



2010 Rule Book

**INDIAN NATIONAL
FINALS RODEO**

&

**INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO ASSOCIATION,
INC.**

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

State of New Mexico

Dated: October 13, 1987

and

State of Montana

Dated: April 26, 2004

On file at the INFR Headquarter Office

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF INDIAN
NATIONAL FINALS RODEO, INC. INDIAN NATIONAL
FINALS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC. A NON-PROFIT
CORPORATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Non-Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned incorporators, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation in duplicate as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of the Corporation shall be INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO, INC. & INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II.

Duration

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III.

Purposes and Powers

The purposes which the Corporation is authorized to pursue are:

1. To encourage, promote, showcase, and advance the growth of Indian professional rodeo at an international level for the educational, economic, social, and cultural advancement of North American Indian peoples including the dates of rodeos, names of contestants, prize money, and other particulars in which the members are interested
2. To promote the sport of Indian professional rodeo through the organization of rodeo event and advancement of Indian people for mutually benefits. By ensuring amounts of prize money, require agreed designated entrance fees be added to prize money, secure competent and honest judges/officials in all rodeo events, and encourage cooperation between rodeo contestants and management of all rodeos which members participate.
3. To protect against unfairness in the sport of Indian professional rodeo, and by establishment of a positive, historical, credible, consistent, and integral image for members and then organization.
4. To provide scholarships and educational assistance funds for Indian youth and students, and to conduct, engage in, and carry on activities and programs which are organized for educational, charitable, and athletic purposes, as such terms

are defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended.

5. To conduct, promote, and produce Indian rodeo championships and Indian activities in conjunction with such rodeo events, and to teach and preserve the traditions of the Indian People.
6. To receive and administer money and property exclusively for educational and charitable purposes and to engage in any activities lawful for a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of New Mexico and qualified pursuant to Section 501 (c)(3) of the United States of Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended.

ARTICLE VI. Members

The Corporation is organized on a non-stock, non-ownership basis. The membership of this Corporation shall consist of its Commissioners.

ARTICLE VII. Board of Commissioners

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Commissioners. Commissioners need not be residents of New Mexico or Montana. The Board of Commissioners shall comprise such number of directors, not less than three (3), as shall be fixed from time to time by the By-Laws. In the absence of a By-Law fixing the number of commissioners, there shall be

six (6) commissioners. The By-Laws may prescribe qualifications for Commissioners. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Commissioners are:

Pete Fredericks
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Halliday, ND. 58636

Willie Johns
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Okeechobee, FL. 34974

Sam Bird
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Richard Bowers, Jr.
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ARTICLE VIII.

By-Laws

In addition to other powers now or hereafter conferred upon the Board of Commissioners by these Articles of Incorporation, or by the laws of the State of New Mexico and Montana, the Board of Commissioners shall have the power to adopt By-Laws of the Corporation, and the power to make, alter, amend, or appeal the By-Laws of the Corporation. The By-Laws may contain such

provisions as are not inconsistent with applicable law or with these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IX

Incorporators

The name and addresses of the incorporators are:

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ARTICLE X

Other Provisions

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law,

and all rights and powers conferred herein are subject to this reserved power.

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation correctly set forth the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, and they have been duly approved as required by law.

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BYLAWS AND RULES

FORCE AND EFFECT: These Bylaws and Rules shall be the Bylaws and Rules of the INFR and all INFR Regions and shall prevail over any existing Region bylaws and rules. Where a conflict arises between these Bylaws and Rules and those of a Region's, these Bylaws and Rules shall prevail. Unless otherwise stated herein, the PRCA (U.S.) or the CPRA (Canada) NLBR & SPRCA rules, whatever the case may be, shall apply but only to the extent of any rule exclusion occurring in these Bylaws and Rules. In the event of a conflict between these Bylaws and Rules and the PRCA/CPRA, NLBR & SPRCA rules, these Bylaws and Rules shall apply to the extent of any conflict.

These Bylaws and Rules as enacted by the INFR Commissioners on Mach 8, 2010 and sanctioned by a majority of the Regions shall remain in effect until such time as they are amended or repealed.

BY-LAWS

CHAPTER 1

JUNIOR AND SENIOR EVENT MEMBERSHIP

B1.0 National Office: the office of the corporation shall be located in Browning, MT.

