

All Indian Cowboys Rodeo Association



Rulebook

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Mission Statement

“All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association

Acknowledges our Indian and western heritage,

Culture and tradition as we promote an

Organized professional entertainment as rodeo.

AIRCA is the choice of champions

for contestants, sponsors, and fans

throughout Indian country in North America and Canada.”



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OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS TEAM LISTING

Officers:

President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer
Public Relations
Central Entry System
Miss Rodeo AIRCA
Judges Coordinator
Timers Coordinator
Queen Coordinator

Board of Directors:

Rough Stock Director

Time Event Director

Bareback Riding Director
Alternate Bareback Riding Director
Saddle Bronc Riding Director
Alternate Saddle Bronc Riding Director
Bull Riding Director
Alternate Bull Riding Director
Tie Down Roping Director
Alternate Tie Down Roping Director
Steer Wrestling Director
Alternate Steer Wrestling Director
Team Roping Director
Alternate Team Roping Director
Ladies Barrel Racing Director
Alternate Ladies Barrel Racing Director
Ladies Breakaway Roping Director
Alternate Ladies Breakaway Roping Director

Minor Rodeo Events:

Junior Barrel Racing Representative
50+ Co-Ed Break Away Roping Representative
Junior *Bull* Riding Representative

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ALL INDIAN RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

Approving the Amendments the Corporate Rules and Bylaws of the All Indian
Rodeo Cowboys Association, Inc.

WHEREAS,

- 1) The Board of Directors by the officially recognized Resolution, Rules and Bylaws dated October 1, 1998, is the rule making body and the authority of All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association (AIRCA) with the authority and power to make, adopt, alter, or amend the Articles of Incorporation and Official Rodeo Rule, and
- 2) The Board of Directors for the Association has revised the Rules, thus, proposing the modification of Rules, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, governing the Association members including, but not limited to, rodeo events of AIRCA sanctioned rodeos and administration of the Association, and
- 3) The Revised Rules of the AIRCA will continue to promote professionalism to further enhance Native American rodeo as a sport that provides wholesome family entertainment and explicit participation by Native Americans including the youth and the elders, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Board of Directors of the Association hereby approves and adopts the Rules as amended, under the corporate name of "The All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association, Inc." and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, to govern all activities and achievements of the Association's goals and objectives.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors of the All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association, Inc., in Window Rock, Navajo Nation, (Arizona), at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and abstained 0, this 10th day of March, 2016.

Benjamin Bates, Jr. President
All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association, Inc.

The principal mailing address of the Association shall be:

All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association, Inc.

Post Office Box 1411

Window Rock, (Navajo Nation) Arizona 86515

CHAPTER 1 - MEMBERSHIP

R1.1 ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE AIRCA, YOU ARE AGREEING TO RELEASE THE AIRCA AND OTHER PARTIES AFFILIATED WITH AIRCA FROM LIABILITY. PLEASE READ THE PROVISION CAREFULLY.

Members acknowledge that rodeo events, including AIRCA-sanctioned events are inherently dangerous activities. Members further acknowledge that participation in AIRCA-sanctioned event (whether as a competitor, independent contractor, official, laborer, volunteer or observer) exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risk of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Each Member, in consideration if his/her membership in the AIRCA and his/her being permitted to participate in AIRCA-sanctioned event in any capacity, does by such membership and participation agree to assume such hazards and risks.

Each Member further agrees to discharge, waive, release, and covenant not to sue AIRCA, AIRCA properties, all AIRCA sponsors, all Members (including, without limitation, contestants, Stock Contractors, Rodeo Committees, Rodeo Producers, and Contract Personnel), and any other AIRCA-sanctioned event production entity (and each party's respective officers, directors, employees, and agents), from all claims, demands, and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury, and/or death arising from such Member's participation in AIRCA-sanctioned event. This discharge, waiver and release includes claims, demands, liabilities that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, and includes claims, demands and liabilities arising out of the negligence of the parties so released by such Member. Furthermore, where permitted by applicable law, this discharge, waiver, and release arising out of gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the parties so released. This discharge, waiver, and release also include claims, demands and liabilities by a Member for indemnities and contributions arising from property damages, personal injury and/or death to a third party.

In the event that any provision of this discharge, waiver, release is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the provisions, which other provisions shall remain in full

force and effect as if discharge, waiver, and release had been executed with the invalid provision eliminated.

The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon each Member, his or her heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

R1.2 GENERAL

- R1.2.1 Membership as a contestant in the AIRCA shall be open to any person of Native American descent who is domiciled within the United States and Canada. It shall be the strict policy of AIRCA, that any person applying for membership, shall have a census number or applicable roll number, verifying Native American tribal membership from an Indian Agency, which shall be provided to the appropriate Association Official.
- R1.2.2 Active members shall be all Native American Rodeo participants, who are in good standing with the AIRCA, who possess a valid and current AIRCA membership card, entitling them to all privileges bestowed and/or granted to its members.
- R1.2.3 A Native American applying for membership in the Association must submit an AIRCA application, which shall be provided by the Association. No application for a membership shall be considered, until such application is on file with the AIRCA Secretary. To insure proper processing of an applicant's membership, the AIRCA Secretary shall require two (2) weeks, after initial receipt, to properly execute the application.
- R1.2.4 Any person who becomes a member of the Association shall familiarize themselves with the Association Rules and Bylaws, and they shall at all times comply with, and be bound by the Association Rules and Bylaws. Only those members in good standing with AIRCA shall be eligible to participate in AIRCA activities and they shall be eligible to receive annual awards or benefits sanctioned by the Association.
- R1.2.5 The AIRCA Board of Directors expects the full cooperation of all AIRCA members, when they are called upon by any of the AIRCA Officials to represent the Association's interest, regarding enforcement of AIRCA Rules and Bylaws, at any sanctioned AIRCA rodeo, or in any manner consistent with official AIRCA business.
- R1.2.6 Any person who is under the age of eighteen (18), and who is not emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall have a notarized permission from their parents or legal guardian, and a signed release of liability, to participate in all AIRCA host sanctioned rodeos as a new member of AIRCA..

- R1.2.7 AIRCA contestant members shall be afforded to have first preference over AIRCA Permit Members and Non-members, in entering AIRCA sanctioned rodeos. AIRCA Permit Members shall be afforded to have preference over Non-Members, in entering AIRCA sanctioned rodeos.
- R1.2.8 An AIRCA contestant member whose name is placed on the ineligible list, for any justifiable reason or because of an infraction for which the AIRCA Board has imposed a monetary fine of One- Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or more, or a disciplinary suspension for a period of six (6) months, or more, shall not be considered for reinstatement, unless approved by a majority vote of the AIRCA Board of Directors.
- R1.2.9 All award buckles awarded at the AIRCA Awards presentations shall be standardized. Buckles shall appear precisely the same each year.
- R1.2.10 The procedure of rodeo events, as pertaining to AIRCA sanctioned rodeos is Subject change in accordance to entries. AIRCA approved rodeos affiliated with International Indian Finals Rodeo (IIFR) shall have the option to include additional events required by IIFR where appropriate.

R1.3 CATEGORIES OF AIRCA MEMBERSHIP

- R1.3.1 CONTESTANTS: AIRCA members who have complied with obtaining an AIRCA membership and who participate in the following rodeo events: Bareback riding, bull riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, dally team roping, #12 team roping, women's barrel racing, and women's breakaway roping; included will be junior bull riding, junior barrel racing and senior breakaway roping, which are the eleven standard rodeo events.
- R1.3.2 CONTESTANT MEMBERS: Applicants desiring to obtain AIRCA contestant membership will be granted after the applications have been properly processed.
- R1.3.3 AIRCA contestant members shall pay their annual membership dues, established at seventy-five *dollars (75.00)* per year, and the membership shall commence on January 01, of the current year. If AIRCA membership dues are not paid by, (or payment postmarked by, set date approve by the BOD, of each current year, a monetary fine of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), shall be imposed.

If the Member desires to reinstate their AIRCA membership, they shall be required to abide by the same procedures as though they are applying for their first membership; however, they shall not be considered for any Rookie Award and fine paid as per R.1.2.8.

R1.3.4 AIRCA contestant members who earn the title of AIRCA Champion, in their particular rodeo event, at the AIRCA Finals, shall be awarded free membership for the following year. An AIRCA member who earns more than one AIRCA Champion shall be awarded only one free membership. Member shall have application on file before points count.

R1.3.5 GOLD CARD MEMBERS: The AIRCA Board of Directors, at their December meeting, shall nominate only up to five (5) members annually for the Gold Card Membership. Although a member may be nominated, AIRCA shall not be bound to award the member as a Gold Card Member. Nominations shall be made according to the following criteria:

- a. A nominee shall be a former or current Member, who is or was in good standing with AIRCA. (Note: Member does not specifically denote that they are, or were, Contestants.
- b. A nominee shall be fifty (50) years of age, or older.
- c. Nominee shall have been, or is currently, an outstanding rodeo contestant and/or has made an outstanding contribution in the form of recognition, service or donation to the Association.
- d. A nominee shall be highly considered for length of membership with the Association
- e. Twenty years of membership

A Gold Card Member shall be a lifetime member of the All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association, Inc. If they are current Contestants, they shall be granted leave to participate as Contestants, in AIRCA sanctioned rodeos. Regular entry fees must still be paid by card member, no exception.

R1.3.6 NON-CONTESTANT MEMBERSHIP: Non-contestant membership includes all categories of membership except contestants. Native American status shall not apply to this category of membership. Non-contestant members are bound by all Association Rules and Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and any other rules proscribed by the Association. Non-contestant members include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Stock Contractors
- 2) Rodeo Sponsors
- 3) AIRCA Rodeo Event Judges
- 4) AIRCA Rodeo Announcers
- 5) AIRCA Rodeo Photographers
- 6) AIRCA Arena Secretaries
- 7) AIRCA Honorary Members
- 8) AIRCA Rodeo Event Timers
- 9) Corporate Sponsors

R1.3.7 STOCK CONTRACTORS: Applicants desiring to be members of AIRCA as Stock Contractors shall file Stock Contractor's application, with the AIRCA Secretary, providing the types and quantity of stock, stating where such

stock may be inspected, and giving the stocks identifying marks and brands. The annual membership fee for Stock Contractors shall be Ninety Five Dollars (\$95), payable on or before event. If you wish your stock to part of the finals, please pay the \$95.00 for membership.

Only the operating officer of a corporate stock contracting enterprise shall be required to be a member. Other members of the Stock Contractors staff may apply for membership with AIRCA as Stock Contractors and they shall be accessed the same membership fee, and "they shall abide by the fine scheduled of the Stock Contractor.

- R1.3.8 Before an AIRCA Stock Contractor membership is approved, a Stock Contractor shall provide information to the satisfaction of the AIRCA, of the following standards, which shall be provided to the AIRCA Secretary; in addition to the usual membership application. The applicant must own or have access to adequate stock and equipment to put on a full scaled AIRCA sanctioned rodeo, which shall include a minimum of thirty (30) bucking horses, twenty-five (25) bucking bulls, and shall be able to supply adequate timed-event cattle of thirty (30) calves (15) Tie-Down, (15) breakaway, and thirty (30) team roping steers and fifteen (15) steer wrestling steers. Or 1/2 the number of entries for time events. Bucking stock animals shall not go out, no more than three (3) times at any one rodeo performance.
- R1.3.9 When an AIRCA Stock Contractor member accepts a second contract, either by another AIRCA sanctioned rodeo or of another rodeo association to provide rodeo stock on the same day or dates, the Stock Contractor shall notify both rodeo committees and the Association, prior to entering into the second contract. Any AIRCA Stock Contractor member who fails to contact the AIRCA shall be fined One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which shall be paid prior to the next AIRCA sanctioned rodeo where the Stock Contract is scheduled to provide rodeo stock. Stock Contractor shall contact the AIRCA Central Entry Secretary to get figures of the amount of rodeo entries accepted, at least one week prior to the scheduled rodeo.
- R1.3.10 CENTRAL ENTRY SECRETARY (CES). The annual dues to be paid by the CES shall be ninety-five dollars (95.00); which shall be paid on a set date by AIRCA BOD of the current year. Fines shall be consistent with the AIRCA fine scheduled as established for the Contestant Members. The CES shall be considered as the current rodeo arena secretary for all AIRCA sanctioned rodeos, unless otherwise designated by the Board; of which notification shall be made at least one hour prior to the start of the first performance. Notification shall be made by any member of the Board. There shall be one (1) primary secretary.
- R1.3.11 TIMERS: The annual dues to be paid by the Timers shall be ninety-five dollars (95.00), which shall be paid on a set date by AIRCA BOD of the current year. Fines shall be consistent with the AIRCA fine scheduled as

established for the Contestant Members. Timers are required to attend a Timer's Seminar at the beginning of each rodeo year, and they are required to present a certificate of attendance as provided for in the Timer's Handbook.

- R1.3.12 JUDGES: The Judges are required to attend Judges and Timer's Seminar at the beginning of each rodeo year on a yearly program and they shall pay annual membership fees, which shall be ninety-five dollars (95.00), which shall be paid on a set date by AIRCA BOD of the current year. Fines shall be consistent with the AIRCA fine scheduled as established for the Contestant Members.
- R1.3.13 ANNOUNCERS: Annual dues shall be Ninety Five Dollars (\$95.00), for any person who desires to announce rodeo activities at AIRCA sanctioned rodeos shall be paid on set date by the AIRCA BOD, of the current year. Fines shall be consistent with the AIRCA fine scheduled as established for the Contestant Members. If Announcer wishes to be considered for Finals, please pay membership.
- R1.3.14 ARENA PHOTOGRAPHERS: Member photographers are expected to abide by the same rules and regulations, and conduct governing other AIRCA members. This includes cooperating with AIRCA, arena directors, secretaries and rodeo committees. Annual dues shall be Ninety Five dollars (\$95.00).

R1.4 RADIO AND MEDIA RULES

- R1.4.1 Any member of the AIRCA, who enters an AIRCA sanctioned rodeo or rodeo event, and any stock contractor, contract personnel, official or staff of the rodeo, or any other person admitted to the rodeo, shall, as a condition of their entry, employment, admission or other involvement therein, shall be deemed to have consented to AIRCA ownership of all rights in, and to their appearance as to their involvement therein, whereby AIRCA shall have the exclusive expressed and implied right, and may permit others, as it deems appropriate, to dispense, reproduced/or otherwise use any such persons name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph and other pictures in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the rodeo or rodeo event by such person, of any product or service, unless that person's consent thereto, is first obtained. As a Member, AIRCA shall act in the members' behalf, and in their best interest, and on behalf and in the best interest of AIRCA, in engaging in promotional activities relating to the conduct of the sport of Indian Rodeo.

R1.5 CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

- R1.5.1 The Board shall provide for issuance of membership cards evidencing membership with AIRCA and the certificate shall be in a form as may be approved by the Board. Certificates shall bear the emblem of the

Association. All certificates evidencing membership of any category shall be consecutively numbered. The name and address each Member and date of issuance of the certificate, shall be entered on the official records of the Association. If the certificate is lost, mutilated or destroyed, a new certificate of AIRCA Membership may be issued, on such terms and conditions as the Board may direct.

R1.5.2 ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES: Upon approval of a membership application by AIRCA Secretary, and upon receipt of the full payment of the annual dues, a membership certificate shall be issued in the name of the Applicant.

R1.5.3 DUPLICATE CARDS: Any Member, who is given a duplicate membership card, shall be assessed ten dollars (\$10) fee, for any duplicate or permit card. No card shall be re-issued until the fee is paid.

R1.6 VOLUNTARY RESIGNATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS

R1.6.1 RESIGNATIONS: Any AIRCA Member may resign his affiliation with AIRCA by filing a written resignation with the AIRCA Secretary. The resignation shall not relieve the Member so resigning, of the obligation to pay annual dues, assessment of fines or of other accrued changes and unpaid bills pertaining to AIRCA.

R1.6.2 REINSTATEMENT: Upon written request signed by a former AIRCA Member and which is filed with the AIRCA Secretary, the Board, by the affirming vote of a majority of the Board, may reinstate such former Member to membership, provided the former Member pays their annual dues in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and Bylaws.

