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General Information

Membership Card Prefixes:

W - Full Card Membership
 R - Permit Membership
 P or A - WPROA Roping Membership
 J - Junior Membership
 F - Futurity/Derby Membership
 U - Cash Only (Displayed Only On PROCOM)

Circuit Codes Suffixes:

X - Badlands: North Dakota, South Dakota
S - California
Y - Columbia River: Oregon, Washington, Idaho (Panhandle Only)
U - First Frontier: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia
A - Great Lakes: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin
M - Montana
R - Mountain States: Colorado, Wyoming
P - Prairie: Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska
K - Southeastern: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee
L - Texas
H - Turquoise: Arizona, New Mexico
W - Wilderness: Nevada, Idaho (Except Panhandle) Utah

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PURPOSES OF THE WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION

Title, Objects, Locations

Section 1. Title: This Association shall be known as THE WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION, and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a nonprofit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado providing for such rights as granted to associations of this kind.

Section 2. Objects: THE WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the WPRA) has been formed for the following purposes.

- A.** To organize the female professional rodeo contestants for their mutual protection and benefit.
- B.** To raise the standards of cowgirl contests so they shall rank among the foremost American sports.
- C.** To cooperate with the management of all rodeos at which the members of the WPRA contest.
- D.** To bring about honest advertising by the rodeo sponsoring agents of the events in which members of the WPRA contest.
- E.** To work for the betterment of conditions and of rules governing rodeo events in which members of the WPRA participate.
- F.** To protect the members against unfairness on the part of any rodeo management.
- G.** To ensure a just amount of prize money.
- H.** To publish information concerning dates of rodeos, names of contestants, prize money, and other particulars members are interested in.
- I.** To require that all entrance fees be added to prize money.
- J.** To secure competent, honest judges and officials in all events.

Section 3. Logo: Colors are RED, WHITE and BLUE: Blue

Figure, red letters, white background. "WPRA" will be on the barrel. No one or organization shall use the official logo without the specific authority of the WPRA Board of Directors.

Section 4. Place of business: The place of business of the WPRA shall be Colorado Springs, Colorado, or at such other place as its members may choose. Its members or officers may be residents of any state, territory, or country, and business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials, as may be participating.

BYLAWS

Chapter 1 Membership

1.1. Members

1.1.1. Membership is limited to women, as demonstrated by a copy of a birth certificate. Adult membership is 18 years old. Junior membership is 17 or under as of January 1st of current year.

1.1.2. Membership in the association is a privilege, not a right. Application as such shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the association. Membership, or application, therefore, may be terminated or rejected by the Board of Directors at its discretion.

1.1.3. Any person becoming a member of the WPRA shall become familiar with its Rules and Bylaws and shall comply and be bound by the same. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to participate in all activities of the WPRA when qualified and shall be eligible to receive any awards or benefits sanctioned by the Rules of the WPRA.

1.1.4. The Board of Directors of the WPRA will expect the cooperation of any member when called upon by one of

the WPRA officials to represent the WPRA's interest regarding enforcement of Rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business. Should an occasion arise requiring representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing may call the WPRA office for instructions if no Director or representative is present.

1.1.5. A member of the WPRA who enters a sanctioned rodeo or **barrel racing** event, and any stock contractor, contract personnel, official or staff of the rodeo, or other person admitted to the rodeo shall, as a condition of entry, employment, admission or other involvement therein, be deemed to consent to WPRA ownership of all rights in and to his or her appearance or other involvement therein, and the WPRA shall have the right, and may permit others as it sees fit, to dispense, reproduce, and otherwise use any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph, and other pictures in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the rodeo or sport of rodeo and **barrel racing** any reproduction thereof in any form, but not in conjunction with any statement constituting an endorsement by such person of any product or service, unless that person's consent thereto is first obtained.

1.1.6. Any member of the WPRA who participates in sanctioned rodeo events authorizes the WPRA to act in the member's behalf as well as on behalf of the WPRA in engaging in promotional activities relating to the conduct of the sport of rodeo.

1.1.7. NO MEMBER or any other individual has the authority to grant any endorsement on behalf of the association without permission of the Board of Directors.

1.1.8. For rules and regulations regarding the WPRA Patch Program, refer to Chapter 19 in the WPRA section of this Rule Book.

1.1.9. However, the WPRA Board of Directors may, if a commercial firm provides substantial benefit to all or a large portion of the membership, authorize the wearing of such adver-

tising garments, tack or gear in the rodeo arena, except that members wearing such advertising may not be remunerated directly by the commercial firm for the advertising.

1.1.9.1. No member, person, or organization shall be permitted to use the official logo or other marks of the WPRA in any manner without the specific written authority of the WPRA Board of Directors.

1.1.10. An individual applying for membership in the WPRA must submit an application using forms provided by the WPRA, and no application for membership (card, permit or otherwise) shall be considered until such application is on file in the WPRA office.

1.1.11. As a condition of membership, every member of this Association shall be confined in any action at law or in equity against the Association to the jurisdiction of the courts, Federal or State, within which the principle office of the Association is situated.

1.1.12. Members must hold an active membership to compete in any WPRA approved event.

1.1.13. The secretary shall maintain a list of all members of the Association regardless of type of membership and shall restrict access to such a list under the following guidelines.

1.1.13.1. The membership list will not be allowed out of the possession of the Secretary/Treasurer, **though she may release the list as necessary.**

1.1.13.2. Any Director with access to the membership list shall protect its confidentiality.

1.1.13.3. Each Director shall keep the list free from commercial purposes.

1.1.13.4. In the event that anyone wants to use the list for commercial purposes they must get the approval of the Association and follow the procedures and systems employed by the office including confidentiality restrictions. All costs involved shall be paid in advance.

1.1.13.5. The members agree to abide by the terms and provisions of the Agreement **dated** January 2008 between the WPRA and the PRCA.

1.2. Meetings

1.2.1. General **Membership** meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

1.2.1.1. Notice of any **General Membership meetings** shall be given by publishing in official WPRA publication or on www.wpra.com. A notice prominently displayed stating the time and place of such meeting and **should** be published not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

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1.2.3. Any officer of the Association may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as chairwoman of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, Vice President.

1.2.3.1. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Association shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the members but in her absence the Directors may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

1.2.3.2. At all meetings minutes shall be kept by the acting Secretary. Official minutes of all meetings shall be sent to all Officers and Directors.

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1.2.5. All WPRA members are encouraged to attend all general membership meetings.

1.2.5.1. WPRA members are welcome at any regular Board meeting. Non-Board members may not participate in Board discussions, except during that portion of the meeting designated by the Board, time permitting, for open discussion. Because certain matters may be confidential, sensitive or otherwise inappropriate for general hearing, any Board member may ask to go into executive session at any time. The general membership will then be excluded from the meeting.

1.3. Membership Dues and Qualifications

1.3.1. Except as otherwise provided, there shall be membership as hereinafter listed, and shall be limited to females who have been approved for memberships by the membership committee and have reached the age of eighteen (18) years or older.

a. National card member (W)	\$375
b. National permit member (R)	\$300
c. Roping card (P) or (A).....	\$190
d. Gold Card (competing).....	\$125
e. Junior Membership	\$150
f. Lifetime Membership	\$0

Fan Club (Not a member) \$35

All such memberships are defined herein and shall be limited to such professional female rodeo participants as hereinafter set forth:

1.3.1.1. Only persons born female by evidence of a valid birth certificate shall be eligible for membership.

1.3.1.2. A WPROA member must be eighteen (18) years of age (or the age of majority in the state in which the person is a citizen). If **contrary to applicable law**, any person under the legal age may be denied the right to participate in a WPROA sanctioned event. WPROA Junior Membership only, is open to young women 17 years old or younger. As used hereafter, "member" means card, permit or gold card status, unless the context requires otherwise. **Junior** membership rights are **limited and specifically described herein**.

1.3.1.3. Any member who has been convicted of a felony in any state shall have her membership reviewed by the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the Board after due notification. The member shall be notified of

the meeting and the purpose. The member shall have the right to attend the meeting to present any evidence or make any statement she deems necessary to prevent revocation of her membership. The determination regarding membership of the Board of Directors shall be final and no appeal may be made. If the membership is revoked it shall be immediate.

1.3.1.4. The annual dues for each class of membership shall be set by the Board of Directors. However, only one change per year in any one given year shall be allowed unless other qualifications or limitations are imposed by the applicable governing body.

1.3.1.4.1. The annual dues set for each class of membership shall be set by the WPROA Board of Directors. The membership shall be notified of the current fee schedule in the official publication of the WPROA and/or www.wproa.com, and on each application.

1.3.1.4.2 Annual dues shall include prepaid insurance as provided in the general blanket insurance policy purchased on behalf of the membership, as well as a subscription to the official publication.

1.3.2. WPROA members acknowledge that rodeos are dangerous activities and participants in a rodeo as a competitor, an independent contractor, or volunteer, exposes the participant to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injury or death. WPROA members acknowledge that participation in WPROA/PRCA sanctioned rodeos/events will involve such a hazard. Being fully aware that participation in WPROA/PRCA sanctioned rodeos/ events will expose said member to substantial and serious risk of property damage and or personal injury or death, said member hereby releases WPROA, PRCA, and PRCAP sponsors, and PRCA/WPROA sanctioned rodeo/event production entity, their affiliated, related or subsidiary companies, and the Officers, Directors, employees and agents of each entity or organization from liability for any and all property damage, personal injury or other claims arising

from participation in the PRCA/WPRA sanctioned rodeos/events, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent. WPRA members shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the aforementioned arising out of or related to the actions, causes of action, claims and demands hereby waived, released or discharged by WPRA member. This provision shall be binding upon each WPRA member, her spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

1.3.3. The WPRA Membership Card (**Card/Permit**) shall entitle the holder to participate in all WPRA/WPRA Roping/Futurity/Derby **approved** events held, unless other qualifications or limitations are imposed by the applicable governing body or the WPRA Board of Directors.

1.3.4. Membership Renewal

1.3.4.1. The WPRA “Dues paying year” shall commence on January 1 of each year and run through midnight of December 31 the same year. Annual dues shall be payable on or before December 31 of the calendar year preceding the dues paying year. Dues for WPRA card, **permit, junior, active gold card members** received in the WPRA office between December 31 and February 1 will be assessed a \$25 late fine. WPRA card, **permit, junior, active gold card member** dues received in the WPRA office after February 1 will be assessed a \$50 late fine.

1.3.4.1.1. **The WPRA “Rodeo Year” shall commence and end on those dates, which shall be set by the WPRA Board of Directors. Contestants entering any rodeo with competition scheduled on or after January 1 of any calendar year must have paid dues for card or permit for the dues paying year, as provided below, even if the entry opening time is set prior to or on December 31 of**

the prior dues paying year. Membership dues must be received in the WPRA National Office no later than three (3) WPRA National Office business days prior to the entry opening time of a given rodeo to allow time for processing. (Indicated as “member dues date” in the WPRA official publication)

1.3.4.1.2. Points won after determination of the circuit and national year, but not prior to the purchase of the next year’s membership, will not count for the succeeding year unless the member timely (by December 31) purchases membership for the succeeding year. If a member allows her membership to expire, all points previously won will be forfeited unless member purchases membership for the succeeding year (by December 31).

1.3.4.2. Membership in the WPRA shall be recorded by the Association upon receipt of the initial membership fee along with birth certificate, the completed application form and the signed affidavit stating they have read the rule book, understand the rules and agree to abide by them, unless rejected by the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of said receipt. Evidence of membership shall be issued upon acceptance of the proper fees and completed and signed documents.

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1.3.4.3.1. Membership is not transferable.

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1.3.5. National Permit

1.3.5.1. At all times and places hereafter, the term permit holder shall refer to a national permit member and the term WPRA card member shall refer to a national card membership.

1.3.5.2. A permit member who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, desiring to become a Card Member in WPR A, must first become a Permit Member and fill a permit by earning \$1,000 at WPR A **approved** events.

1.3.5.2.1. Upon winning a cumulative total of \$1,000 in rodeo and/or WPR A events, a permit member may elect to:

- a) Apply for WPR A card status, or
- b) Purchase a second permit by payment of the appropriate fee, allowing her to continue to contest on a second permit for the remainder of the year (no dollar limit on second permit) and retain Rookie eligibility.

1.3.5.2.2. No money won as a permit member will count towards Rookie of the Year awards in either national or circuit standings, unless card is purchased after permit is filled and prior to entering again.

1.3.5.2.3. Money won on permits is accumulated year to year until that member wins \$1,000.

1.3.5.2.4. When a permit member wins the \$1,000 limit before a rodeo is completed; she will be allowed to complete her runs at that rodeo and rodeos previously entered, without penalty.

1.3.5.2.5. Permit members who attempt to enter further approved events after they have won the limit allowed on their permit are automatically subject to fine, Rule 9.2.26 and ineligibility.

1.3.5.2.6. It shall be the responsibility of the permit member to maintain her own records as to money won at all times.

1.3.5.2.7. Any national permit member known to have entered a rodeo when her permit is filled at any stage, shall be reported to the WPR A office by any member, Officer or Director of the WPR A.

1.3.5.2.8. If a contestant is entered in an approved WPR A event on her WPR A permit, and is issued her card number prior to her competition run; the points will

be counted towards national card member standings.

1.3.5.2.9. If contestant fills her permit, plus wins additional monies at WPR A event(s), and card is purchased before entering again, all monies will count for standings.

1.3.5.3. Permits must be renewed each year before entering first rodeo and must be obtained through the WPR A Office. Money won on last permit prior to purchasing card may be carried over to card standings, provided card is purchased before contestant enters again after filling said permit. The burden of proof is completely on the member if the period exceeds 1 year.

1.3.5.4. The producer or committee of each individual rodeo shall determine if they will accept permits. Rodeos with purses under \$2,000 must accept permits. Every permit holder shall be subject to all WPR A rules including disciplinary while competing with that permit.

1.3.5.4.1. If any permits are accepted at a rodeo, WPR A permits may also be accepted.

1.3.5.4.2. If committee chooses, WPR A permits may be accepted even though other permits are not.

1.3.5.5. National Permit Members MAY NOT compete in PRCA rodeos that have a non-WPR A approved barrel race.

1.3.6. WPR A Roping Membership

1.3.6.1. The annual WPR A Roping dues are set by the Board of Directors and shall be paid by each member.

1.3.6.1.1. The annual WPR A Roping membership dues include premiums for insurance covering each member, plus the official publication.

1.3.6.1.2 Deleted

1.3.6.2. The WPR A Roping dues paying year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

1.3.6.2.1. Points won after determination of the circuit and national year, but not prior to the purchase of the next year's membership, will not count for the succeeding year unless the member timely (by December 31) purchases membership for the succeeding year. If a member allows her membership to expire, all points previously won will be forfeited unless member purchases membership for the succeeding year (by December 31).

1.3.7. Gold Cards

1.3.7.1. GOLD CARDS will be issued to national card members who have maintained twenty-five (25) years of card membership or twenty (20) years membership and reached the age of fifty (50) years. Gold card members must activate their membership by signing and returning their application each year, to keep their membership, which includes voting and competing privileges.

1.3.7.2. Such gold card shall entitle the holder to such benefits as the WPRA Board of Directors may decide on a year-to-year basis.

1.3.8. Lifetime Memberships

1.3.8.1. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CARDS may be issued by a majority vote of the WPRA Board of Directors. Lifetime members must activate their membership by signing and returning their application each year to the **WPRA Office**, to keep their membership, which includes voting and competing privileges. Lifetime members are not required to pay their insurance when competing.

1.3.9. Companion Passes

1.3.9.1. A companion pass shall be issued to each dues paying member and will carry the Association number of that member so the companion pass may be identified with that number.

1.3.10. Duplicate Cards

1.3.10.1. A charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) will be assessed for any duplicate membership card, or companion pass.

1.3.11. Resignation

1.3.11.1. On the date of resignation as a card member, all points and standings from the Circuit, National and WPRA Barrel Race records will be removed from the official standings for the year.

1.3.12. Membership Participation

1.3.12.1. A WPRA member shall not participate in or perform an exhibition in a PRCA rodeo not approved by the WPRA.

1.3.12.2. When the barrel race has been WPRA in approved in the past and then it becomes an open event at a PRCA rodeo, WPRA members may not compete.

1.3.12.3. No WPRA member shall participate in an invitational barrel race held at a PRCA approved rodeo unless by special WPRA Board approval. WPRA members found guilty of participating in an open or invitational barrel race held at a PRCA approved rodeo are subject to a major rule infraction.

1.3.12.4. PRCA cards will not be accepted for entering a WPROA approved event. WPROA permit holders will be accepted at the option of the sponsoring committee.

1.4. Grievance

1.4.1. These Bylaws, rules and regulations shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado. If a member, after exhausting all remedies available within the WPROA, files suit or other action against the WPROA, such suit or action must be filed and litigated in El Paso County, Colorado; or if the suit or action involves a claim for which federal courts have jurisdiction, then, in the event suit is filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in Denver, Colorado. This provision is intended also to apply to a former member who files a suit against the WPROA and whose claim arose while such a member was a member of the WPROA.

1.4.2. Whenever a member of the WPROA has a grievance against the association, its Board of Directors, or a Director individually, due to an official act or failure to act, that member shall submit the grievance in writing, citing the applicable Bylaw, to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall convene at their next regular meeting to determine the correctness of the grievance. The complaining member shall present all pertinent data or evidence on the matter, and may attend in person.

The WPROA Board shall make their determination and recommendations for the solution of such grievance, if necessary. The complaining member shall be notified of such decision within ten (10) days of such decision.

If the complaining member is dissatisfied with the decision or the solution as determined by the WPROA Board, she must submit a written appeal of the matter to the WPROA official for receipt by the office within ten (10) days of notice to the member of the decision. At the next regular Board meeting she may present any new data or evidence to the WPROA

Board concerning the matter together with any new witnesses she may have. The WPROA Board of Directors shall hear this review and again make such determination and solution, if any, as necessary.

No WPROA member may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States without first exhausting all remedies within the WPROA, including a final appeal to the WPROA Board of Directors serving as the Grievance Committee. If a member files suit against the WPROA, and the WPROA prevails in such suit, she shall be liable for all attorneys fees and costs, including, but not limited to, all court costs, travel expenses, discovery expenses and reasonable compensation for time spent by WPROA officials and employees in responding to and defending against the lawsuit.

Chapter 2 Elected Officers and Duties

2.1. Length of Terms

2.1.1. The Officers and Directors shall assume office following their election and shall serve for a period of **three (3) years, starting with 2013 election cycle.**

2.2. President

2.2.1. To qualify for President nominees shall be members in good standing and must have been elected to and served as Director or Vice President for the total of **three (3) years, starting with 2013 election cycle.**

2.2.2. The President will be elected by popular vote to serve a term of **three (3) years, starting with 2013 election cycle.**

2.2.3. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. She shall see that the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall per-

form all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the WPRA and the Board of Directors. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall not sign any contract unless by Board approval.

2.3. Vice President

2.3.1. To qualify for Vice President nominees shall be members in good standing and must have been elected to and served as Director for the total of **three (3) years, starting with 2013 election cycle.**

2.3.2. The Vice President shall be elected by popular vote to serve a term of **three (3) years, starting with 2013 election cycle.**

2.3.3. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. She will have a vote on all Association business.

2.3.4. Should the Vice President become unable to serve in the office for any reason, the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting shall select a qualified Director to complete the term. (Such Director shall hold office until the next election when the office would be declared vacant for the remaining portion of the term.)

2.4. Special Offices and Positions

2.4.1. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to create and fill special offices and positions beyond those of the WPRA Board. The first meeting of the Board shall occur in the spring of each year after expiration of the 15 day certification period.

Chapter 3 Nominations and Elections

3.1. Eligibility to Nominate a Candidate

3.1.1. All adult card members from whom the WPRA office has received a signed **official application** and payment for their card for the upcoming year, on or prior to the first business day of January shall receive a nomination ballot. The WPRA office, **needs** to receive a signed **official application** from Gold Card members and Lifetime members. On or about the fourth business day of each new calendar year the Secretary shall mail ballots for nomination to all eligible adult card members together with an envelope pre-addressed for return to the WPRA auditor. The **card** member must return this ballot to the auditor appointed by the WPRA Board of Directors for receipt by the auditor on or before January 25.

3.1.2. Ballots may be returned to the auditor's office by mail or fax machine.

3.2. Balloting Procedures

3.2.1. On the next business day following the nomination ballot receipt deadline, the auditor shall record the ballot count for Officers and Directors and immediately certify the results to the Secretary of the Association.

3.2.2. The Secretary shall immediately notify by telephone each member who finished first and second in the balloting, and their names shall be listed on the election ballot.

3.2.3. In the event that any member who finished first or second in the balloting declines to run for office, the Secretary shall contact, in descending order of total votes, additional candidates until she finds a member willing to run for office.

3.3 Voting Procedures

3.3.1. The Secretary shall mail election ballots for Officers and/or directors, together with an envelope pre-addressed for return to the WPRA auditor, to all eligible adult card members on or before February 10. If a candidate wished her election profile included with the election ballot, such profile must be received by the WPRA office by the close of business on February 3. It is each candidate's responsibility to submit her election profile in an accurate, legible, typed format, such that it may be easily copied for printing. Election profiles received by the WPRA office will not be typeset edited or altered by the WPRA office. The WPRA office will only be responsible for mailing election profiles and assumes no responsibility in connection with the accuracy of the election profiles.

3.3.2. All adult card members from whom the WPRA office has received a signed **official application** and payment for their card, on or prior to February 1, shall receive an election ballot. The WPRA office, **needs to** receive a signed **official application** from Gold Card and Lifetime members. Member must return this ballot to the WPRA auditor for receipt by the auditor on or before the end of February, the 28th or 29th as applicable.

3.3.2.1 In the event that an adult card member does not receive her original ballot, she may submit a written request for a duplicate ballot to be mailed or faxed to her. Duplicate ballot must contain the same ballot number as the original ballot.

3.4. Certification of Election

3.4.1. The auditor shall open the ballots and certify the results to the WPRA Secretary on March 1 of each year. The Secretary shall promptly notify the candidates of the results.

3.4.2. Members elected as Officers or Directors shall assume that Office or Directorship fifteen (15) days following the certification of the election by the auditor to the WPRA Secretary.

3.4.3. Candidates names shall not appear on the ballot for more than one Office or Directorship. If a member shall be nominated for more than one Office or Directorship, she shall inform the Secretary of her preference at the time the nominee is notified by the Secretary, and her name shall so appear on the ballot. If said nominee fails to inform the Secretary of her preference, or if the Secretary is unable to contact the member in accordance with rule 3.4, her name shall be stricken from the ballot. Thereafter, the eligible nominee with the next highest number of votes shall appear on the ballot in her place.

3.4.4. Write in candidates are accepted on nomination ballots only, and those votes shall be counted, provided the person submitting the write in is eligible to cast such a ballot, and the write in candidate is qualified to serve as an Officer or Director, as applicable.

3.4.5. Card members eligible to vote may only vote for a Director in the circuit which they designate **on the official application**, which may or may not be the circuit in which they reside. Member may designate Futurity Circuit as her circuit in which to vote, but name another circuit in which to qualify for circuit finals.

3.4.6. Any WPRA card member who competes in both WPRA and WPRA Roping events, and wishes to vote for WPRA Roping director, must submit a letter with her membership renewal requesting that voting designation, otherwise she will only be allowed to vote in her designated circuit. Such designation would be for two (2) years.

3.4.7. Members who vote for the WPRA Roping Director on the WPRA ballot may only vote for WPRA Roping Directors in the events in which they competed during the two years preceding January 1 of the year of the election.

3.4.8. In the event all nominees are ineligible for election, the Board will appoint a member to fill the vacancy, at the Board's discretion.

3.4.9. All ballots for any election shall be destroyed unless a written challenge to the election is received by the WPRA Secretary within the fifteen (15) day certification period. If a challenge is received, the ballots shall be preserved for a recount under the Board's direction.

3.4.10. If any date specified herein falls on a date which in not a business day, the date shall be construed to be the next chronological business day.

3.4.11. It is the intent of these election rules to provide for the fair and expedient nomination and election of Officers and Directors. These rules are intended to be read in a fair and reasonable manner and shall be subject to interpretation by the Board of Directors.

Chapter 4 Directors

4.1. Board of Directors

4.1.1. The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

4.1.2. The legislative or rule making powers of the WPRA shall be held by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have discretionary power to conduct the business and affairs of the WPRA and the power to make, adopt, alter or amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Board of Directors may take any action which it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the WPRA and may enter into any contract or obligation in furtherance thereof.

4.1.2.1. All actions of the Board of Directors, including any changes in the Articles of Incorporation or Official Rodeo Rules, must be accomplished by a majority vote

of the quorum of Directors, unless otherwise specified herein. Each Director shall have one (1) vote, provided however, if a Director is classified as a Business Director as well as a Director of another classification, that Director shall have only one (1) total vote. The President shall vote only in case of a tie. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall cast a tie-breaking vote in the President's place.

4.1.2.2. At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine.

4.1.3. The Board of Directors shall be as follows: the President and Vice President, twelve (12) regional Circuit Directors, Futurity Director, a WPRA Roping Director, and three Business Directors (any of which may also be a director of another classification). The total number of the Board of Directors shall be up to nineteen (19). The President shall preside at all meetings except in her absence the ranking Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both President and Vice President the Board members present shall elect from among their number a temporary presiding President.