B1.1 Definitions:

B1.1.1 “Junior and Senior Membership” Refers to an individual who has been granted membership in the INFR Junior and Senior membership and who has purchased a membership for the current rodeo season. The Junior and Senior events may be held as a standalone event, during slack or with a rodeo. In the event there are junior and senior events held in conjunction meet the criteria set by the INFR those events can be used to qualify contestants as long as the membership receives adequate prior notice. Point systems will be used for the basis of accumulation of points and standings in accordance with then INFR Regional point system. All regions must report to the INFR how they intend on qualifying the contestants to the INFR Junior/Senior Finals. The Region may qualify by the following format: 1. Top three year end winner based upon points, 2. Top two contestants from year-end standings and one final qualifier, 3. Region hosts a one-time qualifier for all Senior and Junior events.

B1.2 General:

B1.2.1 Rights and Privileges. With the exception of local entries at INFR approved rodeos, only active members shall be eligible to participate in INFR activities. Only active members shall be eligible to receive any awards or benefits sanctioned by the INFR.

B1.2.2 Cooperation with the INFR. Any Region or individual becoming a member of the INFR shall become familiar with its Rules and Bylaws and shall comply with and be bound by same. Upon becoming a member of the INFR, the Region and the individual agrees to cooperate with and assist any INFR official in the enforcement of the INFR Official Bylaws and Rodeo Rules at any INFR rodeo or in any matter of official business.

B1.2.3 Consent to Use of Name and Likeness. Any member of the INFR who enters or otherwise participates in an INFR event, shall be deemed to consent to INFR ownership of all rights in and to his or her appearance or other involvement therein. The INFR shall have the right, and may permit others as it see fit, to dispense, reproduce, and otherwise use any such persons name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph and other pictures in connection with the advertisement and promotion of an INFR sanctioned event or the sport of rodeo.

However, such advertisement and promotion shall not be made in conjunction with any statement constituting an endorsement by such person of any product or service, unless that persons consent thereto is first obtained. A member of the INFR who

participates in an INFR sanctioned event authorizes the INFR to act in the member's behalf as well as in behalf of the INFR in engaging in promotional activities relating to the conduct of the sport of rodeo.

B1.2.3.1 No Power of Endorsement. No Region or member shall have any right or authority to grant an endorsement to any third party on behalf of the INFR.

B1.2.4 Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

Members acknowledge that rodeo events, including INFR sanctioned events, are inherently dangerous activities. Members further acknowledge that participation in an INFR sanctioned event exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risks of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Each member, in consideration of his/her membership in the INFR and his/her being permitted to participate in an INFR sanctioned event in any capacity, does by such membership and participation agree to assume such hazards and risks. Each member further agrees to discharge, waive, release and covenant not to sue, INFR, INFR Properties, all INFR sponsors, all members, and any other INFR sanctioned event production entity, from all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death arising from such member's participation in an INFR sanctioned event. This discharge, waiver and release includes claims, demands and liabilities that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, and includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of negligence of the parties so released by such member. Furthermore, where permitted by applicable law, this discharge, waiver and release

also includes claims, demands and liabilities arising out of the gross negligence or willful and wanton negligence of the parties so released. This discharge, waiver and release also include claims, demands, and liabilities by a member for indemnities and contributions arising from property damage, personal injury and/or death to a third party.

In the event that any provision of this discharge, waiver and release is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the other provision as if this discharge, waiver and release had been executed with the invalid provision eliminated.

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

B1.2.5 Indemnification. Each Region and each member agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless INFR and all INFR sponsors from any and all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death asserted by a third party and arising from such members participation in an INFR sanctioned event.

B1.2.6 Junior and Senior Board of Directors: These Specialty events shall have it own Board of Directors. The Board shall have 7 positions on it at any given time. The Junior Senior Board of Directors shall be made up of representatives of different areas, and two appointed representative from the membership, which the INFR Commission will appoint. The fifth and final board position shall be selected from membership either by election or by appointment from INFR contestant membership. The Junior and Senior Board of directors shall

have operational oversight and direct authority to make changes to the Junior and Senior events on year to year basis. The INFR Headquarter office will retain financial oversight for this entire event. The Junior and Senior Board of Directors will operate under the INFR with its representatives submitting reports to the INFR Headquarter office.

