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pg. 9 - Proposed by Ashleigh Burger - 1.3.4.1. No more \$50 late fee membership for permit girls!

I'm a rookie and didn't win any money last year, thought about it and wanted to try again this year but got nailed with a late fee. Where does this money go?

Action: Not approved - Applies to all types of memberships

pg. 10 - Proposed by Lynn Kuennen - Membership fees are too expensive. I propose a rule that if you want to just enter a few rodeos you can just pay an additional fee like \$25. per Rodeo

Action: Not approved- Membership for a limited number of rodeos can be explored for the future

pg. 18 - Proposed by WPRO Office - 3.1.1. The card member must return this ballot to the auditor appointed by the WPRO Board of Directors for receipt by the auditor on or before January 25 **either by fax or mail no later than 5:00pm MT.**

Action: Approved - Clarification

pg. 20 - Proposed by WPRO Office - 3.4.6. Any WPRO card member who competes in both WPRO and WPRO Roping events, and wishes to vote for WPRO Roping director, must submit a letter with her membership renewal requesting that voting designation, **designate Roping on the membership application**, otherwise she will only be allowed to vote in her designated circuit. Such designation would be for three (3) years.

Action: Approved- Clarification

pg. 21 - Proposed by WPRO Office - 3.4.7 ~~Members who receive a Roping Director Ballot may only vote for Individual Roping Event Directors in the events in which they currently participate.~~

Action: Approved - Clean-Up

pg. 24 - Proposed by WPRO Office - 4.1.5. Any Card member nominated for office, in order to be eligible, must have been a WPRO **Card** member for 2 out of the last 3 years prior to the year you wish to run and must not have been found guilty of a major rule infraction.

Action: Approved - Clarification

pg. 24 - Proposed by WPRO Office - 4.1.6. A Director CANNOT be a director of the WPRO Board and **or** an officer of the a state chapter.

Action: - Not approved - See removal of Chapter 7

pg. 42 - Proposed by Dillon McPherson - Hat fine \$20

Action: Not approved - See Julie Herman's Proposal

pg. 42 - Proposed by Julie Herman - I would like to change the hat fine to \$25.00

Action: Approved - Losing a hat effects production timing and unprofessionalism

pg. 42 - Proposed by Heidi Schmidt - Hat fine: raise the hat fine from \$10 to \$40.

Action: Not approved - See Julie Herman's Proposal

pg. 53 - Proposed by WPRO Office - 10.1.12. In a performance or slack, when there is more than 1 section of barrel racing: There shall be no more than 12 positions drawn. If there is more than one (1) section of barrel racing to be run, a tractor drag is required **at least after twelve (12) or whatever the rodeo was set up for. less. If there is a Procom/WPRO error requiring that the number of competitors in the performance must increase over what was approved, a hand rake or tractor drag is required. If the rodeo is approved and set up for ten (10) runs, the ground must be worked after ten (10). If a rodeo is approved and set up for twelve (12) runs, the ground must be worked after twelve (12) runs. In both instances, turnouts and releases must be included in the count.**

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 56 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.3.5.6. **Add. Turn out fines for the conflicting rodeo will be waived provided the contestant notifies the WPRO Office by Tuesday 3:00pm MT following the end of the rodeo.**

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 58 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.4.1.10.1. **All rodeos with limited entries will set a mandatory release deadline. After the mandatory release deadline, the only way out of the rodeo is a turn-out. Only contestants previously drawn out due to qualifications will be eligible as replacements.**

Action: Approved - Clean-Up

pg. 61 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.4.3.1. Up to four (4) contestants may be drawn for position together, but only in the same event. However, there are two (2) exceptions: 1) A WPRO member may buddy with a PRCA member only if it is her husband or immediate family (**Husband, father,**

brother, son, wife, mother, sister, and daughter)

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 62 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.4.4.1. Once a member enters a rodeo, she has four options available to her: 1) Draw out in the ninety (90) minutes after the books close **she** does not have to pay entry fees. 2) After callbacks and entrant knows when she is up, she can turnout, meaning she will have to pay entry fees and be subject to a turnout fine. 3) After callbacks and entrant knows when she is up, she can Release and she will not have to pay entry fees but will have to pay a twenty dollar (\$20) per rodeo charge and cannot compete for seven (7) full days beginning with her first performance **or slack** the release is used.....