4.1.3.1. The Circuit Directors taking office on the even numbered years will be Badlands Circuit, Great Lakes Circuit, Prairie Circuit, California Circuit, Turquoise Circuit, Futurity Director and WPRA Roping Directors.

4.1.3.2. The Circuit Directors taking office on the odd numbered years will be President, Vice President, Columbia River Circuit, First Frontier Circuit, Montana Circuit, Mountain States Circuit, Southeastern Circuit, Texas Circuit, and Wilderness Circuit Directors.

4.1.3.3. Business Directors shall be appointed to the Board by a majority of Directors then in office and shall serve for a period of three years. When initially appointed, the Board of Directors shall identify which Business Director shall serve for an initial term of one year, two years, and three years, and thereafter each Business

Director shall serve for a term of three years unless such Business Director resigns or is removed under Section 4.4 of these bylaws or disqualified under Section 4.1.9.1 of these bylaws (or in any other applicable section of these bylaws or in the manner authorized by statute). Each Business Director shall serve as a member of the Board's Business Committee.

4.1.4. To **be eligible** as a Circuit Director a member must reside in the circuit and declare herself from the circuit for which she is nominated and serves. If a members physical address is not within her declared circuit, to qualify as a Circuit Director, a member must be in good standing with the same circuit for at least 5 consecutive years. She may be nominated and elected even if her physical address is not within her declared circuit; she then will declare herself from the circuit for which she is nominated and serves. Only active WPRO card holders in that circuit may vote for a Circuit Director

4.1.4.1. A card member shall be considered to reside in the locality in which the member maintains a regular physical presence and has, at a minimum, a dwelling unit where the member indefinitely keeps her personal effects, and to which whenever she is absent, she intends to frequently return and remain for undetermined periods of time. In determining whether a member's place of residence is within or without a particular circuit, the following factors shall be taken into account: (i) location of place of employment; (ii) place where local state and income taxes are paid; (iii) state and locality where motor vehicle registration is made; (iv) state and locality where voter registration is maintained; and (v) shall include but not limited to (a) mailing address for federal income tax purposes; (b) state and locality where driver's license is obtained; (c) places where bank accounts are maintained; (d) places where local phone directory listings are maintained; (e) if married, place where spouse and/or

minor children (if any) live permanently; and (f) places where real property taxes are paid. The burden of proving place of residence shall be on the member, and the member shall have the responsibility to provide documentation and other evidence satisfactory to the WPRO Board of Directors to support by preponderance of the evidence the member's claim of place of residence as of the time the member declares herself from the Circuit and available and willing to serve as Circuit Director.

4.1.5. Any **Card** member nominated for office, in order to **be eligible**, must have been a WPRO member for 2 out of the last 3 years **prior to the year you wish to run** and must not have been found guilty of a major rule infraction.

4.1.5.1. Any member who has been found guilty of a major rule infraction is eligible to come before the Board of Directors to appeal and clear her record after a period of three (3) years. This would make her eligible to run for DIRECTOR.

4.1.6. A Director CANNOT be a director of the WPRO Board and an officer of the state chapter.

4.1.7. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, eight (8) Directors shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present in order for the Board to conduct business. A Director classified as a Business Director, who is also a Director of another classification, shall only count as one (1) Director for purpose of determining a quorum. If a PROXY is to be granted by a Director, it may be given to any other Director who is attending the meeting, but to no other member.

Proxy may only be given by either e-mail from the director, or writing signed by the director giving the proxy to the director to whom the proxy is given and/or the Executive Secretary. The Proxy may only be given to vote on a particular proposal described with reasonable specificity in the written proxy.

WPRO shall not pay anyone other than a Director or proxy Director to attend any Board meetings.

Board of Directors shall have the right to vote on any issue by mail and the results shall be the same as if in attendance of regularly called meetings.

4.1.8. In case of any increase in the number of Directors, the additional Directors shall be elected by the Directors in office and shall serve as such until the election and qualification of their successors.

4.1.9. In case of any vacancy on the Board of Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, increase in number, or other cause the remaining Directors by affirmative vote of the majority thereof may elect a successor to serve until the next regular election.

4.1.9.1. Any Director found in violation of a major rule infraction shall be disqualified immediately from holding office.

4.1.10. The Board, by rule, may provide for meetings at stated times and places, of which no notice shall be required.

4.1.11. Deleted

4.1.12. The written contracts of the Association shall be executed on behalf of the Association by the **President, Vice President or authorized officer.**

4.1.13. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or these Bylaws, as they deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of Officers, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion and removal, the fixing and collecting of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the awarding of championships, the conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, races, sales and social functions and other matters relating to the general purposes of the Association.

4.2. Duties of Directors

4.2.1. Director must see that all rules of the WPRA are carried out.

4.2.2. WPRA spokeswomen (who must be national card members) will be appointed by each Circuit Director and passed on for approval by the entire Board of Directors. Spokeswomen's duties will be to aid and assist rodeo administration and to represent membership in the absence of Director.

4.2.3. It shall be the responsibility of Officers and Directors to attend all Board meetings and as many general membership meetings as possible.

4.2.4. The Board of Directors, from time to time, may create and empower other committees, standing, general or special, as deemed necessary.

4.2.5. The WPRA Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel points from rodeos where results are protested as set forth in Chapter 16.

4.3. Committees (Standing)

4.3.1. The Board of Directors may at their discretion appoint such standing committees, as they deem necessary in the best interest of the Association.

4.3.1.1. Each committee shall be headed by a Chairwoman and shall be responsible for periodic reports to the Board and Officers.

4.3.2. Business Committee

4.3.2.1. The Business Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of up to five (5) members of the Board including each of the following: the President, the three Business Directors, and one additional director as designated by a majority of the Directors then in office.

4.3.2.2. All Business Committee members shall be entitled to vote on Business Committee matters. The Business Committee shall act by majority vote, provided that a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of not less than four members of the Business Committee or (if the membership of the Business Committee is fewer than four), the attendance by all members of the Business Committee.

4.3.2.3. The Business Committee shall have all the authority and power of the Board of Directors, except the Business Committee shall not: (a) authorize distributions; (b) approve or propose to members action that is required, pursuant to these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or other applicable law, to be approved by members; (c) elect, appoint, or remove any director; (d) amend the Association's Articles of Incorporation; (e) adopt, amend, or repeal these Bylaws; (f) approve a plan of conversion or plan of merger not requiring member approval; or (g) approve a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the Association's property, with or without goodwill, otherwise than in the usual and regular course of business subject to approval by members.

4.4. Director Removal or Suspension

4.4.1. If an Officer or Director misses two (2) meetings a year, is incompetent to serve, or is convicted of a felony, she may be removed from office on motion and vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

4.4.2. In the event an Officer or Director files suit against the WPRA, she will immediately be suspended from the Office or Directorship until the applicable court dismisses the suit with prejudice or a final non-appealable order is entered with respect to the matter.

4.4.3. In addition to the foregoing, an Officer or Director may be removed for cause as determined by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote.

Chapter 5 Secretary/Treasurer

5.1. Secretary/Treasurer

In addition to the offices named in Chapter 2, there shall be the offices of Secretary and Treasurer or the office of Secretary/Treasurer, the determination as to whether to separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer to be at the Board's discretion. The office or offices shall be filled by the Board of Directors by the appointment of qualified individuals, as determined by the Board. The duration of such appointment shall be at the will of the Board. Salary shall be at the Board's discretion.

5.1.1. The duties of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer, as applicable, are as follows:

5.1.1.1 The Secretary shall keep the Minutes of all Board meetings. The Secretary shall be the custodian for the safekeeping of all documents and records of the Association. The Secretary may be ex-officio secretary of all committees appointed by the President or the Board of Directors. The Secretary will make a report of the office to the Board of Directors when demanded and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time-to-time.

5.1.1.2. The Treasurer shall collect all money due to the Association. The Treasurer shall disburse the same only upon itemized demands. The Treasurer shall account for all the same by itemized statements in detail at each meeting of the Board of Directors when demanded. In addition, if requested, the Treasurer shall cause to be submitted to the Board of Directors a detailed budget of the proposed and anticipated expenditures for the forth-

coming fiscal year of the Association. [Upon approval of said budget, or its modifications, it becomes binding on the offices of the Association and cannot be exceeded in the total amount set forth by more than ten percent (10%), unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.]

5.1.1.3. In the event that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are combined in one person, as determined by the Board of Directors, that individual shall perform both the duties of Secretary and Treasurer outlined above.

5.2. Auditing of Accounts:

5.2.1. The Association shall conduct its affairs on a calendar year basis, beginning January 1st of each year and ending on December 31st of the same year. An auditing of the Association shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant at the close of each year [and/or on the completion of the Secretary/Treasurer's employment in accordance with general accepted auditing standards]. Such accounting shall be reported to the next annual meetings of the Board of Directors following the close of such calendar year. Such account shall be independent in all respects and shall not be a member of the Association.

Chapter 6 Telephonic Voting

6.1. Telephonic Voting Causes and Procedures

6.1.1. When deemed necessary by the President, or, in her absence or inability to perform the duties of the office, the Vice President, a telephone meeting of the Board of Directors may be held upon the discretion of the President. The Secretary may record any vote telephonically of each director on any question submitted to them either at the telephone meeting or subsequently.

6.2. Waiver of Advanced Notice

6.2.1. Any notice of special meeting requirements in these rules shall be waived for the purpose of telephonic meetings and voting.

Chapter 7 State Chapters

7.1. State Chapter Guidelines

7.1.1. WPRA state chapters should incorporate whenever possible. All expenses or commitments of a state chapter will be the responsibility of that chapter and its members.

7.1.1.1. Nothing in the incorporation of any state or chapter or in their bylaws shall be in conflict with the WPRA National Incorporation or Bylaws, except by approval of the national WPRA Board of Directors.

7.1.2. State chapters shall submit any rules, regulations, bylaws, etc., to the WPRA Board of Directors for review and approval before said rules can be enforced.

7.1.3. Any state chapter holding its state finals at a PRCA approved rodeo must be open to all members in good standing or a regular approved barrel race must be held at the same rodeo offering prize money at least equal.

7.1.4. A state chapter desiring to have a finals with only the top fifteen (15) in the standings of that state eligible to contest must declare so by January 1 of that year so all members are equally aware. This must be published in the state chapter's news and official publication. The points will not count for National Championship standings.

7.2. No Non-WPRA Members

7.2.1. No state WPRA chapter may accept as members of that chapter any woman who does not hold membership in the WPRA.

7.3. Chapter Affiliation Fee

7.3.1. Each chapter in good standing will be assessed a \$100 yearly chapter affiliation fee, due to the WPR A office by March 1. Chapter bylaws must accompany fee and will be reviewed at the spring Board meeting.

7.3.2. Upon approval of chapter bylaws, a chapter will be issued a yearly certificate stating, "This Chapter is in Good Standing."

Chapter 8 Circuit System Guidelines

8.1. Incorporation and Bylaws:

8.1.1. Deleted

8.2. Circuit Board of Directors

8.2.1. Deleted

8.3. Officers

8.3.1. Deleted

8.4. Circuit Designation

8.4.1. Each member, at the time of payment of dues, shall designate a circuit, which shall be considered her designated circuit for purposes of qualification for a Circuit Finals Rodeo.

8.4.2. Each WPR A contestant card member shall be considered to reside in the locality in which the member maintains a regular physical presence and has, at a minimum, a dwelling unit where the member indefinitely keeps her personal effects, and to which whenever she is absent, she intends to frequently return and remain for undetermined

periods of time. In determining whether a member's place of residence is within or without a particular circuit, the following factors shall be taken into account: (i) location of place of employment; (ii) place where state and local income taxes are paid; (iii) state and locality where motor vehicle registration is made; (iv) state and locality where voter registration is maintained; and (v) shall include, but not limited to (a) mailing address for federal income tax purposes; (b) state and locality where driver's license is obtained; (c) places where bank accounts are maintain; (d) places where local phone directory listings are maintained; (e) if married, place where spouse and/or minor children (if any) live permanently; and (f) places where real property taxes are paid. The burden of proving place of residence shall be on the member, and the member shall have the responsibility to provide documentation and other evidence satisfactory to the WPR A Board of Directors to support by a preponderance of the evidence the member's claim of place of residence as of the time the member declares herself from the Circuit.

8.4.3. Rodeos may request co-approval for one or more circuits. Criteria will be as follows: (a) rodeo must be within 150 miles of the border of the additional circuit; (b) points will count towards both circuits; (c) rodeo will not count as one of the required circuit rodeo count, nor will it add to the number of rodeos required for the following circuit year. See Rule 10.1.13.

8.5. Discrepancy in Circuit Designation

8.5.1. Any discrepancy in the designated circuit of record must be brought to the attention of the WPR A within thirty (30) days of the date of payment of dues.

8.5.2. Circuit designation may be changed by contestant during rodeo year, provided that contestant has not yet entered any WPR A event.

8.6. Circuit Finals

8.6.1. Each circuit will have the opportunity to have a Circuit Finals, which shall be governed by these Bylaws, the Official Rodeo Rules or the Circuit Finals Rodeo Ground Rules.

8.7. Circuit Points and Standings

At Circuit Finals only, five percent (5%) is held out and the WPRA barrel race will use the WPRA timed event payoff scale.

8.7.1. Circuit points for rodeos held within a circuit shall be awarded in the same manner as Championship Points are awarded. Standings shall be tabulated for each circuit based on circuit points awarded within a particular circuit to Contestant Card Members who have chosen that particular circuit as their designated circuit.

8.8. Circuit Finals Contestants

8.8.1. Each circuit may designate the number of contestants to be accepted (**10 or 12**) in events to be held at the Circuit Finals. The number of contestants accepted will be the same for all events, except for team roping, where the number of teams shall be the same as the number of contestants for all other events. To be a qualifier for a Circuit Finals event, a Contestant Card Member must have selected the circuit as her designated circuit, must satisfy the requirements of the 40%/15 rodeo rule, must finish within the top number of contestants in the circuit standings equal to the number of contestants accepted in that event at the Circuit Finals, must be financially eligible and competition eligible, and must officially enter the Circuit Finals. If there are not enough qualifiers in an event, the remaining CF contestant positions shall be filled according to Section 8.7.

8.8.2. Forty Percent (40%) 15 Rule

8.5.2.1. In order to satisfy the 40%/15 rule, a contestant must comply with the following:

1.) If the contestant's principal place of residence is within her designated circuit, said contestant must compete in either 40% of the rodeos within that circuit (based on the total number of rodeos during the previous rodeo year which held the particular event for which the contestant seeks to become a CR contestant) or 15 rodeos with that event within the circuit, whichever is less or;

2.) If the contestant's principal place of residence is not within her designated circuit, said contestant must compete in either 40% of the rodeos within the circuit (based on the total number of rodeos during the previous year which held the particular event for which the contestant seeks to become a CR contestant) or 15 rodeos with that event within the circuit, whichever is greater (provided that, if there are less than 15 rodeos with a particular event in a circuit during a rodeo year a nonresident must satisfy this rule if she competes in 100% of the rodeos with that particular event in the circuit during that rodeo year).

8.8.2.2. The number of rodeos entered on a permit will count for the total number of rodeos entered, should the permit member buy her card in that year.

8.8.3. Filling of Remaining Positions

8.8.3.1. If not enough qualifiers are available after entry closing to fill the CR Contestant positions available, non-WPRA qualifiers who have selected the circuit as their designated circuit, who are financially eligible and competition eligible, and who have satisfied the requirements of the 40%/15 rule shall be accepted as CR con-

testants, in order of their ranking in the circuit standings for that event, until all available positions have been filled. Eligible contestants must enter the Circuit Finals. If not enough non-qualifiers who meet these requirements are available after entry to fill the CR contestants positions available, the 40%/15 rule may be waived and the remaining positions may be filled from among the non-qualifiers who failed to satisfy the 40%/15 rule, in order of their ranking in the circuit standings for the event. Non-qualifiers will be eligible for the Circuit Finals Rodeo awards only and not be eligible for Circuit Year End awards, or titles, or advancement to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo.

8.9. Challenge Residency or Number of Rodeos

8.9.1. Any member may challenge the validity of another member's declared principal place of residence or home office, or the number of rodeos in which another member competed, by filing a challenge in writing to the WPRA Office no later than the year end cut-off date of the challenged member's designated circuit. If challenged and unable to prove principal place of residence or home office within the designated circuit, or unable to prove the number of rodeos in which the member competed, a member may be disqualified from participating at the Circuit Finals and may be required to forfeit any advancements, privileges and/or awards received in connection with that circuit.

8.10. Year End Awards

8.10.1. All Circuit Year End awards or titles, or advancement to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo will be forfeited by a CFR contestant who fails to enter and compete in all go rounds at the Circuit Finals Rodeo unless such CFR

contestant has entered and follows release procedures as outlined in the Official Circuit Finals Rules. Championship title, recognition and awards will go to the next highest ranked CR contestant who competed in all go-rounds at the Circuit Finals Rodeo. Additionally, only qualifiers, as described in Section 8.5. will be eligible for Circuit Year End awards or titles.

8.11. Position Changes Due to Circuit Finals

8.11.1. A contestant may request a position change at no more than one approved rodeo that conflicts with the Circuit Finals, provided contestant adheres to the following guidelines:

8.11.1.1. Contestant must request position consideration at time entry is taken at the conflicting rodeo.

8.11.1.2. Only those contestants fouled by the conflict and who qualified for the Circuit Finals will be changed. If a contestant does not qualify and is later added to the Circuit Finals, she will then be moved at the conflicting rodeo. Any contestant who qualifies for her Circuit Finals and is moved at a conflicting rodeo, and then fails to enter or compete in her Circuit Finals, will be fined \$500. All changes are to be made through Procom office prior to call backs at the conflicting rodeos.

8.11.1.3. All contestants being moved will be moved according to the contestant's position on the conflicting rodeo's priority list.

8.11.1.4. Contestants may not compete prior to or be held beyond the completion of the go round at the conflicting rodeo.

8.11.1.5. Any contestant who receives her preference at the conflicting rodeo will not be allowed to change her position if her preference at the conflicting rodeo is in conflict with her position at the Circuit Finals Rodeo. This includes all preferences.

8.11.1.6. All contestants will be moved to the first available position similar to their original position at the conflicting rodeo, if possible. A rake is not mandatory. The only exception will be in the case of a contestant who has a distance of over five hundred (500) miles to drive. In this case, the contestant must notify Procom office when she enters that she wants to be set up on the second available position, if possible, due to the five hundred (500) mile rule. If the contestant fails to notify at time of entry in conflicting rodeo she will be placed in the first available position. No contestant may compete in the Circuit Finals at a time other than originally scheduled.

8.12. Circuit Rookie of the Year

8.12.1. Circuit Rookie of the Year shall be awarded to that first year WPRA Contestant Card Member determined to be the high money winner within that circuit as of the Circuit Finals conclusion.

8.12.2. Rodeos participated in prior to changing circuit designation will not count towards percentage of rodeos. Circuit points and percentage of rodeos will be counted from date when change is received in WPRA office.

8.13. National Circuit Finals Rodeo (NCFR)

8.13.1. There shall be held each year a NCFR, which shall be governed by these Bylaws, and the Official Rodeo Rules, and the NCFR Ground Rules.

8.14.2. Qualifications for the NCFR

8.14.2.1. Entries for the NCFR will be taken from each of the twelve (12) PRCA / WPRA Circuits. The Year-End Event Champion shall be eligible to advance to the NCFR. If the Year End Event Champion and Circuit Finals Rodeo Average Champion is the same individual, the highest ranked qualifying (by dollar won and the

40%/15 rules) year end contestant in the event, in that circuit, who entered her respective Circuit Finals Rodeo in that event, shall be eligible to advance to the NCFR. Should either of the qualifying contestants in a circuit decide not to go, or be ineligible to advance to the NCFR, the next advancement opportunity will be passed on to the next highest ranked qualifying (by dollar won and the 40%/15 rules) year end contestant in that event, in that circuit, who entered her respective Circuit Finals Rodeo in that event.

8.15.3. Entry Fees for the NCFR

8.15.3.1. Contestants are subject to entry fees according to the futurity entry fee system established by the PRCA. Those advancing to the NCFR, who have not already paid entry fees, are required to pay the entry fee to the WPRA office prior to the date and time of entry opening of the NCFR. If a contestant eligible to advance to the NCFR does not pay the entry fee to the WPRA Office, prior to the date and time of entry opening, said contestant shall not be allowed to compete and her position shall be filled according to Section 8.10.2. of these Bylaws.

8.15.3.2. Rodeos participated in prior to changing circuit designation will not count towards percentage of rodeos. Circuit points and percentage of rodeos will be counted from date when change is received in the WPRA office. WPRA approved events other than PRCA Rodeos, will not count for rodeo percentage.

8.16. Adoption of Ground Rules

8.16.1. The Association hereby adopts current Circuit Finals ground rules as promulgated each year, as long as they are not in conflict with any rule herein.

8.16.1.1. It is the responsibility of the WPR A to have a list of the Circuit Finals ground rules to go out with the circuit challenge letters.

8.16.2. Last go of the Circuit Finals will be random draw, unless by special Director approval.

Chapter 9

Violation of Rules and Penalties

No member shall refuse any reasonable request to assist the Association, its Officers, committees or agents in the proper conduct of the affairs of the Association. In the event a fine is imposed upon a WPR A barrel racer at the National Finals Rodeo, WPR A World Finals, Circuit Finals or National Circuit Finals Rodeo by the WPR A, such fine shall be payable to the assessing organization and may be deducted from winnings of the WPR A participant. If the WPR A participant's winnings are insufficient to cover the fine and the fine is not paid within the required time frame, the WPR A will attempt to collect the fine on behalf of the assessing organization. In the event such fine is not paid within the rodeo year in which assessed, the WPR A will not issue a card or permit to the member who has not paid said fine. The WPR A participant may also be declared ineligible for the WPR A World Finals, NFR and/or any other WPR A approved finals.

9.1. Disciplinary Procedure

9.1.1. Any member may be disciplined, fined, suspended, or expelled from the Association and may be denied any or all privileges of the Association whenever it shall have been established by evidence satisfactory to the Board of Directors that such member has violated any pertinent rule of the Association. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully. FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.

9.1.1.1. Any member filing a complaint against another member may make her complaint through her Director, or to the WPR A office. Further details regarding the complaint shall be available only upon written request from the party complained against. All names or persons signing complaints will be kept confidential.

9.1.1.2. Violations of the pertinent rules of this Association shall be divided into two categories: major and minor.

9.1.2. Collection Procedure

9.1.2.1. In the event that a WPR A member has outstanding fines or balances due the WPR A shall turn such accounts over for collection by a collection agency. Accounts will be sent to collection no less than ninety (90) days after the fees, fines and/or balances were assessed because of nonpayment. In the event that an account is turned over for collection, the member is responsible for payment to the WPR A for all costs of collection, as well as the outstanding balance of her account. In addition to the foregoing, once an account is turned over for collection, the member will be suspended from the WPR A ninety (90) days from the date the account **is paid in full**.

9.1.2.2. All amounts billed to members are due to the office by the 20th of the following month. If the billed amount is not paid in full, the member will be ineligible until account is brought current. Interest and/or other service charges will be assessed on all past due accounts, (i.e., June 30 statement, payment must be received by July 20 in full or member becomes ineligible.)

9.1.2.3. Repeat offenders of accounts going to collections must petition the Board of Directors for WPR A membership. Reinstatement fee will be the account plus what the collection of the delinquent account cost the WPR A.

9.2. Minor Violations

9.2.1. Minor violations are those hereinafter listed. A violation of any of these rules may result in a fine not more than \$250 per violation **or as otherwise provided herein.** A decision as to the minor violation shall be based upon the written statements from the complaining party and her or his witnesses and a similar statement by the member complained of and her witness. **Decision of a minor violation shall be made without a hearing.**

9.2.1.1. The WPROA Board of Directors **or WPROA Office** will deal with minor violations. A contestant cannot be disqualified for any minor violations.

Minor Violation Fines:

Minimum fine

Turnout notified in performance

(drew up when requested) 1st or 2nd preference \$50

Turnout notified in performance

(not up when requested) \$15

Turnout notified in slack \$10

Turnout not notified during performance \$100

Turnout not notified during slack \$20

Hat Fine \$10

Release (per rodeo) \$20

Releases (if you use three [3] per rodeo year) \$250

And ineligible to compete until paid in full.

Unnecessary roughness towards horse during

competition or on rodeo grounds \$250

Running out of drawn order \$250

Working horse on markers Major

Failure to remove barrels (during practice) \$100

Barrels not restored to original location \$100

Practicing after ground is worked \$250

Failure to make an honest effort \$50

Dress Code \$100

Grand Entry \$0

Competition Discrepancy \$250

Circling \$100

Failure to pay entry fees by Tuesday (3:00 PM MT)

whether turned out or competed \$50

9.2.1.2. Contestant cannot be disqualified for not following a posted ground rule with the exception of a WPROA Board approved disqualification ground rule. Not complying with posted ground rules shall result in posted penalty.

9.2.2. Any member who is subject to a written complaint for a minor rule violation will receive a statement from the WPROA Secretary notifying her of the alleged violation within sixty (60) days of said violation.

9.2.2.1. It is the right of any member to protest any fine she receives. Member must pay fine and then submit a letter of protest to the WPROA office to be reviewed and determined by the Protest Committee. The decision and action of such Protest Committee shall be final and binding upon all parties, subject to an appeal to the Board of Directors. Such appeal shall be made by delivering to the Secretary of the Association with 14 days of the Protest Committee's decision notice that the aggrieved party desires an appeal. The appealing party will be responsible for the cost incurred by obtaining witnesses in her behalf and to insure the payment of such costs. Failure to comply will result in member being ineligible to enter.