B1.2.6 Junior and Senior Specialty Events. There are six (6) events recognized by the INFR and are as follows: Junior Boys Steer Riding, Junior Break-Away Roping(co-ed), Junior Girls Barrels, Senior Break-Away Roping 50 plus, Senior Team Roping 50 plus, and Senior Ladies Barrels 50 plus. The INFR Commission reserves the right to amend or change any of the following events should the events fail to meet the needed amount of participants for an event. Should any 4 of the 11 regions not be able to hold a Junior or Senior event with the need amount of competitors, based upon lack of participation or lack of membership the INFR will determination on or by **July 15** of that rodeo year if any of the above mentioned events shall be part of the INFR Junior and Senior Finals. Each Region will submit a letter to the INFR headquarter office notifying them of the intended format for the Junior and Senior events.

a. Display of INFR Emblem. Once a rodeo has been approved by the INFR all printed advertising and promotional material used by the Rodeo Committee, Rodeo Producer, or Stock Contractor or the rodeo to promote the rodeo shall prominently display the official INFR emblem. This requirement does not permit the use of the registered trademark on products that are to be sold commercially.

B1.2.9 Application for Membership. An individual applying for any membership must submit an application using forms provided by the INFR. An application must be signed and must include a Region designation. An application for any membership must be submitted to the INFR Office. The INFR may, in its sole discretion, deny an applicant membership in the INFR, or may deny renewal of an existing membership. All minor children will need to have additional consent from a parent(s) or guardian on the application.

B1.2.9.1 Outstanding Financial Obligations. No Junior or Senior membership renewal in any membership category will be processed if the applicant for renewal has any delinquent or outstanding financial obligations due to the INFR or to any Region.

B1.2.9.2 SSN/SIN or Tax Identification Number. No Junior and or Senior membership will be processed without that person's United States Social Security number or tax identification number or Canadian Social Insurance Number.

B1.2.9.3 INFR Competition Membership Fee. The Junior and or Senior membership fee for a card is **\$80.00** U.S. funds. This will entitle the card holder to enter any INFR Region or Tour Rodeo for the current rodeo season. No Junior and or Senior membership card grants entitlement to enter major events at an INFR sanctioned event.

B1.2.9.5 INFR Junior and Senior Rodeo Year and Memberships. The rodeo year shall commence immediately

following the INFR to the date fixed for confirming Junior and Senior contestants for the INFR next following. Junior and Senior memberships are only current for each rodeo year. The INFR rodeo year will start on November 1st of each year and will end on October 31st of that year.

B1.2.10 Applicant. An applicant must be an Indian to be granted membership as a contestant. **Enrollment or membership in a recognized Indian Tribe is not in itself sufficient proof of Indian blood or descendency if a question still arises.** The applicant shall be certified eligible for membership when proof of certification is filed with the INFR office. The INFR reserves the right to obtain further proof from an applicant where Indian descendency continues to be a question. In the event a question continues to arise as to the Indian status of an applicant, the INFR reserves the right to refuse membership.

B1.2.10 Ineligible (Suspension) List. No Junior and or Senior member shall be allowed to enter and compete in an INFR Tour or Region rodeo or in the INFR whose name appears on the INFR or a Region's ineligible list or on any recognized ineligible list until all outstanding obligations to the INFR or Region have been satisfied. Each Region is responsible for maintaining its ineligible list and shall file weekly updates with the INFR Office. A Region cannot arbitrarily delete members' names from its ineligible list without all outstanding obligations being satisfied. It is the responsibility of the Regional Secretary to submit all blacklists to the INFR office. All ineligible contestants list must be submitted by November 1st and are to

be updated on a weekly base during the peak of the rodeo season.

B1.2.11 All Junior and Senior Contestant Members shall be disqualified in all events from Tour or Region rodeos or for the remainder of the INFR and/or shall be fined **\$500.00** for a first offence and any or all infractions will be progressively doubled and the INFR Commission reserves the right to suspended members for preceding year who violate these rules:

- (a) Failure to pay hotel bills;
- (b) Rowdiness or quarreling in or around the arena/ motel;
- (c) Fighting in arena or around rodeo office area/ motels;
- (d) Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the arena or rodeo office area;
- (e) Mistreatment of stock, (personally owned or rodeo stock) in or around arena;
- (f) Cheating or attempting to fix, bribe, threaten, influence or harass, intimidate, assault or strike a judge, rodeo officials, INFR officials or representatives, contestant or Stock Contractor, and or spectator. The judges or officials will report any violation of these rules immediately to the INFR. Offences of this nature shall be dealt with major sanctions.**
- (g) Speech or appearance detrimental to the image and best interest of the INFR;
- (h) Refusing to contest (honest effort) or turning out stock during any performance without a legitimate release. Member may be excused from competition only upon the approval of the judges and the INFR Commission or visible injury with documentation. Failure to comply with this provision will

subject the contestant to the possibility of disqualification from competing at the subsequent INFRs and will be fined not to exceed \$1,500.00;

(i) Or for any other conduct or activity deemed inappropriate and detrimental to the INFR.

