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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The name of this association is Kansas Professional Rodeo Association of which this membership is made up of contestants, cowboys, cowgirls, stock contractors, contract performers and committees, but for all practical purposes shall be known as KPRPA.

The purpose of the KPRPA shall be to promote rodeos as a sport and profession, striving at all times to insure honesty and fairness to both the contestants and the producers; to create an amicable relationship among stock contractors, rodeo committees and contestants, to inspect approve and help advertising rodeos being sponsored in accordance with the KPRPA standards.

A. To encourage rodeos to comply with standards necessary to obtain approval by this association.

B. To hold and sponsor contests and championships among members. To hold a year-end rodeo and awards presentation if financially able.

C. To promote the welfare of all animals, its members and to increase the number of members and rodeos.

D. To aid, assist and coordinate the activities of the members within the association as the governing body thereof, and to prescribe rules and regulations to promote the efficiency and uniformity thereof.

E. To act as agent or representative of any member or members in any of the above mentioned activities.

F. To publicize, periodically or otherwise, the activities of the association and of its members and of events of interest to its members.

This association shall not be held liable for the contracts, faults, neglects, debts or injuries of any member.

This association and its activities shall be maintained, kept and operated through the payment of membership fees and annual dues; income from its activities and such other method as may be provided by the by-laws.

Active membership in this association will not be limited to residents of the State of Kansas, but may be further limited as provided in the by-laws of this association, which by-laws shall be set by this association, which by-laws shall set forth the qualifications of members, membership fees and annual dues and may further provide for suspension or revocation of membership.

Members may be active or "associate", as provided in the by-laws, but each active member of this association shall be entitled to and limited to one vote in the conduct of the affairs of the association.

The official rules of the KPRPA as published by this association shall be and shall constitute, and by this reference are hereby incorporated in their entirety.

The within rules & regulations may be repealed, altered or amended by a vote of 51% of the directors then in office at a meeting called by the president for that purpose, or at a regularly scheduled meeting. A board member unable to attend a meeting may vote by giving his or her signed proxy to another member. Said proxy will need to be presented at the board meeting, delivered to the secretary and made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF KPRA

1. There will be a General Meeting held at the Finals to address officers and directors for the upcoming year.
2. Any board resignations will be submitted to the president and passed on by the Board of Directors. All board replacements will be voted on by the Board of Directors. Final action will be taken by the vote of the directors. Such election will be for an unexpired term.
3. Directors and alternates missing at least two (2) scheduled meetings without notification will be acted upon by the Board of Directors. Directors and alternates satisfactorily fulfilling their duties by attending half of the board meeting's and obtaining the required money for their event for the Finals will receive the following year's membership free of charge.
4. New officers and directors will take office at the completion of the Finals.
5. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board of Directors, one director and one alternate, for each of the following categories: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Dally Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Ladies Breakaway Roping, 40/40 Mixed Team Roping, Stock Contractor Representative, Judges Representative and the Webmaster. Only the event directors, alternate directors, Stock Contractor Representatives, Judges Representatives and Vice-President will have voting privileges, the President will vote only in the case of a tie.
6. Event directors will be elected for a two year term; the first as alternate director and the next as director. ***Nominations and voting for President and Vice President will take place at the General Membership meeting at the KPRA Finals. They will take office at the completion of the Finals.*** The Secretary-Treasurer will be hired by the current Board of Directors for a one year term, with subsequent years to follow with board approval and review. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the financial business of the association and report to the Board of Directors on the financial condition of the KPRA at regular intervals. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall have check signing privileges. The Secretary's salary will be set by the Board of Directors.
  - 6a. All entries for KPRA first approved rodeos must be taken through the KPRA Central Entry Office. The Secretary/Treasurer and Central Entry Office positions can be held by one person, or split between two people. The salary will be set by the Board of Directors. This position, or positions, will be for a one year term, with subsequent years to follow as approved by the board, and will be hired by the Board of Directors.
7. KPRA officers, directors, and members are responsible for donations for all awards for their event. If saddle and/or buckle sponsor money is not received 5 days prior to Finals entry date, it will be deducted from the added money of that event for the Finals. Any money received after that time will be held in the Finals Fund, for that event, for the following year.

### **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, DUES AND RULES**

1. Memberships shall be open to all reliable persons interested in rodeo, regardless of race, color or creed, age or sex.
2. Contesting members of the KPRRA need not be residents of the State of Kansas. Contesting nonresidents will have the same privileges as a resident. All contract personnel such as stock contractors, announcers, secretaries, timers, pick-up men, judges, bull fighters and clowns must be KPRRA Contesting or Associate members to be eligible for the finals and do not have to be a resident of the State of Kansas.
3. All KPRRA members, when signing the membership application, will agree to comply with the rules of the KPRRA. Members must keep abreast of all rule changes, activities of the KPRRA, etc., as listed in this official rule book, as listed on the official KPRRA web page and as listed in various issues of the KPRRA newspaper. Applications for KPRRA memberships are subject to Board approval.
4. KPRRA members shall read and know the prevailing rules of each individual rodeo. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse. One rule book will be issued with each membership. Additional books will cost \$5.00.
5. The fiscal year for KPRRA will be from December 1 through November 30. Membership dues will be \$125 for contesting members over 18 years of age. The dues will be split: \$50 dues, \$75 to finals fund, of which \$50 will go to designated event as per membership application. If a member gets a \$100 or greater sponsor, he/she will be refunded \$50. A youth membership for contesting members 18 or under is \$90. The dues will be split: \$30 dues, \$60 to finals fund, of which \$50 will go to designated event as per membership application. If a member gets a \$100 or greater sponsor, he/she will be refunded \$50. (If member turns 18 during the fiscal year, they will pay the Youth membership fee, if the card is purchased prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday). The associate card, for non contesting members, will be \$35.00. Renewal card must be postmarked by December 15 for money to count from any rodeos that fall after the KPRRA Finals. For all other money to count, membership needs to be purchased prior to first competition, whether slack or performance. A person can purchase a KPRRA membership any time prior to, during or immediately following the Membership Rodeo and any money won will count for the current season. Memberships purchased after the Membership Rodeo are considered delinquent and will be charged a \$15 late fee. Companion passes, which will entitle your spouse or companion to free gate admission, if honored by said rodeo committee, can be purchased for \$10.00 when you purchase your membership. Memberships must be purchased two weeks prior to the start of the Finals, to be eligible for the KPRRA finals.
6. During the performance and slack, contestants, and contestants helpers, must wear cowboy hat or helmet, long-sleeved western shirt and

boots in the arena, or any part thereof. Sneaker type "sport shoes" are not acceptable footwear. (Physical injuries exempt). One sleeve may be rolled up on the arm in rough stock events only. Violators of this rule will automatically be fined \$25. (Shirts need not button or snap). Judges have the privilege of waiving the hat rule if weather warrants such action.

7. Undesirable conduct will be fined \$100.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> offence, \$250.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> offence will result in dismissal from the association. Person will then be required to appear before the Board for reinstatement. A written petition must be presented to the event director, judges, or KPRA office. Example - misconduct in arena, abusing stock or mount.

8. The KPRA is not liable in any way for injuries received by KPRA members at any KPRA approved rodeo. The KPRA further assumes no responsibility for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestants or assistants. Any contestant under the age of 18 must have a notarized release from parents or legal guardian on file at the KPRA office before competing at a KPRA rodeo.

9. All KPRA members, when signing the membership application, further release all persons responsible for conducting any and all KPRA approved rodeos from liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistants while on the premises of said rodeo. "Persons responsible for conducting" shall include rodeo committees, producers, employees, stock contractors, sponsors, and KPRA Board of Directors and Officers.

10. Any persons soliciting donations or sponsors in the amount of \$250 in cash or \$350 in merchandise will receive a free membership for the following year when the KPRA office has received the merchandise/money.