R1.7 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

R1.7.1 An annual meeting of the AIRCA Members shall be held once in each calendar year; at such time and place which shall be designated by the Board. Notices of the annual meeting shall be published in local newspaper(s) selected by the AIRCA on two separate occasions, and such membership meeting shall take place no sooner than thirty (30) days from the date of first publication.

CHAPTER 2- ELECTIONS

R2.1 ELECTIONS

R2.1.1 The President of AIRCA and the members of the AIRCA Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with the following:

- A. If no event directors for each event, the President will appoint a Rough Stock Director and Time Event Director for each year as needed.
- a. Elections shall be staggered to insure that four (4) Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected each year.
 - b. Directors for steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, rodeo committee and the President, upon being elected, shall assume their respective office in even numbered years, on January 01.
 - c. Directors of tie down roping, bareback riding, bull riding, women's barrel racing and breakaway roping, upon being elected shall take office in odd-numbered years.
 - d. Elections for the Office of the AIRCA President shall be held every other year in odd- numbered years.

R2.1.2 QUALIFICATIONS: Any AIRCA member who is nominated for an office; i.e. AIRCA President or AIRCA Board of Directors; in order to qualify, as a nominee for the Office of AIRCA President, or Directorship of the AIRCA, shall be required to abide by the following:

- a. The nominee shall be a member of AIRCA for at least one year prior to his nomination.
- b. The nominee shall be in good standing with AIRCA before he may be considered. There shall be no deviations of this standard, either by the AIRCA President, the Board of Directors or AIRCA Member, unless a two-thirds vote of AIRCA Members.
- c. The nominee shall insure that the AIRCA Secretary has a notarized copy of the nominee's availability for appointment and his acceptance of the nomination, prior to having their name placed on the ballot.
- d. The President-elect shall at his discretion appoint his administration consisting of Vice-President, Administrative Secretary, and Treasurer, with the approval of the majority vote of the Board.

R2.2 NOMINATIONS/BALLOTS

R2.2.1 Nominations and balloting shall be in accordance with the following;

- a. The AIRCA Board of Directors shall serve as the nomination committee.
- b. A member or officer in good standing with AIRCA, who is not a candidate for President or the Board of Directors, shall serve a selection chairman (auditor).
- c. Each nomination must receive a record, and must have a majority vote.
- d. The nomination deadline shall be set by the current AIRCA BOD of the current year, for each position up for election.
- e. A nominee's consent for candidacy must be obtained before his name is put on the ballot.

- f. Ballots shall have at least two (2) nominees and a separate write-in blank.
- g. One ballot shall be mailed to each AIRCA member, at their last known address or ballot shall be picking up at voting site by member who is in good standing with AIRCA. Each AIRCA member shall have only one vote for AIRCA President and one vote for a Director in the event they work are contestants or participate
- h. Ballots shall be due on or before the AIRCA Finals or Event.
- i. In order to ensure the integrity of the elections process, a ballot that is cast to be counted, shall be valid only if it is cast utilizing the official, original serially numbered ballot, which has been sent to the members of the AIRCA Secretary. No ballot shall be counted towards the tally of a candidate, or as valid, unless a signature of the voting Member is affixed on the return envelope, immediately under the return address. Any ballot returned without a signature, as required, shall be discarded without being opened or counted. The ballot shall not be opened, but will be destroyed.
- j. All ballots shall remain sealed until the scheduled final count. The scheduled final count shall be held in the presence of the current Board of Directors, at a duly called meeting, where a quorum is present, immediately following the AIRCA Event.
- k. A written and notarized consent to serve as an AIRCA Official shall be obtained from a write- In candidate who has been elected. The consent shall be approved by the Board.
- l. When an elected candidate is unable to accept the position to which they were elected, the candidate who has received the next highest number of votes for that position deemed to have been elected and they shall be granted leave to take office.
- n. The candidate receiving the higher number of votes cast for a particular office shall be declared elected.
- o. An AIRCA member may vote for a member of the board of Directors, only in the events in which the voting member works, is a contestant or performs.
- p. All active and lifetime members shall have one (1) vote for President.
- q. If a Director is elected President while a portion of his Director's term remains, the incoming Board shall fill the vacancy by a majority vote at the first meeting thereafter. Such appointed Director shall serve for the remaining term.
- r. In the event of a tie in vote's casts, a run-off election shall be conducted, using the same procedures above.

CHAPTER 3 – ADMINISTRATION

R3.1 OFFICERS

R3.1.1 The officers of the AIRCA shall be as follows:

- a. One President
 - b. One Vice-President
 - c. One Secretary/Administrative Assistant
 - d. One Treasurer
 - e. One Public Relation Officer
 - f. Eleven Board of Directors or Rough Stock and Timed Event coordinators for the following events: Saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, ladies barrel racing, team roping, #12 team roping, ladies breakaway roping, senior co-ed breakaway roping, junior *bull* riding, and junior barrel racing .
 - g. One Rodeo Committee Representative
 - h. One Judge's Coordinator
 - i. One Timer's Coordinator
 - j. Queen Committee Coordinator
 - k. Web Designer
 - l. Membership Coordinator
- R3.1.2 Any resignation of officers or event directors shall be presented to the Board of Directors, either verbally or in writing, and shall then be acted upon by the Board. The Board may take the matter under consideration for their discussion, or the Board may take immediate action, whichever best serves AIRCA and the resigning member.
- R3.1.3 REMOVAL: Any officer or event director who has been elected or appointed, either by the President or by the Board of Directors, may be removed by the Board of Directors, for cause, whenever, it is in the Boards judgment, that the best interest of the corporation would be served, however, such removal shall be (without prejudice to the contract rights), if any, of the officer or event director is so removed.
- R3.1.4 Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board, at the next duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, where a quorum is present. Any vacancies occurring where the director was appointed by the President shall be filled no later than the next duly called meeting
- R3.1.5 The President shall be elected by popular vote and shall serve a term of two (2) consecutive years. Vice- President shall be appointed by the President; and shall serve at the pleasure of the President, serve concurrent with the term of the President. The Vice-President may continue their service to AIRCA in their same capacity if they are to be selected by the continuing President or a newly elected President. The event directors shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years.

R3.2 FUNCTIONS

- R3.2.1 **The President** is responsible for overseeing the proper administration of the Association and approved rodeos. He shall see that other officers and Board members carry out their duties and responsibilities. He shall be the liaison between the Association and any other sponsors, rodeo event sponsors, and any other associations connected with the production of rodeos, but not limited to rodeos. The President shall preside at all meetings of the AIRCA and of the Board of Directors.
- R3.2.2 **The Vice-President** shall perform the Presidential duties in the absence or whenever the President is unable to carry out his/her duties, and the First Vice-President shall be present at all Board of Director's meetings to keep abreast of all official issues and conduct the meeting without hindrance.
- R3.2.3 **The Secretary/Administrative Assistant** shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board, distribute such minutes to all officers and event directors, and including all other persons who are entitled to such minutes. He/she shall arrange an agenda for all Board meetings; keep all AIRCA records, generate correspondence and documents to appropriate personnel, entities, etc., and the records and standings of all members. The Secretary shall further assist the PRO to insure that the general public is informed of the AIRCA activities through appropriate news release.
- R3.2.4 **The Treasurer** shall make financial reports at each Board meeting; keep accurate records and accounts of all income and expenses, deposit moneys in the name of the Association, in a bank designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall not payout or disburse any money until approved by the Board except in an urgent situation disbursement will be granted bearing two signatures of the authorized personnel. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget with designated line items approved by the Board.
- R3.2.5 **The Public Relations Officer (PRO)** shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. The AIRCA shall select and employ a person of known integrity to serve as Public Relations Officer of AIRCA and shall determine the period his/her employment. The Board, by majority vote, may remove the Public Relations Officer from office whenever in its judgment, the interest of the AIRCA would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to contract rights, if any, of the Public Relations Officer so removed. The duties, unless modified by the Board, of the Public Relations Officer shall include, but shall

not be limited to the following, research, develops, writes, coordinates media campaigns; coordinates associated public relations activities; researches, outlines and prepares speeches; furnishes information and photographs for the press, periodicals, radio coverage; reviews and determines needs, defines goals and recommends steps needed to carry out a planned public information program and others.

- R3.2.6 **The Board of Directors** is rule-making body and the authority of AIRCA. The Board shall have any and all discretionary power to conduct the business and affairs of the AIRCA, and the power and authority to make, adopt, alter or amend the Articles of Incorporation and Official Rodeo Rules. Any making, adoption, altering and amending of the Articles of Incorporation and Official Rodeo Rules shall be made at a duly called Board meeting where a quorum is present, and only by a majority vote of the Board. The Board may take any action which it considers necessary to carry-out the purpose of AIRCA, as provided for in the Articles of Incorporation, Rules and any other procedures approved by the Board.
- R3.2.7 Newly elected officers and event directors shall assume the responsibilities of their respective office, after the annual AIRCA awards, at the first duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, where a quorum is present. Any officer or event director who is replaced shall relinquish their authority placed upon them by the Board when the new officers and event directors assume their office. The Board of Directors are granted authority by the Board, to create and fill positions within the AIRCA, which will serve the interest of the Board; which shall first be presented to the Board at a duly called meeting where a quorum is present, a discussion shall then be held and implementation shall be by a majority vote of the Board. The Board shall name the position, install functions, responsibilities and duties, name the member; who shall not be a voting member of the Board and include a termination date.
- R3.2.8 All actions of the Board of Directors, in making changes in the Articles of Incorporation of Official Rodeo Rules, procedures or any other procedures that pertain to AIRCA, shall be achieved, by the majority vote in a duly called meeting of the Board where a quorum is present. Each officer and event director shall have one (1) vote. There shall be no proxy votes. The President shall be required to vote in all cases and his vote shall be sequestered, that in the event of a tie the President's vote shall be cast and counted.

R3.3 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

- R3.3.1 The President is granted leave by the Board, that he may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors, at any time, provided each member of the Board is given an adequate advance notice before the scheduled meeting, in an emergency, the President may call for an emergency meeting, where there must be at least three (3) Board members or their respective alternates available to constitute a quorum. An emergency meeting may be held telephonically. After the emergency meeting, the President shall inform the Secretary and the contents of the emergency meeting shall be presented at the next Board meeting.
- R3.3.2 At all regular meetings of the Board, a quorum shall be present which shall consist of at least five (5) officers and/or event directors. If a quorum is not present, after a reasonable delay, and it is necessary for certain items on the agenda is needed to be handled expeditiously, the President shall have the option of calling an emergency meeting. Otherwise, without further delay the meeting shall adjourn and be rescheduled. Officers and event directors shall not miss three (3) consecutive meetings. The current President will make the termination for just caused.
- R3.3.3 When an elected event director is unable to appear at a scheduled AIRCA Board meeting, the event director shall be required to delegate their responsibility and authority to their alternate. If this is not done by the event director, the President shall make the selection.
- R3.3.4 DUES: Officers, event directors and their alternates, shall become members of AIRCA, without paying any annual membership fees during the time they are in office and conducting their respective responsibilities; except that past Presidents, who have served in good standing, shall be granted free lifetime membership, and any past Vice-Presidents, who have served in good standing, shall be granted free membership for five (5) consecutive years after leaving office, provided all records are transferred over to the next administration. AIRCA officers will be required to relinquish their responsibilities and duties, which are conveyed upon them by the Board, with a balanced budget at the end of their respective term.
- R3.3.5 CONDUCT: Officers, event directors and their alternates have a duty to AIRCA, their respective positions within the association, AIRCA members, and to the Sport of Indian Rodeo; to maintain a respectable image, upon themselves, their families and AIRCA, and to conduct themselves with dignity at all times.
- R3.3.6 COMMITTEE: The Board may designate such committees and appoint members to serve thereon as it may from time to time deem it necessary for the benefit of the association by approval of the Board.

CHAPTER 4 – OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

R4.1 SEAL, RECORDS. FISCAL YEAR

- R4.1.1 The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal (logo), which shall consist of the words:
"All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association" (AIRCA).
- R4.1.2 The Association shall keep complete books and records of accounts; and shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and duly approved committees having and exercising any authority conveyed by the Board; and shall keep at the central AIRCA Office, a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote.
- R4.1.3 The calendar year of the Association shall begin January 01, and end at midnight on December 31, of the same year.

CHAPTER 5 - PRE-RODEO ACTIVITIES

R5.15 GENERAL STATEMENT

- R5.1.1 The AIRCA provides its own Rules for rodeo contests and shall require rodeo committees to adhere to them.
- R5.1.2 The AIRCA shall retain and reserves the right to not sanction any rodeo which does not conform to these Rules or unless approve by AIRCA BOD.
- R5.1.3 AIRCA does not express or imply, nor do they assume any responsibility and/or liability for injuries sustained or damages to persons, property or stock and their owners, contestants or their assistants. Each participant by their own acts or omissions, and each participants agents, representatives, heir, attorneys or any other person who represents and/or appears to represent the participant, pursuant to the participants entry in any rodeo event or activity which is sanctioned by AIRCA, shall be deemed to have waived all rights and claims against AIRCA, rodeo committees and any member of AIRCA, of any injuries they may sustain, or damages to their property.
- R5.1.4 All contract personnel hired by the Rodeo committees shall be AIRCA members who are in good standing, and prohibited from performing more than one duty per rodeo. A Rodeo committee who hires non-AIRCA contract personnel shall subject to a Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) fine. Fine will be taken from Committee Fee

R5.2**RODEO COMMITTEES**

- R5.2.1 Each Rodeo Committee will have the option of accepting non-members entries.
- R5.2.2 The committee shall be required to provide office facilities or space for the CES Secretary at the arena. All rodeo committees shall allow AIRCA officers and Board of Directors free admission to sanctioned rodeos, provided proper identification is presented. The member who is contesting at a given rodeo must show entry fee receipt In order to gain access to rodeo grounds without paying admission.
- R5.2.3 The rodeo committee must notify the CES office prior to entry opening the following:
- a. Time all performances start
 - b. Approximate number of entries.
 - c. Opening and Closing Date of Rodeo Office.
 - d. Mailing Address for Entry Fees.
 - e. Other.
- R5.2.4 The rodeo committee of each AIRCA approved rodeo shall be required to provide an ambulance and adequate first-aid facilities for all paid performances and slack. No rough stock events will begin without the presence of an ambulance service
- R5.2.5 The rodeo committee and the AIRCA shall be responsible for paying rodeo judge's, and timer's, and CES, \$120.00 per timer, \$130.00 per judge, and 1 CES @\$160.00 per performance. At a Two Performance Rodeo's, if slack is necessary there is a Five Dollars \$5.00 per run.
- R5.2.6 The rodeo committee shall be responsible for compensating the CES Secretary, Timer's, and Judges for any Rodeo's that have more than Three or more performances. Rates may be negotiated with AIRCA, prior to large rodeo, such as AIRCA Finals Rodeo

R5.3**APPLICATIONS AND APPROVAL**

- R5.3.1 Rodeo Committees shall submit AIRCA Rodeo Approval Application for review and approval by the AIRCA. In the event that a specific change is requested from the normal conduct of a rodeo the AIRCA Rodeo Approval Application shall explain the reason for the requested change. Any AIRCA Rodeo Committee wishing to utilize their own ground rules must submit said ground rules with the approval forms for the AIRCA Board's consideration and said ground rules must be posted in the rodeo headquarters during the rodeo. Any special

ground rules will be enforced by the AIRCA and any corresponding fines will be assessed and collected by the AIRCA.