B1.2.12 Members and officials may report complaints to any one of the listed items to any member of the INFR Commission, judges, rodeo secretary, or designated event spokesperson and request appropriate action be taken.

CHAPTER 2 JUNIOR/ SENIOR CONTESTANTS AND EVENTS

B2.0 General.

B2.1 Age qualification for INFR Junior Members. A Junior member is defined as a youth contestant 15 years old and under as of January 1 of the current rodeo year. Junior events sanctioned by the INFR are as follows: Breakaway roping (boys & girls), Boys Steer riding, Junior Girls Barrel Racing. All junior competing members are entitled to compete at any Regional and Tour rodeo with the designated set of Junior events. The INFR Junior competing members are entitled to be eligible for all and any year-end awards and finals awards should they meet the 50 % percent rule for competition in that region. Junior event contestants who win a year-end finals or top 3 from the year-end award qualify for the INFR.

B2.1.2 Age qualification for INFR Senior Members. The Senior contestant is defined as a *senior adult contestant male or female who is 50 years old or older as of November 1st of that Rodeo year.* The following events will be sanctioned by the INFR: Senior Breakaway (men only), Senior Team Roping, and Senior Ladies Barrel Racing.

B2.1.2 Membership. All contestant members of the Junior and Senior events at the INFR will need to purchase membership in order to be eligible to qualify for any of the Junior and Senior events and that will be part of the Indian National Finals Rodeo and shall qualify contestants in the 6 events. The specialty six (6) events are not a permanent part of the Indian National Finals Rodeo. The specialty events must meet strict criteria to be considered to be part of the INFR. Each of the events must be able to field the minimum need number of contestants in order to host the events. Should any of these events not meet the needed numbers for competing contestants the events will be considered for replacement or re-designation.

B2.1.3 Qualification to INFR in Junior and Senior events. The INFR Junior events shall bring 3 qualifiers from each region to compete in Junior Break-away roping, Junior Girls Barrels, and Junior Boys Steer riding. Regions will submit the names of all qualifiers with the entry fees to the INFR headquarter office. All qualifiers to the INFR Junior and Senior event must be completed no later than September 30 of the current rodeo year. All Regions shall have the right to determine how they intend to have the qualifiers determined. Each Region must submit a letter at the first of the year as to

how they intend on qualifying the three INFR competing contestants.

- A. Senior events.** All INFR Senior events shall qualify 3 contestants from each region in the Senior Break-away roping, Senior Team Roping, and Senior Ladies Barrel Racing. Regions will submit the names of all qualifiers with the entry fee to the INFR headquarter office. All qualifiers to the INFR Senior events must be completed no later than September 30 of that year. All Regions shall have the right to determine how they intend to have the qualifiers determined. Each Region must submit a letter at the first of the year as to how they intend on qualifying the three INFR competing contestants.
- B. Official Ground Rules for INFR Junior/Senior Finals.** There shall be a Junior and Senior Finals ground rules published and posted prior to the finals.

CHAPTER 3 CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

B3.0 General. Any member who has violated these Bylaws, the INFR Official Rodeo Rules or any other rules of the INFR may be subject to reprimand, fine, ineligibility, suspension, or expulsion pursuant to the penalties set forth in this Chapter 3. Penalties shall be determined by the Commissioners, or any officer or committee to whom the Commissioners have delegated such authority.

B3.1 Progressive Fines. In the case of any offense listed herein with a progressive fine structure the escalating fine structure shall apply to offenses within the same rodeo year only unless otherwise decided at the discretion of the INFR Commission; provided however, that if a member is fined for the same offense three times in the same rodeo year, the escalating fine structure shall continue into the following rodeo year. Fines derived from Tour Rodeos shall still be collected in proceeding years.

B3.2 Offenses. The following shall be considered offenses and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than **\$150.00** per offense and/or immediate disqualification from a rodeo, unless otherwise stated:

B3.2.1 Failure to Adhere to the Arena Dress Code. All members shall wear a cowboy hat, a long sleeved cut and sewn button up shirt with a collar and cowboy boots in the arena, with the following exceptions: clowns, bullfighters, and barrel men who must wear appropriate footwear, clothing, and headgear that are conducive to the procurement of their individual jobs in a safe and professional manner.

Photographers shall not be required to wear hats and contestants in the bareback and bull riding may roll up the sleeve of the riding arm to the elbow only. A safety helmet may be worn in place of a cowboy hat. Failure to adhere to this arena dress code shall result in a **\$100.00** fine per article of clothing per performance or section of slack in violation of the code. (exception will be made for Ladies Barrel Racing.)