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 64 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.5.1. All entry fees not paid to Arena Secretary are to be sent **paid** to the WPRO office by **Tuesday 3:00pm MT following the end of the rodeo.**

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 68 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.7.1.1. If a contestant is releasing out of a PRCA /WPRO rodeo, she must notify Procom no later than three (3) hours prior to the performance or slack she is up in. Releases carry a charge of \$20 per rodeo released. **Morning Slack. If a contestant is releasing out of a morning section of slack she must notify Procom no later than the turn-out deadline of the previous evening's performance or 5:00 p.m. (Colorado Mountain Time) of the day prior to such section of slack if there is no performance the previous evening. If there is a performance the previous evening then the turn-out deadline is (3) hours prior to that performance.**

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 68 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.7.1.4. A contestant who releases shall not be eligible to compete in a PRCA / WPRO rodeo for seven (7) days, beginning with the first performance or slack the release is used. (**Rodeo Season**)

Action: Approved and Modified - Release to be associated with Rodeo Year

pg. 69 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.8.8. Should circumstances change that make it possible for a contestant to compete after a turn out notification has been made, it will be her responsibility to notify that rodeo **Secretary** individually, so she can be put back in the draw and allowed to compete. (**This rule does not apply to rodeos that utilize the "30 Hour Replacement Policy"**)

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 71 - proposed by WPRO Office - 10.11.1. All Pro Rodeo secretaries are required to submit correct and completed results sheets, rule infraction sheets, contestants list, judge and timer sheets and must be **returned overnight received no later than 10:00 am the morning following completion of the final performance of a rodeo to the WPRO Office.**

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 82 - proposed by WPRO Office - 12.8.1. Contestant will be fined \$50 and/or disqualified for not being ready to contest when her name is called by the judge or announcer. **Note: Written requirements will be provided to the protest committee and judges on how to apply/handle this rule.**

Action: Approved - Clean-Up

pg. 82 - proposed by WPRO Office - 12.9.1. Committee is required to prepare ground with necessary equipment shall be worked **immediately before the barrel race** in the arena to be consistent throughout the event. REFER TO RULE 12.9.6.

Action: Approved and Modified - Committee is required to have necessary equipment in the arena to prepare the ground for the barrel race. When possible, the ground should be prepared immediately before the barrel race, so it is consistent throughout the event. REFER TO RULE 12.9.6.

pg. 83 - proposed by WPRO Office - 12.9.2.1. If a rodeo is approved and set up to have either ten (10) or twelve (12) contestants in a paid performance, and there is a Procom or WPRO error requiring that the number of competitors in the performance must increase over what was approved, a hand rake or tractor drag is required. Non-compliance will be reported to Rodeo Administration.

EXAMPLE: **Set up for 10.** Perf 1 has 10, perf 2 has 11 and perf 3 has 9. In perf 2 after the 10th position the ground must be worked.

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 83 - proposed by WPRO Office - 12.9.5. When there is no rodeo performance to use as a guideline, the ground around the barrels shall be worked **immediately before the barrel race and after the equivalent number of contestants that the rodeo was set up for: not more than twelve (12) contestants have run:**

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Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 88 - proposed by Becky Larson - Rule # 12.12.9 When setting barrels on marker, CENTER of barrel shall be positioned over where marker comes out of ground.

Proposal for this rule-When setting barrel pattern, barrels will be positioned on the INSIDE of the stake.

I think this would eliminate a chance of barrels being positioned even 4 or 5 inches (x 3) OFF

Action: Not approved - Setting markers under the center of the barrels in an important element that set the WPRA apart and differentiates the WPRA from all other barrel racing organizations. It is an important part of the WPRA identity. In addition several studies have been conducted that support you can have just as many miss-alignments when setting the marker on the outside of the barrel adding up to as much as 1 foot difference. It would lastly have serious impact on all prior arena record times.

pg. 132 - proposed by WPRA Office - 1.2. WPRA Junior Application must be filled out, signed by parent and notarized, and sent in with \$125.00 fee, plus a copy of birth certificate to the WPRA office.

Action: Approved - Clean-Up

pg. 139 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Futurity 1.2.6 Payoff \$15,001 and UP Under 15 monies 1D Rule says pay 10 but only 9 percentages are listed.