#### **SUSPENSION LIST, FINES, AND TURN OUTS**

1. The KPRA office shall furnish a membership list, fine and suspended list, and current standings to qualified parties upon request. Anyone whose name appears on the fine or suspended list will not be allowed to compete at another KPRA first approved or co-approved rodeo until proof that all debts have been paid in full. (Request a receipt if paying a rodeo secretary in order to present it to another rodeo secretary if needed). Anyone on the fine list, at the completion of the KPRA Finals, will be sent a letter informing them of their fine and requesting payment.

2. If a member fails to appear after entering and has not been drawn out, they will be held responsible for his or her entry fee, ***NNTO (non-notified turn out) fine (\$25 per rodeo)*** and stock charges. The member may appeal to the KPRA Board of Directors for waiving of the fine or for lowering of the fine if they see fit. The decision of the Board

of Directors on these cases will be made after hearing the appeal in writing or in person, whichever the member may choose. Any KPRAs member entering anyone other than themselves will be held responsible for all such fees and fines for that person. Any member writing (1) bad check will be on a "CASH ONLY" basis for the current season. To have privileges reinstated, they must ask for board approval.

2a. Contractor, secretary, and/or co-approved associations must send any returned check from a KPRAs member to the KPRAs secretary within 30 days in order for the KPRAs to reimburse them for the check. Checks received after 30 days will not be honored.

2b. A \$25 return check fee will be assessed to any member who has a return check turned in to the KPRAs.

3. Earnings toward the KPRAs championship standings will not be credited to a member while he is on the KPRAs suspended list.

4. If stock is turned out by any KPRAs member who is present to compete, without cause, the member turning the stock out will be disqualified in all events for the remainder of that rodeo, and will be suspended 10 days from entering a KPRAs rodeo. If an honest effort is made by contestants to compete; or if previous arrangements with the stock contractor and judges have been made not to load the stock in said event, suspension can be waived. Upon notification from the office said member who turned out stock will have 10 days to pay fine or come before the Board of Directors for a ruling. There will be a \$25 turn out fine (in addition to the entry fee) assessed to contestants turning out stock.

5. All KPRAs Members Fees are guaranteed at all approved rodeos and will be added to the pot as if you have competed. Any member not showing up to perform due to injuries or other emergency's, must furnish the KPRAs office with proof of such difficulties. A crippled or sick horse will not be accepted as reason to withdraw from rodeo, except in the barrel racing event when a veterinary certificate stating name, is sent to the KPRAs office within 7 days of the event. Said medical release must be on legal medical stationary and must reach the office within 7 days or said contestant will be responsible for fees and fines. (Visible vet and medical conditions may be shown to the contractor and judges at a rodeo and will be excused). Persons with said reasons for not showing must call **rodeo secretary (not the KPRAs secretary)** so their fees will not be paid out. ANYTIME your fees are paid out, you are responsible for them. If contestant has not arrived at arena when it is time to compete, stock will be turned out. NO STOCK IS TO BE HELD FOR LATE ARRIVALS. NO EXCUSES! Entry fees should be paid upon arrival, no fine levied, provided stock contractor has received a stock charge.

5a. After medical releasing, you cannot compete for seven (7) days, starting the day you release, however, you will be allowed to enter. Violators will be fined \$250 and no earnings will count toward

standings.

5b. If a contestant is vet releasing, contestant cannot compete in a KPRA rodeo or a co-sanctioned rodeo for five (5) days, but can enter any rodeo within that five day period, if the entry closing date falls within this five day period. Once the 5 day period is up, vet release terminates. Vet release begins with first performance/slack used. It is the responsibility of the contestant to notify the rodeo secretary at least two (2) hours prior to performance in which contestant is in so that their entry fee does not go into the payoff. If contestant fails to properly notify rodeo secretary and their entry fee is included in the payoff, contestant shall be responsible for fees. Violators will be fined \$250 and no earnings will count toward standings.

6. If a member competes in one event and is injured, he will be eligible for a refund of entry fees for any remaining events, minus the stock charge at any one-head rodeo.

7. Stock contractors, producers, secretaries, judges, and committees may be fined or suspended for any of the following offences:

- a. Failure to pay added money as advertised.
- b. Leaving any bad debts or checks connected with producing a KPRA rodeo in any town.
- c. Being undesirable to work with, or having undesirable stock.
- d. Failure to produce rodeo according to KPRA rule book.
- e. Derogatory remarks or petitions against KPRA.
- f. Rowdyism or quarreling in the rodeo arena or immediate area.

8. Contestants may be disqualified or fined or both for any of the following offences:

- a. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- b. Rowdyism or quarreling in the rodeo arena or immediate area.
- c. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
- d. Defying the rodeo by not being ready to compete when called.

9. Fine to be levied as follows: \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> offence, \$250 for 2<sup>nd</sup> offence, and immediate suspension from the KPRA for 3<sup>rd</sup> offence.

10. If any of the above violations occur, a complaint should be given in writing and turned into the rodeo judge and/or rodeo secretary by the completion of that performance. This will be considered as an official complaint and go before the KPRA Board of Directors for action.

11. All mounted contestants must ride in the Grand Entry if posted. Stock contractors, judges and directors have the right and responsibility to turn in violators. A fine of \$10.00 will be assessed to anyone who does not ride in the Grand Entry. Any contestant with a horse on the grounds, at the time of the Grand Entry, is required to ride in the Grand Entry.

#### **STANDINGS, PRIZES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. The current KPRA Standings will be printed in each issue of the

KPRA news and on the official KPRA web page. Earnings will be kept in dollars and cents from each cent won at all KPRA approved rodeos in the 9 major events. KPRA championship earnings can only be earned at KPRA approved rodeos.

2. Earnings awarded to any member will be totaled for the year to determine the Champion cowboy and cowgirl to each of the 9 contest events. Other placings will follow in accordance with the amount of money won.

3. The All Around Champion will be awarded to the KPRA member winning the most money in two or more of the nine approved events. They must have won at least \$250 in each of two or more of the nine approved events, with team roping being one event. There will be an All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl.

4. Earnings for the KPRA Championship Standings will be awarded only to holders of regular KPRA membership cards of the applicable year. Said earning winners must be in good standing with the KPRA. No earnings will be earned while he/she is on the KPRA suspended list.

5. Earnings won at any KPRA approved rodeo will be valid only if the member's dues have been paid prior to contesting on the head of stock on which points were earned. When a KPRA member resigns from the association, earnings collected to that time during a rodeo season shall be dropped. Should member be reinstated within the same rodeo season, his earnings will start over.

6. The KPRA Board of Directors may elect to duplicate awards as they see fit to do so.

7. Special awards "can" be presented to the rodeo of the year, outstanding rodeo stock of the year in their respective events and stock contractor of the year. This is if the association is financially able. The membership may vote on all special awards and to whom they should be given. Such awards will be left to the discretion of the event director.

8. If a Rookie award is given, it will be awarded to the first year member, in each event, who wins the most money during the year. The candidate may be interviewed by the Board of Directors to establish rookie status.

9. Award winners must be present at the designated place of awards presentation in order to receive any awards to which they are entitled. If an award winner has a valid excuse, he should notify the KPRA secretary in advance.

#### **KPRA APPROVED RODEOS AND COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY**

1. In order for any rodeo to be KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved, it must have the 9 approved events.

2. KPRA standard events are bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, dally team roping, 40/40 mixed team roping, cowgirls barrel racing and cowgirls breakaway

roping.

3. Any rodeo committee wishing to hold a KPRAsanctioned rodeo will be required to file a "Sanction Agreement" with the KPRASecretary-Treasurer within 60 days of their rodeo to be listed as approved in the KPRAs paper and the official KPRAs web page, unless they obtain board approval. "Sanction Agreements" may be obtained from the KPRASecretary-Treasurer.