B3.2.2 Failure to Wear Contestant Number. Failure to wear contestant number when required shall result in a \$100.00 fine per performance or section of slack.

B3.2.4 Contestant Not Ready to Compete. In any event, a Junior or Senior contestant not ready when called during a performance or section of slack will be fined **\$150.00** for each and every offense and/or may be disqualified from the rodeo where the offense is committed for any third and subsequent time. Fines imposed by judges' call during the rodeo.

B3.2.5 Turnouts

B3.2.5.1 Turnout in Slack/Performance. Failure to notify of turnout during the slack/performance shall result in a fine of **\$100.00** plus entry fee. All Turnouts, Medical and draw-outs are subject to a one time office charge of **\$50.00** when the contestant notifies after callback.

B3.2.5.2 Turn-out for Timed and Rough Stock Events. Any contestant member who turns out in an INFR, Tour, and Regional rodeo will be subject to a fine for not notifying. The Rodeo Secretary who submits needed number of stock for a rodeo will contact the Stock Contractor with total amount of stock needed 12 hours after the callback for a tour/regional rodeo. A contestant who fails to notify the Rodeo Secretary or the INFR Headquarter office will be fined for both the rodeo and the stock that was secured for competition, except for doctor released or visibly injured contestants. The reporting of number of stock need for a tour and regional rodeo must be conducted after the closure of call backs and will not be grounds

for additional fine. *Turn out charges shall not exceed the cost of stock charge and designated fines. In the event a contestant is entered in more than one riding or timed event the contestant shall only pay the designated fines in accordance with fine for turnout infraction. The amount of times entered by a contestant in a rodeo will not be grounds for progressive fines. Tour and Regional rodeo secretary must document all notifications of turnouts. Regions will dedicate a usable phone line with message capacity at regional office for notification of Turnouts. The Regional Secretary will submit and post the working phone number for notification with the INFR Headquarters office. All Turnouts and draw-outs must be reported to the INFR Headquarters office no later than 12 hours after the completion of the Rodeo. All Turnouts and Draw-outs at a Tour Rodeo must submit the unofficial documents and results of the rodeo to the INFR Headquarter office by Telephone or facsimile machine, no later than 11 am Mountain Time of the first business day following the last performance of the rodeo. Failure to abide by this Bylaw shall result in a \$50.00 fine to both the Rodeo Arena Secretary and or Region hosting the Tour Rodeo.*

B3.2.5.3 Turning Out When Present and Able to Compete.

Any contestant turning out his stock, or refusing to contest on an animal drawn for him, during a paid performance at a rodeo when he is present, able and healthy enough to contest has committed an offense and is subject to disciplinary action as follows: A. First offense: \$100.00 fine; Second and subsequent offenses: \$200.00 fine. B. Disqualification in all events for the remainder of the rodeo.

B3.2.5.4 Submit Doctors Verification. Where a contestant turns out because of injury and fails to submit a doctor's verification on doctor's letterhead bearing the doctor's name, address and phone number and signed by a licensed doctor to the Region Secretary within seven days of the last performance of the rodeo from which he turned out will result in a fine equal to the entry fees for the event(s) in question plus an additional \$100.00 fine. A contestant wishing to draw out of a rodeo for medical reasons after close of entries but before rodeo in which he or she is entered commences must notify the Regional rodeo secretary not later than three hours before the rodeo. A copy of the Doctor's verification must then be faxed within seven days to the Region Rodeo Secretary. In the event that no one is at the Region rodeo office to take a call, a message must be left on the regional messaging system. All Medical and Doctor released Contestant will not be competition eligible for 10 day after filing of Doctor release with the Region Secretary. A Contestant may only elect to use a 10 day Doctors release and may only be allowed to use this type of release two (2) times in a given rodeo year. A 30 day Doctor Verification designation is the only other type of designation allowed for a Doctors Verification this can only be used one (1) time in a rodeo year. A Contestant who medical releases in one event will still eligible to compete in other events.

B3.2.5.5 Failure to Submit a Doctor's or Judge's Verification of a Visible Injury. If a contestant draws out of a rodeo due to a visible injury, the contestant must submit a doctor's or judge's verification to the Region Rodeo Secretary within seven days of the last performance of the rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a \$100.00 fine.

B3.2.5.6 Nonpayment of Entry Fees or Related Fees. Any entry fees including all related fees (related fees being office charges, judge's fees, stock charges) not paid to the arena secretary before the end of the performance in which the contestant is scheduled to compete shall result in the following penalty: All Entry Fees and related fees plus \$200.00 total fine regardless of number of events competing in.

