
FOREWORD

The NRCA Rulebook was compiled in conjunction with a representative from each member Association and the help of Association competition rules Australia wide.

The Rules for the National Rodeo Council of Australia Limited are drawn up for the purpose of assisting NRCA State Branches, Member Associations, Committees and Competitors in conducting rodeos with a **standard** set of 'Competition Rules'.

This rulebook may be revised as necessary, to include, exclude or change rules.

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**NB: It Is The Individual Competitors Responsibility
To Read All Rules Pertaining To His Or Her
Event Contained Within This Rulebook**

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the sport of rodeo throughout Australia and abroad
2. To develop a unified representation capability for the purpose of liaison with government and environmental instrumentalities and other sectors of the community
3. To work in conjunction with individual associations to promote the sport of rodeo
4. To conduct an annual Australian Finals event to include competitors nationally
5. To maintain a national register of competitors and rodeos held each year by Member Associations
6. To administer and source adequate comprehensive personal accident, public liability and event management insurance for member associations and their affiliated committees, volunteers, officials, workers, competitors, stock contractors and board members
7. To provide a standard set of competition rules to be abided by each member association
8. To support, encourage and foster the development and promotion of junior rodeo in Australia
9. To appropriately discipline individuals who cause disrepute to the sport of rodeo with the assistance of reciprocal member association suspensions
10. To generate an efficient and effective central entries system.
11. To foster and develop a national safety development program inline with Australian Standards

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12. To implement adequate risk management strategies inline with Government bodies
 13. To develop a coordinated approach to education and training issues affecting member associations, their affiliated committees and individual members
 14. Liaise with all stakeholders within the equine industry on issues of common concern
 15. To promote and provide incentives for stock contractors to breed, develop and train livestock suitable for rodeo competition.
 16. Administer the upholding of the current Code of Conduct for the Welfare of Rodeo Animals

RODEO EVENTS

Accepted Rodeo Events registered with the National Rodeo Council of Australia Limited include:

- Men's Bull Ride
- Open Steer Ride
- Saddle Bronc Ride
- Bareback Bronc Ride
- Rope & Tie
- Steer Wrestling
- Ladies Steer Undecorating
- Team Roping
- Junior Bull Ride
- Junior Saddle Bronc Ride
- Junior Bareback Bronc Ride
- Junior Team Roping
- Poddy Ride
- Junior Steer Ride
- Ladies Barrel Race
- Junior Barrel Race
- Ladies Breakaway Roping
- Junior Breakaway Roping
- Rodeo Princess
- Rodeo Queen

GENERAL RULES

ROOKIE COMPETITORS (NOVICE STATUS)

A Rookie Competitor in any NRCA rodeo event holds that status until they have won a total of \$5,000 or they have broken open with the points system. This is subject to applicable association rules and whether or not a Competitor maintains this status until the end of the points year in which open status was reached. A Rodeo Competitor who joins the NRCA will commence with the status they have attained in other Associations.

A Competitor may only win one (1) Rookie title per event. A Competitor, when breaking Rookie status in a point's year in any event, may win Rookie All Round in that point's year. Once a Rookie All Round title has been won, the Competitor will not be eligible to win any more Rookie titles.

LEGAL AGE REQUIREMENTS

Membership is NOT permitted by ANY NRCA Member Association for any persons under the age of eighteen (18) UNLESS their application is signed by a parent or legal guardian.

ANIMAL WELFARE

- i) *Competitors*
 - All members must comply with the relevant state regulations regarding animal welfare
 - A current code of conduct for the welfare of rodeo animals in each state is available from NRCA
- ii) *Judges/Officials/Stock Contractors*
 - All Judges, Officials and Stock Contractors are advised to undergo a twelve (12) monthly review to comply with changes in government rules and regulations

PREGNANT COMPETITORS

Pregnant Competitors ride at their **OWN RISK**. The NRCA Personal Accident policy provides cover to pregnant riders for injury **as long as the injury is not pregnancy related**.