9.2.3. Long sleeve **shirts that are collared and have either buttons or snaps on the front of the shirt, pants, jeans without holes,** western boots and western hat must be worn for all rodeo performances and slack. Contestant's appearance must be neat, clean and professional. Any contestant whose appearance is deemed unprofessional will be fined. The fine will be \$100.00. Only a WPROA Board approved dress code ground rule will supersede.

9.2.4. Contestants TURNED OUT or COMPETING at the rodeo must pay entry fees to the rodeo secretary at the rodeo or entry fees must be received in the WPRA office by 3:00 PM Mountain Time on the Tuesday following the end of the rodeo. If not there is a \$50 fine.

9.2.5. Deleted

9.2.6. Contestant must notify rodeo secretary of method of entry fee payment.

9.2.7. Any WPRA member who has two (2) bad checks will lose her check writing privileges and will be put on a cash only basis for one (1) year from the date of the second returned check. If this same member writes a third bad check she will be put on a cash only basis for a period of two (2) years. This same member shall have her name removed from Procom the day she has a returned check received in the WPRA office. She can enter no further events until this is taken care of. When a WPRA member has lost her check writing privileges, her WPRA number will be changed to indicate this, therefore flagging it for the rodeo secretary. There shall be a \$30 bank charge and \$15 service charge assessed for each returned check.

9.2.8. If a rodeo requires barrel racing contestants to ride in grand entry, a sign stating such must be posted at the rodeo office. If sign is not posted, contestants are not required to ride in grand entry. NO FINE.

9.2.9. Horses shall not be worked around official pattern with or without barrels. Barrels shall be set not less than fifteen (15) feet off markers. THIS IS A MAJOR VIOLATION.

9.2.9.1. Barrels used for practice must be removed from arena and restored to original location. \$100 fine

9.2.9.2. Once the ground has been worked for a performance or slack, no practicing is allowed. \$250 fine

9.2.9.3. If the pattern is not centered to the gate, member shall be allowed to set up for her run as necessary, without circling. (If you circle there is a \$100 fine.) A spin or pivot is acceptable. No intentional dismounting in the arena. If the member takes an excessive amount

of time she may be fined \$100 at the judge's discretion. **If the pattern is centered to the gate, contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel and forward motion when leaving the arena. Member shall be allowed to set up her run as necessary, without circling, spinning or pivoting. (If you circle, spin or pivot there is \$100 fine.) No intentional dismounting in the arena. If the member takes an excessive amount of time, she may be fined at the judge's discretion.**

9.2.10. All contestants are required to make an honest effort at all times when competing. \$50 fine.

9.2.11. Contestants must run in the order they are drawn. Failure to do so will result in a \$250 fine.

9.2.12. A contestant shall not compete twice during the same paid performance (i.e. back to back in the same performance), unless a rerun is given. \$250 fine

9.2.13. Contestants shall not be led past the entry gate into the arena during the barrel race. Penalty for violation is \$50.

9.2.13.1. Any contestant obstructing the entry way or causing congestion in the entry way to the arena during the barrel race, will be subject to a fine of \$100.

9.2.13.2. Contestant must be mounted on horse upon entering arena gate. \$50 fine

9.2.13.3. Anyone helping a WPRA contestant into the arena must adhere to the rules of the WPRA including but not limited to; dress code, not obstructing alleyway, and conduct restrictions for professional behavior. Member will be subject to a fine of \$100.00.

9.2.14. Intentional training during your money run will result in a \$250 fine. Completing run is not intentional training

9.2.15. Deleted

9.2.16. A contestant may turn out her first run and take a second run. Failure to notify of turn out during a performance shall result in a fine of \$100.

9.2.16.1. Failure to notify of a turn out during slack \$20.

For all AM slack, contestant must notify Procom no later than the turn out deadline for the previous evening's performance or 5:00 PM Colorado Mountain Time of the day prior to such section of slack if there is no performance the previous evening.

9.2.17. No member shall enter a WPRA event without first giving her number to the appropriate authority. Penalty for violation \$100

9.2.18. Any husband, father, mother, relative, or person with any relationship with a WPRA competitor whether related or not commits or assists in any act by omission or commission, the result of which is to place a WPRA member in a favored position, makes said competitor responsible and liable under this subsection.

9.2.19. No member, member's spouse, member's parent(s), or person with any relationship with a WPRA competitor whether related or not shall negligently, recklessly, knowingly or willfully cause trouble inside or outside the ranks of the WPRA by excessive complaining, willfully causing disturbances, or unnecessarily aggravating WPRA officials, Officers, Directors, rodeo producers, stock contractors, secretaries, committees or judges. This is a \$250 fine. This may also be a major rule infraction with a higher penalty.

9.2.20. All members who are in the top fifty (50) in the WPRA standings must submit biographies, photos and other pertinent data on or before October 1 of each year to the WPRA office. \$50 fine

9.2.21. A contestant who loses her hat in the arena during a barrel race shall be fined \$10.

9.2.22. Contestant is responsible for her mount, and no one shall be mounted on a horse that poses a danger to anyone. \$250 fine

9.2.23. Unnecessary roughness of a horse during competition or on rodeo grounds will result in a minimum \$250 fine.

9.2.24. Competition discrepancy. When a contestant arrives at a rodeo prepared to compete at a performance

or slack other than what is listed on the information provided each arena secretary from the Procom, and she alleges that her arrival is due to an error by Procom, she shall be able to compete if she has a Procom confirmation number. However, the judges will investigate the allegation as soon as possible. If Procom is not responsible for the error, contestant will forfeit any money, points or awards won and will be fined \$250. Contestant will run last.

9.2.25. All chain, metal and wire tie-downs and bosals must be covered. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine for the offense, then doubling progressively thereafter.

9.2.26. Permit members attempting to enter rodeos after permit is filled will result in a \$100 fine.

9.2.27. Procom Investigation — A fee may be charged to any contestant who files a discrepancy with the Central Entry Office. The determination of the charge will be based on the following. 1. If the contestant has the correct confirmation number and the Central Entry Office is found to be in error, no charge will be assessed. 2. If the contestant has the wrong confirmation number, a \$15 fine will be assessed. 3. If the contestant is found to be in error, a \$250 charge will be assessed.

9.3. Major Violations

9.3.1. Major violations are those hereinafter listed. Whenever anyone shall be accused of any major violation, she shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days notice of appointed time and place of hearing such accusations by the Board of Directors at which time and place she shall have an opportunity in person or by counsel (licensed attorney only) to be heard **and to present evidence offered on her own behalf.** Anyone who hires an attorney to represent them at a Board meeting must give the WPRA office no less than ten (10) days advance notice or the attorney will not have the right to appear. Violations on all

other rules of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,500 and/or suspension and/or probation and/or denial of membership in the association **as determined by the WPRA Board of Directors**. Any major violation may be reduced to a minor by WPRA Board action. When found guilty of an offense, the member must post a cash deposit in the amount of the fine or pay the fine, prior to an appeal being made.

9.3.1.1. A major violation shall be commenced by the accusing party, who need not be a member, filing with the Secretary of this organization a written, signed statement setting forth the act or acts the accusing party believes to be a violation of a major rule.

9.3.1.2. All written, signed statements as set forth in 9.3.1.1., must be received in the WPRA office no later than sixty (60) days from the happening or event.

9.3.1.3. The following violations shall constitute a major rule violation:

9.3.2. Any member under the influence of alcohol or drugs to excess while competing in a WPRA contest or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the arena.

9.3.3. Any member, member's spouse, member's parent(s), or person with any relationship with a WPRA competitor whether related or not who recklessly, knowingly or willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the WPRA by excessive complaining, willfully causing disturbances, or unnecessarily aggravating WPRA Officers and Directors, producers, secretaries, committees, judges, sponsors, employees, volunteers and/or tractor drivers.

9.3.4. Any member who willfully by any act, whether by commission or omission the result of which is to place the actor or any other competitor in a favored position over other contestants.

9.3.5. Any husband, father, mother, relative or person with any relationship with a WPRA competitor whether related or not commits or assists in any act by omission or com-

mission, the result of which is to place a WPRA competing member in a favored positions, makes said competitor responsible and liable under this subsection.

9.3.6. A member, member's spouse, member's parent(s) or person with any relationship with a WPRA competitor whether related or not attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judge or other official.

9.3.7. Accusing or make statements detrimental to producer, committee persons, secretary or timer.

9.3.8. Setting or moving markers at any time between opening and closing dates with the intent to place a contestant in a favored position.

9.3.9. Send in fraudulent insurance claims.

9.3.10. Use of electronic and/or remote controlled devices whether in or out of the arena.

9.3.11. Talking to flag judge or timekeepers while events are in progress.

9.3.12. Use of four (4) or more releases during a rodeo year.

9.3.13. Abuse of horse on the **event** grounds. This accusation must be supported in writing by at least two persons, the complaining party and one witness. The requirement of a witness is waived if the complaining party is a PRCA Rodeo Judge.

9.3.14. For being involved in any act which in the opinion of the Board of Directors would be inconsistent with the best interest of the WPRA by reflection on the honesty and integrity of the WPRA or the sport of rodeo, **or barrel racing**.

9.3.15. WPRA members must abide by WPRA rules, regulations and procedures regarding the wearing of advertising garments, tack or gear, including patches, in the rodeo arena.

9.3.16. A WPRA member shall not participate in or perform and exhibition in a PRCA **sanctioned** rodeo not approved by the WPRA.

9.3.16.1. When the barrel race has been WPRA

approved in the past and then it becomes an open barrel race, WPRA members may not compete.

9.3.16.2. No WPRA member shall participate in an invitational barrel race held at a PRCA approved rodeo without Board approval. WPRA members found guilty of participating in an open or invitational barrel race are subject to a major rule infraction.

9.3.17. Conduct, speech, appearance or lack of financial responsibility, which shall be determined by the WPRA to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation or well being of the WPRA or the sport of rodeo **and barrel racing**. Without limiting the foregoing, lack of financial responsibility shall include failure by a member to pay debts as they come due.

9.3.18. Competing in a WPRA event within seven (7) days after use of a release, beginning with the first performance for which the release is used.

9.3.19. A contestant cannot make any exhibition runs until all her competition runs at that rodeo have been made. Contestant cannot have an exhibition run made by another person on her contest horse until all competition runs have been made on that horse. Violation will result in a major rule infraction

9.3.20 Working horse on markers is a major violation

9.4. Failure to Fulfill Contractual Obligations

9.4.1. Contestant is responsible for payment of bills and personal expenses. If such bills are not paid when due, and a creditor notifies the WPRA office in writing of the amount of the bill and describes circumstances demonstrating improper nonpayment, the WPRA Board may impose a fine on the member in the amount of the unpaid bill. When the WPRA office receives verifiable written notice that the bill to the creditor has been paid, such fine will be removed from

the contestant's account. Subject to a contestant's rights of appeal, in the event that the contestant elects to remit the fine to the WPRA office and does not pay the creditor directly, the WPRA office will reimburse the creditor.

9.5. Major Violation Punishment

9.5.1. The decision and action of the Board of Directors on all major violations is final, subject only to appeal as follows:

9.5.1.1. A one-time only request for review or rehearing to the Board of Directors may be had by such a request being in the WPRA office within ten (10) days notice of the decision. The appeal will be heard at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, unless the Board, at its sole discretion, determines to hold an earlier, special hearing by telephone conference. If the Board determines to hold a telephone hearing, it will provide ten (10) days notice of the date and time of such hearing to the appealing party.

9.5.1.2. If the member is still dissatisfied with the results of said hearing or review, the member may institute a lawsuit or action in appropriate El Paso County, Colorado court, or, if the suit or action invokes a claim for which federal courts have jurisdiction, then, in the event suit is filed in federal court, such suit or action must be filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in Denver, Colorado.

9.5.2. After the date a person has been denied the privileges of the Association she shall not be allowed to compete or participate in any contests approved by the WPRA.

9.5.2.1. If the Board of Directors determines that a member has violated any of the rules (major) and that member wishes to appeal the matter, she must pay the fine within ten (10) days after notice of the result of the hearing.

9.6. Amendments

9.6.1. Deleted

9.7. Redistribution of Points and Prizes

9.7.1. Members found in violation of WPRA bylaws and rules (whether in their chapter or otherwise) may, in addition to fines, suspension and the like, be subject to loss of all championship points and prize money won. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, points, money or prizes may be redistributed.

Chapter 10 Rodeo Rules

10.1. Approvals and Committee Requirements

10.1.1. The WPRA shall serve as the agent for the members in negotiations concerning approval of rodeos or other contracts for the benefit of the members.

10.1.2. Committees desiring to hold a WPRA approved event shall submit a signed approval form to the WPRA office for any event approved by this body. The event must appear in at least one (1) issue of the official WPRA publication, or supplement, or on www.wpra.com for thirty (30) days to count for championship standings. If a member does not receive her Official publication or supplement, she cannot protest an approval. WPRA is not responsible for mail/email that is misguided or for the delivery of mail/email or lack of delivery of mail/email.

10.1.3. There shall be no called in approvals on WPRA events. All approvals must be received in writing in the WPRA office, and must appear in at least one (1) issue of the official publication of the WPRA, or supplement, or on www.wpra.com for thirty (30) days to be counted.

10.1.3.1 Deleted

10.1.4. The approval fee must be paid before the approval letter will be issued or the event listed in the official publication of the WPRA or on www.wpra.com.

10.1.5. Any ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the Association rules must be submitted for approval by the WPRA Board at least forty-five (45) days prior to the event and appear on www.wpra.com for thirty (30) days unless approved by WPRA Board. Such rules must be posted at all times with the draw at the rodeo office and will supersede the WPRA Rule Book.

10.1.6. Prize money for WPRA barrel race shall be the same as PRCA events. No WPRA event held in conjunction with a PRCA Rodeo will be approved for less than \$500. Barrel races will not be approved for less than any PRCA event with the lowest purse. A purse cannot be reduced, having been equal, unless PRCA purse is equally reduced due to hardship of rodeo.

10.1.7. If additional prize money is to be added, it shall be indicated by a "+" in the official publication. Additional money will be counted only if the exact amount is included in the last publication prior to entry closing.

10.1.8. If finals will be held at a rodeo, it shall be advertised as such in the official publication or www.wpra.com.

10.1.9. For a committee to be approved to have a short go (finals), the added money must be a minimum of \$12,500, unless by special WPRA Board approval.

10.1.10. All rodeos that add less than \$2,000 in purse money must accept permits.

10.1.11. The WPRA reserves the right to refuse approval on any event.

10.1.12. In a performance or slack, when there is more than 1 section of barrel racing: There shall be no more than 12 positions drawn. If there is more than one (1) section of barrel racing to be run, a tractor drag is required after twelve (12) or less. If there is a Procom error, a tractor drag or hand rake is required. If a WPRA member is moved because of a conflict at a Finals, they go to the bottom of the ground with no drag.

10.1.13. Rodeos that add \$5,000 or less per event may request co-approval for one or more circuits. Criteria is as follows: a) Rodeo must be within 150 miles of the border of the additional circuit. b) Points will count towards both circuits. c) The rodeo will not count as one of the required circuit rodeo count, nor will it add to the number of circuit rodeos required for the second circuit next year.

10.1.14. Deleted

10.2. WPRA Rodeo Approval Fee

Approval Fee Scale

Days Prior To Rodeo

Added Money 120+ 120 or Less

Added Money	120+	120 or Less
Up to \$999	\$85	\$150
\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$110	\$175
\$5,000 - \$9,999	\$160	\$225
\$10,000+	\$235	\$325

10.2.1. Deleted

10.3.

Entry Fees, Number of Go Rounds, Finals and Short Rounds

10.3.1. Entry fee scale (NOTE — Procom fees (\$21) need to be added to these amounts for total entry fee amount):

Added Purse	EF Amount/Go Round
\$500-\$999	\$50 EF for 1 go round \$90 EF for 2 go rounds
\$1,000-\$1,999	\$55 EF for 1 go round \$95 EF for 2 go rounds
\$2,000-\$2,999	\$65 EF for 1 go round \$100 EF for 2 go rounds

\$3,000-\$3,999	\$70 EF for 1 go round \$110 EF for 2 go rounds
\$4,000-\$5,999	\$90 EF for 1 go round \$130 EF for 2 go rounds
\$6,000-\$9,999	\$110 EF for 1 go round \$170 EF for 2 go rounds
\$10,000-\$14,999	\$135 EF for 1 go round \$210 EF for 2 go rounds
\$15,000 and over	\$210 EF for 1 go round \$260 EF for 2 go rounds

Unless by special Board approval.

10.3.2. \$35 will be added to each contestant's entry fee for all short go rounds.

10.3.3. \$50 will be added to each contestant's entry fee for every additional full go round run over two (2).

10.3.3.1. Deleted

10.3.4. Go Rounds

10.3.4.1. If number of entries is less than forty (40) at a four performance rodeo, less than fifty (50) entries at a five performance rodeo, or less than sixty (60) at a six performance rodeo; the rodeo committee has the option, with Director approval, to make the barrel race two (2) gos. Rodeos with seven or more performances must have two go rounds unless by special Director approval.

10.3.4.2. In instances where the number of entries exceeds the above, Directors discretion may be used to determine the number of go rounds based on the number of performances and added money.

10.3.4.3. Pro Tour Rodeos must have at least two go rounds. Exceptions allowed only by WPRA Board approval.

10.3.5. Finals or Short Go Rounds

10.3.5.1. There will be no fill-ins for a short go.

10.3.5.2. The amount of money for a short go round will be ten percent (10%) of the total purse, after deducting five percent (5%).

10.3.5.3. When a finals is held, all times will be counted for the average.

10.3.5.4. A FINALS at any given rodeo must be approved by the WPRA Board of Directors.

10.3.5.5. Ties — Unless otherwise approved at the time of the rodeo approval by the WPRA Board of Directors, the standard procedure for selecting finals contestants shall be: a) two or more head with a finals: Top 12. Ties will be broken by the fastest time on any one run. If still tied, the tie will be broken by the second fastest time on any one run. If still tied, the next fastest time on any one run will be used. If still tied, the next fastest time will be used, with the process repeated until the tie is broken. b) One head with finals: Top 12. If 12th place split, drop all splits and use 11 contestants. If 11th place split resulting in more than 12, drop all splits and go to top 10. If 10th place split resulting in more than 12 all must be accepted. If go rounds are held in separate arenas, tie will be broken by the highest placing on any run. If still tied, the next highest placing on any run will be used. Any ties may be approved by Stock Contractor, Committee and/or Circuit Director.

10.3.5.6. Making the Finals — Anyone making the finals at a rodeo that conflicts with another rodeo that has a committee purse of \$3,000 or more will be moved at the conflicting rodeo to the first available performance on the next day following the finals at the first rodeo with the last available position, provided the contestant does not create the conflict through a trade. A rake is not mandatory. Contestant will run last in all go rounds in which she

is moved due to conflict. In the event of subsequent go rounds, if contestant is moved for only one go, she will run last in that go and then back to her original drawn position in other go(s). If she is moved due to conflict for all goes, she will run last in all goes. End of go rounds shall not interfere with moving contestant per this rule. In a back to back situation, you will be moved to the next available SET, meaning you will run your first go first and your second go second. A rake is not mandatory.

10.3.5.7. Contestants qualifying for finals in the barrel race at regular season rodeos will have their positions randomly drawn regardless of whether hand raking is an option.

10.3.5.8. A progressive rodeo will be a two go round format with a finals, must add \$12,500 or more and must have at least four performances in which to bring back ten (10) to twelve (12) qualifying contestants per performance. Progressive go is tradable and all Finals performances will be random draw. Entry fee and payoff will be on the existing two go round scale as defined in section 10.3.1. When 2nd go rounds are either progressive or run in reverse order, all releases or turn outs will be treated as the slowest times. If there are multiple releases or turn outs, they will be randomly drawn to order them as the slowest.

10.4. Procom — Entries

10.4.1. Entries and Limitations

10.4.1.1. All entries for PRCA rodeos will be taken through Procom.

10.4.1.2. All rodeo entries, call backs and closings will be taken under Procom time parameters, which is Mountain Time.

10.4.1.3. Contestants, when entering, must have valid,

correct WPRA number or they will not be entered.

10.4.1.4. Contestants are responsible for the use of their WPRA numbers and possible consequences related to its use.

10.4.1.5. There will be a ninety (90) minute time period after each closing time to allow contestant to draw out or change preferences. Adjustments must be made before the ninety (90) minutes expire, unless a further extension of time is allowed by Procom. (Example: conflicting entry closing times.)

10.4.1.6. Turn out and release information must be called into Procom three (3) hours prior to the scheduled performance time, Mountain Time. If slack is held in the morning prior to the first performance, then deadline is 5:00 pm Mountain Time the previous day.

10.4.1.7. Deleted

10.4.1.8. Specification of Unofficial Entries Any rodeo entered will be considered an “official entry” unless otherwise specified by the contestant at the time of entry through Procom. Once positions are drawn a contestant cannot change an “unofficial entry” to an “official entry.” Only money won at “official entry” events will count for Championship points. Only “official entry” events will count for rodeos that have qualifications. All sponsor points will count at any rodeo, regardless of the designation. A contestant may enter as many WPRA events as she so chooses. However, no more than 100 WPRA approved events for barrel racing contestants will be accepted as “official entries”. If a rodeo is entered as “unofficial” for World Championship points, rodeo may still be “official” for circuit points.

10.4.1.10.1. All rodeos with limited entries will set a mandatory release deadline. After the **mandatory release deadline**, the only way out of the rodeo is a turn-out. Only contestants previously drawn out due to qualifications will be **eligible as replacements**.

10.4.1.9.

A Parameter may be used at time of entry whereby a contestant may specify that a given rodeo be considered an “unofficial entry” if a certain number of go rounds or entries occur. Examples: “unofficial entry if two”, “unofficial entry if less than 40.”

10.4.1.10.

All entries in Canadian rodeos will be considered “official entries” unless the contestant designates the rodeo as “unofficial.” WPRA contestants entering a Canadian rodeo have the opportunity to re-designate to “unofficial entry” a conflicting rodeo (either in the U.S. or Canada) up until the first turn out deadline of the rodeo that the contestant wished to re-designate. All such re-designations must be done through Entry System Office.

10.4.1.11. Conflicts

10.4.1.11.1. Conflicts Due to Qualification for Progressive Go Rounds or Finals

A contestant who qualifies for a progressive go round or finals, resulting in a conflict with another “official entry” rodeo at which she has not yet competed may request that the Entry System Office re-designate the conflicting rodeo as an “unofficial entry” rodeo. This notification must be no later than the turnout deadline of her scheduled competition at the re-designated rodeo. Contestant shall still be responsible for entry fees, additional charges and corresponding turnout fines for the re-designated rodeo. Position in Multiple Rodeos on the Same Day If contestant is entered in two (2) rodeos, and is positioned in both rodeos on the same day, contestant may designate one of the two rodeos as an “unofficial entry” rodeo. Barrel race

contestants have until the first timed event turnout deadline of the rodeo to declare a re-designation for the conflicting rodeo.

10.4.1.11.2. Conflict Due to Rerun

A WPRA contestant with a rerun which can only be taken during a performance other than that contestant's originally scheduled performance for that rodeo, thereby creating a conflict with a second rodeo, may re-designate either rodeo as an "unofficial entry" only if no penalties have occurred. If a contestant has a penalty in which the rerun was awarded, contestant may only re-designate the second rodeo as unofficial. No Re-designation for the Go Round Conflict created by Contestant No re-designation will be allowed if a contestant creates a conflict by trading her original position.

10.4.1.12. Verification of Unofficial Entry

Verification of "unofficial entry" will be mailed to each contestant who has designated a rodeo as an "unofficial entry" no later than fourteen (14) days from the end of the given rodeo. Protest must be made within fourteen (14) days of the date of the letter. If no protest is made by the contestant within the fourteen (14) days of the date of the letter, status of the entry will stand.

10.4.2. Back to Back Runs

10.4.2.1. At rodeos when back to back runs are approved, contestants will make runs in consecutive performances or slacks.

10.4.2.2. When back to back runs are the same day and a rerun is necessary, contestant may be given the option of competing in another designated time or performance.

10.4.2.3. Back to back runs apply to rodeos only.

10.4.2.4. At priority preference rodeos that are back to back, **both go rounds must be traded as one. If you trade your first go round you must also trade your 2nd go round to the same contestant.**

10.4.3. Buddy System

10.4.3.1. Up to four (4) contestants may be drawn for position together, but only in the same event. However, there are two (2) exceptions: 1) A WPRA member may buddy with a PRCA member only if it is her husband or immediate family. A WPRA member may not buddy with any other WPRA members, except immediate family members, if she is already buddied with a PRCA member. A copy of a marriage certificate verifying marital status must be on file in the WPRA office. WPRA contestants will compete in the nearest performance or slack the same day PRCA buddy is competing in the first go round only. Back to back rodeos are the exception to this clause. 2) If a barrel racer is buddied with a PRCA member whose event's first go ends prior to the first performance, the barrel racer can buddy on his second go if designated at the time of entry.

10.4.3.2. A contestant may have one, two, or up to three buddies at priority preference rodeos.

10.4.3.3. A person wishing to buddy with another contestant must have that contestant's PRCA or WPRA number. Should that contestant later enter herself without reciprocating the same buddy information, then the "buddy" situation may be negated.

