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This official rule book of NRA is binding to all members and affiliated rodeo committees of NRA. All Rodeos will be run in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the association which have been endorsed by competitors.

**The Objects of the Association are:**

1. To promote the sport of rodeo to a national recognised standard.
2. To assist affiliated associations and their committees and other bodies and committees in promoting competitive/professional rodeos.
3. To obtain uniform competition rules and conditions throughout the Commonwealth of Australia.

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## Approved Rodeo Events

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### NRA Approved Rodeo Events

Men's Bull Ride	Men's Saddle Ride	Men's Bareback Ride
Men's Rope & Tie	Men's Steer Wrestling	Team Roping
Ladies Barrel Race	Ladies Breakaway Roping	Ladies Steer Undecorating
Men's Bullock Ride	Men's Poley Saddle Ride	Men's Senior Bull Ride
Boy's Junior Bull Ride	Boy's Juvenile Bull Ride	Boy's Junior Saddle Ride
Boy's Junior Bareback Ride	Mini Bull Ride	Junior Steer Ride
Poddy Ride	Chute Dogging	Calf Tying
Junior Team Roping	Dummy Roping	Lead Line Barrel Race
Junior Barrel Race	Pole Bending	Junior Breakaway Roping
Rodeo Queen/Princess		

Individual event titles and trophies will be awarded for the following events standard, optional and junior events only.

### Standard Events

Men's Bull Ride	Men's Saddle Ride	Men's Bareback Ride
Men's Rope & Tie	Men's Steer Wrestling	Team Roping
Ladies Barrel Race	Ladies Breakaway Roping	

### Optional Events

Ladies Steer Undecorating	Senior Bull Ride	
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### Junior Events

U18 Boy's Junior Bull Ride	U18 Junior Breakaway Roping	7-U12 Poddy/Mini Bull Ride
U18 Junior Barrel Race	U15 Junior Steer/Mini Bull Ride	

## General Rules

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1. The National Rodeo Association takes animal welfare seriously and is committed to complying with the animal welfare legislation relevant to the state or territory in which the rodeo is conducted. Any person breaching the relevant Code of Practice will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee for further action to be taken.
2. **Nomination procedures** as per Central Entries rules (refer page 21).
3. **Prizemoney**
  - a) Should there be no scores/times in an event the prize money will be as follows;
    - i. The posted prize money to be retained by the committee/promoter and,
    - ii. The added back component to go to National Rodeo Association,

With the exception of prize money where no entries are paid,  
Eg: chute-out, then Promoter retains said prize money.

- b) Minimum prize money for men and women to be equal.
  - c) All events that have four (4) qualifying times or scores, the prize money splits will be 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% except where prize money is two thousand (\$2,000) dollars or more this can be paid to five places and prize money splits will be 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%.
  - d) Should there be only: -
    - i. One (1) time or score, 100% of the prize money will go to the competitor.
    - ii. Two (2) times or scores, the prize money will be split 60%, 40%.
    - iii. Three (3) times or scores, the prize money will be split 45%, 33%, 22%.
4. **Appointment of Officials:**  
Appointment of Officials - all officials (Judges, Chute Boss and Timekeepers) are to be appointed from the NRA approved official list published in the NRA bi-monthly sports news.

- a) **All Round, Super All Round and Mega All Round Rodeos** - Must have an Animal Welfare Officer, Two (2) NRA approved Judges, One (1) approved Chute Boss and Two (2) approved Timekeepers.
- b) **Points Award Rodeos** - Must have an Animal Welfare Officer, Two (2) NRA approved Judges, One (1) approved Chute Boss and One (1) approved Timekeeper.
- c) **Bull Ride Rodeos** – Must have an Animal Welfare Officer, Two (2) NRA approved Judges, One (1) approved Chute Boss and One (1) approved Timekeeper.
- d) **Non-Point Rodeos** – Must have an Animal Welfare Officer and Two (2) NRA approved Judges.
5. Stallion Control – All stallions must be double tied by neck strap and halter on all grounds. Stallions will be allowed to be unrestrained in panel yards through daylight hours ONLY. Stallions must be double tied at night. Panels must be a minimum of 25mm box or pipe equivalent. Panels must be anchored securely to a solid object i.e. truck, post, tree. All stallions must have a blue ribbon tied in their tail.
6. **All Arena Personnel** i.e. Chute Bosses, Judges, Pick-up Men, Clowns, Timekeepers, Announcers and Stock Contractors must be NRA approved in their classifications and categories.
7. **Rodeo Classifications:**
- a) **All Round Championship Rodeo** - Must include a minimum of all 8 Standard Events with minimum prize money of \$500 per event. Full points are awarded for individual titles and all round titles. Team Roping may be conducted as a one (1) run event with double the minimum standard prize money. All Round, Super and Mega Rodeos will have preference over any other event run on that day, where practical, to ensure competitors can do both.

Points:



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Team Roping 2 run event points:



- b) **Super All Round Championship Rodeo** - Must include a minimum of all 8 Standard Events with minimum prize money of \$1000 per event. Full points and a half are awarded for individual titles and all round titles. Team Roping may be conducted as a one (1) run event with double the minimum super prize money. All Round, Super and Mega Rodeos will have preference over any other event run on that day, where practical, to ensure competitors can do both.

Points:



Team Roping 2 run event points:



- c) **Mega All Round Championship Rodeo** - Must include a minimum of all 8 Standard Events with minimum prize money of \$1500 per event. Double points are awarded for individual titles and all round titles. Team Roping may be conducted as a one (1) or 2 run event with minimum mega prize money. All Round, Super and Mega Rodeos will have preference over any other event run on that day, where practical, to ensure competitors can do both.

Points:



Team Roping 2 run event points:



- a) **Points Award Rodeo** - Must include a minimum of 3 Standard Events with minimum prize money of \$500 per event. Half points are awarded for individual titles only.

Points Award Rodeos:



- b) **Bull Ride** - Must include a minimum of a Bull Ride, Novice Bull Ride and Junior Bull Ride with minimum prize money of \$1500, \$350 and \$200 respectively. Half points are awarded to individual event titles only.



- c) **Junior Rodeo** - Must include the following events:-

Under 8 – Barrel Race and Dummy Roping

Under 12 – Barrel Race, Dummy Roping, Breakaway Roping, Pole Bending and Poddy/Mini Bull Ride

Under 15 – Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Calf Tying, Breakaway Roping, Steer/Mini Bull Ride, Bareback Steer Ride and Saddle Steer Ride

Under 18 – Bull Ride, Saddle Ride, Bareback Ride, Rope & Tie, Chute Dogging, Team Roping, Barrel Race, Breakaway Roping and Pole Bending.

Points are awarded to Junior Rodeo Series only and are not awarded to individual event titles.

Age requirements are to commence at the beginning of the new season.

- d) **National Finals Rodeo** - This category is for final's rodeos only. Any competitor in the NRA standings is eligible to enter to show availability – the top 12 points scorers in each event of those who have entered will be elected for the finals. (In the case that two (2) competitors are on equal points in twelfth position, 13 competitors will be eligible. In the case of more than two competitors on equal points for twelfth position the total will revert to eleven competitors). This will be determined by the board. Late Entries: No late entries will be taken,

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unless the board deems necessary to accept should the numbers of competitors nominated in a particular section be lower than the required placing.

Maximum points apply for all events other than the following exception:

Team Roping Points: (One team - One run)



Finals aggregate points – requires a minimum of 2 rodeos. Average points awarded over no less than 2 rounds. To be eligible for Aggregate points, competitor must have competed in all rounds of the finals. Aggregate winners of all open events over the rounds of the finals including Team Roping (Header and Heeler), Steer Undecorating and junior events will be awarded bonus point's equivalent to points awarded in a single round. These POINTS will be added to the End of Year Standings. No novice money or points will be awarded at the finals.

- e) In all the above rodeo classifications junior and/or novice events can only be included if the equivalent senior event is on the programme, the only exception being a full junior rodeo.
- f) The Board of the National Rodeo Association has the right to negotiate special terms for any rodeo affiliation.

### 8. Final/Average Payouts and Points

- a) In the case of a final, with prize money of \$1000 per event, the money shall be split evenly over the 1st round, the final and the average with points given on the average only.
- b) To be eligible to win prizemoney and points in the average, a competitor must have received a score/time in the round and must compete on all possible head of stock. Where there are not enough scores in the round to fill the required number of positions in the final, competitors can be drawn back into the final, or in the case of rough

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stock events, they can be placed into the final based on the longest buck off time however they will not be eligible for average money and points.

- c) Rough Stock average winners will be determined by the highest aggregate score on the greatest number of qualified rides.
- d) Time Event average winners will be determined by the fastest aggregate time on the greatest number of qualified runs.
- e) The same head of stock cannot be drawn by a competitor more than once in an average.

**9. Arena conditions:**

- a) The arena must be considered safe and suitable for a rodeo to be conducted.
- b) The arena must be completely top dressed or ripped to a minimum of 75mm and a maximum of 100mm.
- c) The final decision on cancelling a rodeo or stopping a rodeo due to weather or ground conditions must be done by NRA directors. If the conditions are considered safe contractors must complete their obligations.

If the conditions are unsafe the following conditions apply:

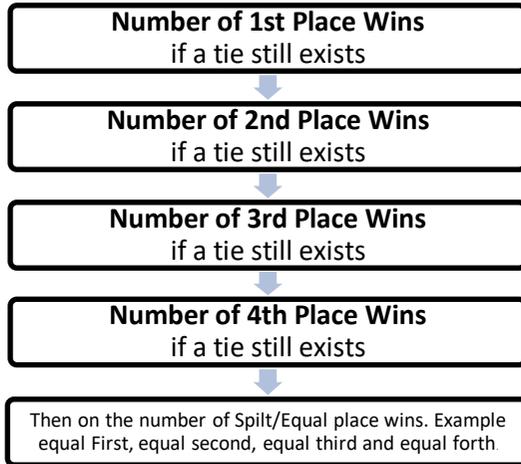
- i) If a rodeo is abandoned before half the programme is concluded competitors will receive full nomination refund.
- ii) If a rodeo is abandoned after half the programme is completed half prize money per event will be paid out.
- iii) Team Roping - in the case where the event is not completed, all nomination money will be refunded.

In all the above cases no points will be allocated towards the end of year points.

**10. Tie for Event Titles**

- a) In the case of a tie in the All Round title, a count back will be conducted using the formula below.

Points to be calculated from all round point award rodeos: -



- b) In the case of a tie for an event title at the finals the competitors will have to take a ride-off or run-off to decide the winner (contestants must qualify on their head of stock). If a tie still exists use formula as per 10 (a) for all rodeos.

**11. Chute Boss** has the right to:

- a) Fine and scratch a competitor after three (3) calls.  
b) Fine or scratch a competitor after one (1) warning failing to follow directions, fine to be set by NRA Board.