TIME EVENT GENERAL RULES

1. The barrier must be set to the satisfaction of the Judge and the Stock Contractor or Arena Director. The length will be no longer than the length of the time event box less 182.88cm **Subject To Arena Conditions*
2. All Time Events will have a 30 second time limit; Steer Wrestling, Rope & Tie, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping. ONLY Ladies Steer Undecorating will have a 15 second time limit
3. All Flag Judges must be mounted on horseback
4. There must be two (2) Time Keeper- Flag Judge AND Barrier Judge for all Time Events
5. Minimum length of a roping box is 5.5 metres
6. If a horse refuses to enter the arena or box or breaks out of the box three (3) times, the Competitor will be disqualified
7. The animal belongs to the Competitor after he has nodded, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Stock escapes from arena;
 - (b) Mechanical failure of the Time Event chute;
 - (c) Beast stumbles or falls before the barrier is released;
 - (d) Rope catches on the barrier or box.

The Barrier Judge may give a re-run if in his/her opinion any of the above four (4) items have occurred.

8. In the event of a head of stock escaping from the arena, flag will be dropped and the time recorded so the Competitor may take a re-run with the same head of stock with the time added. If the first run was clear of the barrier then no barrier will be required

Barrier can be set for timing purposes. If clocks are stopped incorrectly, re-run will be taken with the 10-second barrier penalty applicable.

9. A broken barrier will constitute a ten (10) second penalty.

All barriers must have a ring attached to the pin. The ring must fall within a two (2) metre radius of the pin to be a broken barrier. Over two (2) metres this is classed as the carried barrier and no penalty applies

10. If, in the opinion of the Barrier Judge the Competitor clearly breaks the barrier and there is a foul barrier, he will be given PLUS ten (10) seconds. If the Competitor does not break the barrier and there is a barrier foul, he shall be given time if he goes on with the run. Should there be a barrier foul and the Competitor does not attempt to run he will be given a re-run on the same head of stock or re-run stock
11. If a Competitor competed on the wrong head of stock, he will take a complete re-run
12. Should the gate open before the Competitor nods and claims his stock, he will receive a re-run
13. Arena must be cleared of all stock before the next Competitor makes a run
14. The Time Event chute must have at least 77cm clearance inside the chute
15. In the event one of the stop watches fail, the Competitor will be given the option of a re-run prior to being told his time
16. If a re-run is awarded it will be taken only if the time elapsed is not greater than the four (4) fastest times already recorded
17. A flag is to be set in the centre of the barrier and time will commence when the flag withdraws. Time will finish when the Flag Judge drops his flag
18. Any rider turning out stock will be liable to a fine equal to the cost of the entry fee less add back **Subject To The Discretion of the Board of Directors*
19. In the Steer Wrestling event, the steer must be thrown on the side the contestant left the Time Event Box. In the Ladies Steer Undecorating event, the ribbon must be taken from the beast on the side the contestant left the Time Event Box.
20. All competitors in these events must go from the same side.

Disqualifications

1. Failing to answer to the third call from the Chute Boss or Arena Director
2. Cheating
3. Ill-treatment of stock (steer, calf, horse)
4. Not having made a qualified run in the time allowed
5. Undue delay in the time event box if the head of stock is standing and the Competitor has been warned once by the Judge or Chute Boss
6. Failure to contest on drawn stock

STOCK CONTRACTORS

1. Stock **MUST** be sound, healthy and in good condition. Over fat and obviously pregnant females must not be used
2. Loose stock must be cleared from the arena in all Events
3. All Stock Contractors must be a member of a Rodeo Association affiliated with the National Rodeo Council of Australia Limited
4. All Rodeos must use contract stock from one of the Stock Contractors who are members of an Association affiliated with the National Rodeo Council of Australia Limited
5. All stock must be numbered and on the Rodeo grounds no later than one (1) hour prior to the Rodeo commencement time
6. Stock Contractors must supply their own flanks, which must be lined with sheepskin or an approved lining
7. All Rough Stock must be freeze, fire or paint branded including ear tags and registered with the National Rodeo Council of Australia
8. Seriously hurt animals must be humanely destroyed as quickly as possible and covered or taken to an area where spectators cannot see
9. No substances other than rosin to be used for adhesive qualities in Rodeo events
10. To be classed as contract stock, ALL stock must be pre-run, pre-tied, pre-thrown or chute handled until they become familiar with the surroundings
11. Stock Contractors shall be fined or suspended for supplying unsuitable stock
12. If a head of stock is banned, the Contractor will be notified by an official and will then receive written notification within 14 days from head office or a member Association
13. The Stock Contractor has the right to withhold 40 per cent of the pen from being included in the re-ride/re-run draw. (No less than three (3) re-ride/re-run stock must be available)