Action: Correction - Only pay 14. Change 10 to 9 to match the % that is listed

pg. 154 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 1.3 Move language from 1.3.1.1. to replace 1.3.1. (Proposal from 2016 placed wrong in 2017 rulebook.)

Action: Approved - Clean-Up

pg. 159 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 5.1.8 If additional prize money is to be added, it shall be indicated by a + in the Official Publication. Additional money will be counted only if the exact amount is included in the last publication prior to the entry closing and must appear in at least one issue of the official publication of the WPRA or fourteen days on the wpra website in order to be counted. Delete shall not exceed \$100.

Action: Approved - Clean-Up

pg. 163 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping Payoff (Change transition to 8 places from \$2400 to \$3500) The following exact rules are affected.

Action: Approved

pg. 163 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.1.2 Up to \$1200.....4 monies, \$1200.01 to \$2400 \$3500.....6 monies, \$2400.01 \$3500.01 and over...8 monies.

Action: Approved

pg. 163 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.1.3 \$2400.01 to \$4800 \$7000...6 monies, \$4800.01 \$7000.01 and over.....8 monies

Action: Approved

pg. 164 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.3.2 Change \$2400 to \$3500

Action: Approved

pg. 164 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.3.3 Change \$2400.01 to \$3500.01

Action: Approved

pg. 165 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping Short Round 10% The following are just to clarify how much to short round)

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 165 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.4.8 Add 10% after the words short go money

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 165 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.4.9 Add 10% after the words short go money

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 165 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 6.4.10 Add 10% after the words short go money

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 188 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 12.4.10 Delete part that says Each team allowed three throws in all. We no longer allow three loops.

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 188 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 12.4.10 1 Delete words in one head roping with more than ten teams. We no longer allow three loops anytime.

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 197 - proposed by Patti McCutchen - Roping 17.1.1.2 New rule If a roping circuit finals is held, points will count for that circuit only.

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

New - proposed by Pam Ross -

GUIDE LINES FOR DIRECTOR SANCTIONING OF CIRCUIT RACES:

A. PRESENT ORGANIZATION/CLUB WITH BASIC GUIDE:

1. GROUND PREPARATIONS

2. SUGGESTIONS FOR DRESS CODE, MARKERS, TIMELY PAYOUT AND REFER THEM TO THE WPRA HAND BOOK.

3. MAKE SURE THAT PAPER WORK FOR OFFICE IS IN PLACE FOR RESULTS.

B. IF CIRCUIT DIRECTOR HAS CONCERNS WITH ORGANIZATION/CLUB OF PREVIOUS RACES THEN DIRECTOR SHOULD:

1. CONTACT ORGANIZATION/ CLUB WITH THE CONCERNS THAT DIRECTOR HAS OR HAS HEARD ABOUT SO THAT THE ORGANIZATION/CLUB CAN AT LEAST PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFO TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THE DIRECTORS INFO OR TO CORRECT THEIR MISGIVINGS.

2. DIRECTOR SHOULD ATTEND HERSELF OR ASSIGN SPOKESPERSON TO ATTEND THE RACE IN QUESTION IF DIRECTOR FEELS THAT ORGANIZATION/CLUB ARE NOT MAKING A VALID EFFORT TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES.

C. IF A DIRECTOR FEELS THAT AN ORGANIZATION/CLUB IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO FOLLOW WPRA GUIDELINES AND PREFERS NOT TO SANCTION RACES THEN:

1. DIRECTOR NEEDS TO PRESENT ALL INFO TO WPRA BOARD AT WHICH TIME THE BOARD SHOULD CONTACT THE ORGANIZATION/CLUB AND ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR ORGANIZATION/CLUB TO SHOW CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE, CAN, OR WILL FOLLOW GUIDELINES.

I AM SUBMITTING THESE GUIDELINES TO PROTECT OUR MEMBERS AS WELL AS TO PROTECT ORGANIZATION/CLUB WHO WANT TO PROVIDE WPRA MEMBERS WITH APPROVED BARREL RACES. THUSLY, GIVING EVERYONE, BOTH WPRA AND ORGANIZATIONS/CLUB A FAIR CHANCE TO PROMOTE BARREL RACES WITHOUT MALACE OR PREJUDICES.

