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RULEBOOK

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I. ORGANIZATION BYLAWS

- A. Said Organization shall be named and known as the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo; hereafter referred to as BPIR.
- B. All BPIR rodeos will be operated in accordance to the BPIR Rule Book and if there is a rule not specifically addressed, the rules of the IPRA will be the governing rule.
- C. The general nature, purposes and object for which this organization is formed are:
 - 1. To organize the Black/African-American rodeo contestants of America for their mutual protection and benefit and to:
 - a) ensure a just amount of prize money;
 - b) require that all entry fees be added to prize money; and
 - c) to secure competent, honest judges and officials in all events.
 - 2. To raise the standards of Black/African-American rodeos so they shall rank among the foremost in sports.²
 - 3. To protect the members against unfairness on the part of any rodeo official.
 - 4. To bring about honest advertising by the sponsoring organization(s) or committee(s) so that the public may rely upon the truth of advertised events in which it is claimed that members of BPIR will participate.
 - 5. To work for the betterment of conditions in accordance with the rules governing Black/ African-American rodeo events in which the members of the BPIR participate.
 - 6. To adopt and approve official rules for the BPIR and for sponsors, promoters, and contestants of Black/African-American rodeos sanctioned by the BPIR
- D. Office: The principal place of business for the BPIR will be Denver, Colorado until just cause is shown and a move of locations is approved by the Producer.
- E. Appointment of BPIR rodeo staff: The rodeo staff shall be appointed by the BPIR Executive Staff at the end of each year before December 31st. The staff will assume their appointed position for one (1) year, unless extended. Only members with current good standing membership status with the BPIR, may be appointed for a staff position.
- F. Official Rodeo Year: The official rodeo year of the BPIR will be from January 1st through December 31st.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. CONTESTANT MEMBERSHIP

Contestant Membership will be open to any Black/African-American of good character and reputation interested in competing in rodeo events, providing his or her application is accepted by the BPIR Association.

1. Contestant Membership will be comprised of members who compete in major rodeo events: Bareback Riding; Bull Dogging; Calf Roping; Bull Riding; Ladies Barrel Racing and Ladies Steer Undecorating.
2. New Membership dues shall be Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per year (January 1 through December 31). New Memberships include a rulebook, membership card, bonus points, hotel discounts, right to work or officiate at BPIR rodeos, right to participate in finals rodeo (top 10 in each event that meet the BPIR participation requirements as outlined in Section XVI BPIR RULES). Two (2) free guest pass for the finals rodeo only are also included.
 - a) Membership dues are payable in full no later than the entry deadline for their first (1st) rodeo of each season. Any member who does not reinstate his or her membership by the above-mentioned deadline will automatically become a non-member and will lose all membership privileges. In addition, all points earned at any rodeo preceding membership purchase or renewal will not be counted toward the overall points.
 - b) Any cowboy or cowgirl who became a champion for any event in the previous year, will be extended a complimentary membership renewal for the following year.
3. By paying dues and becoming a BPIR member, member accepts and agrees to abide by all rules contained herein and subsequent rules and/or policies hereafter adopted by BPIR.
4. For New-Members, an application, an accurate W9 and release form must be completed before a BPIR card will be issued.
 - a) A minor's release form for a2ll contestant member applicants under the age of eighteen (18) years must be signed by a parent or legal guardian, notarized and received by the BPIR office before a card will be issued.

5. Renewing Memberships are seventy dollars (\$70.00) per year and should be paid no later than the entry deadline for their first (1st) rodeo of each season. If a member decides to not renew their membership before the first (1st) rodeo and competes on a permit and decides to purchase their membership at a later date; the membership cost will be at the new membership rate of eighty dollars (\$80.00). Renewing members who have an application on file from the previous year will only have to verify the application information on file and be required to complete a BPIR release form and a W9 each year.

A. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership will be open to all individuals interested in the general advancement of the sport and who DO NOT qualify for general membership or will not be eligible to participate in any contest.

1. Associate membership dues shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per year.
2. Associate member will receive a membership card and entitled to special benefits as determined by the BPIR Executive staff.

B. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Any member upon attaining the age of fifty (50) years or older and has had 5 years of consecutive participation with BPIR and entitled to purchase a Gold Card membership for Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for one year. Once a person obtains Gold membership status, the membership is lifetime with no annual fees.

C. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

All BPIR members shall READ and KNOW the prevailing rules of the BPIR association and each individual rodeo they are participating in.

1. Any member accused of a rule violation shall have the right to know their accuser and the specific rule they allegedly violated.
2. Should violation of any rule result in the loss of membership privileges, failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse to justify such violation.

D. PERMITS

Permits will be issued for contestant events per rodeo and must be purchased by any non-members who wish to participate in any BPIR rodeo. Permits must be purchased on a per rodeo basis.

1. Permits shall cost Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).
2. Non-members must purchase permits and the permit fee must be paid at the time the entry fee is paid.
3. Permit application, an accurate W9 and Release form must be completed in full by each new applicant before competing in any BPIR rodeo.
4. Permit holders(Non-Members) must call in their entry. All entries of permit holders must be paid no later than one (1) hour before the rodeo performance. If entry is not paid, contestant will be withdrawn from the event.
5. If a Permit Holder earns money during a rodeo, and elects to purchase a membership during payoff the cost of membership is eighty dollars (\$80.00) less the twenty dollars (\$20.00) permit fee or sixty dollars (\$60.00). Points (earnings) won under a permit will not count towards the standings. Points earned under the newly purchased membership will begin to count at the next BPIR or Approved Sanctioned Rodeo with money earned.
6. Permit holders will not be eligible for any prizes other than money earned at BPIR rodeos in which permit holder participates. Permit holders will not be eligible for finals.
7. All permits will state "non-transferable" and will not be transferable to any person.
8. Members will have priority in entering a BPIR rodeo over permit holders. It will be the responsibility of the permit holder to contact the rodeo secretary to verify whether his or her entry has been accepted for the BPIR event/performance requested.
9. A minor's release form for all permit holders under the age of eighteen (18) years must be signed by parent or legal guardian, notarized and received and approved by BPIR office before minor permit holder will be allowed to compete.
10. It will be the responsibility of the permit holder to read and know the prevailing rules of BPIR and of each individual rodeo participated in. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted

as an excuse to justify violation of any rule which may result in disqualification or suspension.

11. Permit holders may purchase a BPIR rulebook from the BPIR office at a cost of \$7.50, or at any BPIR rodeo at the cost of \$5.00.—
12. Disqualification and/or suspension of any permit holder from any BPIR rodeo will be determined and enforced at the discretion of any member of the BPIR Executive or Rodeo Staff.
 - a) It will be the responsibility of the permit holder to contact BPIR headquarters to verify the specifics of the disqualification and/or suspension (e.g., reason for disqualification/suspension; amount of fine, if any; length of suspension; etc.)
 - b) It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder to discuss any grievances regarding the disqualification and/or suspension with the staff member(s) who made the decision.

III. INSURANCE

A. MEMBERSHIP AND PERMIT HOLDER INSURANCE

Contestants acknowledge that rodeo is a dangerous activity and that participation in a rodeo exposes the participant and his or her property and/or stock to a substantial and serious risk of injury or death, or damage. BPIR strongly recommends that all PARTICIPATES have their own medical insurance prior to competing in any rodeo.

PASSES

- A. BPIR members shall be entitled to admittance for themselves and two (2) guest pass for the finals rodeo only.
- B. All other passes (for officials, labor, photographers, media, etc.) shall be given at the discretion of the management.
- C. BPIR member misusing their membership card, contestant number, wristband or pass for gaining entry for others into a BPIR rodeo will be fined \$25.00 per violation.

