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**pg. 2 - Proposed by Stacey Freitas** - NEW Rule Proposal – Allow memberships purchased in August and September to be credited to the next rodeo season.

Last year in the California Circuit we had a couple of ladies who were not a current year (2017) member that wanted to purchase their cards to compete in the new season (2018). Our season started on 9-14-17 and there were 6 rodeos at the end of September. They were informed in order to enter the rodeos at the end of September, they had to buy a 2017 membership (which would be good for only 1 month) and then buy a 2018 membership. I was informed by the office this was due to our database not being ready to record new memberships. I feel this is an unfair situation for members to have to purchase a membership that is only good for 1 month. If our database isn't ready, we should be able to find a way to work around it. As a side note, PRCA members were able to buy their new memberships on September 1st and enter those September rodeos.

As a suggested work around with our database. I propose any memberships bought in August and September be credited to the new rodeo season. This would allow members to enter rodeos in September that counts for the new season in their Circuit. We could add a stipulation that their card is only good to enter rodeos in the new season (2019) and if they enter rodeos in the 2018 season they will be fined and required to pay for a 2019 membership as well.

6 rodeos are approximately 47% of the total (13) count needed to qualify for Circuit Finals.

**pg. 21 - Proposed by Dillon McPherson** -Rule proposal 1 (existing 4.1):

For Futurity and Roping Directors I propose we choose one from the following 2 options:

Option 1: The Futurity/Derby Director will take office in 2019 and every three years thereafter and the Roping Director will take office in 2020 and every three years thereafter. Only those designating Futurity/Derby and Roping Circuits for voting may vote for these directors, respectively. The Roping and Futurity/Derby Directors will only have voting rights on issues that directly pertain to their respective Circuits/Programs.

Option 2: The Futurity/Derby Director and Roping Director will be appointed by the WPRA Board of Directors. The Futurity/Derby and Roping Directors will manage their respective programs and report and make recommendations for their programs to the Board, but have no voting rights.

**pg. 22 - Proposed by Marlene McRae** - Chapter 4 Directors - 4.1.3 - Delete: Futurity Director

**pg. 22 - Proposed by Marlene McRae** - Chapter 4 Directors - 4.1.3.1 - Delete: Futurity Director

**pg. 40 - Proposed by WPRA Office** – 9.1.2.1 Add comma after balances due. Take out (\$15)

**pg. 47 - Proposed by WPRA Office** –9.3.3 – Add to the end “Improper content used or posted on social or digital media may constitute a violation of this rule.”

**pg. 47 - Proposed by WPRA Office** – 9.3.6 Add to the end “Improper content used or posted on social or digital media may constitute a violation of this rule.”

**pg. 48 - Proposed by WPRA Office** – 9.3.14 Add to the end “Improper content used or posted on social or digital media may constitute a violation of this rule.”

**pg. 52- Proposed by Dillon McPherson** –10.1.10 – All Rodeos with that add less than \$3,000 in purse money must accept permits

**pg. 60 – Proposed by WPRA Office** - 10.4.3. I had someone ask if they could buddy with their husband that she married this past weekend and does not have her marriage license back yet. Membership application does not list that we have to have that in the office. I did tell her that we needed it in the office first but maybe we should add that to the rule:

**pg. 63 – Proposed by Sarah Lynne Zaleski** – These two rules say the same thing but different words, I would like to remove one, remove 10.5.1 as it is re-stated in 10.5.4

**pg. 63 – Proposed by Sarah Lynne Zaleski** – 10.5.1 – All entry fees not paid to Arena Secretary are to be received in the WPRA office by Tuesday 3:00 p.m. MT following the end of the rodeo

**pg. 65 – Proposed by WPRA Office** – 10.6.1.5. Trading into an open performance position: If there are turnouts/releases then girls should be able to trade into those spots by the turnout/release deadline and not the trade deadline. That way it is more likely to fill performances.

