

# RULE PROPOSALS

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## *Proposed by Imogene Fyffe*

Change Rule 5.3.5.2 A ten dollar (\$10) stock charge per head may be assessed on bulls, bareback brones, breakaway calf roping and tiedown calf roping. Team roping stock charge is five dollars (5) per person per head. Change to a fifteen (\$15) stock charge per head may be assessed on bulls, bareback brones, breakaway calf roping, and tie down calf roping. Team roping stock charge is seventy (\$7.50) per person per head.

Reason: It is very difficult for producers to get quality stock for the current stock charge.

Change 5.1.2 to 30 days instead of 14 days.

Reason: We are getting too many approvals right on the deadline and it is hard to make travel arrangements on such short notice.

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## *Proposed by Jolee Lautaret*

Change rule 10.1.10: All rodeos that add less than \$2000 \$5000 in purse money must accept permits.

Add to rule 10.4.1.7: All rodeos with limited entries must set a mandatory release deadline after which a contestant will not be allowed to release the rodeo

Reason: The opportunity for drawn out contestants to get re-entered must be given in their interest as well as that of the contestants who are entered such that the rodeo is filled and the purse is not adversely affected. This is followed at some rodeos but should be mandatory at all limited rodeos.

New rule: No rodeo with less than \$10,000 added shall be allowed to limit entries.

Reason: There is an alarming trend towards limiting entries at the smaller circuit rodeos. This severely impacts the Association as even circuit members begin finding it difficult to enter rodeos and therefore look for other options when the time comes to renew a membership

New rule: No rodeo with limited entries shall count for circuit points.

Reason: This has been proposed before but is needed now more than ever. It is inherently unfair to count rodeos within a circuit when not all the contestants in that circuit have the opportunity to compete at those rodeos. With the cycle of limiting, it becomes more and more difficult for members to get qualified – they can't get into the rodeos and therefore can't win enough to get qualified for the next year and so on.

New Rules on Progressive or Time Based Rounds

New Rule: The current WPRAs rules do not address situations where a rodeo is formatted such that second go's are either progressive or run in reverse order of first round times. This leaves the judges and secretaries to guess how to handle such things as splits, where to put releases and turnouts (i.e. do they count in the draw for the second go if the times are reversed), whether trades will be allowed, etc. Quite a few rodeos are using these formats and our rulebook should address them more clearly so that everyone is operating under a uniform set of rules.

Change Rule 12.1.1 to further define standard events:

"In order to have a WPRAs All Women's Rodeo Sanctioned Event, four or six of the standard events must be held: 1) a lead sanctioned barrel race, not held in a divisional format; 2) tie down roping

Add to Rule 14.4.1

"All Around Champion standings will be counted from money won in WPRAs lead-sanction events where at least four (4) of the six (6) standard events are held. In order for the barrel race to count as one of the four or six events, it must be a straight payoff, NOT a divisional format."

Reason: Allowing divisional formatted barrel races to count is unfair in the All Around standings as only 1D money counts, usually a small percentage of the total purse when compared with the other events which are not split up. Also, I don't believe that it was ever intended that divisional barrel races be a part of women's rodeos as they are rodeos.

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## *Proposed by Lynn Brown*

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. (STRIKE unless otherwise approved by the WPRAs Board of Directors)

10.3.5.8. A progressive rodeo will be a two go round format with a finals, must add \$10,000 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 even if raking is an option. (STRIKE if raking is not an option.) Entry fee and payoff will be on the existing two go round scale as defined in section 10.3.1.

12.11.1.1 (New) All barrel patterns must be squared. When a standard pattern is set a 300 foot tape will be used to square the eye making sure that the distance between the eye and 1st barrel and the eye and 2nd barrel are equidistant.

If a non standard pattern is set then the pythagorean theorem will be used  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  will then be determined to verify that the distance between the eye and 1st barrel and the eye and 2nd barrel are equidistant. Eyes will be set after measuring tapes are used to cross 1st barrel to second barrel eye marker, and a tape will be used to cross 2nd barrel to 1st eye marker. In a standard pattern without a 300 foot tape your "cross" measurement would be 108.1 feet. (Measuring from 1st barrel to the 2nd barrel eye marker should equal 108.1 feet and conversely from 2nd barrel to the 1st eye marker will be 108.1 feet).

Reason: This additional rule ensures that right or left handed horses are not placed at a disadvantage because the eyes were measured off the fence or "straight" back from the barrels. Even though an arena looks perfectly square or rectangular that is not always the case. For each 1 foot is equal to one-tenth of a second. If a barrel marker is off 6 feet - then a contestant potentially can be 6/10ths off on time.

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## *Proposed by Ronda Shannon*

I think we need to design a new rule that will finally create an equal playing field for all barrel racers. We all pay the EXACT same amount to be a card holder.....so why do some get greater opportunities? ALL rodeos should accept permit and card holders! If we want to keep kicking out all of our "money donors" by limiting entries..then we need to look around at the "under dogs" that are not allowed to run at certain rodeos and why? The need for slack and the need to include everyone to participate would make a big difference in our purses and payouts. We have to remember that not everyone is capable of hauling to make money and that does not mean that they are not allowed a fair shot at the bigger money rodeos. This cutting people out has got to stop!!!

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## *Proposed by Kasey Etbauer*

I would like the Board to consider changing the following rules: 10.1.2, 10.1.3 and 10.1.3.1- I would like the Board to consider changing the allotted days, 14, to at least 20, so that an approved event has to be on our website at least 20 days prior to the event or in at least one issue of our paper. Not all members are able to check the WPRAs website daily and not all events make the official paper deadline, therefore, I feel this would give members more time to be made aware of upcoming events and more time to plan for these events. I also feel it'd encourage producers to get their approvals in earlier.

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*Proposed by Sarah Zaleski, Bo Hill, Latricia Duke, Sharon Hall, Kelly Bruner, Jolene Stewart, Lisa Anderson, Kenna Squires, Kassie Mowry, Danyelle Campbell, Brandy Wilson, Angie Meadors, Tammy Key-Fischer, Jackie Jatzlau, Collette Flaherty, Clay Sewalt, Lynn K Brown, Karen Trek, Sabra O'Quinn, Teal Rice, Amy Schimke*

The 2D should be changed from a full second 2D to a half second 2D in the go rounds with a straight payoff in the average. Should the 1D not "fill" then it is a straight payoff in the go rounds also.

The number of horses you are allowed to ride in each division should not be limited to 3.

The current point system should be changed to allow fairness to all participants. Our suggested point system would be structured like the AQHAs. One point for every 5 horses entered. If 5 horses are not entered in the class, 3 horses would qualify to win 1/2 point. If less than 3 horses are entered, no points. .

To qualify to have a WPRAs side-pot futurity, you must have at least \$100.00 in added money for the WPRAs side-pot.

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## *Proposed by Lori Dolan*

Delete 100 mile and under \$3000 added to Rule about Co Approvals. If a Committee would like to Co-Approve, they should be able.

Explanation: Many barrels overlap into other Circuits due to where they live.

Example: Arkansas has a hard time drawing SE Circuit girls and most of their rodeo counts are low. Also, there are usually more Prairie Circuit girls entered in Springdale and Fort Smith than other circuits. We would love to have them co-approved.

Allow any female to enter one (1) rodeo a year as a local. Stipulation: a) Cannot be a past card or permit holder in the WPRAs; b) must purchase local insurance (other associations do this with out a problem) c) must live within 25 miles of the rodeo; d) locals do not get a preference, they go where needed.

Explanation: Many girls long to run with the "pro girls". This is their chance. Committee's work extremely hard for us and many have family members that want to compete in their local rodeo. They should be able to this without having to purchase a membership.

Example: Poteau, OK, Carthage, MO, Fort Gibson, OK., Hinton, OK and we all know this is only a few.

Allow Committee's to hold a 'Local Barrel Race'. Locals will be run each performance after WPRAs girls. It is the committee's choice to work the ground after the WPRAs and before the Local Barrel Race. Stipulation: a-b-c from above. Girls would call into a local committee line to enter.

Explanation: Proposal 2 or 3 would need to pass, not both. Explanation is the same as Proposal #2.

Example: Hamel, MN used to this when it was IPRA and it filled with locals. I ran there when I was little and it was a big deal just to rub shoulders with the pro girls

Allow Committee's to hold a 'Junior Barrel Race'. Stipulation: Juniors to be run after WPRAs, Committee's option to drag after WPRAs, Must sign waiver.

Explanation: Again, Committee's have family members what would love to ride 'THEIR' rodeo. I say let them.