**12. Draws:**

- d) All time event draws or in the case where a rough stock draw is done on the day of the rodeo, will be openly carried out by two (2) persons appointed by a director or judge. At least one judge on the day must be present.  
e) Rough Stock computer draws will be conducted in the NRA Office.  
f) Misdraws:

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- i) Should there be one (1) or two (2) misdraws, the competitors can be drawn a head of stock from the complete pen. Then the competitor drawn will automatically draw from the re-run/re-ride pen.
- ii) Should there be three (3) misdraws, a completely new draw must be carried out.

**13.** All two head contests points and prize money paid on average.

**14. Dress Code:**

- a) All rodeo personnel competing and officiating at a rodeo, Jackpot and Clinic must be in full western dress in the arena and within the intermediate area of the chutes and time event box. Western attire consists of a hat, boots, jeans or western pants and a long sleeve western shirt with sleeves buttoned down and a collar. All attire must be worn in a neat and tidy manner. The rule applies to competitors, chute boss, announcers, pick-up teams, judges, timekeepers, central entries personnel, stock contractors and their assistants. Bullfighters/Clowns are excluded. Sleeves may be rolled up on riding hand in Rough Stock Events.
- b) Should an appointed Director or Official deem a competitor to be wearing unsuitable attire, the competitor may be called from the arena and within the intermediate area of the chutes and time event box:
  - i. Instructed to change attire.
  - ii. Fined
  - iii. Disqualified for non-compliance in either (i) or (ii).

**15.** No competitor is allowed on horseback in the arena one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the rodeo.

**16.** Mistreatment of an animal within the confines of the designated venue is not tolerated and will incur disqualification and/or fine.

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17. Verbal or physical abuse by any member or day member to any official, committee or other member will result in this person being brought before the Disciplinary Committee for a ruling.
18. It is mandatory that all committees have a qualified Level Three (3) First Aid Officer's in attendance whilst the rodeo is in progress and the nearest Ambulance to be on call or at rodeo. The First Aid Officer will require having a defibrillator on site this is for insurance cover. First Aid officers must have a designated area outside of the arena with vehicle access to arena and clear access for vehicle to leave premises in case of an emergency.
19. Judges, chute bosses, timekeepers, announcers, central entries personnel, pick-up teams and bull fighters who are competing at a rodeo are to supply a suitable replacement for their official capacity for their respective event(s) prior to commencement of the rodeo. If a replacement is not found the said official will be scratched from their respective event(s) and nominations are not refundable.
20. All points award events should be completed prior to any non-point event unless approval granted by the Board.
21. **Rookie Competition**
  - a. For all events, a competitor may compete in either Novice or Open competition until total recorded points in that event have reached 1000 (however only points won in the open competition will count towards a Rookie Title) or breaking Rookie status and HAVE not won a title in that event with any other Association.
  - b. A Rookie is a competitor from their first two (2) years of open competition.
  - c. A competitor has until they reach 1000 recorded points in an open event to nominate for an event Rookie Title.
  - d. The year in which a competitor reaches 1000 points is the competitor's final rookie year for that event.

- e. All Rookie competitors must advise Head Office in writing by completing a Rookie Nomination Form. This is to be done by 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.
- f. A competitor may only win one Rookie title per event.
- g. A tie will be allowed for the Rookie title if more than once competitor has the same points at the end of the regular season.

## **22. Rookie Breaks Open**

- a. Wins a title.
- b. Accrues 1000 open and novice points in an event.
- c. Completes second year of membership.

(In all of the above the member will then be deemed to be an open competitor only).

## **23. Novice Competition**

- a. A novice competitor is eligible to compete in open and novice competition until such time as novice points reach 1000, the novice competitor will have then broken open and therefore be able to compete in open competition only. (Novice points do not appear in the standings on the website or in sports news. All enquiries regarding novice points should be directed to the NRA Office).
- b. All junior rough stock competitors must wear protective equipment such as a helmet and vest, when competing in open, novice and junior events.
- c. All novice competitors must wear protective equipment such as a helmet and vest, when competing in open and novice bull ride. All Novice competitors must wear a vest when competing in the open and Novice rough stock horse events.
- d. Only prize monies won at NRA affiliated points awarded rodeos count towards breaking novice status.
- e. Novice points awarded is accumulated for the lifetime of the member.

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- f. Junior competitors may continue to compete in novice events until they become an open member regardless of points accumulated.

### **24. Open Competition**

As a competitor 'breaks open' they will be notified in writing from the NRA Office and recorded in the 'break open' register. The Competitors who have 'broken open' will be published on the website and in the sports news.

These competitors are no longer classed as a novice competitor and they are also no longer eligible for novice money or points. However, your rookie (\*R\*) status will remain in the standings until the end of the rodeo season.

25. Any competitor, contractor, rodeo personnel seen drinking alcohol in the immediate vicinity of the arena or in the backyards will incur a fine for first offence and immediate disqualification for the day.
26. All complaints must be addressed on the complaints form with a fee of \$50 to accompany it, if upheld money will be refunded. No prize money will be paid out until matter is resolved. No video evidence is able to be used by the judge in review.
27. When a child has shown to be out of control of his or her horse in any event the NRA Event Directors, Executive Board Directors or Judges are to tell the parents that their child is not to ride that horse again in any NRA Affiliated event, until they prove they have control.

## Membership

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Membership in the National Rodeo Association is a privilege not a right. Application for membership shall be made on forms and accompanied by fees and procedures as set from time to time by the board.

Membership or application therefore maybe accepted or rejected at the board's discretion. Every member shall pay to the Association the prescribed membership fee annually. Directors, life and honorary members are exempted from membership fees.

The Board shall have the right to refuse any application for membership without assigning any reason for the declaration. Payment of membership fee binds all members to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of the Association, Code of Practice of the Sport of Rodeo and the NRA Rule Book. First year adult and junior members are to pay an additional fee as a Central Entries Bond.

Membership fee will be set by the board and all fees are payable by the 1st January each calendar year. To compete, officiate and stock contract at a rodeo, members have to be financial.

Disciplinary procedures apply twenty-four (24) hours prior to and twenty-four (24) hours after conclusion of a rodeo.

All members, upon joining the Association, are entitled to one (1) membership card and receive publication of NRA sports news via email, website and or printed document. Rule book can be accessed through the NRA website.

Any member presenting a dishonoured cheque will be fined a sum nominated by the Board to cover charges and cost of cheque. On second offence members will be on a cash basis only.

## **Classification of Membership**

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### ***Men's and Ladies Full Membership***

1. To receive points earned at contests in accordance with the Association's points system toward year end standings and all round titles.
2. After a period of two (2) years of membership, entitled to stand for office of directorship with NRA.
3. After a period of two (2) years of membership, entitled to vote in election of officers and/or other balloting matters raised by the Board of Directors.
4. In the above instance's members must be 18 years and over to be eligible.
5. Members to be eligible to compete must have current membership. To maintain membership fees are to be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> January. Payments after 1st January will incur a late renewal fine set by the board.
6. Resignation of membership must be in writing. When resignation is not received in writing or membership is not renewed by 31<sup>st</sup> March, membership will be cancelled, and bond will be forfeited.
7. A person is not eligible to compete on a day membership for a period of three (3) months if they have resigned or their membership has been forfeited.

### ***Junior Membership:***

1. Junior members must be 17 years and under as of 1st January. Birth certificates must be supplied.
2. One parent/legal guardian must be a member of the NRA and must sign the NRA Code of Behaviour. Fees to reflect parent/legal guardian status, as a competitor or associate member. Fines for breaches of the Code of Behaviour by any family member will be the responsibility of the financial members.
3. To receive points earned at contests in accordance with the Associations points system toward year end standings.

4. All junior competitors must wear an approved skull cap as per Australian Standards in Open and Junior events. Full face helmets must be worn by competitors in 7-U12 Poddy/Mini Bull ride, U15 Junior Steer/Mini Bull Ride and U18 Boys Junior Bull Ride.
5. Any junior competing in an open event must be either a full, permit or day member.
6. Not entitled to stand for office of directorship with NRA.
7. Not entitled to vote in election of officers and or other balloting matters raised by Board of Directors.
8. In addition to normal membership fees, junior members shall pay a Central Entries bond in their first year of membership. (Fee at NRA discretion).

***Day Membership:***

1. Temporary membership for the day of the Rodeo only and must pay a fee as set by the Board from time to time. (Fee at NRA discretion).
2. Day Members are not able to accrue points for any event and/or all round titles.
3. Not entitled to stand for office of directorship with NRA.
4. Not entitled to vote in election of officers and or other balloting matters raised by Board of Directors.

***Subscription Membership:***

1. For non-competing members.
2. Not entitled to stand for office of directorship with NRA.
3. Not entitled to vote in election of officers and other balloting matters raised by Board of Directors.

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### ***Associate Membership:***

1. For non-competing members.
2. Parent/legal guardian, judge, chuteboss, timekeeper, pick-up man, bullfighter, announcer.
3. Not entitled to stand for office of directorship with NRA.
4. Not entitled to vote in election of officers and or other balloting matters raised by Board of Directors.

### ***Life Membership:***

1. A member shall qualify for nomination for life membership, by rendering the association meritorious service in the opinion of the board.
2. Nominations for life membership shall be submitted in writing to the Board prior to the Annual General Meeting (must be proposed and seconded by financial members).
3. Nominations for life membership must be presented at the Annual General Meeting and issued only on the unanimous decision of the members.
4. A life member is entitled to all benefits as set forth for full members.

### ***Honorary Membership:***

1. Honorary membership may be bestowed upon a person for a period of one (1) year.
2. Not entitled to stand for office of directorship with NRA.
3. Not entitled to vote in election of officers and or other balloting matters raised by Board of Directors.

### ***Committee Membership:***

1. Be entitled to vote in election of officers and or other balloting matters brought up by Board of Directors. One (1) vote only.
2. Receive publication of Association bi-monthly newsletter.

## Central Entries

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### ***Entry Times/Preferences:***

1. Regular entry times as per Central Entries Rules and Guidelines as set out on website or printed in the newsletter. If there are more than two Rodeos, an additional entry time may be added and will be published on the NRA Facebook, Website and/ or printed in the Newsletter.
2. The Committee/Promoter has the right to request current top five (5) competitors in the standings and any local competitors to be placed in the performance rounds.
3. To be eligible to compete in local events the competitor must live within 50km radius from the rodeo that is holding the local event. Proof of residence may be required on the day, should there be a need for verification.
4. Financial members will have 3 preferences per year with a further option of placing trades. The rodeo program, stock and position draws for all events will be posted on the NRA website on Wednesday night prior to the rodeo and it will be the responsibility of the competitor to trade out with another competitor if they wish to change sections.  
Barrel Race Trades: (Open and juniors) can only trade with the competitor of the same position draw in different sections, if trade is done with a competitor in a different position draw than both competitors will be placed in last position draw of each section. Both Competitors making trade are required to advise the NRA Office prior to 12 noon on Friday.

### ***Members:***

Must be financial. When nominating must state: 1. rodeo, 2. membership number, 3. Name, 4. The event/s and status, for example, novice. A reference number will be given when entries are recorded. It is the nominated member's responsibility to record this reference number. No investigation of entries will proceed without individual's reference number. Entries will not be accepted if there are any previous unpaid debts. All competitors must pay for all events entered prior to competing. Failure to do so will incur a fine and be disqualified.