- R5.3.2 For any rodeo to be sanctioned there shall be a minimum of Nine (9) standard rodeo events, and/or three minor events (optional) with a minimum of five (5) contestants per standard rodeo event. Once having obtained AIRCA approval, rodeos are required to advertise their respective rodeos as AIRCA sanctioned.
- R5.3.3 To be considered for AIRCA approval, the rodeos with the eight (8) standard events must add at least one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per event and three hundred (\$300.00) team roping, #10 Team roping per rodeo. Any standardize finals rodeo shall add junior and senior events, (Jr. Bull Riding, Jr. Barrel Racing, Co-ed Senior Break Away Roping).
- R5.3.4 The thirty dollars (\$30.00) Rodeo approval fee must be submitted with the AIRCA Rodeo Approval application to AIRCA for review and approval.
- R5.3.5 All non-AIRCA rodeo events held during a rodeo must be indicated on approval application and approved at time of rodeo approval.
- R5.3.6 After a rodeo has been approved by the AIRCA, all printed advertising and promotional material used by a committee, management, or stock contractor to promote that rodeo shall have the official AIRCA emblem displayed. This requirement does not permit the use of the emblem on products or advertising of products that are to be sold commercially.
- R5.3.7 AIRCA must approve any changes to original rodeos approved. Rodeo committees shall be responsible for the announcement of the changes in the local news media.
- R5.3.8 All AIRCA rodeos are considered as a single-sanctioned rodeo, unless prior permission has been granted by the Board of Directors.
- R5.3.9 Any rodeo committee seeking sanctioning by other rodeo association(s) must first receive clearance from AIRCA Board of Directors.
- R5.3.10 Only members in good standing with AIRCA will be allowed to participate in the approved and sanctioned rodeo and meet the criteria for advancement to the finals and awards.
- R5.3.11 AIRCA Rules and Bylaws shall govern the conduct of the rodeo. Written sanctioning authorization must be received by the rodeo

committee and the AIRCA at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the rodeo.

- R5.3.12 Rodeo committees are required to have contract agreements submitted to the AIRCA Secretary no later than thirty (30) days before the first performance.
- R5.3.13 CES shall submit a written official rodeo results to the rodeo committee within five (5) days.

R5.4 ADDED PURSE AND UNIFORM SANCTION CRITERIA

- R5.4.1 The added purse for a single sanctioned rodeo shall be a minimum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per standard event, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) open and #10 team roping. Co-sanction (Invitation) events shall be a minimum of Two hundred Dollars (\$200.00), Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) in open & #10 team roping. If prior arrangements have not been made for added purse, the CES has authority to obtain monies from committee fees.

Minor (Jr. Bulls, Jr. Barrels, Sr. Breakaway) events \$150.00 per event minimum.

R5.5 UNIFORM POINT SYSTEM

- R5.5.1 All rodeos participating must be affiliated and recognized by AIRCA in order for points to count. For contestant's points or winnings to count toward AIRCA standings, the sanctioned rodeo must meet all sanctioning criteria.
- R5.5.2 AIRCA policy to collect rodeo fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per entry from all contestants will be in effect at all times.
- R5.5.3 AIRCA shall not recognize "jackpot rodeos" as sanctioned rodeos (No added Money).
- R5.5.4 No finals or short go-rounds in any event shall be scheduled during the same performance in which regular go-round competition in that event is scheduled, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- R5.5.6 All qualifiers for a finals or short go-round, including additional contestants resulting from ties, are eligible to compete during the finals performance. Any deviation from this must be approved by the Board of Directors at the time of rodeo approval..
- R5.5.8 All rodeo slack dates and time shall be approved by AIRCA BOD.

R5.5.9 When additional money is available to be added to the purse, and if it cannot be advertised in at least two weeks before the schedule rodeo, the President of the AIRCA will be empowered by the Board to add this money to the purse and it shall count as championship points. This empowerment will be valid any time there is extenuating circumstances.

R5.6 ENTRY FEES

R5.6.1 Entry fees for all AIRCA sanctioned rodeos will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

R5.6.2 Entry fees in all events shall be determined by the amount of added purse in those events. Entry fees in all events will be raised in direct proportion to the added purse based on the following scale:

<u>One Head</u>	<u>(Add \$20.00 Rodeo Fee)</u>
\$150.00 – \$499.00	\$50.00 – \$55.00
\$500.00 – \$999.00	\$60.00 – \$65.00
\$1000.00 – 1499.00	\$70.00 – \$90.00
\$1500.00 – Over	\$100.00 <i>Approved by the BOD</i>

<u>One Head w/Finals</u>	<u>(Add \$30.00 Rodeo Fee)</u>
\$150.00 – \$499.00	\$75.00 - \$80.00
\$500.00 – \$999.00	\$85.00 - \$90.00
\$1000.00 – \$1499.00	\$95.00 - \$100.00
\$1500.00 – Over	<i>Approved by the BOD</i>

<u>Two Head</u>	<u>(Add \$30.00 Rodeo Fee)</u>
\$150.00 – 499.00	\$100.00 – \$120.00
\$500.00 – \$999.00	\$130.00 - \$150.00
\$1000.00 – \$1500.00	\$200.00 – \$230.00
\$1500.00 – Over	<i>Approved by the BOD</i>

AIRCA Finals Rodeo Set by Board of Directors

R5.6.3 Any non-member of AIRCA shall be assessed, a minimum of \$10 Dollars (Ten) in addition to the entry fee and rodeo administration fee. AIRCA and rodeo committee shall divide fee.

R5.7 CENTRAL ENTRY SECRETARY (CES)

R5.7.1 CES shall under the direct supervision of the AIRCA Board of Directors, perform a wide variety of administrative, financial management, and clerical duties of considerable difficulty and

responsibility in accordance with AIRCA rules and bylaws, specifically the section entitled "Central Entry Secretary"; other pertinent duties may be assigned from time to time by the AIRCA President and Board of Directors.

- R5.7.2 CES shall be responsible and accountable for all money handled during appointment of assigned rodeos. Any monies that are stolen or lost shall be repaid by CES or justified as necessary by request of the Board.
- R5.7.3 The CES is developed to improve the production of AIRCA sanctioned rodeos. Its primary functions will be to establish a convenient entry system and promote proficiency.
- R5.7.4 In selection of a CES Secretary: Applicant must meet all criteria set by the AIRCA and submit a Letter of Interest with required documents to the association and interviewed by a panel consisting of AIRCA administrative officer. The selection of a CES Secretary shall bear upon the Board of Directors from a short list provide by the interviewers.
- .R5.7.6 All entries for AIRCA rodeos will be taken through the Central Entry Office, with the exception of non-AIRCA events.
- R5.7.7 All rodeo entries and call backs will be taken under Central Entry time parameters. CES will be available at all times within parameters of call-ins and call backs.
- R5.7.8 The CES shall operate according to the scheduled set forth by the Board of Directors. Entries will be taken a minimum of four (3) days prior to the scheduled rodeo with the following schedule:
- MONDAY: 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.** Entries open for ALL EVENTS
- TUESDAY: 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.** Entries open for ALL EVENTS
- WEDNESDAY: 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.** Call back for positions, Draw outs, Confirm standbys, and other rodeo information.
- R5.7.9 Contestants must be eligible at time of entry. Contestants entering with valid and correct AIRCA card number will have first priority.
- R5.7.10 Call back information will be provided only with a valid and correct AIRCA card number. Rodeo information also is available to committeemen and local contestants with proper identification.

- R5.7.11 Contestants are responsible for the use of their AIRCA number and possible consequences related to its use.
- R5.7.12 Adjustments must be made before 10 P.M. on call back unless further extension is allowed by the CES and the AIRCA President
- R5.7.13 Entries using Central Entry Office must confirm entries or will be draw out of the rodeo event.
- R5.7.14 A non-card holder may team rope with a card holder at any rodeo, except the AIRCA Championship Finals Rodeo;
 - a. In team roping, Team must inform the CES before events begin of partner changes in header/heeler, open, and #10 Team Roping at time of entry. In the instance of duplicate or multiple partners and partner not showing up. At time of call-ins the header/heeler is to be decided at this time.
- R5.7.15 Any change of partner will be subject to a Ten Dollars (\$10.00) fine in addition to the entry fee. (Team Roping)
- R5.7.16 Rodeo Committees must notify the CES prior to Entry Opening time of the anticipated performances times for a given rodeo specifying date and time.
- R5.7.17 CES, contestants, and designed official will be responsible to split contestants using the same horse at time of entry.
- R5.7.18 CES, and the AIRCA Board of Directors shall be responsible for media and office supplies for the rodeo season to be reimbursed at the end of the month with an invoice.

R5.8 BUDDY SYSTEM

- R5.8.1 Person wishing to buddy with another contestant must have that contestant's AIRCA number..
- R5.8.2 Contestants wishing to buddy can buddy only in the same Performance. Only exception will be husband-wife (father-daughter/son) buddy and two or more events contestants.. Contestants wishing to buddy shall specifically ask to be on the buddy system. .
- R5.8.4 In team roping ONLY, teams shall be buddies team on team. If two teams are buddies, one team partner cannot buddy with another

contestant in any other event. Header and Heeler positions have to be clarified at time of entry.

R5.8.5 A four-person buddy system may be implemented at all rodeos. Any combination up to four (4) individuals in the same events may be buddies. When placing the entry, the buddy group should be specified by card number, name and event.

R5.9 DRAWING POSITIONS .

R5.9.1 No contestants will compete on two (2) heads in the same events during the same performance, except for re-rides in the riding events and Timed events with AIRCA approval.

R5.9.2 In those events where a subsequent go-round is the reversal of the previous go-round; If a go-round ends and the next one starts during the same performance, contestants finishing the go-round will be dropped off and start the next performance of their next head of stock. This same procedure will be followed if drawing of positions results in a contestant's drawn twice for the same performance.

R5.9.3 Contestants should state their current card number when calling or entering a AIRCA sanctioned rodeo.

R5.9.4 The object of the random draw is to guarantee a balance entry for all performance and to assure the stock will not be over-used on a given day. It also insures each contestant a fair chance to enter a given rodeo without pushing for a later performance.

R5.9.5 Rodeos having two (2) sections of any rodeo event in the same performance must notify the CES prior to contestant position. In the instance that a contestant was not informed on his/her specific section by the CES, he/she will be assumed to be in the last section of that event in the specific performance. It shall be the responsibility of contestant to contact the CES. Said contestant shall receive his/her stock back if he/she arrives in time for the last section of his/her event.

R5.9.6 Performance preference will be honored at all AIRCA rodeos or otherwise changed by the Board of Directors.

R5.10 DRAWING STOCK

R5.10.1 If not drawn at the Central Entry Office, plastic poker chips must be used.

- R5.10.2 All stock in contest events must be drawn by number, by a judge, including team roping cattle. Any arrangements to the contrary for all events must be approved by the judges, rough stock and time event coordinator prior to the first performance of the rodeo. There must always be at least four exact copies made of the draw: One to be posted, one copy for each judge, and one or more copies for the arena secretary's record. The draw at all rodeos shall be posted where contestants can examine it. Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the drawing judge's head and numbers shaken between each number drawn. Drawing must be conducted so that any entrant may witness the draw.
- R5.10.3 In all events, stock shall not be drawn for a contestant if contestant has notified the CES that his/her doctor released him/her in that go-round, or has been disqualified. If additional timed- event cattle are needed, cattle to be run will be drawn from those remaining in that performance's pen, with a record of the times and names of persons running these cattle posted for reference.
- R5.10.4 No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at anyone rodeo in the same event, except in the case of a re-ride in the riding events or a rerun in the timed events in the same go-round.
- R5.10.5 In the bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding events, stock cannot be out twice in the same performance with the exception of re-rides. The designated re-ride must be different from those animals out that given performance.
- R5.10.6 In all riding events, re-rides and go-round stock must be drawn, in its entirety, a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the start of the first go-round.

R5.11 *PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING BUCKING STOCK*

- R5.11.1 Pens set by stock contractor: Stock contractor shall set two (2) more animals per performance than the number needed for competition and the two (2) extra animals will be considered the designated re-rides for that performance.
- R5.11.2 Any riding event animal drawn for a re-ride, but not used in that go-round, may be held out of the draw for re-rides in the following go-rounds. Animals will be returned to the go-round draw after the re-rides have been drawn. An animal can be drawn for a re-ride only one time in a go- round.

- R5.11.3 If more re-rides are awarded than there are animals in that performance or slack, judges will draw contestant's name to determine which contestant or contestants will draw at that performance or slack re-rides. The remaining contestants will be drawn re-rides from the performance immediately following that performance or slack the contestant originally competed in. This procedure will be repeated until all contestants awarded re-rides have been drawn re-rides.
- R5.11.4 These re-rides will be competed on during the performance or slack the animals were designated to be bucked, or at a time mutually agreeable to both stock contractor and contestant.
- R5.11.5 In the case of the last performance of a go-round and there are more re-rides awarded than there are animals in the re-ride draw, then all animals bucked that last day of the rodeo are declared exempt and the re-rides will be comprised of all unused re-rides (both designated re-rides and turned out stock) from the prior performance and slacks in that go-round.
- R5.11.6 In the case of riding event stock injuries after the draw has been made, replacement stock should be the designated re-ride for the performance the injured animals was scheduled for competition. A replacement designated re-ride should be drawn immediately from the notified turn outs for that performance. If there are not any turn outs, a re-ride should be drawn from all available animals.
- R5.11.7 Stock will be drawn for the first go round in reverse order of the qualifiers standings prior to the Finals Rodeo.
- R5.11.8 Stock draw on second and subsequent go-rounds will start with contestant which is three positions lower than where stock was drawn in previous go-round.

EXAMPLE:

1st go	15 - 1
2nd go	12 - 1 then 15 - 13
3rd go	9 - 1 then 15 - 10
4th go	6 - 1 then 15 - 7

R5.12 PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING TIME EVENT STOCK

- R5.12.1 Stock in timed events shall be drawn by either judge of that event, not more than one (1) hour prior to performance

- R5.12.2 No pens of stock in the timed events may be drawn for more than one day in advance. Pens of stock shall be drawn by the judge, and the timer and/or CES shall provide judge with an exact copy of the draw.
- R5.12.3 At least one judge must be there to draw for a pen of cattle in the first selection of competition.
- R5.12.4 In timed events, stock already drawn in a pen, but not used shall be placed with those animals not already included in a competition draw.
- R5.12.5 In timed events, stock will be drawn per performance or slack at a time. All cattle in the draw will be run one time before any cattle will be run twice.

R5.13 *PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING FOR SHORT GO-ROUND*

- R5.13.1 In a final or short go-round, draw will be made from last position to first position. Also, events should be run accordingly.
- R5.13.2 At least 15 head and two (2) extras of stock will be used in the finals at all rodeos, unless otherwise specified at time of rodeo's approval.
- R5.13.3 In a final or short go-round, contestants in riding events may draw their own animals in the presence of judges if approved at time of rodeo approval.
- R5.13.4 Selection of individual bucking stock for a final go-round of the rodeo will be accomplished by a mutual agreement between a riding event Director or his duly designated appointee, the rodeo stock contractor, and judges. At least two head of stock will be available for re-rides.
- R5.13.5 All timed event cattle competed on at a rodeo by finalist will be used when drawing for final head.
- R5.13.6 Timed event stock draw will be according to competition position in that go-round. 1-15, fastest to slowest

R5.14 *MISDRAWS - ALL TIMED EVENTS*

- R5.14.1 The rodeo judge will automatically draw two (2) additional stocks for reruns or miss-draws in each performance and slack. If no reruns are needed the drawn stock for reruns will automatically be drawn for the next performances. Except for AIRCA FINALS .15 animals will be drawn' from same pen for go rounds

CHAPTER 6 - RODEO ACTIVITIES

R6.1 GENERAL

- R6.1.1 No stock in any event, except for re-rides, may be taken before the first section of that event on the program, nor be held beyond the end of the events or the program of the performance.
- R6.1.2 In slack, no stock in any event may be taken before that event is scheduled. All animals drawn for that event must be run as scheduled prior to the start of the next event. No stock may be held beyond the end of the draw in that event. Slack schedule will be posted at the rodeo office.
- R6.1.3 Only the number of qualified contestants, specified prior to the first performance, for a short or final go-round will be eligible to receive the final head.
- R6.1.4 All times and marking shall be announced during the performance and slack, and are unofficial until rodeo secretary gives official results
- R6.1.5 AIRCA urges each participating member to ride in the grand entry.
- R6.1.6 No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event. The Arena Director and AIRCA BOD shall enforce this.
- R6.1.7 Contestants in the back of the box or arena fence may be requested to move if they are obstructing the view of paying spectators or officials.
- R6.1.8 Any AIRCA officer or director shall have access to any part of the enclosure or arena when representing the AIRCA on official business.
- R6.1.9 An AIRCA approved rodeo is required to have at least one (1) bullfighter and two (2) pickup men at all performances and slacks this should be provided by stock contractor.
- R6.1.10 Photographers will not be required to wear a hat while working in the arena.