10.4.3.4. Specifically ask to be placed on the buddy system. Contestants wishing to buddy must have exactly the same preferences and parameters. Any deviation negates the buddy condition.

10.4.3.5. The buddy system will have a primary and

secondary entry designation. The primary entry is the person making the entry and the secondary entry is the person entered by the primary entry.

10.4.3.5.1. In the case of duplicate, or multiple buddies, the primary entry's choice of a buddy will be honored.

10.4.3.5.2. In the case of duplicate or multiple secondary buddies, the latest entry will be honored.

10.4.3.6. A barrel racer can buddy with her husband or immediate family who can buddy with two other contestants, as long as they have a common event.

10.4.3.7. At priority preference rodeos with more than six (6) performances, wives can buddy with their husbands on his second go round positions. At non-priority preference rodeos, wives cannot buddy with their husbands on the second head, but will be buddied on the first head.

10.4.4. Entry Parameters

10.4.4.1. Once a member enters a rodeo, she has four options available to her: 1) Draw out in the ninety (90) minutes after the books close — does not have to pay entry fees. 2) After callbacks and entrant knows when she is up, she can turnout, meaning she will have to pay entry fees and be subject to a turnout fine. 3) After callbacks and entrant knows when she is up, she can Release and she will not have to pay entry fees but will have to pay a **twenty dollars (\$20) per rodeo** fine and cannot compete for seven (7) from the first time the release is used. 4) Member can also trade at rodeos per rule 10.6.

10.4.4.2. Out if one, two or three go rounds etc. Contestants wishing to give an "out if" parameter must make said parameter event specific.

10.4.4.3. Out if less than 10, 20, 30 etc. contestants, in increments of ten (10) only. When totaling the number

contestants to base this parameter on, the contestant issuing the parameter will be included in the summation. Example: out if less than ten (10) contestants, her entry included in the count.

10.4.5. Priority Preference

10.4.5.1. P.P. means priority preference.

10.4.5.2. Contestant shall indicate when she enters whether or not she has a preference for when she is up in the first go round. A maximum of 2 preferences will be allowed A specific slack may be given as a preference. In the case of 2 or more go round contests, (middle) may be designated as a preference. Middle will be defined as the performance or slack in which the first go round is completed.

10.4.5.3. Contestant will give a preference for the first go when she enters.

10.4.5.4. Deleted

10.4.5.5. At priority preference rodeos with more than six (6) performances, wives can buddy with their husbands on the second head.

10.4.5.6. At non-priority preference rodeos, wives cannot be buddied with their husbands on the second head, but will be buddied on the first head.

10.4.6. Duplicate Entries

10.4.6.1. In the case of duplicate entries, the latest entry's parameters and preference will be accepted.

10.4.6.2. In the case of duplicate or multiple buddy entries with any deviation in parameters or preferences given, each primary entry's parameters and preferences will be honored, and the buddy system will be negated.

10.4.7. Permits Maximum

10.4.7.1. Permits maximum will be fifteen (15) a day or ten (10) contestants a performance.

10.4.7.2. At PRCA rodeos with PERMITS MAXIMUM, if a WPRA contestant wants to be left in her event, she must specifically ask to be left in if her husband is a permit holder and is drawn out of his event. Otherwise, she will be drawn out also and cannot be put back in the draw.

10.5. Entering and Payment of Entry Fees

10.5.1. All entry fees not paid to Arena Secretary are to be sent to the WPRA office.

10.5.2. Contestants shall refer to both the official publication of the WPRA, the PRCA's Pro Rodeo Sports News (PSN) and the WPRA Website www.wpra.com for closing dates of entry. Subscriptions may be obtained from the WPRA.

10.5.3. Member must give her member number when entering a rodeo. A member will be responsible for the entry fee money of any girl she enters.

10.5.4. Contestants competing at the rodeo must pay entry fees to the rodeo secretary at the rodeo or entry fees must be received in the WPRA office by 3:00 PM Mountain Time, Tuesday following the end of the rodeo.

10.5.4.1. Contestants turning out of a rodeo must have entry fees paid in the WPRA office by 3:00 PM Mountain Time, Tuesday following the end of the rodeo.

10.5.4.2. Contestant must notify rodeo secretary of method of entry fee payment.

10.5.5. The official rodeo secretary will take the entry fees, handle the payoff, and be responsible to send the WPRA results into the WPRA Office.

10.5.6. Arena secretaries may ask contestants to show WPRA membership card at time entry fees are paid.

10.5.7. WPRA office will be responsible for nonpayment of entry fees by WPRA members.

10.5.8. A contestant must enter an entire rodeo, not by go round.

10.5.9. Deleted

10.6. Trade Rule

10.6.1. First go round. Contestant may trade positions in the first go round, which includes all one go round rodeos, for a PRCA/WPRA sanctioned event only in accordance with the terms and conditions of Rules 10.6.1.1 through 10.6.1.4.

10.6.1.1. Eligibility. Contestants may trade positions in the first go round of a PRCA/WPRA sanctioned rodeo only if the scheduled competition time of at least one of the contestants involved in the trade is in conflict with her scheduled competition time in that same event during the first go round of another PRCA/WPRA sanctioned rodeo. The exception is that a member may trade a first go round which conflicts with a second go round of a back-to-back situation, following applicable rules. For the purposes of this rule, "conflict" shall be defined as a contestant positioned to compete, on the same day, in the same PRCA/WPRA approved event during the first go round of two (2) or more rodeos. A contestant shall be limited to only one first go round trade per event at any given PRCA/WPRA sanctioned rodeo. Trades for multiple events must be requested and granted separately, and the granting of a trade in one event shall not automatically entitle a contestant to a trade in another event. Trades shall also be specific to the individuals involved and shall not apply to buddy groups of which the traded individuals are members.

10.6.1.2. Notification to Procom and second callback period. For a trade to be effective, each contestant involved in a trade must personally notify Procom of the trade no later than 5:00 PM, Mountain Time, on the first PRCA National Headquarters business day following the original call backs for that rodeo. Procom will establish a

second position call back time (after the original call back time) for contestants to confirm whether the trade was made, Contestants shall be responsible for contacting Procom to ensure the trade was made, and no contestant shall be excused from fines or their sanctions for missed competition times because a trade was not made. Information on entries will not be given to rodeo secretaries or rodeo committees until after the second callback period has ended.

10.6.1.3. Trading Options: No re-designation of Unofficial. If a trade is allowed under these Rules, the positions of the contestants involved in the trade may be exchanged, or a contestant may trade into an available open position, as long as no open position in a performance is created by such a trade. Once a trade is granted, the traded positions shall be effective for all go rounds in that rodeo. If a trade request is granted, the contestants involved in the trade may no longer designate that rodeo or event as an “unofficial” rodeo or event, even if the contestant would still be eligible to re-designate the rodeo or event as “unofficial” pursuant to WPRA Rule 10.4.1.13.

10.6.1.4. Violations and Turnout Fines. Any contestant or other individual found to be intentionally violating the provisions of this rule will be disqualified from the rodeo, will be required to return any and all monies won at the rodeo in the event involved, and will be subject to a fine. For purposes of turnout fines, once a contestant has traded positions, she will be treated as if she has received her requested preference for a performance preference rodeo.

10.6.1.5. Contestants are allowed **four (4)** free trades (without another conflicting rodeo) per competition year. **A free trade will be taken from the member listed as initiating the trade, as recorded by Procom.**

10.6.2. Conflicts

Conflicts Due to Qualification for Progressive Go Round or Finals.

A contestant who qualifies for a progressive go round or finals, resulting in a conflict with another “official entry” rodeo at which she has not yet competed may request that Procom re-designate the conflicting rodeo as an “unofficial entry” rodeo. This notification must be no later than the turnout deadline of her scheduled competition at the re-designated rodeo. Contestant shall still be responsible for entry fees, additional charges and corresponding turnout fines for the re-designated rodeo.

Position in Multiple Rodeos on the Same Day

If contestant is entered in two rodeos, and is positioned in both rodeos on the same day, contestant may designate one of the two (2) rodeos as an “unofficial entry” rodeo. Barrel race contestants have until the first timed event turnout deadline of the rodeo to declare a re-designation for the conflicting rodeo.

Conflict Due to Rerun

A WPRA contestant with a rerun which can only be taken during a performance other than that contestant’s originally scheduled performance for that rodeo, thereby creating a conflict with a second rodeo, may re-designate either rodeo as an “unofficial entry” only if no penalties have occurred. If a contestant has a penalty in which the rerun was awarded, contestant may only re-designate the second rodeo as unofficial.

10.6.3. Second and Subsequent Go Rounds

At performance preference rodeos, positions in subsequent go rounds may be traded by contestants upon obtaining,

from the arena secretary, a trade form and submitting said form to arena secretary prior to the specified deadline. Arena secretaries may trade a contestant into an open position created by a turn out or draw out, provided this is done prior to the time indicated below. A trade to an open position which would move a contestant from a performance to a section of slack will not be allowed. No second go round trades will be allowed if an event is back to back.

10.6.4. Deadline for Timed Events

10.6.4.1. The deadline for submitting the trade form to the arena secretary in the timed events shall be the end of the first go round, except that, where a split performance ends a go round, the deadline shall be the end of the prior performance or section of slack.

10.6.5. Contestant Cannot Trade

10.6.5.1. Contestant CANNOT trade from a performance.

10.6.5.2. Contestant cannot trade within her performance. Contestant will run where drawn.

10.7. Releases and Turnouts

10.7.1. Releases

10.7.1.1. If a contestant is releasing out of a PRCA/ WPRA rodeo, she must notify Procom no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance she is up in. Releases carry a charge of \$20 per rodeo released.

10.7.1.2. Deleted

10.7.1.3. A contestant is allowed a total of two (2) releases in a rodeo year. Competing in a WPRA co-approved event within the seven day period terminates that release. Contestant may compete at a WPRA co-

approved event (barrel race approved with another primary association, such as a large 4D jackpot), but monies won will not count for WPRA national and/or circuit standings, if applicable, unless the seven (7) day grace period is up prior to competition.

10.7.1.3.1. Use of additional releases will result in a major rule infraction.

10.7.1.4. A contestant who releases shall not be eligible to compete for seven (7) days, beginning with the first performance the release is used. She may, however, continue to enter events that have entry closings during this time. It will be that contestant's responsibility to notify the Procom of rodeos already entered so that she will be released. (Example: if release is used for the first competition scheduled for the fifth of the month, the first day the released contestant is eligible to compete will be the twelfth of the month) Anyone found in violation will be subject to a major rule infraction and forfeiture of all winnings including money, prizes and sponsor points.

10.7.1.5. Once a contestant releases out of a rodeo, she is out of the entire rodeo. Releases may not be used by go round only.

10.7.1.6. If Procom is notified of a withdrawal because of release prior to contestant competing in an event, her entry fee is not to be included in the payoff.

10.7.2. Visible Injury

10.7.2.1. A contestant may turn out due to illness or a visible injury to horse or contestant at the rodeo; provided the appropriate visible injury form is authorized by the judge.

10.7.2.2. In this instance the contestant shall remain eligible to enter or compete in any barrel race following the performance which she has turned out because of visible injury. Contestant may not compete on the day released up to midnight of that day.

10.7.2.3. Entry fees remain in the payoff, but all turnout fines will be waived. Entry fees not paid to the rodeo secretary are sent to the WPRA office.

10.7.2.4. Visible injury forms signed by the judge of a given rodeo must be received in the WPRA office with that rodeo's results.

10.7.2.5. A contestant may be held back to the end of a go-round, with approval, due to injury of contestant if contestant was injured at a PRCA/WPRA approved rodeo. Injury must be witnessed/acknowledged by a judge and contestant must be able to show a valid medical release if requested. Contestant must be last out in the go-round in which she is held back.

10.8. Turning Out

10.8.1. There is a \$10 fine to any contestant making a notified turnout in slack.

10.8.2. Any contestant turning out a paid performance of a rodeo, when she is up on her first or second preference, will receive a fine of \$50, unless slack was given as the first preference. Contestants must turnout through the Procom no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance she is scheduled to compete in. Entry fee must be paid.

10.8.3. Deleted

10.8.4. Failure to notify of a turnout during a performance shall result in a fine of \$100.

10.8.5. Failure to notify of a turnout during slack, \$20.

10.8.6. Failure to pay entry fee and fine will result in removal from the Procom.

10.8.7. A contestant may turn out her first run and take her second run.

10.8.8. Should circumstances change that make it possible for a contestant to compete after a turn out notification has

been made, it will be her responsibility to notify that rodeo individually, so she can be put back in the draw and allowed to compete.

10.9. Day Money System

10.9.1. In the event a barrel is off the marker, the timer or flagman is not in the proper position, the course is changed or altered in any way (i.e. markers moved to different location in arena, entire course moved to different location), or if barrel race is cancelled after some have competed due to dangerous conditions, the event may be paid off using the day money system in order not to sacrifice money won at that rodeo or event.

10.9.2. Multiply number of entries in a performance or slack by entry fee. Divide added money/purse by number of contestants in that performance or slack to determine amount of added money/purse paid per contestant. Add performance or slack entry fees plus purse per contestants in performance or slack. Deduct Five Percent (5%). Remaining figure will be amount of prize money paid per performance or slack.

10.9.3. In the case of cancellation of an event as per 10.9.1, if half or more of the contestants competed, then all added money plus applicable entry fees are to be paid out to those contestants and points will count. If less than half compete, a prorated portion of the added money plus applicable entry fees are to be paid out and only those points will count. Each performance should be figured individually, unless all performances contain the same number of contestants. Note: PRCA will not accept points for bonus programs if WPRA day money is paid at a PRCA rodeo. PRCA will not divide bonus points, but will disallow the entire rodeo.

10.10. Redistribution of Prize Money

10.10.1. If a result is received in the WPRA office and has not been figured correctly by the rodeo/event secretary it will be corrected with a REDISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY to those contestants who should be paid.

10.10.2. In the event a contestant violates the release seven (7) day competition rule, or a member continues to compete on a permit after her permit has been filled, the Board of Directors may elect to redistribute winnings including money, sponsor points and prizes.

10.11 Results

10.11.1. All Pro Rodeo secretaries are required to submit correct and completed results sheets, rule infraction sheets, contestants list, judge and timer sheets and must be returned overnight to the WPRA office.

10.11.2. Results shall include WPRA card number and a list of all entries in WPRA event(s).

10.12. TV Money

10.12.1. If a WPRA event is photographed, filmed or televised, the WPRA reserves the right to request an initial sum of money for its right and those of its members, plus the right to residuals of the outtake film footage. The WPRA may contribute a portion of any amount paid to the purse of the televised event. The WPRA retains all rights in and to filming, taping, still footage/photography, radio and television broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form thereof of any WPRA sanctioned event.

10.12.2. Upon entering a WPRA sanctioned event to be filmed or televised with filming fees paid to the WPRA office, the contestants forfeit the right to negotiate for sponsor/ talent fees.

10.12.3. A member of the WPRA who enters a sanctioned

rodeo or event, and any stock contractor, official or staff of the rodeo, or other person admitted to the rodeo shall, as a condition of entry, employment, admission or other involvement therein, be deemed to consent to WPRA ownership of all rights in and to her appearance or other involvement therein, and the WPRA shall have the right, and may permit others as it sees fit, to dispense, reproduce, sell, and otherwise use any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph and other pictures in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the rodeo or sport of rodeo and any reproduction thereof, in any form. The WPRA shall not use a photograph of a specific contestant in connection with a product or service without the contestant's consent, provided that no consent is required for televising contestants in WPRA sanctioned events.

10.12.4. A member of the WPRA who participates in sanctioned rodeo events authorized the WPRA to act on the member's behalf as well as on the behalf of the WPRA in engaging in promotional activities relating to the conduct of the sport of rodeo.

10.12.5. A member may not be required to, and shall not, participate as a contestant or otherwise appear on any form of television, including pay, cable, subscription, closed circuit and/or sound depiction in connection with any WPRA event, unless the WPRA's written consent has been secured by the person seeking such participation or appearance, with the understanding that said consent must be obtained from the WPRA at least thirty (30) days prior to the first performance of such event.

Chapter 11 Payoffs

11.1. Rodeos Sanctioned by the PRCA

11.1.1. Five Percent (5%) of total prize money of all rodeos (purse plus entry fees) will be deducted from the prize

money and sent with the WPRA results to the WPRA office. This amount shall be deducted before determining payoff breakdown of four, six, eight, ten or fifteen monies.

11.1.2. Sponsor money is added after the Five Percent (5%) is deducted.

Up to \$1,000.....4 monies
 \$1,000.01 to \$2,0006 monies
 \$2,000.01 to \$4,0008 monies
 \$4,000.01 to \$9,999.9910 monies
 \$10,000 to \$15,00012 monies (on one go only)
 \$15,000.01 and up15 monies (on one go only)
 Prize money payoff shall include the sponsor's purse and the entry fees. Monies shall be paid in a go round or average with the divisions as follows:

11.1.2.1. Up to \$1,000 = 4 monies

1st.....40%
 2nd.....30%
 3rd.....20%
 4th.....10%

11.1.2.2.

\$1000.01 to \$2,000 = 6 monies

1st.....29%
 2nd24%
 3rd19%
 4th14%
 5th9%
 6th5%

11.1.2.3. \$2,000.01 to \$4,000 = 8 monies

1st.....23% 5th.....11%
 2nd.....20% 6th.....8%
 3rd.....17% 7th.....5%
 4th.....14% 8th.....2%

11.1.2.4. \$4,000.01 to \$9,999.99 = 10 monies

1st.....21% 6th.....8%
 2nd18% 7th.....6%
 3rd15% 8th.....4%
 4th13% 9th.....3%
 5th10% 10th2%

11.1.2.5. \$10,000 to \$15,000 = 12 monies (1 run only)

1st.....20% 7th.....5%
 2nd17% 8th.....4%
 3rd14% 9th.....3.5%
 4th12% 10th3%
 5th10% 11th.....2.5%
 6th7% 12th2%

11.1.2.6. \$15,000.01 and up = 15 monies (1 run only)

1st.....20% 8th.....4.5%
 2nd16% 9th.....4%
 3rd13% 10th3.5%
 4th10% 11th.....3%
 5th8% 12th2.5%
 6th6% 13th2%
 7th5% 14th1.5%
 15th1%

11.1.2.7. There shall always be an average paid on two or more go rounds. **Determine the amount of money to be paid in the rounds and average according to rules 11.1.3 or 11.1.5 for rodeos with a short go round. Using the total money in each long go round as a guide, determine the number of places to be paid; all averages will pay the same number of places as the long go rounds. No long go round or average shall pay more than 10 places regardless of the total amount of money in the average.**

11.1.3. Payoff for Go Rounds and Averages

11.1.3.1. TWO GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is the same as the go-rounds. Divide before mentioned total by three (3).

11.1.3.2. THREE GO-ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is one and a half (1 1/2) times the go-round. Divide the aforementioned total by nine (9). Multiply the answer by two (2) for the go rounds and three for the average.

11.1.3.3. FOUR GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is two (2) times the go round. Divide the aforementioned total by six (6) and the answer will be the go round. Twice the answer will be the average.

11.1.3.4. FIVE GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is three (3) times the go round. Divide the aforementioned total by eight (8) and the answer will be the go round. Three (3) times the answer will be the average.

11.1.3.5. MORE THAN FIVE GO ROUNDS: Average is never more than three (3) times the go rounds. Take the number of go rounds to be held, add three (3), and divide the total by this figure. The result is the go rounds and three (3) times the result is the average.

11.1.4. Ground Money

11.1.4.1. If not enough contestants qualify for the number of places to be paid in an average **or a go round**, the remaining places shall be divided evenly among those contestants who did **qualify**. **If no one qualifies, the prize money shall be divided evenly amongst all who competed. This money is considered ground money and will not count for official championship points.**

11.1.5. Payoff on Finals and Short Go Rounds

11.1.5.1. PAYOFF ON ONE GO AND SHORT GO: First

go 45% of purse, short go 10% of purse and average 45% of purse.

11.1.5.2. Two go rounds with a finals and average: Average is 11/2 times the go round. Deduct amount of the short go money from the aforementioned total. Divide the answer by seven (7). Twice the answer is the go round. Three times the answer is the average.

11.1.5.3. Three go rounds with a finals and average: Average is twice the go round. Deduct amount of the short go money from the aforementioned total. Deduct the remaining figure by five (5) and the answer will be the go round. Twice the answer will be the average.

11.1.5.4. More than three go rounds with a finals and average: Average is three (3) times the go round. Deduct amount of the short go money from the aforementioned total. Divide the balance by the number of go rounds plus three (3). The answer will be the go round and three (3) times the answer will be the average.

11.1.5.5. When a short go round or **finals** is desired, four (4) monies will be paid, and should be advertised as such in **the official publication of the WPRA or on www.wpra.com. 10% of the total purse will be deducted for the short go or finals.**

Producers of WPRA Approved Lead Sanction Barrel Races not held in conjunction with a rodeo, have the option of using the "rodeo payout" as listed above, or the following:

Up to \$800.....	4 monies
\$801-\$1200	6 monies
\$1201-\$1700	8 monies
\$1701-\$7000	10 monies
\$7001 and above	12 monies

This optional payout for WPRA stand-alone barrel races, uses the same percentages as the rodeo payouts. Producer must designate which payout will be used on approval form and in all advertising.

Chapter 12 Competition

12.1. Contestants

12.1.1. Each contestant will receive a complementary pass that will entitle her to a seat and a gate pass, unless membership card is used for the same purpose.

12.1.2. Contestants in the arena must not interfere with the work of the press and professional photographers, or with the vision of the spectators.

12.1.3. When a victory lap in a performance is required, contestant must ride. If she is unable to ride her horse, she must notify rodeo management so a horse can be made available.

12.1.4. Two contestants may ride the same horse.

12.1.4.1. Contestant must notify the rodeo secretary if two contestants are riding the same horse, and if they request a split. First contestant will remain in drawn position and second contestant must be moved to the bottom of the draw in that section. Contestant will not be subject to rules 9.2.11. or 9.2.1.1. running out of drawn order rules and violations.

12.2. Dress Code

12.2.1. Contestants appearance must be neat, clean and professional. Any contestant whose appearance is deemed unprofessional will be fined. The fine will be \$100.00. **Contestants must wear long sleeve shirts that are colored and have either buttons or snaps on the front of the shirt, jeans without holes, western boots and west-**

ern hat must be worn for all rodeo performances and slack.

12.2.2. Deleted

12.2.3. Helmets are acceptable for any WPRA competition.

12.3. Barrel Race Details

12.3.1. Barrel race is a timed event, using brightly colored 55 gallon steel drums. Race is run in a cloverleaf pattern around the barrels consisting of one (1) right and two (2) left, or one (1) left and two (2) right turns. If barrel(s) is knocked down, contestant must turn barrel(s).

12.3.2. Both ends of the barrel must be enclosed.

12.3.3. There shall be no rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads used.

12.3.3.1. If barrel covers are used they should be used in slack as well as performances. Arena signage should remain in place for slack competitions. Same barrels must be used throughout entire rodeo.

12.3.4. There is to be only one contestant horse in the arena at a time during the barrel race, without exception.

12.3.5. Entry gate(s) will remain the same for all contestants during the entire rodeo unless otherwise posted in a WPRA Board approved ground rule. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

12.3.6. Exit gate(s) will remain the same for all contestants during the entire rodeo unless otherwise posted in a WPRA ground rule. Failure to comply will result in disqualification, unless, if in the judge's opinion, every effort was made to comply.

12.3.7. The start/finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo.

12.3.7.1. The Start Line is defined as the plane across the entire arena, fence to fence, regardless of the position of the electric timers. Crossing the start/finish line anytime before horse breaks electric eye beam to start run will result in a no time.

12.3.8. The contestant is allowed a running start. Gate(s) must be safe and fair for all contestants.

12.3.9. If the pattern is centered to the gate, contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel and forward motion when leaving the arena. Member must be allowed to set up her run as necessary, without circling, spinning or pivoting. (if you circle, spin or pivot there is a \$100 fine.) No intentional dismounting in the arena. If the member takes an excessive amount of time, she may be fined \$100 at the Judge's discretion.

If the pattern is not centered to the gate, member shall be allowed to set up her run as necessary, without circling. (If you circle there is a \$100 fine). A spin or pivot is acceptable. No intentional dismounting in the arena. If a member takes an excessive amount of time, she may be fined \$100 at the judge's discretion.

12.3.9.1. If arena gate is to be used as a center gate and contestant is required to run in, the barrel pattern should be situated in such a manner as is centered to the gate with the first and second barrel equal distance from the gate.

12.3.10. Time will begin when contestant crosses the start/finish line.

12.3.11. Contestant will be assessed a five (5) second penalty for knocking over a barrel before horse and rider cross eye/flag line completing run. Touching barrel is permitted.

12.3.12. Barrel must be set back on marker, if barrel is moved.

12.4. Judges

12.4.1. There shall be at least (1) one judge for the barrel race.

12.4.1.1. Judges are responsible for marking the barrel racing pattern as per the WPRA Rule Book prior to the first performance or slack. Judge(s) shall initially set barrels on markers. Judge(s) shall check barrel and eye markers with a tape measure prior to each rodeo performance.

12.4.1.2. Flag judge shall flag each contestant's horse's nose at the start/finish line.

12.4.1.3. Judge(s) shall have the right to stop the barrel race during a performance or slack due to "unsafe ground" conditions.