IV. SPECIALTY ACTS/CONTRACTORS/STAFF

A. CONTRACT SPECIALTY ACTS

1. Persons presenting contract specialty acts (trick ropers, trick riders, clowns, etc.) must be approved by BPIR Executive Staff.

2. Contract specialty acts must sign and adhere to the contract provided by BPIR. Failure to do so may result in immediate cancellation of contract and non-payment.
3. Members and/or employees of each contract specialty act must sign release form provided by BPIR prior to rodeo performance. Failure to do so may result in immediate cancellation of contract and non-payment.
4. Contract specialty acts will be issued a BPIR pass and must show this pass to the BPIR rodeo secretary prior to first rodeo performance. Those failing to do so will be subject to a fine. Pass members and names of contract specialty acts must be recorded by rodeo secretary and submitted to Producer prior to first performance.

B. BPIR STAFF/CONTRACTORS

1. BPIR rodeo staff and contractors (rodeo secretary, arena director, performance director, timer(s), judges, bull fighter(s), announcer, gatemen, pickup men, flag men, etc.):
 - a) must be current BPIR members in good standing
 - b) must be approved by BPIR Executive Staff
 - c) will be responsible for reading, knowing and adhering to the BPIR rules contained herein.
2. BPIR rodeo staff and contractors must complete and sign a W9. All staff and contractors understand that they are operating as independent contractors and are responsible for reporting all monies/ payment(s) to the IRS.

MEDIA/PHOTOGRAPHERS

- A. Any and all persons representing the media, and any and all photographers (whether representing the media, contracted by BPIR), who plan on entering the rodeo arena must be approved by BPIR Executive Staff, and must sign a release form provided by BPIR prior to receiving a media pass in order to gain access. Passes may be acquired from the Rodeo Producer or Rodeo Secretary only. Any violators will be removed immediately from the rodeo grounds.

V. SANCTIONED RODEOS/FEEES

- A. Each sanctioned rodeo must have five (5) of the BPIR standard events in order to qualify for sanctioning by the BPIR association. The standard events are Bareback Riding, Bull Dogging, Calf Roping, Bull Riding, Ladies Barrel Racing and Ladies Steer Undecorating.
- B. BPIR Rodeo Secretary shall be responsible for the collecting membership fees and remitting to BPIR. Secretary is also responsible for record keeping, which includes recorded winnings, tracking points and posting to the BPIR website for those eligible BPIR member.
- C. It is the responsibility of the contestant and the sanctioned rodeo to provide the BPIR Secretary with information within two weeks of the sanctioned rodeo that is both verified and certified by the sanctioned rodeo secretary for money and points to count. No Exception.

VI. BPIR GENERAL RULES

BPIR provides its own rules for rodeo contests and will insist that all contestants and rodeo staff adhere to them. BPIR reserves the right to withdraw any contestant from competition in any BPIR rodeo who does not conform to its rules.

A. RELEASES

BPIR members, permit holders, staff, labor contract acts, media, and photographers (hereafter referred to as "participants") acknowledge that rodeo is a dangerous activity and that participation in a rodeo exposes the participant and his/her property and/or stock to a substantial and serious risk of injury or death, or damage.

Being fully aware that such participation in BPIR rodeos will expose participants to substantial and serious risk of personal injury or death, injury or death to participant's stock or damage to participant's personal property, said participants hereby release BPIR, its sponsors, their affiliated, related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of such entities or organizations from liability for any and all property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from participation in BPIR rodeos, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent. All members,

permit holders, staff, labor, contract acts, media and photographers shall be required to sign a release before participating in any BPIR rodeo.

B. CONDUCT

1. Participating members will, always, conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, upholding the BPIR purpose and shall present themselves in a neat, clean, orderly and professional cowboy or cowgirl manner.
2. Any BPIR member involving a rodeo sponsor or rodeo staff or official in an argument shall be fined Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00). Fines must be paid before member is allowed to compete or participate in the BPIR rodeo.
3. Any BPIR member will be disqualified for being in a pen with livestock at any time except when accompanied by stock contractor.
4. There will be a Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) fine for anyone (other than BPIR staff) that are inside the arena when not performing. Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) fine for 2nd offense. Fines must be paid before being allowed to enter another BPIR rodeo.
5. Any member will be fined, disqualified, and/or suspended immediately (depending on the severity) for any of the following offenses: failure to pay hotel/motel bills; smoking in non-smoking rooms or causing damage to hotel, arena or any property of others associated with the rodeo. Other offenses subject to fine, disqualification and/or suspension include but are not limited:
 - a) quarreling and/or fighting in the arena
 - b) attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges at any time, in or out of the arena, or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress
 - c) mistreatment of stock
 - d) not being ready to compete when called upon
 - e) taking alcoholic beverages into the arena during the regular performance of the rodeo;
 - f) failure to abide by or disobedience of any BPIR rules
 - g) non-payment of entry fees or fines
 - h) any conduct, speech or appearance detrimental to the best interests of the BPIR or the sport of rodeo

6. If there is an issue pertaining to any event prior to the rodeo, the contestant should go to the appropriate Event Director first. The Event Director will resolve the issue with the judge and contestant.

C. DRESS

1. When contestant numbers are furnished, all participants must wear those numbers to enter the arena and to receive their stock. Anyone without a number may be excluded from the arena. Contestants **MUST** wear their numbers on their backs only. Failure to do so will result in a fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).
2. Long-sleeved shirts (sleeves must be rolled down, shirt tails tucked in, **NO T-shirts**). Pull-over shirts are allowed for women only. Western hats and boots must be worn in the arena, on the back of the bucking chutes, on the back of timed event chutes and on the rodeo grounds by all participants thirty minutes prior to and during performance time and slack. **NO BASEBALL CAPS** may be worn at any time, in the arena or on the rodeo grounds. Failure to comply will result in a fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Failure to comply with the dress code while competing may result in disqualification.
3. Announcers are required to wear western hats and long sleeve shirts while on the announcer's stand. While it is recommended that timers and rodeo secretaries wear western hats, it is mandatory that timers and secretaries wear long-sleeved shirts while on the announcer's stand. Failure to comply will result in a fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

D. POSTPONMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

1. No cancellation of a performance will be permitted unless, in the opinion of the stock contractor, the producer and the arena director, it would be impractical to hold the performance.
2. In the event of inclement weather, if a performance is postponed and contestants cannot be present for the rain date performance, they will be refunded their entry fee as long as contestant notifies rodeo secretary 24 hours in advance of rain date performance.

RODEO GENERAL RULES

1. Any contestant who is disqualified from the rodeo after stock has been drawn will not receive a refund of his/ her entry fee. Should a disqualified contestant also be fined, his/her entry fee (or any portion thereof may not be applied toward the fine. The full entry fee will remain a part of the total prize money
2. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event or unless he/she has signed a waiver releasing BPIR, producers, sponsors and venue from liability. This rule is to be enforced by BPIR staff and officials, and/or whomever has been so designated by BPIR
3. Contestants are privileged to see the records of each event in which they take part at the end of each go-round, provided said requests be made at a time convenient to the secretary and judges, who must be present at the time of review.
4. No contestant shall talk to the judges during the rodeo except after each event unless the contestant is declaring a challenge. If violated, the contestants may be disqualified and / or fined at the discretion of the Judges. Fines can range from Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) depending on the egregious nature of the violation.
5. Sponsoring associations or committees reserve the right to refuse stock with sufficient reason to any member of the BPIR.
6. Stock charges will be \$15 and 6% will be taken at all BPIR, MLK and Associated Rodeos from the total money for each event and a timer fee of \$7 a rodeo.