Action: Not approved - There are limited rules in the Rule Book on the DC program, this is not covered. The DC Committee will review and consider these suggestions for their guidelines

Policy - proposed by Savannah Robertson- Fichtner - I would like to purpose a rule for 2017 regarding the added money for jackpots to be co sanctioned with WPRA. It was brought to my attention recently that the California WPRA has increased the amount needed to be co sanctioned to \$500; when in the past it was \$300. I noticed that the amounts to be eligible for co sanctioning approval varies from state to state. I have also noticed there is not a lot regarding this in the rule book; the only thing I could find was a \$300 added money for co sanctioned roping events. Personally to me this should be a straight across the board number, just like permit money. This lack of black and white regarding this issue is allowing for ambiguity and is not fair to competitors. From a producers stand point California is an extremely expensive state to host races and being able to co sanction with WPRA is simply not doable with the new \$500 added.

Action: Not approved - There are limited rules in the Rule Book on the DC program, this is not covered. The DC Committee will review and consider these suggestions for their guidelines

pg. 133 - proposed by WPRA Office - 3. WPRA Lead Sanction Junior Barrel Race

3.1. When requesting a WPRA Lead Sanction Junior Barrel Race at a WPRA/PRCA approved rodeo, a separate appli-cation must be submitted for a junior race. Ground rules must be included. **Contestants will enter through Procom.** The rodeo committee is responsible for taking entries, creating the draw and the handling the pay-out.

3.1.1 Approval fee is \$25.00

3.2 When sanctioning a WPRA Junior race, producer has two format options. Payout

1). ~~Straight pay--following the WPRA payout scale as outlined in Chapter 11; or~~

2). ~~2D payout with a full second split. Payout to be divided 70% to 1D and 30% to 2D. Only 1D money earned counts towards champion standings.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Action: 3.1 Tabled - Revisit when a process can be worked out with ProCom;

3.1.1-3.5 Not approved - Relates to 3.1 decision

3.6 Not approved and modified - insert at the end of the sentence, "unless specified by the Circuit Director in the ground rules."

3.7-3.9 No change

pg. 33 - proposed by Marlene McRae - 8.4.3 Clarify – (B) points will count towards both circuits

Action: Not approved - That is how the rule currently reads.

pg. 33 - proposed by Marlene McRae - 8.4.3 Change – (C) rodeo will count for the rodeo count that the member has designated as her circuit

Action: Not approved - Remains as stated in order to support circuit rodeo system

pg. 33 - proposed by Marlene McRae - 8.5.2 Change – WPRA Rodeo. (WPRA event does not matter.)

Action: Tabled - Explore for the Future

pg. 46 - proposed by WPRA Office - 9.2.27. Procom Investigation — A fine may be charged to any contestant who files a discrepancy with the Central Entry Office. The determination of the charge will be based on the following.

1. If the contestant has the correct confirmation number and the Central Entry Office is found to be in error, no charge will be assessed. 2. If the contestant has the wrong does not have a confirmation number, or the incorrect confirmation number a \$15 fine will be assessed. 3. If the contestant is found to be in error, a \$250 charge will be assessed.

Action: Approved - This is clarification

pg. 49 - proposed by WPRA Office - 9.3.18. Competing in a WPRA event within seven (7) days after use of a release, beginning with your first performance or slack for which the release is used. (Should this be per Rodeo Season or 7 days in general)

Action: Approved and modified - Release to be associated with Rodeo Year

pg. 68 - proposed by Stacey Freitas - 10.7.1.1 Change/increase the Release charge of \$20.00 to \$40.00 per rodeo released.

Action: Not approved and modified - \$25 and possibly another \$5 for 2019

pg. 68 - proposed by Stacey Freitas - 10.7.1.2. Add a limit of rodeos a Release may be used for. For example, a contestant's first Release is good to release out of 6 rodeos. To release out of her 7th rodeo, she will need to use her second Release, which will also be good to release out of 6 rodeos. Total amount of rodeos a contestant may release out of would be 12 rodeos in a rodeo year. Note: I used 6 as an example, the Board may want to adjust that number up or down.