12.5. Reruns

12.5.1. Reruns would not be given on an individual basis due to ground conditions. If ground conditions are such that a rerun would be granted, barrel race should be stopped and all contestants in section(s) declared by judges granted a rerun when ground conditions are corrected. A section is defined as the maximum number of contestants in a performance or any number of contestants in a rake. Each contestant shall have the option to rerun or keep her recorded time. No penalties will be carried over to the rerun. The secretary, judge(s) and all other officials shall try to notify contestants of the rerun. However, lack of notification shall not be grounds to change the results.

12.5.1.1. When rerun is given, the time will be set by the judge and the section will run in the order originally drawn, with a thirty (30) minute time span if the contestant so desires.

12.5.1.2. If electric eye and back-up times are missed, contestant shall be granted a re-run per 12.5.1.1 with no penalties assessed.

12.5.2. Should, for any reason, the barrels not be placed on the markers or the flag man not be in the correct place, things must be put in correct order and all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be rerun with no penalties assessed. However, if it is to the contestant's disadvantage, then she shall be allowed to choose whether to rerun or take her original time.

12.5.2.1. Judge(s) must make decision that barrels were not on marker. Should this happen, contestants and

judge(s) should be notified, then judge and/or arena director will set the time for rerun.

12.5.2.2. In the event a barrel is off the marker or the timer or flag man is not in the proper position and ALL contestants cannot be notified, and ground conditions cannot be corrected and a rerun is given, the rodeo will be paid off using the day money system in order not to sacrifice money won at that rodeo.

12.5.3. If a contestant feels she has been fouled during a competition run, she must immediately declare herself to the judge(s) (i.e., **pull up and stop your horse**) for the option for a rerun. This does not apply to unsafe ground conditions.

12.5.4. When a rerun is required for any reason, there shall be a delay of thirty (30) minutes, if contestant so desires.

12.5.5. Penalties assessed will not be carried over to rerun.

12.6. Slack

12.6.1. Barrel Racing slack will be held after a performance unless approved by the WPRA Circuit Director.

12.6.2. In any barrel race sections not a part of a paid performance, order of events provided by Procom will be followed. See 9.2.25. regarding competition discrepancy.

12.6.3. At least sixty (60) minutes must be given between runs when go round begins or ends in the same slack.

12.7. Exhibition Runs

12.7.1. A contestant cannot make any exhibition runs until all her competition runs at that rodeo have been made. Contestant cannot have an exhibition run made by another person on her contest horse until all competition runs have been made on that horse. Violation will result in a major rule infraction (See Rule 9.3.20).

12.8. Disqualification

12.8.1. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when her name is called by the judge or announcer.

12.8.2. Contestant will be disqualified for missing pattern, consisting of a cloverleaf pattern, consisting of one right and two left turns, or vice versa.

12.8.3. Contestant must be mounted on her horse when she crosses the finish line. Horse and rider must cross the finish line at the same time.

12.8.4. Entry and exit gates will remain the same during the entire rodeo unless otherwise posted in a WPRA ground rule. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

12.8.5. Secretary/timer shall make note of recorded time if contestant is disqualified for any reason.

12.8.6. Any disqualification of a contestant must be signed by all judges officiating the barrel race.

12.9. Ground Preparation

12.9.1. Committee is required to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event. **REFER TO RULE 12.9.6.**

12.9.2. Ground must be worked if more than twelve (12) runs. Turnouts and releases will be included in the count.

12.9.2.1. If more than twelve (12) contestants are in a paid performance due to Procom or office error, a hand rake is acceptable.

12.9.3. In slack, ground throughout the barrel pattern must be worked with a tractor immediately before the barrel race and after the equivalent number of contestants drawn for a performance.

12.9.4. The ground in slack will be dragged after the equivalent number of contestants drawn for a performance, and will be dragged in the same position (between the same two contestants) when the second go starts in slack or the list is reversed for back to back runs in slack, performance or approved competition. Turnouts and releases will be included in the count.

12.9.5. When there is no rodeo performance to use as a guideline, the ground around the barrels shall be worked immediately before the barrel race and after not more than twelve (12) contestants have run.

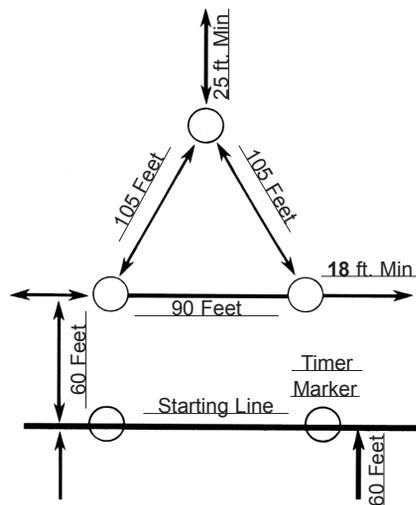
12.9.6. If competition runs for go rounds are made both in slack and a performance, the ground for slack should be prepared so it is as similar as possible to the ground during the barrel race performance. For example, if slack is in the morning and barrel racing is first in slack, the ground should be watered at least two (2) hours prior to the start of slack. **REFER TO RULE 12.9.1.**

12.9.7. If a vehicle is to enter the rodeo arena either during or immediately prior to a performance or section of slack, thereby causing ruts to be left in the arena ground, either (i) the vehicle must enter the arena only after the barrel race is completed, or (ii) the arena ground must be re-prepared prior to the beginning of the barrel race competition.

12.10. Unsafe Arena Conditions

12.10.1. If the arena conditions are deemed at any time to be unsafe by the arena director, judge or the primary stock contractor, competition may be stopped until such time as the arena conditions are deemed satisfactory by the individual or individuals who initially determined the arena conditions were unsafe. If arena conditions cannot be changed and improved to make conditions safe, event may be cancelled by judge, stock contractor or arena director.

12.11. Barrel Pattern



12.11.1. The standard **pattern** for Barrel Race is: ninety (90) feet between barrel one (1) and two (2); one hundred five (105) feet between barrel one (1) and three (3) and between barrel two (2) and three (3); sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to the score line. Score line should be at least sixty (60) feet from end of arena, if arena allows, and not less than sixty (60) feet.

12.11.2. The following shall be used in smaller arenas.

12.11.2.1. Barrels one (1) and two (2) should be at least eighteen (18) feet from the sides of the arena. In extra small arenas they may be less. In no instance should

they be any closer than fifteen (15) feet from the sides of the arena.

12.11.2.2. Barrel three should be no closer than twenty five (25) feet to the end of the arena.

12.11.2.2.1. Barrel pattern should be situated in such a manner as is centered to the gate with the first and second barrel equal distance from the gate.

12.11.2.3. If arena size permits, a standard pattern is preferred. **The score line may be shortened for the safety of the contestant and horse.**

12.11.2.4. In small arenas, it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to a standard barrel pattern. By no means shall the stopping distance be less than forty five (45) feet.

12.11.2.4.1. Anytime there is a closed gate, (i.e. Running home), special attention should be paid to the stopping distance to allow the maximum amount of room (which could be more than 60 feet) for the safety of the contestant and horse.

12.11.2.5. A "run out" alley may be included as part of the stopping distance, when necessary, or when the overall length of the arena does not allow for **sixty (60)** feet stopping distance. Decision is subject to Director approval. An open gate into a "safe" alley may be used as part of the **sixty (60)** feet stopping distance when necessary and upon Director approval. A "safe" alley must be a minimum of ten (10) feet wide, meaning that there will be a minimum of ten (10) feet between any obstructions in the alley. Alley way and any subsequent crossbars must be a minimum of twelve (12) feet high. Any bars, boards, wires or cords crossing the alley floor must be reasonably covered to protect the horse and rider. The alley must be well lit, free of people and horses and have a dirt floor. The stopping distance in the alley must be at least as long as the stopping distance provided in the arena.

12.12. Marking Barrels

12.12.1. Determine from which gate contestants will enter the arena from and mark pattern accordingly. If arena gate is to be used as a center gate, and contestant is required to run in, barrel pattern must be situated in such manner as is centered to the gate with the first and second barrel equal distance from the gate. If contestant is not required to run in, a standard pattern must be set, and no larger, as arena size and conditions permit.

12.12.2. Markers may be a pointed metal stake, horseshoe or can with a chain or rope attached to the end of it. Cover the object, leaving only chain or rope on top of the ground.

12.12.3. Markers should be buried at the location of each barrel, so the barrels will be in the same place during each complete go round.

12.12.4. Permanent markers should be set for the timer. Overhead lasers may be used to mark barrel pattern.

12.12.5. Judges are responsible for making sure pattern is set according to WPRA Rule Book prior to first performance or slack.

12.12.6. Once a barrel pattern is set, any change to the pattern must be approved in writing, on the original barrel pattern sheet, by the judge. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine for the person(s) changing the pattern.

12.12.7. At all rodeos even if there is a permanently marked pattern, judges will post one copy of pattern measurements and either keep or give the remaining copy to the rodeo secretary. **Rodeo secretaries are required to return a copy of the pattern to the WPRA office when sending in results.**

12.12.8. Brightly colored 55 gallon steel drums with both ends enclosed must be used. There shall be no rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads used. Same barrels must be used throughout entire rodeo.

12.12.9. When setting barrels on marker, center of barrel shall be positioned over where marker comes out of the ground.

12.12.10. When rodeo has non-pro, junior barrel race, or queen contest that uses the cloverleaf pattern, or any barrel race held in conjunction with a WPRA barrel race, this race must be run after the WPRA barrel race.

12.12.10.1. An additional event requiring the use of a barrel must not be put on WPRA barrel markers.

Chapter 13

Eye Setup/Flagging/Timing

13.1. Electric Eye Setup

13.1.1. All WPRA barrel races must be conducted with the use of electric eye timers. Failure to use an electric eye will result in a fine for the stock contractor of \$250.00 for the first offense, and doubling progressively thereafter.

13.1.1.1. Equipment necessary: complete electric eye timer plus one extra timing clock or two stopwatches to be operated manually.

13.1.1.2. In the event the electric eye fails to operate; the backup watch(es) shall be used.

13.1.2. Permanent markers shall be put in the ground for the electric timer. Electric timers shall be placed on the score line no closer than the width of the first two (2) barrels for the electric eye to be centered in each performance.

13.1.2.1. When the backup flagger is unable to stand directly behind the electric eye (i.e. timer is in the fence) and if the electric eye fails to work, the contestant must be given a rerun.

13.1.3. When setting electric eye on the markers, center of eye should be positioned over point where marker comes out of the ground.

13.1.4. If electric timer is mounted in the fence it must be on a permanent post.

13.1.5. Line on fence for flag man shall be well marked. These markers should be checked every performance along with the barrel markers and re-staked if pulled out.

13.1.6. Set timer the same height and position each performance and lock the legs. Height of tripod shall be waist high.

13.1.7. PRCA Stock Contractors and/or Rodeo Committees shall not use WPRA owned electric timer for use in timing any non-WPRA approved event, unless by special approval of the WPRA Board of Directors.

13.2. Timing

13.2.1. If the electric eye fails to work, regardless if it is the first performance, every attempt should be made to make the electric eye work for the remaining performances.

13.2.1.1. In the event the electric eye fails to operate; time from each of the two stopwatches shall be averaged, and a zero will be added to the tenth (i.e. 17.1 becomes 17.10).

13.2.1.2. If the electric eye fails to work for more than one half of the contestants who competed in an entire go round, the back-up (manual) recorded time will be the official time for all contestants in that go round.

13.2.1.3. If electric eye and backup times are missed, contestant shall be granted a rerun per rule 12.5.1.1., with no penalties carried over.

13.3. Flagging

13.3.1. Read out box times must be read and recorded by official timer in 100ths of a second. One timer will record the times that appear on the electric eye readout. Additional timers will operate the backup manual clocks and will record the time shown thereon. They will operate from the flag man's signals, and record the time in tenths of a second.

13.3.2. The flagger/judge shall stand directly behind the electric eye and shall not move from his position at any time.

13.3.3. The flag man shall flag the barrel race, when the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will flag when the horse's nose reaches the finish line. The start and finish line are the same.

Chapter 14

Championship Standings

14.1. Standings Information

14.1.1. The Women's Professional Rodeo Association *Pro Rodeo* Standings have been organized to determine the World Champion Barrel Racer. Champion will be determined by money won at WPRA approved barrel races only.

14.1.2. Standings will be kept according to money won at WPRA approved contests. When payoff is incorrectly made, winnings shall be posted according to the corrected payoff figures as determined by WPRA rules.

14.1.3. Deleted

14.1.4. The "cut off" date is to be as late in the year as possible, yet allow sufficient time to audit winnings. "Cut off" date will be established by the WPRA Board of Directors and must be published in the official publication and/or posted on www.wpra.com.

14.1.5. The WPRA will timely provide to the PRCA an independent audit of all the points earned by the WPRA barrel racers, supporting the basis upon which the WPRA barrel racers have earned the opportunity to enter and participate in the National Finals Rodeo, National Circuit Finals Rodeo, or Circuit Finals Rodeo. The PRCA will be entitled to rely upon such audit. Any challenge to the audit by a WPRA barrel racer or anyone else, must be directed solely to the WPRA, and the WPRA will be responsible for responding to any challenge and paying any expense incurred during this process.

14.1.6. World/ Pro Rodeo Standings

14.1.6.1. Deleted

14.1.6.2. WPRA Pro Rodeo Standings will include all WPRA barrel races held at PRCA Rodeos and other barrel races if board approved.

14.1.6.3. Divisional Circuit Standings will include all winnings, by circuits for all co-approved events.

14.2. Rookie

14.2.1. A Rookie of the Year will be given to the card member who has won the most money in barrel racing in her first year of competition, and will include NFR winnings.

Chapter 15

World Finals Barrel Racing

15.1. Qualification to WPRA World Finals Barrel Racing

15.1.1. There shall be a World Finals , provided there be a place, and sufficient prize money, for such a production. Standings/points cutoff will be as late in the year, yet allowing sufficient time to audit winnings: and is set at the sole discretion of the WPRA Board of Directors. Such cutoff date shall be published on www.wpra.com at least three (3) months in advance.

15.1.2. Deleted

15.1.2.1. Deleted

15.1.2.2. WPRA Board of Directors may also invite contestants from outside the established circuits, including but not limited to Canada, Europe, or others, to compete at the World Finals in any of the WPRA standard events at its sole discretion.

15.1.3. Deleted

15.1.4. WPRA Championship Awards will be awarded on the final standings after the World Finals. Should a contes-

tant eligible for the World Finals not be able to compete at the World Finals due to sickness or injury, she may file a release statement with the WPRRA office by the day the finals begin. The WPRRA may then rule she is eligible for awards for the position in which her name appears at the end of the season. World Finals winnings will be included. Unless such a release is accepted by the WPRRA, an eligible contestant who does not compete at the World Finals waives her rights to any and all Championship Awards and the next ranked contestant who does compete at the finals becomes eligible unless the finals are sudden death. Award form and/or amount are not guaranteed and are at the discretion of the WPRRA.

15.2 Qualification to National Finals Rodeo Barrel Racing

15.2.1. There shall be a National Finals in barrel racing, provided there be a place, and sufficient prize money, for the production. Standings/points cutoff will be as late in the year, yet allowing sufficient time to audit winnings: and is set at the sole discretion of the WPRRA Board of Directors. Such cutoff date shall be published on www.wprra.com at least three (3) months in advance.

15.2.1.1 Challenge of Number of Rodeos — Any member may challenge the validity of their and another member's number of rodeos competed, by filing a challenge that is specific in writing to the WPRRA office no later than the year end cutoff date for the rodeo year. In addition an official points audit is supplied to each member regarding their own points 2 times a year. During those audits it is further specified when challenges can be made.

15.2.2. The National Finals contestants shall be the top fifteen (15) money winners for the year, and be willing and able to compete in the National Finals, according to the point award standings taken after the designated cut-off date.

15.2.2.1. Should any of the top fifteen (15) be unable to compete, the next contestant in line will be eligible.

15.2.3. Following the Finals, there will be an audit of money distributed to the top fifteen (15) money winners, regardless if they competed in the finals or not.

15.2.4. WPRRA Championship Awards will be awarded on the final standings after the NFR. Should a contestant eligible for the National Finals not be able to compete at the NFR due to illness or injury, she may file a release statement with the WPRRA by the day the finals begin. The WPRRA Board may then rule that she is eligible for awards for the position in which her name appears at the end of the season, NFR winnings will be included. Unless such a release is accepted by the WPRRA Board, an eligible contestant who does not compete at the NFR waives her rights to any and all Championship Awards, and the next ranked contestant who does compete at the finals becomes eligible unless the finals are sudden death.

15.3 Special Rules for the NFR

15.3.1. Any and all additional prize money for the NFR purse must be in the hands of NFR Officials by November 1.

15.3.2. A complete and accurate list of the top twenty (20) contestants, with photos must be in the WPRRA office by October 1, to be printed in the official NFR program.

15.3.3. The purse at the NFR in the barrel race must be approved by the WPRRA Board.

15.3.4. Any top twenty (20) contestants who fail to furnish the WPRRA office with a current head and shoulders photo, photo of her current horse and a complete bio of herself and her horse, no later than October 1, will be subject to a \$50.00 fine.

Chapter 16

Special Circumstances

16.1. Protest of Rodeo or Event

16.1.1. A member may protest a rodeo or event by sending, in writing to the WPRA Secretary, the name of the rodeo or WPRA event, date, place, and reason for the protest.

16.1.1.1. Notification of protest must be received in the WPRA office within fourteen (14) days of the last performance of the event.

16.1.1.2. Protest letter must be signed by the protesting party.

16.1.1.3. Protest will be heard by designated WPRA Protest Committee, and/or the entire WPRA Board at the next scheduled Board meeting when necessary.

16.2. Postponement and Cancellations

16.2.1. An approved event performance may not be postponed or cancelled except in the case of disaster, strike, or warfare, in which case the postponement should be agreed to by the chairperson and the stock contractor.

16.2.2. No rodeo performance or approved event shall be postponed or cancelled, unless it is the opinion of the committee chairperson, sponsor or stock contractor, together with the arena director, that it is a physical impossibility to hold the performance or approved event at the location where it is to be held. The exception to this rule is unsafe arena conditions as stated in rule 12.10.

16.2.3. Any violation of 16.2.2. will be subject to disciplinary action.

16.2.4. If at least four (4) contestants are entered in an event, the committee may not cancel the event subject to 16.2.2. If an event is cancelled because there are not enough entries, the money for that event may be used for

mount money. Purse money not paid thus for mount money must be divided equally and added to the remaining WPRA approved events.

16.2.5. If an event is held, it will count for points unless subject to protest.

16.3. Moving Event

16.3.1. In the event a location has to be changed for an approved event due to weather conditions, contestants entered shall have the opportunity of staying in and competing or drawing out with her money refunded. Contestant would have to be given adequate time and notice of the new facility and time.

Chapter 17

Litigation

17.1. Indemnification

17.1.1. Third party and Derivative Actions. The WPRA shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (including an action by or in the right of the WPRA), by reason of the fact she is or was a Director, Officer, fiduciary, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid or necessarily incurred, in settlement or otherwise, by her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, except in relation to matters as to which and to the extent any such Director, Officer, agent, fiduciary, employee, person serving at the WPRA's request, or former Director, Officer, agent, fiduciary, employee or person serving at the WPRA's request, shall be adjudged in such action, suit or

proceeding to be liable for willful misconduct in the performance of duty and in relation to such matters as shall be settled by agreement to the extent such settlement is predicated on the existence of such liability, unless, and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that despite the adjudication of liability and in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as such court shall deem proper. Such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Director, Officer, agent, fiduciary, employee or other person serving at the WPRA's request is entitled to under any agreement or otherwise.

17.2. Determination

17.2.1. Any indemnification under Section 1 of this Chapter (unless otherwise provided herein or ordered by a court) shall be made by the WPRA only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, Officer, employee, fiduciary, agent or person serving at the WPRA's request is proper in the circumstances because she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 of this Chapter. Such determination shall be made by (a) the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding; or (b) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable, if a quorum of the disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (c) by the affirmative vote of the majority of member entitled to vote and be represented at a meeting called for such a purpose. However, if and to the extent that a Director, Officer, employee, fiduciary or agent of the WPRA, or person serving at the WPRA's request has been successful on the merits or otherwise is defense of any claim, issue or matter therein,

she shall automatically be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and necessarily incurred by her in connection therewith without the necessity of any such determination that she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 of this Chapter.

17.3. Payment in Advance

17.3.1. Expenses incurred in defending any such action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the WPRA in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the manner provided for in Section 2 of this Chapter, upon receipt of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, Officer, employee, fiduciary, agent, or person serving at the WPRA's request to repay such amount if and when it should ultimately be determined that she is not entitled to be indemnified by the WPRA as authorized by this Chapter.

17.4. Insurance

17.4.1. The Board of Directors may exercise the WPRA's power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, Officer, employee, fiduciary or agent, against any liability asserted against her and incurred by her in any such capacity, or arising out of her status as such, whether or not the WPRA would have the power to indemnify her against such liability hereunder or otherwise.

17.5. Other Coverage

17.5.1. The indemnification provided by this Chapter shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which persons seeking indemnification may be entitled under the WPRA Restated Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, agreement, vote of members or disinterested Directors, the

Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act, or otherwise, both as to action in her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, Officer, employee, fiduciary, agent or person serving at the WPRA's request, and shall insure to the benefit of the respective heirs and personal representatives of such persons.

Chapter 18

Drugs and Prohibited Substances

18.1. Prohibited Substances

18.1.1. No horse shall be ridden in competition at a WPRA approved event if the horse has been administered a prohibited substance. "Prohibitive substances" include any drug, stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, local anesthetic, steroid or masking drug, unless such substance has been administered as a therapeutic measure for the protection of the health of the horse.

Chapter 19

WPRA Patch Program

19.1 Patch Program

19.1.1 Any member competing in a WPRA event must comply with the Patch Sponsorship Program. Individuals must honor first right of refusal for all National Sponsors. Any member wishing to participate in the Patch Sponsorship Program must have the sponsor contact the WPRA office and register the patch with the WPRA before it can be worn in competition. All patches must be registered and the member will be required to carry the Sponsorship card. WPRA members can wear up to seven (7) different sponsor patches and 2 national sponsor patches at one time. These may be worn as: Four (4) chest

or pocket patches, two (2) sleeve patches, one (1) patch on top back of shirt, one (1) front stripe patch, or two (2) shirt collar patches. Members may also have two (2) saddle pad patches and two (2) breast collar patches. Each sponsor may only have 3 members wearing their logo during one (1) year.

Chapter 20

Divisional Circuit Jackpot

20.1 WPRA Director(s) may co-approve an event, meaning that the WPRA is the secondary approving association, with another sanctioning association/producer, being the primary.

20.1.1 In these events, payoffs and rules of the primary association will be followed. All monies won in the 1D will count for divisional circuit standings for adults and for juniors it counts for WPRA Junior World Standings and WPRA Junior Circuit Standings.

20.1.1.1 Contestants may enter as many times as allowed by primary sanctioning association, but money for standings, if applicable, will only count on the highest placing in the 1D.

20.1.2 Divisional circuit co-approval fee is \$25.00

20.1.3 Applications must be received in WPRA office thirty (30) days prior to event and be posted on www.wpra.com for no less than fourteen (14) days without board approval.

20.1.3.1 Results must be sent into the WPRA within seven (7) days of completion of event.

Chapter 21

Lead Sanctioned Barrel Race Jackpot Approval

21.1. WPRA Director(s) may approve a WPRA primary sanctioned stand alone barrel race.

21.2. Sanction fee is \$25.00

21.2.1. Five (5%) percent of total purse should be sent to WPRA office before calculating payoff.

21.2.2. Producer may keep up to 20% of total purse to cover cost of putting on event.

21.2.3. WPRA payoff scale shall be used (Chapter 11).

21.3. All WPRA competition, major and minor rules will apply.

21.4. Deleted

NOTES

WPRA Junior Rules

Futurity and Derby Guidelines

NOTE: The entire Junior Section has been re-written. Please read carefully.

The WPRA Junior Division of the WPRA hereby adopts all rules of the WPRA not in conflict herein.

1. WPRA Junior Rules

- 1.1. Members must be young ladies 17 years or under as of January 1, as proven by birth certificate.
- 1.2. WPRA Junior Application must be filled out, signed by parent and notarized, and sent in with \$150.00 fee, plus a copy of birth certificate to the WPRA office.
- 1.3. A junior member must sign a new liability release form upon reaching the age of eighteen in order to finish the season on her junior card.
- 1.4. She will become ineligible to continue to compete upon her eighteenth birthday until this release is received or she purchases her WPRA permit.
- 1.5. Upon purchase of a WPRA permit, a junior member forfeits her Junior Membership and all points accumulated in the WPRA Junior World Standings and the WPRA Junior Circuit Standings.
- 1.6. Junior members are eligible to compete in WPRA Futurity/Derby. They must nominate their horse(s) and abide by all rules as stated under the Futurity/Derby Program in the WPRA rule book.

2. WPRA Divisional Circuit Co-approval Barrel Race Jackpots

WPRA Divisional Circuit Co-Approval Events: Producer rules apply.

2.1. If the WPRA Co-approved Barrel Race Jackpot producer allows juniors to compete with adults in their open D race, money won by juniors in the 1D will count for WPRA Junior World Standings and the WPRA Junior Circuit Standings. All 1D Youth Incentive money won will count towards WPRA Junior World Standings and the WPRA Junior Circuit Standings when event is held in her designated circuit.