R6.2 TIMERS

- R6.2.1 AIRCA must certify all timers upon completion of seminar or recertification. There shall be two (2) timers for a rodeo.

- R6.2.2 Timer for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance, except for sickness, injury or emergency or upon request by an AIRCA official because of Timer's incompetence.
- R6.2.3 Timers shall be selected on character, honesty, experience, and knowledge of AIRCA rulebook.
- R6.2.4 The timer who times that first performance of a riding event must time that riding event for the duration of that rodeo, except as previously stated.
- R6.2.5 All times in the timed events are to be recorded in 10ths of a second. If digital watches are used, all digits beyond tenths will be ignored. Digital watches must be used in the timed events
- R6.2.6 Only digital watches which have hundredths (100ths) of a second shall be used for timed events but will assess a (10ths) of a second, except for the Ladies Barrel Racing which shall be Thousands of a (1000ths) of a second, all times in the Ladies Barrel Racing are to be recorded in 1000ths of a second, and tenths of a second hand-stop watches shall be used for the other timed events.
- R6.2.7 Any rodeo using electric timers for AIRCA-approved events shall be required to use a minimum of two backup-hand stop watches. Both backup manual times shall always be recorded in case the electronic timer malfunctions. In such situations, the average backup time will become the official time.
- R6.2.8 Timers shall record all times and scores legibly and correctly, and verified with both judges prior to submission of score sheets to the CES.

R6.3 JUDGES

- R6.3.1 All judges and flagmen must be certified by the AIRCA and be AIRCA members in good standing. If co-sanction certified personal will be used from co-sanctioning association. \$130.00 per performance each.
- R6.3.2 Judges will be selected on character, honesty, experience, and knowledge of AIRCA rules in accordance with the Rodeo Judge's Guidelines.

R6.4 TIMING/JUDGING-GENERAL

- R6.4.1 Neither timer, riding judge, barrier judge nor field flag judge may be changed during the course of the rodeo, except in the case of sickness, injury or upon request of an AIRCA official with the approval of the rodeo committee and the AIRCA Judges' or Timers' Coordinators.
- R6.4.2 Rodeo judges and timers will be scheduled by the AIRCA Judges' Coordinator and Timers' Coordinator. Failure to fulfill duties as assigned will be warranted by action of the Board of Directors; or will be imposed a \$50.00 fine. Confirmation of assignment shall be made to the CES at least five (5) days prior to the 1st performance. If any rodeo judge or timer is not present within two (2) hours prior to any performance or slack; shall be replaced and/or subject to a fine.
- R6.4.3 Only watches with hundredth (100ths) of a second shall be used for timed events and averaged out to the tenth (10th) of a second as the official time. Accept ladies barrel racing. Tenth (10th) of a second hand stop watches shall be used for all timing events. The official designated timer shall record the electronic eye time as well as the backup time to the Thousands of a (1000ths) of a second during all performances.
- R6.4.4 Both judges must know the Ladies Barrel Racing rules, and enforce them.
- R6.4.5 No contestant may talk to a judge or timer in any way while an event is going on. Questions may be addressed no sooner than at the end of the event for that performance. Violations will be reported to the AIRCA office by the official.
- R6.4.6 At least one (1) judge shall serve as a back-up timer in all riding events. Judges stopwatch reading shall be used as a means of verification when the length of the qualified ride is in question. The judge shall stop his watch when in his opinion, the contestant has been disqualified for any reason, or when he hears the whistle, whichever comes first. In an instance where the time on the judge's watch is eight (8) or more seconds, the contestant shall be entitled to marking without penalty.
- R6.4.7 Judges are required to mark on their books anyone turning out stock and report it to the secretary, The CES is required to report such infractions to the AIRCA secretary along with the rodeo results.
- R6.4.8 Markings in the riding events shall be totaled by the judges and the CES, and posted after each performance.

- R6.4.9 The barrier judge shall record all barrier fines and the five (5) seconds penalty in team roping. Catching only one heel must be recorded by the barrier judge. Barrier judge records must correspond with the timers' records.
- R6.4.10 The decision of the judges will be final and may not subsequently be overturned by action of the AIRCA, its officers, or directors, or any other party. Any judge, however, who does not perform his duties in compliance with these rules, or who otherwise abuses his position will be subject to disciplinary action by the AIRCA Board. Penalty for such improper conduct will be a minimum fine equal to one performance judge's pay for that rodeo and/or ineligibility to judge.
- R6.4.11 Judges and timers shall not work two (2) consecutive rodeos. Only if need be With approval of AIRCA BOD"s
- R6.4.12 Judges must wear judges' vest provided by AIRCA.
- R6.4.13 Judges shall stop the rodeo at any time to clear the arena of any unauthorized personnel or activity.
- R6.4.14 Any contestant has the privilege of inspecting the records of event(s) he/she competed in and will be done in the presence of both judges and the CES.
- R6.4.15 Any judge or timer who does not enforce the rules of the AIRCA will be removed from the schedule.

R6.5 POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATIONS

- R6.5.1 If an event that has One (1) entry in an event, the committee may cancel the event, no contest.
- R6.5.2 A rodeo performance may not be postponed or canceled unless agreed to by the committee chairman, stock contractor and AIRCA officials, that it is physically impossible to hold the performance.
- R6.5.3 Only the performance or slack which had to be postponed will be rescheduled.
- R6.5.4 That postponed performance must be rescheduled within forty-eight (48) hours or before the start of the next go-round or short go-round.
- R6.5.5 Contestants will not be permitted to draw out because of a postponed performance.

- R6.5.6 In case of postponement the order of competition for that postponed performance will be maintained exactly as drawn.
- R6.5.7 If a rodeo is canceled for unforeseen circumstances (bad weather), one half (1/2) of the rodeo fee shall be refunded and the remaining half (1/2) rodeo fee is to be used by the rodeo committee to pay expenses incurred for the rodeo production.
- R6.5.8 If a rodeo is canceled at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled rodeo, no rodeo fee shall be taken by the rodeo committee.

R6.6 RODEO ADMINISTRATION

- R6.6.1 At the time contestant pays their entry fee, they will also pay a Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) rodeo fee per entry. Administration Fee will not be applied toward the payout calculation; it will be reverted to pay rodeo personnel (Judges, Timers, and CES). Rodeo personnel will be paid for two rodeo performances, (2) Timer's @ one hundred Twenty dollars each (\$120.00) per performance, and one slack if necessary, (2) Judge's @ one hundred and thirty dollars each (\$130.00) per performance, and one slack if necessary, one (1) CES @ three hundred Twenty dollars (\$320.00).

Three or more rodeo performances must be approved by the AIRCA and Rodeo Committee. It is the responsibility of the Rodeo Committee to pay out the rodeo personnel if there are more than three performance (eg., 3rd and 4th perf.). All Co-sanction Events must be approved by AIRCA and Rodeo Committee.

- R6.6.2 The CES is not authorized to accept a check from any member for any reason.
- R6.6.3 All contestants are to pay their entry fee to the CES prior to competition time, or they shall be subject to a Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) fine.
- R6.6.4 The CES is responsible for giving receipts to every contestant whose fees are paid.
- R6.6.5 Immediately after each rodeo, the CES must turn in, to the AIRCA Secretary, a report reflecting all rodeo entries paid, rodeo fees paid, six (6%) administration fees, payoffs, and names of all unpaid contestants, turnouts and infractions. The report will be given to the rodeo committee by the AIRCA Secretary.

- R6.6.6 The All-Around Cowboy will be determined according to the AIRCA system, unless otherwise advertised. Only those who compete on every head in every event entered will qualify for the All-Around honors. Contestant earning the highest number of points in two (2) or more events shall be declared the All-Around Cowboy, First Entry money won will count from the Open Team Roping or #10 Team Roping.. The next qualifier will be the contestant with the next highest number of points who competed in two (2) or more events but placing in one (1) event.
- R6.6.7 The CES shall deduct six percent (6%) of entry fees and at the end of the rodeo will give the AIRCA Treasurer/Secretary this money.
- R6.6.8 The CES must submit the rodeo results and fees collected to the AIRCA Secretary. This must be postmarked within 24 hours following the completion of an AIRCA sanctioned rodeo. Failure to comply will subject a Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) fine.
- R6.6.9 The CES will be responsible for errors made by the arena secretary or the secretarial representative, and be responsible for correcting any errors. The CES will not be paid until all errors are corrected. The AIRCA six percent (6%) from each rodeo should never be used for payoffs, payoff shortage or payoff errors.

R6.7 ANNOUNCER

- R6.7.1 It shall be a violation of the rules for an announcer to deliberately misrepresent any contest action (misstatement, exaggeration, falsification).
- R6.7.2 Announcer shall not prejudice any contest action and or comments regarding AIRCA or any other Associations.

R6.8 PAYOFF

- R6.8.1 All payoffs will be in CASH ONLY..
- R6.8.2 Notification of any and all doctor releases, or draw outs must come from the CES and approved by the Judges. Entry fees of contestants drawing out will not be included in payoff.
- R6.8.3 The six percent (6%) rodeo fee will be deducted before determining the payoff.
- R6.8.4 If not enough contestants qualify for the number of places to be paid, the remaining places shall be divided evenly among the contestants who did qualify. This money shall be considered ground money and

will not be posted as money won. Same will apply if no contestant qualifies.

R6.8.5 AIRCA Finals: 70% in go rounds; 30% in average 4% will be deducted not 6%. Four places will be paid if the events fills, If not 2-3 entries 1 money, 4-10 entries 3 money, 11-20 4 money; or any deviance shall be approved by the Board.

R6.9 PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF PLACINGS

R6.9.1 One (1) Go-round and 2 go-round & Average

02 - 06 entries -1st money 46 - 60 entries -6th money
 07 - 12 entries -2nd money 61 - 80 entries -7th money
 13 -18 entries -3rd money 81-100 entries -8th money
 19 - 30 entries -4th money 101-121 entries - 9th money
 31 - 45 entries -5th money 122 - (+) entries -10th money

Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Jr. Barrel Racing, Sr. Breakaway Roping Event only, adjustments due low number of contestants in this event.

01 – 02 entries - 1st money 06 - 10 entries - 3rd money
 03 – 05 entries - 2nd money 11 – 30 entries - 4thmoney

R6.9.2 One (1) go-round with final and Average: Divide purse, 40% go round, 40% Average, and 20% finals. Four (4) places will be paid in the finals or short go-round, split 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%.

Finals Contestant's –10-12-15(Short Go)

For all events, the: number of places paid:

# of Contestants	Long	Short	Average
2-4	2	1	2
5-10	3	2	3
11-15	3	3	3
16-30	4	4	4
31-45	5	4	5
46-60	6	4	6
61-80	7	4	7
81-100	8	4	8
101-121	9	4	9
122-(+)	10	4	10

R6.10 PAYOFF - LADIES BARREL RACING

R6.10.1 One (1) Go-round:

- a. 2-6 entries-1 money
- b. 7-12 entries-2 monies
- c. 13-18 entries-3 monies
- d. 19-30 entries-4 monies
- e. 31-45 entries-5 monies
- f. 46-60 entries – 6 monies

R6.10.2 Two (2) Go-round and average

- a. 2-6 entries-1st money
- b. 7-12 entries-2nd monies
- c. 13-18 entries-3rd monies
- d. 19-30 entries-4th monies
- e. 31-45 entries-5th monies
- f. 46 – 60 entries – 6th monies.

R6.10.3 One (1) Go-round with finals and Average:

- a. 2-4 entries-1st money
- b. 5-10 entries-2nd monies
- c. 11-15 entries-3rd monies
- d. 16-30 entries-4th monies
- e. 31-45 entries-5th monies
- f. 46-60 entries – 6th monies.

R6.11 PAYOFF SCHEDULE

Two (2) monies to be divided 60%, 40%

Three (3) monies to be divided 50%, 30%, 20%

Four (4) monies to be divided 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

Five (5) monies to be divided 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%

Six (6) monies to be divided 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%

Seven (7) monies to be divided 25%, 21 %, 17%, 14%, 11 %, 8%, 4%

Eight (8) monies to be divided 23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11 %, 8%, 5%, 2%

Nine (9) monies to be divided 21 %, 19%, 16%, 13%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 3%

Ten (10) monies to be divided 20%, 16% 14%, 11 %, 9%, 8%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%

R6.12 PAYOFF IN AVERAGE

R6.12.1 Averages pay same amount of places as go-round or any deviance shall he approved by the Board.

R6.12.2 All markings or ties will be counted for the average. Average placing are determined by the highest total score or fastest total time -when enough contestants do not qualify on all livestock drawn for them, event to the highest total score, or the fastest total time.

R6.13 *DRAW OUT AND ENTRY FEE REFUND*

- R6.13.1 There will be no drawing out after the draws for stock has taken place, unless contestant has a doctor's release statement signed after the contestant's entry or in case of an emergency at discretion of the judges.
- R6.13.2 Absolutely no change will be made once positions are drawn for all events, except late entry (see standard fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The deadline for all draw outs is Wednesday before 10:00 p.m., during call-back for confirmation.
- R6.13.3 If a contestant is unable to compete because of emergency, sickness, or injury away from rodeo, his entry fee(s), may be refunded with the approval of judges. Such refund(s) is possible only before payoff is made.
- R6.13.4 If a contestant is injured while competing in the first (1st) go-round and has been disqualified up to the point of injury, his entry will not be refunded.
- R6.13.5 If a contestant has entered in more than one (1) event and is injured on his first stock and unable to compete on subsequent stock his entry fee in that event shall not be refunded. Entry fees in the event he has not competed shall be refunded, less rodeo fee.
- R6.13.6 Team Ropers that are entered but do not have partners at entry closing time will have their names removed. NO positions will be drawn for single name.
- R6.13.7 If a team roper draws out (doctors release or official draw out) after positions are drawn, the partner entered with him may draw out or get another partner from any contestant entered at the rodeo, except team ropers already scheduled to compete the maximum number of time in the event. If the CES is not notified, the contestant will be subject to entry fee payment.
- R6.13.8 After a team has competed one (1) time at a rodeo, neither partner may be replaced. If contestant is injured and unable to compete. will be replaced by a another contestant entered at the rodeo.

R6.14 *TURN OUT AND DOCTOR RELEASE*

- R6.14.1 The arena secretary shall be notified by contestant during the call back times that contestant is drawing out. Otherwise it's a NTO (notified turn out) or TO (turn out).

- R6.14.2 A contestant may turn out due to visible injury or illness providing notification of such a turn out is authorized by a judge at that given rodeo. Contestant shall remain eligible to enter or compete in the rodeo. Entry fees will remain in the payoff, but all turn out fines will be waived.
- R6.14.3 A doctor's verification form, or an AIRCA visible injury or illness form is signed by the judge of a given rodeo, is received in the AIRCA office no later than seven (7) days following that last performance of the given rodeo
- R6.14.4 A contestant may doctor release, thus waiving all obligations for entry fees, and turn out fines providing:
- a. A doctor verification is received in the AIRCA office within seven (7) days of the date of the last performance of the rodeo which the release is for
- R6.14.5 Any contestant who doctor releases will be ineligible to compete for Seven (7) days after the first performance that release was turned in for, at all rodeos.
- R6.14.6 A contestant will be allowed two (2) doctor releases per competition year and will, thereafter, be responsible for entry fees for all rodeos entered and all turn out fines at all rodeo.
- R6.14.7 Contestant turning out at any rodeo will receive No time or marking for that go-round or performance and will not be eligible for any average payoff, but will be eligible to compete on all other stock at that rodeo.

