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SOCIETIES ACT CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is the British Columbia Rodeo Association.
2. The object of the Society is:
 - a) To establish, maintain conduct, promote among the members of the society and others an interest in rodeos and all others supporting competitions and events related thereto.
 - b) To promote, organize and supervise rodeos and related rodeo events. To arrange matches and competitions of every nature, to offer, grant and contribute toward prizes, awards and distinctions,
 - c) To organize, control and supervise all member contestants for their mutual benefit, safety and protection
 - d) To design and enforce British Columbia Rodeo Association rules
 - e) To promote interest and skill in the art of horsemanship and to promote the establishment of rodeos and other equestrian events by such means as may be expedient and particulars without limiting the generality of the foregoing
 - i. By organizing rodeo events and other related equestrian performances
 - ii. By having information published concerning rodeos and rodeo events
 - iii. By bettering rodeo conditions
 - iv. By protecting member contestants from any discriminatory action
 - v. To promote, organize and manage all rodeo events for the benefit of the member contestants.
3. The operations of the Society are to be carried on throughout British Columbia.

BY-LAWS

1:00 INTERPRETATION

1.01 In these By-Laws and in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, the expressions hereinafter defined shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

- a) "A member" means any person who has been granted a membership in the Association.
- b) "Approved Rodeo," means a rodeo, which has been approved by the executive of the Association and will be governed by the By-Laws and Rules of the British Columbia Rodeo Association.
- c) "Major Event" means an event, which is mandatory for a rodeo to be approved as a British Columbia Rodeo Association rodeo.
- d) "Major Junior Event" means an event which is mandatory for a rodeo to be approved as a British Columbia Rodeo Association rodeo, and open to members 15 years of age and under as of January 1st.
- e) "Junior Event" means an event approved for British Columbia Rodeo Association rodeos but not mandatory for rodeo approval and open to members 15 years of age and under as of January 1st.
- f) "Minor Event" means an event approved for British Columbia Rodeo Associations rodeos but not mandatory for rodeo approval and open to female members and junior members as set out in the rules of the individual events.
- g) "Junior Member" means a member 15 years of age and under as of January 1st.
- h) "The Association" means the British Columbia Rodeo Association.
- i) "Rodeo Season" means year commencing day after finals to following year's end of finals.

2.00 MEMBERSHIP – GENERAL

2.01 Subject to the other provisions contained in these By-Laws and to the provisions contained in the Rules and Regulations, membership shall be open to such persons as the executive may decide to admit and who are connected in any way with rodeos.

3:00 MEMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.01 A member and a permit holder of the Association shall be bound by subject to and shall be obligated in like manner as if he had entered into an agreement to that effect.

4.00 APPLICATIONS

4.01 Any person who applies for a membership in the Association, shall file with the Association a written application and release form as may be prescribed from time to time by the executive, and if the applicant is under (19) nineteen years of age, the application shall be consented by one parent or guardian.

5:00 FEES AND DUES

5.01 Except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, the executive shall have the power and authority to determine the amount of the annual dues and fees payable each year by the members provided however they shall not be increased without the approval of the members at a general meeting of the Association.

5.02 Except as provided herein, the fees and dues of the association for rodeo season shall be paid by the members of the association at the office of the association on or before the first day of that rodeo season.

5.03 A member shall not be entitled or permitted to contest, work, perform, participate or take part in any rodeo unless or until he has paid his annual fees and dues.

5.04 A person who has not paid his membership fees and dues which are payable to the association shall automatically, without notice, lose his membership in the association.

5.05 Any member may resign from the association by serving written notice to the association. The executive may, on its sole discretion, reinstate any person as a member who resigns in good faith after he has paid the then current fees and dues of the association.

6.00 FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

6.01 The executive shall have the power and authority and may fine, suspend any member and cancel the membership of any member who has not, when they are due, paid his fees and dues provided herein or who is in breach of any By-Law, Rule or Regulation of the Association.

7.00 EXECUTIVE

7.01 The property and business of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors (herein called the "Executive").

7.02 Unless otherwise determined at an annual general meeting there shall be not less than four (4) directors and not more than twelve (12) directors, and in any event, the President elected as such at any general meeting shall also be during the term of this office, a director of the association.

7.03 A person to be eligible to be elected a director of the Association, including the President, must be a member in good standing and a Canadian citizen. Any person representing or in the employ of a major sponsor of the BCRA is ineligible to sit on the Board of Directors of the BCRA or be an official of the Association. To be considered a major sponsor you must sponsor \$7500 or better.

7.04 A retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

7.05 The directors shall have the power to appoint any member as director to fill a vacancy in the executive until the end of the term of the original director.

7.06 The directors of the Association shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting.

7.07 The office of director shall be automatically vacated for any of the following reasons:

- a) by delivering a written resignation to the executive of the association
- b) is found to be a lunatic or becomes of unsound mind
- c) becomes bankrupt or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors
- d) if at a special general meeting of members, a resolution is passed by three-quarters of the members present at the meeting that he be removed from office
- e) on death
- f) misses three consecutive meetings without good reason.

7.08 Meetings of the executive may be held at any time without formal notification if all the directors are present or those absent have signified their consent to the meeting being held in their absence. Any director thereof, may waive notice of any meeting or irregularity in any meeting or in the notice. The directors may by resolution appoint a regular time and place for meetings, and no further or other notice of such time and place that the entry of such resolution upon the minutes of the meeting at which it was passed shall be necessary. Immediately upon conclusion of the annual general meeting a meeting of the directors shall be held and no notice of such meetings shall be necessary.

7.09 The President, or the Secretary shall, at the request of two directors, at any time convene a meeting of the executive.

7.10 A resolution signed by all directors of the association shall be valid and effective as if it had been passed at a duly constituted meeting of the executive.

7.11 Questions arising at any executive meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in case of equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum.

7.12 The directors may delegate any of their powers to any other person, or persons as they think fit and may at any time revoke such delegation and any such person or persons so appointed shall, in the exercise of powers so delegated conform to the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association and to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon him or them by the directors.

7.13 Unless it is otherwise determined at an annual general meeting of the Association, 12 directors shall be elected to the executive of the Association in the following manner and by the following persons:

- a) Member can only vote once
- b) Mail in ballots have to be received at BCRA office before AGM
- c) Mail in ballots will be counted by independent person
- d) Mailed in ballots must have voting members name and card number on it for validation of ballot

e) Members not mailing in a ballot have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
Length of director's term to be no longer than two years, half of the board is eligible for re-election every year.

7.14 The director's may, but shall not be required to do so, appoint members or persons to represent the Association in any district or area and to delegate to them such powers and authorities as the directors may decide.

7.15 A meeting of the executive at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities and discretion by or under the regulations of the association for the time being vested in or exercised by the directors generally and any person to whom authority is delegated to hereunder shall, notwithstanding that it shall afterwards be discovered that there was some defect in his or their appointment, or that he or they were disqualified, be as valid as if every person was duly appointed or qualified.

7.16 A director or delegate shall not be entitled to any remuneration for his services; PROVIDED HOWEVER, if any director or delegate is called upon to perform extra services for the association, the association may remunerate him for the said services by such sum as may be determined by the executive.

7.17 The past president of the BCRA will remain on the BCRA Board of Directors for a one-year term in a non-voting position.

7.18 A BCRA junior event representative will have a non-voting position on the BCRA Board of Directors for a one-year term.

8.00 POWERS OF DIRECTORS

8.01 The management of the business and affairs of the association shall be vested in the directors, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these present or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, may exercise all such powers and do all acts and things as may be exercised or done by the association and are not hereby or by statute expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the members in general meeting.

9.00 MANAGING DIRECTOR

9.01 The directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to be managing director(s) of the association, either for a fixed term or without limitation as to the period for which he is or they are to hold such office and may from time to time, subject to the provision of any contract between him or them and the Association, remove or dismiss him or them from office and appoint another or other in his or their place or places.

9.02 A managing director shall, subject to the same provisions as between him and the Association be subject to the same provision as to resignation and removal as the other directors of the association and if he ceases to hold office of director from any cause he shall ipso facto and immediately cease to be managing director.

9.03 The remuneration of managing director shall be subject to the provisions of any contract between him and the association, and from time to time be fixed by the directors.

10.00 OFFICERS

10.01 The officers of the association shall be:

a) President and such other officers as may be determined from time to time by the executive.

10.02 The President shall be elected for a term of one (1) year by the members and appointed directors of the association and with each association rodeo held during the season in which the election takes place to have one vote in this election as well. Other officers shall be appointed for a one-year term.

10.03 The members at any Annual General Meeting may appoint any person an honorary officer.

10.04 CONTRACT HIRING GUIDELINES

10.05 For all contracts issued by the BCRA and employees hired, the following guidelines will be adhered to:

- a) Contracts must be advertised at least 60 days prior to contracts being accepted in the associations publications and advertising for members to input regarding this position.
- b) Members must submit written concerns or proposals to be reviewed by the hiring committee that is appointed by the BCRA Board of Directors.
- c) Hiring committee will short list best candidates for the position taking into account member concerns and present them to the BCRA Board of Directors.
- d) Contracts shall be awarded by a set date determined by the Board of Directors.

10.06 All BCRA contracts are to be approved by a majority of a quorum of the BCRA Board of Directors and all contracts are to be signed by both the President and Vice President of the association and witnessed by the BCRA Office Manager.

11.00 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

11.01 The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and executive.

11.02 In the absence or disability of the President, the directors shall appoint a person to perform his duties.

11.03 The appointed employee shall keep the minutes and other reports of the Association and of the executive. He/she shall conduct the official correspondence and be responsible for all records and documents relating to the association. He/she shall keep a thorough and accurate account of all the money received by him/her and shall deposit the same in the name of the association in such depository as the monies of the association as shall be designated by the executive. He/she shall not disburse any of the monies of the association except by check drawn on such depository and signed by him/her on behalf of the association. At each Annual General Meeting he/she shall make a full report of the financial condition of the association that must be audited by the auditor of the association between the end of the fiscal year and the next Annual General Meeting.

11.04 All officers and members of the executive shall, in addition, perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the executive.

11.05 The books and records of the association may be inspected by any member in good standing at the office of the association at any reasonable time.

12.00 MEETINGS

12.01 An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at least once in every calendar year at such time and place as may be decided by the executive.

12.02 The executive may proceed to convene a special general meeting of the members of the Association at any time and place and such meeting shall be called a special general meeting.

12.03 At least seven (7) days' notice of all meetings shall be given to the members either by post or publication in Rodeo Connections newspaper or in any other publication of the association. If the meeting is a special general meeting the notice shall indicate the nature of the business proposed to be discussed at the meeting.

12.04 The accidental omission to give notice to all members of the association, or the non-receipt by any member shall not invalidate the proceeding at any meeting.

12.05 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to elect directors to fill any vacated positions, to receive and consider the executive's report, the financial statements, the auditors reports, and to ratify and confirm the acts of the executive and any of its delegates, agents and officers.

12.06 Ten (10) members who are otherwise entitled to vote and who are personally present shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special general meeting of the association.

12.07 The President shall preside as chairman at every Annual or Special General meeting of the association.

12.08 The Annual General Meeting Agenda will be advertised in publications for all members to review. There will be a notification deadline for all members to submit any rule change proposals or items of discussion for current year's Annual General Meeting. Only items that will be submitted prior to advertised deadline will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

13.00 AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

13.01 The By-Laws of the association may be repealed or amended by a resolution enacted by a majority of the directors at a meeting of the executive, or by a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing and, in either case, sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the said by-law; PROVIDED THAT the enactment, repeal or amendment of such by-law shall not be enforced or acted upon until the approval of the Secretary of State has been obtained.

14.00 AUDITORS

14.01 The members shall be at each annual meeting appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the association to hold office until the next annual meeting; PROVIDED THAT the directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor. The executive shall fix the remuneration of the auditor.

14.02 The financial year of the association shall be a rodeo season.

15.00 SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

15.01 Contract, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the association shall be signed by any two of the three appointed signing officers of the association, and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the association without any further authorization of formality. The directors shall have the power from time to time by By-Law to appoint an officer or officers on behalf of the association either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing.

15.02 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained and in particular, the fact that any member or permit holder may not have in particular, have filed a written application and release as provided in clause 4.01 hereof, each member and permit holder shall be deemed to have entered into an agreement with the association wherein the said member or permit holder agrees to accept full responsibility, release, indemnify and save harmless the association from losses, injuries and damages that said member or permit holder might suffer and receive, also to indemnify and save harmless the association from any loss or damage the association might incur, and which is caused to their persons or property by the same members.

16.00 BORROWING POWERS

16.01 The directors may from time to time on behalf of the association:

1. Borrow money in such a manner and amount, on such security, from such sources and upon such terms and conditions as they think fit.
2. Issue bonds, debentures, and other debt obligations either outright or as security for a liability or obligation of the association or any other person.
3. Mortgage, charge, whether by way of specific floating charges, or give other security on the undertaking, or on the whole or any part of the property and assets of the association both present and future.

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIPS

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 Membership and permit renewals will be granted when all outstanding accounts are paid in full to the BCRA.

1.02 Must abide by and is subject to all rules of the association.

1.03 First time BCRA members; Members must be either guaranteed by a card holder of the association that is in good standing, or must be on a cash basis for the first year.

1.04 Contestant must have a paid membership card 48 hours prior to entering a rodeo. Membership Deadline is Monday by 4:00 p.m.

1.05 All photographers doing business for resale must have a non-contestant membership. Photographers will be required to sign a photographer's release at the time of membership application.

1.06 By becoming a member of the BCRA, a member releases to the association the right to use his name and/or picture for the good of the association or for the sport of rodeo, as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale involved.

1.07 The board will expect the co-operation of any member when called upon by one of the association officials to represent the association's interests regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.

1.08 At such time as any member of the association is approached by a rodeo committee for the purpose of asking that member to sign autographs, interviews on radio or television, etc.; for the purpose of advertising, the member will be expected by the association to cooperate to his utmost.

1.09 Upon entering rodeo grounds member must be entered in rodeo, produce membership card and be on the alpha list. If member has traveling companions that are not on the Alpha list and said companions refuse to pay, the members name and card number will be duly noted and said member will be responsible for those gate admissions. This amount will have to be paid before entering the next rodeo.

1.10 BCRA members not in good standing with the association will not be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

1.11 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - First year members with an open card who is 16 years of age and over. Member cannot have belonged to a rodeo association prior to having a BCRA membership, except for High School and College Rodeo Associations. Award will be based on total dollars won under a full membership card. Must fill out Rookie of the year declaration.

2.00 FULL MEMBERSHIP OPEN CARD - \$190.48 + GST = \$200.00

2.01 Allows members to compete at all BCRA Rodeos. Eligible to qualify for year-end awards and championship finals.

3.00 JUNIOR OPEN MEMBERSHIP \$190.48 + GST = \$200.00 -

3.01 Junior Open membership allows junior members to compete in junior as well as open events. In order to compete in Open major events and junior events, juniors must purchase an Open Junior membership card. A birth certificate and consent form signed by a parent or guardian to be received by the BCRA office before competing. A copy of the junior's birth certificate must accompany the membership form for the association to have on file, All Junior Open Memberships must have notarized waiver signed before competing.

4.00 FAMILY - \$380.95 + GST = \$400.00

4.01 Membership to include husband and wife of a family and all other members of the same family, 15 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current year for Junior and Peewee members.

5.00 FAMILY PERMIT - \$190.48 + GST = \$200.00

5.01 Membership to include husband and wife of a family and all other members of the same family, 15 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current year for Junior and Peewee members.

6.00 JUNIOR – \$71.43 + GST = \$75.00

6.01 Junior membership allows junior members to compete in junior events only. A birth certificate and consent form signed by a parent or guardian to be received by the BCRA office before competing. A copy of the junior's birth certificate must accompany the membership form for the association to have on file.

7.00 PEEWEE -- \$71.43 + GST = \$75.00

7.01 Peewee members must be ten (10) years of age or under as of January 1st of the current year in question. A copy of the applicant's birth certificate must accompany the membership form. Peewee members can enter any junior events on their Peewee card but may not enter both the junior and Peewee Barrels at the same rodeo.

8.00 PERMIT -- \$95.24 + GST = \$100.00

8.01 May compete in three approved BCRA rodeos throughout the Province.

8.02 Permit holders can upgrade to the full membership, by paying the difference between the two memberships at the end of three rodeos, and all points accumulated that season will count toward all standings. The full membership will have to be purchased prior to entries for the next rodeo.

9.00 NON-CONTESTANT -- \$95.24 + GST = \$100.00

9.01 Non-Contestant Card includes: announcers, bull fighters, pick up men, clowns, photographers, contract acts hired by BCRA committees are required to have a BCRA membership, contesting or non-contesting.

