLACK.** In the slack, ground around the barrels must be worked with a tractor immediately before the barrel race and after the equivalent number of contestants drawn for a performance have competed.
- R 035.1.10.3 **GROUND THE SAME FOR SLACK AND PERFORMANCE.** The ground in slack will be dragged after the equivalent number of contestants drawn for a performance have competed, and will be dragged in the same position.
- R 035.1.10.4 **SLACK BEFORE FIRST PERFORMANCE.** When there is no rodeo performance to use as a guideline, the ground around the barrels shall be worked immediately before the barrel race and after not more than twelve (12) contestants have run.
- R 035.1.11 **ONE HOUR BETWEEN END OF GO-ROUND AND SLACK.** When a go-round ends and next one begins in the same slack section, there shall be at least a one (1) hour break before the go-round begins.
- R 035.1.12 **THE STANDARD DISTANCE FOR THE BARREL RACE:**
- R 035.1.12.1 90 feet between barrel 1 and 2.
- R 035.1.12.2 105 feet between barrel 1 and 3 and between 2 and 3.
- R 035.1.12.3 60 feet from barrels 1 and 2 to scoreline. Scoreline should be at least 60 feet from end of arena. If arena allows, and not less than 45 feet.
- R 035.1.13 Maximum distance of 105 feet between barrels 1 and 2 and 120 feet between 2 and 3, and 1 and 3. Scoreline must never be more than 90 feet. Above rule is for unusually large arenas.
- R 035.1.14 Barrels 1 and 2 must be at least 18 feet from the sides of the arena. In extra small arenas they may be less. In no instance should they be any closer than 15 feet from the sides of the arena.
- R 035.1.15 Barrel 3 should be no closer than 25 feet to the end of the arena, and should be set NOT MORE THAN 15 feet longer than the first and second barrel.
- R 035.1.16 If arena size permits, barrels must be set 60 feet or further apart.
- R 035.1.17 In small arenas it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to a standard barrel pattern.
- R 035.1.18 **MEASUREMENT TO JUDGE OR RODEO SECRETARY.** Persons measuring and marking the barrel position must give a copy of the measurements to the rodeo secretary or judge.
- R 035.1.19 **HORSE FALLS.** There shall be no reruns given at a rodeo when a horse falls; unless it is posted in the rodeo office before the first (1st) performance as a special NIRA approved ground rule of that particular rodeo. A rerun will then be decided at judge's discretion.
- R 035.1.20 **WATCHES.** All rodeos are required to use watches in tenths (10ths) of a second. When electric timer is not used, time must be recorded and paid off in tenths (10ths).
- R 035.1.21 **HELD BACK DURING PERFORMANCE DUE TO SICKNESS OR INJURY.** A contestant may be held back at a performance in barrel racing due to sickness or injury. (See R.19)
- R 035.1.21.1 **BARREL RACING RUNNING OUT OF ORDER.** Contestants changing their position at a rodeo (running out of order) without the approval or action of the judges, regional secretary, or event directors, shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for the first offense, a \$100 fine and a one rodeo suspension for the second offense, and a \$200 fine and a four rodeo suspension for a third or subsequent offense.