B3.2.5.7 Ineligibility: Members who fail to pay entry fees and other related fees shall become ineligible to enter a Tour or Region rodeo effective immediately following the conclusion of the rodeo and will not regain eligibility until such time as all unpaid entry fees and other related fees and fines are paid in full.

B3.2.5.8 Bad Checks. Writing or passing a bad check made payable to the INFR, a rodeo secretary, stock contractor, contract personnel or rodeo committee at a Tour or Region rodeo, or any such check to any business establishment in the town of a Tour or Region rodeo during the time of said rodeo, shall be subject to a **\$100.00 fine**. Individual whose name appears on the check will lose any existing privileges to use this form of payment for any transaction from that point forward.

B3.2.5.9 Entry Fees. All entry fees must be paid in cash. No checks and No exceptions.

3.2.5.10 Veterinarian Releases. *A contestant who elects to Veterinarian release out of competition is not competition eligible for 10 day from date of notification and may only elect*

to Veterinarian Release two (2) times in any given rodeo season.

B3.3 Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures.

See INFR Rule book

B3.4 Protocol at the Rodeo. In the event a contestant disputes a decision during the rodeo the contestant or designee must first seek resolution with judges. All decisions made by a judge are final. No Junior/Senior Board of Director may be directed to challenge decisions made by judge at any event. INFR Junior/Senior board members may not be directly involved in the disputes over judges decisions at an event or rodeo.

CHAPTER 4 POINTS AND STANDINGS

B4.0 Points and Standings. Each Region is expected to maintain records of all points earned by Junior and Senior members in the 6 events. The point system will operate the same as the region point system and shall be equally distributed as determined by the INFR Regions. Subject to **B4.2**, Region point systems will be awarded on a 6 point system. Regions will keep track of their respective points accumulated for year-end champions and shall file rodeo results complete with payouts with the INFR as soon as reasonably possible but not later than 3 days immediately following any rodeo.

B4.2 Awarding of Region Points. All Regions must adopt and record points for Junior and Senior contestants in all specialty

events and must maintain those records. Regions awarding points from their tour rodeo will be based upon the following. All Junior and Senior contestants who compete and place in a Tour/Regional rodeo will be awarded points with that hosting region.

B4.2.1 Point System at all Regional Rodeos. Points for a Region rodeo shall be on a **6 point** system: 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 points, where 30 points is for 1st place and 5 points is for 6th place. Six points shall always be awarded regardless if only four monies are paid.

B4.2.5 Ties. In the event of a tie bases upon total points for a Regional Championship. The Contestant with the most money won will advance and win the position. In the event of a tie for season money occurs and is confirmed by officials then the contestant with fastest times or highest scores would advance or win the position.

B4.5 Draw Backs

B4.5.1 Draw Backs to Short Go Round/Finals at Tour and Region Rodeos. Draw backs for a short go round/finals at a Tour or Region rodeo will be allowed in all specialty events where the required number of Junior and Senior contestants fail to qualify but contestant will only compete for money in the short/final round. No points will be awarded for the short go round and average for contestants drawn back. Draw backs will be randomly drawn back by the judges. A Region and the local rodeo committee have the discretion whether or not it will apply this Draw Back rule at an INFR sanctioned Tour or Region

rodeo and must so declare to contestants in its advertisement. It is the contestant's responsibility to find out if he/she is drawn back and shall advise the rodeo secretary if he/she will not be competing as a drawback contestant. Failure to notify the secretary will result in a turn out fine imposed in accordance with these Bylaws and Rules.

B4.7 Official Region Rodeo Standings. Junior and Senior event region rodeo championship points, once tallied and audited shall be the Official region rodeo standings. Championship points won in a rodeo year shall be counted for the current rodeo year only.

B4.8 Basis of Standings. Region Rodeo standings will be tabulated based on the official results of each Tour or Region Rodeo. All regions are expected to keep records and standing for junior and senior event contestant no matter if the contestant is not designated from that region.

B4.10 Permits. A non- Junior and Senior member contestant (Non- members contestants are individuals who have never held a membership with the INFR or the Regions.) will be allowed a one-time Permit to compete either at his/her Region's Tour or Region rodeo. A Junior and Senior Contestant allowed to compete with a Permit must qualify as an Indian or prove Indian descendency in accordance with **B1.2.9**. The Permit fee for a Tour or Region rodeo shall be \$30 and must be paid to the local rodeo committee secretary before entries close. The non-member contestant cannot compete at another Tour or Region rodeo without having to purchase a Tour or Region Membership. The Permit fee for a Region rodeo goes to the

Region and the Permit fee for a Tour rodeo goes to the INFR. All permits for Tour Rodeos are in US funds.