**Pg. 72 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen** – WPRA 11.1 Insert the word National before sponsor

**Pg. 72 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen** – WPRA 11.1.2 Insert the word National before sponsor

**Pg. 72 – Proposed by Eileen Lang** - Proposed Change

Up to \$1,000	2,000.....	4 monies
\$1,000.01	\$2,000.01 to \$2,000	\$3,000 .....6 monies
\$2,000.01	\$3,000.01 to \$4,000.....	8 monies
\$4,000.01	to \$9,999.99.....	10 monies
\$10,000	to \$15,000.....	12 monies (on one go only)
\$15,000.01	and up.....	15 monies (on one go only)

This change will help the little rodeos with small attendance and/or low added money to pay better. This problem was highlighted at weekly rodeo in Lake Luzern, NY. This rodeo had \$600 added, and 10 girls that paid their fees. The 6 money threshold was hit with \$1,034 in the pot. This rodeo ended up paying everyone that didn't hit a barrel; with the top prize of \$300. If the above purposed was in effect, this rodeo would have paid 4 monies and \$414 to the winner.

The above example is an extreme case for the WPRA, but not uncommon for the First Frontier Circuit. Most of our rodeos are 1 performance rodeos with less than \$1,000 added. Not to mention the fact we have a weekly Saturday night rodeo in the North, and one in the South. We are a small circuit to start with, then this divides are members.

We reviewed all the rodeos on the results page of the WPRA website for 2016. We figured out how many rodeos would have seen a change in payout, if the current proposal was in effect. Of the 515 rodeos, that have results on the WPRA page in 2016; 91 would have seen a changed payout. This is only 18% of the rodeos, but 84% of the First Frontier Circuit.

Of the 91 rodeos that would be affected, half of them paid less than \$500. Since the WPRA is “Where the Elite Compete” I would like to see us move into the direction where every rodeo pays over \$500. This change would help us set that course.

**Pg. 78 – Proposed by WPRA Office** - A member will not be considered to have made a circle if when setting up their run they are working within what looks like a 12 by 12 by 12 area.

**Pg. 81 – Proposed by Mimi Cundieff** - RODEO SLACK – DAYS/TIMES

I have a question concerning the regular rodeo season slack days/times. I am a weekend warrior who truly enjoys competing at the WPRA/PRCA rodeos. I'm a card holder, and due to my M-F job, I am limited in taking

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off days to run in slack early in the AM on a week day. A few years back, slack used to run AFTER the performance at most rodeos in my area that I compete in. This gave me the availability to compete if I drew up in slack. Now, however, it seems every rodeo is running slack on a separate 'week' day in the early morning. As a result, I am no longer able to compete at these rodeos which is very disappointing to me and other barrel racers in my area who also work during the week. We do not have the ability to haul as we dream of, so we miss out on competing in our WPRA organization approved rodeos. This also eliminates our chances to ever win money to possible qualifying for the Texas Circuit Finals.

I still try to enter these rodeos, but have to request performance or 'out if slack'. Mostly, I've drawn up in slack, and do not get to compete.

Is there any chance this could be discussed at a future meeting for a return to slack AFTER the performance or even on a separate week day beginning around 7-7:30 PM like a rodeo performance starts? Or, Saturday slack works great, too.

**Pg. 83 - Proposed by Cindy Gillespie - 12.9.6.1** The ground for each performance, prior to the start of barrel slack, and for each drag during slack (either 10 or 12 depending on what the rodeo is set up for), will be prepared/dug with the same tractor and arena tool to ensure consistency for all sets and drags.

**Pg. 87 – Proposed by Kara Posch, Leslie Caskey, Mandi Jo Fox, Brittany Fellows, Kaitlyn Eben, CJ Vondette, Shayna Gattis, Tanya Ledbetter, Kelsey Gordon, Julie Erkamaa, Janee' Ornelas, Jessi Thompson, Molly Steffen, Lisa Thornton, Traci Pratt - Proposed amendment to Rule 13.1.1**

All WPRA barrel races must be conducted with the use of two electronic eye timers.