ROUGH STOCK GENERAL RULES

1. All senior and junior Rough Stock events have an eight (8) second time limit
2. After three (3) honest attempts to take out a head of stock that is being difficult, a Competitor may turn the head of stock out with the permission of the Judge and take a new head of stock
3. To be awarded a re-ride in any event, a Competitor must complete a qualified ride
4. Private riding equipment slipping or breaking is the responsibility of the Competitor and no re-ride shall be awarded for slipped gear
5. There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry rosin used on riggings or riders gloves. Finger tucks are not allowed
6. If a Competitor is fouled on arena fixtures, it is at the judges' discretion whether a re-ride will be awarded
7. A Competitor may be disqualified for undue delay in the Chute or on the grounds after being warned by the Chute Boss
8. On indication by judges, a Competitor may be given the option of taking a re-ride or a score
9. Stock must be flanked and ridden from the chutes. Rider is allowed to inspect and adjust his riding equipment, chute gate to be opened on the riders signal unless he has been warned for undue delay by the Judge or Chute Boss, who may turn his head of stock out
10. The only refund on entries should be if a rider is injured in a previous event at the rodeo or has a bone fide medical certificate or if the event is cancelled. The only eligible refund is the add back, if this has been paid by the competitor. Turn out fine must be honoured

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11. If an animal is marked, the Judges and Chute Boss are to assess the amount of damage and if they agree the Competitor was negligent, he will be disqualified and may be fined and/or suspended
 12. The scoring system to be based on 1 to 25 points for the stock and 1 to 25 points for the ride on each side (total of 100 points)
 13. If a horse fails to leave the chute, the Judge may call for the Competitor to spur in the belly, which will automatically qualify as a mark out
 14. Time commences when the animal's two (2) front feet clears the gate line Time commences when the bull clears the chute
 15. Chute Boss has the right to fine or scratch a Competitor after one (1) warning – minimum fine \$50.00. Any rider turning out stock will be liable to a fine equal to the cost of the Entry Fee (less add back) – subject to the discretion of the Chute Boss
 16. If a Competitor is fouled at the chute gate and claims foul or head of stock falls off all four feet, if a flank strap comes off prior to the eight (8) second time, and stock does not perform to Judges satisfaction, or if in the Judges opinion, the head of stock failed to perform to the Judges satisfaction, a re-ride will be awarded

EVENT RULES

MEN'S BULL RIDE

1. This is an eight (8) second competition
2. This is a one (1) handed event
3. Only recognised bull ropes are to be used
4. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Protection Vest
5. All bulls must be ridden with a loose rope, no knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull
6. Time commences when the bull clears the chute
7. If a contestant makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand, he is to be scored
8. Scoring 1/50 from each judge from each side; 25 for bull, 25 for rider
9. All bulls to be flanked with a rope or leather flank with sheepskin or approved lining
10. Riders must appeal for a foul immediately on entering arena
11. All riders must wear leather glove and spurs
12. Undue delays with Bull Rope adjustment resulting in time delays clearing the chute will be left to the discretion of the Chute Boss
13. Competitors must be 18 years or over to be eligible to compete

Disqualifications

1. Touching down with freehand on any part of the bull
2. Being bucked off
3. Losing hold of the rope
4. Cutting or marking bull
5. Under the influence of liquor or drugs
6. Undue delay in the chute
7. Failing to answer third (3) call from chute boss