2.2. All WPRA junior standings will be kept separate from WPRA adult standings. EX: In the event all ages compete together and an adult WPRA member wins first, her money counts for her divisional standings. In the event a WPRA junior member wins second, her money then counts for the WPRA Junior World Standings and the WPRA Junior Circuit Standings.

2.3. A minimum of three (3) contestants must be entered in WPRA Divisional Circuit Co-approval dedicated Junior class or WPRA Junior Lead Sanction Junior race for money won by a junior to count for championship points.

2.4. Non-member females seventeen years old and younger, are allowed to enter WPRA Divisional Circuit Co-approval jackpot Junior races, unless producer designates "WPRA Members only" for event.

3. WPRA Lead Sanction Junior Barrel Race

WPRA Lead Sanction events: All WPRA rules apply.

3.1. When requesting a WPRA Lead Sanction Junior Barrel Race at a WPRA/PRCA approved rodeo, a separate application must be submitted for a junior race. Ground rules must be included. The rodeo committee is responsible for taking entries, creating the draw and the handling the payout.

- 3.1.1. Approval fee is \$25.00.

3.2. When sanctioning a WPR A Junior race, producer has two format options:

- 1). Straight pay – following the WPR A payout scale as outlined in Chapter 11; or
- 2). 2D payout with a full second split. Payout to be divided 70% to 1D and 30% to 2D. Only 1D money earned counts towards champion standings

Five (5%) percent of total purse should be sent to the WPR A Office before calculating payoffs and producer may keep ten to twenty (10-20%) percent of the total purse.

3.3. When using the 2D format, riders may ride more than one horse but only the highest placing run will earn championship points.

3.4. Producer must designate which format will be used for the junior race on the approval form and in all advertising.

3.5. All WPR A Junior World Standings and WPR A Junior Circuit Standings will be kept separate from WPR A adult standings.

3.6. At WPR A approved rodeos where there is both a WPR A Barrel race and a WPR A Junior Race, the juniors will run after the adults as a separate race per rule 12.12.10. The barrels for the junior class can not be placed on the regular barrel markers.

3.7. All WPR A competition rules and major and minor rules shall apply to junior division unless otherwise posted.

3.8. Added Money for Junior Races - \$100 minimum unless approved by Circuit Director.

3.9. Entry Fee for Junior Races - \$50 minimum unless approved by Circuit Director.

NOTES

WPRA Futurity/Derby Rules

Chapter 1

Futurity and Derby Guidelines

NOTE: The entire Futurity/Derby Section has been re-written. Please read carefully.

The WPRA Futurity/Derby Division of the WPRA hereby adopts all rules of the WPRA not in conflict herein.

The Women's Professional Rodeo Association is the sanctioning body for all WPRA events, including Futurity barrel races. The Futurity section of the WPRA hereby adopts all rules of the WPRA not in conflict herein.

1.1. Futurity Contest Guidelines

1.1.1. Any member with a current WPRA Card, Permit, or Junior in good standing is eligible to compete in the WPRA Futurity and Derby events.

1.1.2. For points to count from any WPRA approved event, your horse must be nominated. To nominate your horse you must complete and sign a nomination form which can be found on the WPRA website and provide us with a copy of the horse's reregistration papers. Upon purchase of a Card, Permit or Junior membership, said member has until January 1 to nominate up to three horses for free into the Futurity and Derby Program. This is only valid at the time of purchase or renewal of said membership. All horses nominated after renewal or purchase of membership will be charged \$25.00 per horse. All horses must be nominated each year, not just for side pots.

1.1.3. All Futurity entries must be horses 5 years old and younger. Horse may have never competed for money, prizes or points any time before Dec. 1 of previous year.

Futurity horses have one (1), year of eligibility.

1.1.4. All Derby entries must be horses 7 years old and younger, as long as they did not compete in futurities as a 4 year old. (If competed in futurity as a 4 year old, then cutoff age for derby horse is 6 years old.) Derby horses have two (2) years of eligibility, either as a five (5) and six (6) year old or as a Six (6) and seven (7) year old, depending upon the horses age as a futurity horse.

1.1.5. All Futurities will be a 2D format with a 1-second split in the go rounds only. If Futurity is not a 2D it will be treated as a 2D by the WPRA and points will be aloted as set forth in the point guideline. All Derbies will be a 1D format.

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1.1.6.3. Deleted

1.1.5. All Futurities will be a 2D format with a one-second split in the go rounds only. If Futurity is not a 2D it will be treated, as a 2D by the WPRA and points will be allotted as set forth in the points guideline. Derby is a straight pay.

1.1.6. Members may roll their futurity and derby times over into a non-sanctioned open or "D" race as long as the futurity and derby are run prior to the open or "D" race that they are rolling their time into.

1.2. Futurity Producers Guidelines

Futurity Lead Sanction: All WPRA Rules Apply

1.2.1. Added Money: Must have at least \$1000.00 added.

1.2.2. Format: Futurity is a 2D Format with a one second split. Futurity may be 2 go rounds, a short go and an average; or 1 go round with a short go and average or 2 go's and an average.

1.2.3. Awarding Points: Highest placing WPRA member riding a WPRA nominated horse winning money in the 1D

receives 15 points for 1st, 14 for 2nd and 13 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 point for 15th, for each go round, short round and average, when applicable, in the 1D, No points are awarded in the 2D average. 2D receives 6 points for 1st, 5 for 2nd, and 4 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 point for 6th.

1.2.4. Approval Fee: \$100.00

Approval form must be received in the WPRM office and must appear in a least one issue of the official publication or on www.wpram.com for fourteen (14) days.

1.2.5. Entry Fee:

Added Purse	Entry Fee
\$1,000.00	\$125.00
\$1,000.01 - \$2,500.00	\$175.00
\$2,500.01 - \$5,000.00	\$250.00
\$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00	\$350.00
\$10,000.01 & over	\$500.00

1.2.6. Payoff:

Committee may hold 25% of entry fees. Must remit to the WPRM office 5% of the total purse. This amount shall be deducted before determining payoff breakdown.

Futurities with 2 go rounds and an average will pay 30% to each go round, and 40% to the average.

Futurities with 2 go rounds, a short round, and an average will pay 25% to each go rounds, 10% to the short rounds, and 40% to the average.

Payoff is split 70% to 1D; 30% to 2D on the total purse per go.

Total purse from \$0 - \$500.00

4 monies, 3 in the 1D and 1 in the 2D

1D = 40%, 35%, 25%

2D = 100%.

Payoff is split 70% 1D and 30% 2D on the total purse per go.

\$500.01 to \$2000.00

6 monies, 4 in the 1D and 2 in the 2D

1D = 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

2D = 70%, 30%

Payoff is split 70% 1D and 30% 2D on the total purse per go.

\$2000.01 - \$4000.00

8 monies, 5 in the 1D and 3 in the 2D

1D = 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%

2D = 40%, 35%, 25%

Payoff is split 70% 1D and 30% 2D on the total purse per go.

\$4001.00 - \$9999.99

10 monies, 6 in the 1D and 4 in the 2D

1D = 25%, 20%, 18%, 15%, 12%, 10%

2D = 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

Payoff is split 70% 1D and 30% 2D on the total purse per go.

\$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00

12 monies, 7 in the 1D and 5 in the 2D

1D = 22%, 18%, 16%, 14%, 12%, 10%, 8%

2D = 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%

Payoff is split 70% 1D and 30% 2D on the total purse per go.

\$15,001.00 and up – we don't have an entry fee for \$15k

Payoff is split 70% 1D and 30% 2D on the total purse per go.

15 monies, 10 in 1D and 5 in 2D

1D = 17%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%

2D = 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%

1.2.7. Miscellaneous:

1.2.7.1. Producers can hold separate events at their futurities that are not WPRM approved.

1.2.7.2. Futurity/Derby Side Pot Approvals can be obtained for no additional fee if the main race is WPRM sanctioned.

1.2.7.3. Late fees shall not to exceed \$100.00 without

Board approval.

1.2.7.4. All Futurity entries and fees will be sent to the WPRR office by the deadline set forth by the WPRR office.

1.2.7.5. Futurity Approval form must be received in the WPRR office and must appear in at least one issue of the official publication of the WPRR or supplement or on www.wpra.com for thirty days (30).

1.2.7.6. An approval may be conditional upon escrow of added money and/or entry fees, or other financial security requirements, at the discretion of the WPRR.

1.2.7.7. Futurity director reserves the right to refuse any request for approval not seemed beneficial for the WPRR, or it's Members.

1.2.7.8. Lead sanction Futurities where non members compete, non members may not enter if they are on the WPRR ineligible list.

1.3. Derby Guidelines

Derby Lead Sanction: All WPRR Rules Apply

1.3.1. Added Money: Must have at least \$500.00 added.

1.3.2. Format: Derby is a 1D Format. Derbies will be a straight pay. Derbies may be 2 go rounds, a short go and an average; 1 go round with a short go and average; or 2 gos and an average.

1.3.3. Awarding Points: Highest placing WPRR member riding a WPRR nominated horse winning money receives 10 points for 1st, 9 for 2nd and 8 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 for 10th, for each go round, short round and average, when applicable.

1.3.4. Approval Fee: \$100.00.

Approval form must be received in the WPRR office and must appear in a least one issue of the official publication or on www.wpra.com for fourteen (14) days.

1.3.5. Entry Fee:

Added Purse	Entry Fee
\$500.00	\$75.00
\$500.01 - \$1,000.00	\$125.00
\$1,000.01 - \$2,500.00	\$175.00
\$2,500.01 - \$5,000.00	\$250.00
\$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00	\$350.00
\$10,000.01 & over	\$500.00

1.3.6. Payoff:

Committee may hold 25% of entry fees. Must remit to the WPRR office 5% of the total purse. This amount shall be deducted before determining payoff breakdown.

Derbies with 2 go rounds and an average will pay 30% to each go round, and 40% to the average.

Derbies with 2 go rounds, a short round, and an average will pay 25% to each go rounds, 10% to the short rounds, and 40% to the average.

Payoff is a straight pay per go.

Total purse from \$0 - \$500.00

3 monies: 40%, 35%, 25%

Payoff is a straight pay per go.

\$500.01 to \$1,000.00

4 monies: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

Payoff is a straight pay per go.

\$1,000.01 - \$2,000.00

5 monies: 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%

Payoff is a straight pay per go.

\$2,000.01 - \$4,000.00

6 monies: 25%, 20%, 18%, 15%, 12%, 10%

Payoff is a straight pay per go.

\$4,000.01 - \$10,000.00

7 monies: 22%, 18%, 16%, 14%, 12%, 10%, 8%

Payoff is a straight pay per go.**\$10,000.01 and up**

9 monies: 25%, 20%, 15%, 12%, 8 %, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3% , 2%

1.3.7. Miscellaneous:

1.3.7.1. Producers can hold separate events at their futurities that are not WPRA approved.

1.3.7.2. Futurity/Derby Side Pot Approvals can be obtained for no additional fee if the main race is WPRA sanctioned.

1.3.7.3. Late fees shall not to exceed \$100.00 without Board approval.

1.3.7.4. All Derby entries and fees will be sent to the WPRA office by the deadline set forth by the WPRA office.

1.3.7.5. Derby Approval form must be received in the WPRA office and must appear in at least one issue of the official publication of the WPRA or supplement or on www.wpra.com for thirty days (30).

1.3.7.6. An approval may be conditional upon escrow of added money and/or entry fees, or other financial security requirements, at the discretion of the WPRA.

1.3.7.7. Futurity director reserves the right to refuse any request for approval not seemed beneficial for the WPRA, or it's Members.

1.3.7.8. Lead sanction Derby where non members compete, non members may not enter if they are on the WPRA ineligible list.

1.4. WPRA Co-approved Futurity

WPRA Co-approved: Producer rules apply and there a no WPRA specific classes.

1.4.1. Added Money: Set by Producer

1.4.2. Format: Set by Producer

1.4.3. Awarding Points: Points will be awarded when at least two (2) WPRA nominated horses and WPRA riders compete. Highest placing WPRA member riding a WPRA nominated

horse winning money in the 1D receives 15 points for 1st, 14 for 2nd and 13 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 point for 15th, for each go round, short round and average, when applicable, in the 1D, No points are awarded in the 2D average. 2D receives 6 points for 1st, 5 for 2nd, and 4 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 point for 6th.

1.4.4. Approval Fee: \$25.00

Approval form must be received in the WPRA office and must appear in a least one issue of the official publication or on www.wpra.com for fourteen (14) days.

1.4.5. Entry Fee: Set by Producer

1.4.6. Payoff: Set by Producer

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1.5.2. Format: Set by Producer

1.5.3. Awarding Points: Points will be awarded when at least two (2) WPRA nominated horses and WPRA riders compete.

Highest placing WPRA member riding a WPRA nominated horse winning money receives 10 points for 1st, 9 for 2nd and 8 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 for 10th, for each go round, short round and average, when applicable.

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1.5.7.3. Late fees shall not to exceed \$100.00 without Board approval.

1.5.7.4. All Derby entries and fees will be sent to the WPRA office by the deadline set forth by the WPRA office.

1.5.7.5. Derby Approval form must be received in the WPRA office and must appear in at least one issue of the official publication of the WPRA or supplement or on www.wpra.com for thirty days (30).

1.5.7.6. Futurity director reserves the right to refuse any request for approval not seemed beneficial for the WPRA, or it's Members.

1.6. WPRA Futurity/Derby Side Pot

WPRA Futurity/Derby Side Pot Rules Apply

1.6.1. Added Money: For the Futurity \$100.00 added; for the Derby \$50.00 added, unless prior approval is granted by the WPRA Futurity Director.

1.6.2. Format: Set by Producer

Awarding Points: Points will be awarded when at least two (2) WPRA nominated horses and WPRA riders compete. The

Highest placing WPRA member riding a WPRA nominated horse winning money receives 5 points for 1st, 4 for 2nd and 3 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 for 5th, as applicable. In Futurity only, 2D receives 5 points for 1st, 4 for 2nd, and 3 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 point for 5th.

1.6.3. Approval Fee: \$25.00

1.6.4. Entry Fee: Set by Producer

1.6.5. Payoff: Set by Producer

1.6.7. Miscellaneous:

1.6.7.1. Producers can hold separate events at their futurities that are not WPRA approved.

1.6.7.2. Futurity/Derby Side Pot Approvals can be obtained for no additional fee if the main race is WPRA sanctioned.

1.6.7.3. Late fees shall not to exceed \$100.00 without Board approval.

1.6.7.4. All Futurity/Derby entries and fees will be sent to the WPRA office by the deadline set forth by the WPRA office.

1.6.7.5. Futurity/Derby Approval form must be received in the WPRA office and must appear in at least one issue of the official publication of the WPRA or supplement or on www.wpra.com for thirty days (30).

1.6.7.6. Futurity director reserves the right to refuse any request for approval not seemed beneficial for the WPRA, or it's Members.

1.7. Co-approved Futurity/Derby Side Pot

Co-approval Side Pot: Producer Rules Apply

1.7.1. Added Money: Set by Producer

1.7.2. Format: Set by Producer

1.7.3. Awarding Points: Points will be awarded when at least two (2) WPRA nominated horses and WPRA riders compete. The Highest placing WPRA member riding a WPRA nominated horse winning money receives 5 points for 1st, 4 for 2nd and 3 for 3rd, etc. down to 1 for 5th, as applicable.

1.7.4. Approval Fee: \$25.00

1.7.5. Entry Fee: Set by Producer

1.7.6. Payoff: Set by Producer

1.7.7. Miscellaneous:

1.7.7.1. Producers can hold separate events at their futurities that are not WPRA approved.

1.7.7.2. Futurity/Derby Side Pot Approvals can be obtained for no additional fee if the main race is WPRA sanctioned.

1.7.7.3. Late fees shall not to exceed \$100.00 without Board approval.

1.7.7.4. All Futurity/Derby entries and fees will be sent to the WPRA office by the deadline set forth by the WPRA office.

1.7.7.5. Futurity/Derby Approval form must be received in the WPRA office and must appear in at least one issue of the official publication of the WPRA or supplement or on www.wpra.com for thirty days (30).

1.7.7.6. Futurity director reserves the right to refuse any request for approval not seemed beneficial for the WPRA, or it's Members.

1.8. Year End Awards and Finals

1.8.1. There shall be year end finals, provided there be a place, and sufficient prize money, for such a production.

1.8.2. Year end awards cutoff date announced 30 days prior, unless approved by the WPRA Board of Directors.

1.8.3. Futurity year end awards will be given for first through fifteenth in the 1D and first through 5th in the 2D, incentive awards through fourth, if incentives apply.

1.8.4. Derby year end awards will be given first through tenth.

1.8.5. Points will be given in each go round and average. Total of 15 example: 15 places, 15, 14,13,12,11, etc., in the Futurity Division. 10 points will be given in the Derby, example 10,9,8,7, etc. No points will be awarded in the 2D average.

1.8.6. Points will count at all WPRA approved events, including side pots.

1.8.7. The secretary will keep a tabulation of points earned by each member and horse for the year end awards and championships, points are earned on the horse. All horses must be competed on by a WPRA member in good standing.

1.8.8. Contestants must enter and compete in Finals to be eligible for year-end awards and prizes.

WPRR Roping Section

WPRR Roping section of the WPRR hereby adopts all rules of the WPRR not in conflict herein.

Chapter 1 Rodeo Rules

1.1. General Statement

1.1.1. The WPRR provides its own WPRR rules for rodeo contests and will insist the rodeo committee adhere to them.

1.1.2. The WPRR reserves the right to withdraw its members from competition in any rodeo which does not conform to these rules.

1.1.3. Discrimination against any WPRR member because of race, color, religion, sex or ethnic origin will not be permitted.

1.1.4. Other than the National Finals Rodeo or WPRR World Finals, all WPRR Roping sanctioned events shall be open to all WPRR members in good standing, unless specific limitations are set forth in the rodeo's approval request.

1.1.5. Deleted

1.1.6. WPRR Roping membership begins January 1 and runs through December 31. Dues for WPRR Roping card members received in the WPRR office between December 31 and February 1 will be assessed a fifteen dollar (\$15) service charge. Dues received in the WPRR office after February 1 will be assessed a twenty-five dollar (\$25) office charge.

1.1.7. Deleted

1.2. WPRR Roping Directors/Spokeswomen

1.2.1. WPRR Roping Assistant Director is appointed by the WPRR Roping Director and she is to assist the WPRR Roping Director in all of her duties and to take on full responsibilities and authority in the field in the absence of the WPRR Roping Director.

1.3. Event Directors

1.3.1. Event Directors for each of the WPRR Roping events will be elected to serve under the WPRR Roping Director for a two (2) year term. Event Directors will not attend Board meetings, but will have full authority in the field in the absence of the WPRR Roping Director.

1.3.1.1. Each Event Director will be in charge of her event at WPRR rodeo and individual events. If she is not present, an event Director will appoint a spokeswoman to be responsible for the event.

1.4. WPRR Roping Spokeswomen

1.4.1. WPRR Roping Director shall have the ability to appoint regional spokeswomen. WPRR Roping spokeswomen shall be approved by the WPRR Board of Directors. WPRR Roping spokeswomen will have full authority in the field in the absence of the WPRR Roping Director.

1.5. Arena

1.5.1. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event or in an official capacity. This rule should be enforced by the arena director.

1.5.2. Any Officer or Director of the Association shall be admitted to any part of the rodeo arena when representing the Association on official business.

1.5.3. The management assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant by the act of her entry waives all claims against the management for injuries she or her property may sustain.

1.5.4. The management of each Association approved rodeo shall be required to provide an ambulance and adequate first aid facilities for all performances and slack.

1.6. Dress Code

1.6.1. Participants in WPRA Rodeo contests shall wear a cowboy hat, a collared long sleeved shirt with buttons or snaps down the front, western boots and western pants or jeans (with no holes) at all approved events. Contestant's appearance must be neat, clean and professional. Any contestant whose appearance is deemed unprofessional will be fined at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The fine is \$100.00.

Chapter 2 Rodeo Committee

2.1. Rodeo Committee

"Rodeo Committee" shall be defined as any individual or group sponsoring a rodeo approved by the WPRA.

2.1.1. The committee shall provide office facilities for the arena secretary at the arena with a listed telephone to accept rodeo entries.

2.1.1.1. A central entry system will be used for WPRA All Women's Rodeo with a three dollar (\$3) person charge. Single events will be exempt upon approval by the WPRA Roping Director.

2.1.2. All rodeos must list in the Official Publication a telephone number where the secretary can be reached or a message left up to two (2) hours prior to an event.

2.1.3. All rodeos must notify the WPRA office of the day and hour of entry closing time, when the prize list is submitted for approval. The closing date must appear in at least one (1) issue of the official publication of WPRA, supplement, and/or appear on the WPRA website thirty (30) days prior to the event.

2.1.4. The sponsoring committee of each WPRA approved rodeo shall be required to provide an ambulance and ade-

quate first aid facilities for all paid performances and slack.

2.1.5. The sponsoring committee assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant by the act of her entry waives all claims against the sponsoring committee for injuries she or her property may sustain.

2.1.6. At WPRA Rodeos, the stock contractor must be a PRCA or WPRA member in good standing with stock, unless approved by the WPRA Roping Director.

2.1.7. First time WPRA committees must send a money order or cashier's check for the total amount of their added prize money to the WPRA office

Chapter 3 Contests

3.1 Contests

3.1.1. At jackpots where non-approved events are held, the approved events must be run before the non-approved events unless the WPRA Roping Director approves a change in the order.

3.1.2. Deleted

3.1.3. Refusing to contest on stock drawn at any WPRA Roping event will be considered a not notified turnout.

3.1.4. Only the specified number of highest ranking contestants for a short go or final go round will be eligible to receive the final head, with the exception that a committee may post a ground rule before the rodeo begins stating that should the rodeo be lacking a qualified contestant for the short go round, the next available ranking contestant may take her place before stock is drawn. No change in the final go round contestants is to be made after the draw.

3.1.5. It is the option of the rodeo committee as to whether they have a finals in any event, to which they have added extra money, making it a featured event. All events with finals must be carried in the official publication.

3.1.6. It will be permissible for a rodeo to add additional money in finals in any event. However, if the amount of addition has not been listed in one (1) issue official publication of WPRA or supplement; or if date of issue is seven (7) days before entry closing time, it shall not be counted as dollars won in the official championship awards or figured in the average money at the specific rodeo, thus allowing a rodeo committee at the last minute to add money, should they care to do so.

3.1.7. Should a rodeo run contestants before the first scheduled performance of their rodeo, notification must be carried in at least one (1) official publication of WPRA or supplement, or if date of issue is at least seven (7) days before entry closing time, as to time of the runoff.

3.1.8. In any approved event, a contestant who is not ready to compete when called may be fined \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense and \$75 for the third and subsequent offenses, and/or be disqualified from the event in which the offense has occurred. Contestants shall not be subject to fines from this section in cases of switching mounts, chute fighting stock or if fines from turnouts are already applicable.

Chapter 4

Timers

4.1 Timers

4.1.1. Any timers who are not PRCA approved or Association members must be approved by the WPRA Roping Director. Any rodeo using electronic timers for Association events shall be required to use a minimum of two backup hand stopwatches. All backup times and electric eye times will be recorded.

4.1.2. Timers will work from the same position during all contests.

4.1.3. Timers for an approved event may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness or injury, by request of an Association official because of timer's incompetence, or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee and Association official.

4.1.4. Deleted

4.1.5. All rodeos are required to use watches in tenths of a second when automatic electric timer is not used. Manual time must be recorded and paid off in tenths.

4.1.6. Management must provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.

4.1.7. The Association has not set price for salaries of arena secretaries, contract performers, announcers, labor etc., but the Association expects the rodeos to pay fair salaries in keeping with the size of the rodeo for these positions.

Chapter 5

Approval/Entry Fees

5.1. Application and Approval

5.1.1. The WPRA shall serve as the agent for the members in negotiations concerning approval of rodeos or other contracts for the benefit of all the members.

5.1.2. Committees desiring to hold a WPRA Rodeo shall submit a signed approval form to the WPRA office for any event approved by this body. The event must appear in at least one (1) issue of official publication of the WPRA, supplement, and/or appear on the WPRA website thirty (30) days prior to the event to count for Championship standings. If a member does not receive her Official Publication (official publication of WPRA) or supplement she cannot protest an approval. WPRA is not responsible for mail that is misguided or not responsible for the delivery of mail or lack of delivery of mail.

5.1.3. Approvals for WPRA Rodeos or Events must appear

in at least one (1) issue of the official publication of the WPRA, supplement, and/or appear on the WPRA website Thirty (30) days prior to the event to count for Championship standings.

5.1.3.1. There shall be no called in approvals on WPRA Rodeo events. All approvals must be received in writing in the WPRA office forty-five (45), and must appear in at least one (1) issue of the official publication of WPRA, or supplement, and/or thirty (30) days on the WPRA website in order to be counted.

5.1.3.2. Official Publication changes or supplements concerning approvals must be mailed at least seven (7) days prior to entry closing date and time of event or approval will not be accepted.

5.1.4. The approval fee must be paid before the approval letter will be issued or the event listed in the Official Publication.

5.1.5. Any ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the Association rules must be submitted to the WPRA Roping Director for approval. Such rules must be posted at all times with the draw at the rodeo office.