Example: In my area, the regional associations all hold a Junior and Peewee barrel race right after the regular and the kids love it.

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## *Proposed by Jessica Wenger*

I would like to propose a rule in reference to stating preferences when entering a rodeo. I would like to see a WPRAs contestant be able to use "or be drawn out" as a preference. It is very difficult for WPRAs members here on the east coast that have full time jobs and rodeo "on the side" to make performances that are during the week.

I would like to propose a rule change that would allow permit holders to have voting privileges when it comes to voting for officers. Permit holders are the future of the association and we should have a say in who are our leaders and representative.

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## *Proposed by Sue Berg*

I propose rakers in the arena during a competition run be instructed to NOT move while the competitor is approaching a barrel. If the raker does move, influencing the competitor's run, the competitor can opt for a re-ride at their discretion (within reason) even if a time has been announced. Raking procedures should be reviewed with all rakers. Signature of each raker is required that procedures are understood and to be followed.

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## *Proposed by Becca Fullenwider*

Proposed Rule . If the barrels are not marked at least 1 hour prior to the first performance/slack, all

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contestants in the first section or performance are responsible to mark the barrel pattern or will be fined \$100 each. This will make it the barrel racers responsibility to mark the pattern.

Revise Rule #12.4.1.1 Remove judges are responsible for marking barrel racing pattern as per WPRA rule book prior to the first performance or slack. This should be the first section contestants responsibility

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## *Proposed by Elaina Demante*

This is my first year with the WPRA and I am "loving" it. Everyone has been so considerate and helpful and kind. One of the things that I would like to see is the World Standings weekly. I think that it would be fair if all the standings were updated at the same time, barrel racing, team roping, calf roping, etc.

Reason: My reasoning behind this is I am trying to get sponsors. I will tell them to check the website to see how I am moving up in the standings. They check and check and check and check and then they call me and tell me that I am not moving up and they don't want to work with me. But, in fact, I am moving up, it has just not been updated in four or six weeks. I know that you are busy and this might not seem like an important issue but I am telling you that it is very important to someone who is fighting their way up.

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## *Proposed by Patti McCutchen*

I would like to change the coapproval in the team roping. I think that only all women's events should count. All members can't enter numbered ropings. We are allowing points to count from ropings that everyone does not have the opportunity to enter. Several of the USTRC ropings are having all women's ropings along with the usual numbered ropings. I think we should discuss the numbered portion of the USTRC in the all women's ropings as well. Just as the barrel racers think that only the first D should count, the same reasoning goes with incentive pots in the team roping. Plus the numbering system is not controlled by our organization so we have no recourse if someone is numbered wrong.

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## *Proposed by Stacey Freitas*

12.3.9. If the gate is centrally located contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel. If a side or corner gate, a spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction. Failure to comply \$50 fine.

Add: If the gate is determined to be centrally located, it should be posted with the copy of the pattern measurement as "centrally located" gate.

Add: Definition of centrally located gate. Centrally located gate is defined as a gate \*10ft from the center of the pattern in either direction. (\*I am guessing this distance would be determined the BOD or has already been determined, whatever it may be I would like to see it added to the rules.)

Reason: The term "centrally located" is debatable and could be interrupted differently especially in odd shaped arenas. If it is posted as a "centrally located" gate, it will let contestants know that forward motion must be kept and a spin or pivot is not acceptable. Posting this information leaves no doubt in the mind of the contestant as to what is and what is not acceptable

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## *Proposed by Sammi Bessert*

Change to rule 8.2.2 Forty Percent (40%) Rule.

Currently the WPRA is going by the PRCA Wilderness Circuit Board's decision to require non resident circuit members to compete at 50% of the approved rodeos based on last year's schedule. Because there are circuit rodeos that do not have WPRA approved barrel races I propose to change the rule to only count the rodeos that have an approved barrel race.

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## *Proposed by Sherrylynn Johnson*

One go rodeos utilizing a progressive round should allow trades within the performances within the progressive round. (This allows contestants to enter and plan the rodeo weekend better. Ie. Less turnouts)

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## *Proposed by Jolee Lautaret and Dolli Lautaret*

Change rules Roping and Rough Stock 14.1, 14.1.2, 14.1.3, 14.3.1, 14.3.3, 14.4.1, and 14.5.8 from money won to a points system. Points will be given as follows for lead sanctioned events: Highest placing WPRA member winning money receives 15 points for 1st, 14 for 2nd, 13 for 3rd, and so on down to 1 point for 15th. Points for co-sanctioned events will be awarded 5 points to 1st, 4 to 2nd, 3 to 3rd, 2 to 4th, and 1 to 5th as applicable.

Reason: We are seeing an alarming drop in the number of lead sanctioned events in the Roping/Rough Stock and creating a point system which incentivizes the lead sanctions so that members will chose to attend and/or encourage producers in their area to host a lead sanction is the only way to reverse this trend. The lack of lead sanctions hurts the Association, and by extension the members in this program, as only lead sanctions bring money into the Association -- as these programs are put on individual budgets whereby the members in those programs only get back what the program brings in, the lack of income derived from Roping/Rough Stock events due to the lack of lead sanctions creates a vicious cycle against those members in terms of the money/awards they are able to compete for at the World Finals. The World Finals is the carrot for which most members in the roping are chasing so without a strong finals, membership will likewise decrease. Pretty soon, the entire program may collapse.

I propose to put the Roping and Rough Stock Division championships on a point system similar to what is done in the futurity division. In the futurities, the side pots were designed to encourage/increase membership, and give members another opportunity to compete, but were never intended to overwhelm the lead sanctioned futurities when the time came to hand out yearend titles. The same is true of co-sanctioned events in the Roping/Rough Stock Division. The way the system is now, there are a number of co-sanctioned roping events at which a member can win more than she can attending all of the lead sanctions, including the World Finals, during the year. This would be the equivalent of a barrel racer winning enough at World Barrel Racing Productions and other co-sanctioned jackpot barrel races, attending one PRCA rodeo, and winning the World Championship at the end of the season. It dilutes the integrity of the Association when all we have are co-sanctions—there is no sense amongst the membership of what a WPRA competition truly is and we are in the precarious position of relying upon other organizations and their business decisions to ensure that we have events to offer members

Reason: Protecting the lead sanctions and encouraging new events by creating a point system is essential and we have precedent as our futurity program is already using a similar concept.

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## *Proposed by Gina Graham*

DELETE: RULE # 4.3.2 BUSINESS COMMITTEE

This rule was implemented when the WPRA office was experiencing internal strife. It was not approved by the general membership or was its members elected by the general membership thus not being an accurate representation of the same. The WPRA office has rectified its internal problems and has acquired a secretary/treasurer with more than adequate experience, knowledge and back ground to handle the day to day business and report to the Board of Directors as required in the rulebook. Not only is this committee not needed, but it will also assist in our

Including rules 4.3.2.1, 4.3.2.2 and 4.3.2.3

attempt to slim down our budget.

AMEND: # 4.1.2.1

Delete language: "provided however, if a Director is classified as a Business Director as well as a director will not apply when BUSINESS COMMITTEE is abandoned

AMEND: #4.1.3

Delete and change language: "The Board of Directors shall be as follows: the President and Vice President, twelve (12) regional Circuit Directors, Futurity Director, and a WPRA roping/rough stock Director. The total number of the Board of Directors shall be sixteen (16). The President will 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 shall elect from among their number a temporary presiding President.

Reason: Language corrected to reflect accurate Board of Director numbers without Business Committee - will not apply when BUSINESS COMMITTEE is abandoned

AMEND: #14.1.6. Change language to NFR STANDINGS

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## *Proposed by Tracy Kenyon*

Move elections to October so that the new officers can attend the December meetings in Las Vegas and more of the membership base is eligible to vote. The incoming officers should be able to determine the next years rules, not the outgoing officers. This will also allow candidates to be out and about during the campaign during the summer rodeos allowing more access to the membership base.

All Circuits shall take 15 barrel racers to Circuit Finals (same as NFR and ensures continuity throughout the Circuit system).

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## *Proposed by Megan McLeod*

Change rule numbers to correct sequence; Add (After 20.1.1) Any co-approved event must add a minimum of \$500.00 to the purse to count for WPRA national/circuit standings. Delete (20.1.1) ... but money for national/ circuit standings, if applicable, will only count on the highest placing in the 1D. Add (20.1.1) Contestant must designate one (1) horse for WPRA national/ circuit points at time of entry. Add (20.1.1) Contestant must designate one (1) horse for WPRA national/ circuit points at time of entry.