10.00 OFFICIALS - \$95.24 + GST = \$100.00

10.01 BCRA approved judges, timers and secretaries. Must attend current BCRA clinic to be an approved BCRA official.

11.00 STOCK CONTRACTORS -- \$190.48 + GST = \$200.00

11.01 BCRA approved stock contractors must purchase their membership sixty (60) days prior to their first contracted rodeo of current year and provide the documentation required listed in Section Six – Stock Contractors.

11.02 New Contractors interested in becoming an approved BCRA Stock Contractor, please refer to Section Six of BCRA Rulebook for the requirements.

12.00 TIMED EVENT SUB-CONTRACTOR – \$190.48 + GST = \$200.00

12.01 Must supply list of stock and be in contact with the BCRA Event Director prior to supplying stock to a BCRA rodeo. Stock must be branded and number branded.

12.02 Timed event sub-contractors will have to work at least one BCRA rodeo to be eligible to supply stock to the BCRA Finals.

13.00 GOLD CARD

13.01 A full carded member who is in good standing, who has paid their membership fees for a period of twenty (20) years and is sixty (60) years of age or over, shall be granted a life membership in the association. Members who acquired a Gold Card before 2016 will be 'grandfathered' in under the previous ruling of fifty (50) years of age or over.

13.02 Members meeting Gold Card criteria must apply to the association in writing for such a membership.

13.03 Memberships held in any one of the four associations combining to form the British Columbia Rodeo Association will count towards eligibility for a gold card.

13.04 A gold card member shall be entitled to participate at approved rodeos and to vote at an annual or special general meeting of the association.

13.05 Gold card members shall not be entitled any other benefit or privilege which may be provided by the association unless he pays the regular membership dues, or unless the executive so decided that he shall be entitled to any specific privilege or benefit.

14.00 HONORARY

14.01 The executive may at any time appoint any person an honorary member of the association.

14.02 An honorary member shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the association, to participate at BCRA rodeos, or to any benefit or privilege which may be provided by the association unless he has otherwise been accepted by the association as a regular member and has paid the membership dues which are payable by regular members.

15.00 COMMITTEE

15.01 Rodeo approval fees are grouped as a membership fee. As such the rodeo committee is a member of the BCRA and will have one vote at the general meeting of the association.

SECTION TWO – FINES, SUSPENSIONS & DISQUALIFICATIONS

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 The Board of Directors of the BCRA may fine or suspend a BCRA member / permit whose family member or employee violates any of the governing rules, guidelines or policies of the BCRA.

1.02 All contestants must compete under their legal name.

1.03 Before any contestant can compete in a BCRA rodeo they must be a member in good standing.

1.04 Contestants are not to contact local businesses to sponsor them at a rodeo or a \$100.00 fine will be levied.

1.05 If numbers are furnished by the management, contestants must wear them while competing so as to be visible to the judges and spectators.

1.06 Any member may be fined, suspended or both from the association for any of the following offenses:

- a) Being under the influence of liquor or drugs in the arena.
- b) Rowdiness or quarreling in the actual domain of the arena.
- c) issuing or tendering bad cheques
- d) failure to pay hotel bills
- e) non-payment of entrance fees
- f) Not being ready to compete when called upon.
- g) Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- h) Unnecessary delay in taking out stock; this action to be enforced by the judges when the chute boss has lodged a legitimate complaint.
- i) Being in a pen with livestock at any time except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director or a judge, or when assigned to work in those pens.
- j) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress. Violation of this rule shall be reported to the association board by the judges involved, or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred.
- k) any BCRA member and/or contestant abusing a BCRA official, Director, BCRA employee (contracted employee) or committee member and/or livestock in or out of the arena can be fined up to \$500 and/or a temporary suspension of membership by either a BCRA official or BCRA Director without receiving a written warning.

- l) conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interests of the BCRA and the sport of rodeo
- m) Any attempt to sue or publicly defame the association will result in immediate rescind of membership privileges.
- n) failure to abide by or disobedience of articles, by-laws and rules of this association.
- o) all rule infractions reported by a BCRA official will be dealt with by the BCRA Board of Directors.
- p) The BCRA has the right to hold any BCRA payout cheques from a BCRA member and personnel until the outstanding account has been paid to the BCRA in full.
- q) Any member not paying entry fees at rodeo the same day they compete before the rodeo office closes will be fined \$100.00. Fines and fees must be paid to BCRA office before entries close for the next rodeo

1.07 Where a specific penalty is not fixed by these rules, regulations and by-laws for the violation of any of the provisions herein the Board of Directors, upon conviction of any member for the violation thereof may impose a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), suspension from membership for a period of not more than five (5) years, or both such fine and suspension. The procedure after charges filed for the violation of these rules, regulations, and by-laws may be the same as set forth in rule 1.01 of this section. Any fines assessed at Board level that are appealable must be dealt with at the following Board Meeting. Any appeal made to the Board of Directors relative to a fine assessed to or other disciplinary action taken against a member must be accompanied by payment of said fine, which will be forfeited if the fine or disciplinary action is upheld.

1.08 Underage members may be served with a possible one-year suspension if caught purchasing and/or consuming alcoholic beverages.

1.09 All members and contestants shall observe and abide by all civic by-laws, and provincial laws with respect to traffic, public property, safety and especially violations of the drug and liquor laws.

1.10 Any member writing an NSF check will be fined \$50.00 unless a letter from the bank is submitted confirming a bank error after which the \$50.00 fine will be reimbursed.

1.11 Any member writing an NSF check will go on cash basis for remainder of the year.

1.12 If entry fee and BCES fees are not in the BCRA office within ten (10) days from the last performance of the rodeo there will be an automatic fifty dollars (\$50) late fine imposed.

1.13 Any person or persons taking part in the drawing of stock or position who allow or take part in fixing or changing the draw will be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and will be suspended for one (1) year. This includes secretaries, stock contractors, judges, association members or representatives present who allow this offense to take place.

1.14 There will be no communication between stock contractor and officials while a contestant is riding. Contestants may not talk to a judge or timer while an event is going on. Questions may be addressed to the judge only at the end of the section for that performance. Any member violating this regulation will be reported to the association by the judge of the rodeo where the violation occurs. Violators are subject to an automatic fifty dollar (\$50) fine.

1.15 Gender disclaimer – He/She were applicable except in specific events.

1.16 All members' appearance must be neat, clean and professional when representing the BCRA and/or participating in BCRA sanctioned events. ALL MEMBERS must wear *a cowboy hat, a long sleeve shirt with a collar and cuffs, pants and cowboy boots in the arena, chutes and warm up areas* **COMPETING OR NOT one hour prior to the rodeo performance and slack.** Contestants will be subject to a \$50 fine if not in proper western attire. Non-members not in western attire that are helping a contestant i.e.: pulling rigging, warming up horses etc. shall be fined. Fine will be levied against the member being assisted. Timers, Secretaries must be in western attire one hour prior to the performance. Sleeveless shirt with collar is permissible but must be appropriate western attire. Hats optional. Committee members working in and around the rodeo arena during the performance and slack must be in appropriate western attire.

1.17 The top ten competitors in the eight major events must attend the BCRA Annual General Meeting at the end of the current year. A \$50 fine will be assessed for not attending.

2.00 TURNING OUT STOCK

2.01 A contestant not competing (turning out) during a paid performance in any of the eight (8) major events will be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo, with the following exceptions:

- a) a multi-event contestant may be turned out as a non-notified in one event and compete in other events later in the performance, however, all related turn out fines will apply.
- b) a contestant turning out in a minor event or optional event will not be disqualified from taking stock in the eight (8) major events.

2.02 Contestants will be disqualified for not competing during a paid performance. Contestants not competing will receive no time or marking for that go-round, but will be eligible to compete on all other stock. A contestant working two or more events who is not traded properly will be allowed to turn out stock in one event, but can take his stock in other events at a following performance or, with good and sufficient reasons provided to the judges, may take the balance of his stock on the same day. Such contestants will not be eligible in the average for the event in which they did not compete.

2.03 Once a contestant has made a notified turn out, should circumstances change to allow the contestant to compete, the contestant is responsible to notify the rodeo's judge(s). If their stock is available, they may be allowed to compete. If timed event stock is already drawn, the contestant is not allowed to compete.

2.04 To be considered a notified turnout from a rodeo, member must call and leave a message at BCRA office or with rodeo secretary three (3) hours prior to performance they are entered in. If this notification is done, member will only have to pay their entry fees and a twenty-five (\$25) turnout fine. No notification to BCRA office or rodeo secretary three (3) hours prior to performance that you are entered in, will result in paying your entry fees, plus a one hundred (\$100) fine.

2.05 There will be no fine for turning out stock during a slack performance unless slack is given as first preference.

2.06 Such contestant will not be eligible for average money in the event in which he has not competed.

2.07 Stock turned out will not be brought back. Stock being turned around (taken out of the chute to be loaded later) does not amount to "turning out" stock.

2.08 If a contestant is going to be late and notifies the rodeo secretary prior to the performance he is scheduled to perform and provides good and sufficient reasons to the rodeo judges all his stock may be held back until the completion of the event for that performance, providing it does not alter the run on the cattle in the timed events. **NOTE: This would apply in extraordinary circumstances only and the rodeo judge's decision will be final.**

2.09 If the above is complied with, the following will apply: No stock in any event, except for re-rides or reruns, may be competed on before the first section of that event on the program, and no stock in that event can be held back for a contestant beyond the end of the event on the program for the performance (except for re-rides and reruns). Any deviation from this rule may be authorized by a judge.

2.10 If a team roping partner turns out or medicals out of a rodeo, the other partner may pick up another contestant (partner) as long as that partner is up on the same day (performance) and is competing on the day (performance) that you are drawn and is not in the team roping twice already. Partner can switch ends. Must be done and judges notified before stock draw is done.

3.00 CONTESTANTS

3.01 All members of the association must make an honest effort when competing in the arena. If an honest effort is not made, the member may be disqualified from that rodeo and the next.

3.02 No contestant may be disqualified from a rodeo for a period to exceed one (1) year without the express consent of the Board of Directors.

3.03 The BCRA Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse a contestant to compete at a BCRA rodeo in consultation with the rodeo committee and rodeo stock contractor.

4.00 BLACKLIST

4.01 The BCRA will honor all ineligible lists or “black lists” of all association that honor the BCRA’s blacklist.

4.02 No person shall work a BCRA rodeo when his name appears under the ineligible or “black” list, which shall be posted in the BCES office, unless he first has been cleared through the association office.

4.03 If all outstanding accounts are not paid in full within 14 days of notification, member will automatically be “blacklisted” with an additional \$100.00 fine. Suspension will start from the time of notification by ordinary mail (to last known address) until restitution is made, plus the time it takes to make that restitution after the 14 days’ grace. Members may compete immediately after paying all fines.

4.04 Contestants will not be advised by the BCES operators on entry closing day that they are ineligible to compete. However, if contestant is placed on the ineligible list in error, and was drawn out of a rodeo for that reason, he/she will be drawn back into the rodeo in question.

4.05 If all outstanding accounts are not paid in full within thirty (30) days of notification member or permit holder will automatically become ineligible. Turnout fines must be paid without notification thirty (30) days after the last performance of the rodeo in question, or contestant will automatically become ineligible.

4.06 When a member from a co-approving association enters a BCRA rodeo and turns out, the co-approving association the members belongs to must pay the members outstanding account to the BCRA. It is then up to that association to collect from their member.

SECTION THREE – RODEO CONDUCT

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 The association reserves the right to withdraw their members from competition in any rodeo which does not conform to these rules.

1.02 Any rodeo with ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the association rules must have said rule approved by the association before they become effective and binding upon association members.

1.03 The management and sponsor of any member rodeos assume no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. Each participant by the act of his entry waives all claims against the management and sponsor for injuries he or his property may sustain.

1.04 The management of each association approved rodeo shall be required to provide an emergency transport and adequate first aid facilities on the grounds for all performances including slack performance. To be considered adequate, it is mandatory that Emergency Medical Technician qualifications or higher be in attendance.

1.05 A veterinarian on the grounds or on call shall be required for all performances and competitions incidental thereto, including slack, and competitions held at times other than before a paying audience.

1.06 When a rodeo is required by the Association to place prize money in escrow, the association may also require that rodeo place in escrow money to cover any contract signed with an association member. In the case of a BCRA rodeo committee not upholding their financial obligations with regard to prize money, the BCRA will make every effort that these obligations be upheld. However, in the event these obligations are not fulfilled by a committee, the BCRA shall not be liable.

1.07 Every rodeo held during the rodeo season, except for the BCRA finals or when otherwise specifically agreed to by the association, must be open to all Association members in good standing.

1.08 All rodeo arena personnel, and persons connected with the production of a rodeo shall be subject to the rules, policies and standards of conduct of the BCRA.

1.09 All contestants that compete in a BCRA event of which any part is held during a paid performance of a BCRA rodeo must have a BCRA contesting membership or qualify as a local contestant in order to be eligible.

- 1.10** A rodeo performance is defined as a BCRA approved contest for which the public is charged admission.
- 1.11** The minimum length for all new outdoor arenas and all portable arenas shall be two hundred feet (200'), inside measurement.
- 1.12** Persons entered into an event shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance. All others must sign a waiver releasing the management and producers from liability. This rule should be enforced by the arena director.
- 1.13** If the management provides satisfactory seats for the contestants, the association urges the contestants to stay out of the arena when they are not scheduled to compete.
- 1.14** Contestants in the arena must conduct themselves in such a way as to not interfere with the work of bona fide press, officials or spectators.
- 1.15** First and last contestant in their event will be notified at call back if they are to ride in grand entry. They must be at arena entry gate fifteen (15) minutes prior to performance. Flags will be handed out there. Failure to participate will result in an automatic \$25.00 fine. Rough stock riders are exempt.
- 1.16** All stock to be run off previous to one hour before first performance.
- 1.17** Contestants shall not have someone hold their hats or otherwise retrieve their hats before they land on the ground.
- 1.18** Complaints pertaining to the conduct of a member must be taken to a BCRA judge, BCRA rodeo office or a Director rather than to the rodeo committee or management.
- 1.19** Committee must provide a safe place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
- 1.20** Slack must be held within the date of the rodeo. There shall be no slack prior to the first performance without approval by the Board of Directors who may make a special exception to this rule.
- 1.21** Designated slack sheet must be followed according to order of events and position draw. In the event that the judges deem it necessary to change the order of events, they must post notification at the rodeo office one hour prior to starting time. Slack is to start with the Ladies Barrel Racing event whenever possible.
- 1.22** All contestants are required to read the rules carefully. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
- 1.23** Stock, announcer, timers, judges, flagman, bullfighter and grounds must all be approved by the BCRA.
- 1.24** If a committee has a calf scramble or calf riding it is to be scheduled after the calf roping is completed for the rodeo, or different calves are to be used.
- 1.25** Different stock must be used in Junior Steer Riding, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping.
- 1.26** Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing must get in touch with an Association director or representative for instructions. Hereafter any complaint lodged against a member of this association must be accompanied by a fifty-dollar (\$50) check. If the complaint is upheld by the BCRA Board of Directors, the fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be reimbursed. If not, it will be forfeited.
- 1.27** If a member rodeo declares an All-Around champion, the winner must be decided as follows:
- a) All Around trophies will be awarded to the contestant winning the most money and who is entered in two (2) or more of the seven (7) major events, one being a riding event and one being a timed event. To qualify, the contestant must compete on all stock drawn for him, in the seven (7) major events, with the exception of injury.
 - b) If a rodeo declares a High Point winner it should publicize this fact well, setting out the method of determining the winner when submitting their approval. If this is not possible, the ground rule must be posted in the rodeo office before the first performance.
- 1.28** A minimum of ten (10) contestants will compete in a performance (8 major events) at all BCRA approved rodeos before a slack in that event can be scheduled.
- 1.29** Ground conditions must be maintained for all events in an effort to prevent injury to stock and contestants.

1.30 The arena must be harrowed for each performance after the barrel racing event has finished. This rule applies to slack performance also.

2.00 APPROVAL

2.01 Rodeo management must submit a completed BCRA rodeo approval form a minimum of 60 days prior to rodeo dates.

2.02 All rodeo approvals are subject to committees meeting the obligations with major corporate sponsors of the association.

2.03 Rodeo management must submit a minimum approval fee of \$75 + GST per performance with their request for approval. Each rodeo committee is a member of the BCRA and as such will have one vote at the General Meetings of the association.

3.00 COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee rodeo insurance applications must be received by the BCRA office five (5) days prior to rodeo. The minimum requirements for public liability insurance is two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and the British Columbia Rodeo Association MUST be added as an additional named insured.