5.1.6. Prize money for WPRA barrel race shall be the same as WPRA Roping events. No WPRA Rodeo will be approved for less than **\$100** per go round. A purse cannot be reduced, having been equal, unless WPRA purse is equally reduced due to hardship of rodeo.

5.1.7. WPRA Rodeos must have a minimum of **\$100** added to each event except the team roping which must have a minimum of **\$200** added.

5.1.7.1. WPRA Jackpots (Roping) must have a minimum of **\$100** added to each event including barrel racing having **\$100** added, with **\$200** added in the team roping, if there are two or more different events (i.e. one breakaway and one team roping). To have multiple identical events (i.e. two team ropings) the minimum added money must be **\$200** added to each event with **\$400** added in the team roping.

5.1.8. If additional prize money is to be added, it shall be indicated by a "+" in the Official Publication. Additional money will be counted only if the exact amount is included in the last publication prior to the entry closing and shall not exceed \$100.

5.1.9. If a finals will be held at a rodeo, it shall be advertised as such in the Official Publication.

5.1.10. For a committee to be approved to have a short go (finals), the added money must be a minimum of \$1,000 per event, unless approved by the WPRA Board of Directors.

5.1.11. Define MAJOR RODEOS as those full rodeos that have \$500 or more prize money per event.

5.2. WPRA Rodeo Approval Fee

5.2.1. WPRA Rodeo 4 event rodeo approval fee \$75.

5.2.2. WPRA Rodeo Approval Fee - \$15 per rodeo or jackpot. Co-sanctioning approval fees are \$25.00 per event or \$20.00 per event if producer submits approval applications for three (3) or more events at the same time.

5.2.3. Approval dates must be approved by Director prior to submitting application to office.

5.3. Entry Fee Scale

5.3.1. Added money and entry fee scale (stock charge, administration fee and non-member fee not included in these entry fees)

Up to \$499.99.....	\$50 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$90 EF for 2 go rounds
\$500 to \$999.99	\$60 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$110 EF for 2 go rounds
\$1,000 to \$1,999.99	\$65 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$115 EF for 2 go rounds
\$2,000 to \$2,999.99	\$75 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$125 EF for 2 go rounds

\$3,000 to \$3,999.99	\$80 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$130 EF for 2 go rounds
\$4,000 to \$5,999.99	\$100 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$150 EF for 2 go rounds
\$6,000 to \$9,999.99	\$110 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$190 EF for 2 go rounds
\$10,000 and over	\$145 EF for 1 go round
.....	\$230 EF for 2 go rounds

***unless by special WPRA Roping Director approval.

- 5.3.2.** Automatic \$25 added to entry fee for all short goes.
- 5.3.3.** Automatic \$25 added to entry fee for each additional full go round over two (2).
- 5.3.4.** Should there be a variation from the above scheduled approval, it must be approved by the entry fee Committee.
- 5.3.5.** At all rodeos that add \$3,000 or more and have four (4) or more performances, two (2) runs must be given unless by special Director approval.
- 5.3.6.** A producer may hold up to 30% of the total purse for production cost, with 5% of that going to the WPRA, OR the producer may charge fees as described in 5.3.6.1. and **5.3.6.2.** In no case may the producer charge both the 30% and the additional fees. Fees to be charged should be spelled out in the approval at time of application.
- 5.3.6.1.** A \$3.00 administrative fee may be charged each contestant one (1) time only.
- 5.3.6.2.** A fifteen dollar (\$15) stock charge per head may be assessed on breakaway calf roping and tie down calf roping. Team roping stock charge is seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per person per head. None of these charges may be applied if producer opts to use rule 5.3.6.1.

5.4. Approved Events Where Female Non-Members Compete

- 5.4.1.** Open entries (non-WPRA card or permit holders 18 years of age or older) may participate in WPRA Roping events at the option of the sponsoring committee.
- 5.4.1.1.** Non WPRA members who participate in WPRA approved events are subject to the same rules and fines as WPRA permit and card members. Failure to pay a fine for violation of a WPRA rule will result in a nonmember becoming ineligible to enter further WPRA events until such time as the fine is paid. Notification of the ineligible list containing non-members will be sent out to committees holding approved events.
- 5.4.2.** Rodeo secretaries may require that entry fees of female non-WPRA **competitors** be paid before the entry closing time for that rodeo.
- 5.4.3.** Non-members may be charged, in addition to the administrative fee, a \$5 per person non-member fee.
- 5.4.4.** Non-members must fill out and purchase WPRA insurance prior to competing.

5.5. Entering, Payment of Entry Fees and Collections

- 5.5.1.** Contestant shall refer to the Official Publication for closing date of entry (subscriptions may be obtained from the Women' Pro Rodeo Office, 431 South Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903).
- 5.5.2.** Member must give her membership or permit number when entering a rodeo. A member will be responsible for the entry fee money of any other contestant she enters.
- 5.5.3. CASH ONLY** - Currently, if a member writes more than one bad check, they are put on cash only basis for a

period of one (1) year. If this member writes a second bad check, they will be put on a cash only basis for a period of two (2) years. Upon reinstatement of check writing privileges, the first returned check will result in a loss of check writing privileges for an additional two (2) years.

5.5.4. For collections see WPRA Rules 9.1.2. Repeat offenders of accounts going to collections must petition the Board of Directors for WPRA membership. Reinstatement fee will be the account plus what the collection of the delinquent account cost the WPRA.

5.6. Added Money

5.6.1. Feature Events. No WPRA required event shall have more or less money added to that event's purse than is added to the purse of any other WPRA event at a WPRA approved rodeo unless otherwise approved by the Board or the WPRA Roping Director. However, a rodeo committee shall have the option of adding money to the purse of up to three events selected by the rodeo committee to be its feature event or events in an amount that is double the base money added by the rodeo committee to purses of the other WPRA events approved for the rodeo.

5.6.2. The added money in the team roping event will be equal per person as the other events. For example, if a rodeo has \$100 added to each event, the team roping will have \$200 added per side, for a total of \$200.

Chapter 6 Payoff

6.1 Payoff

6.1.1. Prize money payoff shall be determined by adding the sponsor's purse plus the entry fees minus the five percent (5%) paid to the WPRA.

6.1.2. Payoff for Breakaway

Roping, Calf Roping

Up to \$1,200..... 4 monies
\$1,200.01 to \$2,400 6 monies
\$2,400.01 and over 8 monies

6.1.3. Payoff for Team Roping included total purse (per team, not per woman)

Up to \$2,400..... 4 monies
\$2,400.01 to \$4,800 6 monies
\$4,800.01 and over 8 monies

6.2 Five Percent 5%

6.2.1. Five percent (5%) of total prize money of all WPRA rodeos (purse plus entry fees) will be deducted from the prize money and sent to the WPRA office for deposit in the WPRA general fund. This amount shall be deducted before determining payoff breakdown of four, six or eight monies.

6.2.2. Absolutely no payouts will be made with other contestant's checks. All payouts must be made in cash or paid out on a single account.

6.3. Prize money should include the sponsor's purse and entry fees. Divisions are as follows:

6.3.1. Up to \$1,200 = 4 monies (x2 for TR)
1st..... 40%
2nd 30%
3rd 20%
4th 10%

6.3.2. \$1,200.01 to \$2,400 = 6 monies (x2 for TR)

1st.....	29%
2nd	24%
3rd	19%
4th	14%
5th	9%
6th	5%

6.3.3. \$2,400.01 and over = 8 monies (x2 for TR)

1st.....	26%	5th.....	10%
2nd	21%	6th.....	6%
3rd	17%	7th.....	4%
4th	13%	8th.....	3%

6.4 Payoff Description

6.4.1. There shall always be an average paid on two or more go rounds. Go round and average money shall be divided according to the total number of runs. Determine amount of money to be used in the average. All averages are to pay the same amount of places as previous go rounds, regardless of the total amount of money in the average.

6.4.2. TWO GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is the same as the go rounds. Divide aforementioned total by three (3).

6.4.3. THREE GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is one-and-one-half (1 1/2) times the go round. Divide aforementioned total by nine (9). Multiply the answer by two (2) for the go rounds and three (3) for the average.

6.4.4. FOUR GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is two (2) times the go round. Divide the aforementioned total by six (6) and the answer will be the go round. Twice the answer will be the average.

6.4.5. FIVE GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE: Average is three (3) times the go round. Divide the aforementioned total by eight (8) and the answer will be the go round. Three (3)

times the answer will be the average. **6.4.6.** The amount of money for a short go round will be ten percent (10%) of the total purse, after deducting five percent (5%).

6.4.7. When a finals is given, all times or markings will be counted for the average.

6.4.8. One go round with a finals and average: 1st go forty five percent (45%) of purse, short go ten percent (10%) of purse and average forty five percent (45%) of purse.

6.4.9. Two go rounds with a finals and average: average is one-and-one-half (1 1/2) times the go round. Deduct amount of the short go money from the aforementioned total. Divide the balance by seven (7). Twice the answer is the go round. Three times the answer is the average.

6.4.10. Three go rounds with a finals and average: average is twice the go round. Deduct amount of the short go money from the aforementioned total. Divide the remaining figure by five (5) and the answer will be the go round. Twice the answer will be the average.

6.4.11. More than three go rounds with a finals and average: average is three (3) times the go round. Deduct amount of the short go money from the aforementioned total. Divide the balance by the number of go rounds plus three (3). The answer will be the go round and three (3) times the answer will be the average.

6.4.12. When a short go round or final run is desired, four (4) monies will be paid, and should be advertised as such in the Official Publication.

6.5. Ground Money**6.5.1. Ground Money - Timed Events**

6.5.1.1. If not enough contestants qualify for the number of places to be paid in the timed events, the remaining places shall be divided evenly amongst those contestants who did qualify, but that money shall be considered

ground money and will not be posted as money won. If no one qualifies, the money will be divided evenly among all who competed, but this money shall be considered ground money and will not be posted as money won.

6.5.2. Ground Money - Riding Events

6.5.2.1. Deleted

6.5.2.2. Deleted

6.5.2.3. Deleted

6.6. Turnout Notification and Releases

6.6.1. A contestant may draw out of a WPRR Rodeo event up until entries close. Once the entries close, the contestant is entered in the WPRR Rodeo event and must either release or turnout. A contestant making a turnout is responsible to pay entry fees. Releases will be subject to section 10.7.1. in the WPRR section.

6.6.1.1. Once stock has been drawn for a contestant she will be liable for entry fees and turnout fines. Turnout fine is fifty dollars (\$50) for a performance and ten dollars (\$10) for slack.

6.6.2. If contestant is entered in other events in which she is unable to compete due to injury, entry fees will be returned to the contestant, provided she has not competed in those other events.

6.6.3. If, in the opinion of the judges, a contestant is unable to compete in a particular event because of injury, she may withdraw, but this does not prevent her from competing in other events in which she is entered.

6.6.4. Contestant may release out of one (1) event at an All Women's Pro Rodeo and compete in other events entered.

6.6.4.1. A contestant may not compete in any WPRR Rodeo event for seven (7) days from the date of the first performance/slack the release was used.

6.6.4.1.1. Deleted

6.6.4.1.2. Deleted

6.6.4.2. Releases pay a fine of twenty dollars (\$20) but no entry fee.

6.6.5. No contestant may compete at any WPRR Rodeo event if she has released out of the WPRR Rodeo event taking place at the same time. Anyone found in violation will be subject to a major rule infraction and forfeiture of all winnings, including money, prizes, and sponsor points. See rule 9.3.18.

Chapter 7

Placing Stock and Contestants and Split Performances

7.1. Deleted

7.2. Deleted

7.3. If contestant's positions are drawn and a go round ends and the next one begins in the same performance, contestants finishing the go round will be dropped off and start the next performance for their next head of stock.

Chapter 8

Drawing Positions

8.1. Positions must be randomly drawn using number plastic poker chips. A chip for each entry will be placed in the hat and starting at the top of the entry list, a chip will be drawn out and that is the position the entrant will compete in.

8.2. In the case of multiple go rounds: For all events of a performance preference rodeo, the positions are drawn for the first go round with the positions of the second go round being the reversal.

8.3. Deleted

8.4. In those events where subsequent go round is the reversal of the previous go round, if a go round ends and the next one starts during the same performance, contes-

tants finishing the go round will be dropped off and start the next performance for their next head of stock. This same procedure will be followed if drawing of positions result in a contestant drawn twice for the same performance.

8.5. Contestants may trade positions provided the rodeo secretary and the stock contractor are agreeable. WPRA Rodeo events only.

8.6. A go round must be finished before the next go round starts, with the following exceptions: re-rides in the riding events, riding events with a go round finishing and the next one starting during the same performance and back to back.

8.7. If a performance preference is accepted by a rodeo, only members or permit holders will be allowed to make such requests.

8.7.1. For performance preference rodeos, contestant shall indicate, when she enters, whether or not she has a preference for which performance she is up in the first go round. A maximum of two (2) preferences will be allowed. In the case of two or more go round contests, middle may be designated as a preference. If slack or middle is designated as a preference, a specific performance must also be designated. Middle will be defined as the performance or slack in which the first go round is completed. After entries close, a master priority list will be drawn and then sorted into respective events. Card holders will be listed first, permit holders second and locals last on the event priority lists.

8.8. After the draw has been completed, the secretary will start with one event and start at the top of the priority list, placing card holders in the performance of their first preference. The secretary then goes back to the top of the priority list and places contestants not placed into their first preference performance into their second preference performance.

8.9. When a performance is filled for the contestant's first and second preferences she is to be held and placed where she is needed along with those contestants with no preference.

These contestants will be placed in performances and/or slack lacking contestants in the order they appear on the priority list.

8.9.1. In the timed events, contestants shall be placed at the bottom of the performance they request if they are drawn on the priority list to receive their preference.

8.10. For non-performance preference rodeos, contestants will be placed in open performance positions in direct accordance with a random draw.

8.11. Rodeos having two (2) sections in the same performance of any rodeo event must notify the contestant when she calls back. In the instance a contestant was not notified of her specific section she will be assumed to be in the last section of that event in the specific performance. Said contestant shall receive her stock back if she arrives in time for the last section of her event.

8.12. In timed events a position will be drawn for the first go round and the position reversed for the second go round.

8.12.1. If a go round ends and the next one starts during the same performance, contestants finishing the go round will be dropped off and start the next performance for their next head of stock.

8.12.2. If there are three go rounds, positions will be drawn again for third go round. Continue this procedure for subsequent go rounds.

8.13. If there are three or more go rounds in timed events and no rerun cattle, a specific number of high contestants may be held until the last performance. These contestants will be placed first, and positions for the remaining contestants determined by the above rule.

8.14. A go round must be finished before the next go round starts, for back to back runs or when a go round finished and the next one starts in the same section of the same performance.

8.15. After positions are drawn for timed events, a list of these positions must be posted at the rodeo office. **8.16.** In timed

events, a complete go round must be finished before any contestant can compete on her next head of stock, except for stock that must be held over.

8.17. If late entries are accepted in any event after positions have been drawn, a redraw in that event must be held to make it fair for all entries. **8.18.** Cattle may be held until the end of roping in case of injury to contestant if judge is notified before cattle are loaded.

8.19. Herd defined: in the timed events, herd shall be defined as those animals designated prior to the start of the first go round to be used in any given event. Once a herd is established for a rodeo, no animals may be added to the herd.

8.19.1. Extra defined: In the timed events, if pens are drawn from the pre-designated herd, at least one more animal than the number of contestants should be drawn to be used in case of misdraw. Following the cattle draw, that animal (or animals) remaining shall be considered the extra(s).

Chapter 9

Drawing Stock

9.1 Drawing Stock

9.1.1. Plastic poker chips must be used.

9.1.2. All stock in contest events must be drawn by number by a judge, including team roping cattle. Any arrangements to the contrary for team roping must be approved by the Team Roping Director prior to the first performance of the rodeo. There must always be as many as four (4) exact copies of the draw, one to be posted, one copy for each judge, and one or more copies for the arena secretary's records. The draw at all rodeos shall be posted where contestants can examine it. Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the drawing judge's head and number shaken between each number drawn. Drawing must be conducted so that any entrant may witness the draw.

9.1.3. In all events, stock may not be drawn for a contestant if she has notified that she is turning out in that go round, or has been disqualified.

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

9.1.4.1. A team in the team roping may not draw the same steer twice.

9.1.4.2. An individual entered with separate partners may draw the same steer as long as it is not with the same partner.

9.1.4.3. It is the contestant's responsibility to run the correct drawn stock for her. If a contestant ropes the wrong stock she will automatically receive a "no time" and that stock will be brought back for the contestant who had the original draw on it to compete. THERE WILL BE NO RERUNS FOR THE CONTESTANT WHO ROPED THE WRONG STOCK. Judge will make the final decision in case of misdraws or misnumbers.

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9.1.13. Stock in timed events shall be drawn by either judge of that event not more than one (1) hour prior to the performance. Sick or injured timed event cattle should be replaced by extras providing they have been run equal number of times.

9.1.14. In timed events, no drawn stock can be held over from one performance to the next or overnight.

9.1.15. No pens of stock in the timed events may be drawn for more than one day in advance. Pens of stock shall be

drawn by the judge and arena secretary shall provide judge with an exact copy of the draw.

9.1.16. In timed events, stock already drawn in a pen, but not used, shall be placed in subsequent draw.

9.1.16.1. Reruns will always be drawn from the whole herd used in the draw, not from those calves that are missed, when calves are not fresh. When calves are fresh, reruns will be drawn from missed calves when reruns amount to less than ten percent (10%) of the ropers entered at that rodeo. These reruns will be drawn from calves on which there is not time for that go round up to the performance that ends the go round, provided there are enough of these calves.

9.1.17. If there are not enough calves with no time in that go round up to the performance that ends the go round, the reruns will be drawn from all calves being used except for any drawn for the performance that ends the go round.

9.1.18. In timed events, stock will not be drawn except one run and one go round at a time. All cattle in the draw will be run one time before any cattle will be run twice, etc. When due to a split performance, this procedure becomes impossible, the draw will include cattle remaining that have been run the least number of times. Immediately after a split performance, the draw will then revert to the cattle that have been run the least number of times. Any animal drawn and not competed on shall be considered a run. Extras may be added only if run an equal number of times at that rodeo.

9.1.19. In finals or short go, draw will be made from last position to first position. Other events should run accordingly.

9.1.20. At least twelve (12) head of stock will be used in the finals at all televised rodeos unless otherwise specified at time of rodeo's approval.

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9.1.23. All timed event cattle competed on at a rodeo by

finalists will be used when drawing for final head excluding any cattle used in a performance the same day.

9.1.24. Cattle may not be used for more than one event in a WPRA All Women's Rodeo or approved event.

9.1.24.1. In all approved roping events, unless special approval of the Roping Director has been given for other circumstances (see Rule 11.1.11), if cattle are chute run; The first three contestants and respective drawn stock will be run in order, all other drawn stock may be loaded in random order, contestants will be responsible for being ready to compete when called and for roping the correct stock which was drawn for them. All cattle in full rodeo performances and slack will be run in the order drawn, and not chute run.

9.2. Misdraw

9.2.1. Misdraw defined: any animal drawn to a contestant which must be replaced will be considered a misdraw.

9.2.2. Three misdraws. If three or more head are misdraws, all unused stock shall be put back in the draw and redrawn.

9.2.3. Misdraw discovered prior to a performance during slack or during jackpot. (a) If one or more extras are available, all animals not competed on below the misdraw up to the end of the run on the cattle shall be eligible to be drawn. One animal is drawn, that being the animal assigned as the extra. All other contestants will be assigned the extra animal(s). (b) If no extras are available, all unused animals below the misdraw up to the end of the run on the cattle shall be eligible to be drawn, with the last unused animal drawn in that run designated the extra.

9.2.4. Misdraw discovered after the start of the performance. (a) If an extra is available, the contestant involved will automatically be assigned the extra, regardless of possible difference on runs on the cattle. (b) If no extras are available, the

contestant involved will not compete as scheduled, but shall compete later in the performance or immediately after. A replacement animal will be drawn from all animals left in the run. If a contestant is scheduled at the end of a run and no animals are available from that run, one will be drawn from the herd.

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9.3.6. The WPRR Roping Director has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared will be taken from the draw. Three written complaints must be received before action is taken.

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Chapter 10 Judging Procedures

10.1. Judges and Flagmen

10.1.1. All judges and flagmen must be members in good standing of PRCA or WPRR or persons approved by the WPRR Roping Director. All judges for full rodeos must be designated by the committee, and approved by the WPRR

Roping Director not less than two (2) weeks prior to the rodeo. Judges will follow the WPRR Official Rule Book and not make decisions contrary to WPRR rules.

10.1.1.1. Judges, timers and flagmen must be experienced persons. If the Association does not consider the persons chosen by a given rodeo to have adequate experience they will expect cooperation from the management in replacing the unsatisfactory judges, timers and flagmen preceding the rodeo or between go rounds.

10.1.1.2. A rodeo judge shall not ride in one event and judge another riding event.

10.1.1.3. Judges at rodeos with \$2,000 added in any event shall not compete or participate in any event.

10.1.2. A member who has been on the ineligible list for a major rule infraction cannot accept any judging job until one (1) year from the date his or her name was removed from the ineligible list. Any member who has been on the ineligible list twice for a major rule infraction is automatically barred from judging until cleared by PRCA or WPRR Board of Directors.

10.1.3. A new member will not be eligible to act as a judge until he or she has belonged to the PRCA or WPRR and been an active contestant for at least one (1) year from the date he or she first paid dues, or by Director approval.

10.1.4. Flag and barrier judges cannot compete in an event he or she flags. The persons appointed to flag are the judges for timed events, and are the only ones authorized to deliver a decision or draw stock in a timed event.

10.1.4.1. Judge shall be present and shall supervise trading among contestants.

10.1.5. Any member accepting a judging position must remain available to the town where the rodeo is being held that he or she has agreed to judge from the time the rodeo starts until it has been paid off.

10.1.6. Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books.

10.1.7. Markings in the riding events shall be totaled by both judges and the rodeo secretary and posted after each performance.

10.1.7.1. Barrier judges shall keep a record of all barrier fines. They will be furnished a complete list of contestants by the rodeo secretary and their records and the rodeo secretary's must correspond.

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10.1.8. The judge must enforce the rules of the Official WPRA Rule Book.

10.1.9. The flagman in the barrel race should not leave his position at any time.

10.1.10. The flagman should flag the barrel race when the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will flag when the horse's nose reaches the finish line. The starting line and finish line must be the same. Any time contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.

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10.2.4. When a specific WPRA rule does not apply and no approved ground rules are posted, the appropriate PRCA ruling as interpreted by the contest judge shall apply. The decision of the judges shall be final.

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

10.3. Barriers and Score Line

10.3.1. A ten foot tape must be on hand for the barrier judge.

10.3.2. Height of barrier in timed events shall be from thirty two inches (32") to thirty six inches (36") measured at the center of the box.

10.3.3. Barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next contestant.

10.3.4. Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope each performance to assure the same start for contestants each performance. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in the rope on either end.

10.3.5. A ten second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.

10.3.6. In all timed events a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within ten feet of the post.

10.3.7. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.

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

10.3.9. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.

10.3.10. If automatic barrier does not work, contestant or team will get stock back if they pull up and declare themselves. Contestant or team must take the same animal

over during or immediately following the performance and before the next draw. Exception: in the case of chute run cattle per rule 11.1.11.

10.3.10.1. If, in the opinion of the line judge, contestant is fouled by moveable part of present barrier, roper shall get her calf or steer back providing contestant declares herself by pulling up immediately.

10.3.11. The decision of the timers, flagmen and judges, who have been passed on by the WPRA, shall be final and no protest by contestants will be permitted.

10.4. Field Flagger

10.4.1. Field Flagger: in the timed event if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestants will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge will be final. In one-head ropings, cattle that cross into the threshold of an open catch pen gate are not to be considered escapees by field flaggers. When cattle cross into the threshold of an open catch pen gate, in one-head ropings, the roper will receive a no time.

10.4.1.1. If rope is on animal, roper will get animal lap and tap with rope on in the chute.

10.4.1.2. A field flag judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or try.

10.4.1.3. If flagger or timer makes a mistake and first loop has been thrown or spent, or one (1) attempt completed, contestant gets same stock back lap and tap with ten (10) second penalty assessed.

10.4.2. Timers, barrier judge, field flag judge nor riding judge may be changed during the course of a rodeo, except in the case of sickness, or by request of the Association official, in agreement with stock contractor and rodeo committee.

10.5. Arena Procedures

10.5.1. All changes in lists of roping order to split horses, etc. must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in the chutes. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in the order listed. First three contestants cannot be changed.

10.5.2. If a contestant questions a judge's call, she may immediately point out the problem to the judge. During a paid performance, the judge may defer decision until the end of the event or performance to allow further discussion and research and to prevent delay of performance. Judge may request secretaries retain any relevant information for later decision. Contestant may not cause excessive delay of rodeo or event. Any contestant violating this regulation will be reported to the Association office by the judges, arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurs. Violators will be fined.

10.5.3. During any performance if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestant, or if automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during, or at the end of that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least three (3) head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be penned by himself. Decision will be made by arena director about when stock is re-penned.

10.5.4. Any judges failing to comply with these instructions will be declared ineligible.

10.5.5. All contestants are required to make an honest effort. Failure to do so will result in a ten dollar (\$10) fine.

10.5.6. Flag judge shall be positioned for calf roping at the end of the arena allowing judge to come towards the roper. In team roping, field flagger shall be positioned against the wall on the left handed side of the timed event box.