OPEN STEER RIDE

1. There is no age limit on this event
2. If in the opinion of the Judge or Chute Boss the stock requires flanks to perform, the direction will be given to the Stock Contractor to do so
3. Same rules apply as for 'Men's Bull Ride'

JUNIOR BULL RIDE

1. Age limit for the Junior Bull riders is 14 years and under 18 years. Competitors must be under 18 as at the 1st day of January, to qualify to compete that year as a junior
2. The Junior Bull ride is a one handed event. Bull to be ridden for eight (8) seconds
3. Junior Bulls must be flanked
4. Same rules apply as for 'Men's Bull Ride'
5. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Protection Vest and Safety Helmet

SADDLE BRONC RIDE

1. This is a one handed event. Horse to be ridden for eight (8) seconds
2. A plain head collar with braided single rope bucking rein to be used of not more than 2 metres in length
3. Saddle: MUST BE INTERNATIONAL
 - a) **Rigging:** 20 mm double-front edge of dee ring must not pull further back than directly below the centre point of swell. Standard E--Z or ring type saddle dee must be used and cannot exceed 145 mm outside width measurements
 - b) **Swell Undercut:** Not more than 50 mm; one on each side
 - c) **Gullet:** Not less than 100 mm wide at the centre of fork of covered saddle
 - d) **Tree:** Saddle must be built on standard tree

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- e) **Specifications:** Fork 356 mm wide, height: 225 mm maximum
 - f) **Cantle:** 125 mm maximum height, 356 mm maximum width, stirrup leathers must be hung over bars
 - g) **Front Girth:** The centre of the front girth must be a minimum of 150 mm wide
4. To constitute a mark out to the satisfaction of the Judge, the Contestant must have spurs in or above the break of the shoulder, touching the horse with rowels of the spurs when the horse's front feet touch the ground clear of the chute line. Officiating Judges will carry a flag to signal that a Competitor has not marked his horse out correctly. The judge will discard the flag (i.e. throw on the ground) immediately upon Competitor not having achieved mark out as per rule stated above

Disqualifications

- 1. Being bucked off
- 2. Touch down (touching any part of the horse, person or equipment with free hand)
- 3. Not marking out
- 4. Losing an ox bow
- 5. Having rein on opposite side of horse's neck to the hand in which it is held
- 6. Riding with locked or sharp rowels
- 7. Wrapping rein around hand
- 8. Losing bucking rein
- 9. Not showing daylight with riding hand when leaving the line of the chute--- must have no contact with free hand
- 10. Failing to answer by third call when name called by the chute boss
- 11. If saddle comes off animal without breaking

JUNIOR SADDLE BRONC RIDE

1. This is a one handed event.
2. Horse is to be ridden for eight (8) seconds.
3. Same rules apply as for 'Saddle Bronc Ride'.
Age limit for the Junior Saddle Bronc riders is 14 years and under 18 years. Competitors must be under 18 as at the 1st day of January, to qualify to compete that year as a junior.
4. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Protection Vest and Safety Helmet

BAREBACK BRONC RIDE

1. This is a one handed event
2. Horses to be ridden for eight (8) seconds
3. Saddle:
 - a) **Rigging:** A one handed rigging is to be used consisting of no more than (260 mm) in width at the hand hold and not more than (160 mm) at the D rings
 - b) **Girth:** To be a minimum of (125 mm). Bareback pads under the rigging must be leather covered both sides. Hair felt pads must be 19 mm thick or if using rubber or equivalent density 25 mm. Pads must also extend at least 50 mm past the back of the rigging to comply with specifications as above
4. Minimum height of stock--- 14 hands.
5. Known chute fighting stock to be banned
6. The flanks must be wool lined and of quick release type
7. To constitute a mark out to the Judges satisfaction, the Contestant must have spurs in or above the break of the shoulder, touching the horse with the rowels of the spurs
8. When the horse's front feet touch the ground clear of the chute line. The Judges will discard the flag (i.e. throw on the ground) immediately upon Competitor not having achieved a mark out as per rule stated above