13.1.1.1 Equipment necessary: two complete electric eye timers plus one extra timing clock or stopwatch to be operated manually

13.1.1.2 In the event the main electronic eye fails to operate, the backup electronic eye shall be used

Proposed amendment to Rule 13.3.1

Read out box times must be read and recorded by the official timer in 1000ths of a second. One timer will record the times that appear on the electric eye readout. Additional timers will operate an additional backup electronic timer and will record the time shown thereon. There shall be two electronic timers at all WPRA/PRCA approved events for barrel racing. An optional timer will operate the backup manual clock and will record the time thereon. They will operate from the flag man's signals, and record the time in 100ths of a second.

Proposed addition to Rule 13.3.1

At rodeos with more than \$4000 added, manually flagging and timing are prohibited. Electronic timing is required and provisions should be made for such at those rodeos.

**Pg. 87 - Proposed by Mandi Jo Fox - Proposed Addition to Rule 13.3**  
At rodeos with a qualifying slack round, if the electronic eye malfunctions or fails to function, manually flagging is prohibited. The slack round shall be postponed until an electric eye can be used.

**Pg. 88 – Proposed by Tiany Schuster - 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 a 17.10).

Delete: and a zero will be added to to tenth (i.e. 17.1 becomes a 17.10).

Example: A 17.91 thru 17.99 becomes a 17.90 which spots a contestant 9/100th.

With new language, example at 17.34 and a 17.37 equals 17.355 and rounding becomes a 17.36.

17.34 and 17.36 becomes a 17.35.

**Pg. 89 – Proposed by Lisa Thornton - Addition to Rule 13.3.**  
At rodeos with a qualifying slack round, if the electronic eye malfunctions or fails to function, manually flagging is prohibited. The slack round shall be postponed until an electronic eye can be used.

**Pg. 136 – Proposed by Marlene McRae - WPRA Futurity/Derby Rules Chapter 1**

1.1.5

Add; If a Promoter wants to pay an average in the Futurity 2D it will be a 2 second split. No points will be awarded.

**Pg. 139 – Proposed by Marlene McRae – 1.2.7.7 – Delete Futurity Director and add Circuit Director**

**Pg. 142 – Proposed by Marlene McRae – 1.3.7.7 – Delete Futurity Director and add Circuit Director**

**Pg. 144 – Proposed by Marlene McRae – 1.4.7.6 – Delete Futurity Director and add Circuit Director**

**Pg. 146 – Proposed by Marlene McRae – 1.6.1 – Delete unless prior approval is granted by the WPRA Futurity Director**

**Pg. 149 – Proposed by Marlene McRae – 1.7.7.6 – Delete Futurity and add Circuit Director**

**Pg 150 – Proposed by Marlene McRae - 1.8.3**

Delete all and change to;

Circuit year-end awards will be given to the Circuit Champion Futurity 1D, 2D and Derby in each Circuit. Points are accumulated for horse and rider for one year in the designated circuit at time of nomination. Circuit directors may co approve a futurity and derby in a boarding state to count for circuit points

**Pg 150 – Proposed by Marlene McRae - 1.8.4**

Delete all and change to;

World Finals will award a Final Champion Futurity 1D, 2D and Derby Champion.

**Pg. 160 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 5.3. Entry Fee Scale\*\*\*Delete Replace with Replace with Roping 5.3.1 Added money and entry fee scale\*\*\* Stock charge (up to \$25) and applicable fees are not included in following scale.**  
Up to \$999.00.....\$80 for 1 go round.....\$155 for 2 go rounds  
\$1000 to \$2499.99.....\$100 for 1 go round.....\$175 for 2 go rounds  
\$2500 to \$4999.99.....\$120 for 1 go round.....\$195 for 2 go rounds  
\$5000 to \$9999.99.....\$150 for 1 go round.....\$225 for 2 go rounds  
\$10,000 and up.....\$175 for 1 go round.....\$250 for 2 go rounds  
\*\*\*Unless by special WPRA Roping Director Approval