4. The stock contractors are to be responsible for obtaining approval contracts from the rodeo committees and sending them to the KPRAs office. 5% of the total prize money (entry fee only, EXCLUDING any added money) shall be deducted by the rodeo secretary before the winning contestants are paid.

5. A committee will not be charged a fee to approve their rodeo. The results of the rodeo are to be faxed to the KPRAs Office within 24 hours of the completion of said rodeo. The 5% (see Rule 4) along with the complete packet, (including results, fines, balance sheet, turnouts, etc.), must be mailed to the KPRAs Office within four (4) days from the date of the rodeo.

6. All contestants who pay entry fees shall be entitled to 1 pass for themselves and one for their companion (provided the companion has purchased a \$10 companion card) for the performance in which they are competing only.

7. The rodeo committee shall furnish an ambulance to stand by during the performance and slack competition to properly take care of any injured participants. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$500 fine.

7a. The committee will also be responsible for having a veterinarian on call during the rodeo performances and slack. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine. A conveyance must be available and used to remove animals from arena in case of injury. Any injured livestock shall be humanely removed before continuing the rodeo. They will be placed in an isolated, protected and comfortable area to reduce any stress. A pen, corral, or large trailer bed shall be available for adequate bedding of these animals. Arena help may be fired and/or contestant may be disqualified for any mistreatment of stock. Contractors/producers, directors, judges, etc., are all responsible for enforcing these rules. No stock shall be confined or transported in vehicles beyond a 24 hour period without being unloaded, fed, and watered. Failure to abide by this shall be subject to a \$500 fine for the first offence, progressively doubling with every offence. Humane livestock prods shall be used only when necessary, and only appropriate areas of the body (neck, chest, shoulder, and hips) no hot shots will be used on wet membranes (eyes, nose, mouth, genitals, or rectal areas). No contract performer will be allowed to abuse stock or animals used in their acts in any way. Chutes, corrals, etc. must be free of harmful objects.

7b. If a fine is levied by KPRA that was the result of intentional abusive injury to livestock, those fines will be given to the owner of the livestock.

8. Rodeo committees have the option of opening up their entries in all or any one event to non-members. Non-members will be charged a \$10 non-member fee.

9. A stock charge will be permitted in all KPRA rodeo events. The charge will not exceed \$10 per event, except Barrels will be \$5. Contestants will be charged a \$10 KPRA fee per event, which will be split \$2 to the central entry, \$1 to the judges fund and \$7 finals fee of which \$4 will go to the general Finals Fund and \$3 will be event specific.

10. The entry of 2 or more contestants/teams shall constitute a contest. If a contest/event is cancelled, the added money for that event will be returned to the rodeo committee or sponsor, provided notification of the cancellation of the said contest/event has been given to contestants entered.

11. If any performance of a KPRA rodeo is called off due to weather conditions, winners will be paid according to those who have previously competed. The KPRA is to receive its' "Sanction Fees" (5% of pot and \$4) for finals fund, central entry office and secretary, according to those who have competed, and earnings will not count toward year end standings. All entrants who have not competed will have their entry fees refunded less stock charge and central office fees. If a performance is rained out causing a multi-performance on a given day, the stock contractor has an option to redraw stock. The decision of whether a rodeo will be cancelled or postponed will be the decision of the rodeo committee, stock contractor and a KPRA judge. If the performance is cancelled, every effort must be made to notify those members who are scheduled to compete. In case of a rodeo cancellation prior to the first performance, the party responsible for the cancellation will stand all expenses incurred by the KPRA if rodeo is cancelled after the books are closed.

12. Directors, stock contractors, and judges shall be able to ask for a tractor drag if ground conditions are warranted during slack before the start of an event and not during an event.

#### **CO-APPROVAL POLICY**

1. The KPRA will co-approve rodeos on a one for one basis with other associations and will only be liable for entry fees, not fines, providing they honor our suspended list.

2. The Board of Directors of each association must approve the rodeos to be co-approved. Co-approvals must be scheduled a reasonable time prior to the rodeo.

3. A return check, on a KPRA member, issued at a co-approved

rodeo, will be honored and paid if the check is received in the KPRA office within 30 days of the said rodeo.

4. Co-approved association members must provide entry secretary with current association number or will be charged a \$10 non-member fee.

#### **ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES & PRIZE MONEY**

1. All necessary information for entering all KPRA approved rodeos will be published in the official KPRA paper and on the official KPRA web page. A phone number listed as rodeo headquarters shall be published in at least two issues prior to the rodeo along with the time and date the books are open. An emergency phone number must also be listed for each rodeo.

2. No entry shall be taken before the books are officially open. Any secretary accepting entries before the books are open will be subject to fine or suspension. Non-members entries may enter the rodeo *one hour* after the entries open. Non-members of the KPRA, or any association co-approved for that rodeo, will be charged a \$10 non-member fee.

2.a If the KPRA calls a board meeting to be scheduled at a rodeo, board members will be given first entry rights.

3. When phoning entries to all KPRA approved rodeos, KPRA members will be given priority over non-members. Sufficient time must be given for members to enter before accepting non-member entries. Members must be guaranteed a chance to enter each approved rodeo. Every effort will be made to get members in as requested.

4. NO Draw Outs will be allowed unless the office is notified of a medical emergency and a valid medical release is sent to the office within 7 days. A telephone number must be available for emergency draw outs. Failure to show without notifying proper persons will result in the necessity to pay all fees, plus the \$15 fine. If you cannot make it and the stock contractor is notified not to draw stock for you, the turn out fine may be waived by the Board of Directors.

5. The committee and/or stock contractor may retain the privilege of filling all paid performances or slack entries and may use own discretion as to the number of contestants to fill each performance and when all slack entries will be run off. Once times have been set, they cannot be changed, without prior notification to all members.

6. Performance will be filled on a "first call basis." Slack will not be available until performance minimums are met. Minimums and maximums will be set by the stock contractors.

7. At all KPRA rodeos, contestant's positions are to be drawn in all events, that draw being the order of competition in timed events (team roping slack cattle are to be drawn to the positions, then the cattle may be chute ran and roped to the cattle). Stock is then to be drawn according to the positions starting at the top of the list (See General Timed Event

Rule #20).

8. A KPRAs stock contractor's wife may secretary his rodeo on a joint card basis. Anyone else must have a KPRAs Associate card.

9. If the rodeo secretary is caught mishandling prize money or entry fees or falsifying rodeo records in any way, he/she will be disqualified from working all KPRAs rodeos.

10. The rodeo secretary shall be responsible for the deduction and mailing of KPRAs fees from the prize money, complete results including times and scores, and a list of members not paying entry fees, within 4 days from the date of last performance to the KPRAs secretary and no later than 10 days or \$50 fine.

11. The rodeo secretary shall post a designated time for drawing of slack. All slack is to be drawn for by at least one judge. Drawing must be done so that any contestant may witness the drawing if he desires. Results of the draw to be posted not more than 1 hour in advance of each performance. In the riding events 2 re-ride animals must be drawn for each performance and posted at the same time. The contractor may choose 3 "feature" animals and make sure they go during the performance. Any animal in the riding event that is drawn but turned out will automatically go into re-ride pen as alternative for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> draw. In the timed events 2 animals must be drawn and put in the re-run pen in case an animal is crippled. If an animal is crippled, 3ime, all stock must be competed on the 1<sup>st</sup> time before any is used the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

12. ALL entry fees for one head of stock will be a minimum of \$65 (including stock charge, finals fund, central entry, and judges fund). Team roping and 40/40 team roping will be a minimum of \$130/team (including all fees). Bull riding will be a minimum of \$65 (including all fees) plus \$10 cash day money.