3.01 Each approved rodeo must have all eight (8) BCRA approved major events, and two minor events. The eight major events approved by the BCRA are:

- a) Bareback Riding
- b) Saddle Bronc Riding
- c) Bull Riding
- d) Tie-Down Roping
- e) Steer Wrestling
- f) Team Roping
- g) Ladies Barrel Race
- h) Breakaway Roping

The two minor events approved by the BCRA are:

- a) Junior Steer Riding
- b) Junior Barrel Race

3.02 The BCRA has twelve (12) optional approved events, which are not mandatory for approval. If rodeo management elects to include one or more of the optional events, the event must be run by BCRA rules. Standings are kept and accumulated towards the All Round standings. Optional approved events are:

- a) Ladies Goat Tying
- b) Junior Breakaway Roping
- c) Junior Goat Tying
- d) Junior Pole Bending
- e) Pee Wee Barrel Racing
- f) Pee Wee Goat Tail Tying
- g) Pee Wee Pole Bending
- h) Miniature Bareback Riding
- i) Ranch Bronc Riding
- j) Novice Bull Riding
- k) Novice Saddle Bronc Riding
- l) Novice Bareback Riding

3.03 A minimum purse of \$400 must be provided by the rodeo committee in each major event. The Board, at its' discretion, may accept \$300 added purse money for a committees first year.

3.04 All major events must have equal purse money added, except in the case of a feature event. One (1) of the eight (8) major events may be featured with a higher added purse.

3.05 An added purse is required in the optional minor events. A \$100 minimum added purse is required in the optional minor events, a \$50 minimum added purse is required in the optional junior events and a \$25 minimum added purse is required in the Pee Wee events.

3.06 The BCRA may request prize money to be deposited to the BCRA rodeo account prior to entry opening time at the board’s discretion.

3.07 All non BCRA rodeo events and gymkhana events held at a BCRA approved rodeo must be run under BCRA rules.

3.08 BCRA rodeo committees are able to feature as many non-member local entries as they want as long as they are added to the rodeo performance after draw is done and BCRA contestants are not taken out of any performances. BCRA committees may also feature six local BCRA members entered in their rodeo in a specific performance.

3.09 The BCRA Board of Directors will prioritize BCRA rodeos before co-approving with any other association.

3.10 Once a BCRA rodeo has started the first performance, a stock contractor or committee members(s) cannot change the production, set up or conditions of a rodeo without consultation and approval by BCRA judges and/or BCRA directors.

3.11 *At the BCRA Board of Directors discretion and under extenuating circumstances the BOD may approve certain rodeo ground rules that are in the best interest of the committee, the BCRA and its members.*

4.00 ENTRY FEES AND ENTRY OPEN & CLOSING TIME

4.01 Entry fees to be set by board of directors according to accepted structure at 3.05

4.02 Minor events have a fixed entry fee of \$30. Junior events have a fixed fee of \$20.

4.03 Entry times will be set by the BCRA office upon approval of the rodeo.

4.04 Entry fees for all contestants for whom position of stock is drawn, must be included in purse. Contestants with medical or vet releases are exempted. If secretary is notified of withdrawal because of injury previous to performance in which contestants is scheduled to compete, his entry fees are not to be included in purse.

4.05 Entry Fee Scale

MAJOR EVENTS

Added Purse	Entry Fee
\$0.00 - \$499.00	\$40.00
\$500.00 - \$749.00	\$50.00
\$750.00 - \$999.00	\$60.00
\$1000.00 - \$1499.00	\$70.00
\$1500.00 & Over	Entry Fee Approval by Board of Directors

ALL OTHER EVENTS

Minor Events	\$30.00
Junior Events	\$20.00
Peewee Events	\$10.00

5.00 POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATIONS

5.01 A rodeo performance may not be postponed or cancelled except in the case of disaster, strike or warfare, in which case the postponement should be agreed to by the rodeo committee chairman, the stock contractor and an association officer (President or Vice-President).

5.02 Any performance so postponed must be held within 24 hours of the approved dates of the rodeo, unless that rodeo is an area where Sunday rodeos are contrary to religious beliefs or customs, or prevented by law, in which case the postponed performance must be held within 48 hours. However, stock contractor and committee chairman will have the option of completing contests of postponed performances at their convenience within 24 hours, and canceling the postponed performances.

5.03 In case of postponement, the order of positions drawn for contestants will be maintained exactly as drawn. The draw for each performance will be set back one performance until the rescheduled performance is completed.

5.04 If a rodeo is postponed for more than 24 hours, or in the case of a Sunday 48 hours, the books will be reopened and all contestants will be required to re-enter rescheduled rodeo.

5.05 If due to weather conditions, attendance at any rodeo is substantially reduced, then the members of the association who have entered as contestants at any rodeo may appoint a committee of three of their members to negotiate with the management of the rodeo, which committee shall be empowered to agree to such reduction in day money as the circumstances may warrant.

5.06 If the BCRA Board of Directors determines that if the rodeo does not have enough entries and is not economically feasible to the association, the BCRA Board has the option of asking the rodeo committee to cover the loss of officials' expenses.

SECTION FOUR – RODEO OFFICE

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 Rodeo office must be open one and one half (1-1/2) hours prior to all paid performances all slack performances and must remain open until the end of all paid performances and slack performances.

1.02 All rodeo secretaries are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

2.00 PAYING OF ENTRY FEES

2.01 Every member contestant must give his/her association number when entering a rodeo and also the number of all those he/she is entering. Entries will not be accepted without the proper association number.

2.02 All entry fees must be guaranteed by entry closing time and paid prior to stock being taken.

2.03 Each contestant will be charged \$6.00 per rodeo for judge's fees at each rodeo.

2.04 Each contestant will be charged \$6.00 per rodeo for Rodeo Entry System (**BCES**).

1) Each open and junior contestant, including local entries, will be charged an additional finals surcharge of \$6.00 per rodeo when competing in major, minor and optional events where monies earned qualify for the BCRA Championship Finals. A Finals Surcharge will not be charged to contestants entered in the Pee Wee Barrel racing.

2.05 Contestants entered in events that use the electric eye will be charged a timer fee of \$1.00.

2.06 All timed events that use stock will have a \$5.00 per run stock charge added onto entry fee. (Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Open & Jr. Breakaway Roping, Team Roping).

2.07 Bull riding contestants will pay twenty-six (\$26) dollars towards day money. One dollar (\$1) will be deducted for administration costs

2.08 Contestants turning out of the bull riding must pay entry fees plus their day money. Medical Releases do not owe entry fees or day money as long as a medical release form is received by BCRA office

2.09 Non-member contestants must pay entry fees before stock or position is drawn or be guaranteed by the local rodeo committee or member in good standing.

2.10 Rodeo secretary, arena director, stock contractor, or a contest judge must turn in to the Association office immediately after each rodeo the names of any member contestants who did not pay entry fees and the amount of these unpaid entry fees must be listed. Any rodeo secretary failing to do so will be fined or suspended.

2.11 The BCRA will take appropriate action against any member not paying entry fees or presenting NSF checks as set out in Section Two: Fines, Suspensions, and Disqualifications. Non Canadian resident non-members must pay entry fees in cash (Canadian Funds).

2.12 Stock and/or position must be drawn for every member contestant who is entered.

3.00 RESULTS

3.01 Results must be posted following each performance at all rodeos.

3.02 Rodeo secretary must make every effort to ensure immediate delivery of official rodeo documents to the Association office following completion of rodeo.

4.00 DRAWING OUT AND DOCTORS RELEASE

4.01 If contestant is injured at a rodeo, he may be held back at same rodeo until later in the go-round with written consent of both judges and the stock contractor.

4.02 There will be no drawing out after position or stock is drawn unless contestant has a doctor's release from a doctor in the town in which the particular rodeo is being held.

4.03 A release from another rodeo will be honored if it is signed by both judges at the rodeo where the member was injured.

a) Serious emergency within immediate family will be considered a medical release.

4.04 A release to turn out stock must be signed by both judges.

4.06 A contestant entered in more than one event may doctor release out of one or more events and remain eligible to compete in other events in which he is entered, all rules pertaining to notification and verification will apply

4.07 In the timed events and riding events, injured contestants who obtain a doctor's release and who are drawn out of a rodeo for that reason may not compete at another rodeo for five (5) clear days, which does not include the day on which the doctor's release was used. The five full days as indicated above shall commence the first time the release is used.

Example: If a contestant is entered at three rodeos, draws out on a medical on Friday and therefore cannot compete Saturday and Sunday for that reason, the time begins to run on Saturday and not Monday. Such doctor's releases, if possible, shall be sent to the BCRA office with rodeo results. Please see rodeo secretary to fill out Medical Release. BCRA office must be notified that you are a medical or vet release three (3) hours prior to performance you are scheduled to compete in. Vet Release applies to Barrel Racing only.

a) If said doctor's release is received by the BCRA within 15 days of being used, no fine will be imposed. If not filed within 30 days' contestant becomes liable for the entry fees and turn out fines imposed.

b) Any abuse of rules pertaining to a medical release will be subject to a \$500 dollar fine for a first offense and a second offense will result in a six-month suspension.

c) A contestant will be allowed three (3) doctor's releases per competition year, and will thereafter, be responsible for entry fees and all related turnout fines for all rodeos entered.

4.08 VISIBLE INJURY RELEASE – if contestant turns out due to injury from a rodeo, he shall remain eligible to enter or compete in any BCRA rodeo following the performance which he has turned out of. Entry fees will remain in the pay-off. All turn out fines will be waived.

a) The BCRA visible release shall be signed by at least two (2) judges and must be received by the BCRA office within fifteen (15) days.

b) A contestant will be allowed three (3) visible injury releases per competition year.

4.09 To be valid, a member or animal must be examined, and a doctor or vet release must be signed by the attending doctor or veterinarian, no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the final performance of the rodeo in question.

4.10 Contestants entering a BCRA rodeo may use a “draw out” preference if they do not receive their first preference. Contestants using the “draw out” preference will automatically be drawn out before call back and will pay a \$10.00 service charge only.

5.00 ENTRY FEE REFUND

5.01 A rodeo that completes its contract shall not be responsible for the returning of a contestant’s entry fee if he has contested in an event once during the rodeo. If he is entered in other events in which he is unable to contest, the entry fees for those events must be refunded.

5.02 Contestants will be considered to have competed only when they have asked for their stock and the chute gate opens.

5.03 When a contestant asks for his stock in any rodeo event, his entry fees shall be included in the payoff and shall not be refunded to him.

5.04 After stock or position is drawn, secretary may not refund any entry fees without approval of the judges.

5.05 If there are no qualified times or rides in an event and ground money has to be paid out at a rodeo, the added prize money will be refunded back to the BCRA committee and the entry fees will be refunded back to the contestant in that event.

6.00 PAYOUT

6.01 The following is the schedule for pay-out at all BCRA approved rodeos:

- a) \$199.99 and under – 2 monies split: 60%, 40%
- b) \$200.00 to \$499.99 – 3 monies split: 50%, 30%, 20%
- c) \$500.00 to \$1,499.99 – 4 monies split: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
- d) \$1,500 to \$2,999.99 – 6 monies split: 34%, 26%, 18%, 10%, 7%, 5%
- e) \$3,000 to \$4,999.99 – 8 monies split: 29%, 23%, 16%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%
- f) \$5,000 to \$6,999.99 – 10 monies split: 24%, 19%, 16%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%
- g) \$7,000 and over – 12 monies split: 21%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 9%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%, 1%

TEAM ROPING PAYOUT:

- a) Up to \$2499.99 – 4 monies split: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
- b) \$2,500 to \$4999.99 – 6 monies split: 34%, 26%, 18%, 10%, 7%, 5%
- c) \$5000 to \$8,999.99 – 8 monies split: 29%, 23%, 16%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%
- d) \$9,000 to \$17,499.99 – 10 monies split: 24%, 19%, 16%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%
- e) \$17,500 and over – 12 monies split: 21%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 9%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%

6.02 9% of the total purse (including entry fees) will be deducted at all BCRA approved rodeos and put into a fund to be used for year-end awards. 9% will not be taken out of any Pee Wee events.

6.03 BCRA checks will not be issued at the rodeos but are to be issued at the BCRA office after results have been thoroughly checked. Payout checks dated over 6 months are null and void and will not be re-issued.

6.04 Ground money will not be paid out, but put back into the purse providing a qualified run or ride has been made. This money will count in the standings.

6.05 Team Roping payout divisions will be twice that of the other events so it pays the same per man.

6.06 Bull Riding contestants will pay an additional twenty-six (\$26) dollars towards day money. Day money will be paid equally to all qualifying contestants. If only one qualified ride, payout will be the same as other payout rules.

6.07 Day money won in the paid performance will count towards year end standings in the bull riding.

6.08 The payout in all Junior events will pay six (6) monies no matter what money is added at all BCRA rodeos.

6.09 The Pee Wee events will pay six (6) monies no matter what money is added at all BCRA rodeos.

6.10 If day money is paid out in the barrel racing, it will be included towards the money won in the season standings.

7.00 OFFICIALS

7.01 Rodeo officials are in the public eye in an official capacity. Their manner, appearance and conduct both in and out of the arena should reflect credit to the sport of rodeo and to the BCRA. Any conduct by a rodeo official deemed to be detrimental to the sport of rodeo, will be dealt with by the BCRA Board of Directors.

- a) The decisions of all judges, flagmen, or timers will be final. Protests must be in writing and addressed to the BCRA Board of Directors.
- b) Any member accepting a judges' position must remain in the town where the rodeo is being held or be available to the rodeo secretary
- c) Whenever it is necessary to make exceptions to the rules due to unusual circumstances, the judges must confer with the BCRA executive members present.
- d) It will be the judges' responsibility to see that the rodeo office is run in a proper manner
- e) Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books
- f) Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges
- g) The men appointed to flag are the judges for timed events regardless of whom judges riding event, and are the only one authorized to deliver a decision or draw stock in a time event.
- h) Neither barrier judge nor field flag judge may be changed during the course of the rodeo
- i) Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness or injury., The timer who times the first performance of an event must time that event for the duration of that rodeo.
- j) All rodeos are required to use at least two (2) stopwatches in tenths of a second. Display board with electric eye may be used as one stop watch. If digital watches are used, all digits beyond tenths will be ignored.

7.02 Contestants may not ask judge for a re-ride or a re-run.

7.03 A judge cannot compete in the rodeo they are officiating.

7.04 Judges must remove attire that identifies that person as an official, after he has completed judging duties.

7.05 Judges are to be on time for the slack as well as the paid performance.

7.06 Judge can notify competitor and/or stock contractor of infraction at the time infraction occurs.

7.07 Only judges approved by the BCRA Board of Directors may judge BCRA rodeos.

7.08 Both judges will use a stopwatch in the rough stock events. Both judges' stopwatches will count for the full 8 seconds in all rough stock events.

7.09 Judges are to make sure the timed event cattle have been run through arena prior to the first performance at all BCRA rodeos.

7.10 Officials will receive a wage for slack. \$50 flat fee to judges and secretaries. \$25 to timers. Half of this wage will be paid by rodeo committees that request to have a slack for their rodeo.

7.11 It will be the responsibility of the judging officials to provide and set up standard rodeo barrier equipment for the timed events. *A fee of \$25 will be deducted off the timed event stock charge cheque after each rodeo and issued to the judging official that supplied the barrier equipment.* This will not apply where there is not a standard barrier set up or if management has hired a person to specifically look after the timed event end.

7.12 FIELD FLAGGER

- a) When flagging timed events field flagger must position himself so as not to hinder contestant.
- b) In any timed event if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped but not cleared. Contestants will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If rope is on animal, roper will get lap and tap with rope on it in chute. If flag is not dropped or if timer misses the flag, and time is not recorded contestant would get animal back lap and tap with ten (10) seconds to be added to this time. Any barrier penalty incurred is added to the time.

8.00 POSTING OF MARKINGS

8.01 Judges will be responsible to see that the exact marks are posted by the RODEO SECRETARY at the end of each performance.

8.02 Contestants are privileged to see the records of all contestants in the event in which he takes part at the end of each go-round. This is to be done at a reasonable time, so that the secretary and a judge may be present.

8.03 Barrier judges shall keep a record of all barrier penalties. They are to be furnished with a complete list of contestants by the rodeo secretary. These records and those of the rodeo timers must correspond when checked in the office.

9.00 SICK OR CRIPPLED STOCK

9.01 If an animal that is drawn in a riding event or is drawn from a pen in a timed event, becomes sick or before it is out a first time, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.

9.02 If stock is sick, crippled or already shipped, replacements will be drawn from re-ride animals.

9.03 If stock is crippled or becomes sick after the draw is made the contestant who has drawn the sick or crippled animal shall receive the first re-ride animal or:

- a) Contestant may elect to draw out of the event and have his entry fees refunded.

9.04 All injured or crippled livestock must be attended to by a qualified veterinarian and be isolated from other livestock and/or removed from the premises.

SECTION FIVE – RODEO ENTRY SYSTEM

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 The British Columbia Entry System (known as **BCES**) will be in operation for all approved rodeos. All member contestants for all rodeos involved shall enter through **BCES**, online or by phone. Website and Telephone numbers will be published in BCRA publications.