Action: Modified - Mis-use of a release or the release process can be considered cheating, which is a major rule violation. If one has not competed within 3 months and releases from great than 6 rodeos, you will become ineligible and will need to seek Circuit Director approval for future releases. You will need to provide proof.

pg. 80 - proposed by WPRA Office/Judges - 12.5.1. Reruns would not be given on an individual basis due to ground conditions. If ground conditions are such that a rerun would be granted, barrel race should be stopped and all contestants in that section(s) declared by judges granted a rerun when ground conditions are corrected.

Action: Not approved - The rule currently provides flexibility to rerun all who may have been affected by ground conditions

pg. 130 - proposed by Stacey Freitas - 20.1.2. Change/increase the Divisional Circuit co-approval fee from \$25.00 to \$40.00 for a single day and from \$35.00 to \$50.00 for two days or greater.

Action: Not approved and modified - \$35 and \$45 - to cover processing expenses

New - proposed by Jolee Jordan - In order to count earnings from events with a committee purse of \$20,000 or more, or from events with guaranteed payouts, but which have a limit of 100 barrel racers or less, members must compete in a minimum of 30 WPRA/PRCA rodeos during the same season. Reasoning:

Similar to PRCA rules for Xtreme Bulls events, this rule helps protect the PRCA/WPRA rodeos, especially smaller ones, by ensuring that contestants continue to enter and compete in them.

Action: Not approved - Refer to Dillon McPherson Proposal

pg. 21 - proposed by Dillon McPherson - (existing 4.1):

For Futurity and Roping Directors I propose we choose one from the following 3 options:

Option 1: The Futurity/Derby Director will take office in 2016 and every three years thereafter and the Roping Director will take office in 2017 and every three years thereafter. All card members are able to vote for both these Directors and their voting and board rights remain as they are now.

Option 2: The Futurity/Derby Director will take office in 2016 and every three years thereafter and the Roping Director will take office in 2017 and every three years thereafter. Only those designating Futurity/Derby and Roping Circuits for voting may vote for these directors, respectively (the same as it is now). The Roping and Futurity/Derby Directors will only have voting rights on issues that directly pertain to their respective Circuits/Programs.

Option 3: The Futurity/Derby Director and Roping Director will be appointed by the WPRA Board of Directors based upon nominations taken at the general membership meeting at the WPRA World Finals and nominations sent in writing to the WPRA office. 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.

Action: Not approved - A Committee is being formed to consider for future

pg. 23 - proposed by Becky Nix - 4.1.4. The Circuit Director must reside / live in the designated circuit she represents. The circuit Director must also enter and compete in at least five rodeos per year.

Action: Not approved - The Board will discuss appropriate requirements and potentially add to the Directors handbook

pg. 32 - proposed by Cindy Gillespie - 8.4.2. Effective with the 2014 membership season. Non-resident, after a member has designated a circuit for three consecutive years, she will no longer be required to meet the nonresident required participation rule to be eligible to qualify for the circuit finals. After 3 consecutive years the member will be eligible to meet the same requirements as a circuit resident. If a non-resident member changes circuits, after becoming eligible to meet circuit resident requirements, the member must start the 3 consecutive year process over again, except in resident circuit. NOTE: Each year the member must attach a letter to her membership application claiming her non-residence status change. On the fourth year the member shall submit a letter with her membership application stating she has met all requirements of the rule above.

Action: Not approved - This already implied in existing language

pg. 33 - proposed by Irene Feaser - Rule 8.4.3. Rodeos may request co-approval for one or more circuits. Criteria will be as follows: (a) points will count towards both circuits; (c) rodeo will not count as one of the required circuit rodeo count, nor will it add to the number of rodeos required for the following circuit year. See Rule 10.1.13. (Delete rodeo must be within 150 miles of the border of the additional circuit)

Action: Not approved - Remains as stated in order to support circuit rodeo system

pg. 53 - proposed by Irene Feaser - Rule 10.1.13. Rodeos that add \$5,000 or less per event may request co-approval for one or more circuits. Criteria is as follows: a) Points will count towards both circuits. b) The rodeo will not count as one of the required circuit rodeo count, nor will it add to the number of circuit rodeos required for the second circuit next year. (Delete Rodeo must be within 150 miles of the border of the additional circuit.)