13. Members are to pay entry fees due to the rodeo secretary immediately upon arriving at the arena. Fees must be paid before the rodeo begins. A fee, minimum of \$5 may be assessed for failure to do so. No stock shall be given until entry fee is paid to the rodeo secretary. The rodeo secretary will be required to be at the arena at least 1 hour before the time of the performance to accept entry fee money and post the draw.

14. All entry fees will have a 5% withholding for KPRAs sanction fees. This fee will exclude any added money. The fees of all KPRAs members entered will be guaranteed by the association. The stock contractors are to take the amount of the fees from the 5% check and pay it to the contestants as if all had competed.

15. KPRAs approved rodeo committees will divide the prize money among event winners in accordance with the rules of the "Pay-off Section" of the KPRAs rule book. If a committee wishes to split the prize money in some other manner, the prize money split should be posted on their rodeo bills and in the listings in the KPRAs paper and on the official KPRAs web page.

16. Payment of prize money must be paid by the secretary immediately following the completion of the last performance of the rodeo if not before.

Prize money won by KPRA members that are not present to accept their pay may be sent to the KPRA office for distribution. The KPRA Secretary-Treasurer may pick up the prize money of any or all contestants in the event of controversy.

17. In case of no qualified rides, ground money will not be paid. Unpaid ground money to be split between stock contractor and KPRA office for finals fund *in that event*. The stock contractor is to keep his stock charge in this case. With one or more qualified rides, the entire purse will be paid out among those qualified. *The committee may retain the added money if there are no qualified rides or runs.*

18. Rodeo committees which offer extra prizes to event winners and all-around champions should award them in the same manner that KPRA championship awards are given. If they wish to use other means of awarding these extra prizes, the method used should be posted prior to the start of the rodeo.

#### PAY-OFF SCHEDULES

1. **All events except Ladies Barrel Race** (Payoff to be figured with added money)(# of contestants x fees - charges + added money).

\$0-\$300	Pay 1 money 100%
\$301-\$600	Pay 2 monies 60%-40%
\$601-\$1100	Pay 3 monies 50%-30%-20%
\$1101-\$2000	Pay 4 monies 40%-30%-20%-10%
\$2001-\$3300	Pay 5 monies 34%-27%-20%-13%-6%
\$3301-\$5500	Pay 6 monies 29%-24%-19%-14%-9%-5%
\$5501 +	Pay 7 monies 25%-21%- 8%- 5%-11%-7%-3

**Ladies Barrel Racing:** (Pay in hundreds, unless manual timed in tenths)

0-3	Pay 1 money 100%
4-5	Pay 2 monies 60%-40%
6-9	Pay 3 monies 50%-30%-20%
10-17	Pay 4 monies 40%-30%-20%-10%
18-24	Pay 5 monies 34%-27%-20%-13%-6%
Over 25	Pay 6 monies 29%-24%-19%-14%-9%-5%

**BULL RIDING DAY MONEY:** \$10/contestant day money will be split equally between all qualified rides for that performance or slack.

#### RODEO JUDGES, JUDGING & TIMEKEEPERS

1. Reliable announcers, pick-up men, chute help, timers, flaggers, judges, etc., are the responsibility of the stock contractor and rodeo committee. *Contract personnel must have a non-contesting KPRA membership card prior to, or purchase a card before the completion of, rodeo being worked.*
2. There will be 2 timekeepers at every performance of a KPRA

approved rodeo. They shall not be changed except in the event of injury, emergency or incompetence. In the event a timer must be changed, it will be with approval of judges and stock contractor. The person who starts timing the rough stock event must be the one to time throughout the entire event at all performances. Timers may trade off in the different events. Two watches must be used at all times. One timer will be the primary (head) timer and the second timer will be the back up timer. If the times differ by more than 4 tenths of a second, the fastest time must be used. They must be competent and approved by the rodeo stock contractor. It is required that an electric timer be used in the barrel race and it must be backed up by at least one timekeeper.

3. It is the responsibility of each stock contractor to get the timer to the rodeo. The judge is then responsible for setting the barrel and timer stakes, and for setting the electronic timing devices for each performance and slack.

4. In the event KPRRA has received a complaint against a judge's work, a petition with at least 10 signatures by KPRRA members in good standing must be filed at the KPRRA office. This will result in an immediate suspension, to be handled by the KPRRA. Any judge that is petitioned against will be handled by the board and they will decide if he will be required to attend the next scheduled judges seminar before judging again.

5. Every KPRRA rodeo will require 2 judges to work all events. Judges must be approved by the KPRRA Judging Director and must have their KPRRA membership bought prior to judging. A Judge may compete in a timed event with a replacement barrier judge for the entire rodeo in that event. He shall not draw stock for that event.

5a. ***Judges must judge 2 KPRRA first approved rodeos to judge at Finals.***

5b. All judges must attend a judges clinic at least every two (2) years before judging a KPRRA rodeo.

6. At least one judge shall be present for the drawing of all rodeo stock. Arrangements should be made with the stock contractor to do so.

7. Decision of judges, flagman and timers shall be final if in accordance with KPRRA rules. In all cases of dispute, the rodeo performance will continue without delay under existing rules of the KPRRA and the matter of dispute shall be settled by the rodeo judges, stock contractors, board members and spokesman present at a time which will cause no further delay of the rodeo.

8. Any judge's ruling which is NOT in compliance with the rules of the KPRRA should be dealt with by the event director, if present, or a spokesman from the event elected to do so at the time immediately if the decision will have an immediate affect on the outcome of the event, or immediately following the event, or performance, if possible.

9. Once judging sheets are handed in to the rodeo secretary when the event is finished, the contestant's score or time is final.

10. Judges scores on each ride and times in the timed events should be relayed to the rodeo announcer so that those scores and times may be made

available to the rodeo audience immediately after the ride or run. It is the responsibility of the rodeo committee and announcer to see that these scores are posted as mentioned here.

11. If in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to compete on an animal and is unable to do so, he shall have a re-ride animal drawn for him.

12. Anytime a contestant is fouled in any riding event, he must declare himself or take that score. Anytime a timed event contestant is fouled, he must declare himself immediately when fouled or take his time. To declare himself means to make no further attempt to make a qualified ride or run.

13. In all events, all equipment which is used by contestant is his responsibility and there will not be a re-ride or re-run because of his faulty equipment; borrowed equipment is accepted as contestants own.

14. Re-runs in the barrel race will be made immediately following the final contestant's run, or immediately following the rodeo whichever is more appropriate for the contestant. All other re-runs and re-rides will be run at the convenience of the stock contractor.

15. Judges will award re-rides at their own discretion. The rider will have the option to take the re-ride or the score received from the judges. The judges must notify the rodeo secretary that a re-ride or re-run is in order before the next contestant competes. This is mandatory.

16. General rules for disqualification in all events are:

- a. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- b. Rowdyism or quarreling in the rodeo arena and immediate area.
- c. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena.
- d. Mistreatment of stock or mount.
- e. Delaying the rodeo by not being ready to compete when their stock is in the chute or when called upon by the judge.

#### **GENERAL RIDING EVENT RULES**

1. Judges marking in riding events are to be from 1 to 25 for the rider and 1 to 25 for the animal, making a possible score of 50 total from each side, thus making the highest possible score 100. The rider and animal shall be marked separately, marking the rider according to how he spurs and the animal according to its performance.

2. All rough stock is to be ridden 8 seconds. Time is to start when stock's inside shoulder first breaks the plane of the chute. One judge is to start a stopwatch at the beginning of each ride and stop it at the time of disqualification. If the judge's watch has 8 seconds on it, the contestant is to receive his score, regardless of what the timer's decision would be.