- a) BCES will offer online entries to BCRA members 5 Days prior to the actual entry day starting (Friday) 8:00 a.m. and closing (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m. Online entries will be available on Rodeo Management link thru the BCRA website. No late entries will be accepted online. Late entries will only be taken though the entry phone line. Follow late entry procedures on answering machine.
- b) If members miss doing entries on entry day between the scheduled entry times of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., members will have the option to enter as a late entry on Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to the following Monday morning 9:00 a.m. Late entries will be recorded on the **BCES** answering machine only – full details of the entry must be provided. **(i.e.: names and card numbers of yourself and buddy group, what other rodeos entered, events you are entering, 1st & 2nd Preferences and a number you can be reached at). A late entry fee of \$50.00 per person will be added to your rodeo receipt. Late entries will keep priority when entering late.** No late entries will be accepted online.
- c) In extreme circumstances, if contestant is entered in other association rodeos, or are entered in more than three (3) rodeos in a weekend and need to confirm the day preference, contestant may contact the BCRA office Monday prior to callback and confirm their day.

1.02 When possible, the buddy system shall be used and shall apply to a maximum of five contestants, regardless of the number of events entered. If the “buddy group” format is used, it will ensure that you are entered on the same day as everyone else in this group. Entries must be made on one call with all pertinent information regarding this group. No other calls will be accepted

1.03 Rodeo priority will be determined by the number of rodeos the buddy group will be competing in. Entire buddy group must be entered in the same number of rodeos.

- a) A buddy group includes up to a total of five (5) people. All team-roping partners must be included in the buddy group in order to maintain priority.
- b) All information concerning a buddy group must be given on one telephone call including the online entries. This includes card numbers.
- c) Rodeo priority will be determined by the number of rodeos the buddy group will be competing in. Entire buddy group must be entered in the same number of rodeos. This will be done on a point system. Five-point rodeo is **BCRA**. Three point rodeos are: PWRA, FCA, CCA, LRA, CRA (Chinook), CPRA, PRCA, NPRA & WIREA (open rodeos), BRC (Bull Riders of Canada). Two points are: BCHSRA, BCLBRA, JR/SR. College, WIREA (all Indian). One-point rodeos are: ACTRA, BCBRA, BCTRA, C.S.P.R.A., PBR.
- d) Any person not falling into a 5 (five) or less buddy group will automatically receive a low priority, no matter how many rodeos are entered.
- e) For first offence of abuse of “set ups” a \$100.00 fine will be assessed. For the second offence a suspension will begin at date of abuse. All fines incurred by said buddy group affects all members of the buddy group.
- f) When entering rodeos, a contestant shall give his preference of performance and may authorize the entry secretary to trade him in any way that it would make it possible for him to compete at each of the overlapping rodeos. Wherever possible, contestants entered in more than one event shall get all their stock on the same day, but not necessarily at the same performance. Provided that this doesn’t lower the priority of any other contestants.
- g) All members of the buddy group must go to the same number of rodeos, and the lowest priority still affects the whole group.
- h) Abuse of the entry system will result in an automatic fine. All fines incurred by said buddy group affects all members of the buddy group.
- i) A BCRA permit holder that enters a BCRA rodeo is given four (4) points for priority while a full BCRA cardholder will receive 5 points priority.
- j) JUNIOR/PEEWEE TAG-ALONG: Junior or peewee members may enter into an existing five-man buddy group without lowering priority.
- k) A junior/open cardholder will be tagged as a junior whether they are in open or junior event.

1.04 All contestants may give a preference. Priority will be determined by total points.

1.05 Slack may be used as a preference but will only be offered once the events in the performances are filled.

1.06 The priority determines day, but not draw or positions in events.

1.07 After contestants have been placed in performances by priority, a random position draw will be done in the timed events

1.08 If contestant preferences have to be changed, **BCES** will begin with locals, followed by contestants who have indicated they can compete on either day, starting with the lowest priority number and working up.

1.09 If a non-BCRA member enters a BCRA co-approved rodeo, on a co-approval association card, he/she assumes the priority of that co-approving association.

1.10 Contestants entering rodeos through **BCES** will receive entry confirmation numbers upon entering. Any changes or trade outs requested must be accompanied by appropriate confirmation numbers. If confirmation numbers are not supplied, changes will be considered null and void.

1.11 If it becomes necessary to trade positions after the priority list is drawn, all trading will be done through **BCES**. All members included in the trade must contact BCES prior to the trade being accepted. All trades must be completed prior to the end of call back. No trade will be considered approved until all members involved in the trade have received confirmation of the trade through BCES.

1.12 The fees for use of **BCES** shall be as follows and are subject to change without notice:

- a) The amount of \$6.00 per contestant per rodeo will entitle the contestant to enter a BCRA rodeo.
- b) **BCES** fees shall be payable at the same time and place as entry fees and the rules in force with respect to the payment of entry fees shall apply to the payment of **BCES** fees.

1.13 When open, **BCES** will receive turn out and medical release information from contestants for relay to the BCRA office secretary.

1.14 Anyone phoning in entries other than their own shall be responsible for these entry fees along with their own.

1.15 All non-member local contestants must have entries paid by closing time or guaranteed by the local rodeo committee.

1.16 Committees shall take their own local entries. Committees will be invoiced by BCRA office for their local entries. The local entries must be forwarded to the BCRA office by closing time; Monday before BCRA call in entries of that rodeo.

1.17 When entering the team roping event, the full team must be given. If a name is entered more than twice, the last entry (3rd team) is automatically scratched.

1.18 Local Entries: An individual may enter as a local competitor once in any given rodeo season.

1.19 BCES will not take entries from anyone except members in good standing. Absolutely no local entries to be accepted without a guarantee from a BCRA member.

1.20 If a contestant in a riding event is mistakenly missed in the original draw, he will receive the first re-ride animal.

1.21 On a single BCRA rodeo weekend, if there are **6 or less** entries in a timed event or **6 or less** in a rough stock event in the major events only, contestants have the option of taking two head in their major event. Contestants will have to pay double in the entry fees. Two head in the Rough stock guidelines will apply.

1 day rodeo ~ 3 or less entries in any major events

2 day rodeo ~ 6 or less entries in any major events

3 day rodeo ~ 9 or less entries in any major events

1.22 In a one day rodeo if there are 3 or less entries in any major events, contestants have the option of taking two (2) head in their major event(s).

2.00 DRAWING STOCK

2.01 All stock in contest events must be drawn by number by a judge or BCRA representative.

2.02 No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any one rodeo in the same event with the exception when given the 2 head option in the Bareback and Saddle Bronc events, you may draw the same horse twice at the same rodeo.

2.03 Drawing must be conducted so that any entrant may witness the draw.

2.04 All stock must be drawn from a suitable receptacle or container other than a hat – for example, a shoe box.

2.05 All animal names and numbers must be written on cards that are identical in color and size.

2.06 Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the drawing judge's head and numbers shaken between each number drawn.

2.07 There must always be as many as four (4) copies made of the draw: one to be posted at the rodeo office immediately following the draw, one copy for each judge and one or more copies for the secretary's records.

2.08 In all riding events, a complete go-round must be drawn at one time.

2.09 Any 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-round along with feature animals. The animal must be returned for the go-round draw after the re-rides have been drawn.

2.10 Chutes will be drawn after stock is loaded in events where stock is not drawn by BCRA officials.

2.12 No animals will be drawn (doubled back) in the bareback and saddle bronc events for the same day. No bulls will be drawn (doubled back) for the same performance. This includes slack. The designated re-ride must be different from those animals out that given day or performance.

2.13 A charge of three hundred dollars (\$300) for one (1) rodeo and five hundred dollars (\$500) if two (2) rodeos are involved will be assessed to the stock contractor(s) if designated rough stock is not available for call-back and a separate call-back day is necessary just for stock.

SECTION SIX – STOCK CONTRACTORS

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 The individual or the designated manager of each firm, company or partnership that is a member stock contractor must purchase from the association an annual stock contractors card, and is entitled to full membership status and benefits of the association

1.02 All stock contractors supplying stock to association approved rodeos must hold a current stock contractors card, sub-contractors card, stock contractors permit, or sub-contractors permit (timed event) and be in good standing. BCRA stock contractors and/or sub-contractors must purchase their membership cards sixty (60) days prior to their first contracted rodeo. Stock contractors must provide proof of insurance to the BCRA applicable rodeo committee and the BCRA, listing both parties as additional insured.

- a) All stock contractors (including Probationary Stock Contractors and New Stock Contractors) must provide a list of a minimum 20 head of proven branded and number branded bucking horses and 20 head of proven branded and number branded bucking bulls. The stock is to be inspected each year by the BCRA. If the contracting firm in question does not have a BCRA sanctioned event where the stock can be inspected, the stock must be made available for inspection at the Contractor's home base in British Columbia within 14 days of the association's formal request. Stock must be brand inspected by a certified brand inspector.
 - a. Each Stock Contractor must submit their brand inspection and/or their OII rodeo permit to the BCRA office to be on file 30 days prior to their first contracted rodeo.
 - b. Each contracting firm may have animals branded with more than one brand, as long as all partners (brand owners) are declared at the time of membership.
 - c. The BCRA Board of Directors may inspect a stock contractor's animal(s) upon request and/or the stock contractor must show their brand inspection upon request
 - d. Stock Contractors and Sub Contractors must abide by the CIFA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) rules at all times.
- b) BCRA Stock Contractors have to provide a list of BCRA carded bullfighters and pick-up men that they will be using for the season when submitting their stock lists to the BCRA office at the beginning of each year and when submitting their stock lists to the entry system prior to their rodeo on said weekend
- c) BCRA Stock Contractors have to provide (2) proven, certified BCRA bullfighters for the bull riding and the junior steer riding events for each performance and slack at a BCRA rodeo. Carded certified bullfighter will be defined as: A bullfighter who has held a past or current BCRA bullfighter card (will be grandfathered) or be able to provide proof of completion of a certified bull fighting school.

- d) A written request may be submitted to the BCRA Board of Directors for an individual or stock contractor to obtain a BCRA bullfighting card for an individual that does not meet the requirements of 1.01 (b). The request must be in writing and received by the BCRA office with either the approval form where bullfighter is listed, or as a minimum, two weeks prior to any rodeo where the applicant is intended to bullfight. Documentation supporting prior bull fighting experience as well as any bullfighting cards held by recognized associations must be submitted with the application. The Board of Directors will make a determination whether a card will be issued.
- e) Bullfighters and pick-up men must have their membership cards 48 hours prior to entries of rodeo they are working. First offence: Stock Contractor pays membership fees plus fine of \$250 for the bullfighter/pickup men in question. Second offence: Stock Contractor pays membership fees plus \$500 fine. Third offence: Stock Contractors card reviewed by Board of Directors.
- f) Any BCRA bullfighter's card can be pulled if the officials or directors, with review of the Board of Directors, feel the bull fighter is not adequate or qualified.

1.03 New stock contractors will be granted a probationary contractor stock card and must:

- a) post a \$2,000 bond along with a payment of their BCRA membership and,
- b) produce one (1) new first approved BCRA rodeo for a period of two years

1.04 new stock contractors are not eligible to bid on current BCRA rodeos.

1.05 Following the second year of producing the new rodeo, the board of directors will review the Contractor's performance and determine if a full contractor card will be issued. If the new rodeo is not produced in the second year, the stock contractor will forfeit the bond to the BCRA and have to reproduce the new BCRA rodeo to be eligible as a BCRA stock contractor

1.06 'Notwithstanding 1.03, Recognized contractors who hold a valid stock contractors card in a recognized association and are currently members in good standing will be granted a Probationary BCRA Stock Contractors Card at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Probationary Stock Contractors must produce a new first approved BCRA rodeo to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors prior to being upgraded to a 'Stock Contractor Card'. The BCRA Board of Directors will review the production of the first rodeo and shall notify the stock contractors if their probationary status has been upgraded to a full card or if there are any additional requirements. Probationary contractors will be evaluated for the quality of livestock and level of production. Stock that is deemed insufficient in quality or numbers will result in that probationary card being revoked or probation being extended one full season calendar year at the Board of Directors discretion. Probationary Stock Contractors are not eligible to bid on existing BCRA rodeos but will be eligible to bid once their status has been upgraded to a full Stock Contractor Card.

1.07 Before a Full Stock Contractor card will be issued (renewed) the following provisions apply:

- a) Existing BCRA member stock contractors subject to a "Grandfather" clause which allows them to renew their stock contractor's card as long as they continue to contract or sub-contract a BCRA sanctioned event. If inactive for one year as a BCRA Stock Contractor or BCRA Sub-Contractor, they will automatically be ineligible to hold a BCRA Contractor or Sub-Contractor card the following year. Having a contract with an existing committee but having no stock on site would not be deemed fulfilling the obligations of maintaining a card. Acting as a sub-contractor at a BCRA sanctioned event, providing the 20/20 provision is fulfilled would satisfy the obligations to maintain a full contractor membership.

1.08 Any stock contractor and/or rodeo committee, who for any particular reason cannot obtain suitable stock as a reasonable price from a member stock contractor, must apply for permission from the BCRA if they wish to hire stock from a non-member stock contractor. Failure to obtain permission will result in a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine for each offense. No permission from the BCRA is required to sub-lease stock from anyone other than a non-member stock contractor. However, if stock is sub-leased from anyone other than a member or sub-contractor then it would have to be listed under the main BCRA stock contractor and/or committee.

1.09 If a BCRA stock contractor sells his business as a going concern, the stock contractor card will be issued to the new owner as a Full BCRA Stock Contractor card. To be considered a going concern, the sale must be a minimum of 20 head of proven branded bucking horses and a minimum of 20 head of proven branded bucking bulls that have been used at BCRA approved rodeos.

1.10 Fines for permanent or visible injury to stock will be awarded to stock contractor.

1.11 A one hundred dollar (\$100) fine per performance will be assessed to the stock contractors if a suitable flag horse is not supplied.

1.12 If a BCRA committee hires a sub-contractor, any fines levied against the sub-contractors will be the responsibility of the BCRA committee. ie: less than 1/3 number of cattle required in team roping etc.

1.13 Only Stock Contractors and Sub-Contractor Members that are in good standing as of July 1st of the associations activity year are eligible to provide / bid on stock to be supplied at the BCRA Finals.

SECTION SEVEN – LIVESTOCK

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 All rodeo livestock must be numbered and drawn for. As well as being number branded, all cattle in the timed events must be ear tagged.

1.02 The Association Board of Directors or its official representative must inspect all rodeo stock at a reasonable time before the start of the rodeo and has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared shall be taken from the draw.

1.03 Any stock declared by the BCRA as unsatisfactory must be replaced. If the animal is taken out of the draw because of injury it may not be bucked again for five (5) clear days.

1.04 Rodeo livestock may not be worked in arena one (1) hour prior to any performance.

1.06 It shall be the responsibility of the stock contractor to have the proper animal at the performance for which it was drawn and if an animal is not available at the proper performance the contestant will get the first re-ride.

- a) If drawn stock is crippled after call back, it is the responsibility of the stock contractor to contact **BCES** with this information a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the first performance of that rodeo. Failure to do this will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine to the stock contractor.

1.07 Each stock contractor shall be required to supply sufficient and adequate livestock in all timed events, both in quantity and quality, to put on a proper and acceptable rodeo. The required number of calves, steer wrestling, team roping and breakaway cattle to produce a BCRA approved rodeo will be one (1) calf or steer for every three (3) entries or one-third (1/3) of the number of entries, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) head. Failure to comply will result in a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine for each offense. If available, Mexican type cattle are to be used in the steer wrestling and team roping events.

- a) Untried stock in the riding events will be viewed as being unacceptable in amateur rodeo competition. If requested, stock contractor will be required to provide past performance charts on animal(s) in question.
- b) If the above is not complied with and contestant refuses stock he will have the option of taking the re-ride. However, the stock contractor will be assessed a fine at the discretion of the BCRA Board of Directors and will include the amount of contestant entry fees which will be reimbursed to the contestant. If the contestant elects to take the re-ride fees will not be reimbursed.

1.08 Stock contractors shall have the necessary stock information for draw purposes to the **BCES** office by 10:00 a.m. the day following the close of entries for the rodeo in question, any changes to this list must be submitted to **BCES** office no later than 12:00 noon on the following Monday. This information may be transmitted by facsimile, in person or by some other method as agreed upon by **BCES** and the stock contractor. The fine for each failure to supply the necessary stock information by the time required shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). One (1) collect call will be accepted by **BCES** for stock contractors calling with their list.

1.09 Where it is necessary to have overflow run or slack, stock for the slack must be available so that slack can be started at the scheduled time. Failure to comply will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine to stock contractor.

1.10 If an animal is shipped from a rodeo after it has been drawn in a riding event but before it has been ridden, or after it has been drawn in a pen in a timed event, but before it has been out that time, without approval from the rodeo judge, the stock contractor will be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine.

1.11 No whips or stock prods to be used in the arena during performances or slack

1.11 A stock replacement list can be used for rodeos when stock is drawn for a second rodeo before the first rodeo takes place. The stock contractors will have the option to provide a spare list of two (2) animals per event providing the re-rides and turned out animals are used before the stock from the replacement list is used.