Reason: The sequence of the rule numbers is duplicated. For a rodeo to be approved with the WPRA it must add a minimum of \$500.00 (Rule 10.1.6). Monies won toward world standings or filling a permit at a jackpot should reflect the standards of professional rodeo.

\*This is written in the objectives of the by-laws (B. To raise the standards of cowgirl contests so they shall rank among the foremost American sports.) Contestants at a rodeo are allowed one competition run per event. To reflect the standards of professional rodeo barrel racing, a contestant should designate one horse prior to competition at a jackpot.

Chapter 10 Rodeo Rules (Trades 10.6)

A. Add (10.6.1.6) Progressive rodeos shall be tradable between performances.

Reason: Contestants entered at a progressive rodeo should have the option to trade due to possible conflicts. A contestant entering another rodeo weeks prior to the progressive rodeo has no ability to try to avoid conflict when unable to determine when her second go around run will be. If contestant is allowed a trade but unable to produce one, she therefore is subject to Rule 10.6.2.

B. Add (10.6.1.7) Progressive rodeo committees may allow trades between performances and slack if designated in ground rules.

Reason: If committees at a progressive rodeo so choose, they may allow trades between performances and slack to allow contestants more opportunity to find a trade.

Propose to change election dates for all officers due for re-election, so that elections will correspond with a time period relating to peak membership.

Reason: Elections are held at a time period that does not correspond to peak membership for many circuits or the association. To better embody the entire membership of the WPRA, elections should be held at a time which is more inclusive.

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## *Proposed by Sammi Bessert, Brenda Seely, Traces Young*

Rule 14.1.6 approving barrel races with \$5000 or more added to count for nfr and wpra/prca circuit standings.

We would like to see this rule revoked.

Reason: We believe there is a very distinct, fundamental difference between rodeo and jackpot competition. The obvious difference is that in a jackpot a competitor can compete on more than one horse, potentially giving contestants with more than one horse an advantage. Because contestants can enter more than one horse they also have an opportunity to place in the 1D more than once. While they can only count money won on one horse, if they pay 6 places and WPRA member Betty wins 1st and 3rd and the WPRA member Jenny places 7th, Jenny doesn't win any money where if Betty only ran 1 horse Jenny would have won money. We believe jackpots and rodeos are very different and jackpot money should not count for the nfr.

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## *Proposed by Tana Poppino*

Circuit Director Duties: Director duties shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Hold at least one general membership meeting in her circuit each year. The date, time & place of the meeting should be publicized. It should be included with that rodeo's entry information on the website and in the magazine when possible.
2. Attend and work with rodeo committee, judges, secretary, etc. at her circuit finals in overseeing the barrel race.
3. Attend and work with rodeo committees at the ProTour rodeos held in her circuit in overseeing the barrel race
4. Return member phone calls as soon as possible
5. Attend board of director meetings and teleconferences

Failure to do these things are grounds for removal by the circuit membership who said director is supposed to be representing. (There is a rule proposal included in the election rules that I submitted earlier about this.)

### Reruns

In the case that the barrel race is stopped and ground is reworked with a different implement, thereby changing the ground: all contestants that ran before will be offered a rerun. i.e.- Hugo, Oklahoma

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## *Proposed by Jackie Roeser*

My rule proposal is an addition to Rule 12.5 Reruns 12.5.1(pg. 79-80). Even though the rulebook defines a section as number of contestants in a performance or a rake, there needs to be information in the rule that allows those who have not run in that performance or that rake (section) to run if they so desire before the reruns are given. Or everyone has to run again, especially in a slack situation when everyone is getting their 1st run because in most of these situations the ground is drastically changed, usually much deeper and slower.

Reason: The reasoning behind this thought is that, last year at two different rodeos, the rule was used after just one person fell down. At one rodeo it was during the slack and no one else had trouble with the ground even though it was hard, but when one girl fell down because her horse runs on its front end without the hind end up under itself, they stopped the race, worked the ground so deep that those who had not run yet did not have a chance to outrun those who had run earlier and chose not to run again. In this case, 20 horses or so had run and they let anyone who had run in that first 20 run again, not just the section the horse fell down. The other rodeo was during a performance and again no one else had trouble except one horse who fell down, again a horse that lead with its shoulder. There were two racers left to run. The girl who fell down through a screaming fit until they decided to stop the race and to us we could run after the rodeo and anyone else who wanted to run again. The two of us who had not gotten to run and two others who had trouble with their horses came back to run and the girl who fell down did not come back. Those who ran earlier that night placed. The two of us who came back to run, had good runs, but they were slow due to the deep ground conditions. In the men's events, you have to make a qualified ride or run to get a rerun. Why not in the barrel race?

In both situations the rule was not correctly followed and in the second situation a spokes person should have been involved in the decision, but she did not go into the arena. I don't really blame the judges either because they get blamed for so many situations that is not really in their control, they just do what the most convincing person tells them to do. ie: the screaming barrel racer who just fell down.

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## *Proposed by Jolee Lautaret*

Rule 10.4.5.2 needs to be updated to match current PROCOM rules which now allow contestants to preference two slacks. Last sentence can be deleted

Rule 10.4.5.4 also needs to be changed for the same reasons.

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## *Proposed by Chelle Wahlert*

Clean up and modify 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 positions, provided the contestant does not create the conflict through a trade (define trade to make it clear). A rake is not mandatory.

Reason: 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) delete IN her original drawn position in other go(s). ADD: In the event of back to back, and you are moved for a 1st go round only, she will make her 2nd and or other subsequent go round runs as drawn and will be last out only for the conflicted go round(s). In the event the conflicted rodeo is more than 500 miles driving distance you will be moved to the second available position. If she is moved due to conflict for all gos she will run last in all gos. End of go rounds shall not interfere with moving contestant per this rule.

You use the short round day as one of your preferences when entering, this does not create the conflict as you have not yet made the short round. However if you get put up in a performance of slack not requested, and you exercise your option to trade to the day of the short round then you have "used up" your trade that would have been available for a short round conflict. So basically you get one conflict trade per rodeo.

10.4.2.4 – At priority preference rodeos that are back to back there will be no trading among contestants? Change to: At PP rodeos that are back to back if you are trading you must trade both go rounds. This does not apply to moves due to conflict.

NEW: In the event of conflict not specifically addressed in other rules, i.e. death of an immediate family member, the President has the authority to move a contestant to allow her to compete in the next available performance or slack, she will run last without a rake in all go rounds in which she is moved. If she is moved in only one go round, she will compete in all subsequent go rounds in her drawn position. In the event of back to back, she can make her 2nd go round run, prior to the 1st go round run. The contestant can also be drawn out of a rodeo regardless of turn out dead line. In

the case the President is unavailable the same authority(s) will be granted to the Vice President. The Presidents decision will be overturned if a Director calls for a vote, and is reversed by a more than 2/3 majority vote of the BOD.

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## *Proposed by Holly Foster*

The WPRA World Standings shall be described and listed as money won that counts towards determining the WPRA World Champion at the conclusion of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas, Nevada each December.

The WPRA World Standings shall count only money won from WPRA sanctioned barrel races held during PRCA sanctioned rodeos. No jackpot, 2D, co-approved events, barrel races held during WPRA all-women's events/rodeos, futurities, or barrel races by any other name shall count towards the WPRA World Championship standings as described in the previous paragraph.

Any time a barrel race is held up, delayed, postponed, etc. due to ground conditions at any WPRA sanctioned rodeo – whether during slack or a performance - the information regarding that situation and what was done to rectify that situation shall be made available to all WPRA members with that particular rodeo's next rodeo approval entry information. The signed PRCA judges' cards or information provided by a circuit director or designated spokesperson shall be the only valid information to be posted.

All PRCA/WPRA rodeos shall be encouraged to submit an evaluation of the ground at their rodeo and the tools and preparations to be used for ground maintenance before and during their rodeo. The WPRA shall provide these forms to committees in time sufficient for the information to be turned in with a committee's rodeo approval form for entry listing. These evaluations, if returned, shall be made available to all WPRA members before rodeo entry listings. Any rodeo not submitting an evaluation form shall be listed as "No ground information provided."

WPRA shall designate a "rodeo scheduling coordinator" to be available to rodeo committees as well as WPRA members to help facilitate the scheduling of barrel racing slack schedules at all WPRA sanctioned rodeos – especially designated tour rodeos and rodeos in neighboring circuits that are not co-approved rodeos for circuit standings. The "rodeo scheduling coordinator" shall also be responsible for working with the PRCA "rodeo scheduling coordinator" in working out a mutually beneficial schedule for all committees and contestants.