Junior Breakaway

Objective: The contestant must rope a calf from the back of a horse, and have the rope, which is tied to the saddle horn with a piece of string, break away from the saddle horn and do this in the fastest time possible.

Rules:

- There will be a 30 second time limit in this event.
- You can be either male or female to compete in this event.
- You must be 15 years of age before January 1 of the current rodeo year.
- There will only be one loop allowed.
- The contestant will start from behind a barrier in the right hand box and will nod to the gate man to indicate when he/she is ready for the calf to be released. The calf will be given a pre-determined head start and beating or breaking the barrier will result in a 10 second penalty.
- The roper must then chase after the calf. In order to be a legal catch, the loop must pass cleanly over the calf's head. Once the loop has passed over the calf's head, loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head.
- Time is to begin when the calf releases the barrier rope and ends when the field flagger flags the rope breaking away from the saddle horn. Calf must break rope away from saddle horn- contestant would receive a no time should they break rope away from the saddle horn themselves.

- Horned cattle may be used for this event. Once horned livestock is used there will be allowed three legal head catches. 1. Clean around the horns. 2. Half a head. 3. Around the neck.
- Should it be determined that horned cattle are to be used, then horned cattle must be provided to all competitors in this event. No mixed pens of cattle (mulley and horns). Horned cattle is defined as animals with horns over 2 inches.

Junior Girls Barrel Racing

Objective: The contestant shall race her horse through a clover leaf barrel pattern and do so in the quickest time possible.

Rules:

- This event is for girls only.
- You must be 15 years of age before January 1 of the current rodeo year.
- A contestant may not ride the same horse as another contestant in the barrel racing event.
- There will be a 30 second time limit in this event.
- Equipment: barrels must be closed on each end, no open end(s) on barrels will be allowed.
- Pattern: Shall be a cloverleaf pattern with barrels positioned in a triangular fashion in the arena.
- Measurements: A full pattern will be the following measurements and should be used when arena conditions allow: 75 feet from arena fence to the start/finish line. 60 feet from the start/finish line to a line drawn between the first and second barrel and 90 feet between the first and

second barrel and 105 feet from each the first and second barrel to the third. No barrel may be closer than 20 feet from any fence or wall.

- When arena conditions do not allow a full size pattern to be used, the pattern may be shortened as necessary provided that it remains the same throughout the entire rodeo. It is mandatory that the 20 foot from any fence or wall safety zone be maintained even with a reduced pattern size.
- It is mandatory that the positions of the start/finish line and each barrel be permanently marked so the barrels will be placed in the same spot from performance to performance.
- The contestant will enter the arena, race across the start/finish line and to either the left or right barrel. If the right barrel is used as the first barrel, she will make a right hand turn around that first barrel and then proceed to the second barrel. She will make a left hand turn around the third barrel and then race back across the start/finish line. The opposite will occur if the contestant chooses to go to the left barrel first.
- Knocking over a barrel will result in a 5 seconds penalty being assessed.
- If a barrel is knocked down, and then stands back up, it is still considered knocked down and the 5 second penalty will be assessed.
- The contestant may reach down and touch a barrel in order to keep from falling over if she chooses to and is able to do so.

Junior Boys Steer Riding

Objective: to ride a bucking steer with only a steer riding rope to hold on to and to score the highest amount of points possible during that ride.

Rules:

- This event is for boys only.
- You must be 15 years of age before January 1 of the current rodeo year.
- Safety protective vests specifically designed for rodeo events and mouth pieces are mandatory in all rough stock events.
- Equipment- The contestant is to use a standard flat braided bull rope. No metal or freak devices may be used with the steer riding rope. Only dry rosin will be allowed as adhesive material. There must be a bell or bells attached to the rope to pull the rope free of the steer after the ride is complete. Chaps may be used by the contestant but may not be tucked under the rope while the rope is being pulled tight around the steer's barrel.
- Rider is to start from a bucking chute, and must nod to the gate help or give audible communication when he is ready for the chute help to open the gate.
- Time is to start when the steer's inside shoulder crosses the plane of the gate. The latch side judge will carry a stop watch and will time the ride for 6 seconds. At any time during the ride the judges sees a disqualification, he is to stop the watch and time elapsed on the watch will

determine if a qualified ride has been made. The judge's watch will be the official time.

- The contestant is to ride with one hand in the steer rope and the other hand must remain free at all times and may not touch the steer, the rope or himself during the ride. The INFR will only allow for one hand to be used at the finals.