1.12 Any animal that consistently has to be pulled out of the chute must have a halter equipped with a ring on the side to run a light rope through, so that it can be removed without altering the bucking pattern of the animal. Once animal is clear of the chute, rope must be removed; animal cannot be turned back by the person pulling it out.

1.13 It is the responsibility of the stock contractor or timed event sub-contractor to run all timed event cattle by horse and rider in the rodeo arena before the first performance under the supervision of a rodeo judge or designate.

1.14 Officials and/or Event Directors may remove a steer/calf right away from the draw at a rodeo if crippled or blind. It will then be written up by an official to be removed from the draw for future rodeos. Judges must mark it down on paperwork, event rep. will then contact stock contractor to remove stock. If cattle are healed and contractor wants it back in draw, contractor must contact event rep. Event Director to be approved to go to another BCRA Rodeo.

2.00 RULES TO ENSURE HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK

NOTE: Rules applying to specific events will be found in those sections.

- a) The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose on any animal is forbidden.
- b) Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw and no sore, lame, sick or injured animals shall be permitted in the draw. Should an animal become sick or be injured between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal shall be drawn for the contestant as provided in the BCRA rule book.
- c) No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded.
- d) A conveyance must be available to remove animals from arena in case of injury.
- e) No stimulants or hypnotics to be used, or given any animal used for contest purposes.
- f) Chutes must be so constructed as to prevent injury to stock. Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in removal of any animal should it become caught. The arena shall be free of rocks, holes, and obstacles.
- g) Small animals or pets are not allowed in the arena.
- h) Livestock to be removed from arena after completion of entry in contest.
- i) Use of fireworks to frighten animals prohibited.
- j) BCRA rule under Contestant Disqualification: (Contestant will be disqualified for any mistreatment of livestock.)
- k) In the riding events, use of prods and similar devices is prohibited. The only exception shall be a known chute-stalling animal, only with contestants and contractor's approval and shall be administered by a qualified member. In this instance, the prod shall not exceed twelve inches (12") in length. The fine for this violation is one hundred dollars (\$100) per infraction. Prod will not be used without contestant's knowledge or consent.
- l) If a prod is used when contestant has said not to be used, the contractor shall be fined two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), and the contestant shall have the option of an automatic re-ride

SECTION EIGHT – RIDING EVENTS

1.00. GENERAL

1.01 Horses and bulls may be bucked at three (3) rodeos with a clipped or painted number, thereafter numbers must be branded. These numbers must be submitted for the draw, or the stock contractor submitting the stock will be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per head.

1.02 A contestant may have his fees returned or a re-ride drawn if his drawn animal does not have a legible branded number or painted number as outlined in the rule book. There will be no duplicate numbers. In any case the stock contractor or sub stock contractor will be fined fifty dollars (\$50) for the first offense and one hundred dollars (\$100) for the second offense.

1.03 Contestants must be ready to compete when called upon. Rider will be subject to a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine, escalating with each violation when, after he has been advised by the judge he is next to go. In the rough stock events, rider must be above the animal with his glove on (if glove is used) when previous animal leaves the arena.

1.04 No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs, or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses or saddle broncs.

1.05 No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle girths, or flank straps shall be permitted. Only sheepskin-lined flanking straps shall be used on bucking stock and shall be of the quick-release type.

1.06 Each contestant in a horse riding event must have someone to turn his horse out; the horse's halter must not be held.

1.07 Head fighting bulls or steers having bad horns must be dehorned or kept out of the draw. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been tipped to any smaller than the size of a quarter. Stock contractors will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first offence with fine escalating on a progressive basis if tipping does not take place. If in the judge's opinion, a bull's horns do not meet the rule book requirements for tipping, the judge will notify the stock contractor that he can either immediately tip the bull, before the contestant gets on or the contestant has the option to take the re-ride or have his fees refunded. Contestant will not be allowed to compete on a bull that is not properly tipped. If the stock contractor refuses to tip the bull before the performance, he will be subject to a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine plus any other disciplinary action by the BCRA Board of Directors.

1.08 Any riding event contestant who holds onto chute gate, thus preventing gate from being opened, after he has indicated he is ready will be fined fifty dollars (\$50) for the first offense, with the fine progressively doubling thereafter.

1.09 Any exhibition rides or runs must be done at the end of the event or section.

2.00 RE-RIDES

2.01 Re-rides may be awarded in all three riding events.

2.02 The matter of re-rides shall be totally at the discretion of the judges; however, a re-ride must be awarded in the following situations:

- a) An animal fails to break (runs off) or stops during a ride.
- b) The rider is fouled at the chute or in the arena, and the rider declares himself or does not try to go on with the ride.
- c) In the horse riding events, if the rider makes a qualified ride and the flank comes off before the 8 seconds whistle.
- d) In the bull riding, if the bull fouls itself against the chute or if rider makes a qualified ride until the flank comes off or the bull stops.
- e) If an animal deliberately throws itself or falls to its belly.
- f) If a rider makes two (2) honest attempts to get on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so.
- g) In the saddle bronc riding, if the halter breaks but does not come off no re-ride; but if it comes off a re-ride will be awarded.
- h) If contestant and stock contractor cannot come to an agreement regarding cross tying an animal the judge will award a re-ride or the contestant has the option of getting entry fees refunded.

2.03 At no time shall a re-ride or a re-run be given if the contestants own equipment breaks or fails.

2.04 If a re-ride is awarded, the judges must provide the mark and the fact that a re-ride has been awarded, announced, and

- a) in all cases the choice of accepting the mark or taking a re-ride is the contestant
- b) If the contestant elects to a re-ride animal drawn for him, he must get on the re-ride or be disqualified.

2.05 If a re-ride is awarded, the contestant may take the same animal back, provided that the stock contractor and contestant are willing. If either does not agree, re-ride must come from re-ride pen.

2.06 A contestant shall not ask for a re-ride.

2.07 DRAWING RE-RIDES:

- a) In the three (3) riding events (Bareback, Saddle Bronc, & Bull Riding) one (1) re-ride animal for each performance and each slack session will be drawn in the prescribed manner. When the stock contractor submits his stock list to **BCES**, he will submit the branded number of one more animal that is required to furnish each contestant in that performance or slack with an animal. The stock contractor is allowed to feature three (3) animals in each performance or slack session that will be exempt from the re-rides. The remaining animals will be put in a hopper and one (1) animal per performance or slack session will be drawn as the designated re-ride animal for each specific performance or slack.
- b) Or a stock contractor may choose to submit in any given pan the equivalent of one (1) additional animal plus one (1) for each performance of the rodeo or go round, i.e.: at a three (3) performance rodeo or go round, four (4) re-ride animals would be drawn. A maximum of four (4) animals may be featured before re-rides are drawn. If (b) is used, then the drawn re-rides will constitute the re-rides for the entire rodeo and may not be put back into draw. If, after all drawn re-rides and turned out stock are used, more re-rides are needed, it will be the responsibility of the judges to draw re-rides from a pen of animals which represents the animals used in any given performance agreeable to the stock contractor. All re-ride stock should be available during or immediately following the performance in which the re-ride was granted.
- c) if a re-ride is awarded, animals will be used in the order they are drawn at **BCES**. After all designated re-rides are used, notified animals turned out will be used for re-rides in the order they appear on the judge's card. Once all contestants have competed in a section, any non-notified turnouts from that section may be used as re-rides in that section or later sections.
- d) Any stock in the original draw that is turned out, meaning not bucked either in competition or as an exhibition ride, automatically goes in the re-ride draw.
- e) If an animal fails to perform and a re-ride is awarded and the animal has already been drawn for another contestant in a later performance, the stock contractor can request that the judge draw another animal for that contestant.
- f) If an animal has been awarded once as a re-ride and is turned out it shall go to the bottom of the eligible re-ride list.
- g) NOTE: A turned out animal can only be drawn once as a re-ride. Thereafter, animal will be drawn out of the herd.

3.00 JUDGING

3.01 Ride and animal to be marked separately.

3.02 Mark the ride from one (1) to twenty-five (25) according to how much rider spurs the animal and use the full spread.

3.03 The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25) and use the full spread.

3.04 To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.

3.05 If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first-jump qualification will then be waived. (Free Roll)

3.06 Rider may be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute.

3.07 If in the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate, or when an animal fouls itself against the chute, a re-ride may be given or the mark out rule may be waived.

3.08 Judges must watch complete ride at all times. (Even if rider is disqualified at gate).

3.09 Both judges will use a stop-watch. Both judges' stopwatches will count for the full eight (8) seconds in all rough stock events when animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.

3.10 Officials will use a colored flag to indicate a violation of the spur-out rule and all other disqualification violations. This pertains to all rodeo events.

4.00 SADDLE BRONC RIDING

4.01 Horse to be furnished by the stock contractor. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope-rein, and a standard association saddle. Stock contractor may call on judges to pass on whether or not a saddle is standard.

4.02 Stock contractors must furnish their own halters and contestants must use them. Placing of buck rein, foreign material, fitness of halter, etc., subject to judge's approval.

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

4.04 Horses to be saddled in chute. Saddles may not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Rider may cinch own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory. Either stock contractor or contestant shall have the right to call the judge to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best.

4.05 Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank cinch behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.

4.06 Contestants may cinch saddle from either side.

4.07 To qualify rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute

4.08 One arm and hand must be free at all times.

4.09 Saddle bronc riding shall be timed for 8 (8) seconds; that time to start when animals inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.

4.10 If halter breaks during ride, rider shall be given a re-ride on the same horse, provided halter is not supplied by contestant.

4.11 Any of the following offenses shall disqualify a rider: being bucked off, changing hands on rein, wrapping rein around hand, pulling leather, losing stirrup, touching animal or saddle with free hand, riding with locked rowels that will lock on spurs, failing to follow judge's instructions when horse stalls in the chute, for using any substance except dry rosin on saddle or chaps and losing or dropping rein during ride.

4.12 Contest Saddle Specifications:

- a) RIGGING: $\frac{3}{4}$ double-front edge of D-ring must not pull further back than directly below center point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring type saddle must be used and cannot exceed 5-3/4 inch outside-width measurement.
- b) SWELL UNDERCUT: Not 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) TREE: Saddles must be built on standard tree.
- e) SPECIFICATIONS: Fork – fourteen inches (14") wide; height – nine inches (9") maximum; gullet – five and three-quarter inches (5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") wide; cantle – five inches (5") maximum height, fourteen inches (14") maximum width.

4.13 Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.

4.14 Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.

4.15 No freaks allowed. (Saddle horns, etc.)

4.16 Cinches must be at least five inches (5") wide.

5.00 BAREBACK RIDING

5.01 One hand rigging to be used. Riders may use their own rigging if rigging is not over ten inches (10") in width at hand hold and not over six inches (6") "D" ring, or not a freak. No rigging may have metal, fiberglass, or other objectionable material underneath rigging. All riggings must have sheepskin or one inch (1") thick pad over rigging. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges to decide on all rigging.

5.02 Rigging must lie flat on the horses back while rigging is being cinched so there is an even distribution of pressure at all times. Stock contractor may call judge to pass on whether rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horses back.

5.03 A one inch (1") thick pad must be used under bareback rigging as stock contractor requests. Stock contractor must have pads available in case rider does not have one.

5.04 Contestants may pull riggings from either side.

5.05 To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute. Horse will be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when animals inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.

5.06 If a horse turns out backwards from the chute the spurring out rule shall be waived.

5.07 There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry rosin used on riggings or rider's gloves.

5.08 Riders shall not take any kind of finger tuck or finger wrap.

5.09 Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider: riding with rowels too sharp in opinion of judges, being bucked off, touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand (one arm must be free at all times), failing to follow judge's instructions when a horse stall in the chute.

5.10 Contestants will be disqualified if rigging is set too far ahead (to an extreme).

5.11 A one hundred dollar fine (\$100) will be imposed at the discretion of the judges, and stock contractors or pick-up men for the bareback riders hanging-up. This infraction is to be sent to the BCRA office with the rodeo results, and must be in writing.

6.00 BULL RIDING

6.01 Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull or steer when rider leaves him. Rope must have bell when you leave the chute to be marked by judges. Bell must be under belly of bull.

6.02 Bell to be about two inches (2") maximum from rope.

6.03 No wire or sharp metal to be used to lock rowels.

6.04 No more than two (2) people may help pull contestants rope.

6.05 Rope may be pulled from either side.

6.06 Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.

6.07 All bulls in the draw must have horns tipped to no smaller than the size of a toonie. Stock Contractors will be fined twenty-five (\$25) dollars for the first offence with fine escalating on a progressive basis if tipping does not take place. If in the judges' opinion, a bull's horns do not meet the rule book requirements for tipping, the judges will notify the stock contractor that he can either immediately tip the bull, before the contestant gets on or the contestant has the option to take the re-ride or have his fees refunded. Contestant will not be allowed to compete on a bull that is not properly tipped. If the stock contractor refuses to tip the bull before the performance, he will be subject to a one hundred (\$100) dollar fine plus any other disciplinary action by the BCRA Board of Directors.

6.08 Yaks are not permissible in the draw.

6.09 Bull or steer will be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when animals inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.

6.10 If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand and still on bull, he is to be marked.

6.11 Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses; being bucked off, touching animal, equipment or person with free hand and/or arm, using sharp spurs, or fouling animal by holding gate. One arm must be free at all times.

6.12 The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull the rope more than two (2) times if the bull is standing well in the chute.

6.13 If bull fence is used in the bull riding it must be solid enough for a man to climb, or raised high enough off the ground for a man to roll under (approximately sixteen inches (16")).

6.14 Snow fences will not be allowed for bull fences or arena fences.

7.00 JUNIOR STEER RIDING

7.01 Riding to be done with one (1) or two (2) hands and loose rope, with or without hand-hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer when rider leaves him. Rope must have bell; no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of steer.

7.02 Bell to be two inches (2") maximum from rope.

7.03 No more than two (2) people may help pull contestants rope.

7.04 Rope may be pulled from either side.

7.05 Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not steer is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability.

7.07 Steer will be ridden eight (8) seconds; time to start when animals inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. Both judges will use a stopwatch. Both judges' stopwatches will count for the full eight (8) seconds.

7.08 Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses: being bucked off, touching animal with free hand, using sharp spurs, or fouling animal by holding gate.

7.09 The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull the rope more than two (2) times if the animal is standing while in the chute.

7.10 If a qualified ride is made during which the flank comes off, a re-ride shall be optional but it need not be on the same animal. Neither bulls nor horned cattle shall be used in the event. Suitable cattle must be yearling heifers or steers, unless otherwise approved by BCRA Board of Event director. If a JSR is held at a BCRA approved rodeo, the event must fall under the guidelines of the BCRA. Weight of cattle must be a minimum of 750 pounds.

7.11 If a contestant starts with one (1) hand he must finish with one hand. If he starts with two (2) he may change to one (1) but then rides under the one hand rule.

7.12 If a junior steer rider hits his head on the steer, it is considered a slap and will receive no score.

7.13 Protective vests and mouth guards are mandatory while competing in the Boys Steer Riding. Helmets are recommended but not mandatory.

7.14 Chutes will be drawn after stock is loaded in events where stock is not drawn by BCRA.

8.00 RANCH BRONC RIDING (optional minor event)

8.01 A standard working saddle must be used with a back cinch. Stirrups must be hung for normal ranch use. No hobbling of stirrups. Saddles can be deemed unfit for use by judges due to any sharp edges or points that will harm the horse.

8.02 Spurs must have free rolling rowels.

8.03 One standard bronc rein must be used. If rein is clutched with both hands, rider will be disqualified.

8.04 No quirt or whips of any kind.

8.05 Rider must ride horse for 8 seconds.

8.06 If horse goes down for the 8 seconds, rider must stay with horse as horse comes to its feet to get a score.

8.07 Horse marked out of 50. Rider marked out of 50 based on control of the ride.

8.08 BCRA stock contractors must use proven stock. Stock cannot be used in 2 events.

8.09 Rules listed in the BCRA Bareback & Saddle Bronc events will pertain to this event.

9.00 NOVICE BAREBACK & SADDLE BRONC (optional minor event)

9.01 Novice events are limited to \$500 lifetime earnings in any recognized association, if competitor has over \$500 in earnings then he must compete in the open events. No age limit. Payout is the same as open event and ground money will be paid.

9.02 Novice Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riders must have their horses cinched before putting their hand in the rigging.

9.03 All Novice Rough Stock Riders must wear protective gear, including vest, mouth guard and a helmet.

9.04 The Open event rules for each event will be used for the corresponding novice events.

9.05 Stock contractors that supply Novice stock must work with an event representative and an event director to identify and approve a list of novice horses / bulls before rodeos holding Novice riding events.

SECTION NINE – TIMED EVENTS

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 Stock in the timed events must be drawn by the flag judge or barrier judge not more than one (1) hour before the performance at the roping chute or the rodeo office

a) If mistake is made in drawing timed event stock, redraw will be made from the mistake down.

