



**INDIAN NATIONAL  
FINALS RODEO  
BYLAWS AND RULES  
2007**

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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. 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.

**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:

To work for development and growth of Indian professional rodeo at an international level for the educational, economic, social, and cultural growth of the Indian people.

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.

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.

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  
P.O. Box 325  
Halliday, ND. 58636

Willie Johns  
Rte. 6 P.O. Box 750  
Okeechobee, FL. 34974

Sam Bird  
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Stephen Fox  
RR. 6 Box 918  
Pocatello, ID. 83202

**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**

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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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**INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO  
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) 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 rules, these Bylaws and Rules shall apply to the extent of any conflict.**

**These Bylaws and Rules as enacted by the INFR Commissioners on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 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 MEMBERSHIP**

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

**B1.1 Definitions:**

**B1.1.1 “Member”** Refers to an individual who has been granted membership in the INFR and who has purchased a Tour or Region membership for the current rodeo season.

**B1.1.2 “Non-contestant Member”** refers to an individual who has met the requirements for one or more of the following categories (Non contestant card members must apply and pay an annual due of \$50.00 U.S.):

- Stock contractors
- Rodeo producers
- Arena secretaries
- Timers
- Rodeo clowns, Barrel men, and Bullfighters
- Announcers
- Photographers
- Specialty acts
- Miscellaneous acts
- Rodeo committees
- Judges

**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 Major Events.** There are 8 major events recognized by the INFR and are as follows: Saddle Bronc Riding; Bareback Bronc Riding; Bull Riding; Steer Wrestling; Tie Down Roping; Team Roping; Ladies Barrel Racing; Ladies Break-Away Roping.

**B1.2.7 Tour and Region Rodeo Approvals.** A Tour or Region rodeo must have scheduled all eight (8) major events in order for it to be approved as a sanctioned rodeo.

**B1.2.8 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.

**B1.2.8.1 Outstanding Financial Obligations.** No 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.

**B1.2.8.2 SSN/SIN or Tax Identification Number.** No membership will be processed without that person's United States Social Security number or tax identification number or Canadian Social Insurance Number.

**B1.2.8.3 INFR Tour Membership Fee.** The membership fee for a Tour card is **\$200.00** U.S. funds. This will entitle the card holder to enter any INFR Region or Tour Rodeo for the current rodeo season. \$75.00 of this fee shall be returned to the Member's designated Region and \$25.00 to a "Reserve Fund". \$100 goes to the INFR. The Reserve Fund shall be kept in a separate account.

**B1.2.8.4 INFR Region Membership Fee.** The membership fee for a Region card is **\$100.00** U.S. funds. This will entitle the card holder to enter only his/her Region rodeos and his/her own Region's Tour Rodeo for the current rodeo season. \$37.50 of this fee shall be returned to the Member's designated Region and \$25.00 to a "Reserve Fund". \$37.50 goes to the INFR. The Reserve Fund shall be kept in a separate account.

**B1.2.8.5 INFR Rodeo Year and Memberships.** The rodeo year shall commence immediately following the INFR to the date fixed for confirming contestants for the INFR next following. Tour and Region memberships are only current for each rodeo year.

**B1.2.9 Applicant.** An applicant must be an Indian to be granted membership as a contestant Member. An applicant whose Indian descendency is in question must file with the Region secretary and the INFR office legal documentation in the form of a Statutory Declaration duly notarized stating he or she is an Indian of sufficient degree to qualify as a member.

**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 to compete in the INFR by the official president and secretary of the member Region and proof of such certification must be filed with the INFR. 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 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.

**B1.2.11 A Members shall be disqualified** in all events from Tour or Region rodeos or for the remainder of the INFR and/or shall be fined **\$100.00** for a first offence and not more than **\$500.00** for each subsequent offence for any of the following infractions:

- (a) Non Payment of entry fees;
- (b) Bad Checks;
- (c) Failure to pay motel/hotel bills;
- (d) Rowdiness or quarreling in or around the arena;
- (e) Fighting in arena or around rodeo office area;
- (f) Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the arena or rodeo office area;
- (g) Mistreatment of stock, (personally owned or rodeo stock) in or around arena;
- (h) Cheating or attempting to fix, bribe, threaten, influence or harass, intimidate, assault or strike a judge, rodeo officials, INFR officials or representatives, contestant or spectator. The judges or officials will report any violation of these rules immediately to the INFR;
- (i) Conduct, speech or appearance detrimental to the best interest of the INFR;
- (j) Refusing to contest or turning out stock during any performance without a bonafide release. Member may be excused from competition only upon the approval of the judges and the INFR Commission. Failure to comply with this provision will subject the contestant for consideration of disqualification from competing at the subsequent INFRs and fined an amount not to exceed \$500;
- (k) 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 CONTESTANTS**

**B2.0 General.** The age limit to participate in junior events is fifteen (15) years as at January 1, of any Rodeo year.

**B2.1 Junior Memberships.** Junior memberships are purchased from the Region.

**B2.1.2 Junior contestants** that participate in major events must purchase a Tour or Region membership.

**B2.1.3 Junior Tour Member.** Where a junior contestant purchases an Tour membership, such Member will be entitled to compete in junior events at both Tour and Region rodeos without having to purchase a junior membership from any Region. A junior barrel racing contestant may compete on the same horse in the senior barrel racing.

**B2.1.4 Junior Event Rules.** Rules for all junior events shall be the same as major events except as otherwise specified by a Regions' rules for junior events.

### **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 \$100.00 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 shirt with a collar and cowboy boots in the arena, with the following exceptions: clowns, bullfighters, and barrelmen who must wear appropriate footwear, clothing, and headgear that is 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. 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.

**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.

**B3.2.3 Rowdiness or Quarreling in the Arena.** Rowdiness or quarreling in the arena shall result in a fine of not more than \$500.00 dollars for the first offense, with the amount of the fine doubling for each subsequent offense.

**B3.2.4 Contestant Not Ready to Perform.** In any event, a contestant not ready when called during a performance or section of slack will be fined \$100.00 for each and every offense and/or may be disqualified from the rodeo where the offense is committed for any third and subsequent time.

### **B3.2.5 Turnouts**

**B3.2.5.1 Turnout in Slack.** Failure to notify of turnout during the slack shall result in a fine of \$100.00.

**B3.2.5.2 Mount-Out Charges.** Any contestant who turns out in an INFR rodeo may be subject to a \$100.00 mount-out charge per head of stock, per event, per go-round, except for doctor released or visibly injured contestants. Substitutes will be paid \$200.00 per head on all animals mounted out or run during that rodeo, as indicated by the arena secretary's report.

**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. Disqualification in all events for the remainder of the rodeo. B. First offense: \$100.00 fine; Second and subsequent offenses: \$200.00 fine.

**B3.2.5.4 Failure to 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 INFR National Office 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 INFR CRES office not later than three hours before the rodeo. A copy of the Doctor's verification must then be faxed within seven days to the CRES office. In the event that no one is in the CRES office to take a call, a message must be left on the office messaging system.

**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 INFR National Office 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, and the like) 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 \$50.00 fine.

**B3.2.5.9 Entry Fees.** All entry fees must be paid in cash.

## **CHAPTER 4 POINTS AND STANDINGS**

**B4.0 Championship Points and Standings.** Subject to section **B4.1**, points will be awarded on a 10, 12 or 15 point system for Tour Rodeos. 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.

### **B4.1. Awarding of Tour Rodeo Points.**

**B4.1.1 Where the finals is a Top 10:** 10-1 points in each round (long and short/final) and 20-2 points for the average (10 or 20 points for 1<sup>st</sup> and on down to 1 or 2 points for 10<sup>th</sup> place, whatever the case may be).

**B4.1.2 Where the finals is a Top 12:** 12-1 points in each round (long and short/final) and 24-2 points for the average (12 or 24 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place on down to 1 or 2 points for 12<sup>th</sup> place, whatever the case may be).

**B4.1.3 Where the finals is a Top 15:** 15-1 points in each round (long and short/final) and 30-2 points for the average (15 or 30 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place on down to 1 or 2 points for 15<sup>th</sup> place, whatever the case may be).

**B4.1.4 Points for Tour rodeos with progressive rounds or two (2) full go rounds** will be the same as above (points for each round and double points in the average). In the event of a tie for a Tour Championship, the contestant with the most money won over the season shall be declared the Champion.