3. Re-ride **MUST** be given if stock stops. Fouls are at judges' discretion. Contestants will have the option to know their current score when offered a re-ride before he must make a decision. The rider has the privilege of taking the same animal back providing the stock contractor is willing; or rider may

have re-ride drawn. If rider takes the same animal back, he must take the resulting marking.

4. Any time a contestant is fouled in any riding event, he must declare himself or take that score.
5. Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles and pull bull ropes from either side in all riding events. Middle flank belongs to the bronc rider.
6. Stock shall be drawn for not less than 1 hour before each performance. A list shall be posted at least 1 hour before each performance. A list of the draw and scores of previous performances must be available 1 hour before each performance, too. A judge must be present for all drawings.
7. Consistently undesirable rodeo stock may be disqualified for use at KPRC approved rodeos after consulting with the stock contractor and event directors. Contestants will voice their opinions through applicable event directors.
8. Any KPRC member who attempts to compete on another contestant's stock, other than for exhibition only, will be assessed a fine of \$25 by the KPRC. No markings or time will be recorded by judges or timers on exhibition performances.
9. Pick-up men shall not make contact or interfere in any way with bucking animal until whistle blows. Pick-up men shall not ride between bucking animal and judge until after the whistle blows.
10. In a multi-go-round rodeo, no contestant (team) can compete on the same head of stock more than on time, excluding re-rides.

#### **BAREBACK RIDING**

1. Rigging to be done with one-handed rigging.
2. Rigging shall not be less than 10 inches in width at hand hold and not over 6 inches at "D" ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in "D" ring. Riggings will use a standard "D" ring to be set to sit flat on horses' back when cinched.
3. Rider may have a single layer of sheepskin or leather under hand-hold which will extend at least 1 inch on both sides of the center of the hand-hold not to be skived and either one shall be glued down.
4. No fiberglass or metal in riggings or hand-holds. Only leather or rawhide allowed for handhold. Flat head rivets and/or screws and "t" nuts are allowed to secure handhold; only other metal allowed will be in the "D" rings.
5. Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair and shall be at least 8 inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch "D" or rings.
6. Required bareback pads are to completely cover the underside of the rigging and are to extend a full 2 inches behind the rigging.
7. Pads used under riggings must be least covered on both sides. Hair pads and form pads must be 1½ inches thick.
8. In addition to the pad, a piece of leather a minimum of 1/8 inch thick

and a 4 inch square must be glued or sewed to the pad centered in comparison to the total body length of the rigging. This piece of leather shall be placed so that ½ of it extends behind the rigging and the remaining 2 inches is under the rigging.

9. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges are to decide on all riggings, pads and excessive cinching. Re-ride will be at the judges' discretion.

10. The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges, or gimmicks.

11. A palm piece may be used in glove which will be at least 1 inch wide and 3 inches long and will be glued in.

12. There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider's glove. Benzoin may be used.

13. Any of the following offences will disqualify rider:

a. Riding with rowels too sharp or locked in the opinion of the judges.

b. Being bucked off.

c. Touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand. One arm must be free at all times.

d. Rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking.

e. Not having spurs over, or in front of the break of the Shoulders and touching horse when horse's feet hit the ground the initial move out of chute.

f. Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's Instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute. If a horse stalls in the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the spur out will be waived.

14. Rider may not take any kind of finger tuck, finger wrap or shall not use finger tape. Violators shall be disqualified and may also be subject to fine.

15. Judges shall disqualify bareback rider who had been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.

16. Marking a horse out too early can result in a fine to be assessed by the judge.

#### **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

1. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope-rein and committee saddle. Contestants are permitted to use own committee saddle if they follow the specifications listed below.

2. Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.

3. Riding rein and hand must be on same side.

4. Horses to be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either stock contractor or

contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.

5. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulder (this involves everything in front of a line from point of shoulders to point of withers) and touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground the initial move out of the chute.
6. One arm must be free at all times.
7. If a flank comes off, rider may have a re-ride provided rider completes a qualified ride on the horse.
8. No hot shots shall be used until animal turns his head out of the chute unless requested by contestant.
9. Any of the following offences shall disqualify rider:
  - a. Being bucked off.
  - b. Changing hands on rein.
  - c. Wrapping rein around hand.
  - d. Pulling leather.
  - e. Losing stirrup.
  - f. Touching animal or saddle or rein with free hand.
  - g. Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs.
  - h. Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's Instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute. If a horse stalls in the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the spur out will be waived.
10. Dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle. Anyone using any other foreign substance will be disqualified.
11. Judges may disqualify bronc rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his rein in hand when previous horse leaves the arena.
12. Marking a horse out too early can result in a fine to be assessed by the judge.

#### **CONTESTANT SADDLE SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Rigging: 3/4 double-front edge of "D" ring must pull not further back than directly below center point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed 5 3/4 inch outside with measurement.
2. Swell undercut: not more than 2 inches - 1 on each side.
3. Gullet: not less than 4 inches wide at center or fork of covered saddle.
4. Tree: saddle must be built on standard tree. Specifications: Fork-14" wide; Height-9" maximum; Gullet-5 3/4" wide; Cantle-5" maximum height, 14" width.
5. Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.
6. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable

added thickness for leather covering.

7. No freaks allowed.
8. Front cinch must be at least 5 inches wide.
9. Judges and stock contractors are to decide on all riggings, pads and excessive cinching, re-ride will be at judges discretion.

#### **BULL RIDING**

1. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
2. Rope must have bell; no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull.
3. Rider must not use sharp spurs. There will be only 1 rowel on each spur.
4. If flank comes off, a re-ride may be given and may be taken on the same bull provided rider makes a qualified ride; if rider disqualifies after flank comes off the bull, no re-ride will be given. The same bull may be given if the contractor so desires, however, the contestant has the option to ask for another.
5. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
6. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
7. No more than 2 men may be on chute to pull contestant's rope.
8. Hooks, rings or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.
9. All bulls with horns must be dehorned to the size of a half dollar or kept out of drawing.
10. No hot shot will be used on a bull after rider sits down, unless rider requests such use, until the bull is out of the chute.
11. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offences:
  - a. Being bucked off
  - b. Touching animal with free hand.
  - c. Using sharp spurs.
  - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
12. Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves arena.
13. There will be a \$10 per man day money added to each entry fee to be split equally between all qualified rides in each performance and slack. Day money will count towards the Bull Riding year-end standings, but will not count towards the all-around or rookie standings.

#### **GENERAL TIMED EVENT**

1. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestants will get animal back with a lap and tap start and the time already spent will be added to the time used on lap and tap run. If field flagger fails to drop flag when animal escapes and time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final. If rope is on animal when it escapes from the arena, the roper will get the animal lap and tap with the rope on it in the chute, plus any penalties.
2. The field flagger must ask contestants if they want a 2<sup>nd</sup> loop or jump before flagging them out unless they have already disqualified themselves for a 2<sup>nd</sup> loop or jump in some other manner. The contestant must make his decision at once and give the flag man an answer immediately.
3. Once a man has been flagged out he will receive no stock back. The field flagger has made his decision on the matter just as a rough stock judge makes his decision as to whether a rider has missed an animal out of the chute.
4. The barrier judge and field flagger shall not be changed during the rodeo unless in emergency cases.
5. The decision of any judges, flagmen or timers will be final.
6. Anytime a timed event contestant is fouled, he must declare himself immediately when fouled or take his time. This includes the hazer in steer wrestling.
7. A barrier judge shall be on hand when an automatic barrier is used. The barrier judge will be the only person to place or supervise the placing of the barrier-breaking rope on each and every animal. He will also pass any decisions on faulty barrier. The barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have weakened or on the request of the next contestant.
8. A 10 second penalty will be added for breaking or beating barrier in timed events.
9. In all timed events, barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within 10 feet of the post.
10. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If the equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. All barriers must be marked in a permanent manner and posted.
11. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge.
12. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a 10 second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
13. An automatic barrier must be used in all KPRA rodeos. No metal snaps may be used on neck ropes. Only neck ropes may be used as barriers, no trip alleys allowed.
  - 13a. Rubber bands or string may be used at qualifying rodeos. String will be used at the finals.
14. Once score line has been set in the timed events, it will not be changed

at the rodeo, nor can the length of the box be changed.