**Pg. 161 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 5.3.6 Change to A producer may hold up to 25% of the total entry fees for production cost OR rodeos may charge stock charge plus applicable fees. (i.e. office, Procom, Entry system, or administrative) Five percent (5%) of total purse (sponsor's purse plus entry fees) must always be paid to the WPRA. Fees to be charged should be disclosed in the approval at the time of application.**

**Pg. 161 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 5.3.6.1 Change to "Each contestant may be charged a one-time only administration fee"**

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**Pg. 161 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - 5.3.6.2** A stock charge up to twenty five dollars (\$25) may be assessed on breakaway calf roping and tie down roping. Team roping may be assessed a stock charge up to \$12.50 per person. None of these charges may be applied if a jackpot producer opts to deduct 25%.

**Pg. 162 - Proposed by Patti McCutchen - 5.4.2** Non-members may be charged, in addition to the administrative fee, a \$5 a \$10 non-member fee.

**Pg. 163 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - 6.1.1** Change to: 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. The number of placings shall be determined by the amount of money in the 1st go round.

**Pg. 164 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.3** Add to the top part: Divisions for number of places are based on the long go-round. Divisions are as follows:

**Pg. 164 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping** Add: 6.3.4 If applicable, average pays the same number of places as the long go. A short go or finals will pay 4 places.

**Pg. 165 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.4.2** Change to: TWO GO ROUNDS AND AVERAGE Average is one -and- one- half times the go-round. Divide aforementioned total by 7. Multiply the result by two (2) to obtain the amount of prize money for each go-round. Multiply by three (3) to obtain the amount of prize money for the average.

**Pg. 165 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.4.7** Change to: One go round with a finals and average. Average is one -and-one-half (1 ½) times the go-round money. Deduct 10% of total and divide the remaining by five (5). Multiply the result by two (2) to obtain the money for the go-round and by three (3) to obtain amount of prize money for the average.

**Pg. 170 – Proposed by Jennifer Casey -** A contestant must compete on the stock drawn for her unless she has been awarded a reride or rerun by the judges. Each contestant shall be responsible for knowing which stock they are to compete on.

Delete rule

9.1.5. 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.

**Pg. 182 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Add Roping 12.2.4.1** If roper fails to get calf up per rule 12.2.3, a 10 second penalty will be assessed. Judge will signal penalty by crossing arms, after dropping the flag.

**Pg. 185 – Proposed by Jennifer Casey - 12.3.3.** Only One (1) loop will be permitted. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. The back gate will remain open.

**Pg. 185 – Proposed by Jennifer Casey - 12.3.4.** Ropes are tied at the very end of the rope, to saddle horn with heavy duty nylon string. Bright cloth with dimensions of six inches by six inches (6"x6") must be attached to end of rope.

**Pg. 185 – Proposed by Jennifer Casey - 12.3.5.** Breakaway calves must not weigh over four hundred (400) pounds and weight a minimum of 200 pounds.

**Pg. 185 – Proposed by Jennifer Casey - Add**

Horned cattle shall not be used in the breakaway roping. Horned cattle are defined as those with horns longer than three inches (3") measured from the base of the horn. Only one (1) horn has to be over three inches (3") to be classified

**Pg. 185 – Proposed by Jennifer Casey - 12.3.11.** There will be a forty five (45) thirty (30) second time limit.

**Pg. 191 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 13.8** A stock charge up to twenty five dollars (\$25) may be assessed on breakaway calf roping and tie down roping. Team roping may be assessed a stock charge up to \$12.50 per person.

**Pg. 192 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 14.3.3** Insert word "World" before Finals

**Pg. 195 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 16.1.1** Correct approval fee to \$35 and \$45

**Pg. 196 – Proposed by Patti McCutchen - New Rule Proposal 16.7.1.** Co-approved roping events that allow contestants to enter breakaway or tie down roping twice will be considered. Only the highest placing per go round or average will count for breakaway or tie down standings. Team roping events allowing entries to enter more than once will only be approved if a different partner is required. Does not apply to switching ends with the same person if producer allows. All placings in the team roping will count for team roping standings.