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## *Proposed by Megan McLeod*

### 13.2 Timing

Add 13.2.1.4 At rodeos with a purse of Ten Thousand (10,000) dollars or greater, two (2) electric eyes shall be set up in the arena. One will be designated as the primary timer, the other designated as the back up timer and shall remain the same for all performances and slack.

Reason: 13.2.1.4 There has been several large rodeos (Houston, Clovis, Redding, etc.) where only one eye has been used and has failed to work properly. At all large purse added rodeos, but especially those with an average, there should be a second eye in case of failure of the primary eye. When an aggregate time is used to advance to another round (semi-finals) or aggregate determines placings, hundredths of a second can be detrimental.

Delete 13.1.6 Height of the tri-pod shall be waist high.

Add 13.1.6 Height of the electric beam shall be greater than (x) inches and less than (x) inches and shall remain the same for all performances and slack.

Reason: 13.1.6 There has been a few Wilderness circuit rodeos this year where the tri-pod was placed on the lowest setting. Waist high is to vague a term. Because I did not have access to an tri-pod for measurements I left the numbers as x. I will discuss with a director before the meeting what they should be and provide numbers then.

The 2008 and 2009 WPRA World Finals Barrel Race in Tulsa, OK shall NOT count toward 2009 NFR standings.

The WPRA World Finals Barrel Race shall not count for NFR standings

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## *Proposed by Imogene Fyffe*

Create a two-tiered membership system for WPRA cardholders.

There should be two card levels of membership. Let's call them Level A & B. Level A cards would only be able to be purchased by individuals ranked in the top 100-150. These cards would cost \$750-\$1000. Only Level A cards could enter Tour Rodeos and rodeos with more than \$10,000 added. They could enter if they wish rodeos above \$1,000 added. They could not enter any rodeos with \$1,000 or less added. Level B cards would be for members who have won \$1,000 and are not in the top 100-150. These cards would cost \$300. Level B cards could enter all rodeos with less than \$10,000 added.

Reason: Currently the WPRA card membership does not offer the same opportunities for all members. Many of the larger rodeos and most of the Tour Rodeos are limited entry rodeos. While the individuals ranked in the top of the standings can enter all of these rodeos, they can also enter the smaller rodeos with only \$1,000 added. In addition, much of the money spent by the WPRA goes to events that only benefit a few. (Ex. DCNFR, NFR, Tour Rodeos).

Have two sources of income-level A & B cards. Would be able to have two separate budgets and fund events appropriately. At \$750 for 150 cards, the total income would be \$112,500 vs \$47,250 based on current cost. Level A cards would be paying for the added benefits that they receive already. Eliminate any possibility of a legal action based on rights of membership. Truly have a professional organization. The top individuals would be competing at the top events. Spectators & committees would have to pay to see the best. Right now they can go to a small rodeo and see several NFR qualifiers run. -Increase levels of Level B & permit membership. If they would not have to run against the top competitors at smaller rodeos, they would be more apt to purchase a membership and run. Also, would help permit members win enough to get a card.

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## *Proposed by Imogene Fyffe*

Proposes adding Youth/Junior Divisions to team roping, breakaway and tie-down roping

Proposes to add Youth/Junior Divisions to Futurity and Derby.

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## *Proposed by Windy Payne and Kasey Ethauer*

1. Purpose (Stated for clarity)

# RULE PROPOSALS

1.1. The purpose of the WPRA Futurity Division is to present a standardized program of competition in among members.

1.2. To encourage participation by amateurs with the 2D one second split format Futurity

1.3. To provide a venue for members, both professional and amateur, to compete on young horses and earn year end points for awards.

1.4. To prepare horses for rodeo competition, allowing them time to mature and not be pushed beyond the physical and mental limits of a young horse.

2. Intent (Stated for clarity)

2.1. The WPRA Futurity Division is intended to be specialized program to allow young horses one year competition of Futurity level, and two years competition at the Derby level.

2.2. To allow the option of a 4 or 5 year old futurity to members. (Reasons as previously stated: The 4 or 5 year old option allows for ample training time for members in colder climates, and accommodates a horse's possible need for more maturity time prior to competition.) Four and Five year old futurity horses will compete in one class.

2.3. The intent of the WPRA Futurity program is to maintain the physical and mental integrity of a young horse to develop a long term competition horse.

2.4. The intent of the WPRA Futurity program is to provide a venue where women compete at the Futurity/Derby level against other members.

2.5. The intent of the Derby class is to give horses who have completed one year of Futurity competition (or who are otherwise eligible) a second and third year of closed competition in preparation for rodeo competition

3. Membership; (as previously stated)

3.1. (1.1.1) "Membership is limited to women, as demonstrated by a copy of a birth certificate. No membership (card, permit or otherwise) will be issued to anyone under the age of eighteen (18), unless the age of the majority in the state which the applicant is a citizen is greater than eighteen (18), in which case the membership will not be issued until the applicant reaches the age of majority in that state. Non-rodeo, futurity and derby membership only \$140.00 includes a subscription to the Women's Pro Rodeo News or the official publication of the WPRA, and the WPRA's insurance.(2009 Futurity Guidelines)

3.2. (1.1.2) Non-rodeo, futurity and derby membership is \$140.00 and includes a subscription of Women's Pro Rodeo News, or the official publication of the WPRA, and the WPRA'S insurance.

4. Eligibility

4.1. Riders

4.1.1. (1.2.7) All entries must be members of WPRA in good standing and have their horses nominated to the Futurity/Derby Program for each competition year.

4.1.2. (1.5.7) "Futurities where non members compete, non members may not enter if they are on the WPRA ineligible list." Change to "members may not enter if they are on the ineligible list" or "members who are on the ineligible list may not compete for WPRA points at a WPRA co-sanctioned open futurity." Rationale: Statement makes no sense as published.

4.1.3. (1.1.5) "Limit to three horses per rider." Change to: Riders are not limited to the number of horses they may compete on for points at a given event. Rationale: The 2D format by its nature accommodates amateurs. Professional members and their clients should not be limited in their participation. Limiting the number of entries limits the growth of the program and limits a producer's ability to recoup production costs. Limiting the number of horses a member may compete on for points on at a given event does not ideally serve all members but rather biases against certain members and assigns advantages for certain other members.

4.2. Horses(1.1.3 and 1.1.4 restated for clarity)

4.2.1. Futurity and Derby horses must be nominated for each competition year. (see section 5)

4.2.2. Four year futurity horses must have never competed for money prior to the December 1st before the January 1st of their 4 year-old year. A statement to this effect will be signed upon nomination. (Restated for clarity)

4.2.3. Five year old futurity horses must have never competed for money prior to the December 1st before the January 1st of their 5 year-old year, for 5 year old futurity competition. A statement to this effect will be signed upon nomination.

4.2.4. Derby horses must be 7 years old or younger and have completed nomination requirements. Derby Horses may compete for up to two years in this division and are not required to have competed in this Futurity program, provided they did not compete for monies prior to the December 1st prior to the January 1st of their 4 year old year, to compete in the Derby division as a 5 and 6 year old; or prior to the December 1st prior to the January 1st of their 5 year old year, to compete in the Derby division as a 6 and 7 year old. A statement to this effect will be signed upon nomination. (Restated for clarity)

5. Nomination. (1.2.7) Restated for clarity

5.1. All Futurity and Derby horses must be nominated in order to participate in the WPRA Futurity/Derby program

5.2. Each horse must be nominated for each competition year.

5.3. Nominated horses will be published on a nomination list at www.wpra.com

5.4. Nomination forms are available online at www.wpra.com

5.4.1. Complete the nomination form and submit completed and signed nomination form with a copy of the horse's registration certificate, a photograph, if not included on registration certificate, and the nomination fee of \$25.00

5.5. Futurity director may allow nominations to be accepted on event premises. Event producer will forward all Nomination forms and fees collected to the WPRA office with the event results within

one week after event ending.

6. Definitions (to clarify terms and eliminate confusion)

6.1. WPRA APPROVED/ WPRA SANCTIONED EVENT: This event is for WPRA members only, and follows rules set forth in this rule book. WPRA is the LEAD Sanctioning body. The terms "approved" and "sanctioned" may be used interchangeably.

6.2. WPRA CO-APPROVED/WPRA CO-SANCTIONED OPEN EVENT: The terms "Co-approved" and "Co-sanctioned" may be used interchangeably. A WPRA co-sanctioned or WPRA co-approved event is an open (meaning non-members may compete) event that will reward qualifying WPRA members with year end point awards, within the event rules set forth in this rule book.