1.02 In timed events, no drawn stock can be held over from one (1) performance to the next or overnight.

1.03 No pens of cattle may be drawn for more than one (1) day in advance. If the number of calves required for a rodeo is larger than the number used on the first day or days of that rodeo then pens will be drawn for each day of the rodeo and only the calves in the pen for a particular day will be tied.

1.04 Only calves and steers that are available for use for the first go-round can be put into the draw for the second or subsequent go-rounds.

1.07 In timed events, stock will not be drawn except one (1) run and one (1) go-round at a time.

a) All cattle in the draw will be run one time before any cattle will be drawn for a second time.

b) When due to a split performance, this procedure becomes impossible, the draw will include cattle remaining that have been run the least number of times provided however that if there are enough animals to complete the performance,

c) no stock will be run twice in the same performance.

d) Immediately after a split performance, the draw will then revert to the cattle that have been run the least number of times.

e) In case of re-runs, all cattle in the draw will be run one time before being run twice, etc.

f) Any animals drawn and not competed on shall be considered run, and if there are no re-runs, animal shall be used for first extra.

g) In case of crippled stock after the draw, contestant(s) who have drawn the crippled animal(s) will draw back at remaining cattle with the least number of runs.

a. If spares were drawn they would automatically run the spare(s). If it was the end of the run on the cattle and no spares were drawn, they would draw back at the herd following the completion of that run.

1.06 In the timed events, if a contestant has advised the secretary that he will be turning out his stock, no stock will be drawn for such a contestant.

1.07 In timed events, a complete go-round must be finished before any contestant can compete on his next head of stock, except for stock that must be brought back.

1.09 An animal in the timed events of a rodeo may not be used in any other contest events of that rodeo, until after the event that animal has been used at the rodeo.

1.10 Cattle used in minor events will not be of such that was culled or sorted in a manner meant to separate favorable and unfavorable cattle, with the end result being the minor events receiving the unfavorable cattle. This will be subject to a fine at the discretion of the Board of Directors on the judge's recommendation.

1.11 When it is necessary to make a cut in the cattle in timed events, the weaker end will be taken out of the draw.

1.12 During any performance if an animal in the timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by the contestants, or if automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, 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. One steer or calf cannot be brought back alone.

1.13 Stock order must run in order for slack and performance except when it is necessary to make changes to avoid consecutive runs on the horse.

1.14 If steer or calf is hindered by the pusher, from natural progression when gate is opened the contestant shall be disqualified and the pusher be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense and progressing with each offense. Pusher will not leave, nor will any part of his body extrude past gate. This will be enforced by the barrier judge.

1.15 Open gate in all timed events except Steer Wrestling.

1.16 There will be an automatic No-Time levied for permanent injury to livestock. Fine will be at the discretion of the judges.

1.17 In a timed event (T-D R, SW, BAR, JBAR, TR), if in the opinion of the line judge, the animal falls (Falls, is defined as: goes to knees or hocks) before it crosses the score line, the contestant shall be entitled to a rerun at the judge's discretion. There will be no penalty added to the rerun if, in the opinion of the judge, the contestant broke the barrier due to animal falling. If the judge believes the contestant would have broken the barrier whether the animal fell or not, no rerun will be given.

1.18 In a timed event (T-D R, SW, BAR, JBAR, TR), in the opinion of the line judge the animal turns between the chute and the score line, or ducks back into the box and doesn't allow the competitor to compete, a rerun will be rewarded on the designated spare.

1.19 Any exhibition runs must be done at the end of the event or section at committee and officials discretion.

2.00 BARRIER AND SCORE LINE

2.01 AUTOMATIC BARRIER

- a) Automatic barriers must be used when barriers are required and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
- b) Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
- c) Barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string and see that neck rope is on properly at the request of the contestant.
- d) Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.
- e) If the barrier neck rope or barrier rope flies up and hits the contestant or his rope, impairing him, the contestant may declare himself and if so must be given a re-run. A contestant shall so declare himself by not throwing his rope or by not attempting to get down on the steer.
- f) Height of barrier in timed events shall be from thirty-two to thirty-six inches (32" – 36"), measured at the center of the box.

2.02 BREAKING BARRIER

- a) A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
- b) In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten feet (10') of the post where it is pinned.

2.03 BARRIER FAILURE

- a) In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.
- b) Barrier penalties will be assessed by the barrier judge, if barrier malfunctions, the judge, at his discretion, will assess or take off the ten (10) second penalty. If in, the judge's opinion, the barrier

malfunction caused the contestant to be disqualified, the contestant will be awarded a re-run on the same animal.

- c) If barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant or team will get a re-run if a qualified run is made, on the spare animal.
- d) If barrier fails to work and re-run is granted contestant will take the re-run during or immediately after the same performance.
- e) If a re-run is awarded in the timed events, the contestant will run the spare rather than get the same animal back. This would not apply if gate is opened in error and contestant is entitled to a re-run. In this case contestant would get same animal back.
- f) Failure of animal pulling the neck rope: if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time has officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if the time is started by the animal and the contestant remains behind the plane of the barrier, it will be up to the judge's discretion as to whether that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the miss-draw procedure. In the case of a re-run, the official can run the spare instead of using the miss-draw procedure.

2.04 SCORE LINE

- a) There shall be two (2) or more and as many other officials as the local management finds necessary.
- b) Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and timed event director or representative, if present, subject to the conditions set forth herein, and subject to the approval of the judges.
- c) Once score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed at the rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.
- d) The length of the score line must be determined one (1) hour before the rodeo commences.
- e) The calf roping score will be five feet (5') less than the length of the barrier box unless approved by the event representative.
- f) At indoor rodeos the length of the score shall be no longer than five feet (5') less than the length of the timed event box.
- g) In the timed events the box must be a minimum of sixteen feet (16').
- h) To measure correctly, put barrier up with pin in barrier ring, holding the pin in place, measure from post where barrier pin goes, to the point where barrier rope touches the ground. Set barrier line eighteen inches (18") beyond that point.

3.00 TIE-DOWN ROPING

3.01 Contestant will be allowed only one (1) loop.

3.02 Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens, except cases of mechanical failure.

3.03 Once gate is opened, it must not be closed. If it is opened and then closed the contestant will be disqualified.

3.04 Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf.

3.05 Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.

3.06 If horse drags calf excessively, field judge may stop horse

3.07 Penalty for calf dragging not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), will be assessed by field flag judge and/or arena director.

3.08 Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast - either is permissible; contestant must dismount, go down and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three (3) feet with at least one wrap and a half hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets a hand on calf. Tie must hold and three (3) legs remain crossed and tied until passed on by the judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until the judge has completed his examination. If tie comes

loose or calf gets to its feet before the flagger has called the run complete, the roper will be marked no time. Untie man must not touch calf until signaled to do so by flag judge.

3.09 A one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed (paid to the BCRA) to calf ropers for unnecessary roughness towards a calf. This will be assessed for obvious intentional jerk down, even though the calf does not go straight over backwards. **I.E. The one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed if the contestant throws the slack straight in the air or makes no visible attempt to switch the calf to avoid a jerk down (to hold slack or to throw it off to one side or another).** Further examples are as follows: excessive dragging, intentionally running calf into the back fence, and any roughness to the calf that could be avoided. (rolling calf over is not allowed). If calf is intentionally dragged over six feet (6') at any time after is has been thrown, roper will be disqualified.

3.10 The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stopwatch, timing six seconds (6) from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has re-mounted. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.

3.11 Flagman must watch calf during the six seconds (6) period and will stop the watch if a calf kicks free. The time shown on the watch will be used to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify.

3.12 Contestant will be disqualified for:

- a) Roping the calf before the calf releases barrier.
- b) If contestant's feet touch ground before horse has crossed the score line.
- c) Contestant may not have calf lined beyond the score line. The judge and/or event rep will position liner in the calf-roping event.
- d) Roper will be disqualified if the horse jerks a calf down with the first jerk of the rope, which is used when the calf is tied. A jerk down means that a calf is jerked straight over backwards, landing on its head or back. This disqualification rule will be waived at the discretion of the judges if suitable cattle are not supplied. To be considered suitable, calves must be the proper weight and must be roped and tied three (3) times prior to the rodeo.
- e) There will be a forty second (40) elapsed time limit in the calf roping. The timer at the end of the forty second span shall blow a whistle indicating "no time". If contestant is in the process of tying the calf he may finish the tie but will receive no time.

3.13 Where a rope horse is going to be used by more than one roper, calves must be run in such a way as to allow at least one contestant to compete between runs on that horse. On failure to comply with this rule, contestant will be subject to a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine, escalating with each violation. (No successive runs will be allowed except in a Finals). After calves have been drawn the revised order of contestants must be given to chute help and rodeo announcer.

3.14 Maximum weight of each calf shall be three hundred pounds (300), with the emphasis on uniformity. Calves for roping must weigh no less than approximately two hundred pounds (200) and be strong and healthy.

3.15 A neck rope must be used and a calf may not be busted. If a horse stops and the calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that the calf busts itself, the roper will not be responsible. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Rope to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after tie is completed.

3.16 Automatic no time for permanent injury and the fine is at the discretion of the judges. Fine to be issued from the BCRA office and paid to the stock contractor.

3.17 Judges must notify contestant of major fines; I.E.: busting calf, etc.

3.18 RE-RUN ON CALVES:

- a) Unless approved by the Board of Directors, all calves at BCRA rodeos must be tied prior to the competition.
- b) All calves must be tied down before any stock is drawn. If, after one go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the draw, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo they will not be considered fresh. Fresh calves being roped and tied down must be handled by hand or with a horse.

- c) When calves are not fresh, re-runs will always be drawn from the whole herd used in the draw, not from those calves that are missed.
- d) The stock contractor shall advise when calves are not conditioned and need to be tied. The judges and contestants shall be responsible to tie the calves, under the supervision of the judges. Calves must be finished being tied at least one hour before the start of a rodeo performance or the stock contractor has the right to refuse the calf ropers the right to tie the calves, provided that the calves are at the rodeo location in sufficient time prior to the rodeo to complete the tying.

4.00 STEER WRESTLING

4.01 Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. If contestant jumps a steer, he accepts him as sound.

4.02 Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chutes. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop and twist it down. If steer is turned back, he is considered to have stopped. If steer is thrown while still going ahead – a no time is assessed.

4.03 If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop it must be let up on all four (4) feet and head straight.

4.04 Steer can be thrown from either side and time will be given.

4.05 Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to judges, and their decision will be final.

4.06 Steer wrestler is required to turn steers head so he can get up.

4.07 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 (2) horses they leave the chute with.

4.08 Ten (10) seconds penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that the wrestler's feet touch the ground before score line is crossed.

4.09 Contestant will be allowed only one (1) jump.

4.10 No penalty for breaking horn, but a re-run shall not be given to the contestant.

4.11 If a qualified run is made by a contestant, and the steer dies, there shall be no disqualification, but if contestant is not flagged and the steer dies, the contestant shall be given no time and shall not be entitled to a re-run.

4.12 Once the gateman opens the gate, he shall leave it open.

4.13 Contestant will be disqualified for jumping steer before steer has released the barrier.

4.14 Where a steer wrestling horse is going to be used by more than one contestant, steers must be run in such a way as to allow at least one (1) contestant to compete between runs on that horse. On failure to comply with this rule, contestant will be subject to a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine, escalating with each violation. (No successive runs will be allowed except in BCRA Finals). After stock has been drawn, the revised order of contestants must be given to chute help and rodeo announcer.

4.15 Where it is required, the stock contractor shall advise the judges that it is necessary that steers be thrown down, and the contestants shall be responsible to throw the steers down, under the supervision of the judges.

4.16 If steer is missed in the performance or slack, then competitor or appointed person, after completion of performance or slack must return to the pen and throw missed steer. Failure to do so will result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine.

4.17 Any cattle that have been used cannot be held over from one year to the next for use in steer wrestling, except as approved by the steer wrestling director.

4.18 Stock contractors will be expected to co-operate in trimming the horns of steers that are not able to pass through the steer wrestling chute.

4.19 A weight limit shall be placed on steer wrestling cattle: a minimum of four hundred & fifty pounds, (450), and a maximum of seven hundred pounds (700) with a suitable horn length as approved by the steer wrestling representative. Once the steers have been approved, no steer will be removed from the

draw because of horn length. However, the steer wrestling representative and/or the judge has the authority to remove unsuitable animals from the draw.

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

4.21 All steer wrestling cattle must be number branded and be approved by the steer wrestling representative 30 days before the first rodeo that the steers in question are to be used at. Failure to do so will result in a two hundred dollar (\$200) fine escalating one hundred dollars (\$100) a per rode to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500). If contractor does not comply at his first rodeo the fine structure will remain in place at each following rodeo until suitable steers are approved.

4.22 If steer gets loose after wrestler has jumped from the horse, wrestler may take no more than one step to catch steer.

5.00 TEAM ROPING

5.01 Contestant has the option to enter the team roping twice with the same partner, however, contestants must switch ends. (I.E. head once, heel once).

5.02 At the start of each run the flagman shall position himself at a point to the left of the headers box and shall not interfere with the steer to the benefit of the header or heeler (if infraction occurs, no time).

5.03 The header must start from behind the barrier. The heeler must start from a point to the right rear of the box. Header must throw the first loop at the animal.

5.04 Flagman shall flag a team out if either the header or heeler ropes the animal without turning lope loose by throwing.

5.05 Each team is allowed two loops in total.

5.06 The flag judge will drop the flag when an animal escapes from the arena. The team shall then be given a second animal, lap and tap and the final time on the run shall be the second run and the elapsed time of the first run. If the steer was roped by the head, second run shall start with the headers loop on the animal.

5.07 Time will be taken as is called for, when the steer is roped, both horses facing the steer in a straight line, the ropes being straight, both the header and heeler dallied and motionless. The headers and heeler's ropes may not intersect each other and must be in a straight line from the saddle horn to the steer. Flagman shall ensure that the steer is standing when roped by either the head or heels. An offending team shall be flagged out.

5.08 If a header or heeler is fouled by a person, i.e. spectator, chute help etc. he shall immediately appeal to the field flag judge who shall direct a re-run.

5.09 CROSS FIRE RULE: Steer's entire body must be turned and moving forward in tow before the heel loop can be thrown, however, if the steer stops he must only be in tow for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch is considered a crossfire and illegal.

5.10 Flagman should hold one hand high with fingers apart for a +5 signal. Flagman should wave flag back and forth for "no time" signal. Flagman should move hand flat back and forth low and horizontal for a clean run signal.

5.11 A header may not re-route a steer back over a heeler's loop that has already missed and is lying on the ground.

5.12 Once the time has been called for and the flag is dropped, both the header and heeler shall hold their dallies until the field flag judge either rides away or signals either a clean run or a +5. Failure to hold dallies to permit inspection by a flagman shall result in a "no-time".

5.13 A dally shall be considered to be one wrap around the horn with the rope intersecting itself.

5.14 If either roper dismounts during a re-run or is thrown from his horse a no-time will be given.

5.15 A broken rope will be considered a no-time. A dropped rope will be considered a no-time. A dropped loop shall be considered as a thrown loop.

5.16 A flagman shall flag out a roper as soon as a front leg is picked up in a legal head catch. If this situation arises, the header does not have the option of fishing the foot out of the loop.

5.17 In the event of a time malfunction the team shall be granted a re-run provided the steer was caught with any penalties carried over.

5.18 A flagman shall ensure that the announcer call out each elapsed time on each run as well as the respective penalties.

5.19 The flagman or directors shall be empowered to request a roper to leave the arena in the event of inhumane or unsightly treatment of a horse or steer. Cruelty to animals (steers) fines shall apply and if roper argues or otherwise fails to comply he shall be fined.

5.20 In the event that a steer falls down or collapses during a run, the header and heeler are not permitted to hit the steer in an effort to make the animal regain its feet.

5.21 LEGAL HEAD CATCHES

Both horns, half a head, around the neck. All other head catches are illegal including:

- a) hondo over one horn and loop over other horn
- b) figure eight on both horns
- c) figure eight on nose and horns
- d) belly catch – loop passes over head and behind front feet
- e) horn or neck catch with any feet in loop
- f) loop in steers mouth
- g) any figure eight, halter or loop crossing itself
- h) loop through steers eyes

5.22 LEGAL HEEL CATCHES

Both back feet, one back foot. Rope must be behind the front shoulders and front legs. Penalty for one foot is five (5) seconds. Feet must be inside the loop and the rope is allowed to cross itself. If heeler ropes front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither roper is allowed to remove the rope from the front foot by hand, however, should the front foot come out of the heel loop by the time the flag man drops the flag, time will be counted. An automatic no time will be given if either roper dismounts and removes the rope by hand, unless they have the permission of the flagman.

5.23 Any heeler 60 years or older may tie on. Ladies who heel may tie on. Junior members may NOT tie on. Rope must be tied on with a quick release. Heeler who ties on should notify field flagman.