**New rule – Proposed by Casey Doebbler-Hammons -** I propose a rule that the entire WPRA Membership (Card Holders) be given the opportunity to vote for Rodeo of the Year, Secretary of the Year, Stock Contractor of the Year, Wrangler Official/Judge of the Year, etc as opposed to the WPRA Board of Directors being the sole voting pool for all Year End Awards.

**New rule – Proposed by WPRA Office - DC Co-Approvals**

- Charge additional fee for late approvals received and processed under 30 days.
- Charge change fee

**New rule – Proposed by Cindy Gillespie -** WPRA Meetings will follow open meeting laws. No votes will be taken in executive session. Voting results will be published in meeting minutes, except for votes regarding individual member disciplinary actions

**New rule – Proposed by Dillon McPherson -** Limited entry rodeos accepting less than 100 entries must have a qualifying round for at least 25% of the total number of positions for the rodeo. If no qualifying round, money won will count for standings (points) as follows:

Number of entries accepted under 100 will be the percentage of money won that counts for points. For example if the rodeo is limited to 40 contestants, 40% of the money won will count for standings.

**New rule – Proposed by Stacey Freitas -** Track Permit Standings on a Circuit level as it is done for Divisional Circuit (Cards), Junior Division and Breakaway Roping.

I'm proposing this rule proposal because I believe very strongly that Permit Holders are integral part of our association. In looking at the 2017 budget and actuals, total revenue from Permits in 2017 was \$375,192, included in this number is dues from Permits, Permit Extension, Rookie Card and Rookie upgrade. Total revenue from Junior dues were \$26,350 and total revenue from Roping dues were \$29,070 (this includes dues from Roping, Junior Ropers and Roping rookie).

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The following is the breakdown of the percentage of total membership dues in 2017

- Cards – 50%
- Permits – 41%
- Gold Cards – 3%
- Juniors – 3%
- Roping – 3%

Permit memberships account for 41% of total membership dues and Juniors 3% and Roping 3%. If we are tracking standings on a Circuit level for Juniors and Roping, I believe we should be doing it for the Permits also. Our database contains all the information to do this.

Turquoise Circuit also tracks standings for Permits and Columbia River Circuit did but gave it up because of the work involved to do so and Texas Circuit mentioned she didn't do it because of the work involved.

Please do not reject this proposal because the office says there is not a simple way to do this. We should not be saying we don't track standings for Permits because of the limitations within our database.

**New rule – Proposed by Jana Bean** - I would like to propose a rule that pertains to horses falling down.

**New rule – Proposed by Sarah Lynne Zaleski** - 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

**New rule – Proposed by Marlene McRae** - Circuit Directors must attend 5 of their circuits largest rodeos each year Circuit director must attend General Membership meeting in their circuit if applicable

**New rule – Proposed by Patti McCutchen** - In information about circuits say Columbia River includes Idaho north of the Salmon river In Wilderness say includes Idaho south of the Salmon River.

**New rule – Proposed by Lynn Brown** - I'd like this rule/policy proposal instituted for WPRA for next year. This is cut and pasted from Business Journal so i am sure it can be shortened.

**WALK-UP REPLACEMENTS ATTENTION COMMITTEES:** Committees will have the option to implement the following "walk-up" replacement rule to the ground rules of their rodeo: "In addition to the '30-hour replacement' rule, Procom will replace TO's, DR's, VIR's, and DO's in compliance with the '30-hour replacement' rule up to the turn out deadline for each performance (3 hours prior to the performance). At this point in time, the secretary will receive the notified TO's and DR's for that performance along with the alternate list established by Procom for each event in which contestants were drawn out due to qualification or due to using the 'no same day' preference or the 'replace me' parameter. All TO's, DR's, VIR's, or DO's (including contestants who notified after the 30-hour deadline, but before the 3 hour turn out deadline) may be replaced by contestants on the alternate list. Contestants who desire to be accepted as alternates must physically check in with the rodeo secretary no later than 2 hours prior to the performance. Stock will be drawn for these contestants at that time, from a pool of animals consisting of the animals drawn by the contestants who notified turn-outs through Procom (includes DR's, VIR's, and DO's) and the designated re-ride (if still available). If more than one position is being replaced within a performance or slack, the order that each are replaced will be determined by random draw. If more contestants check in with the rodeo secretary than there are positions available, the contestants accepted will be determined by their order on the alternate list (established by Procom). Contestants who are placed in a position at another PRCA rodeo or event on the same day as the position being replaced will not be eligible to be an alternate for that position. Conflicting positions for each alternate will also