**B4.1.5 TIES:** In the event of a tie for the 10<sup>th</sup> and final position in the Tour standings, the contestant with the most money won over the season will qualify for the INFR.

### **B4.2 Awarding of Region Points**

**B4.2.1 Point System.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> place and 5 points is for 6<sup>th</sup> place. Six points shall always be awarded regardless if only four monies are paid.

**B4.2.2 Long and Short Go Rounds.** Where a Region rodeo has a long and short round, points shall be awarded as follows: Long round - full points (60 pts); short or finals round - ½ points (30pts); average - full points (60 pts).

**B4.2.4 Points for Region rodeos with progressive rounds or two (2) full go rounds** will be full points for each round and the average.

**B4.2.5 Ties.** In the event of a tie in points for a Region Championship, the contestant with the most money won over the season shall be declared the Champion.

**B4.3 Region Points from Tour Rodeos.** Points earned at a member's own Region Tour rodeo, besides receiving points for the Tour standings, shall receive Region points based on the 6 point system.

**B4.4 Team Roping Points and Co-Champions.** Separate points and standings shall be kept for headers and for heelers for Region rodeos. There shall be declared a Year-End champion header and a Year-end champion Heeler. Both champions shall be declared Co-Champions and shall qualify to the INFR as a team.

#### **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 major events where the required number of 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.

**B4.6 Non-Tour or Non-Region Card Contestant Placing in Tour or Region Rodeo.** Where a non-Tour or non-Region card contestant places at his/her own Region's Tour or Region rodeo as a permit contestant, no Tour or Region rodeo points will be awarded for that placing.

**B4.7 Official Tour and Region Rodeo Standings.** Tour and Region rodeo championship points, once tallied and audited shall be the Official Tour and Region rodeo Standings. Championship points won in a rodeo year shall be counted for that rodeo year only. Championship points won after the end of a rodeo year shall count towards Tour and Region rodeo Standing for the next rodeo year.

**B4.8 Basis of Standings.** Tour and Region Rodeo standings will be tabulated based on the official results of each Tour or Region Rodeo.

**B4.9 Official Tour and Region Rodeo Secretary.** The INFR shall be the official rodeo secretary for all Tour Rodeos. Region secretaries in association with committee secretaries shall be the official rodeo secretaries for all Region rodeos.

**B4.10 Permits.** A non-member contestant will be allowed a one-time Permit to compete either at his/her Region's Tour or Region rodeo, but not both, without having to purchase a Tour or Region membership. A 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, payable in U.S. funds, goes to the INFR.

## **CHAPTER 5 INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO (INFR)**

**B5.0 General.** There shall be an Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) held annually on dates to be fixed by the INFR Commission in all of the 8 major events including bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, ladies barrel racing, and ladies break-away roping. The INFR shall be directed and produced by the INFR Commission.

### **B5.1 Qualification of Contestants to INFR.**

**B5.1.1 Number of Contestants.** "30" contestants per event, or a number proportionate to the number of Regions and Tour Rodeos, shall be allowed to compete at the INFR in the 8 major events of bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, ladies barrel racing, and ladies break-away roping and 30 teams in the team roping. The 10 first place finishers and the 10 Sudden Death Region Finals Champions in each major event in each Region, or a number equal to the number of Regions, and the top 10 finishers from the Official Tour Rodeo standings will qualify to the INFR.

**B5.1.2 Tour Rodeo Qualifiers.** The top 10 Tour rodeo contestants, as ranked by the Official Tour Rodeo standings in each of the 8 major events shall qualify to the INFR. INFR qualifiers must confirm their participation in the INFR and must be financially eligible and competition eligible at the time of confirmation. If an INFR qualifier is unable to compete in the INFR, the next highest ranked contestant shall be invited to compete in the INFR, provided he is financially eligible and competition eligible. This process shall be repeated until the requisite number of contestants have confirmed participation in an event.