5.24 The maximum weight for team roping cattle used throughout the rodeo season and BCRA Finals is to be 650 pounds.

5.25 If a team-roping partner does not make it to compete, the other team member may find another partner that is up in the same performance, you may switch ends, but must take the first steer that is drawn for you. Judges must mark on judge's cards who are the header and heeler. Contestants have until stock is in the chute to find another partner after draw is made.

6.00 LADIES BARREL RACE

6.01 The following distances should be used: ninety (90) feet between barrel one and two and one hundred & five (105) feet from barrel one to three and from barrel two to three with a sixty (60) foot maximum and a thirty-five (35) foot to 50-foot minimum score line. When arena size does not accommodate above pattern, the pattern must be a minimum of twenty (20) feet off the outside edge of barrel three to the fence and a minimum of fifteen (15) feet to the fence from off the outside edge of barrel one and two. **Barrels are to be set on the center of the barrel markers/pegs.**

- a) The stopping distance is a minimum of 35 ft. to 50 ft. minimum with a closed gate or 35 ft. with a safe, open center alley. Up to judges, event representative and the ladies marking the pattern to use discretion on stopping distance.

6.02 The first two barrel racers in the Ladies Barrel Racing and the Junior Barrel Racing that are BCRA members entered in the first performance of a BCRA rodeo will be designated to mark the pattern. The designated barrel racers will be notified at callback and it will also be posted on the BCRA website and at the rodeo office. Pattern should be marked 2 Hours before the first performance. The barrel measurements must be permanently staked for each performance or go-round. If a timer is used, permanent timer markings must be staked. Designated barrel racers must then sign off on the measurement sheet and give to the judges. Judges must check pattern 1 ½ hours before EACH

performance. If designated barrel racers cannot mark the pattern, it is their responsibility to find someone to replace them. Failure to mark the pattern 2 hours before the first performance will result in a \$25 fine

6.03 Barrels must be set to run in and out equally for left handed or right handed barrel racers, where safe and possible.

6.04 When the barrels are being marked, a judge must record the measurements and post in the rodeo office.

6.05 A horse can be ridden more than once in a go-round and/or performance by different contestants, but a contestant may only ride one (1) horse in a go-round (i.e. contestant may change horses between go-rounds). When contestants are riding the same horse, they may be traded within the same section but must trade down the section.

6.06 Barrels are to be forty-five (45) gallon (202.5 litre) metal drums. Tires or thick rubber protectors are not to be used on barrels. Barrels should be uniform with both ends closed.

6.07 Either the left or right barrel may be taken first but a contestant will be disqualified for not following the cloverleaf pattern.

6.08 There will be no exhibition runs at rodeos unless they are a local contestant. They must not be entered in the local barrel race at the rodeo.

6.09 Ill-mannered horses will be disqualified at the judge's discretion.

6.10 A running or standing start can be used depending on the arena conditions and what is posted in the local rodeo office, but in no case may a contestant cause any unnecessary delay in starting the race. Run-in requires that the horse be in a forward motion by the time they cross the plane of the in-out gate.

Compulsory run in and out must be posted in the rodeo office. Competitors may be disqualified if this rule is not complied with.

6.11 When a contestant knocks over a barrel or goes off course, she must complete the course at race speed.

6.12 A contestant may, from a riding position, hold a barrel from falling.

6.13 A contestant may hang onto the saddle or use both hands on the reins if she so desires.

6.14 Arena gates are to be left open for all contestants or closed for all contestants during the race. The decision is to be made before the race starts by the majority of the contestants and the arena director, depending on the arena conditions. Recommended that no vehicles, or any person on horseback be allowed in the arena while the barrel race is on.

6.15 If a contestant loses her hat before the start line in the barrel racing a \$10 fine will be assessed.

6.16 Once barrel markers have been placed for the set pattern in arena, practicing on the markers/pegs is not allowed. For the purpose of practicing, barrels must be placed at least fifteen feet (15') away from the markers/pegs. Any barrel racer caught practicing on the BCRA barrel measurements pegs/markers will be fined \$75.

6.17 Contestants shall **not** run a barrel pattern in the arena within one (1) hour of show time.

6.18 Ground conditions and watering will be left up to the judges and the event director according to safety and ground conditions.

6.19 In the barrel racing events the ground will be raked around the barrels after every 5 runs made on the ground.

6.20 Western equipment must be used. The snaffle bit will be accepted as western equipment.

6.21 The use of bats and spurs are allowed. Disqualification will result from a contestant batting her horse in front of the shoulder during the race.

6.22 Where necessary back-to-back runs will be allowed. This will be at the discretion of the judges and the barrel-racing director.

6.23 If contestant turns out first run, she can still take her remaining runs and run for the go-round money only.

6.24 The barrel racing event must be run on a horse or pony of any size by a female only. (Boys are allowed in the Junior or Peewee barrel racing only.)

6.25 Stock Contractors cannot load bulls in the bucking chutes during the barrel racing events.

6.26 Whenever possible a Finals must commence with the low barrel racer, with the exception of the BCRA Championships.

6.27 TIMING THE BARREL RACE:

- a) A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over.
- b) Horses are to be timed on the nose at the start and finish of the race. The contestant must complete the race in order to have her time count.
- c) Once official racing time begins, re-runs are not allowed. However, if time is missed due to the electric timer and flagman not being ready, official time will be taken again.
- d) If there is obvious interference during a run the girl may take a re-run upon the judge's discretion. If a competitor is rewarded a re-run due to performance interruption, they must carry any penalties incurred before performance disruption. (ie: stock and/or dogs loose in arena).
- e) Judges are required to flag the barrel-racing event whether the electric timer is used or not. When the electric timer is used, judges shall watch to see that no one walks in front of the electric eye and shall further make sure that each barrel racer completes the racing pattern properly. Once the eye has been broken the time has started.
- f) The electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be timed to the one-one thousandths of a second (1/1000). It must also be backed up by two (2) timers using watches to the tenth (10th) of a second. Both sets of times are to be recorded. When the electric timer is used, and a minority of the contestants are missed, (Ex. 16.1 would become 16.10). Should the timer fail to operate for more than half of the contestants, the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all contestants in that go-round. All barrel races are required to be timed with no less than two (2) watches in tenths (10ths) of a second when the electric timer is not used. Manual time must be recorded and paid off in tenths (10ths).
- g) All contesting horses shall be entirely free from effects of stimulants or hypnotics. Contestants will be subject to suspension if found abusing this rule.

6.28 No jackpot barrel racing runs on BCRA rodeo barrel measurements the week prior or the same weekend as a BCRA rodeo. Arena permitting, BCRA measurements should be 10 to 15 feet off the jackpot measurements.

6.29 Upon the judges or directors discretion, if the ground is unsafe due to conditions, officials will stop the event and attempt to fix the ground. If the ground conditions can be corrected, barrel racers will be offered an option of a re-run with no penalties.

6.30 If day money is paid out in the barrel racing, it will be included towards the money won in the season standings.

7.00 BREAKAWAY ROPING

7.01 Only Ladies may enter the breakaway roping.

7.02 The catch pen will be open and there will be a 30 second time limit.

7.03 Any calf to touch or cross the line at the catch pen gate before the rope has broken away, will be flagged out. The line will be an imaginary plane between the gateposts. If the contestants drawn livestock breaks any part of the plane of the out gate, the contestant will be disqualified.

7.04 One loop is permitted and only thrown once. No loop is to be rebuilt.

7.05 String of a minimum fifteen inches (15") in length will be provided to tie rope to saddle and must be used by contestant.

7.06 The rope must be attached to the saddle horn in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf hits the end of the rope. This will be contestant's responsibility.

7.07 The barrier judge will check each competitors string before entering the roping box to make sure string is tied properly and securely. The rope should be secure enough to the saddle horn to allow a tug by the barrier judge and not break or hang down. Judge may request rope to be re-tied before competing.

7.08 Rope must be tied to the horn with a string and may not be run through bridle, tie down, neck rope or any other device.

7.09 Rope must be tied to horn with no more than a six-inch (6") tail.

7.10 A colored cloth must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn so the judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn. Failure to conform will result in a disqualification.

7.11 The catch-as-catch can rule shall apply when the calf's head passes through the loop. The loop may draw up tight on any part of the calf's body behind the ears. One loop will be allowed.

7.12 Rope must be released from contestant's hand to be a legal catch.

7.13 Field flag judge should flag from approximately two-thirds (2/3) down the arena on the right side of the roper, where rope breaks off saddle horn.

7.14 Breakaway ropers are to start out of the calf roping side of the box.

7.15 Horn length on calves to be a maximum of four inches (4").

7.16 SCORING AND PENALTIES

- a) In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate
- b) Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded
- c) Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant assessed for breaking the barrier
- d) There will be a ten (10) second penalty for breaking the barrier
- e) Roping calf without releasing loop from hand will disqualify catch
- f) Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of calf or horse
- g) The calf must break the rope away from the horn. Contestant will receive no time should they break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope and then stop their horse to make the rope break free
- h) Re-run draw and officials covered under timed event rules

7.17 STOCK

- a) Stock must be uniform in weight and breed. Only uniform calves will be used at the BCRA Finals in the Open and Junior Breakaway events.
- b) If horned, horns not to exceed a maximum of four inches (4").
- c) Breakaway calves:
 - i) Minimum weight 180 pounds
 - ii) Maximum weight 500 pounds

8.00 JUNIOR BARREL RACE

8.01 Contestant must be fifteen (15) years of age or under as of January 1st of the current year. Junior boys may compete in junior barrel racing.

8.02 Junior competitors are subject to all rules of the Ladies Barrel Racing event.

8.03 Juniors have the option of buying open cards and they make a decision at each rodeo as to whether they enter Ladies or Junior Barrels, but one only. They must make a decision at Finals also, if a junior qualifies in both Ladies and Junior Barrels they must choose which event they are competing in.

8.06 BCRA Rodeo Committees must rake after every five (5) barrel racing contestants in the performance and slack including the junior and peewee barrel racing at every approved BCRA rodeo. All three events are counted as one event/section.

8.07 At the BCRA Finals, the barrel measurements (stakes) in the junior barrel racing event will be different from the measurements in the ladies' barrel racing if held in an indoor arena and conditions permit. Order of go will remain the same.

9.00 JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

9.01 Junior Breakaway roping is subject to the same rules as Open Breakaway Roping.

9.02 In the case of a rodeo holding Junior and Breakaway Roping, a junior may cross enter if they hold an Open/Junior membership

10.00 LADIES GOAT TYING

10.01 All ladies and junior members holding an open card will be allowed to enter.

10.02 There will be a thirty (30) second time limit.

10.03 Leather thong, pigging string or rope can be used.

10.04 Starting lines in goat tying will be subject to ground rules.

10.05 A clearly visible starting line shall be provided

10.06 The stake and starting line will be permanently marked for the entire go-round.

10.07 A contestant may enter the arena at the speed of her choice. Arena gate must be closed immediately after she enters the arena and kept closed.

10.08 The horse's nose will be timed as it crosses the starting line.

10.09 Fresh goats to be tied down three times before the rodeo.

10.10 A leather collar with a ring must be used on the goat, and goat should be firmly tied to a stake with a rope at least ten (10') feet in length.

10.11 Flagman to stand in identical place each performance.

10.12 EVENT RULES:

- a) There should be at least a 15 yard starting line
- b) Starting line will be one hundred feet (100') from stake. But not too close to third barrel peg.
- c) Stake should be completely under the ground so that no part of it is visible or aboveground.
- d) The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from her horse, throw the goat by hand and tie any three (3) legs securely (3 bone cross) with a leather thong, pigging string, or rope.
- e) If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be stood on at least three feet (goat must be elevated by contestant so that at least three feet are dangling straight underneath goat and then re-throw).
- f) Legs must remain crossed and secure for six (6) seconds after completion of tie.
- g) To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one or more wraps and a half hitch, hooey or knot.
- h) Time will start when contestant crosses the starting line
- i) Time will stop when competitor signals the completion of the tie.
- j) Contestant must move back three (3') feet from the goat before the judge will start the six (6) second time limit on the tie. Goats legs are to remain crossed and tied.
- k) Qualified persons other than contestants will be used as goat holders.

10.13 SCORING AND PENALTIES:

- a) Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded.
- b) Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
- c) A field judge will pass on the tie and if it is not secure for six (6) seconds, the contestant will receive no time.
- d) Contestant will receive a no time for touching the goat or tie string after signaling she is finished.
- e) A contestant is not allowed to untie her goat.
- f) If the contestant runs over the goat or rope with her horse while mounted, there will be a ten (10) second penalty. A contestant is still mounted until both feet are on the ground.
- g) If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, contestant will be disqualified. If the goat should break free any other time, it will be left to the judge's discretion on whether she will get a re-run.

10.14 STOCK:

- a) Goats shall be uniform in size with a weight limit of 50 to 70 pounds per goat.
- b) Sharp horns shall be tipped.

11.00 JUNIOR GOAT TYING

11.01 Same rules will apply as in the Ladies Goat Tying.

12.00 JUNIOR POLE BENDING

12.01 TIME LIMIT:

- a) Contestant will be allowed reasonable time from the time they enter arena gate until their time starts by field flagman or electric eye.

12.02 GENERAL RULES:

- a) Starting lines in pole bending will be subject to ground rules.
- b) A clearly visible starting line shall be provided.
- c) No two competitors may ride the same horse.
- d) The horses nose will be timed as it crosses the starting line if electric eye is not available
- e) There shall be a minimum of 75 feet allowed for stopping, from starting line in poles back to arena fence
- f) The poles and the starting line will be permanently marked for the entire go-round.
- g) During the pole bending event, the arena will be raked at regular intervals, to be determined by the management. Turn outs and releases must be included in the count.
- h) Following pole bending events, the pattern will be dragged or leveled.
- i) A contestant may enter the arena at the speed of their choice.
- j) Arena gate must be closed immediately after contestant enters the arena, and kept closed until pattern is completed and her horse is under control.

12.03 EVENT RULES:

- a) The pole-bending pattern is to be run around six poles.
- b) No flags to be used on poles.
- c) The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be 21 feet and spacing between the poles shall be 21 feet apart. End pole must be 20 feet, at least, from fence.
- d) Poles shall be set on top of ground, 6 feet in height, and with no base larger than 14 or less than 12 inches in diameter.
- e) Poles must be in a straight line.
- f) Touching poles is permitted by horse or contestant.
- g) A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.

12.04 SCORING AND PENALTIES:

- a) Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded.
- b) Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
- c) Knocking over a pole is a 5 second penalty, per pole.
- d) Not following the pole-bending pattern will receive a no time. A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking their forward motion to retrace their tracks to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the pole on the off side. Example: Should a contestant run by a pole and have to back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern. Also, if a pole is knocked down and the contestant does not follow the weave pattern around the original base position of the fallen pole, it is considered a broken pattern.
- e) If contestant's horse breaks the time line, by backing through before starting time, time will be considered started.
- f) When the electric eye fails to work for one or more contestants during a performance, the manual back up time will be used for those electronically missed. The electric eye controlled times will remain unaltered.

12.05 RE-RUNS

- a) No re-run will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
- b) The battery digital clock will be the first backup time and digital hand held watches to be second back up time. When both the digital clocks malfunction and no time was recorded from digital watches, contestant will be given a re-run at a time designated by the judges and arena director, plus any penalties.

13.00 PEEWEE GOAT TAIL TYING

13.01 The goat tail must be tied for three seconds as timed with a stopwatch by flag or field judge.

13.02 Same rules will apply as in the Ladies Goat Tying.

14.00 PEEWEE BARREL RACING

14.01 Contestants must be ten (10) years of age or under as of January 1st of the current year.

14.02 Peewee barrel racers cannot cross enter into junior barrels at the same rodeo.

14.05 Same rules will apply as in the Ladies and Junior Barrel racing.

14.06 At the BCRA Finals, the barrel measurements (stakes) in the Peewee barrel racing event will be different from the measurements in the Ladies Barrel racing if held in indoor arena where conditions permit. Order of go will remain the same.

14.07 Peewee barrel racers cannot be led around the barrel pattern.

15.00 #8 TEAM ROPING

15.01 Ropers to be numbered by BCRA Directors and the BCTRA numbers will be used as a guideline only.

15.02 The ropers numbers added together cannot be greater 8.

15.05 Contestant has the right to appeal the temporary number assigned for a \$20 non-refundable fee.

15.07 The open gate rule will apply and there will be a thirty (30) second time limit

15.09 Juniors may enter the #8 Team roping on an Open/Junior card only.

15.10 All rules in the Open Team roping will apply as well to the #8 Team Roping.

15.11 The #8 Team Roping will be grandfathered to BCRA rodeos that have hosted this event in the past years. This event will NOT be offered as a minor event to rodeos that have not had this event in the past.

SECTION TEN – AWARDS

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 All award winners and season leaders must be present at the BCRA awards banquet to receive their awards. , if they cannot attend, a written explanation must be sent in 48 hours prior to the banquet, stating their circumstances for not attending and who will be accepting their award. If explanation is unacceptable to the BCRA Board of Directors, a fine will be levied at the director's discretion.