6.3. SIDE POT-these are required sidepots to be held with every WPRA approved futurity. (Clarify whether or not these side pots are required at co-approved open events)

6.4. WPRA INCENTIVE CLASS-this is a rollover 2D Futurity class or straight pay Derby class for members and nominated horses only. The time is run in an open jackpot then carried over to a WPRA Incentive Class. Jackpot scoring applies.

7. General Information

7.1.1. Futurities (1.2.2) "Futurity must be 2 go rounds, a short go and an average; or 1 go round with a short go and average." Suggestion: Clarify through punctuation and restatement. Rationale: As stated, the allowed formats are: (1) 2 go rounds, a short go and an average; and (2) 1 go round with a short go and average. The allowed formats need to be specified. It is pretty certain that these specified formats have not been followed during this competition year. CHANGE TO: (Option 1) Futurity may be (1) two go rounds; (2) two go rounds and an average; or (3) 1 go round, a short go and an average. OR For the sake of fairness, and to allow members access to all available points, standardize the formats to (Option 2) (1) 2 go rounds or (2) 2 go rounds and an average, with points offered only in the go rounds. Rationale: To pay points on a short go is to disqualify members from points that they might otherwise earn.

7.1.2. (1.1.7) "All futurities must have a 2D format with a one-second split in the go rounds only." Restate for clarity, as this statement contains two confusing statements. Rationale: As stated this statement is misleading and confusing. First, to not figure averages on a 2D two second split scale (one second for each go) is not consistent with the intent of the program and is biased against 2D riders. Secondly, "in the go rounds only" implies that no 2D payout will be made in the average. This is biased against members who have paid their fees for the average payout. Average payout should be figured on a two second 2D split to accommodate two rounds of one second split added together for total time for the 2D, and should use the same standardized method of payout that the rounds are paid in, with the two second split. Please state whether or not points will be given in the go rounds only or in the average as well. ALSO clearly state that all futurities, lead sanctioned or co-sanctioned must be one second split. An approved half second split within current policy disqualifies 2D members from not only their payout, but also from receiving their points on the full second split. Make it clear that points are awarded in go rounds only (make it 2 goes) and that payout for the average is a true 2D average pay out. Note also: To sanction a half second split futurity is a direct contradiction of the 2009 rule 1.1.7

7.1.3. (1.1.6) "There must be three futurity sidepots held at regular WPRA Futurities." What does "regular" mean? Suggestion: Remove "regular" Change wording to "Lead sanctioned" futurities, if the intent is to not require the three sidepots at Open Co sanctioned events, or change wording to require all three sidepots at all WPRA and WPRA co sanctioned Futurities.

7.1.3.1. Seniors - 50 years old and older

7.1.3.2. Limited - Member never winning \$5000 in futurities in lifetime

Intermediate - Members not winning more than \$5000 in futurities in the last three years. Change: Suggestion: Make all three classes based on the same criteria - either (1) age or (2) monies earned. For example: Age classes could be Rookie- in the first 5 yrs as a member; Intermediate 6 - 19th year; Gold Card 20+ years. Side pots based on earnings could be the current Limited, Intermediate, and add an Open side pot

7.1.4. (1.1.8) "Members may roll their futurity times over into the Challenge and/or a non sanctioned "D" race." Change: Add "provided producer allows for such rollovers" Rationale: Make it clear if rollovers are required to be allowed or if it is a producer's choice to allow them.

7.1.5. The Derby (1.2.4) "Derbies must be two go rounds, a short go and an average; or one go round with a short go and average" CHANGE TO: (Option 1) Derby may be (1) two go rounds; (2) two go rounds and an average; or (3) 1 go round, a short go and an average. OR For the sake of fairness, and to allow members access to all available points, standardize the formats to (Option 2) (1) 2 go rounds or (2) 2 go rounds and an average, with points offered only in the go rounds. Rationale: To pay points on a short go is to disqualify members from points that they might otherwise earn.

7.1.6. The Derby is scored and paid straight monies, (no 2D). Pay out will follow WPRA Derby pay out

7.1.7. (1.1.8) "Members may roll their Derby times over into the Challenge and/or a non sanctioned "D" race." Change: Add "provided producer allows for such rollovers" Rationale: Make it clear if rollovers are required to be allowed or if it is a producer's choice to allow them

7.2. Added Money. All Futurities must have at least \$1000.00 added money. All Derbies must have at least \$500 added money. To clearly state what is being practiced.

7.3. Forms and Lead Time. (1.5.1) Approval applications for WPRA events are located on the association website: www.wpra.com and may be downloaded to be filled out for mailing. Futurity approval form must be received in the WPRA office and must appear in at least one issue of Women's Pro Rodeo News, official publication of the WPRA or supplement, and/or on www.wpra.com for two weeks. Change to add: "No events will be approved or added to the event calendar until the application form and fee have been received in the WPRA office, and said event has been approved." Rationale: to assure all producers are treated equally, and that there will be no confusion about event particulars based on word of mouth approvals.

7.4. Fees.

7.4.1. (1.5.2) "The Futurity approval fee is \$100.00." Change to "The futurity approval fee is \$50.00 and must accompany completed and signed application form. Rationale: Reduce approval fee to encourage producer participation, as producers are already required to forward 5% of the entry fees to the WPRA office.

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- 7.4.2. (1.3.3) "No start fees" Change: There will be no start fees. Rationale: To correct grammar.
- 7.4.3. 1.3.3 "Late fees shall not to exceed \$100 without Board approval." Delete "to" Rationale: To correct grammar
- 7.4.4. (1.3.6) "Committees may hold 25% of entry fees out with 5% going to the WPRA." Restate for clarity. Change to "Producer or committee may hold out up to 20% of Futurity and Derby entry fees for administrative purposes. An additional 5% will be withheld from Futurity and Derby entry fees and forwarded to the WPRA office with the event results no later than one week following the event. Rationale: to clarify the 5% remittance as a requirement and not an option.
- 7.4.5. 1.3.4 All Futurity entries and fees will be sent to the WPRA office by the deadline set by the WPRA office. Change to: Withheld fees and complete event results including membership numbers will be sent to the WPRA office no later than one week after the event. Rationale: to clarify a vague deadline date, and what to send when. Combine this restatement with 7.4.4
- 7.5. Escrow. (1.5.3) 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
- 7.6. Approval (1.5.4) Futurity approval must be obtained through the Futurity Advisory committee and the WPRA Board of Directors.
- 7.7. (1.2.5) Producers can hold separate events at their futurities that are not WPRA approved.
- 7.8. (1.2.8) "4D WPRA approved events can hold a sidepot." Change "4D WPRA approved events" to "WPRA approved 4D or 5D Jackpot," to allow the option for the 5D jackpot approval. as only the 1D will get points. Change to "can hold a sidepot" to "may offer futurity and derby incentive classes" Rationale: To agree with definition of terms in Section 6 and to restate for clarity.
- 7.9. Co approval.
- 7.9.1. (1.2.2.1) "Futurities can be co-approved. Co-approved futurity must have at least two entries. Points will be awarded as follows: Highest Placing WPRA member winning money receives 15 points for 1st, 14 for 2nd, 13 for 3rd, etc., down to 1 for 15th." Delete Highest Placing WPRA member winning money..... down to 1 for 15th as this is now covered, in section 9 below.
- 7.9.2. (1.5.5) "A WPRA approved futurity that allows non-members to compete, must receive special approval from the futurity director and must follow WPRA guidelines." Change "approved to co-approved. Rationale: An event is either a Lead Sanctioned WPRA event or an Open Co-sanctioned event. Change "must follow WPRA guidelines" to "must follow WPRA 2D whole second split format, and go round format options. No approval will be granted for half second split events. Pay out other than WPRA payout must be approved in advance. Rationale: to eliminate producer confusion in planning events. See rationale stated in 7.1.1.1. Additional Rationale: Failure to follow these two items has cost members points due to format issues, as well as inconsistent pay out among producers. It would be unfair to limit points awards to those earning checks, when the payout schedule is inconsistent even when a co sanctioned event is concerned.
- 7.9.3. (1.5.6) Futurity director reserves the right to refuse approval on co-sanctioned events. ADD: and will express rationale to producer so that appropriate changes may be made for possible future approval.
- 7.10. Incentives. (1.2.6) "Futurity/Derby Sidepot Approvals can be obtained for no additional fee if the main race is WPRA sanctioned. Side Pots do not have to have added money." Change "Side pot" to "incentive" to agree with section 6 above. Rationale: To relieve confusion in word choice to refer to the three required side pots in a WPRA Futurity as "Side Pots", and to refer to the Futurity and Derby Incentive classes that are roll over classes from a jackpot, as "Incentive Classes."
8. Scoring (stated for clarity as currently advised)
- 8.1. In the Futurity and Derby , downed barrels receive a "+5" score and are considered qualified rides;
- 8.2. In the Futurity and Derby, a broken pattern will receive a No Time
- 8.3. In the Futurity and Derby incentive classes whose time is rolled from an open Jackpot, a hit barrel is a No Time.
9. Points
- 9.1. (1.6.6) "Points will count at all WPRA approved events, including incentive classes"
- 9.2. (1.6.7) "The secretary will keep a tabulation of points earned by each member and horse for the year end awards and championships." Clarify and clearly state whether points are based on the horse, or the horse/rider combination
- 9.3. Points will be awarded based on the point schedule for each class. (To state what is being enforced but not stated in rules)
- 9.4. The number of points awarded in a class at an event will not exceed the total number of entries in the class. ( Ex.: A Futurity has 12 entries, therefore the points awarded in each D will begin with 12 and pay one point less with each successive placing until there are no more qualified rides in that D.) (New proposal to insure fairness in assignment of points, and to assign points fairly based on entries at an event, and to state a rule where none existed, but was being enforced as policy)
- 9.5. All points will be awarded as deeply as allowed by qualified rides through each D. Stated to assure fairness and equity in the point award system. Rationale: Currently there is no stated rule, however points are only awarded to those earning checks. Members are running for points, but points are being withheld from them, based on winning a check--- while winning a check is based on a very unclear and unstandardized method of payouts which is inconsistent between producers. The current practice of paying less places in the 2D ( and thus less places getting points) is biased against the 2D.
- 9.6. It is not necessary to receive a payout check to earn points. (Stated for clarity. Currently there is NO rule stating that members will not be awarded points if they don't win a payout checks, but this is being enforced as a rule. RATIONALE: Most members have no idea they were not getting points if they didn't receive a check. Members are competing for points and should be awarded the points they paid the membership, nomination and entry fees to earn. To withhold points from members does not serve the best interest of the membership, and again, is biased against the 2D.
- 9.7. Specific maximum point awards are covered with in the description for each class.