**B5.1.2.1 Tour Rodeo Team Roping Qualifiers.** Notwithstanding **B5.1.2** but subject to **B5.1.4**, the team roping qualifiers shall be the top 10 headers and the top 10 heelers as ranked by the official Tour rodeo standings. The top headers and heelers shall team up among themselves as the contestants choose until all 10 teams are made up. If a contestant refuses to rope with any of the 10 contestants to make up all of the teams, the refusing contestant shall be withdrawn from eligibility from the INFR and the next eligible contestant in the standings shall move up to fill the vacated position. Qualifiers, while confirming their participation in the INFR, must also confirm their partners and both contestants must be financially eligible and competition eligible at the time of confirmation.

**B5.1.3 Region Qualifiers to INFR.** The Year-end champions in each Region in each of the 8 major events shall qualify to the INFR. The Sudden Death/Finals champions in each Region in each of the 8 major events shall qualify to the INFR. In the event a contestant is both the Year-end Champion and the Sudden Death/Finals champion he/she is required to take his/her Sudden Death/Finals seat to qualify to the INFR. The Reserve Year-end champion then becomes the Year-end qualifier to the INFR.

**B5.1.3.1 Region Team Roping Qualifiers.** Notwithstanding **B5.1.3**, the respective year end co-champions in heading and heeling, as described in **B4.4**, and sudden death finals champions from each Region shall qualify to the INFR as teams and cannot split up unless one of the partners is unable to compete at the INFR whatsoever at which time the remaining partner will be allowed to pick the next respective qualifying contestant as his partner to the INFR.

**B5.1.4 Exception to Team Roping INFR Qualification.** Where a team roper has qualified to the INFR through the Tour Standings but his usual partner did not, but he and his usual partner have qualified as the Year-end co-champions, he may elect to forego his Tour qualification and choose to take his Year-End qualification with his co-champion. In the event this same team roper is also a Region Finals/Sudden Death champion, in addition to his Year-end championship, he can still forego his Tour qualification but must, pursuant to section **B5.1.3**, take his Finals/Sudden Death qualification with his Sudden Death/Finals champion partner. The Reserve Year-end Champion(s) then become the Year-end qualifier(s) depending on the vacancy (if a vacancy occurs in either heading or healing, the next respective qualifying contestant becomes qualified to the INFR).

**B5.1.5 Foregoing Tour Qualification.** In the event team ropers choose to forego Tour qualifications for those purposes outlined in **B5.1.4**, the next contestant(s) in the Tour Standings will correspondingly move up in the standings until the 10 qualifying positions are filled. Tour qualifiers cannot withdraw as a team to take up a Year-end or Finals/Sudden Death qualification. A contestant cannot qualify as both a header and healer at any one INFR. All team roping qualification rules otherwise continue to apply.

**B5.1.6 Confirmation of Participation.** Each Contestant who is an Tour Rodeo qualifier shall confirm with the INFR office that he/she will participate in the INFR no later than five (5) business days following notification of qualification. Entry fees shall be paid at time of confirmation. Failure by a qualifier to confirm his/ her participation complete with entry fees within the time required shall result in disqualification from competing at the INFR. Region

Presidents/Secretaries shall provide the list of qualifiers with entry fees to the INFR office no later than the date prescribed above for confirming participation in the INFR.

**B5.1.7 Eligibility for World Championships.** All contestants competing at the INFR are eligible to win World Championships. INFR Championships are determined on a sudden death basis.

**B5.1.8 Failure to Participate in the INFR.** Any financially eligible and competition eligible contestant who confirms participation in the INFR and fails to appear at the INFR will forfeit any trophies awarded in the Tour rodeos and will be subject to a \$500.00 fine unless, in its sole discretion, the INFR Commission determines such contestant had a valid and justifiable reason for not appearing at which time the penalty or penalties may be modified.

**B5.1.9 Prize Money.** Equal prize money may be paid at the INFR in all events so long as the other entities and events involved in the INFR will not see a reduction in the amounts budgeted for their events under the current INFR contract. Any budget adjustments must be agreed to in writing

**B5.1.10 INFR All-Around Champions.** There shall be named a Men's All-Around Champion and a Ladies All-Around Champion at the INFR. The All-Around Champion in both categories shall be the contestant with the most points competing in two or more events. In the event a contestant competing in two or more events fails to earn points in two or more events, then the All-Around Champion shall be the contestant earning the most points regardless if he/she places in two or more events. In the event of a tie in either category, the contestant earning the most money shall be named the All-Around Champion.