- R 035.1.22 **MARKING BARRELS.**
- R 035.1.22.1 Brightly colored fifty-five (55) gallon steel drums with both ends in must be used. There shall be no rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads used.
- R 035.1.22.2 **IF BARREL COVERS ARE USED, THEY SHOULD BE USED IN SLACK AS WELL AS PERFORMANCE.**
- R 035.1.22.3 The barrels must be marked using a one hundred (100) foot measuring tape. Add five (5) feet on to the tape in order for correct measurement between barrels 1 and 3; 2 and 3.
- R 035.1.22.4 The person measuring the barrel pattern must make an arc on the ground from barrel 1 to barrel 3 and then from barrel 2 to barrel 3. Where the arc crosses is where the third barrel marker must be placed. This will insure equal distance for barrel racers who run to either the right or left barrel first.
- R 035.1.22.5 The starting line must also be correctly measured back from barrel 1 and barrel 2, so the distance is the same to insure barrel racers going either to the left or right the same opportunity. Permanent markers shall be placed on both sides to indicate starting line.
- R 035.1.22.6 A pointed metal stake, horse shoe, or can with a chain or rope attached to the end of it may be used. The object must be covered leaving only the chain or rope on top of the ground.
- R 035.1.22.7 Markers should be buried at the location of each barrel, so the barrels will be in the same place during each complete go-round.
- R 035.1.22.8 If an electric timer is used, permanent markers should be set for it also.
- R 035.1.22.9 Barrel racing is a standard event in the NIRA. Committees bear the responsibility to prepare for the event, (set markers, etc.) as in any other event. All marker placements must follow rulebook specifications and are subject to review and change by the directors and judges.
- R 035.1.22.10 The barrel marker shall be held upward and the barrel be placed directly against the rope on the inside of the marker.
- R 035.1.23 **ELECTRIC TIMERS.**
- R 035.1.23.1 Equipment necessary -- complete electric eye timer plus one (1) extra timing clock or stop watch to be operated manually.
- R 035.1.23.2 Complete electric timer must be backed up by a flagman who will stand directly behind one (1) timer post in the arena. One (1) timer will record the times that appear on the electric eye controlled readout. The second (2nd) timer will operate the backup manual clock or stop watch and will record the time which is shown thereon. That person will operate from the flagman's signals, and record the time in tenths (10ths).
- R 035.1.23.3 Permanent markers should be put in the ground for the electric timer. Electric timers should be placed on the scoreline no closer than the width of the first (1st) two (2) barrels for the electric eye to be centered in each performance.
- R 035.1.23.4 Line on fence for flagman should be well marked. These markers should be checked every performance along with the barrel markers and restaked if pulled out by the tractor or other vehicle.
- R 035.1.23.5 The barrel race may be timed in one hundredths (100ths), but never in one thousandths (1000ths) under any circumstances, when an electric eye is used.
- R 035.1.23.6 Contestants may be requested to help set up electric eyes.
- R 035.1.23.7 Set timer the same height and position and lock the legs each performance.
- R 035.1.23.8 The person setting the timer should stand back at least six feet (6') from the timer, unless a mechanical failure occurs.

- R 035.1.24 **ELECTRIC FAILURES.**
- R 035.1.24.1 **PERFORMANCE.**
- R 035.1.24.2 **MANUAL TIMES.** Regional Directors will make a decision prior to the first (1st) performance whether manual backup times will be the official times or a rerun will be given, in the event of an electronic failure. This information will be posted prior to the first (1st) performance.
- R 035.1.24.3 **FAILS TO WORK FOR A MINORITY.** When the electric eye fails to work for a minority (less than 1/2) of contestants during a performance, the manual backup times will be used for those electronically missed, with a zero (0) added to the tenths (10ths). The electric eye controlled times will remain unaltered.
- R 035.1.24.4 **FAILS TO WORK FOR A MAJORITY.** When barrels are set on official markers, and the flagger is stationed correctly but the electric eye does not work for the majority in a performance, contestants in the performance that is not a complete go-round that the electric eye does not work on, will at their option, be given a rerun, if so posted.
- R 035.1.24.5 **RERUN.** A rerun must be called for immediately following the event, and contestants must be notified. If a contestant decides to rerun, there will be no penalties assessed from previous runs. Those contestants who are not present at the rerun, or choose not to rerun, must take the time reported on the first (1st) run.
- R 035.1.24.6 **FAILS FOR ENTIRE GO-ROUND.** If the electric eye fails to work for a majority of the contestants in an entire go-round, the backup (manual) recorded times will be the official times for all contestants in that go-round.
- R 035.1.25 **MINOR VIOLATION FINES.**
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| Hat Fine | \$10.00 |
| Vet release/Doctor release | 10.00 |
| Unnecessary roughness of horse | |
| during competition | 100.00 |
| Working horse on markers | 125.00 |
| Failure to remove barrels | |
| (during practice, if allowed) | 25.00 |
- R 035.2 **GOAT TYING**
- R 035.3 **DISTANCE BETWEEN STARTING LINE AND GOAT.** There is no set distance from the starting line to the goat but a minimum of fifty (50) yards is desirable. Arena conditions should govern distance.
- R 035.3.1 **GATES** The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire rodeo.
- R 035.3.2 **RUNNING START.** Contestant is allowed a running start, and will be required to run in the arena only when an acceptable, centrally located gate or gates safely permits, or by event and regional directors approval.
- R 035.3.3 **CIRCLING HORSE.** No circling horse in arena. One spin or pivot in either direction is acceptable if centrally located gate is not used. Once the contestant has crossed the scoreline the time has started. There is no exception to this rule.
- R 035.3.4 **STAKE.** The goat is to be tied to a stake with a rope at least ten feet (10') in length from snap to snap. The stake is to be pounded completely into the ground with no part of it visible. The stakes are to be placed in the ground for the entire rodeo.
- R 035.3.5 **REQUIREMENTS.** The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from her horse, throw the goat by hand, cross, wrap and tie at least three (3) feet together with a leather string or pigging string. No wire is to be used in the goat string.
- R 035.3.5.1 **RUNNING OUT OF ORDER IN THE GOAT TYING.** Contestants changing their position at a rodeo (running out of order) without the approval or action of the judges, regional secretary, or event director, shall be