7. PAYOFF FOR EACH B.P.I.R. RODEO WILL BE STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL PRIZE	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH
\$0 - \$500	50%	30%	20%				
\$501 - \$1700	40%	30%	20%	10%			
\$1701 - 3500	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%		
\$3501- \$4999	30%	24%	18%	14%	9%	5%	
\$5000 OR MORE	27%	22%	17%	13%	9%	7%	5%

RFKS ENTRY RULE:

Timed events (Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Steer Undecorating) are last to ENTER first to go EXCEPT Ladies Barrel Racing. CONTESTANTS and STAFF must check in with Secretary on day of event unless pre-entered via online or mail entry.

8. **STALLS and RV HOOK-UPS:** Contestants, Staff and Specialty Acts are responsible for fully paying their Stall, RV and Electrical Hook-up Charges in each market. If anyone leaves a market without paying their charges, they will not be allowed to enter another BPIR rodeo until all charges are paid.

E. BAREBACK ADDED MONEY:

If there are 4 or more paid contestants entered and paid, BPIR will add 100% of Added Money. If there are (1-3) PAID contestants, BPIR will add 50% of Added Money. This rule applies only to the Main performances ONLY.

F. TIMED EVENTS:

For timed events, the contestant has 3 attempts to set their animal to contest their stock. After the 3rd attempt, the Judge will allow 45 seconds before your stock is released.

The following pertains to whether the rodeo will be a one (1) header or two (2) header:

1. Bareback and Bull Riding at the Bill Pickett Invitational will always be a two (2) header
2. Steer Wrestling will be a one (1) header if there are 14 or more paid contestants. If less than 14 paid, it will be a two (2) header.
3. Calf Roping will be a one (1) header if there are 14 or more paid contestants. If less than 14 paid, it will be a two (2) header.
4. Ladies Steer Undecorating be a one (1) header if there are 8 or more paid contestants. If less than 8 paid, it will be a two (2) header.
5. Ladies Barrel Racing is a two (2) header until 16 or more paid contestants. If the ladies barrel racing defaults to a one (1) run, the running order will be split in half. One through eight (1-8) will run in the first (1st) performance and eight through sixteen (8-16) will run in the second performance.

G. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR QUALIFICATIONS:

To be eligible for Rookie of the year, a participant must compete in one (1) more than 1/2 of BPIR rodeos including sanctioned rodeos in an event. The one (1) more than 1/2 creates an interesting dilemma when there are an odd number of rodeos. To clarify, if there are seven (7) rodeos, the participant would have to compete in a total of five (5) rodeos (Example: $\frac{1}{2}$ of seven is 3.5 and one (1) more would be 4.5; since one cannot compete in half a rodeo, the number required to compete in would be rounded up to the next whole number). A Rookie contender must have a membership card and have not participated previously as a BPIR member.

VII. PRE-RODEO ADMINISTRATION

A. ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM

1. All entries for BPIR rodeos will be taken through the Online Entry System or telephone during call in at the BPIR designated call in office. Only those members and permit holders in good standing may enter.
2. Only BPIR members may call entries in. Permit holders must submit entry forms, release forms, entry fees and insurance fees (if applicable) to BPIR office no later than entry deadline.
3. All rodeo entries and callbacks will be taken according to posted call in and call back dates. Contestants can always access BPIR website for information or Facebook contestant page.

B. RODEO SECRETARIES

1. Rodeo secretaries shall be hired, designated or appointed by BPIR Executive Staff.
2. Rodeo secretaries shall be the only person(s) who can accept entries

C. ENTERING/CALL IN PROCEDURES

1. Only members may call entries in for themselves or for other members. The only non-member who may call entries in, is the wife, husband or parent of a member.

- a) Member calling entries in, whether for him or herself, for others, or any non-member spouse or parent, will be required to provide the rodeo secretary with the card member(s) legal name. The rodeo secretary is required to record this information. Any member for whom this information cannot be provided WILL NOT be entered.
2. The maximum number of entries that may be called in by one person is three (3).
3. BPIR members telephoning entries in will be held responsible for those entry fees of contestants not showing up for the event entered, including their own.
4. Any member who does not show up will be responsible for their own entry fee if entry was called in by spouse or parent.
5. If name of member, name of spouse or parent who is placing telephone entries is not recorded by Rodeo Secretary, then the Rodeo Secretary will be held responsible for entry fees of those contestants not showing up for the event entered.
6. Permit holders (Non-members) must call in their entry. All entries of permit holders must be paid no later than one (1) hour before the rodeo performance at which time the books will closed. If entry is not paid, contestant will be withdrawn from the event. No Exceptions for Members or Permitholder.
7. BPIR will not honor and will not accept any entries taken by anyone other than the Rodeo Secretary.
8. The Rodeo Secretary will be required to verify contestants are current BPIR members during registration at every rodeo. Any member contestant who is unable to produce his or her membership card or prove membership must obtain written approval from executive rodeo staff member and present it to Rodeo Secretary before he or she can register and compete.
9. The Rodeo Secretary will be responsible for any errors made on his or her part and will be responsible for correcting such errors.
10. All contestants are to pay entry fees to the Rodeo Secretary prior to competition they will be subject to disqualification and a fine.
11. The Rodeo Secretary is responsible for giving receipts to every contestant whose fees are paid.

12. Immediately following each rodeo, and prior to payoff, the Rodeo Secretary must submit to BPIR Executive staff the names of any contestants who did not pay their entry fee, and indicate who is responsible for paying the fee.
13. The Rodeo Secretary shall deduct six percent (6%) of the total prize money (entry fees plus added money), and shall remit this money along with rodeo results and any collected fines to BPIR Executive Staff prior to payoff. Any prize money not collected must also be turned in to BPIR Executive Staff immediately following payoffs.
14. The Rodeo Secretary will be held responsible for payment of the above total amount (6% plus collected fines plus uncollected prize money) to BPIR Executive Staff. Failure to comply will result in a fine plus the total unremitted amount being due and payable from the Rodeo Secretary.
15. Entries shall not be accepted by the Rodeo Secretary before the books officially open which shall be two (2) weeks prior to the first performance of each rodeo.
16. The Rodeo Secretary shall be provided with a current list of suspensions and fines and shall be responsible for checking that list and rejecting the entry of any person who currently is on the suspension list or who has an unpaid fine. Rodeo Secretary will be fined per offense for allowing any such person to enter and compete.
17. It is required that the Rodeo Secretary be at the rodeo arena a minimum of two (2) hours prior to each performance. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
18. The Rodeo Secretary will remain on the announcer's stand for the entire rodeo performance and slack, and will be responsible for recording official times and scores, except when competing, at which time the Rodeo Secretary shall appoint a designee to record times.
19. Ground rules (not in conflict with the BPIR rulebook) must be posted, in the same area where livestock draw is posted before contestants will be required to comply with same.

20. The draw for each rodeo must be typewritten or recorded in ink. Times must also be recorded in ink. Notation must be made in ink by Rodeo Secretary of any changes along with an explanation of each change.
21. If it is found that Rodeo Secretary has mishandled prize money or entry fees or has falsified rodeo records in any way, Rodeo Secretary will be fined and disqualified from working any future BPIR rodeos until the fine has been paid and a Five-Thousand Dollar (\$5,000) cash bond has been posted for a minimum period of one year.

D. DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEE REFUND

1. Any contestant may draw out of a BPIR rodeo and receive a full refund of his or her entry fee(s), if rodeo secretary is contacted by contestant drawing out no less than twenty-four (24) hours before the first performance.
2. No entry fee for an event shall be returned to a contestant who has competed in that event once during a rodeo in which there are multiple go-rounds.
3. If a contestant is injured while competing in the first go-round and has not been disqualified up to the point of injury, his or her entry fee(s) will be refunded if a re-ride or rerun is due.
4. If a contestant is injured while competing in one of two or more events entered, his or her entry fee will be refunded for the event(s) in which contestant could not compete due to injury.

E. REGISTRATION

1. Registration for every rodeo will be held in the arena no less than two (2) hours prior to the first performance and books will close one (1) hour prior to rodeo time. No Exceptions.
2. Every contestant must register. Failure to do so will result in disqualification and/or a fine.
3. During registration, each contestant will receive his or her position, contestant number and wristband. Every contestant must wear his or her contestant number and wristband throughout the duration of the rodeo. Contestants without back number or wristband will not be allowed into the arena.

F. DRAWING STOCK

1. Rough stock can be drawn any time after the books close.
2. If there is any rerun in any timed event, rerun positions will be given in the order the reruns were granted by the judges. (Ex. person granted the 1st rerun goes first).
3. All stock in riding events must be drawn for by responsible persons. Drawing must be done so that any contestant may witness the draw. In all riding events a complete go-round must be drawn for at one time.
4. In a complete go-round, all stock must be drawn for the first day's performance and a carry-on of a complete go round until herd is drawn out. Then all stock is put back in hat and the go-round is finished. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at the same rodeo.
5. A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn to place in the average.
6. Any stock in the original draw that is turned out (this means not bucked exhibition or contested), may be returned to the re-ride if needed. If animal has run off three consecutive times, it must be taken out of the draw.
7. Stock for re-rides must be drawn before the go-round. Featured animals may be held out of this drawing then returned to draw for the go-round. Not more than two featured animals will be allowed for each performance or go-round. Contestant re-rides are to be drawn for by judges.
8. The draw for all BPIR rodeos will be done by the BPIR Rodeo Judges and a representative from the Denver executive office.

G. MISDRAWS

1. Any animal which must be replaced will be considered one (1) miss-draw. If more than two heads are miss-drawn, all stock shall be put back in the draw box and all redrawn.
2. Extras: If pens are drawn from the predesignated herd, at least one (1) more animal than the number of contestants should be drawn to be used in the case of a miss-draw. Following the cattle draw, that animal(s) remaining shall be considered the extra(s). In case the extra is

not used for that given performance or section of slack, said extra shall be placed with those animals not already included in a competition or pen draw.

- a) In case of a miss-draw discovered prior to a performance or any time during the slack, if an extra is available, all animals below the miss-draw up to the end of the run on the cattle are used; one animal is drawn, that being the animal assigned to the contestant with the miss-draw. The contestant who originally had that animal will be assigned the extra.
- 1) If no extra is available, all animals below the miss-draw up to the end of the run on the cattle are used with the last animal drawn in that run designated the extra. In this instance, the last man to have originally drawn an animal in that run requires a repeat of the miss-draw procedure which applies, but will not be considered an additional miss-draw.
- 2) If no extra is available, the contestant involved will not compete as scheduled, but later in the performance or immediately after. A replacement animal will be drawn from all animals left in the run.

VIII. RODEO OPERATIONS

A. TIMERS

1. All BPIR timers must be experienced and approved by BPIR Executive Staff.
2. Timers who time the first performance in a particular event shall be required to time all competition in that event. If for some reason this cannot happen, the BPIR Executive Staff must be notified immediately and they will decide how to proceed. If a change is needed, the contestants should be advised prior to the beginning of the next performance.
3. Time is to be split by the two timers; in case of one-tenth (1/10) difference, contestants will be given the lowest time.
4. The use of automatic timers is required in the Ladies Barrel Racing. Times must be recorded as the most complete time shown on the timer.
5. Two timers are required in the Bull Dogging, Calf Roping, Ladies Steer Undecorating and Ladies Barrel Racing in the event electronic timers are no longer functioning. Times must be recorded in tenths.

6. The use of automatic buzzers is recommended in the riding events.

B. JUDGES

1. All judges and flagmen must be BPIR, CPRA, PRCA or IRA members in good standing. Judges and flagmen must have the following qualifications, (i.e. obtained Judging certification and/or have judging experience for the last 5 years). A rodeo judge shall not ride in one event and judge another riding event. If a judge competes in a timed event, he or she cannot judge the event he or she competes in. Judges will be selected by BPIR Executive Staff.
2. A member who is on the ineligible list cannot accept any judging job until his name is removed from the ineligible list.
3. If a contestant has a disagreement about a call, he or she must immediately declare to the judge their intent to challenge. If such declaration is made, the judge is to immediately address the issue at the end of the event and resolve by making a final decision prior to the beginning of the next event according to the rules in the BPIR rule book. Once the Judge has issued a ruling, the decision is final and there will be no additional discussion concerning the issue. Any contestant violating this regulation will be reported to the BPIR office by the judges, the arena director or other BPIR staff members of the rodeo. A contestant who is found to have violated this rule or delayed the rodeo will be fined \$50.00 for the 1st violation, \$100.00 for a 2nd violation and suspended from any future BPIR Rodeos for additional violations until they are notified by BPIR Executive office of their eligibility to compete.
4. Judges are required to mark on their books anyone turning out stock and which animals were mounted out or run in the timed events. Judges shall report same in full to rodeo secretary. The secretary is required to report such infractions to the BPIR Executive Staff along with the results of that rodeo.
5. Markings in the riding events shall be totaled by both judges and the rodeo secretary and posted after each performance.
6. Barrier judges shall keep a record of all barrier fines. They will be provided a complete list of contestants by the rodeo secretary. Their records and the rodeo secretary's must correspond.

7. BPIR judges are required to enforce all rules pertaining to the competition according to the BPIR rules outlined in the BPIR Rule Book.
8. A judge has the authority to request any person be excused from the arena, if that person in the judge's opinion is interfering with any event.

C. ANNOUNCERS

1. It shall be a violation of the rules for an announcer to deliberately misinterpret any contest action.
2. If injury of stock is mentioned during the rodeo, the announcer may advise audience how injury is being handled.
3. Announcers are to refrain from using profanity or making any disparaging or offensive comments during rodeo or any interactive with the public.

D. HUMANE RULES

1. Optional Ground Rule: Calves shall not be jerked down. A ten (10) second penalty or disqualification will be imposed for a mark-down.
2. Calves must be strong and healthy and weigh not less than two-hundred twenty-five (225) pounds.
3. Humane livestock prods shall be used only when necessary and only on appropriate areas of the animal.
4. No contract performer will abuse rodeo stock.
5. Arena help may be terminated and/or contestant may be disqualified for any mistreatment of stock. Judges, directors, stock contractors, producers or other contestants will be responsible for enforcing this rule.
6. All horse and bull flanks are to be provided with protective lining. Horse flanks shall be of the release type. Flank straps are to be fastened onto the animal so that the protective lining portion covers belly and both flanks, and shall be kept in good repair. No foreign objects will be allowed on flanks or tied to tail.
7. Animals will be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated before drawing. Judges who fail to comply with this rule will be subject to a fine.