## 9.8. Point awards

- 9.8.1. WPRA Lead Sanction event: The maximum number of points awarded in each Futurity D (or Derby) will not exceed the total number of member horse/rider combinations competing in the class. If the number of member entries is less than the maximum points allowed for that added money level, the number of points will start with the number of member entries competing.
- 9.8.2. WPRA Co-Sanctioned Open event: The total number of WPRA member entries will be determined by counting those riders submitting membership points, and who are on the nomination list. Points in each Futurity D, and the Derby will be awarded to nominated members only.
- 9.8.2.1. Example: XYZ co-sanctioned Open futurity with \$5000 added has 45 entries. This allows for a maximum of 15 points in each D. However, in this Open Futurity there are only 13 WPRA member horse/rider combinations competing (including riders who might be riding more than one horse in the class) The member points allowed in each D would start with 13 and would be assigned consecutively until there were no more members placed in that D.
- 9.8.2.2. Points will be assigned successively to each member in each D, skipping non members until there are no more placing members, or there are no more points to assign. There will be no "dead" or unassigned points because a non member occupies that position.
- 9.8.3. Incentive Class Points. ( 1.2.9) Sidepots points will be awarded 5 to 1st, 4 to 2nd, 3 to 3rd, 2 to 4th, and 1 to 5th as applicable. Side pots must have a minimum of two entered. Change "sidepots" to "Futurity and Derby Incentives". Rationale: To agree with clarification of terms in section 6. Add: Maximum points earned in each D of the Futurity Incentive class is 5 points, Maximum points for the Derby incentive class is 5. The number of points awarded in each D of the Futurity incentive class or for the Derby incentive class will not exceed the total number of entries in the class. EX: If there are 4 entries in the futurity incentive class, then the points awarded for first place in the Derby and for first place in each D in the Futurity Incentive class will be 4. Rationale: to clarify point awards and not assign top heavy points to light participation in a class.

9.9. Members must provide their membership number on entry form to be assured points will be assigned to them correctly

## 10. Payouts (stated for clarity)

- 10.1. WPRA approved Futurity Events( Lead Sanction events) will use the WPRA pay out schedule which supports a successive payout. NOTE: if the unstated practice of "no check-no points" continues, it will be imperative that all payouts are standardized for all lead and co-sanctioned events. A standard payout which treats the 2D equally, with the same number of places paid as the 1D must be implemented.
- 10.2. WPRA payout is found in the Payout Schedules Section
- 10.3. WPRA co-sanctioned Open Futurity Events not using the WPRA pay out schedule must receive special approval from the futurity director.

## 11. Year end Awards

11.1. (1.6.2) Competition calendar year. "Year-end awards cutoff date announced 30 days prior." Change to: Competition start and end dates will be announced prior to beginning of each competition year. Rationale: To give members proper notice of competition year and allow them ample time to earn points. And to avoid appearance of impropriety in ending competition for points for the benefit of a few depending on their current standing.

11.2. Finals.(1.6.1) Year end Finals to be held in a designated location

## 11.3. Awards.

11.3.1. (1.6.3) Futurity year end awards will be given for first through fifteen, incentive awards through fourth. Restate: "will be given in each D for first through fifteenth place." Change "incentive awards" to "Side Pot awards" Rationale: to clarify that awards will be given in 2 D, and to designate that awards will go to the three required side pots, and that roll over incentive classes do not have a separate set of awards. Also, to agree with word clarifications in Section 6

11.3.2. (1.6.4) Derby year end awards will be given first through tenth.

11.3.3. (1.6.8) Contestants must enter and compete in Finals to be eligible for year-end awards and prizes. CONSIDER entry fees that follow WPRA guidelines, and reasonable stabling, etc. Finals should be an member appreciation event, not a fund raiser

## 12. Class Specific Information

12.1. Futurity added money/fee schedule/point schedule table. (Proposed restate 1.2.1, and to accommodate and encourage producer participation in the program, and assign maximum points awarded relevant to added money and entry fee, and to assure agreement with printed word and table of added money and entry fee. Section 1.2.1 indicates \$1000.00 required minimum added for futurity, yet current added money/fee schedule does not include this amount of added money

ADD: Fee and Point Schedule Points/fees align with added money.

Added Money Futurity	Entry Fee	Maximum Points Each D
\$10,000	\$500	20
\$5,001-\$9,999	\$350	20
\$2,501-\$5000	\$250	15
\$1,000 - \$2,500	\$150	10

## 12.2. WPRA approved Derby

Added Money Derby	Entry Fee	Maximum Points
\$2,501+	\$350	20
\$501-\$2,500 (\$5,000 tier unreasonable)	\$250	15
\$500 (corrects typo in 1.3.2)	\$150	10

12.3. Co-Sanctioned Incentive Futurity and Derby Classes ( roll from jackpot)

12.3.1. Eligibility-Only nominated horses ridden by members may participate.

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12.3.2. Added Money is not required but is welcomed.

12.3.3. (1.3.5) Sidepot entry fees will be decided upon by producer. Change to "Futurity 2D Incentive fee will be \$100; Derby Incentive class, \$50." Rationale: Change wording to agree with Section 6; Establish a standard entry fee/point scale for these classes to assure equal and fair play for the competition for points through out country. Members competing for the same points need to pay the same fee.

12.3.4. Policing. A list of horses nominated for the Futurity/Derby program will be posted on www.wpra.com . Producers are urged to print this list just prior to their events to help assure that only members with nominated horses participate in the incentive classes at their events.

12.3.5. Nominations at event. As with Futurities, the Futurity director may approve to accept nominations at the event.

13. Vet Out Policy as stated in Rodeo section applies to the Futurity and Derby only. Producer will set policy for jackpot rollovers to incentive classes.

14. Pay out Schedules Rationale: Current schedules do not balance, are difficult to implement, are confusing, and are biased against the 2D, paying the 2D fewer places than the 1D. Producers are confused for the most part and do the best they can with the information they have been given, however lack of standardization has affected point awards for members. Suggestion: Use a standardized pay out and CLARIFY PURSE PAYOUTS- is it the total purse for all goes combined or is it the portion of the purse that is allotted for that go round. This could affect the number of places paid in each go.

14.1. Futurity pay out schedule. Both options below reflect a 70/30 allowance for 1D/2D and accommodate a consecutive pay out so that the first place in the 2 D doesn't have a larger payout than last place in the 1D.