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## *Central Entries*

### **Day Members:**

*Nomination procedures as per Members (Page 21).* Apart from been eligible to nominate on the day of the rodeo for a maximum of 3 rodeos for events that are chute drawn or before stock draws have commenced in open events subject to the discretion of the Committee and Contractor. An additional fee is payable for men's, ladies and junior for day membership. Must have their entry money plus day membership fee to the NRA Office by the designated date. Failure to do so will result in entries not being accepted. Day members are required to sign a day membership form binding them to abide by the Constitution and Rules of this Association and Code of Practice on the Sport of Rodeo. A parent/legal guardian's signature is required on the form for under 18 years of age Competitors. All day members are required to complete this form prior to competing. Failure to do this will result in disqualification.

### **Late Entries:**

Late entries will be accepted up to 12 noon Monday preceding the rodeo unless stated on Facebook, website or in the newsletter. Any committee not accepting late entries must notify NRA office by the last advertised entry date. All late entries will be automatically accompanied by a fine (Senior \$25 / Junior \$5). Day members will not incur a late entry fine. Entry procedures are to be followed as for members and day member's nominations unless stated on the website or in the sports news. If there are less than 10 entries in an event, there will be no late fee applied to late entries.

### **Cancellations:**

1. Cancellations prior to 12 noon Monday preceding the rodeo will not incur a fine.
2. Cancellations after 12 noon Monday and before 12 noon Thursday preceding the rodeo unless otherwise stated will incur a committee levy plus administration fee with or without a Doctors/Vets certificate.
3. Cancellations after 12 noon Thursday preceding the rodeo will incur full payment of entry fee plus turn out fine. To medical out the competitor must

supply a Doctors/Vets certificate within 7 days from date of rodeo or full entry fee and turn out will apply.

4. Any un-notified cancellations will incur full nominations plus a turn out fine.
5. Cancellations must be done through the NRA Office or Central Entries Hotline on day of Rodeo only.
6. If a rodeo cancels prior to it being held, competitors will be allowed to transfer their entries to another rodeo if that committee approves and no draws have been done.

***Hotline:***

The NRA Central Entries phone will be on two (2) hours prior to the commencement of the rodeo. The Central Entries phone is available on the day for notification of any unforeseen circumstances. This notification must be received before the draws are commenced. It is the individual's responsibility to personally advise any changes necessary. No responsibility will be accepted by the office if you fail to comply with this request.

***Injuries / Medical Outs:***

If a competitor is injured at a rodeo and is nominated in another event, a medical certificate must be obtained from the first aid attendant on the ground and presented to the central entry officer on the day, before the event concludes. Failure to comply with the above the competitor pays full nomination fee plus turn out fee.

If a competitor has received a concussion at the rodeo and the Chuteboss has reported the head injury on the Rodeo Report, the competitor must provide a medical clearance before riding again.

***Insurance Form:***

In the case of a competitor being injured during the course of the rodeo he/she must obtain an injury occurrence form from the Central Entries office on the day and submit a copy to NRA Office by 12 noon Monday.

## **NRA Affiliated Committees**

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1. Organisations desiring to conduct a rodeo may make application for registration to NRA Office. For every rodeo promoted under the auspices of the NRA the organising body shall pay to the Association an affiliation fee in conjunction with forwarding the completed NRA Affiliation Form. The board has the right to approve or disapprove application. The completed application form is required two (2) months prior to the promotion for inclusion on the NRA website or in the sports news.
2. Committees must display on programmes and posters that the rodeo is NRA affiliated.
3. Judges, chute bosses, timekeepers and officials are to be appointed from the NRA approved officials list published on the NRA website or in the sports news.
4. All NRA approved rodeos must have two (2) NRA approved judge, one (1) NRA approved chute boss and one (1) NRA approved timekeeper.
5. All contract stock are to be selected from contractors listings published on the NRA website or in the sports news.
6. Affiliated Committees can only conduct approved NRA rodeo events. If there are less than a total of 50 entries as a combination of all rough stock events at a rodeo, then the Committee has the right to run any or all events over two (2) head. If less than 4 competitors in an event the committee can place that event over 2 head. If only 1 entry in an event the committee has the right to cancel the event.
7. It is mandatory that all committees have a qualified Level Three (3) First Aid Officer's in attendance whilst the rodeo is in progress and the nearest Ambulance to be on call or at rodeo. The First Aid Officer will require having a defibrillator on site this is for insurance cover. First Aid Officers must have a designated area outside of the arena with vehicle access to arena and clear access for vehicle to leave premises in case of an emergency.

8. All competitors and officials receive free admission to the rodeo, a list of competitors and officials will be forwarded from NRA Office two (2) days prior to the rodeo.
9. It is at the Committee/Promoter discretion to allow half price or free entry for parents or legal guardians of junior competitors (1 parent only).
10. It is at the Committee/Promoter discretion to allow half price or free entry for competing member's partners.
11. If (b) or (c) above is accepted by the Committee/Promoter this will be then advertised to members on the NRA website and printed NRA Newsletter.
12. An office or secure closed in area with adequate lighting is to be available for the NRA central entries personnel.

## **Arenas**

1. All arenas used for rodeos are to be stock proof, including suitable fencing to prevent the escape of any animal from the arena or yarding facilities.
2. Without prior approval of the Board a portable arena minimum height of 1800 millimetres. Rodeos conducting any timed events must be a minimum of 50 metres from the catch pen to the front time box and a minimum width of 30 metres to comply with recommendations of the governing body.
3. Without prior approval of the Board a portable arena shall be 30 x 30 metres for rough stock only events.
4. Injured stock/animal requirement by Animal Welfare;
  - a. A Veterinarian to be either in attendance or be advised of the event and be on standby.
  - b. Suitable transport on standby in case of injured animal.

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- c. Suitable screening (e.g. Hessen or Tarpaulin) for injured stock/animal to be available on the rodeo grounds on day of rodeo.
5. Suitable gate entrances are to be available for the moving of injured competitors.
6. It is recommended that the minimum time event box length is 4.8 metres and minimum time event box width is 2.4 metres.

### **Rodeo Organiser**

The Rodeo Organiser must:

1. Ensure that Judges, Animal Welfare Officers, Stock Contractors, pickup persons and Protection Clowns, and any other relevant personnel, used at the rodeo have the relevant knowledge, experience and skills to meet their responsibilities and are approved by the Australian Rodeo Federation.
2. Ensure an Event Veterinarian is available for immediate consultation when a rodeo event is being conducted.
3. Appoint an Animal Welfare Officer for the rodeo.
4. Ensure rodeo officials are provided with, and understand, the standard operating procedures for the management of sick or injured livestock.
5. Prepare a "Rodeo Report" for incidents where an animal is sick or injured. The Report must be kept for a minimum of two years and include: – the date and location of the rodeo – the names of the Rodeo Organiser and all persons involved in the incident – description of the incident – the number, types, and description of the animal's injuries – the name of the relevant Event Veterinarian – the treatment given and actions taken for each animal.
6. Report any potential breaches of these standards to the Government Department responsible for administering the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001.

## NRA Stock Contractors

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1. Contractors have to be financial members of NRA and pay a full membership fee.
2. If person/s authorised by a Contractor to assist at a rodeo are not NRA members, they become the sole responsibility of the Contractor.  
Example: Backyard workers, chute workers including kicker person. In such cases the Contractor responsible shall accept full responsibility for the actions of the said worker and will be held accountable in the event of conflict. NRA dress code applies, failure to comply will have offending party removed from arena and the responsible contractor will be fined.
3. Any Contractor or assistant guilty of trying to influence judges shall be fined, with the fine set by the NRA Board.
4. Any contractor found guilty of cheating or mistreatment of stock will be removed from NRA Contractors listing.
5. When a contractor has accepted to supply stock for a rodeo and then refuses to allow the use of their stock, they shall be fined no less than twice their annual NRA membership fee.
6. Repeated infringements of either of the above offences shall lead to the said contractor being deleted from NRA contractors listing.
7. A contractor must supply sufficient stock to complete each event as per the rules set down for that event.
8. In the event of a contractor being suspended or removed from NRA stock listing, the governing body will be advised and said contractor will be withdrawn from all listings.
9. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure stock numbers are submitted by determined date or time.
10. All stock must be on the ground and clearly numbered one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the event for inspection unless prior arrangements have been organised.

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- 11.** All stock to be drafted by stock contractors to ensure the smooth running of the rodeo.
- 12.** Failure to comply with the above rules will result in penalties being imposed.
- 13.** It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure stock conforms to the Animal Welfare Code. Failure to do so will result in the contractor being fined or suspended or both.
- 14.** To be classed as contract stock, the stock for time events must be pre-run, pre-tied, pre-thrown off horseback replicating each event as it would occur during the rodeo or chute handled for rough stock until they become familiar with the surroundings.
- 15.** Rough stock contractors must supply their own kickers/flanks and they must be lined with sheepskin or an approved lining.
- 16.** Time event contractors must supply their own approved horn wraps for team roping time box pads and approved timed event barriers.
- 17.** All stock must be freeze, fire or paint branded, cattle may be ear tagged. All numbers must be clearly visible.
- 18.** All rough stock must be registered (*Name and No.*) with NRA Office before being included in computer draws.
- 19.** Stock must be sound, healthy and in good condition. Overweight stock and obviously pregnant females must not be used. Stock contractors shall be fined or suspended for supplying unsuitable stock. Cattle must be of conditions scores 2-4 and horses of condition scores of 3 & 4 only.
- 20.** All calves must have a minimum of 1 hour rest between runs.
- 21.** Known head and chute fighting stock to be excluded from the draw unless approved by the Event Administrator/Director.
- 22.** If a head of stock is banned the contractor will be notified verbally by an official and then receive written notification within fourteen (14) days from NRA Office.

14. Loose stock must be cleared from the arena in all horse rough stock events, with bulls at the stock contractor's or rider's discretion.
15. Electric prods to be used only in accordance with the Queensland animal welfare standard and guidelines – animals at rodeos – S.17.
16. All second division stock must be approved.
17. A minimum horse height of 14 hands will apply. Shod horses (front feet only) may be included in the draw under certain circumstances and with approval of the Administrator/Director.
18. A minimum open bull weight of 500kg will apply unless otherwise approved by an Administrator/Director.
19. All bulls' horns must be tipped to a minimum diameter of 25mm.
20. All Time Event cattle must be tipped to a minimum diameter of 10mm.
21. Untipped stock will be excluded from draw.
22. Rope and Tie/Breakaway stock minimum weight 100kg live weight. Even line.
23. Steer Wrestling/Steer Undecorating stock minimum weight 200kg to a max 400kg live weight. Even line.
24. Team Roping stock minimum 200kg live weight.

## General Rules for Rough Stock Events

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1. Commencement of any Rough Stock event is deemed to be started by the competitor on their given signal from which time the competitor accepts the arena and the decision of the Judge.
2. All rough stock events have an eight (8) second time limit with the exception of the Senior Bull Ride and 7-U12 Poddy/Mini Bull Ride being six (6) seconds.
3. Time commences when the head of stock's two (2) front feet hit the ground clear of the Chute line.