R6.15 RODEO LIVESTOCK

- R6.15.1 Rodeo livestock must be furnished by AIRCA member stock contractors. A committee who hires non-AIRCA personnel will be subject to a Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) fine, per rodeo. The exception is if livestock is owned by person(s) other than AIRCA stock contractors, an approval from the Board of Directors with previous consultation with the prospective event directors is necessary before any livestock shall be used.
- R6.15.2 The AIRCA stock contractor may request consideration for special approval for use of proposed livestock by contacting the Board of Directors and the event directors no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the event. Penalty for violation of this rule will be a fine

of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per head for each time an unapproved livestock is in the draw.

- R6.15.3 All rodeo stock shall run through event chutes and through arena prior to the start of the contest.
- R6.15.4 An event director may declare particular animals unsatisfactory. Upon notification, either written or verbal, stock contractor shall eliminate such animal from competition draw.
- R6.15.5 An animal used in contest events of AIRCA rodeo may not be used in any way, other than the contest events of that rodeo, until after that last time the animal has been used in the contest events at that rodeo.
- R6.15.6 No animal shall be treated inhumanely in any matter. Any inhumane treatment shall be fined in the following matter:
1st Offense - \$20.00 2nd Offense – \$40.00 3rd Offense - Disqualifications
- R6.15.7 No animal in any events shall have any sores, sickness, injured, be lamed, or have defective eyesight and should be inspected by the judges before the draws. Any animal showing sickness will be eliminated from the draws. AIRCA Stock Contractor who knowingly leave sick animal in the draw will be fined and declared by a judges or event director.
1st Offense - \$50.00 2nd Offense – \$100.00
- R6.15.8 Any animal injured during an event shall be removed by a sled or other means of transport whether it is furnished by stock contractor or the rodeo sponsor.
- R6.15.9 Standard electric prods shall be used only on the hip or shoulder area, if animal is known to stall in the chute and only at the consent of the judges and contestant.
- R6.15.10 Bucking stock may be prodded only from the back of the chute after the animal's inside shoulder clears the plane of the chute.
- R6.15.11 No animal shall be prodded or whipped while being competed on in the rodeo arena.
- R6.15.12 All animals in riding event must be tried at least twice as a bucking animal before being put in the draw. Failure to abide by this rule will be result in a One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per animal.

- R6.15.13 All horned animals in the Bull riding event shall have their horns blunted at least the diameter of a half-dollar (.50¢).
- R6.15.14 All riding event livestock must be numbered by hot iron brand, and no duplicates are permitted.
- R6.15.15 Timed event cattle may be identified with a permanent, factory numbered ear tags and/or hot iron brand. No duplicate numbers are permitted.
- R6.15.16 Timed event cattle may be used only once per performance.
- R6.15.17 Stock contractor shall be expected to cooperate in blunting the horns and trimming of horns of animals that cannot pass through the chute.
- R6.15.18 Any stock contractor failing to abide by the rules and bylaws of AIRCA will be fined Two- Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
- R6.15.19 Livestock for the AIRCA Finals shall be selected by a proposal bid process, and approved Board of Directors.
- R6.15.20 Bucking animal shall not go out and perform for more than two (2) times at one rodeo.
- R6.15.21 When an AIRCA stock contractor accepts a second contract, either by another AIRCA sanctioned rodeo or of another rodeo association to produce a rodeo on same day or dates, the stock contractor must immediately notify both the rodeo committee and AIRCA, prior to entering into any second contract. Any AIRCA stock contractor who fails to abide by this rule shall be subject to a Two-Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) fine, payable prior to its next scheduled AIRCA sanctioned rodeo. AIRCA stock contractor shall contact the CES to get the amount of entries accepted, a week prior to the scheduled rodeo.

CHAPTER 7 - CONTEST EVENTS

R7.0 RIDING EVENTS - GENERAL

- R7.1.1 All riding events shall be timed for eight (8) seconds. The time starts event, when the animal's inside shoulder clears the plane of the chute. Backup stop watch will be used in all riding events.
- R7.1.2 Rider and animal are both marked separately. Rider will be marked according to how much riders spurs the animal. Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from one (1) to twenty-five (25) on both bucking animal and rider, using the full spread.

- R7.1.3 Judges in the riding events at all AIRCA rodeos will hand in their markings for the events for that performance and these shall be termed official marking. These markings shall not be changed.
- R7.1.4 To qualify, Bareback and Saddle Bronc riders must have the rowels of the spurs touching the horse above the break of the shoulders, when the horse's front feet hit the ground, upon its initial move out of the chute.
- R7.1.5 If a horse delays/stalls coming out of the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet off of the horses' neck and the spur out rule will be waived.
- R7.1.6 Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute.
- R7.1.7 If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate, a re-ride may be given providing the rider declares himself to not continue with the ride and the spur out rule will be waived.
- R7.1.8 Rodeo judges will use bright colored flags to indicate a violation of the spur-out rule and other disqualification violations. Judges are to also indicate disqualification violations by already established hand signals.
- R7.1.9 Contestants may have one helper to assist in pulling riggings, cinch saddles, and pull ropes from either side of the animal in all riding events. Middle flank belongs to bronc rider.
- R7.1.10 If an animal that is drawn in a riding event, or is drawn in a pen, becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be replaced in the draw.
- R7.1.11 Rider must tell one (1) judge, flank man and/or stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with a hotshot. NO re-ride will be awarded if animal stall or runs off. However, if the animal stops or falls, or the rider is fouled, a re-ride may be awarded.
- R7.1.12 In all riding events, contestants may use his free hand against foreign objects that obstructs his ride (i.e., fence, chute, pickup-men, etc.).
- R7.1.13 One hand must be free at all times.

R7.1.14 Judges shall disqualify rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on or the bronc rein in his hand when the previous animal leaves the arena.

R7.2 RE-RIDES

R7.2.1 If an animal fails to break, stops, fouls rider, stock contractors' equipment fails or if the arena personnel come in contact with the animal before a qualified ride is made given that the contestant was making a qualified ride up to the point of infraction, the contestant may request of the judges for a re-ride in a professional manner. If contact is made between the arena personnel and animal before the eight seconds and the rider makes a qualified ride, the contestant will be given a marking with an option of a re-ride.

When an animal stops anytime during the ride, the rider should be granted an automatic re ride; even before the required time (8 seconds). For the safety of the animal and rider.

R7.2.2 If a re-ride is given, judges shall inform contestant of his marking and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse re-ride and take marking. Contestant must notify judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option.

R7.2.3 The contestant may take same animal back, providing stock contractor is willing; or take the re-ride animal already drawn. If contestant takes same animal back, he must take that marking. The only exception will be if contestant is fouled or there is an equipment failure.

R7.2.4 Contestant shall not influence the judges by asking for a re-ride at any time.

R7.2.5 If an animal that runs off is drawn for another contestant, that contestant must qualify on that animal before a re-ride is given.

R7.2.6 If, in the opinion of the stock contractor and judges, that animals need to be taken out of the draw, the second contestant who had him drawn will automatically get the designated re-ride.

R7.2.7 If, in the opinion of the judges, rider makes two (2) honest efforts to get out on a chute fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.

- R7.2.8 If an animal that is drawn for a re-ride already is drawn for another contestant in that or a later go-round, the contestant with the re-ride in the prior go-round will take the animal first.
- R7.2.9 No re-ride will be given if a cowboy's own equipment fails. If the stock contractor's equipment breaks contestant may have a re-ride
- R7.2.10 In the case of riding-event-stock injuries after the draw has been made, replacement stock should be the designated re-ride for the performance the injured animal was scheduled for competition. A replacement designated re-ride should be drawn immediately from the notified turn outs for that performance. If there are not any turn outs, a re-ride should be drawn from all the available animals.
- R7.2.11 If a riding event animal stops after an initial start, and any outside help is used to start it again, contestant will not be required to qualify in order to be awarded are-ride
- R7.2.12 Rider may be given a re-ride on same animal if flank comes off or breaks provided rider completes qualified ride.
- R7.2.13 If the pickup man or horse comes in contact with the bucking horse before qualified time has elapsed (8 seconds), he contestant will be automatically entitled to a re-ride, providing the contestant made a qualified ride up to the point of contact. Re-ride will be given on the same horse unless contestant demands a re-ride animal drawn.
- R7.2.14 If a contestant(s) competes on an animal not drawn for him/her the contestant(s) shall get the correct animal back in the same performance and/or slack. All time/scores, no times/scores, and penalties shall be void. Example: Contestant (A) he/she has wrong stock; then (B) will apply. The Contestant determines to have the extra or same animal drawn.

R7.3 BAREBACK RIDING

- R7.3.1 Riding to be done with one-handed leather rigging.
- R7.3.2 Rigging shall not be more than ten inches (10") at the width of hand-hold and not over six Inches (6") wide at the "D" ring. The "D" ring shall be sized not to block the latigo. Rawhide may be used under the body of the "D" ring, but must not be within one (1") of the back of the rigging body, excluding the "D" ring wrap which may be any length up from the bottom of the body. The rigging body must have a spread of six inches (6") apart at the back of the rigging, four inches (4") down from the center. The handle bars under the rigging body

- must be tapered down to at least one-fourth inch (1/4") at the end of the handle.
- R7.3.3 Rider may have single layer of leather, not to be skived, under hand-hold, which will extend at least one inch (1") on both sides of the center of hand hold and which shall be glued down.
- R7.3.4 No fiberglass or metal will be allowed in rigging or hand holds. Only leather or rawhide is allowed for hand-hold with a maximum of three-fourth inch (3/4") of rawhide. Flat-head rivets and/or screws and "t" nuts are allowed to secure hand-hold. The only other metal allowed will be in the "D" ring.
- R7.3.5 Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair and eight inches (8") wide at center of cinch, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch "D" rings.
- R7.3.6 Bareback pads are required and shall be leather covered on both sides, at least one inch (1") thick. It must cover the underside of the rigging and extend at least two inches (2") behind the rigging. Have one eighth inch (1/8") thick leather over the bars extending at least one-half inch (1/2") on both side and the back of the handle bars. The pad shall also have one-eighth inch (1/8") thick leather glued so that it extends at least one inch (1") behind the rigging and the remaining two inches (2") under the rigging
- R7.3.7 Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are satisfactory. Judges are to decide on all riggings and pads.
- R7.3.8 Bareback gloves will be plain with no flaps, rolls, wedges or gimmicks. Any palm piece used shall be glued on the palm area. Other strips of leather used for additional binding shall not be excessive and shall be glued for securing and safety reasons.
- R7.3.9 There will be no other adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or glove. Benzoin may be used as long as it does not induce the rider to have their glove get stuck while competing.
- R7.3.10 The rider shall not cinch his rigging down while the rider's hand is in the hand-hold. Judge shall require the rider to take his hand out of the hand-hold while the horse is being cinched. The stock contractor may request the judge(s) to take such action.
- R7.3.11 Flank Breaks in Bronc Riding: Rider may be given a re-ride on same horse if flank comes off or breaks. A Bronc Rider may have the option of re-ride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes of the

animal, provided that contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride. But was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off.

- R7.3.12 Chute Fighting Animal: If, in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute fighting animal and is unable to call for the animal, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.
- R7.3.13 Specification for the spurs includes:
- a. Five (5) or four (4) point star rowels, no larger than three quarter inch (3/4") in diameter shall be used.
 - b. Spur shank can be one and three-fourth to two and one-fourth inches (1-3/4 to 2-1/4) may be used.
 - c. The spur shank can be offset 0 degree to 15 degree.
- R7.3.14 Disqualification of rider is:
- a. Riding with rowels too sharp or locked.
 - b. Being bucked off before the whistle.
 - c. Touching the animal, equipment or person with free hand before the eight (8) seconds. One arm must be free at all times.
 - d. Rigging comes off horse with or without breaking.
 - e. Violating the spur-out rule.
 - f. Not following judge's instruction to take feet from the neck of horse stalled in chute.
 - g. Taking any kind of finger wrap or use of finger tap.
 - h. If rider has been advised he is next to go, but fails to be above the animal with his glove on when the pervious horse leaves the arena, unless advised by the stock contractor not to because the animal may require being tied or eared down.
 - i. Inability to free hand from the rigging after a qualified ride or after declaring himself by double grabbing, he shall be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50). A contestant fouled or bucked off before the whistle and accidentally hanging up will not be fined. The judges are required to report the offense. Fine must be paid before contestant is allowed to enter the next rodeo.

R7.4 SADDLE BRONC RIDING

- R7.4.1 Riding will be done with saddle that complies with Contest Saddle specification listed below:

- a. Rigging: 3/4 double -front edge of the "D" ring must pull not further back than directly below center of point of swell.
 - b. Swell Undercut: Must not be more than two inches (2"), one inch (1") on each side.
 - c. Gullet: Not less than four inches (4") wide at center of fork of covered saddle.
 - d. Saddle Tree must be built on PRCA approved specifications.
 - e. Fork must be 14" wide and maximum height of 9".
 - f. Cantle is to be 5" maximum height 14" maximum width.
 - g. Inside stirrups leathers must be hung over the bars.
 - h. Front cinch shall be mohair and shall be at least eight inches (8) wide.
- R7.4.2 Standard halter must be used, subject to approval of judges and stock contractor on fitness of halter. Halter must have adjustable nose bands.
- R7.4.3 Riding rein and hand must be on same side.
- R7.4.4 Horses to be saddled in chute and only two (2) helper will be allowed to help the contestant.
- R7.4.5 Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers (depending on the withers of the horses, all horses are not the same).
- R7.4.6 Either stock contractor or contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best; back cinch belongs to rider but may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinched may be hobbled.
- R7.4.7 Flank Breaks in Bronc Riding: Rider may be given a re-ride on same horse if flank comes off or breaks. A Bronc Rider may have the option of re-ride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes of the animal, provided that contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride. But was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off.
- R7.4.8 Chute Fighting Animal: If, in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute fighting animal and is unable to call for the animal, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.
- R7.4.9 If the halter breaks, rider may be given a re-ride providing contestant has made a qualified to the time the halter comes off.

- R7.4.10 If in the opinion of the judges, a saddle bronc deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have horse again or he may have a horse drawn for him from the re-ride horses.
- R7.4.11 Any of the following offenses shall disqualify a rider:
- a. Changing hand on rein the ride.
 - b. Losing or dropping rein before pre-designated time.
 - c. Wrapping rein around hand.
 - d. Losing stirrup.
 - e. Using any foreign substance on saddle or chaps other than DRY ROSIN will subject contestant to disqualification and declared ineligible for the next rodeo he enters.

R7.5 BULL RIDING

- R7.5.1 Riding to be done with one (1) hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold.
- R7.5.2 No knot or hitches to prevent rope from falling off the bull when the rider leaves him.
- R7.5.3 Rope is to be made of rope not larger than 9/16 inch in diameter.
- R7.5.4 Rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of bull.
- R7.5.5 Rope may have ring below hand-hold.
- R7.5.6 Rider, who is knocked off at a chute or if the bull falls, shall be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of the judge.
- R7.5.7 If the rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
- R7.5.8 Head-fighting bull having bad horns must be tipped to at least a half dollar (50¢) size, or kept out of the draw.
- R7.5.9 No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back a reasonable distance.
- R7.5.10 There shall be no interference of any kind with the bull and rider's performance from the pickup men, stock contractor, contestant, etc. This includes the use of hotshot in the chute after animal clears plane of chute.
- R7.5.11 Rider may be disqualified for the following offenses:

- a. Being bucked off.
 - b. Using sharp spurs and/or locked rowels. Rowel must have 1/2 turn.
 - c. Touch animal with free hand.
 - d. Tucking chaps or placing spurs under the rope when rope is being pulled (tighten).
- R7.5.12 Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not the bull is properly flanked to buck to best of his ability.
- R7.5.13 Flank Breaks in Bull Riding: Rider may be given a re-ride on same horse if flank comes off or breaks. A Bull Rider may have the option of re-ride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes off the animal, provided that contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride. But was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off.
- R7.5.14 Chute Fighting Animal: If, in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute fighting animal and is unable to call for the animal, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.
- R7.5.15 No more than two (2) men may be on the chute to pull contestant's rope.
- R7.5.16 Contestant will not be disqualified for losing a spur or bell during the ride.
- R7.5.17 Contest Bull Riding Day Money System: The Day Money System (in the bull riding only) will be used at rodeos requested by Rodeo Committees or Sponsors. Rodeos with two (2) or more performances or rodeos with one go-round and a final, if a minimum of sixty (60) contestants are utilized in performance competition prior to the finals. Each contestant riding during a paid performance or slack must pay entry-fees plus DM fees; no 6% will be deducted from the money used for day money. All bull riders making a qualified ride will be paid an equal share of the day money. Money won in the day money competition will not count as championship points.
- R7.5.18 If no qualified rides are made during a performance, the performance will be added directly to the overall payoff total day money for that overall payoff. NOTE: 6% is still not deducted from this money, even though it is now part of the overall pay-off.
- R7.5.19 Safety & Protections: Protective riding vests shall be mandatory at all AIRCA sanctioned rodeos.