Futurity Payout Schedule Option 1- pay out by purse size

Purse	Pay places in each D	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$0-\$1000	2	.55	.45					
\$1001-\$2000	3	.45	.35	.25				
\$2001-\$4000	4	.32	.28	.23	.17			
\$4001-\$9999	5	.27	.25	.21	.15	.12		
\$10,000-\$15,000	6	.23	.2	.18	.15	.13	.11	
\$15,000+	7	.19	.175	.16	.145	.13	.11	.09

Futurity Payout Schedule Option 2- pay out by # of entries

# Entries	# places pay in each D	% pd each placing	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1-6	1	100%									
7-12	2	.55	.45								
13-18	3	.45	.35	.25							
19-24	4	.32	.28	.23	.17						
25-30	5	.27	.25	.21	.15	.12					
31-36	6	.23	.20	.18	.15	.13	.11				
37-42	7	.19	.175	.16	.145	.13	.11	.09			
43-48	8	.16	.15	.14	.13	.12	.11	.10	.09		
49-54	9	.16	.14	.13	.12	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	
55+	10	.14	.13	.125	.11	.095	.09	.085	.08	.075	.07

14.2. Derby payout schedule

purse amt	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
\$0-\$1000	.35	.30	.20	.15								
\$1000.01-2000.00	.28	.24	.19	.15	.09	.05						
\$2000.01-4000.00	.23	.2	.17	.14	.11	.08	.05	.02				
\$4000.01-10,000.00	.21	.18	.14	.13	.10	.08	.06	.05	.03	.02		
\$10,000.01-15,000.00	.20	.17	.14	.12	.10	.07	.05	.04	.035	.03	.025	.02

14.3 Side Pot and Incentive Class Pay out Schedule ( one place for each 4 entries)

Use this pay out schedule for the three required Side Pots, the Derby Incentive and the 2D Futurity Incentive.

For the Side Pots and Derby Incentive, use this schedule to pay straight monies

For the Futurity 2D incentive, allot 70% of the purse to the 1D, 30% of the purse to the 2D and pay the same number of places in each D with the following % schedule. This schedule accommodates the graduated payout from the last place in the 1D to the first place in the 2D

15. Point assignment examples

# Entries	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1-4	.100									
5-8	.60	.40								
9-12	.40	.34	.26							
13-16	.32	.28	.23	.17						
17-20	.27	.24	.20	.16	.13					
21-24	.22	.20	.18	.16	.13	.11				
25-28	.20	.18	.16	.14	.12	.11	.09			
39-32	.17	.16	.15	.13	.12	.10	.09	.08		
33-36	.16	.14	.13	.12	.11	.10	.109	.07		
37-40	.15	.14	.13	.12	.11	.10	.09	.085	.075	.07

Proposed by Laurie Jones

12.9 Ground Preparation

Drag every 5 barrel racers as a standard. Drag every 10 only if approved by the committee, after reviewing the past 2 years slack and performance history statistics. If 5 or more complaints have been filed with the WPRa office in regards to the ground conditions at a particular rodeo within the past 2 years, this will warrant consideration for dragging every 5 for the next years rodeo.

Rule proposal changes:

12.9.2.....change from 12 to no more than 10

12.9.2.1.....12 to 10

12.9.5.....12 to 10

Note: Incentive for the committees to drag every 5 and increase the number of entries would be to have a higher quality of competition.....that should be enough.

Proposed by Tana Poppino

2.2.1 To qualify for President, nominees shall be members in good standing and must have held been elected and served as director or vice president for the total of four years (two terms).

2.3.1 To qualify for Vice President, nominees shall be members in good standing and must have held been elected to and served as director for two years (one term).

3.1 Nomination Process (these replace current 3.1- 3.2 rules)

3.1.1 Any member wishing to run for circuit director must have designated as her home circuit and competed in that circuit for the previous two years. If she does not physically reside inside the circuit boundaries, the years increase to five. (this could replace 4.1.4 & 4.1.4.1) (Reasoning, some members live just outside the circuit but have always considered that designated circuit as their home circuit.)

3.1.1 Any member wishing to run for office must secure a nomination form from the WPRa office. This form shall then be filled out by the nominee, including member's name, address of residency, signature, and the office which member is seeking. She shall also secure signatures and card numbers of \_\_\_\_\_ (3 or 5) members who are nominating the nominee.

3.1.2 Nominators must be card holders in good standing. If nomination is for a director position, nominators must be contestants of that designated circuit. Nominations for president and vice president may be card holders from any circuit.

3.1.3 Nomination forms must be received the WPRa office 30 days before the ballots are mailed. The nominee shall be called upon receipt of the nomination form by the office. Each of the signatures on the form will then be verified by the Secretary via phone. A letter of verification of eligibility will then be mailed to the nominee (or emailed if requested by the nominee).

3.2 If nominees wish to send an informative profile to the members who are eligible to vote, she must supply the WPRa office with the prepared information already in envelopes in the necessary quantity. The WPRa staff will then address the envelopes and mail them. This should be done within one week of receipt of the information. Each nominee will be allowed only one mailing.

3.3 Election Process (These rules to replace existing 3.3 section.)

(The time of the election needs to be revisited.)

3.1 Only adult card holders in good standing will be mailed a ballot. Ballots will be individually numbered, includes member's name and card number.

3.3.2. (If it is decided that election should be held at the beginning of the year--then) Card holders who were members in good standing at the end of the previous year should be eligible to vote. (Reasoning - This would improve our voter turnout. Southern circuits have many rodeos in January, and so most of their members have their cards bought, but the northern circuits don't have any rodeos, therefore not many members have bought their cards yet so they don't get to vote.)

3.3.3 If card holder does not want her ballot mailed to her address of record, it is her responsibility to notify the office of an alternate address before the ballots are mailed. (This rule should be printed in bold and at the beginning of any and all election information both in the magazine and on the website.)

3.3.3.1 An alternate address can be that of a rodeo official. Ballots mailed to alternate addresses must be addressed first to the member, then in care of rodeo official.

3.3.4 Ballots will be mailed by the Secretary on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Sept. 1 or first business day in September) along with a preaddressed envelope of the WPRa auditor. Members may return the signed ballots to the auditor's office by mail or fax.

3.3.5 All ballots must be postmarked by specified date (Sept. 30). The Auditor shall open the ballots and certify the results of the election one week after the specified date to ensure all ballots are received

3.3.6. If less than 20 percent of the eligible voters vote, the election may be nullified and held again.

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3.3.7 If no candidate receives the majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast for any office, then a runoff election will be called. Only the top two candidates will participate in the runoff election.

(Reasoning – By streamlining the nomination and election process, it will save us money and time by office personnel. It will also be less confusing to our members.)

3.3.7.1 The secretary will contact all candidates to notify them of the results. If a runoff election is necessary, those candidates will be allowed another mailing

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3.3.7.2 Runoff election ballots will be mailed to members by Oct. 15, to be returned no later than Oct. 31. Runoff will follow all 3.3 rules as stated above except dates.

3.3.7.3 In the case of a tie in a runoff election, the Board of Directors will vote to decide between the two candidates.

3.4 Certification of Election - (only a few of these need revision)

3.4.1 The auditor shall open the ballots and certify the results to the WPRa Secretary by March 1 Oct. 5 of each year. The Secretary will promptly notify the candidates of the results

3.4.3 Candidates names shall not appear on the ballot for more than one office. ~~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 Sec, 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.~~ (Reasoning -New nomination form will take care of this.)

3.4.4 Write in candidates will not be accepted on any ballots. (Candidates must file a nomination form with office as per rules 3.1.

3.4.7 (May need to change the date on this one.)

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 day certification process~~ kept for a period of one year. If there is no pending controversy, they can then be destroyed after the next election. ~~If a challenge is received, the ballots shall be preserved for a recount under the Board's supervision~~

3.4.9.1 Election results must be kept on file by the Auditor as well as in the WPRa office for a period of five years. Results will list each candidate and the number of votes she received

3.4.10 If any date specified herein falls on a non-business day, the date shall be construed to be the next chronological business day. (No change)

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. (Is this really necessary? Let's abbreviate this rule book when possible.)~~

Chapter 4 Directors (only a few need revision)

4.1.3.2 The Directors taking office on the odd numbered years will be President, Vice President, Columbia River Circuit, First Frontier Circuit, Montana Circuit, Wilderness Circuit ~~and Futurity Director. (Reasoning – Futurity Director is also listed in 4.1.3.1)~~

4.1.5 Any member nominated for office ~~in order to qualify, must have at least two (2) years of uninterrupted membership in the WPRa~~ must have been a WPRa member in good standing for at least 5 years, and must not have been found guilty of a major rule infraction

4.1.10 The regular annual meetings of the WPRa Board of Directors shall be held at the National Finals Rodeo. The Board, by rule, may provide for other regular meetings at stated times and places, ~~of which no notice shall be required.~~ All meetings and agendas will be posted on the website for at least 10 days before the meeting, and published in the magazine (if possible). Reasoning – to allow directors to research agenda items, and allow members to voice their opinions to directors.