8. Any individual deliberately abusing livestock in a BPIR rodeo arena, regardless of whether the abuse happens during a qualified or unqualified run will be removed from the arena and totally disqualified from that rodeo and fined.
9. Any member tampering with competition livestock will be disqualified for the remainder of that rodeo and will be subject to a fine and suspension.
10. Only the rodeo judge will be allowed at the score line and must be to the roper's left.
11. Hazer must not hit the steer in the face before catch is made or render any assistance to contestant while he is working steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant.

E. EQUIPMENT

1. Equipment must meet the following humane specifications as well as those in the event rules.
 - a) A leather covered hair pad **MUST** be on the entire underside of the bareback rigging next to the animal, and extend a minimum of four inches (4") from the back of the rigging. Pads must be loose (can be attached to rigging, but not permanently, so that rigging may be moved to a new area on pad for better protection to horse if rigging has broken down the contents of the pad), kept in good repair, and not be smaller or larger than a minimum of fifteen inches (15") and maximum of twenty-five inches (25"). Stock contractors will have the right to furnish pads. Pads are to be no thicker than standard hair pad nor larger than twenty-five inches (25"). Cinch must be at least eight inches (8") wide on all bareback riggings.
 - b) Bull Riding to be done with one hand and **LOOSE** rope. Knots or hitches to prevent rope from coming off-of bull when rider leaves bull will not be permitted.
 - c) In Bareback Riding contestants will be disqualified for riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock during ride. Judges will be responsible for inspecting rowels and enforcing this rule.
 - d) In all riding events contestants will be disqualified for riding with rowels too sharp in the opinion of the judges.
 - e) In Calf Roping contestants **MUST** adjust neck rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. If a horse turns

his tail to the calf and drags the calf after roper has dismounted, field judge may stop the horse and disqualify roper. If roper after mounting horse drags calf over six (6) feet he will be disqualified.

- f) There will be no exposed wire in any of the bats used on horses in the arena.

IX. GRAND ENTRY/COLOR PRESENTATION

- A. BPIR urges that all colors and grand entries be handled by competent horsemen or horsewomen.
- B. Any contestant having a horse on the grounds who does not ride in the grand entry or carry a flag when asked to do so by the BPIR Executive Staff, Rodeo Staff or Stock Contractor may be fined. Fine will be \$10.00.
 - 1. Judges shall be responsible for enforcing the rule. Rider may be excused by Judge with good reason. A signed statement from judge excusing rider must be submitted prior to the Grand Entry.
 - 2. Any contestant competing in the first event of each performance will automatically be excused from riding in the Grand Entry or bearing a flag.

X. RIDING EVENTS

A. GENERAL RULES

- 1. Rider and animal are to be marked separately. Rider must 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.
- 2. Judges in the riding events at all BPIR rodeos will hand in their markings for that event for the performance and these shall be termed the official markings. These marking shall not be changed.
- 3. To qualify, Bareback Rider must have spurs above the break of the shoulders and when horses front feet hit the ground in his initial move out of the chute.
- 4. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge shall tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived.

5. Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute.
6. If in opinion of judges, rider is fouled at the gate, a re-ride may be given or the spurring out rule be waived at the judge's discretion.
7. Rodeo judges will use red flags to indicate a violation of the spur-out rule and all other disqualification violations. Judges are to also indicate disqualification violations by using already established hand signals.
8. Contestants may pull rigging, cinch saddles and pull ropes from either side in all riding events.
9. If an animal that is drawn in a riding event, or is drawn in a pen, becomes sick or crippled before it is out, a judge must verify and advise staff of the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
10. All riding events shall be timed for eight (8) seconds; their time is to start when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.
11. Rider must tell one judge, flank man and/or stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with the hotshot. If a contestant requests that no hotshot be used, no re-ride will be awarded if the animal stalls or runs off. However, if the animal stops or falls or the rider is fouled a re-ride may be awarded.

B. BAREBACK RIDING

1. Riding is to be done with one-handed rigging.
 - a) Rigging shall not be less than ten inches (10") in width at the hand-hold and not over six inches (6") at the "D" ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in "D" ring. Riggings will use a standard "D" ring to be set to sit flat on horse's back when cinched.
 - b) Rider may have single layer of leather, not to be skived under hands-hold, which will extend at least one inch (1") on both sides of the center of the hand-hold. It shall be glued down.
 - c) No fiberglass or metal in riggings or hand-holds. Only leather or rawhide allowed for hand-hold. Flat-head rivets and/or screws and "t" nuts allowed to secure hand-hold; only other metal allowed will be in the "D" rings.

- d) Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair and shall be at least eight inches (8") in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinches "D" or rings.
2. Required bareback pads are to completely cover the under-side of the rigging and are to extend a full two inches (2") behind the rigging.
 - a) Pads used under riggings must be leather-covered on both sides. If they are hair pads they must be at least one-and one-quarter inch (1 1/4") thick.
 - b) In addition to the pad, a piece of leather a minimum of one-eighth inch (1/8") thick and four inches (4") square must be glued or sewed to the pad and centered in comparison to the total body length of the rigging. This piece of leather shall be placed so that one-half inch (1/2") of it extends behind the rigging and the remaining two inches (2") are under the rigging.
 3. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges are to decide on all riggings and pads.
 4. The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges or gimmicks.
 - a. A palm piece may be used in glove, which will be at least one inch (1") wide and three inches (3") long and will be glued in.
 5. There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider's glove. Benzoin may be used.
 6. Riders may be given a re-ride on same horse if flank come off or breaks, provided he completes a qualified ride. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by judges.
 7. Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider.
 - a) Riding with rowels too sharp or locked in the opinion of the judges.
 - b) Being bucked off.
 - c) Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand. One arm must be free at all times.
 - d) Rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking.
 - e) Not having spurs above the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's feet hit the ground in initial move out of the chute.
 - f) Taking finger tuck, finger wrap, or using finger tape are violations. Violators shall be disqualified and may also be subject to a fine.

- g) Judges shall disqualify bareback rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.
8. If, in the opinion of the pickup men and/or stock contractor, a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging at any point after the eight (8) second whistle, he shall be fined. Judges are to report the offense.

C. BULL RIDING

1. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold.
 - a) No knots or hitches can prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
 - b) Rope must have bell.
 - c) Hooks or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.
 - d) A ring may be used on a bull rope.
2. Riders who are knocked off at a chute, or if bull fails, will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
3. A bull rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the animal, providing the contestant has completed a qualified ride. The re-ride may be given on the same animal, if the stock contractor is willing or a re-ride animal if requested by the contestant.
4. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges, regardless of performance.
5. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in rigging hand, he is to be marked.
6. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability.
7. Bell must be under belly of bull.
8. Rider not to use sharp spurs.
9. No more than two men may be on chute to pull contestant's rope.
10. Head-fighting bulls having bad horns must be tipped or kept out of the draw.
11. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back a reasonable distance.

12. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses;
 - a. Being bucked off.
 - b. Touching animal, equipment or person with a free hand.
 - c. Using sharp spurs, or placing spurs of chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
 - d. Not having a bell on bull rope.
 - e. Judges may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.