R7.5.20 JUNIOR BULL RIDING

A. Contestants must be 15 years of age and younger can be either gender (boys & girls).

B. Riding is to be done with a loose rope, with or without a handhold. No fingers wraps, no knots, no hitches may be used to prevent the rope from falling off the animals when the ride dismounts or bucks off.

C. Rope must have a bell (option of one or two) – no bell is a disqualification; bell must be under the belly of the animal.

D. No sharp spurs.

E. All contestants are required to wear safety vests and helmets.

F. Full protective mouthpiece is required.

G. Contestants have an option to ride with one or both hands. Contestants must declare their choice before the contestant calls or nods for the gate; must complete the ride the same way as started (ex. If contestant starts the ride with both hands and decides to switch to one hand during the ride he or she will be disqualified or switching from one hand to two hands).

H. Animal will be ridden for Eight (8) seconds: time to start when the inside shoulder of the animal passes the plane of the buck chute.

I. If the buck flank comes off the animal during the eight second riding and animal fails to perform a re-ride will be awarded. If the animal performs even when flanks falls off the contestant will have an option of a re-ride or take the score.

J. If contestant is fouled at the chute or the animal falls, contestants is entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges, regardless of performance.

K. No more than two people may on the chute to pull contestants rope. Hooks and posts shall not be used on steer or bull ropes.

L. No hot shots will use during time when animal and rider are getting ready in the chute; unless rider requests. Hot shots may be used when animal turns his head out of the chute.

M. Contestants will receive a no score for the following infractions: being bucked off, touching the animal or self with the free hand, using sharp spurs, or placing chaps or spurs under the rope when it's being pulled bucked off, touching the animal or self with the free hand, using sharp spurs, or placing chaps or spurs under the rope when it's being pulled.

R7.6 TIMED EVENTS - GENERAL

R7.6.1 AIRCA Judges or timed events stock contractors shall provide adequate barrier equipment.

R7.6.2 Rodeo judges with the assistance of the timed event directors shall properly install the barrier equipment.

R7.6.3 All barriers in the timed events must be mounted where pulley and neck rope pull from the side of the chute. The pulley on the neck rope should be attached on the chute from 38 to 48 inches above the ground.

Length of neck rope with the pin in place and pulled tight is 18 inches short of the score line in the tie-down and breakaway roping and 24 inches short of the score line in the steer wrestling and Team Roping events.

The score is the distance from a point on the ground directly below the pin to score line. Length of the score will determined by measuring from score line to the ground directly under the pin with pin in the barrier ring.

R7.6.4 Height of barrier in timed events shall be from thirty-two (32') to thirty-six inches (36"), measured at the center of the box. Stop behind pulley is required on all barriers.

R7.6.5 A bright colored barrier flag, visible to the timers must be attached on to the barrier to start official time for each run.

R7.6.6 Barrier judge is responsible for changing the barrier string every fifth run or whenever it may have been weakened, or upon request of next contestant.

R7.6.7 Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier neck rope each performance.

- R7.6.8 A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking the barrier or horse jumping over the barrier. A barrier will not be considered broken if pig tail drops within ten feet (10') or more from pin.
- R7.6.9 Barrier equipment must be inspected by the barrier judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
- R7.6.10 Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to barrier judge. If the contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled, or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten (10) second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
- R7.6.11 Barrier judge shall clear arena and the barrier area to be sure nobody stands close to barrier to tamper with barrier. Intentionally, tampering with barrier will result to disqualification.
- R7.6.12 Barrier flag must operate to be considered an official time.
- R7.6.13 Once score has been set by judges or event director, it will not be changed at that rodeo. Arena condition shall determine the score line.
- R7.6.14 Only barrier judge has the authority to determine whether barrier worked properly. His decision is final.
- R7.6.15 Flag judge shall position himself for Tie Down Roping and Breakaway at the end of the arena allowing him to come towards the roper. In Steer Wrestling and Team Roping, the judge shall position himself against the fence on the left hand side of the timed event box.
- R7.6.16 Flag judge must ask contestant if they want a second loop or jump. Once contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.
- R7.6.17 If an animal that is drawn in a pen becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, the judge must pass on the animal's ability to be used before it can be replace in the draw.
- R7.6.18 All performance competition order changes must be made with the CES and the timed events chute boss prior to start of the performance.
- R7.6.19 A dropped rope that must be recoiled to be rebuilt is considered a thrown rope, neck ropes must be tied with a rubber band or string. No metal snaps or wire shall be used on neck ropes. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes.

- R7.6.20 There shall be two (2) timers, a barrier judge and a field flag judge. Time shall be taken between two flags.
- R7.6.21 Contestant shall take only one (1) run at the barrier line
- R7.6.22 The person pushing the cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the box until the animal has crossed the score line.

Intentionally, tampering with barrier will result to a disqualification.
- R7.6.23 The barrier judge shall check the number drawn on each stock and notify contestant if the wrong stock is in place.
- R7.6.24 Animal belongs to contestant when he/she calls for it, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. If contestant accepts animal, he/she accepts it as sound.

R7.7 RE-RUN

- R7.7.1 If the automatic barrier fails to work and the official time has not started, contestant or team will get stock back if stock is qualified on in the field.
- R7.7.2 Only if contestant is fouled by neck rope or barrier rope, contestant shall get animal back providing contestant declares himself by pulling up immediately.
- R7.7.3 If the neck rope hangs on animal, it is the contestant's choice, but he must declare himself by immediately pulling up.
- R7.7.4 If an animal escapes the chute or pen before it is called for by the contestant or if automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately after the same performance. Animal will be returned to roping chute along with a group of animals and be given a sufficient time to rest.
- R7.7.5 If an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap-and-tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, it shall be a rerun
- R7.7.6 If rope is on animal when it escapes the arena, lap-and-tap start will be with rope on in chute.

- R7.7.7 A ten (10) second penalty will be carried on to the re-run when an infraction occurs after a broken barrier.
- R7.7.8 If a contestant(s) competes on an animal not drawn for him/her the contestant(s) shall get the correct animal back in the same performance and/or slack. All times/scores, no times/scores, and penalties shall be void. Example: Contestant (A) he/she has wrong stock; then (B) will apply. The Contestant determines to have the extra or same animal drawn.

R7.8 TIE DOWN ROPING

- R7.8.1 Contestant must rope calf from the horse (catch-as-catch-can), dismount, go down rope, throw the calf by hand, and tie any three (3) legs together. To qualify for a legal tie, there shall be at least one (1) wrap around all three (3) legs and or half hitch.
- R7.8.2 If the calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up onto all four (4) feet and thrown by hand. If the calf falls when the roper's hand is on it, calf is considered thrown by hand.
- R7.8.3 Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on the calf after the initial jerk. If the rope falls off after the roper has made contact with calf, six (6) seconds time starts when roper clears the calf. In the event the rope falls off after the initial jerk, roper cannot run down the calf.
- R7.8.4 The tie must hold with the three (3) legs remaining crossed until the judge gives a finished signal indicating the six (6) seconds time qualification has passed. The six (6) second time starts from the time the horse takes the first forward steps after the roper has remounted and puts a slack in the rope. Flag judge will pass on the tie through the use of a stop watch.
- R7.8.5 There shall be twenty-five (25) seconds elapse time on a one (1) go round; on a two (2) or more go rounds there will be a thirty-five (35) seconds elapse time. A whistle indicating "no time" shall be blown by the timer at the end of the designated time limit.
- R7.8.6 Tie Down roping horse must have a rope or string attached to choke-down to prevent horse from dragging calf excessively.
- R7.8.7 An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos. The length of the score line will be determined by arena conditions. The minimum length of the score line shall be the length of the box minus three (3) feet in indoor arena and two (2) feet in outdoor arena. The maximum

length of score will be eighteen (18) feet. Score length is subject to event director's approval.

- R7.8.8 Roping calves shall be even weight weighing at least two hundred (200) pounds and not more than three hundred (300) pounds. Native Angus and Herefords shall not weigh more than three hundred fifty (350) pounds each. Animal shall be inspected and any objectionable ones will be taken out.
- R7.8.9 Hazer/liner, line calf no further than score line. Judge will declare the location of the liner.
- R7.8.10 **DISQUALIFICATION:** A no time will result from the following infractions;
- a. Once the roper has remounted and committed himself to six (6) seconds time qualification, he cannot pull back on the calf.
 - b. If the calf kicks free of the tie (three legs are no longer crossed) of the calf gets up to its feet before the six (6) seconds time qualification.
 - c. Elapsed of time limit per R7.8.5.
 - d. After completing a tie, the roper cannot cue his horse to keep the rope tight with any part of his body.
 - e. Intentional dragging the calf excessively five (5) feet or more.

R7.9 STEER WRESTLING

- R7.9.1 Contestants must furnish own hazer and horses. Steer must be caught from the horse.
- R7.9.2 If steer gets loose, contestant may take no more than one (1) step to catch steer. After catching steer, wrestler must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. If steer is accidentally knocked down, or thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four (4) feet and then thrown.
- R7.9.3 Steer will be considered thrown only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back, with all four (4) feet and head straight. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
- R7.9.4 Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Same horses must be used by contestant and hazer they left chute with.

- R7.9.5 An automatic barrier must be used in the Steer Wrestling event. The box must be at least twelve feet (12'). If the box is shorter, steer wrestling must be lap-and-tap.
- R7.9.6 Any cattle cannot be held from one (1) year to the next, except by event director's approval.
- R7.9.7 Fresh steers, added to herd that has been used, must be bulldogged from horseback and thrown down. It is the responsibility of steer wrestlers to throw cattle.
- R7.9.8 A ten (10) second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that a bulldogger's feet touch the ground before score line is crossed.
- R7.9.9 If a contestant misses or losses steer, flagman must ask the contestant if he wishes another jump. Contestant must reply at once.
- R7.9.10 Steer wrestling cattle shall not be used for other events including kids' steer riding and jackpot roping.
- R7.9.11 The steer wrestling chute must have at least thirty inches (30") clearance inside the chute and at the gate when in an open position.
- R7.9.12 In steer wrestling, at all rodeos, the score may be no longer than the length of the steer wrestling box minus six (6') feet. Length of the box is to be measured from center of back end of box to center of barrier. There shall be two (2) timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge. Time shall be taken between two (2) flags.
- R7.9.13 Field judge is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose. Contestant is required to turn steer's head so he can get up. Arena director may report any infractions.
- R7.9.14 Steer wrestling cattle must have their horns tipped to at least a dime (10¢) size and shall weigh between four hundred fifty (450) and seven hundred (700) pounds.
- R7.9.15 Two (2) jumps will be permitted provided that the total lapsed time does not exceed thirty-five (35) seconds at which time, the timer will blow a whistle, indicating a "no time".

R7.10 TEAM ROPING EVENT

- R7.10.1 Team roping contestants may enter three times with a different partner each time and cannot rope Three (3) times in one performance only in slack. Contestants must clarify whether they are header or heeler and #10 team roping during call-ins. First entry money won in open or #10 team roping will count towards the all-around championship points At AIRCA Host events.
- R7.10.2 Contestants will start from behind a barrier (header).
- R7.10.3 Each contestant will be allowed to carry one (1) rope. At all one-headers, only two (2) loops per team will be allowed. If more than one (1) go-round, then three (3) loops are allowed. Roping steers without turning loose of loop will be considered a no catch. Roper must dally to stop steer. Contestants over fifty (50) years of age or older may tie on.
- R7.10.4 Time will be taken when steer is roped, both ropers dalled, both horses are facing steer in line with ropes tight. Roper's horses' front feet must be on ground and ropers must be mounted when time is taken. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
- R7.10.5 Steer must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the field judge, it was intentionally done so.
- R7.10.6 Broken or dropped rope will be considered a NO TIME.
- R7.10.7 The entire body length of the steer must be changed unless the steer stops. In either case, the steer must be moving forward (in tow) before the heel loop can be thrown. Any heel loop thrown in the switch or coming out of the switch will be considered a cross fire which is a disqualification.
- R7.10.8 If the heeler ropes a front foot catch or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. However, should the front foot, feet comes out of the heeler loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
- R7.10.9 If the header accidentally jerks the steer off its feet, trips or falls, he shall not drag the steer over eight feet (8'), before the steer regains its feet or team will be disqualified.
- R7.10.10 Dally around the saddle horn must be inspected by the flagman before releasing of the dally, otherwise disqualification results.
- R7.10.11 There will be only three (3) legal head catches;

- a. Around both horns
 - b. Half a head.
 - c. Around the neck
- R7.10.12 Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal, if rope goes up heel. Rope can cross itself to a figure 8.
- R7.10.13 One hind foot catch receives a five (5) seconds penalty.
- R7.10.14 There shall be a thirty-five (35) seconds time limit. A whistle indicating no time shall be blown by the timer at the end of elapsed time.
- R7.10.15 If the flag judge flags out a team that legally has one (1) or more loop coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap-and-tap and five (5) seconds penalty shall be assessed for each loop already thrown.
- R7.10.16 It is the responsibility of contestants to call in teamed-up
- R7.10.17 Steers will run only one (1) time per performance.
- R7.10.18 Contestants may enter as open but shall be removed if not teamed-up by the time the stock is drawn.
- R7.10.19 If a contestant is not able to contest due to emergency, the header/heeler will be allowed to pick an individual who is competing at this particular rodeo in any event other than team roping. (Partner must be participating in any event besides team roping.
- R8.10 #10 INCENTIVE TEAM ROPING (#5 capped Elite)
GENERAL
- R8.10.1 The rules set forth under the AIRCA Rules and Bylaws, Chapter Seven, sections R.6 Time Events R.7.7 Reruns, and R.7.10 Team roping Event, shall govern the Ten (#10) Team Roping Event.
- R8.10.2 The AIRCA # 10 Team roping shall utilize the 2016 United States Team Roping Championship (USTRC) Triad Classification system and the new ELITE SYSTEM. Also World Series Team Roping.
- R8.10.3 The #10 Team Roping is capped at #5 Elite, roper with a USTRC/WSTR number greater than #5 Elite is ineligible to compete in the #10 team roping event. #10 team roping shall be a combination of USTRC triad/WSTR numbering system totaling Ten (10). The current sum of contestant's and partner's classification number cannot exceed Ten (#10) in total.