disqualified.

R 035.3.6 **STAND BACK THREE FEET AFTER TIE.** The contestant must stand back three feet (3') from the goat before judge will start the five (5) second time limit on the tie for the goat's legs to remain crossed and tied.

R 035.3.7 **GOAT MUST BE CLEARED OF THE GROUND BEFORE TIE.** If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be cleared of the ground before the tie is made.

R 035.3.8 **HAND ON GOAT WHEN FALLS.** If contestant's hand is on the goat when goat falls, the goat is considered thrown by hand.

R 035.3.9 **DISTANCE OF GOAT STAKE FROM BACK FENCE.** Goat stake should be a minimum of fifty feet (50') from back fence.

R 035.3.10 **HORSE/ROPE VIOLATION.** Should the horse run over, or touch the rope, with or without contact to the goat, the contestant will be fined ten (10) seconds. If the violation occurs after flagman has signaled for time, there will be no penalty.

If a horse/rope violation is declared but timer fails to get time, and a rerun is awarded, a ten (10) second penalty will go with contestant on rerun.

R 035.3.11 **TOUCHING TIE ONCE SIGNALLED COMPLETE.** Once a contestant has signaled her tie complete, she may not again touch the tie or the goat. Any attempt to enhance competitive opportunity after signaling for time will result in disqualification.

R 035.3.12 **GOAT MUST BE HELD BY THE COLLAR.** The goat must be held by the collar at the end of the rope in a vertical position from the starting line until time begins.

R 035.3.13 **RUNS ON A GOAT.** No goat will have more than three (3) consecutive ties made on them. Three paid ties (non-notified turnouts and doctor releases included) will constitute a run on the goat. Each goat must be "run" before any goat can be "run" the second and subsequent times. In no situation should the goat order of competition change from the original drawn position.

R 035.3.14 **GOAT HOLDERS.** Goat holders must not be goat tying contestants at NIRA rodeos. At the CNFR holders must be an official.

R 035.3.15 **GOAT DRAW.** All goats must be drawn not more than one and one half (1 1/2) hours before all performances and slack. The goat tying draw should be administered as any other event. In no situation should pens be set. The total number of goats to be used at an approved NIRA rodeo is based upon contestant entry number to be kept consistent with the third of enough policy.

R 035.3.16 **GOAT HERD.** The total number of goats to be used in the herd at an NIRA rodeo shall be based upon contestant entry number in the event. The following scale shall be used:

<u>Contestants</u>	<u>Goat Herd</u>
1 to 27	4
28 to 36	5
37 to 45	6
46 to 54	7
55 to 63	8
64 or more	9

R 035.3.17 **DRAWING FOR COMPETITION.** The procedure used to draw goats shall be as follows:

All available goats, based upon the required number in the herd, will be used in the long go-round draw. The following is an example of the long go-round draw.

Contestants Entered: 46
 Goats in the Herd: 7
 Goat Tag Numbers: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
 Format of Rodeo: Long Go/Top 10 Short Go
 Performance 1 (10 outs)

Contestant A	Goat 3	7.2	2 nd /3 rd
Contestant B	Goat 3	0	
Contestant C	Goat 3	1st Run on 3	7.6
			5 th /6 th

Contestant D	Goat 1	0	
Contestant E	Goat 1	7.2	2 nd /3 ^d
Contestant F	Goat 1	1st Run on 1	0
Contestant G	Goat 7	17.9+	
Contestant H	Goat 7	17.6	
Contestant I	Goat 4	1st Run on 7	0
Contestant J	Goat 5	8.6	10 ^h

Goat 5 needs two ties to complete a "run", therefore, the first two contestants in the next scheduled performance or slack will receive goat 5.