D. RE-RIDES

1. Refer to "Drawing Stock" and to individual riding event categories for additional information.
2. Re-rides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible re-rides are as follows:
 - a) If an animal stops;
 - b) if animal fouls rider;
 - c) if stock contractor's equipment fails;
 - d) performance of animal is inferior.
3. Contestant may take same animal back, providing stock contractor is willing, or contestant may demand a re-ride animal be drawn. If contestant takes same animal, he must take that marking. The only exception will be if contestant is fouled or there is an equipment failure.
4. If pickup man or horse comes in contact with a bucking horse before qualified time has elapsed, re-ride will be given on same animal unless contestant demands a re-ride animal be drawn. Only exception to this rule is if it is that rodeo's last day. On the last day, contestant may have same animal if stock contractor is willing, or re-ride draw is requested. If stock contractor is not willing, re-ride will be drawn.
5. If re-ride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his marking and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse re-ride and take markings. Contestant must notify judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option.
6. Contestant shall not influence the judges by asking for a re-ride at any time.

7. If an animal that runs off is already drawn for another contestant, that contestant must qualify on that animal before a re-ride is given.
 - a. If in the opinion of the stock contractor and judges, that animal needs to be taken out of the draw, the second contestant who had him drawn will automatically get the designated re-ride.
8. If in the opinion of the judges, a 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.
9. If an animal that is drawn for a re-ride is already 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.
10. No re-ride will be given if a cowboy's own equipment breaks. If stock contractor's equipment breaks, contestant may have a re-ride.
11. 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 no turn outs, a re-ride should be drawn from all available animals.
12. 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 to be awarded a re-ride.

XI. TIMED EVENTS –

A. GENERAL RULES

1. A ten foot (10') tape must be on hand for the barrier judge. Height of barrier in timed events shall be from thirty-two to thirty-six inches (32" - 36"), measured at the center of the box. In timed events where automatic barriers are used, automatic slack catchers are to be eliminated. Knot behind pulley is required on all barriers.
2. Barrier judge is responsible for changing barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next contestant.
3. Barrier judge shall keep record of length of the barrier trip rope each performance, to assure the same start for contestants each performance. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in rope on either end.

4. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within ten feet (10') of post.
5. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats 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.
6. If barrier flagman is used, animal is to be flagged when animal's nose crosses the starting line or deadline in front of flagman.
7. Barrier judge shall be sure that no one can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.
8. Once score has been set in timed events, it will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.
9. For time to be considered official barrier flag must operate.
10. If automatic barrier does not work but time is recorded, contestant will get time, but there will be no penalty for broken barrier providing judge rules barrier was not broken.
11. If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get stock back if stock is qualified on infield.
12. If in the opinion of the line judge, contestant is fouled by barrier ropers shall get their calf or steer back providing contestant declares himself by pulling up immediately.
13. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestants 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 the decision of the flag judge shall be final.
14. If rope is on animal, roper will get animal lap-and-tap, with rope on it in chute.
15. A field judge must ask contestants if they want a second loop or jump. Once a man has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.
 - a. If time is not recorded when a field flagger flags out a contestant who has a second loop or jump coming, the contestant has the op-

tion of taking the animal back, lap-and-cap, with ten (10) seconds added to the new time.

16. During any performance, if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestant, or if the automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately after the same performance. That animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during, or at the end of, that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least several head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be re-penned by himself. Decision will be made by arena director about when stock is re-penned.
17. The decision of whether or not timed-event cattle are to be lined will be made by the respective event director, or designated person, who will notify the barrier judge. If cattle are to be lined, it shall be accomplished by one designee to be stationed at the same position on all contested cattle, including supplementary contesting. Violators will be subject to punitive action.
18. Flag judge shall position himself for calf roping at the end of the arena allowing him to come towards the roper. In bull dogging, field flagger shall place himself against the wall on the left-hand side of the timed-event box.
19. If an animal that is drawn in a pen in a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, a judge must verify and advise staff of the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
20. All performance competition order changes must be made with rodeo secretary or timed-event chute boss prior to start of that performance, or at a later time if agreeable with the secretary.
21. Within the confines of the timed event box, it is the privilege of a contestant to dismiss someone from the box or have up to three (3) persons in the box for assistance. He may instruct the judge to either remove or allow other people in the box.
 - a. The man pushing the cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the box until the animal has crossed the score line. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine to the contestant.

22. Stock contractors shall bring at least three (3) head of stock in the timed events into the chute, according to the position drawn, at the start of each go-round.
23. In timed events, provided there are other qualified horses on the rodeo grounds, no consecutive runs shall be allowed on the same horse, or horses, unless approval is granted by the arena director and/or stock contractor.
24. In roping event, a dropped rope that must be recoiled to be rebuilt is considered a thrown rope.
25. Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.
26. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. If contestant accepts animal, he accepts it as sound.
27. There shall be two (2) timers, a barrier judge and a field flag judge for timed events.
28. Animals used for these events should be inspected, and objectionable ones eliminated.
29. Any timed-event contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from the field flagger that he is mistreating an animal will be fined for the first offense, and disqualified for the second offense.

B. BULL DOGGING (STEER WRESTLIN')

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

1. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for him, unless the timer misses his time or the line Judge declares gate man fouls the contestant by not releasing the steer when called for by contestant. The contestant will be awarded a rerun if he declares himself immediately. There will be no rerun giving due to hanging of horn(s) in chute.
2. Steer must initially be caught from horse back. If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch steer. After catching steer dogger must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown by dogger putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four (4) feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is

- lying flat on its side or on its back, with all four feet stretched out in the same direction. Dogger must have hand on steer when flag drops. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision shall be final.
3. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Contestant and hazer must use the same two horses they leave chute with. Hazer will be disqualified for jumping at steer.
 4. When a barrier is used in the bull dogging, an automatic barrier must be used and there must be at least a twelve-foot (12') box. If box is shorter, bull dogging must be lap and tap.
 5. It is the stock contractor(s) responsibility to produce a uniform set of steers. The privilege of eliminating uneven steers when necessary will be retained by Judge and or Steer Wrestling director. All new or fresh steers in this event must be caught from horse and thrown at least one time and this arrangement is the responsibility of the stock contractor.
 6. A ten (10) second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that a bulldogger's feet touched the ground before flag line crossed.
 7. If a dogger misses or loses steer, flagman must ask dogger if he wishes another jump. Dogger must reply at once.
 8. Bull dogging chute must have at least thirty inches (30") clearance inside the chute, and at the gate when in open position.
 9. In bull dogging, the score may be no longer than the length of the bull dogging box minus six feet (6') unless the box is less than fourteen feet (14'). In that instance, the length of the score would be a maximum of the length of the box minus five feet (5'), unless deviations are approved by the event director (or designated person). Length of the box is to be measured from center of back end of box to center of barrier. There shall be two (2) or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge.
 10. Field flagger 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 infractions.

C. TIE-DOWN ROPING RULES – CALF ROPING

1. Contestant must catch calf, dismount, go down the rope and throw the calf by hand, cross and tie three (3) legs. If calf is down when roper reaches it, calf must be stood on at least three (3) feet (calf maybe helped by roper but at least three (3) feet must be dangling straight underneath calf) and calf must be re-thrown. If roper's hand is on calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Tie must be finished with half hitch or "hooley".
2. There must be an honest effort to tie down calf during a paid performance. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine.
3. Tie must hold for five (5) seconds and THEN be passed on by the field judge. Roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until after judge has completed his inspection.
4. Catch as catch can. Any catch is legal. Rope must hold until roper catches calf. Untie man must not touch calf until the judge passes on tie.
5. Calves must be strong, healthy and each calf shall weigh not less than one hundred eighty-five pounds (185 lbs.) and not more than two hundred fifty pounds (250 lbs.). Calves horns cannot be more than 1/2". The calves must be pre-conditioned, this means they must be roped and tied at least two to three times before coming to the rodeo. All herds shall be of even characteristics; all of the same type or equal cross, weight, height and age. Judges and/or calf roping director shall retain the privilege of eliminating uneven calves when necessary. Stock contractor/producers failure to comply will result in a fine.
6. Automatic barrier will be minimum of the length of the box minus six (6) foot score line. Maximum will be length of box will be given to arena length and cattle (fresh or all runners) and or a very deep box. Once score line has been set, it will not be changed during that go-round, nor will roping box, chute or barrier be changed in any manner.
7. A stopwatch will be used by the field judge. Calf must stay tied securely for five (5) seconds. Judge will not start this five (5) second period until roper has remounted horse and given calf complete slack. (Clarification: Rope must lay on ground, not just touch it.) Should the roper or his horse take the slack out of the rope during the five (5) second time period, the roper will be disqualified. However, judge may waive five (5) second period to give calf air and roper will still receive time.