15. In order for the time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.

16. If the automatic barrier does not work but the contestant or team makes a qualified run, a re-run will be given on the same stock before the stock may be competed on by another contestant. Judge has the option to waive the 10 second penalty and the time will stand as it is.

17. If an animal must be brought back for a re-run, it should be brought back with several other animals and no excess stress should be placed on said animal which will offer the contestant an unfair advantage or disadvantage (whichever the case may be) over the other contestants in that event.

18. Stock in timed events shall be drawn as much as 2-2½ hours before the performance. All stock must be drawn by number, including team roping cattle.

19. All changes in lists of timed events in order to split horses, etc. must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in chutes. After stock is loaded, contestants must compete in order listed.

20. The first three contestants must remain in order and run in order.

21. All stock contractors will have timed event stock properly identified. No stick on numbers allowed.

22. If a contestant runs the wrong head of stock, the contestant will be disqualified. It will be the contestant's responsibility to see that the right stock is in the chute.

23. When a contestant calls for his stock, it belongs to him.

24. Pusher may not go beyond the end of the gate while pushing stock.

25. The line judge must have 1 liner to stand on opposite side of line during duration of performance and slack, but no more than 2 liners. It is the contestants responsibility before he/she accepts his run to see they are in place.

26. Pertaining to the draw: All cattle must be run once, before any cattle will be run twice. Due to a split performance, if this procedure becomes impossible, the draw will include cattle remaining that have run the least number of times. In case of re-runs, all cattle in the draw will be run 1 time before being run twice. Any animal drawn and not competed on shall be considered run and if there are no re-runs, animal shall be used for the 1<sup>st</sup> extra.

27. In a multi-go round rodeo, no contestant (exact same team) can compete on the same head of stock more than one time.

28. The timing of timed events will be in tenths. Barrel racing is to be timed manually in tenths and electronically in hundredths.

29. Consistently undesirable rodeo stock may be disqualified for use at KPRA approved rodeos after consulting with the stock contractor and event directors. Contestants will voice their opinions through applicable event directors. The amount of cattle in the draw must equal the largest number of contestants in a performance.

30. Re-run cattle cannot be run twice during a performance unless in 2

separate sections. Cattle drawn for cannot be used for specialty acts until after the animal has been competed on.

31. Cattle in the timed events will have a weight limit assessed to them as follows: TR-650 lbs., SW-600 lbs., CR-280 lbs. and BAW-400 lbs. If the Jerk Down Rule is in effect, tie-down roping calves cannot weigh more than 220 pounds.

32. Cattle shall NOT be loaded in release chute for more than (3) minutes before event.

33. Anytime you have been fouled; whatever penalties you had prior to the foul will be added to the re-run.

34. Maximum time allowed in all timed events will be 30 seconds, excluding penalties.

35. In a multi-go round rodeo, contestants may use 2 loops in BAW & CR and 3 loops in TR and 40/40 in any go round. Two jumps will be allowed in the SW if it is within the time limit.

36. In the timed events, if animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and the contestant (calf roper, steer wrestler and hazer, or header and heeler) remains behind the plane of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds, that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure.

#### **TIE-DOWN ROPING**

1. Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast, either is permissible. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand, cross and tie at least 3 legs.

2. To qualify as a legal tie, there shall be 1 or more wraps around all 3 legs and a ½ hitch.

3. If the calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to where 3 legs are dangling and be thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.

4. Catch as catch can. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.

5. Tie must hold until after judge has completed his inspection. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked no time.

6. Two (2) loops will be permitted in a multi-go round contest and should roper miss with both, he must retire and no time will be allowed.

7. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.

8. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. If horse drags calf, field judge may stop horse and disqualify roper, any penalty for such offenses can only be assessed by the field judge. If roper, after mounting horse drags calf over six (6) feet, he will be disqualified.

9. Contestants must receive no assistance of any kind from the outside.

10. The field flag judge will pass on the tie by timing 6 seconds from the

time the rope horse takes his 1<sup>st</sup> step forward after the roper has remounted, unless rope comes off calf, then time begins when roper clears the calf.

11. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.

12. Flagger must watch calf during the 6 second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks loose using the time shown to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify. Contestant can request to see watch.

13. Under any circumstances, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the field judge.

14. If roper intends to use 2 loops, he must carry 2 loops and must use 2<sup>nd</sup> loop second.

15. Automatic barrier will be used at all KPRA rodeos for tie-down roping.

16. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.

17. There shall be 2 or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between 2 flags. Line judge must stand on the same side of the box as contestant.

18. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and timed event spokesman or director if present. Minimum length of score shall be length of box minus 3 feet and maximum length of box.

19. If there must be a re-run of calves to complete a go-round, all calves must be tied down before any stock is drawn. If after 1 go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo, they will not be considered fresh.

20. All tie-down roping must be done from the box to the right of calf chute when facing arena.

21. The "Jerk Down Rule" can be assessed by the stock contractor and must be in the publication before entering the rodeo. The "Jerk Down Rule" will be defined as over backwards with the calf landing on his back or head and all four feet in the air. The judge, at his discretion, can assess a \$50 fine for this infraction and contestant will be disqualified.

#### **STEER WRESTLING**

1. Contestant must furnish own hazer and horses. Only one hazer allowed.

2. Steer must be caught from horse. If steer gets loose, dogger must take no more than 1 step to catch steer.

3. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change directions and twist it down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet then thrown

down.

4. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side or on its back with all four feet and head straight.

4a. If for any reason, the flagger is out of position when the steer is thrown and cannot see all four legs, he should watch the hips of the steer. If the hip appears flat, you have to assume all four feet are out instead of waiting to ride around to the front side.

5. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.

5a. However, if the steer is down, but regains his feet while the contestant is changing directions, the steer is to be considered up. The steer must be up on all four feet and then thrown.

6. The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.

7. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant.

8. Contestant and hazer must use the same 2 horses they leave the chute with. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping a steer.

9. A 10 second penalty will be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that the dogger's feet touch the ground before the score line is crossed.

10. If dogger misses or loses steer, flagman must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must reply at once.

11. No penalty will be assessed for breaking a horn.

12. Cattle used for steer roping, cutting or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.

13. When fresh steers are used, any fresh steers not thrown down cannot be used during the competition. Contestants will be responsible to throw down such steers under the supervision of the arena director.

14. When barrier is used in the steer wrestling, an automatic barrier will be used and there must be at least a 12 foot box. If box is shorter, steer wrestling must be lap and tap.

15. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and steer wrestling director or spokesman, if present, subject to the conditions set forth herein.

16. In steer wrestling the score may be no longer than one half the length of the box plus one foot, unless other arrangements are approved by the steer wrestling director or spokesman.

17. There shall be 2 or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between 2 flags.

18. Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Cattle must have adequate and natural horns. Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. If contestant jumps steer, he accepts him as sound.

19. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steer or chutes.

20. Anyone jumping from off side in steer wrestling must notify the rodeo secretary when entering and if possible, the barrier should be arranged on

the off side in the steer wrestling for such contestants.

21. If the steer falls before it crosses the score line, the contestant shall be entitled to a re-run on his original stock, provided that the contestant declares himself immediately. There will be no penalty added to the re-run if, in the opinion of the judge, the contestant did not deliberately beat the barrier, and if the contestant declares himself immediately. If the originally drawn animal cannot be re-ran, the contestant will run the extra, or have a steer drawn for him.