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4. The scoring system to be based on 1 to 25 points for the stock and 1 to 25 points for the ride on each side (total of 100 points).
5. After three honest attempts the judge may turn the head of stock out and award a no-ride.
6. If the horse fails to leave the chute or will not stand, the Judge may call the competitor to spur in the belly, which will automatically qualify as a mark out (free rowel).
7. Once competitor accepts stock and chute gate is opened, the gate cannot be closed without the authorisation of the judge and judge only.
8. Competitors' broken gear does not constitute a re-ride in any rough stock event. The only exception being kickers supplied by contractors.
25. Spurs must be blunt and free rolled with the exception that they may be semi-locked in the Bull Ride. Queensland animal welfare standard and guidelines – animals at rodeos – S.40 A,B&C.
9. There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry rosin used in riggings or riders' glove.
10. Finger tucks are not allowed.
11. Stock to be flanked and ridden from the chutes, chute gate to be opened on the rider's signal unless he has been warned for undue delay by the Judge or Chute Boss and then his head of stock may be turned out.
12. If an animal is marked, the Judges and Director are to assess the amount of damage and if they the competitor was responsible, he will be disqualified and fined and/or suspended. If fined, the fine shall be split 70% to the Stock Contractor and 30% to NRA and the stock may not be contested on for a period of two (2) weeks.
13. Any rider turning out stock will be liable to a fine.
14. Re-ride/No ride:

- a) To be awarded a re-ride in any event, a contestant must complete a qualified ride.
- b) If the head of stock leaves the arena during the contest, it is automatically a re-ride.
- c) A competitor, after three (3) re-rides, shall be refunded the added back and committee levy portion of their nomination money.
- d) If a competitor is fouled on arena fixtures, it will be at the Judge's discretion as to a re-ride being awarded.
- e) If a head of stock fails to perform to the Judge's satisfaction, and the competitor Outclasses the head of stock, the contestant will be given a score with the option of a re-ride. Competitor must notify judges of his intention immediately.
- f) Each event will have a minimum of two (2) re-ride head of stock provided by the contractor prior to the commencement of the Event. Any turnout stock not drawn again will be included in the re ride pen. If drawn again, it is the contractor's right to exclude said stock from the re-ride pen. The Judges will draw out both the competitor and the re ride stock. It is mandatory that the officiating judges conduct the draw.  
The correct procedure is as per the following example: One (1) re-ride, a minimum of two (2) head of stock, two (2) re-rides a minimum of two (2) head of stock, three (3) re-rides, a minimum of three (3) head of stock and so on.
  - i. If a re-ride head of stock is drawn in the following section, the competitor with the original draw has first option of contesting on that stock.
- g) A No Ride applies if:
  - i. Fouled at the chute gate and claims foul (grab down, slap stock, try to get off, etc.).
  - ii. Head of stock falls from the chute.

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- iii. Head of stock is led from the chute and fails to buck.
- iv. Head of stock falls in such a manner that endangers the rider.
- v. If flank/kicker comes off prior to the eight (8) second time limit, a no-ride will be awarded.

### ***Standard disqualifications for all Rough Stock Events.***

- a) Violations of governing rule or rules of the judges.
- b) Being under the influence of liquor or drugs.
- c) Mistreatment of stock.
- d) Altercations with judges or officials or rodeo committee or board members.
- e) Competitor may be disqualified for undue delay in the chute or on the grounds after being warned by the Chute Boss.
- f) Any contestant failing to answer the third call of the Chute Boss will be disqualified.
- g) Cheating with draw constitutes disqualification.
- h) In the case of a competitor coming in contact with the arena with their free hand or arm, and in the judge's opinion, such contact has aided the competitor, automatic disqualification shall occur.

### **Men's Bull Ride**

1. All "General Rules for Rough Stock Events" apply. (Refer page 29).
2. All stock to be drawn prior to the commencement of contest.
3. This is a one-handed event. Bulls to be ridden for eight (8) seconds. It is mandatory that all competitors wear a protective vest.
4. Only recognised Bull Ropes to be used. Ropes must have a bell or bells attached by a loose rope or strap.

5. All bulls are to be flanked with a soft cotton rope with a minimum diameter of 16mm, or leather flank with sheepskin or approved lining.
6. If a contestant makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand, he is to be scored.
7. Undue delays with Bull Rope adjustment resulting in time delays clearing the chute will be left to the discretion of the Chute Boss.
8. Bulls do not have to be spurred for the contestant to be awarded a score.
9. Bulls to be flanked with NRA approved kickers.
10. Re-ride/No ride - Refer to "General Rules for Rough Stock Events" (Refer Page 29).
11. Chute Boss may fine a rider who is next to go and is not ready with his glove on, chaps buckled, when the rider before him goes out. Minimum fine \$20.00, maximum \$50.00.
12. The weight of competitors in a bull must not exceed 20% of the live weight of the cattle they are riding.

### ***Men's Bull Ride Disqualifications***

1. Being bucked off.
2. Touching down (touching any part of the beast or person with free hand or arm) to assist the rider.
3. Cut Bull.
4. Losing hold on rope.
5. All Standard Disqualification for "Rough Stock Events" apply. (Refer page 31).
6. In the case of a competitor coming in contact with the arena with their free hand or arm, and in the judge's opinion, such contact has aided the competitor, automatic disqualification shall occur.

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7. Re-setting and re-pulling the rope more than twice if the bull is standing quietly in the chute.

### ***Men's Senior Bull Ride***

1. All "General Rules for Rough Stock Events" apply (Refer page 28).
2. As per "Men's Bull Ride Rules".
3. This is a one-handed event. Bulls to be ridden for six (6) seconds. It is mandatory that all competitors wear a protective vest.
4. Men's Senior Bull Ride consists of two separate age events, namely 40 years and over and 50 years and over, run as one event at any Rodeo, concurrently on the same stock. Points are allocated as per the results of the event and accumulated as per age categories.
5. To be eligible to compete in Men's Senior Bull Ride (40 years and over), contestants must turn 40 years of age or older (but less than 50 years of age) during the current Rodeo Season.
6. To be eligible to compete in Men's Senior Bull Ride (50 years and over), contestants must turn 50 years of age or older during the current Rodeo Season.
7. Men's Senior Bull Ride (40 years and over) and Men's Senior Bull Ride (50 years and over) are individual events and attract separate event titles and trophies."
8. Competitors to be NRA Financial Member to compete in this event.

### ***Men's Novice Bull Ride***

7. As per "Men's Bull Ride Rules".
8. Novice Bull Ride Event will receive points towards end of year buckle. Once a Novice Bull Ride competitor has reached 1000 points, they can compete in the Novice Bull Ride event till end of that year of breaking open, only receiving Novice points.

## Men's Bareback Ride

1. All "General Rules for Rough Stock Events" apply. (Refer page 29).
2. All stock to be drawn prior to the commencement of contest.
3. This is a one-handed event. Horses to be ridden for eight (8) seconds.
4. A one-handed rigging is to be used consisting of no more than 10 inches (250 mm) in width at the hand hold and not more than 6 inches (150 mm) at the D rings.
5. Girth to be a minimum of 5 inches (125 mm). Bareback pads under the rigging must be leather covered both sides.
6. Hair felt pads must be 3/4 inch (19 mm) thick or 1 inch (25 mm) thick if rubber of equivalent density. Pads must also extend at least 2 inches (50 mm) past the back of the rigging to comply with specifications as above.
7. The flanks must be lined with wool or an approved lining and be of a quick release type, with a minimum width of 25mm.
8. The spur rowels for horses must be free running, not be less than three (3) mm in width at its narrowest part and must be a minimum diameter of 20 mm to the point of the rowel.
9. To constitute a mark out to the judge's satisfaction the contestant must have his spurs in or above the break of the shoulder and touching the horse with the rowels of the spurs when the horse's front feet touch the ground clear of the chute line. Officiating Judges will carry a flag to signal that a competitor has not marked his horse correctly. The judge will discard flag (i.e. throw on ground) immediately upon competitor not having achieved mark out as per rule stated above.
10. If the head of stock fails to stand or leave the chute, the Judge may nullify the mark-out. "If a horse fails to leave the chute or will not stand, the judge may call for competitor to spur in the belly, which will automatically qualify as a mark out (free rowel)."
11. Re-ride/No ride - refer to "General Rules for Rough Stock Events" (Refer Page 29).

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### *General Rules for Rough Stock Events*

12. Chute Boss may fine a rider who is next to go and is not ready with his glove on, chaps buckled, when the rider before him goes out. Minimum fine \$20.00, maximum \$50.00.

### **Men's Bareback Disqualifications**

1. Being bucked off.
2. Touching down (touching any part of the horse or person with free hand or arm) to assist the rider.
3. Not marking out.
4. Riding with locked or sharp rowels.
5. Cut Horse.
6. Rider's hand coming out of the rigging.
7. All Standard Disqualification for "Rough Stock Events" apply (Refer Page 31).
8. In the case of a competitor coming in contact with the arena with their free hand or arm, and in the judge's opinion, such contact has aided the competitor, automatic disqualification shall occur.

### **Men's Saddle Ride**

1. All "General Rules for Rough Stock Events" apply. (Refer Page 29).
2. All stock to be drawn prior to the commencement of contest.
3. This is a one-handed event. Horse to be ridden for eight (8) seconds.
4. A plain head collar with braided single rope bucking rein of not more than 2 metres in length is to be used.
5. Saddle specifications:  
Rigging: 20mm double-front edged of D ring must pull not further back than directly below the centre point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring type saddle dee must be used and cannot exceed 145 mm outside width measurements.

Swell Undercut: Not more than 50mm - one on each side.

Gullet: Not less than 100mm wide at the centre of fork of covered saddle.

Tree: Saddle must be built on standard tree.

Specifications: Fork 356mm wide, height 225mm maximum.

Cantle: 125mm maximum height and 356mm maximum width, stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.

Front Girth: The centre of the front girth must be a minimum of 150mm wide.

Back Cinch: A spacer from the front girth to the back cinch must be used if requested by the contractor.

6. The flanks must be lined with wool or an approved lining and be of a quick release type, with a minimum width of 25mm.
7. The spur rowels for horses must be free running, not be less than three (3) mm in width at its narrowest part and must be a minimum diameter of 20 mm to the point of the rowel.
8. To constitute a mark out to the judge's satisfaction the contestant must have his spurs in or above the break of the shoulder and touching the horse with the rowels of the spurs when the horse's front feet touch the ground clear of the chute line. Officiating Judges will carry a flag to signal that a competitor has not marked his horse correctly. The judge will discard flag (ie. throw on the ground) immediately upon competitor not having achieved mark out as per rule stated above.
9. If the head of stock fails to stand or leave the chute, the Judge may nullify the mark-out. "If a horse fails to leave the chute or will not stand, the judge may call for competitor to spur in the belly, which will automatically qualify as a mark out (free rowel)".
10. Re-ride/No ride - refer to "General Rules for Rough Stock Events (Refer Page 29).