8. Calves used for Tie-Down roping cannot be used for any other event. There will be an automatic fine for infraction of this rule. Judges will be responsible for enforcing this rule and reporting infraction of same.
9. Disqualifications: Two loops will be permitted during BPIR Finals if roper is carrying two loops and should he miss with both, he must retire, and no time will be allowed. Roper cannot rebuild first loop. Roping a calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted. Contestant must adjust neck rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. If a horse turns his tail to the calf and drags the calf after roper has dismounted, field judge may stop the horse and disqualify the roper. If roper, after mounting horse intentionally drags a calf he will be disqualified and subject to a \$200.00 fine.
10. If a tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been examined and ruled a fair one, the roper will receive no time.
11. A fine shall be imposed if a calf is roped in a manner which causes the animal to land on its back or head with all four feet in the air. A minimum fine of \$200 may be imposed if the calf is roped or handled in an intentional and rough manner. Fines for unintentional jerk downs may be waived if fresh or unconditioned calves are used.
12. Unintentional dragging of calf can result in a fine to be determined by the flag judge.
13. If an animal is injured in the process of contesting in the timed events, the contestant shall not receive another head during that go-round.
14. Judge may stand on the right providing a suitable person will stand on the score line on left side.
15. In the Tie-Down roping, contestant has a twenty-five (25) second time limit to complete his run in a one-head contest. In a two or more go-round contest, calf roper has a sixty (60) second time limit to complete each run.
16. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, except when barrier hits rope or contestant, timer misses time, or in the sole opinion of the line judge the gateman fouls the contestant by not releasing the animal when called for by the contestant, the contestant will be awarded a rerun if he or she declares him or herself immediately. If the line judge does not feel contestant was fouled, a no-time will be allowed and contestant will retire from the arena.

17. Timed event cattle will not be considered a legal run until drawn.
18. In any timed event, if it is necessary to bring an animal back, several head of stock will be brought back together. No animal will be penned separately.
19. In the timed events, the line judge will drop a flag as soon as he determines the barrier is definitely broken.
20. If wrong animal is given to a contestant, he shall be given the correct animal drawn for him and time on incorrect animal shall be disregarded.
21. If animal gets out of arena, the flagman is to stop the time and roper will get the same animal back, lap and tap (roper to start in chute) with the time he had when animal got out, added to that time.
22. If barrier equipment fouls contestant in calf roping, he will be entitled to a rerun if he declares himself immediately.
23. If roper breaks barrier before he declares foul roper will receive cattle lap and tap with ten (10) second penalty added to time.
24. If contestant breaks or beats the barrier, a ten (10) second penalty shall be enforced.
25. Stock must cross score line in front of line judge after leaving chute. If stock does not cross score line in front of the line judge, contestant will get a rerun on the extra calf, if not contested.
26. In the Tie-Down roping event, time is to start when animal crosses score line.
27. A contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from the go-around of competition.
28. In All timed events, when the judges draw positions for a rodeo performance and more than one contestant riding the same horse draws up in consecutive positions, the judge may change another contestant to fill a position splitting contestant who are riding the same horse. In girl's barrel racing, judges will draw at least five (5) contestants, splitting the contestants riding the same horse. Splits must be made 30 minutes prior to each performance.

D. LADIES BARREL RACING

1. The contestant is allowed a running start. Gate(s) must be safe and fair for all contestants. If the pattern is centered to the gate, contestant must keep forward motion to first barrel and forward motion when leaving the arena (i.e. if you run in, you must run out). If the pattern is not centered to the gate, contestant can set up her run as necessary, without circling. A spin or pivot is acceptable. Circling is not allowed and contestants who circle will be disqualified.
2. Bars in alleyway will be removed or buried so the center of the alleyway is completely level.
3. If barrel covers are used, they should be used in the slack as well as the performance. Arena signage should remain in place during slack. Same barrels must be used throughout entire rodeo.
4. If all barrels are standing when contestant crosses eye after completing a qualified run; it is considered a qualified run, even if a barrel falls after she is flagged.
5. Barrel must be set back on marker, if barrel is moved.
6. A contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel; but there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
7. After the arena has been staked, no one will be permitted to go around the stakes for the duration of the rodeo or slack.
8. Should there be a timer malfunction, and there is no back-up timer, barrel racer will be given the option of a rerun or a reimbursement of her entry fees for said performance.
9. The use of automatic timers is required in the ladies' barrel race. Times must be recorded as the complete time shown on the timer. The automatic timer must be backed up with a second automatic/electric timer (when available) and one stop watch (manual). The manual times must be recorded in hundreds and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands. Manual times will be used for payoff only when the automatic timer is no longer operable.
10. Two timekeepers are required in the steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping and ladies barrel racing. All hand flagged times must be recorded in tenths (i.e.,9.6) except in ladies' barrel racing; time must be recorded in hundreds (16.56) and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands (16.560).

11. If the electric eye fails to work for more than three(3) of the contestants who competed in an entire go round, the back-up (electric/manual) recorded time will be the official time for all contestants in that go round. If we have to go to back up times because of electric eye(s) malfunction, announcer will make an announcement to that affect.
12. Contestant will not be given a re-run due to malfunction of timer. Backup time will be the contestant official time.
13. Reruns in the barrel race will be taken at the barrel racers discretion, either at the end of the barrel race or immediately following the performance. The same rule applies to slack. If contestant chooses to make rerun immediately after performance, the ground must be worked regardless of number of horses that run during the performance.
14. Contestant will be disqualified, if after crossing the timer and being flagged by the flag man, she re-crosses the timer before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern.
15. No one other than the contestant can be on horseback in the arena during contestants run.
16. Committee is required to have necessary equipment in the arena to prepare the ground for the barrel race, the ground should be prepared immediately before the barrel race, so it is consistent throughout the event.
17. If the arena conditions are deemed at any time to be unsafe by the judges, or the primary stock contractor, competition maybe stopped until such time the arena conditions are deemed satisfactory by the individual or individuals who originally deemed the arena conditions unsafe. If arena conditions cannot be changed and improved to make conditions safe, event may be cancelled by judge, or stock contractor.
18. Event is a two header until 16 or more contestants are paid. If Ladies Barrel Racing defaults to a one run, the running order will be split in half. One through eight (1-8) will run in the first (1st) performance and eight through sixteen (8-16) will run in the second performance. Contestants will be notified as soon as run order is determined.
19. Equipment necessary: Stakes, 55-gallon Barrels, Complete electric eye timer, plus one stop watch to be operated manually.
20. A standard pattern is always preferred. The standard pattern for Barrel Racing is: ninety (90) feet between barrel one (1) and two (2);

one hundred five (105) feet between barrel one (1) and three (3) and between barrel two (2) and three (3); sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to the score/starting line. Score/Starting line should be at least sixty (60) feet from end of arena, if arena allows. Barrels will be staked at least fifteen feet (15') from the fence. There should be at least 25 feet between the third barrel and the back fence.