Senior Men's Breakaway

Objective: The contestant must rope a calf from the back of a horse, and have the rope, which is tied to the saddle horn with a piece of string, break away from the saddle horn and do this in the fastest time possible.

Rules:

- There will be a 30 second time limit in this event.
- You can be either male or female to compete in this event.
- You must be 50 years of age before November 1 of the current rodeo year.
- There will only be one loop allowed.
- The contestant will start from behind a barrier in the right hand box and will nod to the gate man to indicate when he/she is ready for the calf to be released. The calf will be given a pre-determined head start and beating or breaking the barrier will result in a 10 second penalty.
- The roper must then chase after the calf. In order to be a legal catch, the loop must pass cleanly over the calf's head. Once the loop has passed over the calf's head, loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head.

- Time is to begin when the calf releases the barrier rope and ends when the field flagger flags the rope breaking away from the saddle horn. Calf must break rope away from saddle horn- contestant would receive a no time should they break rope away from the saddle horn themselves.
- Horned cattle may be used for this event. Once horned livestock is used there will be allowed three legal head catches. 1. Clean around the horns. 2. Half a head. 3. Around the neck.
- Should it be determined that horned cattle are to be used, then horned cattle must be provided to all competitors in this event. No mixed pens of cattle (mulley and horns). Horned cattle are defined as animals with horns over 2 inches.

Senior Ladies Barrel Racing

Objective: The contestant shall race her horse through a clover leaf barrel pattern and do so in the quickest time possible.

Rules:

- This event is for girls only.
- You must be 50 years of age before November 1 of the current rodeo year.
- A contestant may not ride the same horse as another contestant in the barrel racing event.
- There will be a 30 second time limit in this event.
- Equipment: barrels must be closed on each end, no open end(s) on barrels will be allowed.
- Pattern: Shall be a cloverleaf pattern with barrels positioned in a triangular fashion in the arena.

- Measurements: A full pattern will be the following measurements and should be used when arena conditions allow: 75 feet from arena fence to the start/finish line. 60 feet from the start/finish line to a line drawn between the first and second barrel and 90 feet between the first and second barrel and 105 feet from each the first and second barrel to the third. No barrel may be closer than 20 feet from any fence or wall.
- When arena conditions do not allow a full size pattern to be used, the pattern may be shortened as necessary provided that it remains the same throughout the entire rodeo. It is mandatory that the 20 foot from any fence or wall safety zone be maintained even with a reduced pattern size.
- It is mandatory that the positions of the start/finish line and each barrel be permanently marked so the barrels will be placed in the same spot from performance to performance.
- The contestant will enter the arena, race across the start/finish line and to either the left or right barrel. If the right barrel is used as the first barrel, she will make a right hand turn around that first barrel and then proceed to the second barrel. She will make a left hand turn around the third barrel and then race back across the start/finish line. The opposite will occur if the contestant chooses to go to the left barrel first.
- Knocking over a barrel will result in a 5 seconds penalty being assessed.
- If a barrel is knocked down, and then stands back up, it is still considered knocked down and the 5 second penalty will be assessed.

- The contestant may reach down and touch a barrel in order to keep from falling over if she chooses to and is able to do so.

Senior Team Roping

Objective: This is a two member team event, the object of which is for one team member to rope a steer by the head, from the back of a horse, and for the other team member to rope that steer by the back legs from the back of a horse and then to stretch the steer between them and to do this in the shortest amount of time possible.

Rules:

- The team must consist of two men who are each 50 years of age before November 1 of that current rodeo year.
- There will be a 30 second time limit for this event.
- The header starts from behind a barrier in the left hand roping box, the heeler from the right hand box with no barrier. The team will be fined a 10 second penalty if the header breaks the barrier.
- Legal head catches are around the horns, around the neck, or half head. Legal heel catches: both hind legs even if rope is cross (figure-eight). One hind leg catch receives a 5 second penalty.
- There will only be two loops allowed. One head loop and one heel loop.
- Head loop must be the first catch and the header must dally and change the direction of the steer before the heeler may rope the back legs. The heeler must dally when catch is made and then the header must turn and face the steer.

- The time is flagged when the steer is caught by both ropers and both horses are facing the steer and the ropes are tight.
- Both ropers must be dallied when the flag is dropped and ropers are to hold their dally until verified by the judge.
- The time is started from the time the steer releases barrier rope until field flagger drops the flag. Steer must be on all four feet when both loops are being thrown.
- No foul catches may be removed by hand and if the steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up to the steer to put the rope of the horn by hand.