Slack #1 (13 Outs)

Contestant	Goat 5	0	
Contestant L	Goat 5	1 st Run on 5	9.7
Contestant M	Goat 4	0	
Contestant N	Goat 4	N/TO	
Contestant O	Goat 4	1 st Run on 4	17.5
Contestant P	Goat 6	8.3	8 ^h /9 th
Contestant Q	Goat 6	0	
Contestant R	Goat 6	1 st Run on 6	9.9
Contestant S	Goat 2	23.2	
Contestant T	Goat 2	0	
Contestant U	Goat 2	1 st Run on 2	12.5

At this point, all goat runs are even and every goat has been "run" one time. All goats are eligible to go back into the draw except for Goat 2, because you are in the same slack with two goat tiers remaining and Goat 2 just completed a run.

Contestant V	Goat 5	11.3	
Contestant W	Goat 5	NN/TO	

Goat 5 needs one tie to complete a "run", therefore, the first contestant in the next scheduled performance or slack will receive Goat 5.

Performance #2 (10 Outs)

Contestant X Goat 5 2nd run on 5 10.9
Goat 2 is eligible to go back into the draw box.

Contestant Y	Goat 2	0	
Contestant Z	Goat 2	18.3	
Contestant AA	Goat 2	2 nd run on 2	Visible
Contestant BB	Goat 3	0	
Contestant CC	Goat 3	7.6	5 ^h /6 ^h
Contestant DD	Goat 3	2 nd run on 3	9.8
Contestant EE	Goat 7	23.2	
Contestant FF	Goat 7	10.1	
Contestant GG	Goat 7	2 nd run on 7	10.2

Slack #2 (13 Outs)

Contestant HH	Goat 1	9.6	
Contestant II	Goat 1	10.2	
Contestant JJ	Goat 1	2 nd run on 1	8.3
Contestant KK	Goat 6	8.1	7 ^h
Contestant LL	Goat 6	N/TO	
Contestant MM	Goat 6	2 nd run on 6	9.2
Contestant NN	Goat 4	0	
Contestant OO	Goat 4	12.7	
Contestant PP	Goat 4	2 nd run on 4	0
Contestant QQ	Goat 1	Visible	
Contestant RR	Goat 1	7.3	4 ^h
Contestant SS	Goat 1	2 nd run on 1	7.1

At this point, all goat runs are even and every goat has been "run" two times. All goats are eligible to go back into the draw box except for Goat 1 because you are in the same slack with one goat tier remaining and Goat 1 just completed a run.

Contestant TT Goat 7 9.8
This constitutes a partial third run on Goat 7. The long go-round has ended.

SHORT GO-ROUND DRAW

A minimum of four (4) goats must be used in the short go-round draw. In the event four goats are not qualified back, all goats used in the long go-round will be used in the short go-round draw regardless of qualification.

From the long go-round, only four (4) goats qualified back to the top ten, therefore, goats 1,3,

5, & 6 will be used as the goat herd for the short go-round. To begin the draw for the short go-round, all eligible goats will be in the draw box except goat 5, since Contestant J had that goat in the long go-round. No contestant may compete on the same goat twice at any given rodeo.

Contestant	1 st Go Draw	1 st Go Time	Goats eligible for short-go	Short Go draw	Runs on Goat
Contestant J	5	8.6	1,3,6	1	
Contestant JJ	1	8.3	3,5,6	6	
Contestant P	6	8.3	1,3,5	1	
Contestant KK	6	8.1	1,3,5	1	1 st Run on 1
Goat #1 must be held out of draw until all goats have completed a "run"					
Contestant CC	3	7.6	5,6	5	
Contestant C	3	7.6	5,6	5	
Contestant RR	1	7.3	3,5,6	3	
Contestant E	1	7.2	3,5,6	5	1 st Run on 5
Goat #5 must be held out of draw until all goats have completed a "run"					
Contestant A	3	7.2	6	6	
Contestant SS	1	7.1	3,6	3	

R 035.3.18 **BILLIES AT CNFR.** No billies will be used at the CNFR.

R 035.3.19 **MISDRAW PROCEDURE IN THE GOAT TYING.** The following shall be used in the event of a misdraw in the goat tying at any NIRA rodeo.