Disqualifications

1. Being bucked off
2. Touching down (touching any part of the horse, person or equipment with free hand)
3. Not marking out
4. Riding with locked or sharp rowels
5. Cut horse
6. Rider's hand coming out of rigging
7. All stock must be drawn prior to the commencement of contest
8. If rigging breaks or comes off animal
9. Losing hold on rigging
10. Failing to answer by third call when name called by the chute boss

JUNIOR BAREBACK BRONC RIDE

1. This is a one handed event
2. Horses are to be ridden for eight (8) seconds
3. Age limit for the Junior Bareback riders is 14 years and under 18 years. Competitors must be under 18 as at the 1st day of January, to qualify to compete that year as a junior
4. Same rules apply as for 'Bareback Bronc Ride'
5. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Protection Vest and Safety Helmet

STEERWRESTLING

1. Stock for this event must be a minimum of 200 kg and a maximum of 300 kg (recommended weight is 250 kg)
2. Stock must have a minimum length horn of 23 cm in length and must be tipped if considered dangerous
3. If the Competitor leaves his horse on its off side, the steer must be thrown on it's near side

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4. Competitors must not have any assistance after the run commences other than his hazer
 5. Competitor must have a hazer
 6. After catching the steer, the Competitor must bring it to stop or change direction and time will be taken when the steer is on its side on the ground with all four legs facing in one direction
 7. Competitor must have his hand on the steer when time is taken
 8. A rolling throw will not count (A rolling throw is when a contestant fails to stop or change direction of the steer before throwing him). Steer must NOT be knocked down or thrown before it is brought to a stop or changed direction

Disqualifications

1. Assistance in the arena is not permitted, other than a hazer
2. Cheating
3. Whipping the steer by the hazer
4. Knocking or throwing down steer before it is brought to a stop or changed direction

LADIES' STEER UNDECORATING

1. Competitors aged 17 years and over
2. Barriers to be used and box to be a minimum of 5.5 metres deep
3. Barrier may be no longer than the length of the time event box, less 182.88 cm subject to arena conditions
4. A penalty of ten (10) seconds will be incurred for breaking of a barrier
5. There shall be two (2) Time Keepers, a Field Judge and a Barrier Judge
6.
 - a) Steer is accepted as sound and released on Contestant's first call (signal)
 - b) Steer belongs to Contestant after she crosses the score line, regardless of what happens, with one exception – if steer escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and the steer

undecorator gets the steer back, lap tap with the time added which was taken when the steer left the arena

7. If a horse fails to enter or breaks out of the box three times, the competitor will be disqualified
8. Where a barrier is not used, horses must not have a flying start on the steer and must have a standing start as near as possible from the chute from which the steer has been released
9. Where a barrier is not used, time will start at the fall of the flag immediately as the steer's nose crosses the deadline which will be in the form of a line is three (3) metres from the mouth of the chute
10. Each competitor is allowed one hazer; competitor must furnish own hazer and horse
11. All undecorating ribbons must be fastened in the vicinity of the wither of the steer
12. Time limit shall be given during which the contestant must undecorate the steer. Time limit shall be fifteen (15) seconds
13. Competitor shall undecorate the steer from the same side in which she leaves the chute
14. Time Keepers shall take the time from the judge mounted on horseback. Time will cease when the ribbon is raised above the competitor's head. The ribbon must be held for a minimum of five (5) seconds after the time is taken (not necessarily in the raised position)
15. A complete re-run will be allocated if the ribbon falls off before the time limit has elapsed or the competitor has an opportunity to remove the ribbon
16. The Judge is empowered to disqualify a competitor who in his opinion is not in control of her horse
17. All stock must be run through the timed event box prior to the Event

Disqualifications

1. Assistance in the arena is not permitted, other than the hazer
2. Cheating
3. Dropping the ribbon
4. Failing to contest on drawn stock
5. Undue delay in time box if the head of stock is standing and the competitor has been warned once by the judge or chute boss