In small arenas it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to the standard barrel pattern.

E. Ladies Steer Undecorating

1. There shall be a main timer, a back-up timer, field flag judge and barrier judge. The time limit shall be 30 seconds unless there is an average and the time limit is extended to 60 seconds.
 - a. Contestant time will be recorded to include the one-hundred digit.
 - i. Example: 2.63
 - b. Both the Main timer and Back-up timer must coordinate and stop and stop qualified time at the same points.
 - i. Judges are required to coordinate timers start point before the rodeo in the event a judgement barrier decision has to be made.
 - c. Main Timer and Back-up timer times **MUST** be recorded for all contestants for all performance and slack.
2. Contestant must furnish their own hazer. Hazer must not render any assistance to the contestant in removing the ribbon from the stock's body. Failure to observe this rule will result in disqualification and recorded as No Time.
3. Once a contestant signals for his stock it belongs to the contestants and no reruns will be granted unless granted from the judges for safety purposes.
 - a. Example: Judge may notice after the contestant nod her head a portion of the barrier is improperly connected
4. When contestant calls for stock, she must reach down, remove any portion of the ribbon from the stock's back and raise her hands above her head with the ribbon to receive a qualified time. Judges shall confirm contestant has tape after the time has been stopped. If the contestant raises her hand and does not have tape in her hand, she will

be disqualified and receive a No Time. Contestant shall bring the tape back to the Judge after signaling for time.

- a. **Fall-Off Rule:** If a contestant falls off her horse with the ribbon in her hand, her time will not stop until she signal above her head. She must have the ribbon before falling off.
5. Contestant can get her tape from either side of the stock.
6. All stock will be drawn prior to the performance EXCEPT at the RFKS events. All stock should be of equal size and weight, large enough to ensure safety. Heifers and Steers should not be mixed together. All stock should be run through arena chute before rodeo.
7. Barrier will be set by appointed judges. There will be a (10) second penalty if the barrier is broken by contestant while competing. The barrier must always be placed behind the tape on stock back to avoid a malfunction of tape.
8. The event director has the authority to present any questions or concerns with barrier set up and/or stock on behalf of contestants during the set up.
9. **Re-Runs:**
 - a) Contestant will be entitled a re-run:
 - I. If the timer(s) and/or judge malfunctions;
 - II. If the barrier malfunction;
 - III. If the ribbon comes loose from one side BEFORE the contestant reaches/contest defaulted ribbon and contestant MUST declare themselves and ask judges for a rerun or judge can offer an automatic rerun.
 - i. If the ribbon comes off due to barrier or defaulted tape Contestant will NOT get a Rerun after the stock has been contested during the 30/60 second time limit.
 1. Rerun should not automatically be granted by a judge to a contestant without a declaration.
 - a. Reruns due to tape malfunctions WHICH HAVE INCURRED A BARRIER PENALTY will carry SAID barrier penalties.
 - ii. If the stock gets out of the main arena
 1. The field judge should stop the contestant time with a signal from the flag. The contestant will get her drawn stock (or) option to run designated extra with recorded time plus any barrier penalty (if applicable) lap and tap.

2. Lap and Tap time will start from the barrier line which is determined from the length of the neck rope.
 - a. Judge will be required to put a neck rope score line at each rodeo.
 - b. Contestant will have to run the next available stock in chute.
10. Duct Tape should be of a light color such as gray, white or pink for visibility and to avoid conflict when there may be two performances and one is a day performance and other is a night show.
 - a. Judges shall NOT use Gorilla quality tape for both the base and the hand holt. Gorilla quality tape can only be used for the base and tape of a low quality should be used for the hand holt. This will avoid the ribbon from potentially breaking in the center at its weakest point.
11. Event will be a one-header if there are eight (8) or more paid contestants. If there are one to seven (1-7) paid contestants, the event will become a double header and the position order will reverse for the second performance.

F. PONY EXPRESS RELAY RACE

All Relay teams **MUST** register with the secretary. If there are any changes to your team members, you must notify the secretary before competing to avoid disqualification. If there are (7) Relay Teams or Less, each team will run both days (Saturday and Sunday) and both Performances (1:30 pm & 7:30 pm) and paid on an average of the combined times. If there are (8) or more teams the relay race will be one (1) run based on fastest times.

The teams will be divided based on odd numbers running on (Saturday or 1:30) Performance and even numbers running on (Sunday or 7:30 pm performance).

In the event the Rodeo only has one performance, the odd numbers will compete in the (pre-show or 1st session) and the even numbers will compete in the (2nd session). The relay pattern will be staked prior to competing in a one run competition.

Each contestant will be allowed to compete on **TWO (2) TEAMS ONLY**. If a person is found to have competed on more the two (2) teams, all the teams in which he or she competes will be disqualified; **NO MONEY** will be **REFUNDED**.

XI. BPIR FINALS RULES/POINTS

To qualify for the BPIR Finals a participant must compete in one (1) more than 1/2 of BPIR rodeos including sanction rodeos in each event, prior to the BPIR Finals. If a rodeo event is not included in all rodeos, the 1 more than ½ will be based on the number of rodeos the event was included in. The one (1) more than 1/2 creates an interesting dilemma when there are an odd number of rodeos.

To clarify, if there are seven (7) rodeos, the participant would have to compete in a total of five (5) rodeos (Example: ½ of seven is 3.5 and one (1) more would be 4.5; since one cannot compete in half a rodeo, the number required would be rounded up to the next whole number). If a rodeo event is not included in all rodeos, the 1 more than ½ will be based on the number of rodeos the event was included.

The top 10 point (money) leaders who are BPIR members and have met the rodeo requirement rule of (one more than half) will qualify for BPIR Championship Rodeo. The top 10 leaders in each event will be invited to compete in the finals for that event. Please note: The BPIR Finals does not count as a qualifying rodeo.

If a BPIR member competes in two or more events during the current rodeo year, they qualify for All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl competition. However, mere qualification alone does not guarantee a spot in both events at the finals. For example, if a contestant is NOT one of the top 10 leaders in one of their events, they may not be a BPIR finalist in that event merely because they competed in a second event and/or won money in that event. Monies won in each event will count towards All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl points.

If a contestant is invited to compete at the BPIR finals as an alternate and DID NOT compete in one more than half of the rodeos, he/she WILL NOT be eligible for year-end awards (i.e., saddles, buckles, etc.). Contestant is eligible to win Money ONLY! To be eligible for a BPIR Championship title, you must compete in the BPIR Finals.

Please note, Contestants will be grouped according to how they qualify to compete at the finals as follows:

- ONLY Group 1 (Qualified Rodeo requirements & earned money) will be eligible for Year End Awards.
- Group 2 (Qualified Rodeo requirements & No Money) will be considered Alternates
- Group 3 (Money & Not Enough Qualified Rodeos) will be considered Alternates.

Group 2 and 3 Alternates will be notified of the alternate position and must pay by the specified deadline to secure their position.

All deadlines for the BPIR Finals will be announced at the end of the rodeo season. You must pay your Finals entry fee prior to deadline to secure your position.

The BPIR rule book is also posted on-line at www.billpickettrodeo.com.

All BPIR rodeos will be operated in accordance to the BPIR Rule Book and if there is a rule not specifically addressed, the rules of the IPRA will be the governing rule. Any changes or updates will be reviewed annually.



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