10.5.7. Fouls or interference: if a contestant in the roping events is fouled, she must declare by pulling up or attempting to pull up and not try to go on with the contest. If she does not declare, she accepts the situation the way it is.

Chapter 11

Rodeo Procedures

11.1. Stock Contractor and Rodeo Livestock

11.1.1. Stock for WPR Rodeos must be supplied by a PRCA stock contractor, or by contractors approved by the WPRR Roping Director. Stock contractors will follow WPRR rule book and not make decisions contrary to the WPRR rules.

11.1.2. All rodeo livestock must be numbered including team roping cattle. If numbers are blurred or haired over, they must be clipped or renumbered as to be readable at all times.

11.1.2.1. When numbering timed event cattle, team roping cattle shall be numbered on the left side and the calves on the right side.

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11.1.2.3. All timed event stock shall be run through event chutes and through arena previous to start of contests, where conditions permit.

11.1.2.4. At all rodeos all fresh calves, even though there is one for every entry, shall be tied down prior to the rodeo. This shall be the responsibility of a Director or spokeswoman.

11.1.3. Stock contractors will be expected to cooperate in trimming the horns of steers that are not able to pass through the roping chute.

11.1.4. Only calves and steers that are available for use for the first go round can be put into the draw for the second or subsequent go round.

11.1.5. Timed event contractor must have one third (1/3) the number of stock.

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11.1.8. No animal shall be hot-shotted or whipped while being competed on in the rodeo arena. Minimum fine of \$100 for violation.

11.1.9. All crippled livestock must be removed from the arena before continuing the rodeo contest or performance

11.1.10. Stock contractors shall have four stop watches and two measuring tapes on hand.

11.1.11. Only with written approval of the WPRR Roping Director, and at the time of approval application. In certain approved roping jackpot events where the number of cattle exceeds the number of entered contestants, drawing of livestock may be waived. In this event, the animal in the chute will be considered the contestant's "draw." Any reruns will be taken on the next animal in line. If a contestant turns out, there is no need to spill the animal in the chute; that animal will be run by the next contestant in order. In accordance with this Section, when cattle are competed on in this manner, no cattle may be returned up the return alley and remixed with the cattle which are loaded until the roping is over.

11.2. Announcers

11.2.1. Announcer must not deliberately misrepresent any contest action.

11.2.2. Times shall be announced at all times in the timed events.

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11.3. Postponement and Cancellation

11.3.1. No rodeo performance or approved event should be postponed or cancelled, unless it is the opinion of the com-

mittee chairperson, sponsor or stock contractor, together with the arena director that it is a physical impossibility to hold the performance or approved event at the location where it is to be held. If arena conditions cannot be changed and improved to make conditions save, event may be cancelled by judge, stock contractor or arena director.

11.3.2. Any violation of 11.3.1. will be subject to disciplinary action.

11.3.3. If at least two (2) contestants are entered in an event, the committee may not cancel the event subject to

11.3.1. If an event is cancelled because there are not enough entries, the money for that event may be used for mount money. Purse money not paid for mount money will revert back to the committee.

11.3.4. If an event is held, it will count towards world/circuit standings, unless subject to protest. At a WPRA Rodeo, if an event is offered and does not get any entries, the remaining WPRA Rodeo events will count towards world/circuit standings.

11.3.4.1. At all rodeos and jackpot events (where applicable), there must be at least four (4) timed event entries that compete in order for that event to count towards world/circuit standings. If there are not at least four (4) timed event entries that event will be cancelled.

11.4. Moving of Event

11.4.1. In the event a location has to be changed for an approved event due to weather conditions, contestants entered would have the opportunity of staying in and competing or drawing out with her money refunded. Contestant would have to be given adequate time and notice of the new facility and books should not be reopened.

Chapter 12 WPRA Pro Rodeo Events

12.1. Standard Events

12.1.1. In order to have a WPRA Rodeo Sanctioned Event, four of the standard events must be held: 1.) a lead sanctioned barrel race, not held in a divisional format ; 2.) tie-down calf roping; 3.) team roping 4.) breakaway calf roping.

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12.2. Tie Down Calf Roping Regulations and Explanation

12.2.1. Rope must be tied hard and fast, and contestant must use a neck rope on horse. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet. If the calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be let up and thrown down by hand. If calf is jerked down after the initial jerk, a roper's hand must be on the calf to be considered thrown by hand. If a calf is down and not thrown by hand, prior to flanking and tying, the roper must either allow the calf to stand on his feet; the calf may be squatting, but must be on his hooves and not on knees or hocks or the roper may lift the calf high enough and in a manner that his legs and feet are hanging in a standing position which would allow him to regain his feet in a standing position if let go of. For catch to be considered legal catch-as-catch-can, the catch rope must hold horse to calf until roper gets hands on calf. Tie must hold, and three legs remain crossed until passes on by the judge. Roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until after the judge has completed his examination. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked no time. Animal belongs to the contestant when she calls for him, except in cases of mechanical failure, animal escaping arena, and/or fouls.

12.2.2. Calf roping and team roping cattle must be lined.

12.2.2.1. Line judge should position him/herself at the score line on the same side as the contestant providing arena structure will allow such positioning. A liner should be on the opposite side of the line judge at the score line.

12.2.2.2. Two (2) loops will be permitted in average ropings only. In one (1) head ropings, only one (1) loop will be permitted. Back gate of arena is open or closed at sole option of producer. Gate status need not be posted.

12.2.2.3. Any timed event contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from the field flagger that she is mistreating an animal will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense and two hundred dollars (\$200) for the second offense. In addition, if warranted, the field flagger may disqualify that contestant from that event for the remainder of the rodeo.

12.2.3. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If horse drags calf, field judge may stop horse and any penalty for such offense can only assessed by the flag judge.

12.2.4. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after competition of tie, the six (6) second time period is to start when roper clears calf.

12.2.5. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stop watch, timing six (6) seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first steps forward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from the calf before the tie is complete.

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

12.2.7. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the time has been passed on by the field judge.

12.2.7.1. Judge can signal for others to held the contestant in an emergency, after she has completed her tie to help untangle her horse, for the safety of the animals, provided no one touches the tie and once her rope is removed from the saddle horn or calf's head, then the six (6) second period will start for the calf to remain tied.

12.2.8. Two (2) loops will be allowed in average ropings only. If roper intends to use two (2) loops in an average roping, she must carry two (2) ropes and must use the second rope for the second loop.

12.2.9. All roping calves must be the same breed and crossbreeds must be of the same cross. If there is any deviation from this, it must be approved by a Director.

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

12.2.11. An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for calf roping. The maximum length of score shall be eighteen feet (18'), score equaling the length of the box minus four feet (4'). All score lengths are subject to calf roping Director or representative approval.

12.2.12. Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide will be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.

12.2.13. There shall be two (2) or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and a WPRA spokeswoman or Director, if present. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.

12.2.14. Calves must weigh between 160-200 pounds. If the stock contractor cannot make this scale, the contractor must have the calves approved by the Event and WPRA Director before the event.

- 12.2.15.** Ten second penalty for beating or breaking the barrier.
- 12.2.16.** If after one go round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing; but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo they will not be considered fresh.
- 12.2.17.** Rodeos that have four or more performance must give two or more head of stock in calf roping unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
- 12.2.18.** There will be a sixty (60) second time limit in tie-down calf roping in the field, not including penalty.
- 12.2.19.** Timed event contractor must have one third (1/3) the number of stock.

12.3. Breakaway Calf Roping Regulations and Explanation

- 12.3.1.** An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for breakaway roping. The maximum length of score shall be eighteen feet (18'), score equaling length of box minus four feet (4'). All score lengths are subject to breakaway Director or representative approval.
- 12.3.2.** There shall be two or more timekeepers, a field judge, a barrier judge and as many other officials as the local management finds necessary.
- 12.3.3.** Two (2) loops will be permitted in average ropings only. In one head ropings, only one (1) loop will be permitted. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
- 12.3.4.** Ropes are tied to saddle horn with heavy duty string. Bright cloth with dimensions of six inches by six inches (6"x6") must be attached to end of rope.
- 12.3.5.** Breakaway calves must not weigh over four hundred (400) pounds.
- 12.3.6.** The calf's head must pass through the loop or contestant will be disqualified.
- 12.3.7.** The loop may be drawn up on any part of the calf's body after its head passes through the loop.

- 12.3.8.** The field judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the horn.
- 12.3.9.** Contestant will receive no time should she break rope from the saddle horn by hand or by touching rope or string after catch is completed. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope, and then stop her horse to make the rope breakaway.
- 12.3.10.** Ten (10) second penalty for breaking the barrier.
- 12.3.11.** There will be a forty five (45) second time limit. Breakaway roping calves must be numbered and drawn for.
- 12.3.12.** Timed event contractor must have one third (1/3) the number of stock.

12.4. Team Roping Regulations and Explanations

Optional - Dally or Tie and Face.

An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for team roping. The maximum length of score shall be eighteen feet (18'), score equaling the length of the box minus four feet (4'). All score lengths are subject to team roping Director or representative approval.

- 12.4.1.** There shall be two timers, a barrier judge and a field flag judge. Time will be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score. Length of score is to be set by arena director and WPRA Roping Director or spokeswoman, if present.
- 12.4.2.** Contestants will start from behind a barrier. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking or beating the barrier. Animal belongs to contestant when she calls for him, except cases of mechanical failure, animal escaping arena, and/or fouls. Team roper behind barrier must throw first loop at head.
- 12.4.2.1.** How a contestant is entered is how she will be designated as header or heeler. In events where three (3) loops are allowed, points will be awarded according to the way the team begins the run.

12.4.3. Each contestant will be allowed to carry but one (1) rope. Each team allowed three (3) throws in all. Roping steers without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. The tail of the rope when tied hard and fast, should be adjusted so the header and heeler can release from the rope upon receiving the flag.

12.4.3.1. Only two (2) loops allowed in one head ropings with more than ten (10) teams.

12.4.4. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer in line with ropes dallied or tied hard and fast. Horse's front feet must be on ground and ropers must remain mounted when time is taken. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.

12.4.5. All changes in lists or roping order to split horses, etc. must be made before stock is loaded in chutes. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in the order listed. No change of order will be made on the first three (3) contestants in all timed events.

12.4.6. If a team roper draws out after position is drawn, in accordance with the regulations of the Official Rule Book, or does not appear before the performance at which she is scheduled to compete, the contestant entered with her may draw out or may get another partner from among any of the contestants entered in the rodeo, except team ropers already scheduled to compete the maximum number of times in the event. Any alternate contestant must also pay specified entry fee. The original partner still must pay her entry fee unless there is a notified doctor or vet release. The new team will take the steer drawn for the original team.

12.4.7. In the instance that a member of each of two (2) teams does not appear after positions are drawn, the remaining two (2) team members may compete as a team, unless they are already entered together. The position of the new team shall be that of the original team drawn to compete first.

12.4.8. The arena secretary must be notified by the partner who is present prior to the team roping event or the team roping slack if the partner is drawing out or who her replacement partner will be. If the secretary is not notified the contestant will be subject to entry fee payment.

12.4.9. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the field judge, they have intentionally done so.

12.4.10. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time, regardless whether time has been taken or not.

12.4.11. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with her hands.

12.4.12. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out on the heel loop by the time the field flag judge drops flag, time will be counted.

12.4.12.1. If the header ropes a front foot in the head loop, contestant may not remove the front foot from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot come out of the head loop by the time the field flag judge drops flag, time will be counted.

12.4.13. Where contestants are allowed to enter more than once, it must be with a different partner each time.

12.4.13.1. A team in the team roping may not draw the same steer twice.

12.4.13.2. An individual entered with separate partners may draw the same steer as long as it is not with the same partner.

12.4.13.3. Contestants who enter open in the team roping have until the end of entries to get partnered. Any contestant not partnered by the end of entries will be drawn out.

12.4.14. In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has one (1) or more loops coming, the judge may

give the same steer back lap and tap, and a ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for each loop already thrown.

12.4.15. Animals used for the team roping event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.

12.4.16. Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.

12.4.17. Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.

12.4.17.1. Other barrier provisions will be allowed with Director approval.

12.4.18. Legal catches. There will only be three legal head catches: 1. Around both horns 2. Half a head 3. Around the neck

12.4.18.1. If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, catch is illegal.

12.4.19.1.1. If rope is in steer's mouth, catch is illegal.

12.4.18.2. If, in the opinion of the field flagger, a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed direction of the steer, team shall be disqualified.

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

12.4.18.4. One hind foot receives a five (5) second fine.

12.4.18.5. If loop crosses itself in a head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.

12.4.19. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit in the field, not including penalties.

12.4.20. Stock contractors are required to have a minimum number of steers in the team roping equal to one third (1/3) of the number of teams entered, unless otherwise approved by the team roping Director and the WPRA Roping Director. In the event of shortage of numbers of team roping steers, stock contractor will be subject to fines.

12.5. Deleted

12.6. Deleted

Saddle Bronc Riding Regulations and Explanations Deleted

Chapter 13

Rodeo Administration, Secretary and Office

13.1. Rodeo secretary must be Association member in good standing. Any office help including secretary, secretary help, announcer, etc. If not PRCA approved, must be approved by a WPRA Roping Director.

13.2. Entries will be accepted by telephone or by personal entry if regulations on payment of entry fees are observed. Entries shall be taken the three (3) hours previous to entry closing time. At those rodeos where three (3) hours is not sufficient time to accept all entries, an additional entry period shall be set up at the time of the rodeo's approval.

13.2.1. Rodeo secretary, arena directors, stock contractors or a contest judge must turn in to the Association office immediately after each ride the names of any member contestants who did not pay entry fees, or the names of member entering any contestants who did not pay entry fees, and the amount of those unpaid fees must be listed.

13.2.2. Contestants entering as non-members at WPRA Rodeos and approved events must have entry fee paid by deadline as indicated by rodeo secretary. If non-member does not pay entry fee by said deadline, their name will be removed from the entry list.

13.2.2.1. Non-member may have entry fees guaranteed by a WPRA member. WPRA members must personally approve non-member entry and will be responsible for non-member's entry fees in the event non-member fails to appear to compete.

13.3 If local entries are accepted, local entries shall be required to show proof of insurance, as protection for both the local entry and the local committee.

13.4. The arena secretary shall deduct five percent (5%) of the purse plus entry fees and shall send this money along with the official typed results and backup timer/judges sheets to the Association office immediately after the rodeo.

13.5. Rodeo secretaries shall send all prize money checks to the Association office within **seven (7)** days of that rodeo's final performance unless a contestant has otherwise specified where she wants her money sent.

13.6. The draw at all rodeos shall be posted where the contestants can examine it.

13.7. Rodeos that have contest stock to run before or after scheduled performance shall post the order of events on the bulletin board in the rodeo office.

13.8. A fifteen dollar (\$15) stock charge per head may be assessed on breakaway calf roping and tie down calf roping. Team roping stock charge is seven dollar & fifty cents (\$7.50) per person per head.

13.9. Results

13.9.1. At all WPRA rodeos and approved jackpots, faxed results must be sent to the WPRA office within three (3) days following the completion of the event. Five percent (5%) of the purse in the timed events and five percent (5%) of the purse for WPRA barrel races, all pattern measurements, contestant and timer sheets must be received in the WPRA office within seven (7) days following completion of the event.

13.9.2. Any results from WPRA approved rodeos or events not received in the WPRA office at the cutoff date, that are thirty (30) days or more old, will not be counted.

Chapter 14

WPRA Rodeo Championship Standings

14.1 Event Champions

14.1.1. Event Champions will be determined by money won at WPRA approved events and **co-approved events including the finals.**

14.1.2. Standings will be kept according to money won at any WPRA approved contest. When payoff is incorrectly made, winnings shall be posted according to the corrected payoff figures as determined by WPRA rules.

14.1.3. The WPRA card member receiving the most money won in each of the four (4) standard events (TDCR, TR, BWK, GBR) will be named champion of that event.

14.2. World Championship

14.2.1. Deleted

14.2.2. Both a World Champion Header and Heeler will be named in the team roping. A contestant will be allowed to qualify on both ends if in the top 15 or Top 5 in her designated Circuit. In the case that two people had qualified on both ends and after the pairing of partners, these contestants were left to rope together, they would be allowed to switch ends at the Finals only if no other person wished to rope with them. If at the time of the Finals someone in the top fifteen (15) or top five (5) in her designated Circuit decided not to attend, the next person on the list in order would qualify and be allowed to count points. If an emergency occurs that allows someone not to be partnered at the Finals and it is too late to notify the next person, the next available person will be notified in the standings but will not be allowed to count points if entered person is skipped. If no one in the standings is available, a

person entered in the Finals in another event will be allowed to rope but points will not count for standings. A person qualified on the other end in the team roping will not be allowed to fill this position in the last instance.

14.2.3. Championship buckles will be awarded in the four (4) standard events (CR, TR1, TR, BWK).

14.3. WPRA Rodeo Rookie

14.3.1. WPRA Rookie of the Year Awards will be given to the first year WPRA card members who have won the most money in each of the individual timed events in all WPRA approved events.

14.3.2. WPRA permit members who are first year competitors in the roping division are eligible for Rookie Awards.

14.3.3. Money earned at the Finals will count towards Rookie standings.

14.4. All Around

14.4.1. All Around Champion standings will be counted from money won in WPRA lead-sanction events where at least four (4) of the four (4) standard events are held.

14.4.2. In order for the barrel race to count as one of the four events, it must be a straight payoff, not a divisional format. To determine the All Around Champions at WPRA Rodeos, in addition to year end All Around Champion, contestant must win money in two (2) or more events.

14.4.3. Team Roping All Around Points. Team ropers will be allowed to enter twice in all contests. However, if you enter twice on the same end in a rodeo, only the highest placing will count for All Around Standings. Both places will count for the team roping standings. If you place once heading and once heeling in the same rodeo, both will count for All Around points.

14.4.4. When the barrel race is approved through the WPRA Roping division at WPRA lead sanctioned and/or co-approved events and rodeos, the barrel race will count toward the Roping Division Circuit with regard to the WPRA Roping Division Barrel Race Standings. WPRA Roping Division members who wins money in the barrel race at a lead sanctioned or co-approved event with a roping will count toward All Around Standings. To be eligible for winnings to count for Standings in the Roping Circuit in the barrel racing, you must rope at the WPRA sanctioned event where you have won money in the barrel race. Only earnings won at lead sanctioned events and/or roping co-approved events will qualify toward the Roping Division barrel racing standings.

14.5. WPRA Finals

14.5.1. WPRA Roping Circuit point cutoff will be as late as possible in the year, yet allowing sufficient time to audit winnings; and is set at the sole discretion of the WPRA Board of Directors. Such cutoff date shall be published on the WPRA website and in the Official Publication at least four (4) months in advance.

14.5.2. WPRA card members only may compete at WPRA World Finals.

14.5.3. Winnings from short go round or finals at rodeos, or from added TV money, will be included in the audit.

14.5.4. Only contestants who are money earners will be allowed to qualify and compete at the WPRA World Finals, subject to the rules immediately following.

14.5.5. Non-money earners will be allowed to compete per Board's approval only if there are not enough contestants to make a full fifteen (15) contestants.

14.5.6. The Top 15 Contestants in World Standings ranking, and the Top 5 Contestants in each Circuit in Standings

ranking, in each of the four standard (TR x 2, Td-Cr, BAW) events will be eligible to compete in the WPRA Women's National Finals Rodeo. If a contestant is qualified in both the Top 15 of the World Standings and in the Top 5 of her designated Circuit, then the 6th place qualifier in her Circuit will be eligible to compete at the Finals. If a timed event does not have enough qualifiers to fill all positions at the Finals, then that particular event will only host down to the number of qualifiers who are eligible to attend the Finals. In this case, qualifiers shall not be less than 15 contestants. In the barrel race, the Top 5 Contestants in the Roping Circuit will be eligible to attend the World Finals Barrel Race to be held at the Women's World Finals Rodeo. If an Roping Circuit barrel racer is qualified in both the Top 40 World Standings, and in the Top 5 of her Circuit, then the barrel racer in the 6th place of the Circuit standings will be eligible to attend the World Finals Barrel Race.

14.5.7. WPRA Board of Directors may also invite WPRA Roping qualifiers from outside the established circuits, including but not limited to Canada, Europe, or others, to compete at the World Finals in any of the WPRA standard events at its sole discretion. **14.5.8.** At a WPRA Lead Sanction Event, money won will count for Roping circuit standings, even if event is not held within your circuit. (This does not apply for barrel racing circuits not in Roping.)

Chapter 15 Signage and Patches

15.1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all WPRA Rodeo contestants shall be permitted to wear advertising garments, tack or gear, including patches, in the rodeo arena provided, however, on the chest or jacket front. E. WPRA Roping members may display up to seven (7) different sponsors and a total of nine (9) patches at any one time. Patches may be worn only in the following areas:

1. Participants may wear two (2) chest/pocket patches (one per side of shirt front).
2. Participants may wear two (2) sleeve patches (one (1) per sleeve, representing the same sponsor and of the same design).
3. Participants may wear one (1) cantle/yoke patch (top of shirt).
4. Participants may wear one (1) shirt front stripe patch.
5. Riding event contestants may wear two (2) chap patches (one per leg, representing the same sponsor and of the same design).
6. Timed event contestants may display only two (2) saddle pad patches (one on either side of horse representing the same sponsor and of the same design).
7. Participants may wear two (2) shirt collar patches (one (1) per side representing the same sponsor and of the same design.)
8. Timed event contestants may display two (2) breast collar patches (one on either side of horse representing the same sponsor and of the same design). Any deviation must be approved by All Women's Rodeo Director. **15.1.4.** Violation of any of the rules contained in this chapter will constitute a minor rule violation entailing a fine of \$250 per violation. The third, and any additional violations of any rule in this chapter may be considered a major rule violation by the Board of Director, at the Board's discretion, entailing a fine of \$250 up to \$2,500.

Chapter 16 Co-Sanctioning Rules and Procedures

At the discretion of the WPRA Roping Director, roping may be co-sanctioned with other organizations. Co-sanctioning approval fees are \$25.00 per event, or, \$20.00 per event if the producer submits approval applications for three (3) or more events at the same time.

The WPRA Roping Director will use discretion when making all co-sanctioning approvals so as to not approve numerous small jackpots in an area where it is evident that producers are having events only to cater to a secluded group. Further,

Director shall exercise discretion in making approvals spread out over the United States vs. having heavy approvals in one state, region or circuit. Side Pot/Incentive money may be approved by Director.

As a condition of WPRA's approval of co-sanctioning, Producer shall agree to fax and mail a copy of the event results, to WPRA headquarters, within three (3) business days from the end date of the event. All Producers must specify, in writing, on approval application, the roping or event format, payoff structure, and production fees, or producer withholdings.

When competing at a co-sanctioned event, WPRA members, will be competing under all ground rules, judging rules, and payoff formulas that are used by the primary sanctioning body, or production body. WPRA members acknowledge that when competing in a co-sanctioned event, WPRA will have no responsibility to guarantee payoffs, enforce any rules of the primary sanctioning body, or production body, and, does not guarantee that WPRA members will be competing exclusively against women.

The Roping Director shall consider applications on the following conditions

1. Breakaway and Tie Down Calf Roping jackpots held at USCRA sanctioned ropings, and/or various Associations' Rodeos. Breakaway Ropings, and Tie Down Calf Ropings held by private producers will also be considered for approval on an individual basis. Producers must be willing to demonstrate that they hold their ropings in accordance with recognized standards of judging professionalism demonstrated by USCRA rules, or WPRA rules.

Acceptable roping formats are:

a) "Open" "all-girl", with no handicaps.

b) Numbered at no more than a # 1, or no less than "A" Breakaway Roping (USCRA #'s)
c) Open w/Incentive. Males maybe entered at "b" and "c".

2. Team Ropings produced by USTRC and/or Affiliates, Rope America, various Associations' Rodeos, and known team roping producers are the preferred team ropings that will be considered for co-sanctioning. Other roping producers will be considered for co-sanctioning on an individual basis. Producers must be willing to demonstrate that they hold their ropings in accordance with recognized standards of judging professionalism demonstrated by USTRC rules, or WPRA rules. No ropings will be approved that "flag on the heels" and/or that utilize a "barrel" type system in place of an electric eye barrier or rope barrier score line.

In order to qualify for the WPRA Team Roping Standings, the team must be a "female only" team. For co-sanctioned team roping, only the two highest placings shall count toward a member's year end team roping points. No mixed teams will be considered for approval if one partner of the team is not a WPRA member, but is also female, then the partner who is a WPRA member shall be eligible to count her half of the winnings toward WPRA Standings. A roper's winnings shall count toward "header" or "heeler" Standings, based upon the end which she initially entered on. Acceptable roping formats are:
a) "All-girl!" Numbered ropings, must demonstrate that the number system, in use, is based on the team roping industry standard, current USTRC Numbering System.

Complaints and Failure to Produce a Quality Event: When WPRA Roping Director receives three (3) or more written complaints from WPRA cardholders regarding the quality and/or professionalism of an event; she shall immediately

investigate the validity of the complaints. Director shall report her findings to the WPRA Board of Directors Grievance Committee, making her recommendation for continued approval, or, withdrawal of any future approval for the stated event, and/or its producer. Board of Directors Grievance Committee shall have final decision with regard to complaints filed against an event or producer. Written complaints must be received in the WPRA Office within thirty (30) days after the event, for consideration.