ROPE & TIE

1. Animals used in this event are to be inspected prior to the event commencing and must be fit, healthy and without defects. The recommended weight for animals in the rope and tie event is 115 kg with a minimum requirement of 100 kg and maximum of 130 kg. Any stock under 100 kg or not of sound and healthy condition are to be taken out
2. The time limit to rope, throw by hand and complete the tie is thirty (30) seconds from when the barrier is released. After the tie is completed and the time signalled, the roper must immediately mount the horse and ride it forward to loosen the catch rope
3. Rope & Tie Flag Judge must carry a stop watch to determine the five (5) second clear tie period from when the horse is mounted and moved forward
4. Only one (1) loop is allowed per Competitor in an event (except in an average)
5. Roping the calf without releasing the rope from the hand is not permitted
6. All ropers must use a neck strap on their horse
7. It is NOT acceptable to pull an animal backward off it's feet (jerk down) or to drag a roped animal. Competitors must use an appropriate technique and appropriate and properly fitting equipment to protect the animal against an abrupt stop after being roped and to prevent the rope horse from dragging a

roped animal. If a Competitor drags calf one (1) metre he will be disqualified

The drag mark will be measured from the rump of the calf to the start of the drag mark. The Flag Judge may ride behind the horse if the horse is dragging the calf

8. If a calf is down when a roper reaches it, it must be stood and thrown by hand. If the contestant has his hand on the calf when it is thrown, he may tie the calf without standing it
9. Roper must rope the calf from horse back. Rope must be on the calf when the roper reaches it, and three (3) legs may be cross tied. Time is taken from the finish signal
10. There must be at least one (1) wrap and hooey
11. No calf will be stopped abruptly when roped. If in the opinion of the Judge a Competitor's calf has been stopped and travels in backward motion with four (4) feet pointing skyward above 90 degrees (horizontal), he will be disqualified
12. The Roper will be given no time for touching the stock or string after giving the finish signal or making the horse drag the head of stock after he has mounted the horse. Slack must remain in the rope until five (5) second safe tie period is up
13. Rope is to be tied hard and fast to saddle horn
14. All Competitors must leave the box from the same side behind a barrier
15. The use of 'Roping Devices' is MANDATORY

Disqualifications

1. A Roper who deliberately makes his horse drag a calf after a time is recorded
2. Roping calf without releasing the rope from the Contestant's hand
3. Failure of three (3) legged tie hold for five (5) seconds
4. Dragging a calf one (1) metre
5. Roper touching calf or string after the time is taken

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6. Cheating
 7. If in the opinion of the Judge, a contestant's calf has been stopped and travels in a backward motion and has four (4) feet pointing skyward above 90 degrees (horizontal)
 8. Jerking down a calf, HARD in any direction
 9. If the calf is dragged more than one metre after the roper has remounted, or if the roper deliberately makes the horse drag the calf after the completion of the tie
 10. Not completing the competition within the thirty (30) second time limit
 11. Failing to contest when called by chute boss or arena director
 12. Failing to contest on suitable stock drawn for the contest
 13. Ill treating stock

TEAMROPING

1. One (1) team, one (1) entry and you must name your partner
2. Only two (2) loops are allowed in each round of the event (one for the header and one for the heeler). If a throw fails to catch the animal, the ropers are NOT permitted a second attempt
3. Roping the steer without releasing the loop from your hand is not permitted
4. No hard and fast ropes allowed, except if the competitor is over fifty (50) years of age
5. The time limit to rope the head and the heels of the steer is thirty (30) seconds from when the barrier is released. The time will be taken when the steer is properly roped (at least one heel is in the heelers rope and head is caught) with the catch ropes dallied and both horses facing the steer, with no slack in the ropes. To prevent the slack being taken up too hard, both front feet should be on the ground when the time is taken
6. Horses front feet must be on the ground and both ropers must be mounted when time is taken