### **DALLY TEAM ROPING**

1. Each team will consist of 2 contestants, a header and a heeler. Each contestant will be allowed to enter twice. Only the highest placing will count towards the all-around standings. A medical release can be used to draw out the entire team.
2. Each contestant will be allowed to carry 1 rope. Each team will be allowed 2 or 3 throws, to be determined by the arena director after considering the number of teams.
3. Roping steers without turning loose of the rope will be considered a no catch.
4. Roper must dally to stop a steer. No tied ropes allowed. Exception - heelers over 50 years of age and women over the age of 14 may tie-on rather than dally or with an obvious disability and judges' discretion.
  - 4a. Anyone tied on must use a quick release.
5. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing in line with ropes dallied tight, with horses' front feet on ground and both riders mounted.
6. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
7. If the header jerks the steer down prior to the heel loop connecting, team may be disqualified. Judge will rule as to whether this was accidental or otherwise.
8. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time unless time has already been approved by the field judge.
9. If steer is roped by 1 horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn or head with hands.
10. In case the field judge flags out a team that still legally has 1 or more loops coming the judge may give the same steer back lap and tap and a 5 second penalty will be assessed for each loop already thrown.
11. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and team roping director or spokesman if present. The minimum score of the barrier is to be the length of the box minus two (2) feet.
12. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. Mixing of Corrientes with other breeds will not be

- permitted. Cattle must have adequate natural horns. Once a loop is thrown, steer belongs to team, regardless of condition.
13. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges. Contestants must hold dallies until flagger passes catches.
14. Each team roping partner will pay the full amount of the entry fee plus stock charge and the full amount of the entry charges.
15. If contestant leaves horse between flags at any time, he will receive a no time.
16. LEGAL CATCHES:
- a. There will be only 3 legal catches:
    - 1. Whole head
    - 2. Both horns
    - 3. Half a head
  - b. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
  - c. The steers body must be changed and moving forward before The heel loop can be thrown, however, if the steer stops it must be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch will be considered a “crossfire” and no time will be recorded.
17. Penalties:
- a. One hind foot receives a 5 second penalty.
  - b. Breaking the barrier is a 10 second penalty.
18. ILLEGAL CATCHES: (Disqualifications)
- a. If hondo passes over 1 horn and the loop the other catch is illegal.
  - b. Front leg is illegal. As soon as front leg goes into head loop, It will be considered no time. Header should release stock immediately.
  - c. If in the opinion of the field flagger a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed the direction of the steer, team shall be disqualified.
  - d. If in the opinion of the field judge, the header jerks the steer down unnecessarily, team will be disqualified.
  - e. Any time loop crosses itself on a head catch, it is illegal.
19. Excessive early hazing by the heeler can result in a fine to be assessed by the judge, stock contractor or event director.
20. You must designate at the beginning of the year if you want to compete in the open or 40/40 and cannot change.

**COWGIRLS BARREL RACING**  
**General Rules**

- 1. Barrel racers at KPRA approved rodeos must be female.
- 2. All contestants must wear complete western attire, including boots and hat or helmet. Sleeveless shirts or blouses are prohibited. Blue jeans are

permissible. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification. Judges have the privilege of waiving the hat rule if weather warrants such action.

3. If a contestant is vet releasing, contestant cannot compete in a KPR A rodeo or a co-sanctioned rodeo for five (5) days, but can enter any rodeo within that five day period, if the entry closing date falls within this five day period. Once the 5 day period is up, vet release terminates. Vet release begins with first performance/slack used. It is the responsibility of the contestant to notify the rodeo secretary at least two (2) hours prior to performance in which contestant is in so that their entry fee does not go into the payoff. If contestant fails to properly notify rodeo secretary and their entry fee is included in the payoff, contestant shall be responsible for fees. Violators will be fined \$250 and no earnings will count toward standings.

4. There is to be only 1 contestant's horse in the arena at a time during the barrel race, without exception. The barrel race will be the last timed event during a paid performance and arena is to be kept clear during the event.

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

6. The flag judge will flag the nose of the horse at the start and the finish of each contestant's run.

7. Any time contestant crosses starting line, time will begin and contestant accepts arena conditions, running order and rake, as is.

8. Contestants will be assessed a 5 second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.

9. Should barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the 5 second penalty will still be assessed.

10. If all barrels are standing when a contestant crosses the score line after completing a qualified run, it is still considered a qualified run, even if the barrel falls after she is flagged.

11. Committee is asked to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event and remaining performances.

12. If slack is run before the 1<sup>st</sup> performance of the rodeo, it is mandatory to work and water the ground the same as will be done for the performance.

13. Exhibition runs will be allowed during a rodeo performance at the Stock Contractors discretion and ONLY after contestant has completed her paid performance run. Violators of this rule will be assessed a \$100 fine. There will be a \$5 timer charge for each exhibition run.

14. Ground must be raked after half of the actual runs of the largest performance (round up on odd numbers), and be continued to be raked after the same amount in the remaining performance and slack after actual runs except at finals.

15. Contestants may approach the right or left barrel first, whichever she chooses.

#### **JUDGES - LBR**

1. There shall be 2 judges in the barrel race.
2. Both judges shall be required to be present during the barrel racing event with 1 judge flagging the line and the other judge watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run. The same judge must flag all performances.
3. There shall be no talking to flagman, timekeepers, or judges during the entire barrel racing event.
4. In all cases of dispute, the rodeo will proceed without further delay under the existing KPRA rules. Any contestant, or person connected with the contestant, altercation or arguing with judges will be barred from the arena and contestant will be disqualified from that go-round and may be subject to fine and suspension.
5. The flagman shall not leave from his designated place until all barrel racers have competed during that section of competition.
6. Barrel setters are allowed but must be educated by Judges regarding proper placement of the barrels.

#### **BARREL PATTERN - LBR**

1. Barrels are to be set on the inside of each stake in a cloverleaf pattern. Once the stakes have been set, no one will be allowed to put the barrels on the stakes and work their horse, however, you may set the barrels up to 20 feet off the stakes and work your horses. If the ground is worked within ½ hour prior to the performances, the arena will be closed.
2. The standard course for barrel racing is:
  - 90 feet between barrel 1 and 2;
  - 105 feet between barrel 1 and 3;
  - 105 feet between 2 and 3;
  - 60 feet from barrels 1 and 2 to score line.

Score line should be at least 45 feet from the end of the arena.

#### **BARREL PATTERNS CANNOT BE BIGGER THAN THE STANDARD COURSE**

1. Barrels will be set at least 15 feet from the fence or wall, except the 3<sup>rd</sup> barrel and it should be at least 25 feet from the fence or wall.
2. The starting line must be correctly measured back from barrel 1 and 2, so the distance is the same to insure barrel racers going either to the right or left the same opportunity.
3. In small arenas, it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to a standard barrel pattern.
4. Barrels will be measured by a tape measure by rodeo judge prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> performance and staked. The measurement of barrels and score line in feet and inches MUST be turned in to rodeo secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> performance and shall be posted. Judges shall check markers before each performance/slack and re-measure, if necessary.

#### **Disqualifications - LBR**

1. Contestants will be disqualified if after crossing score line and being flagged by the flagman as beginning the run, she re-crosses the score line before completion of the cloverleaf pattern.
2. Contestants will be disqualified for breaking the cloverleaf pattern in any way. Contestants may, however, approach the right or left barrel first, whichever she chooses.