### *General Rules for Rough Stock Events*

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

### ***Saddle Ride Disqualifications***

1. Being bucked off.
2. Touching down (touching any part of the horse or person with free hand or arm) to assist the rider.
3. Not marking out.
4. Losing an ox bow.
5. Having rein on opposite side of horse's neck to the hand in which it is held.
6. Riding with locked or sharp rowels.
7. Wrapping rein around hand.
8. Losing bucking rein.
9. Not showing clearance between the swell of the saddle and his hand with the bucking rein.
10. Not showing daylight with riding hand when leaving the line of the chute and must have no contact with free hand.
11. A cut horse is to be inspected by judge and administrator.
12. All Standard Disqualification for "Rough Stock Events" apply (Refer Page 31).
13. In the case of a competitor coming in contact with the arena with their free hand or arm, and in the judge's opinion, such contact has aided the competitor, automatic disqualification shall occur.

## General Rules for Time Events

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1.
  - a. The barrier must be set by the Barrier Judge after consultation with the stock contractor and Time Event Director/Administrator. The length will be determined by the arena conditions. The minimum length shall be 1.8 metres (6 ft) and the maximum length 4.8 metres (16 ft).
  - b. The Time Box to have a minimum depth of 5 metres (16 ft) and minimum width of 3 metres (10 ft) or otherwise approved. Time Box set-ups within a portable arena to be secured so they do not move.
2. Competitors must commence their runs from behind the barrier.
3. Pushing out of stock, from time box chute in any time event is permitted and optional. It is the responsibility of the competing individual to arrange this for their event. The person in the box must not leave the box, cannot touch the stock's tail or pull on the ear. Immediate fine will be issued.
4. All stock to be numbered and a draw to be conducted to allocate stock to each contestant for each Rodeo.
  - a. Contract Stock shall be pre-run, pre-tied, pre-thrown off horseback replicating each event as it would occur during the rodeo. This is the responsibility of the Contractor.
5. All time events will have a thirty (30) second time limit with the exception of Steer Undecorating which has a fifteen (15) second time limit. Penalties are not included in this time limit. If a calf reaches the opposite side of the arena in the Rope and Tie or Breakaway the run will be terminated.
6. There must be a Flag Judge mounted on horseback, two (2) Timekeepers and a Barrier Judge for all time events.

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7. A flag is to be set in the centre of the barrier or on the ring. Time event Barriers to use zip ties size 140mm x 3.6mm to attach the ring to the barrier and zip tie size 100mm x 2.5mm for the necktie. Time will commence when the flag withdraws, and time will finish when the Flag Judge signals time.
8. A broken barrier will constitute a ten (10) second penalty. All barriers must have a ring attached to the pin, ring must fall within a three (3) metre radius of the pin to be a broken barrier, over three (3) metres it is classed as a carried barrier and no penalty applies.
9. Commencement of any Time Events This is deemed to be started by the competitor on their given signal, from which time the competitor accepts the arena and the decision of the Judge. Exceptions:
  - a. Stock gets out of the arena:  
 In the event of a head of stock escaping from the arena, the flag judge signals time, and the time shall be recorded. The competitor may take a re-run with the same head of stock with the time added. If the first run was clear of the barrier no penalties apply. If a broken barrier, then time penalty to apply. The barrier will be reset for timing purposes at all times. This re-run only applies if the time is less than the top four (4) qualified times. In the event of one stopwatch failing, the competitor will be given the option of a re-run prior to notification of their time. This re-run only applies, if the one stopwatch time is less than top four (4) qualified times.
  - b. The Barrier Judge will award a re-run for mechanical failure/human error in the operation of the time event chute should the gate open before the contestant nods or human error with a gate opening, only if they do not contest their stock.
  - c. To claim a re-run, competitors must not attempt to compete on their head of stock, for example steer wrestling/steer undecorating ride by (sitting in an upright position); rope and

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tie/breakaway/Team Roping must stop swinging their rope once they pass the gate line. If the rope catches on the barrier a competitor can be awarded a re-run.

10. Once the gate is opened it must remain open unless the Barrier Judge directs otherwise.
11. Use of a line out person is optional. Person to stand level with the side of the box, No further than the length of the barrier. The line out person must stay stationary until the head of stock has passed. NO re-run for contestant if stock is fouled by line out person.
12. Any rider turning out stock will be liable to a fine - subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors.
13. Barrier judge will notify contestant after the arena is cleared. If in the opinion of an official, competitor takes too long in the box they may be fined.
14. Barrier judge will notify contestant after the arena is cleared. If in the opinion of an official, competitor takes too long in the box they may be fined.
15. Competitor's broken gear does not constitute a re-run-in time event.
16. Re-Run:

To claim a re-run a competitor must not attempt to compete on head of stock.

**a.**

- i. Re-run stock only to be used in the case of injury, or if the same head of stock is drawn in the next round on the same day.
- ii. If there is no re-run stock available, the competitor is entitled to a re-run on the original head of stock.
- iii. If stock is drawn and not competed on, stock is eligible for re-run.

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- b.** In the case of an error by the flag judge, they are to immediately signal the runoff, and wave away and advise the barrier judge and timekeepers that the competitor is to be given a complete re-run. In the case of an error by the flag judge and in the opinion of the flag judge, if the flag could have cost the competitor a placing, a rerun maybe awarded but all penalties incurred in the original run must be carried over. When the gates are open the Time Event Box is not part of the arena. With the gates open, Timed Event stock entering this area will be deemed to have left the arena and clocks to be stopped.
- c.** The chute boss is responsible for ensuring competitors compete on stock drawn. If a contestant competes on the wrong head of stock, they are to take a complete re-run on the correct head of stock.
- d.** If a head of stock escapes from the arena, the competitor may take a re-run with the same head of stock with the time added. If the first run was clear of the barrier no penalties apply. If broken barrier, then time penalty to apply. This re-run only applies if the time is less than the top four (4) qualified times.
- e.** In the event of one stopwatch failing the competitor will be given the option of a re-run prior to notification of their time. This re-run only applies if one stopwatch time is less than top four (4) qualified times.
- f.**

  - i.** The Barrier Judge will award a re-run for Mechanical failure/human error in the operation of the time event chute should the gate open before the contestant nods or human error with the gate opening, only if they do not contest their head of stock.
  - ii.** If the barrier malfunctions i.e., Becomes detached from the box and trails the stock, a re-run may be awarded at the discretion of the judge.

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- i. Rope and Tie, Team Roping and Breakaway Roping: If rope catches on the barrier, the competitor can be awarded a re-run, provided the competitor does not continue the run and does not compete on the stock.
- ii. No re-run will be awarded if a competitor's rope fouls any part of the arena or own person.

Exemption: Competitor being fouled by the barrier.

- iii. Steer Undecorating:
  - a. If ribbon falls off the steer or is pulled off by the barrier or chute, a re-run is to be awarded. Time to stop when ribbon falls off as signalled by flag judge. In the event more than 4 times lower than this time, by the end of round, no rerun will be awarded.
  - b. In the case whereby a re-run is awarded, competitors must ride the same horse and use the same hazer (except in the case of injury).
  - c. Failure to apply a fresh ribbon to the head of stock (Previous ribbon not being removed).

**15. Standard disqualifications for all Time Events:**

- a. Violations of governing rule or rules of the judges.
- b. Being under the influence of liquor or drugs.
- c. Mistreatment of stock.
- d. Altercations with judges or officials or rodeo committee or board members.
- e. Competitor may be disqualified for undue delay in the time box or on the grounds after being warned by the Chute Boss.

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- f. Any contestant failing to answer the third call of the Chute Boss will be disqualified.
- g. Cheating with draw constitutes disqualification.
- h. If a horse refuses to enter the arena or box on three (3) occasions or if a horse bursts out of the box two (2) times, the competitor will be disqualified.
  - i. Automatic disqualification for any competitor in any Time Events whipping their horse with a rope.

### **Men's Rope and Tie**

1. All "General Time Event Rules" apply. (Refer Page 37).
2. A stock draw is to be completed prior to the commencement of the contest.
3. Animals used in this event are to be inspected prior to the event commencing and any stock under 100kg or not in a sound and healthy condition are to be withdrawn from pen.
4. Rope and Tie Flag Judge to be mounted.
5. Competitors to carry one (1) rope and it may only be cast once.
6. Competitor must rope the stock from horseback, rope must be on the stock when the competitor reaches it, and three (3) legs cross tied. Time is taken from the finish signal. Slack must remain in the rope after the competitor rides forward. The run will be deemed satisfactory as soon as the competitor remounts and there is slack in the rope.
  - a. If the stock is down when the competitor reaches it, it must be stood or lifted to clear the ground and thrown by hand.
  - b. If the contestant has his hand on the stock prior to the stock going down, he may tie the stock without standing it.
  - c. There must be at least one (1) wrap and hooley.
  - d. All competitors must use neck strap on their horse.

- e. Rope is to be attached to the approved roping device and from device to the saddle horn.
7. It is mandatory for Rope and Tie competitors to use the approved roping device as per the Animal Welfare Legislation at any NRA affiliated Rodeo's and approved events. It is compulsory that an approved roping device be used for Rope and Tie events including the Junior Rope and Tie.
8. A competitor must not continue to chase the calf after it reaches the opposite side of the arena.
9. Rope sizes to be 10.25, 10.5, or 10.75. No ropes to be joined. Rope to be threaded through device as show in manufacturer's instructions. No ropes are to be connected to the saddle horn. Device can only be tied on to the saddle horn using either a leather strap or nylon rope.
10. The Barrier Judge is required to ensure that a minimum of 400mm of the tail of the rope is clearly hanging out of the device. To assist with this all competitors are required to have the 400mm on the end of the rope coloured with red dye.
11. In the unfortunate incident that a jerk down "bust" (jerk down rules still apply) the flag judge is required to direct the competitor to wait in a position within full view of the barrier judge or a Director until the round finishes. At this time a judge will check your rope and the device. If the device is found to have been changed in any way, the judge is required to report this to the Executive Board with details of the change including photos if possible.
12. Any competitor found guilty of changing the device will face a fine of \$500 and a suspension.
13. Re-run rules as per "General Time Event Rules." (Refer Page 40 Item 16).

***Men's Rope and Tie Disqualifications:***

1. Failure to use the approved roping device and procedure.

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2. Roping stock without releasing the rope from the contestants' hand.
3. Failure of the cross three (3) legged tie to hold until the competitor has remounted and there is slack in the rope.
4. If in the opinion of the Judge, a contestant's calf has been pulled backward off their feet, abruptly thrown sideways or stopped abruptly the contestant will be disqualified and fined. pulled backward off their feet, abruptly thrown sideways, stopped abruptly.
5. Touching the stock, string or rope after the finish signal prior to mounting the horse. (Unless to prevent a dangerous situation with the horse).
6. If a competitor drags a calf one (1) metre (from when the calf first hits the ground) he will be disqualified. The drag mark will be measured from the rump of the calf to the start of the drag mark. The Flag Judge may ride behind the horse if the horse is dragging the calf. Automatic disqualification will occur if the calf is dragged after the competitor has remounted.
7. Continuing to chase the calf after it reaches the other side of the arena.
8. For a second consecutive bust the fine will increase. For a third consecutive bust the competitor will be referred to the Disciplinary Subcommittee.
9. All Standard Disqualification for "Time Events" apply. (Refer Page 42).