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7. Steer must be standing when roped by head or heels. Ropes must be released from steer as soon as possible
 8. Legal head catches – there are only three (3) legal head catches:
 - (a) Around both horns
 - (b) Around the neck
 - (c) Around a half head
 9. Any heel catch behind the shoulders is legal providing the rope goes up the heels
 10. Catching only one (1) hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty
 11. All steers used for Team Roping must be fitted with protective horn wraps
 12. Header must change the direction of the steer before the heeler throws the rope
 13. If the steer is roped by one horn, the Roper is not allowed to put the rope over the other horn or head with his hand
 14. If a heeler ropes the front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is considered a foul catch. Neither Competitor may remove the feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the loop by the time the Field Judge drops the flag, time will be taken

Disqualifications

1. Illegal head catch
2. Dragging a steer when it is on the ground
3. Roping without releasing the loop from the ropers hand
4. Heeler roping heels before the header ropes the head
5. If horn passed through the Honda, catch is illegal
6. If loop crosses itself in head catch, it is illegal
7. Cheating

LADIES' BARREL RACE

1. Competitors may go to either the right or left barrel first, but must take one right and two left turns or one left and two right turns
2. Competitors will receive a five (5) second penalty for knocking down a barrel. If a barrel goes right over and stands on its end, the five (5) second penalty applies
3. The starting and finishing lines and positions of the barrels must be marked permanently for the Rodeo. The start and finishing pegs must be in line with the first and second barrels
4. Touching the barrel with hand to prevent from falling is permitted so long as the top rim of barrel has not hit the ground
5. Competitor must come into the arena at a run whenever possible
6. Competitor may start inside the arena if requested
7. Competitors are not permitted to circle their horse in front of the starting line in the arena before commencing their run, however one turn is permissible to get horse on correct lead
8. With manual clocks, time will start and finish when the nose of the horse crosses the line. Electronic timers start and finish on the chest of the horse. Time is to be taken to the thousandths of a second
9. In the event one watch fails, the Competitor has the option of taking the time recorded by one manual watch, provided that the option is taken prior to the Competitor being told her original time or there---run being taken
10. With manual watches if there is a difference of more than 0.5 seconds or greater between the two Timekeepers, the Competitor is entitled to a re---run
11. Barrels MUST be empty 200 litre drums and MUST be closed at 'BOTH ends'
12. Competitor must run in her drawn position

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13. Competitors crossing the finish line without completing the correct course will be disqualified
 14. The correct size for a full course is, from the first to second drum 27.43 metres. From the level with the first and second barrels to the third barrel 27.43 metres. From the level with the first and second barrels to finish line must be 18.50 metres. Finish line to arena fence 13.70 metres. The course must be set to the size appropriate to the arena conditions. Barrels to arena fence a minimum of six (6) metres
 15. Once the barrels are set up in the arena, NO contestants are allowed in before the contest starts
 16. Horse and rider may only have one start in a competition
 17. When electronic timers are used, there will be one (1) judge using a stop watch as a back---up and in case of a malfunction the stop watch time will be taken as the official time

Disqualifications

1. Crossing the line without finishing the correct course
2. Taking undue delay commencing the run
3. Failing to respond to the Chute Boss's third call
4. Excessive use of the whip more than two (2) whips between barrels or four (4) whips coming home

JUNIOR BARREL RACE

1. The rules will be the same as for the Ladies' Barrel Race, except the age limit in Junior Barrel Race is under 18 years as at the 1st day of January
2. Proof of age may be required
3. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Safety Helmet

LADIES' BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Only one (1) loop is allowed per Competitor in each round of the event. If the first throw fails to catch the animal, the roper is NOT permitted a second attempt

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2. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with three (3) pieces of heavy duty string, a bright cloth of dimensions 15 cm x 15 cm must be attached to the end of the rope
 3. The Flag Judge will flag the Competitor when the flag breaks away from the saddle horn
 4. Calves must be FULL HEAD catch – the rope must pass over the head and then draw up tight on the neck of the beast – that is a clean neck catch. Steers can be roped around the neck. Both horns or half head
 5. Competitor will receive no time should she break the rope from the saddle horn by hand or by touching rope or string after catch is completed
 6. Time limit of 30 seconds
 7. A ten (10) second penalty for broken barrier