Definition of a misdraw: Any animal which must be replaced will be considered one misdraw. Example of possible reasons for replacing an animal are:

1. Injured or unhealthy animal.
2. Animal not properly numbered or distinguishable.
3. Animal not on premises after being drawn.
4. Duplicate tags and animals not distinguishable prior to draw.
5. Contestant left out of draw.
6. Animal drawn incorrectly due to clerical error.

Due to the nature of the event, if a misdraw occurs in the goat tying, all animals drawn from the point of the misdraw and below will be redrawn. If a misdraw is discovered prior to a performance or slack in the long go-round, the following procedure will be used:

Example 1.

Contestants Entered: 46

Goats In The Herd: 7

Goat Tag Numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

Format of The Rodeo: Long-Go/Top 10 Short Go

Contestant A	Goat 3	
Contestant B	Goat 3	
Contestant C	Goat 3	
Contestant D	Goat 1	Misdraw: All drawn goats
Contestant E	Goat 1	below this contestant must be redrawn.
Contestant F	Goat 1	
Contestant G	Goat 7	Goats 2,4,5,6,7 will be placed in the draw box,
Contestant H	Goat 7	and normal goat tying draw procedure will
Contestant I	Goat 7	commence.
Contestant J	Goat 5	

In the example, Goat #1 was injured or became sick prior to a performance or slack, thus he is eliminated from the draw for the remainder of the rodeo. He cannot be placed back into the draw.

Example 2.

Contestants Entered: 46

Goats in The Herd: 7

Goat Tag Numbers: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

Format Of The Rodeo: Long-Go, Top 10 Short-Go

Contestant A	Goat 3
Contestant B	Goat 3
Contestant C	Goat 3
Contestant D	Goat 1
Contestant E	Goat 1
Contestant F	Goat 1
Contestant G	Goat 7

Contestant H	Goat 7	Misdraw. All drawn goats below the
Contestant I	Goat 4	contestant must be redrawn.
Contestant J	Goat 2	Goats 2,4,5,6 will be placed in the draw box and normal goat tying draw procedure will commence.

In this example, Goat #7 was injured by Contestant G during the performance or slack, thus he is eliminated from the draw for the remainder of the rodeo. He cannot be placed back into the draw. The remainder of the contestants affected by the misdraw will be run immediately following the rodeo. Thus, the rodeo performance is not stopped for the rodeo officials to administer the misdraw procedure, or the judges may elect to handle the misdraw immediately and proceed with the rodeo. In the event this situation occurs in a slack, the judges will administer the misdraw procedure immediately.

R 035.3.20 **WEIGHT OF GOATS.** Goats shall weigh between forty (40) to fifty (50) pounds. There shall be a fine of \$50 per head for goats who are overweight or underweight.

R 035.4 **BREAKAWAY ROPING**

R 035.4.1 **NUMBER OF LOOPS.** A contestant is allowed one (1) loop in the long go. A contestant may use two (2) loops in the short go if two (2) are carried.

R 035.4.2 **TIME LIMITATIONS.** All regional rodeos shall have a time limit set in the breakaway roping of twenty-five (25) seconds with gate closed. CNFR shall have a time limit of twenty-five (25) seconds set with gate closed.

R 035.4.3 **ROPES.** Ropes are to be tied to saddle horn with nylon string. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. A flag that is visible to the flagman or judge must be attached at the knot at end of the rope. Nothing may be used on the rope to keep loop from drawing tight.

R 035.4.4 **NO KNOTS IN BREAKAWAY ROPES IN FRONT OF THE TIE STRING.** No knots in breakaway ropes in front of the tie string.

R 035.4.5 **ROPE MUST BREAK AWAY FROM HORN.** The calf must break the rope away from horn. The contestant will receive a no time should she break rope from saddle horn herself.

R 035.4.6 **HORNED CATTLE. No horned cattle will be used in breakaway roping, unless passed by rodeo committee, regional faculty director, and event director.**

R 035.4.7 **CALVES MUST BE RUN AND/OR FOLLOWED ON HORSEBACK.** Calves used be must run and/or followed on horseback at discretion of the breakaway roping director.

R 035.4.8 **CALVES HEAD MUST PASS THROUGH THE LOOP.** The calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head.

