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Women's Professional Rodeo Association
World Championship Barrel Racing*

2020 Ground Rules for Breakaway at PRCA Rodeos

The following ground rules will be in effect for *all* 2020 WPRA Breakaway Ropings held in conjunction with PRCA Rodeos. (New rules passed by WPRA Board December 27, 2019 and will be printed in the 2021 rulebook.)

1. Only clean bell collar catch will be legal.

New Rules:

- **12.3.6** The calf's whole head must pass through the loop or the contestant will be disqualified.
- **12.3.7** The loop must be drawn up around the neck with no extremities in the loop and in front of the tail head, when string breaks.
- **12.3.7.1** If any extremities are in the loop when string breaks, ex. Figure 8 a tail or leg, rope dropped below tail head, etc., the run will be considered a no time. If the string breaks with the extremity in loop and then goes back around the neck of the calf, the run will still be a "no time."
- **12.3.7.2** If an extremity gets in the loop after the flagger has dropped flag, the run will be legal. EX If the slack pops high and the loop feeds back out and a calf steps into the loop.
- **12.3.7.3** If an official is available (at PRCA events, 3 or more judges), a spotter will be positioned on the opposite side from the judge, to watch for extremities in the loop, when the string breaks.
- **12.3.8** The field judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the horn.

2. Breaking Plane of Barrier/Neck Ropes

New Rules:

- **10.3.13** Breaking Plane of Barrier. A contestant must be on their horse and their horse must break the plane of the barrier with their draw breaking the plane of the scoreline before they are allowed to compete.
- **10.3.14** Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps, elastics, or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.

3. Score may be same as PRCA tie down roping.

4. Drawing to follow PRCA procedures: draw completed by rodeo secretary and judges not more than 1.5 hours prior to performance, poker chips used unless additional ground rules approved at time of rodeo approval. Any misdraws will follow PRCA rules. Contestant must know which calf she's drawn and will be required to make a rerun should she run the wrong calf. (Rule 9.1.5)

5. Barrier malfunctions will be handled in accordance with PRCA rules.

6. The individual pushing the cattle cannot leave the mouth of the chute until the animal has crossed the score line. Penalty for failure to abide by this rule is a \$25 fine charged to the contestant. (PRCA Rule R10.3.15.1)

7. Please observe that the following rules in the WPRA Rulebook (Roping Section) will also be enforced:

- 4.1.4
- 12.3.1 - 12.3.5.1
- 12.3.9 - 12.3.13

8. When a specific WPRA rule does not apply and no approved ground rules are posted, the appropriate PRCA ruling as interpreted by the contest judge shall apply. The decision of the judge shall be final. (Rule 10.2.1)