Disqualifications

1. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from her hand
2. Half head or nose catch on calves is illegal
3. Touching the rope or string after the catch is completed
4. Not completing the competition within the thirty (30) second time limit
5. Cheating
6. If loop crosses itself in head catch
7. If hondo passes over one horn and the loop passes over the other

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. The rules will be the same as for Ladies' Breakaway Roping, except the age limit in Junior Breakaway is under 18 years as at the 1st day of January. Proof of age may be required
2. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Safety Helmet

JUNIOR STEER RIDE

1. The rules will be the same as for Bull Riding, except the age limit is 14 years and under 18 years as at the 1st day of January
2. Proof of age may be required
3. Flanks are permitted
4. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Protection Vest and Safety Helmet

PODDY RIDE

1. Poddy Ride is a six (6) second event
2. Poddy riders are permitted two (2) helpers when they are starting out
3. Poddy riders must be 7 years of age and under 14 years as at the 1st day of January
4. If the child shows signs of distress at the Rodeo, the Judge and Chute Boss have the right to refuse to let the child compete
5. All riders must wear a (MANDATORY) approved Protection Vest and Safety Helmet

EQUIPMENT

Equipment must perform in all respects to the specifications below:

Spurs

1. Spurs are used to help the riders timing and position on the animal in bucking stock events and should not be used as a goad. The spur rowel must be dulled and not less than three (3) mm in width at its narrowest part; there must be a minimum diameter of 2 cm to the point of the rowel
2. For bucking horse events, the rowels must be free running
3. For bull riding, the rowels may have restricted movement but must not be fully locked (they must be able to move at least a quarter turn)

Flank Straps

1. Flank straps are used to improve the horses bucking style. Only, lined, quick release flank straps can be used. The lining must be soft and flexible such as a soft plastic, felt or sheepskin
2. The lined portion of the flank strap must be positioned in such a way that it covers both flanks and the belly of the animal. The coverings and linings of flank straps must be soft and flexible and must NOT be hard, brittle, worn or damaged
3. If in the opinion of the Judge and Chute Boss the stock requires flanks to perform, the direction will be given to the Stock Contractor to do so

Neck Ropes

1. The neck rope is used to maintain the horse's head towards the steer while the rider dismounts and to discourage dragging
2. A neck rope must be fitted to horses used for Roping and Tying, through which the catch rope must pass before it is tied to the saddle horn

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3. Placement of the neck rope must be no more than half the distance down the roping horse's neck, as measured from the head

Jerk Line

1. The jerk line is used for roping and tying events. It is a rope from the bridle, fed through a pulley on the saddle to the rider. As the rider dismounts to throw the calf, the jerk line plays out in a series of jerks, which discourages the horse from moving forward
2. The competitor must adjust the catch rope, reins and jerk line to prevent the rope horse from dragging the roped animal

Protective Horn Wraps

Horn wraps must be used to protect the ears, eyes and base of horns from possible injury

Judiciary

Please refer to your Association handbook

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ADDENDUM

NATIONAL STUDENT RODEO ASSOCIATION INC.

Junior Division

Enrolled students from 11 years to under 15 years as at 1st August of commencement of each membership year

Events are:

Boy's Junior Bull/Steer Ride

Boy's Chute Dogging Boy's

Tie Down Roping Boy's

Breakaway Roping

Girl's Barrel Racing

Girl's Pole Bending

Girl's Breakaway Roping

Mixed Team Roping

Boy's/Girl's Ribbon Roping

High School Division

Enrolled student from 15 years to under 20 years as at 1st August of commencement of each membership year

Events are:

Boy's Bull Ride

Boy's Saddle Bronc Riding

Boy's Bareback Riding

Boy's Steer Wrestling

Boy's Tie Down Roping

Girl's Barrel Racing

Girl's Pole Bending

Girl's Breakaway Roping

Mixed Team Roping

Cutting Horse Event.

N.B. At Association rodeos awarding NSRA points, competitors must abide by that Association's event rules. However should the said Association not have rules for a relevant event, then the NSRA rules will be enforced. Rules for Pole Bending, Ribbon Roping and Chute Dogging events may be found on the NSRA Website

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