R 035.4.9 **HAT ON HEAD WHILE CALLING FOR CALF.** A girl must have a hat on her head while calling for her calf.

R 035.4.10 **FOULED NECK ROPE.** Contestants fouled by neck rope or neck rope stays around the calf, will be given a rerun if the foul is declared immediately by pulling up. If rope is thrown, no rerun will be given.

R 035.4.11 **UNIFORM CALVES.** Uniform calves will be used in the breakaway roping. Weight for the calves shall be a minimum of two hundred twenty-five (225) pounds and a maximum of three hundred (300) pounds.

R 035.4.12 **MEN'S TIE-DOWN ROPING RULES.** Anything not covered in the above rules will be covered by the men's tie-down roping rules. (See R 27.1)

R 035.4.13 **USE OF BREAKAWAY CATTLE.** The cattle used shall be different from the cattle used in men's tie down roping.

R 035.4.14 **SECOND LOOP BECOMES UNCOILED OR LOOSE AND TOUCHES THE GROUND.** Should the contestant miss with the first (1st) loop and her second (2nd) loop becomes uncoiled or loose and touches the ground, she will receive a no time.

R 035.4.15

CATCHES WITH SECOND LOOP, BUT TIMERS FAIL TO GET TIME.

If a breakaway contestant misses with the first (1st) loop and catches with the second (2nd) loop but timers fail to get time, a five (5) second penalty for missed first (1st) loop will be assessed.

R 035.4.16

NUMBER OF LOOPS AT THE CNFR. At the CNFR, after the Breakaway contestant has gone out of the average, only one (1) loop will be allowed.

APPENDIX

Provisions of the NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE RODEO ASSOCIATION Letter of Intent

1. The NIRA Letter of Intent applies only to NIRA affiliated institutions.
2. By signing a Letter of Intent, the prospective student certifies that he/she has not signed another Letter of intent.
3. The Letter of Intent may be terminated by the written consent of all parties herein.
4. The NIRA Letter of Intent must be signed and dated by the coach before submission to the prospective student and his/her parents/guardians for their signatures.
5. A NIRA Letter of Intent may not be signed prior to March 1 of the prospective student's senior year in high school.
6. The parent/guardian is required to sign the Letter of Intent if the prospective student is under twenty-one (21) years of age, since the intent of the requirement is to prevent pressure or coercion on the prospective student to sign.
7. If a prospective student has knowledge that either his/her parent's/guardian's signature is forged, the student shall forfeit his/her first (1st) year of eligibility at the institution in which he/she enrolls.
8. The NIRA Letter of Intent is validated on the date of signature on the Letter by the prospective student and parent/guardian.
9. The NIRA Letter of Intent must be returned to the coach or postmarked for return not later than fourteen (14) days after the date tendered by the coach.
10. It is presumed that a student is eligible for admission and financial aid at the institution for which he/she signed a NIRA Letter of Intent until information is submitted to the contrary. This means that, when requested, it is mandatory for the student to provide a transcript of his/her previous academic record and an application for admission to the institution where he/she signed a NIRA Letter of Intent.
11. In case a prospective student fails to meet the requirements for admission to the institution for which he/she has signed a NIRA Letter of Intent or its academic requirements for financial aid to athletes and the NIRA requirements, he/she shall be so notified immediately by the institution involved. The institution shall also immediately notify the NIRA Commissioner of the student's failure to meet either of these requirements, the date on which the notification of such failure was sent to the student, and a statement that the NIRA Letter of Intent signed by this individual has been rendered null and void.
12. After signing a NIRA Letter of Intent with one institution, should a prospective student elect to enroll at another institution which is a member of the NIRA, his/her athletic eligibility at the institution in which he/she enrolls will be limited in accordance with the regulations of the NIRA.
13. This agreement may be cancelled for failure of the student to comply with the rules and regulations of his/her institution, to cooperate fully with its officials and teachers, or voluntarily withdrawal from the sport of rodeo.
14. It is recommended that a Letter of Intent be signed by a student participating in college rodeo who is to receive financial aid from the rodeo program.
15. Failure to comply with provisions of the NIRA Letter of Intent will result in the loss one (1) year's eligibility.
16. Any school not fulfilling the commitment to the student as spelled out in the NIRA Letter of Intent will be subjected to a minimum penalty of the loss of good standing of (1) year with the NIRA.

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