1.02 Events that qualify for the BCRA Finals will receive year end awards, optional events that are not at the BCRA Finals will not receive year end awards. There will be two saddles given out in the Team Roping event. One to the Header in the top season standings and one to the Heeler in the top season standings.

1.03 All Around Cowboy Qualifications: A male contestant must qualify three (3) times in two (2) separate events. All approved events can be counted in the All Arouns Cowboy Year End. The award will be based on total money won throughout the current year.

1.04 All Round Cowgirl Qualifications: A female contestant must qualify three (3) times in two (2) separate events. All approved events can be counted in the All Around Cowgirl Year End. The award will be based on total money won throughout the current year.

1.05 The trophies for All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl and Junior do not have to be the same.

1.06 A junior contestant must place a minimum of two (2) times in more than one (1) junior event in two (2) separate rodeos.

1.07 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: First year member with an open card who is 16 years of age and over. Member cannot have belonged to a rodeo association prior to having a BCRA membership, except for High School, Little Britches and College Rodeo Associations. Award will be based on total dollars won under a full membership card.

1.08 To qualify for the BCRA Finals and Year End Awards, open, junior and peewee members must enter and compete at 5 first approved BCRA Rodeos.

MINOR EVENT AWARDS: Minor event awards do not have to be equal awards or equal prize value depending on the sponsor who is willing to donate for the award.

1.09 If the eight major and two minor events are not sponsored by June 30th, of the current season, it will be up to the Board of Directors discretion whether season leader saddles will be given out as year-end awards. *A notice will be posted as of June 15, of the current season by event representatives that there is no saddle sponsor for their event.

2.00 ROUGH STOCK AWARDS

2.01 The BCRA saddle bronc, bareback horse and bull of the year awards will go to the stock contractor(s) owning the animal that is declared the recipient.

2.02 Only Canadian stock contractors and sub-contractors are eligible for the stock of the year awards.

2.03 Each BCRA Stock Contractor and BCRA rough stock member may nominate up to three (3) animals that have been bucked three (3) times at BCRA rodeos. Nominations must be in to the BCRA office no later than the last rodeo held in August. Top 15 in rough stock season standings are eligible to vote. Voting will be done at the first performance of the BCRA Finals. Voting will cease after the first performance of the BCRA Finals.

3.00 TIMED EVENT HORSE AWARDS

3.01 The BCRA Timed Event Horse Awards will go to the owner of the animal that is declared the recipient.

3.02 BCRA members may nominate for the Horse of Year award in their events. Nominations must be in to the BCRA office no later than the last rodeo held in August. Voting for Horse of the Year in each event will be done at the first performance of the BCRA Finals. Top 15 in season standings are eligible to vote in their event. Voting will cease after the first performance of the BCRA Finals.

3.03 The top 15 in the season standings vote for the nominated horses in their events.

3.04 The top 15 in the team roping vote for both the heading and heeling horses.

4.00 NOMINATION AWARDS

Hank Vogel – Rodeo Person of Year; Lifetime Achievement; Most Sportsmanlike Cowboy/Cowgirl. Lifetime Achievement award may only be awarded to an individual once.

4.01 Award Nominations will be advertised in the Rodeo Connections newspaper, website and at the BCRA rodeo starting July 1st. The deadline to have nominations into the BCRA office will be by the last rodeo held in August.

4.02 A list of nominated recipients will be advertised on the website and at the BCRA finals rodeo. The deadline to have voting ballots into the BCRA office will be by or before the BCRA finals of current year.

4.03 BCRA members will fill out a ballot and hand in at BCRA rodeos or BCRA Championship Finals or members can also mail, fax or hand in ballot in person to BCRA office by or before the BCRA finals of current year.

4.04 Award winners will be contacted prior to awards banquet.

SECTION ELEVEN – RODEO PERSONNEL

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 Judges, timers, announcers, clowns, pick up men and bull fighters must be a member of the association.

1.02 Any contract person not fulfilling contract obligations will be subject to fine, suspension or both.

1.03 Rodeo clowns will not be allowed the use of shotgun or explosives in an indoor arena unless approved by the rodeo committee or an association director.

1.04 Clowns are not to abuse stock in any fashion.

SECTION TWELVE – MEDIA

1.00. GENERAL

1.01 Without the prior written approval of the association, a member cannot appear in a contest rodeo event for television.

1.02 Contestants shall not be required to contest or appear, nor shall the management or producers require contestants to contest or appear, directly or indirectly, in television, film recording, visual and/or sound recording, or the like, in connection with any approved rodeo without first securing written consent of the British Columbia Rodeo Association.

1.03 Media photographers must have a local press pass and all photographers must sign a Photographers Release Form and have a BCRA membership. Photographers need to be in Western attire in and around the arena.

SECTION FOURTEEN – BCRA FINALS RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.00 ELIGIBILITY

1.01. A full member in good standing must enter and compete in five (5) first approved BCRA rodeos to be eligible for the BCRA Championship Finals.

1.01 Finals will have 12 competitors in each major (8) event, junior events and peewee barrel racing.

- a) Top two from the North Zone
- b) Top two from the South Zone
- c) Top six from the overall BCRA season standings
- d) Wildcard qualifier – 11th spot
- e) BCHSRA champion in the major events/BCLBRA champion in the Junior and Peewee events – 12th spot. To be determined by that association.

1.02 North and South zones are determined by residence with the dividing line being Prince George, BC with all Prince George residents included in the South zone.

1.03 Wildcard Rodeo qualifier will be determined by highest placing contestant not already qualified for the BCRA Finals.

1.04 Wildcard Rodeo Format

- a) Open to all BCRA full card members who have entered and competed at five (5) first approved BCRA rodeos
- b) Money won at Wildcard Rodeo will count towards season earnings going into the BCRA finals.

1.05- Team Roping finalists may enter the BCRA Finals Rodeo once in each end if qualified.

1.06 If not all positions in the major events or in the junior and peewee barrels are filled, then the next eligible member in good standing will then be qualified to enter. If the situation arises, where an event is short finals qualifiers who have made money, we will go down to the next competitor who has attended the most BCRA first approved rodeos throughout the season, if there is a number of competitors who have been at the same number of rodeos, the board of directors will decide by doing a draw.

1.07 Top **fifteen (15)** qualifiers in the 8 major events that **may** have qualified for the BCRA Finals must fill out and sign a BCRA Finals Voting list in their event only.

2.00 FINALS STOCK CONTRACTORS & CONTRACT PERSONNEL

2.01 BCRA Stock Contractors must submit to the BCRA office a list of horses and bulls along with a list of BCRA carded bull fighters and pick up men by July 15th of the current year. Timed Event contractors must submit the pens they are willing to supply to the BCRA finals by July 15th of the current year. All stock/pens along with bull fighters and pick up men will be voted on by the top 15 BCRA qualifiers in each specific event. (Sub-contractors will have had to work at least one BCRA rodeo to be eligible for the BCRA Finals). Finals contracts will be drafted and finalized by three parties: BCRA Board of Directors, Finals Committee and Finals Stock Contractors.

2.02 Voting lists out to contestants 40 days before finals, deadline to hand in voting lists is 20 days before finals.

2.03 Stock submitted for the finals must have been bucked at a first approved BCRA rodeo in the event they are to be submitted for

3.00 PERSONNEL

- a) Top fifteen (15) qualifiers in the 8 major events that may have qualified for the BCRA Finals must vote for three judges.
- b) All BCRA judges will vote for two (2) timers to work at the BCRA Finals by the voting deadline.
- c) The BCRA Office manager will designate the Finals secretaries

4.00 STOCK

- a) Rough stock animals of the year and timed event horses of the year with the most votes will be declared animal of the year. In case of a tie, the animal receiving the most first place votes would be declared the winner. If necessary, second place votes would be used to break the tie.
- b) Only uniform calves will be used at the BCRA Finals in the Open and Junior Breakaway events.
- c) **Fifteen (15)** animals per pen per event in the timed events must be at the BCRA Finals. If there is an insufficient number of cattle in an event, a fine of \$125 per animal that is short will be issued to stock contractor supplying the stock.

5.00 STOCK CONTRACTORS

5.01 Stock submitted must carry brand of the submitting stock contractor and each contracting firm may have animals branded with more than one brand, as long as all partners (brand owners) are declared at the time of membership.

5.02 Contractors will be allowed to feature one animal per event for each performance provided they have at least one animal out in that event. Stock of the Year will be automatically featured. An additional animal will be featured if contractor owns stock of the year and has more than one animal out in that event in a performance.

5.03 Finals stock must have a permanent visible number brand.

5.04 Placing stock into performance pens will be up to the contractors, event directors and contestants to come up with a mutually agreed pen for the Finals performance.

5.05 If nominated stock cannot be brought to Finals, contractor must notify event director as soon as possible and submit reasons in writing why animal will not be supplied at Finals. If a replacement needs to be made, the new animal must be the next top voted animal from the finals voting lists

5.06 All stock removed from the draw must be inspected by the livestock superintendent and/or the designated Finals veterinarian. A report must be submitted to the BCRA office and the event director on the removed animal. If a replacement needs to be made, the new animal must be the next top voted animal from the finals voting lists.

5.07 Stock contractors must notify livestock superintendent immediately upon injury to livestock or drawing out of animal.

5.08 Contractors must have all outstanding fines paid prior to the first performance of the Finals.

5.09 If a BCRA stock contractor cancels out of the BCRA Finals, rough stock riders qualified to the finals will be notified that the stock they voted on will not be available.

6.00 FINALS PERSONNEL

6.01 The livestock superintendent will be determined by mutual agreement between all stock contractors contributing to the Finals and the BCRA Board of Directors.

6.02 The Rodeo Secretary, Chute Boss' and Arena Director positions will be determined by the BCRA Championship Finals Committee and will be approved by the BCRA Board of Directors.

6.03 Announcers, Clowns, Contract Acts etc. will be determined by the BCRA Championship Finals Rodeo Committee and will be approved by the BCRA Board of Directors.

6.04 All BCRA card-holding photographers will be welcome to photograph the BCRA Championship Finals rodeo. Non-BCRA member photographers must obtain permission from the BCRA Championship Finals Rodeo committee prior to taking any photos at the event and any related functions.

7.00 FORMAT

7.01 The BCRA Championship Finals Rodeo will determine the BC Champions in all major events (Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Team Roping) and three junior events (Junior Steer Riding, Junior Barrel Racing, Junior Breakaway Roping) and Peewee Barrel racing.

7.02 The BCRA Championship Finals qualifiers shall carry previous earnings into the BCRA Finals including the Wildcard Rodeo earnings.

7.03 All Finalists must attend the mandatory competitors meeting held prior to the first go-round. Failure to attend will result in a \$100 fine. Western dress code is mandatory.

7.04 There will be a minimum of three (3) go-rounds at any BCRA Championship Finals rodeo.

7.05 ORDER OF GO:

Season Standings will be decided as follows with highest money earner in each determined spot

- a) Top six of BCRA season standings; determined order by monies earned
- b) Top two North and top two South; determined order by monies earned
- c) Wildcard is 11th spot
- d) BCHSRA/BCLBRA champion is 12th spot

A. Eight major events and Junior Steer Riding and Junior Breakaway Roping:

1st Go Round: ~ Reverse Order of Season Standings

2nd Go Round: ~ Reverse Order of Season Standings

3rd Go Round: ***(use only if there are 4 rounds, if only 3 rounds go to 4th Go Round order of go) ~***
Reverse Order of Accumulated Points from 1st & 2nd Gos

4th Go Round: ~ Order of Go determined from 1st, 2nd & 3rd Gos.

B. Ladies Barrel Racing: The order of go will be as follows in the Barrel Racing at the BCRA Finals:

1st Go Round: ~ 1 to 10 in season standings. Season Leader will go first.

2nd Go & 3rd Go Round: ***(use only if there are 4 rounds, if only 3 rounds go to 4th Go Round order of go) ~*** Drop three in order from 1st Go (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3)

4th Go ~ Leader of Finals Average will run first in order of go. (Avg. first to last.)

C. Junior and Peewee Barrel Racing:

1st Go Round: ~ 1 to 10 in season standings. Season Leader will go first.

2nd Go & 3rd Go Round: ***(use only if there are 4 rounds, if only 3 rounds go to 4th Go Round order of go) ~*** Drop three from order of first go.

4th Go ~ Leader of Finals Average will run first in order of go.

D. Those competitors entering the fourth ***(or third if only 3 rounds)*** go round with zero (0) points will be placed based on the reverse order of the season standings.

7.06 POINTS

A. Points in each go-round and the average shall be as follows:

1st Place ~ 50 points

2nd Place ~ 40 points

3rd Place ~ 30 points

4th Place ~ 20 points

5th Place ~ 10 Points

B. A finals average champion will be awarded the finals championship award. The average will be based on total accumulated scores and times in all go-rounds.

C. If a tie occurs in a go-round or the average, the points will be split accordingly. (Eg.: A tie for first and second place will be awarded 35 points each).

D. If a tie occurs after points from all go-rounds and the average have been totaled, a ride-off or run-off will be called. The ride-off or run-off will take place before any other event begins. The order of the ride-off or run-off will be determined by a coin toss.

7.08 TIME LIMITS at the BCRA Championship Finals Rodeo, all timed events have a flat 30 second time limit, excluding penalties.

7.09 At the BCRA Finals contestants will not be disqualified for pulling up in the barrel racing event. Time will be recorded for average.

7.10 If a BCRA Finalist needs to medical out of the Finals once it has begun, the next competitor in the season standings who has entered the finals may be called to compete at the finals for go-round money only. Must pay an entry fee.

~~~ BCRA Finals Secretary or Event Representative will contact the next person entered and qualified to compete at the Finals.

8.00 AWARDS

8.01 Go around winners must be prepared and available for a mounted victory lap at the end of their event. Rough stock competitors will have a horse supplied for them.

8.02 During the final performance of the BCRA Championship Finals Rodeo, event winners must be available and ready to enter the arena for award presentations with sponsors immediately following the event running after their event.

9.00 DRESS CODE

9.01 Non-members not in western attire that are helping a contestant, ie. Pulling rigging, hazing, etc. shall be fined. Fine will be levied against the member they are assisting.

9.02 All finalists must be in western attire for the competitors meeting or be subject to a \$50 dress code fine. Photos will be taken at this time.

9.03 All finalists must be in western attire during grand entry opening ceremonies or be subject to a \$50 dress code fine.

9.04 If contestant numbers are supplied, contestants must wear them on their backs at all times while competing. Contestant failing to wear his/her number while competing will be subject to a \$50 dress code fine.

9.05 Competing members and all rodeo personnel (volunteers, paid, contract) must be in western attire one hour prior to performance time or be subject to a \$50 dress code fine.

10.00 CONDUCT

10.01 All rules pertaining to attire and conduct will be strictly enforced.

10.02 Wristbands must be worn at all times to be permitted in the arena. For a replacement wristband, a competitor must contact a BCRA Director or the Arena Director.

10.03 There will be no non-contestant or non-committee members permitted in the arena at any time during the rodeo performances without first contacting the rodeo secretary and signing a waiver.

10.04 Non-members who are helping competitors (hazers, etc.) must contact the rodeo secretary to sign a waiver and must abide by all BCRA Rules and Regulations and must attend the competitors meeting.

10.05 Complaints pertaining to conduct must be taken to a BCRA Director.

10.06 Barrels may NOT be set up in the arena to practice at any time.

10.07 Contestants are allowed to ride in designated warm-up areas only. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine.

10.08 If a Finals contestant turns out any or all Finals performances without a medical, visible or vet release, the contestant will receive a set fine of \$500 for each Finals Performance missed.

SECTION FIFTEEN – CHILCOTIN SERIES RULES & REGULATIONS

1.00 ELIGIBILITY

1.01 BCRA members must compete in two (2) out of three (3) Chilcotin Series rodeos to qualify for the series year end awards. If more rodeos come into series, the limited number to compete will increase.

1.02 Events and Rodeo Rules in BCRA rule book apply to the Chilcotin Series rodeos.

1.03 Communities/Committees with a BCRA first approved rodeo that are accessed by Highway 20 will be permitted to join this tour.

1.04 Cattle will be drawn and chute run in the timed events at the Chilcotin Series Rodeos only.

2.00 FORMAT & POINTS

2.01 Points will be given to the number of places in event payout. I.e.: If payout pays to 6th Place in an event:

1st Place ~ 100 points

2nd Place ~ 90 points

3rd Place ~ 80 points

4th Place ~ 70 points

5th Place ~ 60 points

6th Place ~ 50 points

2.03 If there is no scores/times recorded in an event for the number of points to be distributed, the remaining points will not be distributed.

2.04 Ties in Series points will be determined by total money won in the Chilcotin Series rodeo standings.

3.00 AWARDS

3.01 Awards will only be offered in events that take place at two (2) out of three (3) Chilcotin Series rodeos. If more rodeos are added to the Series, limited number may increase.

3.02 A first place award will be given out to each Chilcotin Series Champion in each event.