4.4 Director Removal or Suspension (First three rules stay the same, add 4.4.4 rules)

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.

4.4.4 Members may call for the removal of an Officer or Director if they don't believe an Officer or Director is fairly representing the majority of the members.

4.4.4.1 A petition stating which Officer or Director and the reason for removal along with signatures and card numbers of at least twenty percent (20) of the number of members who voted in the election in which the stated Officer or Director was elected, or 10 members whichever is greater; must be presented to the WPRa Secretary.

4.4.4.2. The Secretary will verify the signatures within ten (10) days of receipt of petition. Once signatures are verified, the Board of Directors will be notified as well as the chairman of recall petition.

4.4.4.3 A recall election will be held within five (days) of Board notification. Ballots will be sent to all WPRa members in good standing in effected circuit; or the entire organization in the case of an officer. Ballots should have two options: 1. STAY, Officer or Director should keep her office or directorship; or 2. REMOVE, Officer or Director should be removed from office choice. Also, a space will be provided members to nominate a replacement. Ballots must be returned to the Auditor by a specified date which is to be thirty days (30) from the date of mailing. Auditor will follow election rules as in 3.4 section.

4.4.4.4. If Officer or Director is voted by a majority of the votes cast to be removed, the said Officer or Director will be immediately removed from office and another will be appointed by the Board until another election can be held. (Board will take replacement nominations under advisement when naming replacement.)

*Proposed by WPRa Office – Kathi Myers and Janet Cropper*

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. In order to process an application the office will require a two-week period after initial receipt of properly executed forms. INSERT: An expedited service is available at an extra fee for service faster than 3 business days

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, INSERT including confidentiality restrictions. All costs involved shall be paid in advance.

1.2.1. ~~Annual~~ General membership meetings of the members shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. EDITED

~~DELETE ENTIRELY: 1.2.2. Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice, whenever called in writing by direction of the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the active members then in good standing.~~

~~DELETE ENTIRELY 1.2.2.1. Notice of each special meeting indicating briefly the object or objects thereof shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings.~~

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

1.2.3.2. At all meetings minutes shall be kept by the acting Secretary. ~~The minutes of the general membership meetings shall be printed in the Women's Pro Rodeo News.~~

## 1.3. Membership Dues and Qualifications

1.3.1. 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) .....	\$315	\$395 *
b. National permit member (R) .....	\$265	\$300 *
c. WPRa Rodeo/Roping/Rough Stock card (P) .....	\$190	\$225 *
d. Gold Card (competing) .....	\$95	\$125 *
e. Futurity / Derby Membership .....	\$140	\$175 *
f. Junior Membership .....	\$140	\$150 *
g. Lifetime Membership .....		\$ 0
* May apply an Insurance Surcharge if 2010 premiums go up		

1.3.1.4. The annual fee dues for each class of membership shall be set by the Board of Directors at the meeting. 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 fee dues set for each class of membership shall be set by the WPRa Board of Directors. The membership shall be notified of the current dues schedule in the Women's Pro Rodeo News and/or official publication of the WPRa and/or www.wpra.com, and on each application. ~~The membership fee listed in~~

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 ~~official publication of the WPRa~~ WPRa designated publication.)

1.3.5.2.1. Upon winning a cumulative total of \$1,000 in rodeo and/or WPRa events, a permit member may elect to: a) Apply for WPRa 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, ~~or c) Purchase as many permits as she may chose, (each permit with a \$1,000 limit) but upon the purchase of a third permit she relinquishes all rights and eligibility as a Rookie. Permit holders begin with 0 points upon purchase of each additional permit.~~

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/affidavit each year INSERT paying their dues at that time, to keep their membership, which includes voting and competing privileges. ~~Gold Cards must pay their insurance if competing.~~ INSERT: If you return your application/affidavit each year and DO NOT PAY DUES, you can not compete and can only vote.

~~DELETE 1.3.7.3. The gold cardholder must purchase WPRa insurance and newspaper to compete in any sanctioned event and shall have the option of purchasing insurance under the renewal policy of the WPRa if they do not compete. However, the WPRa is under no obligation to furnish insurance and will not do so unless the cardholder so notifies the office and pays the annual premium in advance.~~

1.3.10. Duplicate Cards

1.3.10.1. A charge of ~~ten dollars (\$10)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15) will be assessed for any duplicate membership card, or companion pass.

Minor Violation Fines:

Minimum fine Turnout notified in performance (drew up when requested) 1st or 2nd preference .

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Turnout notified in performance (not up when requested).....	\$25 \$35
Turnout notified during slack.....	\$0 \$35
Turn out not notified during performance (increases \$25 each additional time.....	\$50 \$100
Turn out not notified during slack.....	\$10 \$35
Hat Fine.....	\$10 \$25
Release (per rodeo).....	\$15 \$50
Unnecessary roughness towards horse during competition or on rodeo grounds.....	\$100 \$250
Running out of drawn order.....	\$250
Working horse on markers.....	\$250
Failure to remove barrels (during practice).....	\$50 \$100
Failure to pay entry fees within 7 days when turning out.....	\$25
Failure to pay entry fees by Tuesday following rodeo competition.....	\$50
Barrels not restored to original location.....	\$50 \$100
Practicing after ground is worked.....	\$100 \$250
Failure to make an honest effort.....	\$25 \$50
Dress Code up to.....	\$100 \$100
Grand Entry.....	\$5 \$25
Competition Discrepancy.....	\$250
Circling.....	\$50

Failure to pay fees by Tuesday (3:00 PM MT) following rodeo competition INSERT whether turned out or having competed..... \$25 \$50

NOTE: INSERT Changes will be made to applicable specific rules in the rule book

## 15.1. Qualification to WPRA World Finals Barrel Racing

15.1.1. There shall be a World Finals in barrel racing, provided there be a place, and sufficient prize money, for such a production. INSERT: Standings/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 Women's Pro Rodeo News at least four (4) three (3) months in advance

## 10.2. WPRA Approval Fee

Added \$	120 days +	119-90	199-60 days
Up to \$999	75 \$85	\$100	\$150
\$1,000 - \$4,999	100 \$110	\$150	\$175
\$5,000 - \$9,999	150 \$160	\$200	\$225
\$10,000+	225 \$235	\$275	\$325

10.3.1. Entry fee scale (NOTE - Procom fees (\$20 \$21) need to be added to these amounts for total entry fee amount):

### Added Purse

#### EF Amount/Go Round

\$500-\$999.....	\$50 \$60 EF for 1 go round \$90 \$100 EF for 2 go rounds
\$1,000-\$1,999.....	\$55 \$65 EF for 1 go round \$95 \$105 EF for 2 go rounds
\$2,000-\$2,999.....	\$65 \$75 EF for 1 go round \$100 \$110 EF for 2 go rounds
\$3,000-\$3,999.....	\$70 \$80 EF for 1 go round \$110 \$120 EF for 2 go rounds
\$4,000-\$5,999.....	\$90 \$100 EF for 1 go round \$130 \$140 EF for 2 go rounds
\$6,000-\$9,999.....	\$110 \$120 EF for 1 go round \$170 \$180 EF for 2 go rounds
\$10,000-\$14,999.....	\$135 \$145 EF for 1 go round \$210 \$220 EF for 2 go rounds
\$15,000 and over.....	\$210 \$220 EF for 1 go round \$260 \$270 EF for 2 go rounds Unless by special Board approval.

### Proposed by Laura Lambert

12.3.9. If the gate is centrally located, contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel INSERT and must keep forward motion leaving the area. If a side or corner gate, a spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction. Failure to comply \$50 fine

Clean up and modify 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 positions, provided the contestant does not create the conflict through a trade (define trade to make it clear). In a back to back situation you will moved to the next available SET, meaning you will run your first go first and second go second. A rake is not mandatory.

### Proposed by Lana Tibbetts

NEW Any WPRA member who writes a bad check will lose the earnings from that specific WPRA event or co-sanctioned event until the check is made good.

### Proposed by WPRA Office - Kathi Myers and Janet Cropper

## 15.2 Qualification to National Finals Rodeo Barrel Racing

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NEW Challenge of Number of Rodeos- Any member may challenge the validity of their and another members number of rodeos competed, by filing a challenge in writing to the WPRA Office no later than the year end cut-off date for the rodeo year. In addition an official points audit is supplied to each member regarding their own points 2 times year. During those audits it is further specified when challenges can be made.

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