- R8.10.4 The Elite system will further level the playing field by preventing two Elite ropers partnering together. FOR EXAMPLE; an #5 Elite header won't be allowed to enter the #10 team roping with another #5 Elite heeler. However, #5 header will be allowed to enter with an #5 heeler OR #5 header will be allowed to enter with an #5 Elite heeler. NO Two #5 ropers can enter together.
- R8.10.5 A Roper can enter three (3) times in the following manner.
- R8.10.6 A. Ropers cannot rope three (3) times in a performance only in slack.
- R8.10.7 B. First entry #10 team roping winnings will count towards all round championship points.
- R8.10.8 Failure to declare a #10 team at the time of call-in or after the completion of #10 team roping event will render the team ineligible as a #10 team and will automatically be classified as open team ropers/contests.
- R8.10.9 Contestants entering #10 team roping must have current 2016 USTRC/WSTR card on hand to verify their handicap USTRC /WSTR number and shall produce identification upon request (a must). No document or letter of verification shall be used to enter #10 team roping. Contestants must have current 2016 USTRC card for entering and payout.
- R8.10.10 Rodeos which are co-sanctioned with AIRCA, that have their own #10 or incentive numbered Team Roping rules and bylaws and AIRCA #10 team ropers shall comply with rules and bylaws as set forth by hosting rodeo association.
- R8.10.11 Points and/or winnings from co-sanctioned rodeos shall count toward year end standings for ropers with a current 2016 USTRC triad/WSTR number of #5 Elite and lower.
- R8.10.12 In the event, a #10 Team Ropers USTRC trade/WSTR increases higher than #5 Elite; within the 2016 AIRCA rodeo season, Team Roper shall notify Central Entry System immediately. Failure to notify Central Entry System shall result in forfeiture of accumulated points and/or winnings in the #10 Team Roping event and shall not be counted toward year end standings.
- R8.11 #10 TEAM ROPING FEES – PAYOFFS
- R8.11.1 All team ropers (Open and #10 Team Roping) shall pay the regular entry fee. One hundred percent (100%) of the added purse shall

remain in the Open Team Roping. If Open and #10 Team Roping have their own added purse, it will remain separately.

- R8.11.2 The Open and #10 Team Roping payoffs will be separate payoffs.
- R8.11.3 #10 Team Roping payoffs is a guaranteed payoff. The payoffs shall be in accordance to Chapter Six (6), Section 6.11 Payoff Schedule. Team failing to show cards will forfeit all prize money to next qualified team.

R7.11 LADIES' BARREL RACING

- R7.11.1 The ladies barrel racing event will be open with no age limit.
- R7.11.2 The cloverleaf pattern shall be used. It consists of turns around the three (3) barrels. Any turns between the barrels constitutes a broken pattern or crossing their own pattern.
- R7.11.3 Size of pattern shall be determined by the size of the arena.
- R7.11.4 Under normal situation/condition, the following standard distances shall prevail on pattern sizes:
 - a. The score line shall be no less than forty-five feet (45') away from the fence/gate enclosing the arena.
 - b. Barrel one (1) and two (2) must be at least eighteen feet (18') away from the fence enclosing the arena.
 - c. Barrel three (3) should be adequate distance from the fence enclosing the arena to promote safety and maximum performance of each contestant.
- R7.11.5 The barrel racing event shall be run after the team roping event. However, should there be a change in the order of events; adequate advance announcement shall be provided to the contestants.
- R7.11.6 There shall be a limit of ten (10) contestants in a paid performance, necessary to complete a go-round. Slack will be run if necessary to complete a go-round.
- R7.11.7 Touching a barrel with hand or picking it up will be to the contestant discretion with no penalties.
- R7.11.8 Two (2) different contestants cannot compete on the same horse in the same performance in Ladies Barrel racing.
- R7.11.9 Contestant may go to the right or left on the first barrel.

- R7.11.10 If an alley way is provided, contestant shall enter the arena at a run to begin the competition.
- R7.11.11 Contestant may walk her horse into the arena for positioning but must not turn or spin her horse. No circling the horse in the arena. Contestants are to run in and out, they must keep a forward motion toward first barrel, prior to crossing score line.
- R7.11.12 Time shall begin and end when the horse's nose reaches the score line in starting and completion of the run.
- R7.11.13 The ground around the barrels shall be raked after every seven (7) runs or when it becomes necessary depending upon the ground condition and event director's decision.
- R7.11.14 The ground shall be worked prior to each performance and/or slack by the rodeo sponsors.
- R7.11.15 Rakes and shovel shall be furnished by the rodeo sponsors
- R7.11.16 The arena shall be cleared of all persons during the Ladies Barrel racing event.

R7.11.A *Disqualification*

- R7.11.A1 Turning a full circle after entering the arena at the beginning of a run.
- R7.11.A2 Breaking the cloverleaf pattern.
- R7.11.A3 Crossing over the score line before completion of the run (pattern).
- R7.11.A4 Non-compliance of instructions given by the judge or event director.
- R7.11.A5 Intentionally knocking off their hats.
- R7.11.A6 Running (performing) out of order will be a disqualification.

R7.11.B *PENALTIES*

- R7.11.B1 Five (5) seconds will be added to the time for each barrel knocked down.

R7.11.C MARKING THE PATTERN

- R7.11.C1 It will be the rodeo judges' responsibility with the assistance of the event director to mark the barrel pattern.
- R7.11.C2 The event director shall have a tape measure available at all times.
- R7.11.C3 The event director and the judge are responsible for maintenance and permanency of the markers.
- R7.11.C4 The event director shall keep an accurate measurement of the markers to assure exact distance of pattern size.
- R7.11.C5 Tape measure shall be available at all times.

R7.11.D *SIZE OF PATTERN*

- R7.11.D1 Size of pattern means the distance between all the barrels and the score line:
 - a. Score line: 30-40 feet depending on size of arena.
 - b. First and second barrels: 90 feet apart.
 - c. Third Barrel: 105 feet from midpoint between first and second barrels.

R7.11.E *JUDGES*

- R7.11.E1 There shall be two (2) judges in this event.
 - 1. Judge #1 shall:
 - a. Serve as a flagman.
 - b. Establish a position at score line which he shall maintain throughout the competition. Enforce the barrel racing rules.
 - 2. Judge #2 shall:
 - a. Monitor alleyway for entrance and exit of contestants. Line up contestants for competition.
 - b. Assure all three (3) barrels are placed over markers.

R7.11.F *DRESS CODE*

- R7.11.F1 Contestants must wear western attire. Specifically, long sleeve collared shirt, western / rodeo jeans, western hat/ helmet and boots during competition in the arena.
- R7.11.F2 Any clothing determined to be unacceptable will be brought to the attention of the contestant.

R7.11.F3 Dress code shall be enforced by the event director and the judges; and announced as necessary.

R7.11.G RERUNS

R7.11.G1 INTERFERENCES: Contestant must declare interference by pulling up immediately. If run is completed, time will be official.

R7.11.G2 MALFUNCTION OF AUTOMATIC TIMER: It shall be the official timer's responsibility to inform the judges immediately if the electric eye malfunctioned. If the electric eye malfunctions, the backup time shall become official.

R7.11.G3 Only watches with a hundredth (100th) of a second shall be used for timed events and averaged out to the hundredth (100th) of a second as the official time. Tenth (10th) of a second hand stop watches shall be used for riding events only. The official designated timer for the barrel racing event shall record the electric eye time as well as the backup time to the Thousands (1000th) of a second during all performances

R7.11.G4 INCORRECT BARREL LOCATION: Should for any reason the barrels are located incorrectly on the markers or if the flagman was not in the correct position, everything shall be corrected and all contestants who ran incorrect pattern shall rerun.

R7.11.G5 Only the official timers are delegated to operate the electric eye during competition.

R7.11.G6 The Ladies Barrel Racing Director has the authority to assign persons to watch the operation of the electric eye from the announcers stand and to set barrels.

R7.11.H ELECTRIC EYE

R7.11.H1 An automatic timer (electric eye) shall be used at all AIRCA sanctioned rodeos.

R7.11.H2 It shall be the responsibility of the event director or her designee to avail the automatic timer at all rodeos.

R7.11.H3 It shall be the event director and the judge's responsibility to set up the automatic timer at all rodeos.

- R7.11.H4 There shall be markers for both units of the electric eye to assure accuracy and fairness. The markers shall be located so that the units (mid points of the tripod) are exactly over the markers.
- R7.11.H5 The units must be located as close to one another as possible so that the strength of the ray (beam) is not weakened.

R7.11.I INFRACTIONS

- R7.11.I1 The following actions are rule infractions and they warnings from the judges and event director. If warnings go unheeded, they will be dealt with by the Board of Directors.
- R7.11.I2 Setting the barrels on official markers, practicing or working the horse during the course of the rodeo.
- R7.11.I3 Abusing a horse during the course of the rodeo;
First Offense: \$20.00 Second Offense: \$40.00 Third Offense: Suspension.
- R7.11.I4 Accusing or making detrimental statements to rodeo producers, and/or AIRCA officials.
- R7.11.I5 Deliberately conversing and dissenting with the flagman or timers while event is in progress.

R7.12 JUNIOR BARREL RACING GENERAL

- R7.12.1 The AIRCA Junior Barrel Racing shall be considered a part of the rodeo with the eleven standard events.
- R7.12.2 A Junior Barrel Racer contestant can use the same horse in both the Ladies Barrel Racing and the Junior Barrel Racing events.
- R7.12.3 With the exception of R7.11.1, the Junior Co-ed Barrel Racing event will be open to boys and girls of age fifteen (15) year old as of January 1st and under to compete.
- R7.12.4 No money limit to qualify for Junior Barrel Racing.
- R7.12.5 PAYOFFS: The payoff shall be in accordance to Chapter Six (6), Section 6.10 Payoff-Ladies Barrel Racing (R6.9.1).

R7.12 LADIES' BREAKAWAY ROPING

- R7.12.1 The Ladies Breakaway Event is a standard event and will be open to ladies or girls with no age limit.
- R7.12.2 The horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown.
- R7.12.3 Contestants may change horses. Causing undue delay shall constitute disqualification. A one (1) minute time limit will be given between ropers.
- R7.12.4 Contestants will be allowed one (1) loop, in one go round events. Two loops allowed only in events with Two or more go rounds & finals, first loop breaks from horn calling for time, and catch is illegal, automatic no time second loop shall not be use.
- R7.12.5 A qualifying time shall constitute a clean neck catch; the loop must pass over the calf's head and breaks string (Break-away) attached to rope and saddle horn from the initial jerk of the calf. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
- R7.12.6 If the calf fails to break away from the initial jerk of the calf it will be a NO TIME. The string shall not be broken by hand at any time.
- R7.12.7 There will be a twenty (20) seconds elapsed time limit in a one round and thirty (30) seconds in two or more go rounds.
- R7.12.8 Rope must be tied to the horn with a nylon string, a knot must be at the end of the rope with a string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. A bright cloth or flag must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn so the judges can tell when the rope breaks away from the horn. No ribbon of any kind shall be permitted. If rope happens to dally around the saddle horn or if rope is broken free from horn by contestant, or will not break free when calf hits end of rope, contestant will automatically receive a no time.
- R7.12.9 Strings will be inspected by a barrier or designated official before each contestant competes. Types of string recommended are: tough nylon (31 lb.) or heavy cotton strings.
- R7.12.10 The event director or designated official will serve as a third judge to ensure appropriate decision by flag judge per performance. Third judge will be situated on the opposite side of the flag judge. Third judge can overrule flagman's decision. The three judges will occur only during breakaway event.
- R7.12.11 An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos. Length of score will be determined by arena conditions. The minimum length will be the length of the box minus three feet (3') in indoor arenas and two (2')

feet in outdoor arenas. The maximum length of the score will be eighteen feet (18'). Score length is subject to director's approval.

- R7.12.12 Liner, line calf will be no further than the barrier line. Judge will determine the location of the liner.
- R7.12.13 The rules set forth under the Timed Events shall govern the Ladies Breakaway event.
- R7.12.14 All entries shall be taken by the CES and all rules regarding entries shall apply to the Ladies Breakaway event.
- R7.12.15 The payoff scale for Tie Down Roping will be used for the Ladies Breakaway payoff.
- R7.12.16 Types of Go-Rounds:
- a. One Go: One (1) loop allowed
 - b. One go with finals: One (1) or two (2) loops may be used
 - c. Two or more Go Rounds: One (1) or two (2) loops may be used.
- R7.12.17 The rules for Dress Code set forth in Ladies Barrel Racing shall apply for this event.
- R7.12.18 If ground rules are set by the Rodeo Sponsor, all contestants must abide by those rules, upon negotiation of Ladies Breakaway Directors.
- R7.12.19 If the judge determines that he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.
- R7.12.20 In cases where the field flag judge flags out a contestant that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same calf back lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
- R7.12.21 One lap and tap, no barrier will be used. Flag starting to flag time when animal's nose clears the gate.
- R7.12.22 No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.
- R7.12.23 Calves must be uniform in weight and breed weight. Minimum weight shall be one-hundred, eighty (180) pounds and maximum of four-hundred (400) pounds. If horned, not to exceed 2 inches.
- R7.13 50+ CO-ED BREAKAWAY ROPING

- R7.13.1 The 50+ Co-Ed Breakaway Event is a standard event and will be open to both men & women 50+ years of age and beyond.
- R7.13.2 The horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown.
- R7.13.3 Contestants may change horses. Causing undue delay shall constitute disqualification. A one (1) minute time limit will be given between ropers.
- R7.13.4 Contestants will be allowed one (1) loop in one go round events. Two (2) loops allowed in events with finals or two or more go rounds. Second loop allowed if first loop not broken from horn.
- R7.13.5 A qualifying time shall constitute a clean neck catch; the loop must pass over the calf's head and breaks string (Break-away) attached to rope and saddle horn from the initial jerk of the calf. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
- R7.13.6 If the calf fails to break away from the initial jerk of the calf it will be a NO TIME. The string shall not be broken by hand at any time.
- R7.13.7 There will be a twenty (20) seconds elapsed time limit in a one round and thirty (30) seconds in two or more go rounds.
- R7.13.8 Rope must be tied to the horn with a nylon string; a knot must be at the end of the rope with a string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. A bright cloth or flag must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn so the judges can tell when the rope breaks away from the horn. No ribbon of any kind shall be permitted. If rope happens to dally around the saddle horn or if rope is broken free from horn by contestant, or will not break free when calf hits end of rope, contestant will automatically receive a no time.
- R7.13.9 Strings will be inspected by a barrier or designated official before each contestant competes. Types of string recommended are: tough nylon (31 lb.) or heavy cotton strings.
- R7.13.10 Co-Ed Breakaway Roping will be held in the slack or follow the ladies Breakaway Roping during regular performance. The event director or designated official will serve as a third judge to ensure appropriate decision by flag judge per performance. Third judge will be situated on the opposite side of the flag judge. Third judge can overrule flagman's decision. The three judges will occur only during breakaway event.

- R7.13.11 An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos. Length of score will be determined by arena conditions. The minimum length will be the length of the box minus three feet (3') in indoor arenas and two (2') feet in outdoor arenas. The maximum length of the score will be eighteen feet (18'). Score length is subject to director's approval.
- R7.13.12 Liner, line calf will be no further than the barrier line. Judge will determine the location of the liner.
- R7.13.13 The rules set forth under the Timed Events shall govern the Co-Ed Breakaway event.
- R7.13.14 All entries shall be taken by the CES and all rules regarding entries shall apply to the Co-Ed Breakaway event.
- R7.13.15 The payoff scale for Co-Ed Breakaway Roping shall be used in Chapter Six: R.6.9.1 payoff.
- R7.13.16 Types of Go-Rounds:
- a. One Go: One (1) loop allowed
 - b. One go with finals: One (1) or two (2) loops may be used
 - c. Two Go Rounds or more: One (1) or two (2) loops may be used
- R7.13.17 If ground rules are set by the Rodeo Sponsor, all contestants must abide by those rules, upon negotiation of Co-Ed Breakaway Directors.
- R7.13.18 If the judge determines that he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.
- R7.13.19 In cases where the field flag judge flags out a contestant that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same calf back lap and tap, plus time already lapsed and any barrier penalty.
- R7.13.20 One lap and tap, no barrier will be used. Flag starting to flag time when animal's nose clears the gate.
- R7.13.21 No rerun will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.
- R7.13.22 Calves must be uniform in weight and breed weight. Minimum weight shall be one-hundred, eighty (180) pounds and maximum of four-hundred (400) pounds. If horned, not to exceed 2 inches.

CHAPTER 8 - CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

R8.1 GENERAL

R8.1.1 Any member may be subject to reprimand, fine, suspension or expulsion, by action of the AIRCA Board of Directors, or by action of an officer or committee to whom the Board of Directors has delegated such authority, for commission of any of the following prohibited acts:

R8.2 MINOR OFFENSES

R8.2.1 WRITTEN WARNING: Any member who feels he/she was unfairly cited for a minor offense should take it upon himself to have an informal hearing between the event director, one (1) rodeo judge and a Vice-President. The discussion of objective should resolve whether or not the person has committed a minor offense. If it is deemed the person was cited unjustly, the charges will be dropped without repercussion.