### **Men's Steering Wrestling**

1. All "General Time Event Rules" apply. (Refer page 37).
2. A stock draw is to be completed prior to the commencement of the contest.
3. Animals used in this event are to be inspected prior to the event commencing and stock for this event must be a minimum of 200 kg live weight to a maximum 400kg live weight an even line.
4. It is the Time Event Contractors responsibility to ensure that:

5. All Steer Wrestling Cattle horns shall be a minimum 225mm on both horns. The measurement will be from the base of the horn to the tip of the horn. The horn spread of Steer Wrestling cattle shall be a maximum of 800mm from tip to tip with a recommended length of 750mm.
6. Cattle horns shall not be pushed with force through the front of the time event box but may only be guided by hand to keep their head straight.
7. Cattle tails are not to be touched. Stock may be pushed forward by getting behind the stock in the time event box or by placing an arm behind the back legs to push them forward.
8. Stock Contractors are expected to co-operate in trimming cattle's horns to allow them to freely pass through the Time Event Box.
9. It is also recommended that all time event boxes be a minimum of 750mm wide.
10. The maximum horn spread of cattle used in both the Team Roping and Steer Undecorating shall also comply with the above rule.
11. If the contestant leaves his horse on its offside, the steer must be thrown on its near side or back. If the contestant leaves his horse on its near side the steer must be thrown on its offside or back.
12. After the competitor dismounts, he is allowed one (1) step without being in contact with the steer to receive a qualified time.
13. Competitor must not have any assistance after the run commences.
14. Contestant must have one (1) hazer who is a current NRA member or Day member that is competing on the day of the event. To allow insurance cover on day for hazer. If an NRA member and they are not competing they must pay insurance for the day.
15.
  - a. After catching the steer, the contestant must bring it to a stop or change direction and time will be taken when the steer is on

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its side on the ground with all four (4) legs facing one direction and clear.

- b. Contestant must have his hand on the steer when time is taken.

16. Re-run rules as per “General Time Event Rules.” (Refer Page 40 Item 16).

### ***Men’s Steer Wrestling Disqualifications***

1. Assistance in the arena is not permitted, other than the hazer.
2. Whipping the steer by the hazer.
3. A rolling throw will not count. (A rolling throw is when a contestant fails to stop or change direction of the steer before throwing him).
4. All Standard Disqualification for “Time Events” apply (Refer Page 42).

### **Team Roping**

1. All “General Time Event Rules” apply. (Refer Page 37).
2. A stock draw is to be completed prior to the commencement of the contest.
3. Animals used in this event are to be inspected prior to the event commencing and any stock under 200kg or not in a sound and healthy condition are to be withdrawn from pen.
4. All team roping cattle to be fitted with protective horn wraps.
5. It is the Time Event Contractors responsibility to ensure that:
  - a. All Team roping Cattle horns shall be a minimum 225mm on both horns. The measurement will be from the base of the horn to the tip of the horn. The horn spread of Team Roping cattle shall be a maximum of 800mm from tip to tip with a recommended maximum length of 750mm. The measurement will be from the base of the horn to the tip of the horn.
6. The team cannot compete in the same event twice except multiple head contests.

7. Contestants may carry one (1) rope and have one (1) cast only. Legal head catches:

There are only three (3) legal head catches;

- around the horns
- around the neck
- half head catch

8. Catching only one (1) hind foot is given a five (5) second penalty.
9. The direction of the steer must be changed before the heel rope can be thrown. Any heel rope thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded.
10. Time will be taken when the head is caught and at least one (1) heel is in the heeler's rope, both ropes are dallied tight, both horses are facing the steer and ropes are straight and tight.
11. Horses' front feet must be on the ground and both competitors must be mounted when time is taken.
12. Steer must be standing when roped by the head or heels. Ropes must be released from steer as soon as possible.
13. Any heel catch behind the shoulders is legal providing the rope goes up the heels.
14. If the steer is roped by one horn, competitor is not allowed to put the rope over the other horn or head with their hand.
15. If a heeler ropes the front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is considered a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the loop by the time the Flag Judge drops the flag, time will be taken.
16. Re-run rules as per "General Time Event Rules." (Refer Page 40 No. 16).
17. In a team roping contest when the header fails to attach his rope to the beast the heeler is not to contest the competition any further. Failure to comply with this rule will result in an instant fine.

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18. Members fifty years of age and over are permitted to tie their ropes (hard and fast) on the saddle horn.
19. If a partner is unavailable (in case of accident or breakdown) instead of turning out stock, remaining competitor may select another partner who is nominated for that rodeo in any event to compete with on the day. The selected partner does not pay entries fee and will not be eligible for prize money or points on the run.
20. Team roping competitors will be eligible to qualify for the finals as both Header and Heeler.

### ***Team Roping Disqualifications***

1. Illegal head catch.
2. Excessive dragging of the steer by the header when it is on the ground.
3. Heeler roping heels before the header ropes the head.
4. If horn passes through honda, catch is illegal.
5. If loop crosses itself in head catch, it is illegal.
6. Roping the steer without releasing the loop from your hand is not permitted.
7. Cattle must not be stretched to the point where their front feet are lifted off the ground.
8. No hard and fast ropes allowed. (Unless 12 above).
9. All Standard Disqualification for "Time Events" apply. (Refer Page 43).

### **Ladies Barrel Race**

1. A position draw is to be completed prior to the commencement of the event.
2. Barrel Race competitors may cancel out of a rodeo with a Veterinary Certificate should the horse be injured. The Veterinary Certificate must be received at Head Office within five (5) working days following the rodeo.

3. Before the commencement of a Rodeo, horses may be exercised in the Arena to establish ground conditions (committee's discretion).
4. The course must be set to the size appropriate to the arena conditions. This will be decided by the Barrel Racing Administrator, Director or Judge.
5. Barrel Pattern - competitors may go to either the right or left barrel first but must take one right and two left turns or one left and two right turns.
6. Barrels must be 44-gallon size steel drums as standard (200 litre drums) and have both ends closed.
7. Once the barrels are set up in the arena, no contestant can ride in the arena until the chute boss calls them for their run (except where there has been approval by a Rodeo Official to do so).
8. The Administrator, Director or Judge to ensure barrels are set up in correct spot.
9. A competitor must start and finish inside the arena. The time event box to be closed during the Barrel race.
10. Horse must not be mounted inside the arena. Competitor may be assisted by a fellow competitor on horseback only. No competitor is to be led into the arena by another person who is not mounted on a horse. Competitors must be mounted when entering the arena for their competition run. Junior may be assisted by horseback or foot in the junior event only.
11. In any arena where the bucking chutes are situated parallel to any of the 3 barrels in the barrel race, no bucking stock is to be run up/and or standing in the chutes while the barrel race is being conducted.
12. The only assistance required from competitors is to assist in the measuring and pegging of the course prior to the commencement of the rodeo and that the setting of the physical course (drums and electronic timers) is the responsibility of judges/officials.

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- 13.** Competitors are permitted to circle their horse in front of the starting line in the Arena before commencing their run.
- 14.** The previous competitor should leave the Arena before the next competitor enters.
- 15.** Hats must be cleared from the Arena before the next run.
- 16.** A five (5) second penalty will apply for knocking over a barrel.
- 17.** Touching the barrel with the hand to prevent it from falling is permitted as long as the top rim of the barrel has not hit the ground.
- 18.** Split sections may be used provided the course has been pre-marked with pegs, and a diagram showing the exact barrel course measurements is available (e.g. in case a peg has been pulled out during harrowing). This diagram shall also be posted or made available for competitors, when split sections are used. The entire barrel course, including starting and finishing line, must be permanently marked until the completion of the entire barrel race. The start and finishing pegs must be in line with, and parallel to, the first and second barrels.
- 19.** A contestant is restricted to one horse for Barrel Racing. The Rodeo committee (organising body) has the right if four (4) or fewer entries to request competitors run twice, in this instance placings would be paid out on the average.
- 20.** Broken Equipment:
  - a. If the equipment fails during the run, and restricts the competitor from completing her run, no re-run will be awarded.
  - b. If the competitor is able to complete the run with broken equipment, then her time will be recorded.
- 21.** Officials shall take all due care to ensure the Arena gate is closed after the competitor enters the Arena to take her run. The gate shall remain closed until the competitor has finished her run and is ready to leave. It is the Barrel Racing Director's responsibility to ensure the gate is closed.

In the event of a controlled, manned, and approved start finish alley, competitors may have a running start from this area.

22. Any ground rules are at the discretion of the officials on the day, and will be posted at the secretary's office on the day.
23. Hitting the horse around head, or excessive use of whip/over and under in the Barrel Race may result in disqualification for the duration of the Rodeo at the Judges' and/or Director's discretion. There will be no refund of Entry Fees.
24. Electric Timers:
  - a. Electric timers shall be used wherever possible, plus a minimum of one Manual (hand) timer. Times must be recorded on Judges/Timers sheets to the third decimal place.
  - b. If the Electric timers fail to work for more than one half of the contestants in an entire round, the manual time will be used as the official time for all contestants in that round.
25. Stop Watches:
  - a. In the case of stop watches being used – Time commences as the horse's nose passes the start/finish line.
  - b. In the case of stop watches being used – two (2) clocks must be used. The average time from two (2) clocks is to be the official time. If one clock fails, time will be taken from the one (1) clock. When manual clocks are used, times should be taken to third decimal point.
  - c. If there is a difference of more than 0.5 seconds or greater between the two stop watches, the competitor is entitled to a re-run. The competitor must be notified of such a discrepancy by the Timekeeper/Judge as soon as possible before the completion of the event but must not be advised of their time prior to deciding on a re-run.

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### **Ladies Barrel Race Disqualifications**

1. Failure to follow the pattern, or for crossing the finish line without completing the correct course.
2. Starting from outside the Arena.
3. Excessive use of whip or under and over or other equipment. Excessive whipping, striking or hand slapping will be classed as no more than (2) strikes going to each drum, and four (4) on the way home. This will be the decision of the judge officiating.
4. Circling around the determined barrel course after the course has been pegged and marked.
5. If a horse refuses to enter the arena after three (3) attempts, the competitor will be disqualified.
6. All Standard Disqualification for "Time Events" apply. (Refer Page 43).  
NOTE: NO SETTING UP OF THE DRUMS IN THE ARENA ON THE DAY OF THE RODEO.

### **Ladies Breakaway Roping**

1. All "General Time Event Rules" apply (Refer Page 37).
2. A stock draw is to be completed prior to the commencement of the contest.
3. A competitor must not continue to chase the calf after it reaches the opposite side of the arena.
4. Animals used in this event are to be inspected prior to the event commencing and any stock under 100kg or not in a sound and healthy condition are to be withdrawn from pen.
5. There is only one (1) rope permitted and one (1) cast of that rope permitted.
6. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with four (4) pieces of heavy duty string, or one (1) piece of builders string line, and a bright cloth of dimensions 15cm x15cm must be attached to the end of the rope.