Action: Not approved - Remains as stated in order to support circuit rodeo system

pg. 53 - proposed by WPRA Office - 10.1.13. Rodeos that add \$5,000 \$6,000 or less per event may request co-approval for one or more circuits. Criteria is as follows: a) Rodeo must be within 150 100 miles of the border of the

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additional circuit.

Action: Not approved - Remains as stated in order to support circuit rodeo system

pg. 56 - proposed by WPRa Office - 10.3.5.6. Making the Finals or Semi-Finals — Anyone making the finals or Semi-Finals at a rodeo that conflicts with another rodeo that has a committee purse of \$3,000 or more will be moved forward at the conflicting rodeo to the first available position,.....

Per 10.1.12 If a WPRa member is moved because of a conflict at a Finals or Semi-Finals, they go to the bottom of the ground with no drag.....

Action: Approved - This is a clarification

pg. 135 - proposed by Marlene McRae - Remove WPRa Futurity/Derby Rules Page 135 through 151.

Action: Tabled - To be discussed at 2017 NFR Board Meeting

pg. 22 - proposed by Marlene McRae - 4.1.3 Remove-Futurity Director

Action: Tabled - To be discussed at 2017 NFR Board Meeting

pg. 22 - proposed by Marlene McRae - 4.1.3 Change - Five Business Directors

Action: Not approved - Covered under 4.3.2.1

pg. 22 - proposed by Marlene McRae - 4.1.3.1 Remove - Futurity Director and anywhere else is appears in rulebook

Action: Tabled - To be discussed at 2017 NFR Board Meeting

pg. 53 - proposed by Marlene McRae - 10.1.13 Change - (C) Will count for the contestant's designated circuit (PRCA counts the co approved rodeos in rodeo count.)

Action: Not approved - Remains as stated in order to support circuit rodeo system

pg. 65 - proposed by Jolee Jordan - Changed 10.6.1.1 as follows:

10.6.1.1. Eligibility. Contestants may trade positions in the first go round of a PRCA/WPRa sanctioned rodeo only if the scheduled competition time of at least one of the contestants involved in the trade is in conflict with her scheduled competition time (any go round) at another PRCA/WPRa sanctioned rodeo. Trade shall not count against either contestant. A contestant shall be limited to only two first go round trades per rodeo at any given PRCA/WPRa sanctioned rodeo.

Conflict is defined as contestant positioned to compete, on the same day, at two (2) or more PRCA/WPRa rodeos.

Contestants shall be granted three (3) "free trades" per year. A free trade shall be defined as a trade wherein neither contestant involved in the trade has a conflict with another PRCA/WPRa rodeo.

Use of more than three (3) free trades is a major infraction: contestant will be disqualified from rodeo (but still responsible for entry fees) and pay a fine of \$500, double progressively with each additional violation. In addition, contestant may be found guilty of rule 9.3.4.

Reasoning:

Put luck of the draw back into the sport, allowing those who are unable to pay double entry fees or more for trades the same chance to draw favored positions.

Action: Not approved - Trades will be handled through modifications to 10.6.5.1

pg. 67 - proposed by Jolee Jordan - Change 10.6.5.1:

Contestant CANNOT trade from a performance or slack to an open position (release or turn out).

Reasoning:

The purpose of this rule to prevent open positions in paid performances. It makes no sense to disallow a trade from slack into an open position in a performance when that would actually help committees fill spots left from turn outs and releases. In addition, if a contestant wants to trade from one slack to another to help her schedule, there is no harm to moving a turn out/release from one slack to another.

Action: Modified - The rule will be changed to read "Contestant CAN trade from a performance or slack to an open position (release or turn-out)"

- Trading into an open position can be made through Procom up until trade deadline. In addition a Pilot will be conducted at a few 2018 rodeos to allow trades to remaining open positions. Details will be provided in ground rules

pg. 67 - proposed by Jolee Jordan - Change 10.6.5.2:

A contestant cannot trade within her performance or slack. Contestant will run where drawn. Violation is a major infraction: contestant will be disqualified from rodeo (but still responsible for entry fees) and pay a fine of \$500, double progressively with each additional violation. In addition, contestant may be

found guilty of rule 9.3.4.