be listed on the alternate list." "A contestant will be responsible to know his conflicting rodeos and will be disqualified if he checks in with the secretary and competes as a replacement if he has a same day conflict with that position at another PRCA rodeo or event. Positions at other rodeos that are turned-out will be considered conflicts."

**Proposed by Marilyn Peterson** - Increased Recognition/Resources for Permit Members

I would like to emphasize strongly that money spent and recognition given to a Permit holder should be a very high priority item for the WPRA. The Permit holder is almost always the very first dollar the WPRA receives. A Permit holder pays \$325 to hold a Permit, and continues to pay \$325 per year until she earns \$1,000, at which time she can (1) purchase a Permit Extension for \$225 or (2) purchase her WPRA Card for \$395. So in a year, a Permit holder will provide a minimum of \$325 revenue. In many cases, the Permit will also purchase a Permit Extension so she can (1) compete in the Permit Finals at California Circuit Divisional Finals, and/or (2) make a choice to keep money won on her Permit to the end of the Rodeo Year, and then purchase a Card at the beginning of the next rodeo year so that all her money won on October 1 and after will count toward her Rookie standings. So, first year revenue from a new Permit holder could be (1) cost of Permit-\$325 (2) buy a Permit Extension – total revenue \$550, and/or (3) purchase a Card – total revenue \$945 for their first year. As the Board evaluates what programs they should keep, improve, cut back on and/or remove or phase out, I suggest this is the right time to acknowledge and reward the value of the Permit member. We can't get a card holder's \$395 membership revenue until a Permit wins \$1,000 on her Permit. There are a number of ways the WPRA can further recognize Permit holders. One of those ways would be to include a WPRA Permit Finals in every Divisional Circuit Finals as a race that must be qualified for. The California Circuit and the Turquoise Circuit already have a Permit Finals which requires qualification. Creating and maintaining these Permit standings requires a great deal of time and effort from the Circuit Director (or a designated Spokesperson – in the case of California, that person is me). In addition to it being a very time consuming project, it is almost guaranteed to have errors because of the manual process required to get the information. I think a very important point here is that each of the other categories for the WPRA Divisional Finals requires qualification. The Junior Finals takes only the Top 12 Juniors. The Divisional Finals takes only the Top 12 card holders based on money won at WPRA co-approved events. Why would the Permit Finals be the only event at the Divisional Finals that does NOT require qualification? If the Permit Finals is open to any Permit holder, there is no recognition or pride associated with qualifying for the Permit Finals. How can we justify that approach for such an important revenue source and growth source for the WPRA? I have personally done a lot of recruiting of new WPRA Permits by attending co-approved events and talking to the girls who consistently do well and would probably do well at rodeos. One of the strong incentives/selling points that I have used is that California offers a Permits Finals as part of their Divisional Finals, and that the Top 12 qualify, each Permit contestant at the Finals receives awards, we give a buckle to the Permit Champion, and the fastest time run at the Finals in any category (Permit, Junior or Divisional) will win the Championship Saddle donated by Cactus at our Circuit Finals. These girls understand this is the entre to the highly respected WPRA – the top of the top professional barrel racers, where the ELITE COMPETE. They take a lot of pride in qualifying for the CA Circuit Permit Finals, and in moving on to get their WPRA Card.



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