7. Taping of ropes is permitted. Portion of rope folded must be fully taped with no coils to be permitted to be taped.
  - a. The only legal catch is when the rope passes over the head and draws up around neck (head catch).
  - b. The Flag Judge will flag the contestant when the flag breaks away from the saddle horn.
8. Calves to be an even line of stock, i.e. All to have a maximum horn length of 10cm or all to have no horns.
9. Re-run rules as per “General Time Event Rules.” (Refer Page 40 Item 16).

### ***Breakaway Roping Disqualifications***

1. Illegal catch.
2. Contestant will receive no time should she break the rope from the saddle horn by hand.
3. Roping calf without releasing the rope from the contestant’s hand.
4. Continuing to chase the calf after it reaches the other side of the arena.
5. Rope hitting the ground will be deemed as a cast.
6. All Standard Disqualification for “Time Events” apply (Refer Page 43).

### ***Ladies Steer Undecorating***

1. All “General Time Event Rules” apply (Refer Page 37).
2. All stock to be drawn prior to the commencement of contest.
3. Animals used in this event are to be inspected prior to the event commencing and stock for this event must be a minimum 200kg live weight.
4. It is the Time Event Contractors responsibility to have suitable Steer Undecorating Cattle. The measurement from the base of the horn to the tip of the horn shall be a maximum of 800mm from tip to tip with a recommended maximum length of 750mm horn.

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5. Ribbon may be taken from either near or offside of steer depending on the side the contestant leaves the chute, but the competitor cannot change sides during the run.
6. Competitor must not have any assistance after the run commences.
7. A ribbon is to be firmly fixed length wise along the steers' back at the point of shoulder. Ribbon to measure a minimum of 4cm wide x 30cm in length.
8. Ribbon to be affixed immediately prior to run. Any ribbon not detached from previous run to be removed and fresh ribbon affixed. It is the responsibility of an Arena official to ensure a fresh ribbon is applied to the head of stock.
9. Time is completed when the competitor's hand is raised with the ribbon above the shoulder after the ribbon is taken from the steers back and the flag judge has declared the run. Ribbon must be returned to the judge.
10. Each contestant must use one hazer who is a current NRA member or Day member.
11. A time limit of fifteen (15) seconds for this event.
12. Competitors must be sixteen (16) years of age or over to compete.
13. Re-run rules as per "General Time Event Rules." (Refer Page 40 Item 16).

### ***Steer Undecorating Disqualifications***

1. Assistance in the arena is not permitted, other than the hazer.
2. Whipping the steer by the hazer.
3. Ribbon taken from incorrect side.
4. All Standard Disqualification for "Time Events" rules apply (Refer Page 42).

### **Men's Open Steer Ride / Bullock Ride**

1. Optional non-point event.

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2. There is no age limit on this event.
3. Rules as per Bull Ride without flanks.

## **Junior Events**

1. These rules include all juniors holding an UPGRADED open membership competing in BOTH junior and open events during the current rodeo season.
2. If you turn 18 YEARS OF AGE during the current rodeo season you Must STILL ABIDE BY THE junior rules when competing in junior events.
3. Age requirements are to commence at the beginning of the new season.
4. Junior members competing in open events must have an upgraded open membership to be eligible for points or as a junior member be able to step up into the open events and will not be entitled to receive points in those events as junior membership only entitles you to compete in junior and novice events.
5. All juniors (including day members) must have suitable proof of age available on the day, should there be a need for verification.
6. All Junior Competitors must wear an approved skullcap as per Australian Standards in open and junior events. All helmets must be properly fitted with chin strap fastened at all times once mounted. Chute Boss and or Officials may request to inspect helmets.
7. Full face helmets must be worn by competitors in Poddy/Mini Bull Ride, Junior Steer/Mini Bull Ride, Juvenile Bull Ride and Junior Bull Ride and approved properly fitted protective vest. If this request is not met, you will not be granted the ride and your stock will be turned out.

## **Junior Rough Stock**

- A. Points to be kept separate for each age limit and cannot be carried into another event.
- B. Riders can only enter their age event and age above.
- C. Junior stock cannot be used in an open rough stock event.
- D. Stock must be suitable for each junior age group.

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- E. Chute Boss may fine a rider who is next to go and is not ready with his glove on, chaps buckled, when the rider before him goes out. Minimum fine \$20.00, maximum \$50.00.

#### ***U18 Junior Barrel Race***

The rules will be the same as for the Ladies Barrel Race, except the age limit in Girls and Boys Junior Barrel Race is seventeen (17) years and under as at 1st of January. Proof of age may be required. NO stock is to be in the chutes during a Barrel Race event.

#### ***U18 Junior Breakaway Roping***

The rules will be the same as the Adult Ladies Breakaway Roping, except the age limit will be seventeen (17) years and under as at 1st of January. Proof of age may be required.

#### ***Junior Rodeos Only***

No barriers will be in place. 11 & under and 12 to 15 years only catch as catch can, however the rope must still pass over the head of the calf.

#### ***U18 Junior Rope and Tie***

The rules will be the same as the Men's Rope and Tie, except the age limit will be seventeen (17) years and under as at 1st of January. Proof of age may be required. The time limit shall be thirty (30) seconds without penalty.

#### ***Junior Rodeos Only***

The bust rule applies as a penalty, but no fines incurred. No barriers will be in place.

#### ***U18 Junior Pole Bending***

- a) No two competitors may ride the same horse.
- b) The horse's nose will be timed as it crosses the starting line.
- c) There shall be a minimum of 23 meters allowed for stopping, from starting line in poles back to arena fence as arena conditions allow.
- d) The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles.

- e) The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be 6.4 meters and spacing between poles shall be 6.4 meters apart. End pole must be 6 meters, at least, from fence.
- f) Poles shall be set on top of the ground, 1.8 meters in height, and with no base larger than fourteen (14) or less than twelve (12) inches in diameter.
- g) Poles must be straight in line.
- h) Touching poles is permitted by horse or contestant.
- i) A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
- j) Age limit will be seventeen (17) years and under as at 1<sup>st</sup> January. Proof of age may be required.

### ***U18 Junior Bull Ride***

The rules are the same as Men's Bull Riding, Eight (8) second event. Flanks to be used, contract stock only. Age limit will be seventeen (17) years and under as of 1<sup>st</sup> January. Proof of age may be required. Bull maximum weight: 500kgs. The weight of competitors in a bull or steer ride must not exceed 20% of the live weight of the cattle they are riding.

### ***U15 Junior Steer/Mini Bull Ride***

Junior Steer/Mini Bull Ride is eight (8) second event. Flanks subject to contractor, local stock may be used. Age limit is Fourteen (14) years and under as of 1<sup>st</sup> January. Only recognised Bull Ropes to be used. Ropes must have a bell or bells attached by a loose rope or strap. Proof of age may be required. Steer or heifers' ideal weight: 300kgs. The weight of competitors in a bull or steer ride must not exceed 20% of the live weight of the cattle they are riding.

### ***7-U12 Poddy/Mini Bull Ride***

Poddy/Mini Bull Ride is a six (6) second event. Flanks subject to contractor, local stock may be used. Only recognised Bull Ropes to be used. Ropes must have a bell or bells attached by a loose rope or strap. Age limit is Seven (7) to Eleven (11) years as of 1<sup>st</sup> January. Proof of age may be required. Poddy/Mini Bull Riders are permitted two (2) helpers when they are starting out. If the Junior shows signs of distress the Judge and Chute Boss have the right to refuse to let

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the child compete. The chute boss has the right to select the appropriate stock for the size of the child. Recommended weight 160kg. The weight of competitors in a bull, poddy or steer ride must not exceed 20% of the live weight of the cattle they are riding. There are no spurs permitted in the poddy ride. The under 12 Mini Bull Ride event to be split into 2 categories due to the entry level of competitors. Can either be done by a draw or a chute draw.

### ***U18 Boys Junior Bull Ride, Bareback and Saddle Ride***

Rules as per Men's event. All competitors must be seventeen (17) years or under as at 1st of January. In Junior Bareback and Saddle Ride events, an honest attempt must be made to mark the horse out, but no penalties for failing to mark the horse out will be applied.

## **Classifications -**

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All NRA endorsed officials are required to do at least one (1) event as an official per year to remain on the NRA Endorsed officials list.

Officials officiating at an NRA Affiliated Rodeo to be zero tolerance for alcohol.

All officials must complete The National Rodeo Association Animal Welfare Test.

### **Judges /Timekeepers**

Judges/timekeepers cannot judge/time keep the event in which they compete on the day. In the case where a judge/Timekeeper is competing, it is his/her responsibility to supply a suitable replacement for the said event on the day. Announcers and/or other officials adjudicating on the day are not considered suitable replacements. i.e. Judge and Announce, Judge and pick-up and Judge and Clown at the same time.

If a replacement cannot be found the judge/timekeeper must honour his/her commitment and judge/time keep the event and forfeit nominations.

### ***Judges/Timekeeper Penalties***

First offence – fine.

Any subsequent offence(s) - Automatic suspension from the judge's/timekeepers panel for a period determined by the board.

These penalties shall apply to both parties concerned.

### **NRA Judges**

To qualify to become a judge in any of the below categories a person must complete a minimum of three (3) rodeos in the capacity of a shadow judge. For example: Rough Stock judges to complete three (3).

Sheets for Categories 1 and 3 and time event judges are to complete three (3) shadow judging for Categories 1 and 2. A written test shall also be undertaken by any person applying to be placed on the judges' panel.

Once this qualification period has been completed and the chairman of the judge's panel has consulted with a panel and it is deemed satisfactory satisfied that the person meets the criteria, their name will be submitted before the board for approval.

Should applicant have judged in any other association and feels they are qualified to judge rodeo events, the board of directors may recommend that the applicant be placed on the judge's panel without three (3) shadow sheets and must complete a written test of the NRA rule book and pass to be eligible as an NRA judge.

Whilst officiating at any NRA affiliated rodeo all officials must have access to an up-to-date NRA Rule Book.

### ***Category 1 - Open Judge***

Qualified to judge and/or time keep all Rodeo Events.

### ***Category 2 – Time Event Judge***

Qualified to Barrier Judge and/or Flag Judge.

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1. Flag judge must be mounted on horseback and must carry a flag to signify completion of time or disqualification of contestant dependent upon the rules pertaining to the particular event being judged.
2. It is the responsibility of the judge to ensure they are positioned in such a manner that they have a clear view of contestants and without impeding the competitors during staging of competition.
3. The appointed Barrier Judge for all Time Events is to have the final decision in relation to all judging matters relating to barrier decisions and time event box gate opening/closing.

### ***Category 3 – Rough Stock Judge***

Qualified to Judge Rough Stock Events only.