#### **Timers - LBR**

1. Electric timers must be used in ladies barrel racing.
2. Equipment necessary: Complete electric timer plus 1 extra timing clock or stop watch to be operated manually.
3. Those persons timing the 1<sup>st</sup> performance must time those contestants remaining in all performances, unless due to sickness, incompetence or injury.
4. Electric timer must be backed up by a flagman who will stand directly behind 1 timer post in the arena. It is recommended that the electric timer be inside the arena 7 feet from the fence, and no more than even with the first and second barrels. If the electric timer is mounted in the fence, judge should be in most advantageous position to flag the race.
5. Line on fence for flagman should be marked.
6. MANUAL TIME WILL BE RECORDED AND READ IN 10<sup>TH</sup>s. ELECTRIC EYE TIMES WILL BE RECORDED AND READ IN 100<sup>TH</sup>s. When the backup times are to be used for those electronically missed, a zero will be added to the 10<sup>th</sup>s.
7. It is MANDATORY that back up times be recorded for all contestants.
8. Secretaries will be fined for failure to keep back up times (\$25 for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, progressive by \$25 thereafter).
9. Set the timer the same height and position each performance and lock legs.
10. During the performance and slack prior to the barrel race, it is the judges responsibility to set timer in the arena and see that it is functioning properly.

#### **Electric Timer Failure - LBR**

1. If the electric eye fails to work for 4 or more contestants in an entire go-round, the backup (manual) recorded times will be the official times for everyone.
2. When the electric eye fails to work for less than 4 of the contestants in an entire go-round, the manual times will be the official times for those electronically missed.

3. If the timer fails to work for the 1<sup>st</sup> performance, all remaining performances will be hand flagged. A backup electric eye cannot be used for remaining performances unless it is also available for the 1<sup>st</sup> performance.

#### **Re-Runs LBR**

1. There shall be no re-runs due to faulty equipment.
2. A re-run must be called for immediately following the event and contestants must be notified.
3. Re-run to be given to contestant should default occur due to interference in the arena while contestant is performing.
4. If a contestant decides to re-run, all penalties prior to the foul shall be assessed to the re-run.
5. Should for any reason the barrels not be placed on the markers or the flagman not be in the correct place, things must be put in correct order and all contestants who ran on incorrect course must re-run with no penalties assessed.
6. In the event a barrel is off the marker or the timer or flagman in the proper position and conditions cannot be corrected and a re-run given, the rodeo will be paid off using the jackpot system in order not to sacrifice money won at that rodeo; however, money will not count towards standings if jackpot system is used.
7. Re-run to be given contestant at judges discretion.
8. If a re-run is given for any reason, contestant has the option of waiting until the last contestant in that go-round to run, or will run immediately after the performance.

#### **WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY ROPING**

1. Ropes are tied to saddle horn with nylon string provided and inspected by the judges. Flag must be 4 inches wide and 12 inches long, visible by flagman or judge, and must be attached to end of the rope, with no long tails.
2. Calf must break rope away from saddle horn. Contestant will receive no time should she break rope from saddle horn herself.
3. Breakaway cattle cannot have horns longer than 2 inches.
4. Calves used must be run and/or followed on horseback prior to the competition. Calves from the men's tie-down roping may be used for breakaway roping.
5. Rope must pass over the head and catch as catch can.
6. Contestants fouled by the barrier or if neck rope stays around the calf, she will be given a re-run if the foul is declared immediately by pulling up. If rope is thrown, no re-run will be given.
7. Should the contestant miss with the 1<sup>st</sup> loop and her 2<sup>nd</sup> loop becomes uncoiled or loose and touches the ground, she will receive no time.
8. Breakaway roping is to be added to the association as a regular event and will be included in the finals.

9. Anything not covered in the above rules will be covered by the men's tie-down roping or under General Timed Event Rules.

#### **40/40 MIXED TEAM ROPING**

1. To be eligible for the 40/40 mixed roping, your team must consist of: two men over 40 years old, two women over 40 years old, a man over 40 and a woman of any age, a woman over 40 and a man of any age.
2. A man or woman who has their 40th birthday prior to the Membership Rodeo can compete in the 40/40 mixed team roping the entire rodeo year.
3. This is a KPRA sanctioned event, and earnings will count toward the finals for all-around points as well as the 40/40 TR standings.
4. You may enter the 40/40 TR 2 times. Only the highest earnings will go towards the all-around standings.
5. The rules not covered here will be the same as the dally team roping. Please refer to them for further information.
6. You must designate at the beginning of the year if you want to compete in 40/40 or Open Team Roping, and cannot change. If 40/40 is designated, a contestant can compete in Open TR at rodeos without 40/40, but any money won will not count toward the 40/40 standings.

#### **YEAR-END FINALS**

1. The KPRA will hold a year-end Finals if financially feasible.
2. The top 12 money winners in each event will be responsible for entering their events for the finals, as well as anyone else further down the list that would like to attend and are not in the top 12. If one of the top 12 chooses not to attend, the next person in line will be offered the position, and so on down the list of money earners, provided that person entered the Finals by the Finals entry deadline. If you do not enter the Finals by the entry deadline, you will not be called to fill the next position unless the event did not fill.
3. Team ropers may enter the Finals only 1 time. Money won by the team will be accredited to each contestant's year end standings. All money won will count toward the Finals. Team ropers must choose their partner from the top 12 headers or top 12 heelers, and they must be a KPRA member in good standing, and can only substitute if there is a medical release. They must meet all eligibility requirements. Saddles and buckles to be given to Champion Header and Heeler.
4. To be eligible for the KPRA Finals, you must have competed in at least five (5) KPRA first approved rodeos, EXCEPT bareback, saddle bronc and bull riders, who are only required to have competed in three (3) KPRA first approved rodeos, in each event during the current season as a KPRA card holder, or have board approval.
  - 4a. If there are less than 12 contestants in any event, the KPRA board may invite KPRA members who have competed in that event. If

more contestants are needed to fill the event, the KPRC board may invite contestants from associations we have co-approved with in order to fill the event to 12 contestants.

1. Invited contestants will be eligible for finals awards, but will NOT be eligible for year end awards.....

5. Contract help must have worked at least two KPRC first approved or co-approved rodeos during the current season as a KPRC card holder to be eligible to work the Finals. Rodeos will not count until after card has been purchased.

6. KPRC Board of Directors will serve as year end Finals committee and be responsible for selecting stock and hiring all necessary contract help, including: (3) judges, (1) announcer, (1) secretary, (2) timers, (2) pick-up men and (2) clowns/bullfighters.

7. In order to qualify to bring stock to the Finals, a stock contractor must have a minimum of 2 KPRC sanctioned rodeos during the year.

7a. Stock contractors will nominate animals from their herd for the rough stock events. Contractors may feature two animals in each event to be considered for bucking horse or bull of the year.

7b. Event directors shall select finals stock from contractors list and shall be responsible for setting pens. Judges who have knowledge of animals shall assist each event director with this task.

8. All contract help, including secretary, will be paid a fee to be set by the Board of Directors and will be notified of their wages at the time they are notified of their selection.

9. Entry fees and prize money will be set by the Board of Directors at the same time the number of performances are set. This is determined by the financial condition of the association. All events, including heading and heeling, shall have equal added money from the KPRC Finals Fund.

10. If a contestant turns out stock other than for medical or vet reasons, he will receive a no score for that performance and may compete on remaining stock.

11. Contestants must enter and compete at the KPRC Finals to win year end awards, unless medical or veterinarian releases are approved by the board.

12. All mounted contestants must ride in the Grand Entry. Stock contractors, judges and directors have the right and responsibility to turn in violators. A fine of \$50 can be assessed on anyone who does not ride in the Grand Entry.

13. Finals award winners must be present at the designated place of the awards presentation in order to receive any awards to which they are entitled. If an award winner has a valid excuse for not attending, he/she must notify the KPRC secretary prior to the awards presentation.

**ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS RULE BOOK WILL REFER TO THE PRCA, WPRA, OR PWRA RULE BOOKS.**

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