Reasoning:

Contestants seem to be taking advantage of first go round trades and there does not appear to be enough accountability through the process. There have been instances of contestants traded to a higher position on the ground within the same drawn performance and contestants trading positions at the rodeos where the long round is held within one long slack, generally moving to the end of the slack when the ground tends to be faster. The rule has been in existence for a long time but apparently needs more teeth to prevent abuse. It is cheating.

Action: Not approved - Refer to changes made to 10.6.5.1

pg. 44 & 69 - proposed by Jolee Jordan - Change 9.2.16 and 10.8.4:

A contestant may turn out her first run and take a second run. Failure to notify of turn out during a performance shall result in a fine of \$100; fine will double progressively with each occurrence (resets at beginning of rodeo year).

Add to fines and 10.8.2:

Turnout notified in performance

(drew up when requested) 1st or 2nd preference.....\$50, increasing \$25 for each occurrence (resets at the beginning of rodeo year)

Reasoning:

We need to do something to slow down the turn outs in our performances. It reflects poorly on our event with fans, committees/producers, and sponsors and it takes positions away from other contestants who would have competed in that spot.

Action: Not approved - Refer to changes made to 10.6.5.1

New - proposed by Dillon McPherson - All limited entry rodeos must have a qualifying round for at least 25% of the total number of positions for the rodeo.

Action: Not approved - Explore for the Future

New - proposed by Dillon McPherson - Minimum rodeo count for NFR eligibility of 35 rodeos.

Action: Not approved - as submitted but modified - Insert 15.2.3 - There will be a minimum rodeo count for NFR eligibility of 25 WPRa approved events

New - proposed by Jolee Jordan - Walk Up Replacement for Barrel Racing When slack for a given rodeo is held immediately after a performance (either the same day or the next morning), contestants shall have the opportunity to move from their drawn slack position into the paid performance.

1. Contestant Requirements for Walk Up Replacement

a. Physically Check In

Contestants wishing to be considered for movement from the slack into the performance must check-in with the rodeo secretary in person no later than two and a half hours prior to the rodeo performance and ask for a walk up replacement. Absolutely no check-in via phone call or on-line will be allowed.

b. No Conflicts

Contestants who are placed in a position at another PRCA/WPRa rodeo during

the Same Performance (as defined by Procom) as the position being replaced will not be eligible to be moved into the performance.

Contestant will be responsible to know her conflicting rodeos and will be disqualified if she checks in with the secretary and competes as a replacement if she has a Same Performance conflict with that position at another PRCA/WPRa rodeo.

Positions at other rodeos that are turned out will be considered conflicts.

c. Must Accept Position

Once contestant has requested move, she cannot refuse to accept if offered. Fine is \$250.

2. Procedure

a. Establish Number of Positions Available

Following the established turn out deadline (three hours prior) for the performance, rodeo secretary and judge will determine how many positions need to be filled based on the turn outs and releases.

b. Priority List

Secretary and judge will use priority list from Procom to determine which contestants from those who have checked in are eligible to fill the open positions within the performance. Contestants who requested that particular performance with their first preference at time of entry will be given the first positions. Should more positions need to be filled, contestants who requested that performance with a second preference at time of entry shall be used. If more contestants are still needed to fill all the open positions,

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anyone else left on the list shall be accepted in order of their priority number from Procom.

Under no circumstance shall a contestant be offered a move if they did not physically check in prior to the two and half hour deadline.

c. Run Order

Contestants will be placed, in order of priority, on the bottom of the draw for the performance.

Reasoning:

Again, we must do something about all the turn outs in our performances and it's frustrating for the committees and competitors when there are open positions and contestants willing and able to compete on the grounds, particularly when many of those contestants asked for that position in the performance originally at Procom.

Secretaries and judges are accustomed to the PRCA's version of walk up replacements and this rule strives to mimic those rules as much as possible for the sake of simplicity.

The fine for attempting to not accept the position once given seeks to save extra work, and confusion, on the secretary and judges and to mitigate attempts to buy positions by other contestants.

Contestants go to the bottom of the draw because they were not higher on the priority list than anyone already in that performance.

Action: Not approved - Addressing this through modifications to 10.6.5.1

New - proposed by WPRO Office/Judges - Disqualification from a Rodeo.

A contestant may be disqualified from a rodeo pursuant to these Bylaws or the Official Rodeo Rules only by unanimous agreement of the rodeo judges.