R8.2.2 Non-payment of entrance fees or any financial obligation incurred in conjunction with a member's attendance or participation at an AIRCA approved rodeo.

R8.2.3 Failure to reimburse the CES for overpayment of prize money.

R8.2.4 Failure of a contract member to fulfill his/her contract obligations.

R8.2.5 Failure to wear western attire in the arena and when competing. (Cowboy hat, long sleeved shirt and cowboy boots)

R8.2.6 Being in the arena during performance when not performing.

R8.2.7 Using profane and vulgar language or engaging in conduct detrimental to the public image, reputation of the AIRCA or the sport of professional Indian rodeo, while participating.

R8.2.8 Failure to submit a doctor's verification of illness of injury within seven (7) days of the rodeo where doctor's release was rendered

R8.2.9 Inability of bareback rider to free his hand from rigging after a qualified ride.

R8.2.10 Contestants performing before paying entry fees.

- R8.2.11 Abusing rodeo stock, including timed event horse.
- R8.2.12 Any other action or conduct found to be in violation of the AIRCA Rules/Bylaws, which results in Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or less to the member although not listed specifically as a minor offenses, will be regarded as so.

R8.3 MAJOR OFFENSE

- R8.3.1 Any member who qualifies for the AIRCA Finals Rodeo and fails to compete without showing good cause shall be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) respectively.
- R8.3.2 Attempting to fix, bribe, influence, or harass an AIRCA official or rodeo official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress. Violations of this rule shall be reported to the AIRCA Board of officials involved by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where violation occurred.
- R8.3.3 Failure to pay fines or resolve other monetary obligations arising from one (1) or more minor offenses for a period of twelve (12) months or more following final assessment or imposition of said fines or obligations.
- R8.3.4 Fighting or causing disturbance on rodeo grounds or at AIRCA sponsored activities.
- a. 1st Offense: Suspension from three (3) consecutive rodeos or a One Hundred Dollars (\$100) fine.
 - b. 2nd Offense: Automatic suspension for one (1) year.
- R8.3.5 Striking an AIRCA or rodeo official shall result in suspension of one (1) year from date of suspension.
- R8.3.6 Engaging in any strike, boycott, picketing, protest or demonstration of any kind involving an AIRCA rodeo. All protests must be approved by the Board of Directors. Fine and penalty will be subject to the Board of Directors review.

R8.4 STANDARD FINE SCHEDULE

- R8.4.1 The following is a list of standard fines, which will be imposed for certain conduct violations, unless the conduct of the member is

aggravated, in which case a more severe penalty or discipline action may be imposed.

- R8.4.2 Failure to pay entry fees:
- a. Immediate Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) fine and ineligible.
- R8.4.3 INELIGIBILITY: Violators of Rule R8.3.2 will become ineligible to participate in AIRCA rodeos effective two (2) days from the date of the last performance and will not regain eligibility until such time as fees and corresponding late fines are paid in full.
- R8.4.4 In case of a discrepancy, contestant will not be allowed to enter AIRCA rodeos until such time as he posts a cash bond equal to the amount of entry fees involved, that bond refundable if research proves an error has been made.
- R8.4.5 Failure to adhere to the arena dress code shall result in a Ten Dollars (\$10.00) fine,
- R8.4.6 At all AIRCA rodeos contestants will receive an automatic Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) fine for turning out ~~stock~~ and loss of privileges using the call in number. Contestant will be put on no call in list.
- R8.4.7 If contestants doctor releases, failure to submit a doctor's verification to the CES within seven (7) days of the last performance of the rodeo will result in a Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) fine.
- R8.4.8 Contestants will be informed through a weekly AIRCA suspension list from its secretary at all AIRCA rodeos. If he/she meets the notification and pays the indicated balance in full, that member will be subject to being eligible to compete.
- R8.4.9 If, in the opinion of the event director or stock contractor, a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging at any point after the eight (8) seconds whistle, he shall be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).
- R8.4.10 Contestants competing and failing to pay entry fees prior to competition time will be subject to a Ten Dollar (\$10.00) fine in addition to the entry fee.
- R8.4.11 Members reported for attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass any AIRCA official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress will automatically be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Second offense will constitute automatic suspension for one year.

- R8.4.12 Any late entry after or before start of any performances if not entered subject to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) fine in addition to entry fee.
- R8.4.13 Failure to participate in the grand entry will constitute a Ten Dollars (\$10.00) fine.

R8.5 CONTESTANT SUSPENSION

- R8.5.1 Members shall be suspended in all events for the remainder of the rodeo and/or subject to disciplinary action for the following offenses:
- a. Being under the influence of liquor in the arena and/or consuming alcoholic beverages in the arena.
 - b. Being Rowdy or Disorderly within the arena.
 - c. Mistreatment of stock.
 - d. Refusing to contest during a paid performance on an animal drawn for him.
 - e. Not being ready to compete when called upon.
 - f. Cheating or attempting to cheat.
 - g. No contestant may be suspended only if there is an agreement of the rodeo judges and the event coordinator.. A majority decision of the three will be determined.

R8.6 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- R8.6.1 The following disciplinary procedures shall be applied in the event a member is reported for any alleged rule violation or misconduct. It is the purpose of these procedures to afford each member a fair investigation and an opportunity to fully explain his position prior to the imposition of final disciplinary action.
- R8.6.2 After an infraction has been reported to the AIRCA, the accused member shall be notified by mail to the address appearing on the books of the AIRCA regarding the nature of the charge, the potential penalty, fine or suspension, and his right to make a personal appearance before the Rules Infraction Committee (RIC) during the investigation process. The member shall be informed of the time and place at which the matter will be considered by RIC so that his/her defense may be made in person. Failure of the accused member to appear at the time and place so designated, unless excused by the AIRCA Board or an officer of the Association, may subject the member to the requirement of posting a cash bond in order to continue participating in AIRCA Rodeos. Said cash bond shall be held until such time as the member will meet the RIC or complete the infraction investigation process or until the member has satisfied the discipline imposed upon him.

- R8.6.3 As each corrective or disciplinary measure, the Board of Directors acting directly or through RIC may issue a reprimand; impose a fine, declares a member to be ineligible (suspended) for a period of not more than two (2) years; or any combination of such penalties. In circumstances where the conduct of the accused is found by the Board of Directors to be extremely damaging to the AIRCA, its members, or the sport of Indian rodeo, the Board may, by unanimous vote, expel such member from the AIRCA indefinitely.
- R8.6.4 The Board of Directors may delegate responsibility for minor rule infractions such as non-payment of entry fees, failure to compete after entry and similar violations to the President. In such cases, the President shall have authority to impose fines and declare contestant ineligible.
- R8.6.5 The Board of Directors has created RIC to function as a preliminary review committee with respect to rule infractions. RIC shall have authority to investigate and propose disciplinary action against members subject to final action by AIRCA Board of Directors.
- R8.6.6 No members may work at AIRCA rodeo when that person's name is on the ineligibility list, unless the CES has been notified by the AIRCA secretary of clearance to participate. Members will not be removed from the CES ineligible list until all obligations to the AIRCA have been satisfied. When a member is being removed from the ineligible list, a one (1) week processing period may be required.
- R8.6.7 Contestant found in violation of AIRCA rules may, in addition to fines, reprimands, suspension and the like, be subject to loss of championship points won while in violation of a rule.
- R8.6.8 The "Statute of Limitations" for a major rule infraction shall be two (2) years. At the expiration of a two (2) year period with no major rule infraction, member will be eligible for all AIRCA privileges.

R8.7 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- R8.7.1 As a condition of membership, all members agree that any dispute with the AIRCA, its officers or directors shall be resolved through the following grievance procedures. Any member may utilize such procedure to question or contest any action of the AIRCA involving the application or interpretation of the AIRCA Bylaws or Rodeo Rules.

- R8.7.2 STEP 1: The grieving member shall be the subject matter of this grievance to the attention of the Rules Infraction Committee in writing through the AIRCA secretary. The letter shall set forth in full the dispute and the proposed action requested by the grievance. Within the convenience of the RIC, not more than fourteen (14) days following receipt of said STEP 1 -grievance letter, the chairperson shall reply in writing to the grievance setting forth their decision on the matter. Said decision shall be final and binding or unless appealed by the grievance to STEP 2.
- R8.7.3 STEP 2: In the event that the grieving member is dissatisfied with the decision of the Rules Infraction Committee, he or she may then appeal directly to the full AIRCA Board of Directors. Within seven (7) days after receipt of the written decision of the Rules Infraction Committee, the grievance must notify the AIRCA Board, in writing, of his or her desire for an appeal hearing on the matter. Said letter should be addressed to the AIRCA secretary of the AIRCA Board and should briefly summarize the position of the grievance. Within seven (7) days after receipt of said STEP 1 letter, the AIRCA Secretary of the AIRCA Board of Directors shall in writing notify the grievance at which time said member shall be afforded an opportunity for a full hearing of his grievance. Following said hearing, the AIRCA Board shall issue a final decision on the matter which shall appear in the minutes of the AIRCA Board of Directors meeting. Said decision shall be final and binding on the parties
- R8.7.4 The purpose of the above-stated grievance procedure is to provide an open and informal method of resolving grievances by the membership and to enhance the channels of communications between the members and the AIRCA officers and directors. The hearing provided in STEP 1 and STEP 2 of the grievance procedures cover outline above will therefore be conducted in a conversational non-courtroom atmosphere with emphasis on full discovery of all the relevant facts.

CHAPTER 9 - CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AND AIRCA STANDINGS

R9.0 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- R9.1.1 Money won at AIRCA approved rodeos held after the established cutoff date will be counted toward the next year's AIRCA standings.
- R9.1.2 The Board of Directors will set a cutoff date to count points and to determine champions.

- R9.1.3 No money will be posted for ground money.
- R9.1.4 The records of the AIRCA, with respect to championship points shall be open for inspection by any member during any normal business day throughout the rodeo season.

R9.2 AIRCA STANDINGS

- R9.2.1 The point award system shall be used to determine the All-Around Champion and Champions in each of the nine (9) standard events. The first Team roping or the #10 team roping **entry** shall count. The AIRCA standings shall also determine which members will participate in AIRCA Championship Finals Rodeo.
- R9.2.2 The standings are based upon the official results sheets of each approved rodeo as submitted by the CES.
- R9.2.3 Contestants wishing to challenge the AIRCA standings calculation after the cut-off date must do so by submitting a letter of challenge for documentation to the AIRCA Board of Directors.
- R9.2.4 One point shall be awarded for each dollar earned at AIRCA sanctioned rodeos by members in good standings.
- R9.2.5 The AIRCA determines its All-Around Cowboy by the most money won in two or more events, (Team Roping: Open Roping, #10 Team Roping, First entry). If no contestant wins money in two or more events, the All-Around honors will go to that contestant entered in two or more events by winning the most money in a single event. If no contestant entered in two or more events wins any money, the All-Around will go to that contestant winning the most money in a single event.
- R9.2.6 Only points earned during the regular rodeo season (first sanctioned rodeo to finals) shall be counted.
- R9.2.7 Points earned after the AIRCA Finals Rodeo shall be counted toward next year's standings.
- R9.2.8 Points earned prior to purchase of membership card shall not be counted.
- R9.2.9 Should there be a tie between two members for champion, they shall be declared co-champions and each shall be entitled to an award.

- R9.2.10 Any member qualifying to participate in the AIRCA Finals Rodeo must have participated as a full member in at least 40% AIRCA sanctioned rodeos prior to the Finals/and Awards.

CHAPTER 10 - RODEO COMMITTEES

R10 GENERAL

- R10.1 The AIRCA provides rules and guidelines in its Rule book and various ground rules for the operation of AIRCA approved rodeos. Rodeo Committees must meet all applicable requirements in the AIRCA rule book, and must agree to abide by all AIRCA rules and guidelines, and any applicable ground rules.

R10.2 APPLICATION FOR RODEO APPROVAL

- R10.2.1 The purpose of the Rodeo Committee shall be to promote and obtain professionalism in all facets in rodeo production and association activities: to consider possible improvement, to recommend appropriate changes, and to assure appropriate follow-up action. Rodeo Committee must submit AIRCA Rodeo Approval Application with the appropriate approval fee. The AIRCA in its sole discretion may deny application for rodeo approval. In the event that an application is denied, the rodeo approval fee shall be returned to the applicant.

R10.3 RODEO COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

- R10.3.1 Rodeo Committees shall meet on even number year at the year-end AIRCA Awards Banquet to select its Rodeo Committee Representative for a two year term.
- R10.3.2 Rodeo Committees shall be required to meet annually at the year-end AIRCA Awards Banquet to discuss and recommend solutions to AIRCA Board of Directors any issues and concerns pertaining to rodeo committees and AIRCA.

R10.4 MULTI-YEAR RODEO APPROVAL

- R10.4.1 Rodeo committee may apply for AIRCA approval of its rodeo for up to three years, provided that the Rodeo Committee complies with all requirements set forth in AIRCA rulebook.
- R10.4.2 Multi-year approval of a rodeo must be applied for on a separate AIRCA Rodeo Approval Application. The Rodeo Committee shall be responsible to notify the AIRCA immediately in the event of any

changes to the format of a rodeo or information set forth in the original approval application.

R10.5 *RIGHTS OF RODEO COMMITTEE*

R10.5.1 The Rodeo Committee is entitled to the dates if previously staged it show on that date.

R10.5.2 The Rodeo Committee shall have the power to stop a rodeo any time he deems necessary to clear the arena of unauthorized personnel.

R10.5.3 The Rodeo Committee shall have the right to cancel the sanctioned rodeo for just cause.

CHAPTER 11 - OTHER RODEO ASSOCIATIONS

R11.1 *GENERAL AGREEMENT*

R11.1.1 AIRCA Commissioner shall be granted by the Board of Directors to negotiate with other rodeo associations for participating in the AIRCA sanctioned rodeos and the AIRCA Championship Finals. Any Agreement entered into by the AIRCA Commissioner and other rodeo associations shall be approved by the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

R11.1.2 The criteria for Agreements between AIRCA and other rodeo associations shall be:

1. Agreement that AIRCA Rules and Bylaws will apply in all situations arising in the agreement, unless otherwise specified.
2. The duration of the Agreement; shall be consistent with the rodeo seasons.
3. Positions for the AIRCA Finals Rodeo shall be specified and the number of slots shall be limited to two (2) slots. Seeding for qualifications to participate in the AIRCA Championship Finals Rodeo shall be in accordance with the AIRCA standings.
4. AIRCA standings provide for top fifteen (15) contestants to participate in the AIRCA Finals Rodeo. Other rodeo association contestants shall qualify, only if their points are earned at AIRCA sanctioned rodeo. Points shall be

calculated in U.S monetary amounts, and they shall seed themselves within the AIRCA top fifteen (15).

5. Points earned shall only be calculated from points earned in the nine (9) standard events and in compliance with the AIRCA Rules and Bylaws. No points shall be earned or counted to the standings for Finals, only for those provisions as outlined in the AIRCA Rules and Bylaws.
6. A non-refundable entry fee in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) shall first be paid by other association, prior to any rodeos being sanctioned or points being counted.
7. AIRCA shall receive two percent (2%) of the entry fees and shall be paid to AIRCA as their rodeo Administration fees.
8. AIRCA shall not recognize sudden death formats.
9. Rodeo committee, timer, judges, and any other person(s) who participate in any manner with the rodeo shall be required to abide by AIRCA Rules and Bylaws.
10. The All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl shall be determined by AIRCA Rules and Bylaws and adhered to.
11. AIRCA judges and officials decisions are final. It shall be insured that AIRCA Rules and Bylaws are used in performance of this Agreement and all rodeo sanctioned events.
12. Consideration and approval shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors with the approval of the majority of the Board at a dully called meeting.
13. Only those person(s) who have the standing authority for the organizations shall be allowed to sign the Agreement to be binding.

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