1. Judges are to carry a flag which is to be dropped to the ground immediately if a competitor in Saddle Ride or Bareback Ride has not marked his horse out in the manner described in the rules for each event.
2. A judge who does not carry a flag will be penalized. Failure of the judge to carry a flag shall eliminate the judge from disqualifying any competitor for failure to mark a horse out for that event.
3. If a judge commences a contest without a flag, then the contest must be completed without flag. Rule 2 above applies.
4. Judges Penalties;
  - a. First offence – fine.  
 Any subsequent offence(s) – Automatic suspension from the judge’s panel for a period determined by the board.
  - b. Judges are also required to carry a stopwatch. The judge on the latch side of the gate determines if the competitor has made a qualified ride. The scoring system is based on a 25 - 25 basis. Up to 25 points from each judge for the ability of the stock to buck and up to 25 points for the ability of the competitor to ride the head of stock.

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- c. Changing of scores in Rough Stock Events is not permitted. Judges to confer regarding penalties and re-rides only, not after each competitor.

5. Video evidence may not be used in review.

## **NRA Timekeeper**

To qualify to become a timekeeper a person must be a minimum age of sixteen years and complete a minimum of three (3) rodeos in the capacity of a shadow timekeeper. A written test shall also be undertaken by any person applying to be placed on the timekeeper's panel.

Once this period has been completed and the chairman of the judge's panel is satisfied that the person meets the criteria, their name will be submitted to the board for approval.

Should applicant have timed in any other association and feels they are qualified to time rodeo events, the board of directors may recommend that applicant be placed on timekeeper's panel without three (3) shadow sheets.

## **Pick-Up Men and Protection Clowns**

Categories: (A) Open & (B) Novice.

It is mandatory a Category (A) officiates with a Category (B) until such time they are notified in writing of upgrading.

Pick up men and protection clowns are required to do a minimum of five (5) rodeos to be eligible for Pick Up Man & Bull Fighter of the year.

## **Protection Clowns**

A maximum of two (2) approved clowns and one (1) shadow clown allowed in the arena at one time.

Shadow clown to be over 18 years for Junior, Novice and Open Bull events.

Shadow Clowns under 18 years are only allowed in the arena for Junior Steer/Mini Bull Ride and Poddy/Mini Bull Ride events.

Protection Clowns may distract cattle from riders but must not provoke cattle unnecessarily.

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## **Disciplinary Proceedings**

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1. The Board may consider disciplinary proceedings against any member of the Association.
2. The disciplinary proceedings of the Association shall be conducted by a Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
3. The Chairman and other members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committees shall be appointed by the Board at or following each Annual General Meeting. The appointment of the Chairman and other members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall continue until the Annual General Meeting next following their appointment. The Chairman and other members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be eligible to be reappointed for a further period or periods.
4. When considering any complaint, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall comprise a minimum of three (3) members, one of whom shall be the Chairman and a maximum of five (5) members, one of whom shall be the Chairman.
5. The following shall be entitled to be appointed to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee and the Appeals Committee:
  - a. A member of the current Board.
  - b. A person who has previously been a member of the board.
  - c. A member of the Association.
  - d. A legal practitioner.
  - e. An administrator.

6. If the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee dies, resigns or is otherwise incapable of performing his or her function, the Board shall appoint a replacement which may continue until the Annual General Meeting next following.
7. If the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee determines that due to a conflict of interest, he or she is unable to perform his or her function in relation to any particular matter, the Chairman may appoint a replacement from the members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee to perform his or her functions in those proceedings.
8. Upon receiving a complaint, the Board shall refer that complaint to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee who shall thereafter direct the proceedings of the Page 76 The Judge's Decision is Final Disciplinary Sub-Committee in relation to the hearing of the complaint. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall select the other members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee to consider the complaint. Once the complaint has been heard the Disciplinary Sub-Committee can elect to appoint an investigation panel to obtain necessary further details related to the complaint prior to handing down appropriate disciplinary action.
9. The appropriate disciplinary action open to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall include: -
  - a. Dismissing the complaint.
  - b. Expelling a member from membership of the Association.
  - c. Suspending a member from membership of the Association for a specified period of time.
  - d. Suspending a member from taking part in specified rodeos or events.
  - e. Removing the member as a Director of the Board.
  - f. Altering the status of the membership of the member.

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- g. Removing the member from any position held by that members with the Association.
  - h. Requiring the member to pay to the Treasurer, within a specified time, an amount which shall not exceed the annual full membership of a member multiplied by one hundred (100);
  - i. Admonishing the member either verbally or in writing.
  - j. Making a finding that the subject matter of the complaint has been proven but taking no action in relation thereto.
  - k. Removing an award or prize bestowed on a member.
  - l. Requiring the member to return any prize or reward bestowed on that member.
  - m. Altering the record of any placings of any event.
- 10.** In addition to the disciplinary action set in Clause 9 the disciplinary sub-committee may determine that the member shall pay any costs or expenses occasioned by the Association or the Disciplinary Sub-Committee if it determines that the member's defence was mischievous, malicious, vexatious, and unduly long or lacking in merit.
- 11.** The board may take disciplinary proceedings against that member in relation to any complaint:
- a. That the member has refused to be neglected to comply with the Memorandum or Articles of the Association.
  - b. That the member has refused or neglected to comply with any rule laid down by the Board.
  - c. That the member has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member.
  - d. That the member has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- 12.** The Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committees shall cause to be delivered to the member concerned notice in writing setting out details

of the complaint and particulars thereof and advising of a time when and the place where the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall consider the complaint.

13. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall meet at the appointed time and shall determine the issue before it applies the rules and natural justice and in particular giving the member concerned a full opportunity to be heard and present his or her case.
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  - a. The member concerned may with the leave of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee be represented by a legal practitioner but any such application for leave shall be made by written notice to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee received at least seven (7) clear days before the appointed time for the hearing of the complaint.
  - b. At the conclusion of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee's determination, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall by notice in writing inform the member and the Board of the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee in relation to the complaint and the disciplinary action, if any, taken by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
15. The decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be treated as if it were a decision of the Board.
16. Where the member wishes to appeal against any decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee such member shall within twenty-one (21) days lodge with the Secretary a notice to that effect setting out the part or parts of the decision appealed from and the reasons why the member maintains the decision is wrong together with an appeal lodgement fee being an amount equal to an annual full membership fee for a member.
17. Any disciplinary action shall be stayed pending the hearing of the determination of the appeal by the Disciplinary Appeal Committee.

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18. Where the Secretary receives a notice of appeal within the time stipulated in Clause 16 of Disciplinary Proceedings, the Secretary shall notify the Board and the appeal shall be placed on the agenda for the next Board Meeting of the Association.
19. The Board shall appoint a Disciplinary Appeal Committee to hear the appeal of the member concerned.
20. The Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall comprise a minimum of five (5) persons and a maximum of seven (7) persons.
21. No person who was upon the Disciplinary Sub-Committee which considered the complaint the subject of appeal shall be entitled to sit upon the Disciplinary Appeal Committee.
22. The Secretary shall notify the member concerned of the time when and the place where the Disciplinary Appeal Committee will consider the appeal.
23. The Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall give the member concerned a full opportunity to address it as to why the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee was incorrect or the disciplinary action excessive or inappropriate.
24. In hearing the appeal, the Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall not receive any further material but shall consider the material before the Disciplinary Sub-Committee and any submission from the member concerned or his legal representative and from the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
25. In exercising its discretion on the appeal, the Disciplinary Appeal Committee may take different action to that imposed by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee provided that such is in accordance with Clause 9 of Disciplinary Proceedings.
26. As part of its decision, the Disciplinary Appeal Committee may determine that the member shall pay any costs or expenses occasioned by the Association or the Disciplinary Sub-Committee or the Disciplinary

Appeal Committee if it determines that the member's appeal was mischievous, malicious, vexatious, unduly long or lacking in merit.

27. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall make such rulings as to the practice and conduct of the hearing of the complaint as he or she deem proper.
28. The majority required to determine any question arising on the Disciplinary Sub-Committee or the Disciplinary Appeal Committee on the hearing of an appeal shall be a simple majority of the members present and entitled to vote and in the event of an equality of the vote, that questions shall be determined in the negative.
29. No appeal shall lie from the determination of the Disciplinary Appeal Committee and the member agrees to abide by the decision of the Disciplinary Appeal Committee.

## **Animal Welfare**

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livestock. For a cowboy to compete at the highest level, the livestock also must be in peak condition. Both are athletes in their own right. The very nature of rodeo requires a working relationship, and in some events a partnership, between the cowboys and animal athletes.

The National Rodeo Association takes animal welfare seriously and is committed to complying with the animal welfare legislation relevant to the state or territory in which the rodeo is conducted.

### **Queensland**

It is expected that that the operation of any rodeos in Queensland will be conducted in accordance with the Queensland rodeo code of practice.

From 1 January 2022, the rodeo code of practice will be a mandatory code under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (the Act). It contains the minimum acceptable standards of welfare for all animals being used at rodeos and rodeo schools. It applies to all cattle and horses which are used in the different rodeo activities.

The rodeo code of practice is based on the Queensland animal welfare standards and guidelines – Animals at rodeos (rodeo standards) which were recommended by an established writing group to be progressed as the basis for future regulation of rodeos in Queensland. The rodeo standards were developed after consultation with the rodeo industry, animal welfare and animal rights groups, the veterinary profession, and other relevant stakeholders.

The purposes of the rodeo standards are to:

- protect the welfare of animals used in rodeos and rodeo schools
- ensure rodeo officials and other persons are aware of their responsibilities when conducting a rodeo
- provide requirements for equipment used at rodeos and rodeo facilities such as arenas, yards and chutes

- outline the key requirements for competitors and other people handling and caring for animals used in rodeo activities at rodeos and rodeo schools.

### **New South Wales**

It is expected that the operation of any rodeos in New South Wales will be conducted in accordance with the NSW code of practice. Compliance with code will ensure that no offence is committed in relation to sections 18 and 18A of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

The Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals Used in Rodeo Events is as approved on 30 April 1988 by the NSW Animal Welfare Advisory Council and as referred to in clause 36(5) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation 2012.

## Misdemeanours

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Shall be considered for turnout fines, cut horse fines, late entry fines, busted Calf fines, scratching's, cancellations, failure to pay nominations on time, dishonoured cheques, and dress infringements, under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

For altercations involving abusive language and failure to obey instructions from Directors and Officials. Infringement of this rule is to be referred to the disciplinary subcommittee.

1. Offending member/members will be advised in writing by NRA Office stating type of offence and value of fine.
  2. Fine imposed on a competing member to be paid within a specified time span or prior to the Monday before next competing. Failure to do so will result in member's name being excluded from draw(s), until fine is paid.
  3. Fine imposed on an official, promoter or contractor must be paid in accordance with instructions in official letter failure to do so by prescribed date will result in name being removed from NRA Officials listing and National Rodeo Council of Australia advised.
  4. Members disputing fine must pay fine and advise office in writing stating reasons for appeal.
  5. The Board will adjudicate on the appeal at its next sitting.
  6. Repeated offenders will be referred to the disciplinary board for further action.
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