Action: Not approved

pg. 57 - proposed by Jolee Jordan - New Rule (Add to Chapter 10.4):

Contestants will not be allowed to give preferences that conflict with positions at other PRCA Rodeos based on the "No Same Performance" guidelines (this includes 1st and 2nd preferences). If contestant gives a conflicting preference (1st or 2nd preference) at the time of entry, she will be drawn out. If contestant does not give a conflicting preference, and is placed in a position that conflicts with another PRCA rodeo due to the process of not receiving either her first or second preference she will remain placed in that position, and allowed the opportunity to find a first go round trade. Furthermore, a contestant will not be allowed a first go trade into a position that conflicts with that contestant's position at another PRCA rodeo based on the NSP guidelines. (The validity of all trade requests will be checked for conflicts prior to processing.)

Contestants found to have violated the trade portion of this rule by trading themselves into a conflict—thereby creating a need to turn out of one or more rodeos—will be found guilty of a major rule infraction. Contestant will be disqualified from rodeo(s) in which they competed (but still responsible to pay entry fees) and fined \$500, doubling progressively with each additional violation.

Action: Not approved

pg. 30 - proposed by WPRO Office - Delete Chapter 7 content

Action: Approved - Chapter 7 remains with no content there are more active "Chapters" left

pg. 46 - proposed by WPRO Office - 9.3.1. As to 9.3.18 only, after receiving the notice of the rule infraction in the WPRO office, all major this type of rule infraction will be sent to the competition committee for review. The competition committee will determine the appropriate action. The competition committee will also determine if further review is necessary by the entire WPRO board of directors.

Action: Not approved and modified - As to 9.3.18 only, after the WPRO office receives notice of the possible rule infraction, the alleged infraction under 9.3.18 will be sent to the competition committee for review. The competition committee will determine the appropriate penalty as limited by 9.3.1. A member turned in for a violation of this rule has no right to a hearing with the competition committee, but may submit a written position statement if desired. If a member is not satisfied with the decision by the competition committee the member has a onetime right of appeal to the WPRO Board as set forth Rule 9.5.1. The competition committee as its discretion may refer any matter to entire WPRO board of directors

pg. 131 - proposed by WPRO Office - Chapter 21

Lead Sanctioned Barrel Race Jackpot Approval

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

21.2. Sanction fee is ~~\$25.00~~ Refer to rule 10.2

21.2.1. Five (5%) ~~Six (6%)~~ percent of total purse should be sent to

WPRO office before calculating payoff. **will be deducted from the added money and entry fees and sent with the WPRO results to the WPRO office. Additional Sponsor money is exempt from six percent deduction, but is used for total prize money and determining the number of places to be paid.**

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

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

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

Action: Clean-Up 21.1 Rejected

21.2 Modified - \$35 or \$45

21.2.1 Approved

21.2.2 - 21.3 No Changes

pg. 94 - proposed by WPRO Office - Review 12.10, 16.2.1 and 16.2.2.

Action: Withdrawn

pg. 81 WPRO Office - 2.2.1....for a total of 4 (years)

Action: Approved - This provides for sufficient experience on the Board

pg. 82 WPRO Office - Membership Dues Increase Permit to \$325, Card to \$395

Action: Approved and modified - Also increase Gold Cards to \$185.

Operating costs have increased over the years. Additional revenue will be used to enhance office support for member services

pg. 83 WPRO Office - Rodeo approval fees Delete the chart flat fee for \$150 less than 30 days \$300

Action: Approved - This will simplify the current structure and cover increased processing costs.

pg. 84 WPRO Office - Circuit Finals Ground Rules

Action: Approved - Insert under 8.14.2.1 and who competed in all go-rounds of the Circuit Finals

pg. 85 WPRO Office - 12.6.1 Slack if needed

Action: Modified - Insert For rodeos with one slack, slack is always if needed. For rodeos with two or more slacks listed, it is mandatory to have all slacks occur as listed

pg. 86 WPRO Office - Only Director's/Spokeswomen can speak to committee

Action: Withdrawn

pg. 87 April Masterson - 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 Luzerne, N.Y. This rodeo has \$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 WPRO, 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 WPRO 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 WPRO 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 WPRO 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.

Action: Tables - Until the 2017 NFR Board Meeting