**B5.1.11 INFR GROUND RULES.** There shall be approved by the INFR Commission Ground Rules for the INFR Rodeo. The Ground Rules shall prevail over these Bylaws and Rules only to the extent of any conflict that may arise at the INFR Rodeo.

#### **B5.2.1 Applications by Officials**

**B5.2.1.1 Secretaries.** Applications for rodeo secretary shall be submitted to the INFR office not later than July 1 of each rodeo year. All candidates must be financially eligible and membership eligible.

**B5.2.1.2 Timers.** Application for timers shall be submitted to the INFR office not later than July 1, of each rodeo year. All candidates must be financially eligible and membership eligible.

**B5.3.2 Negotiate Contracts.** The INFR Commission shall negotiate any and all contracts and leases necessary or desirable to further the INFR.

## **CHAPTER 6 REGIONS**

**B6.0 General Principles.** The Region system is a move on the part of the INFR Commission to encourage greater participation and interest in rodeo through a championship system at the Region level and a World Championship at the INFR level. To that end, the United States and Canada are geographically divided into 10 member Regions of the INFR which are detailed on the map attached as Appendix “A”. In that regard, there shall never be more than 14 INFR Regions at any one time, unless otherwise determined by the INFR Commission.

**B6.1 Rodeo Approvals Only in Own Region.** A Region cannot approve or sanction a rodeo in another Region’s boundaries nor will there be any multi or dual sanctioning of Region rodeos.

**B6.2 Board of Directors.** There shall be elected a Board of Directors, including Officers, for each Region consisting of a number to be determined by the Region and who shall be elected for 2 year terms by its Region Members in accordance with these Bylaws and Rules respecting the qualification of members. A person running for office as a director or is a director must have a subsisting membership with the Region in which he/she is a director or is intending to seek office. The years in which officials are elected may be staggered. In the event a Region fails to provide for an election of directors, the INFR reserves the right to commence to conduct such elections. The costs incurred by the INFR in conducting any election shall be borne by the Region.

**B6.2.1 Director in Other Region.** A member cannot be a director of a Board or an event director of another Region other than his/her own declared Region.

**B6.3 List of Directors to be filed with INFR.** Regions shall file with the INFR office, on an annual basis, a list of its directors and officers, the date they were elected and the date of the next election of directors and officers. The list filed with the INFR office is the list of record confirming the directors and officers of a Region until the INFR is otherwise so notified.

**B6.3 Region Designation.** Each Tour or Region member shall, at the time of payment of dues, designate a Region which shall be considered his/her home Region for purposes of forwarding the required portion of the membership fee back to that Region. In the event a Region is not designated, the INFR shall designate the Region to be where the member’s mailing address is located. A change in Region designation cannot be made once a member’s Region is confirmed.

**B6.3.1 Region Designations:**

- Region 1 – IRCA- Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association
- Region 2 – WSIRA- Western States Indian Rodeo Association
- Region 3 – UIRA- United Indian Rodeo Association
- Region 4 – RMIRA- Rocky Mountain Indian Rodeo Association
- Region 5 – NPIRA- Northern Plains Indian Rodeo Association
- Region 6 – NNRCA- Navajo Nation Rodeo Cowboys Association
- Region 7 – GPIRA- Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association
- Region 10 – NANCA- Northern Alberta Native Cowboys Association

Region 12 – SWIRA- Southwest Indian Rodeo Association  
Region 13 – EIRA- Eastern Indian Rodeo Association

**B6.3.2 Discrepancy in Region Designation.** Any discrepancy in the designated Region of record of a Tour or Region member must be brought to the attention of the INFR office by the member or Region so affected within 30 days of the date of payment of membership dues.

**B6.4 Region Finals.** Each Region shall host a Sudden Death Region Finals in a format to be determined by the Region. The Region Finals shall be governed by these Bylaws and Rules and a Region’s own official Finals Ground Rules, so long as the Ground Rules do not conflict with these Bylaws and Rules. A Region Finals is deemed a finals: where contestants qualify as determined by the Region; it is a sudden death format; the resulting Finals/Sudden Death champions qualify to the INFR (as distinguished from Year-end champions); and it is not counted as one of the 6 Region “rodeos” defined and required in the INFR-REGION Agreement.

**B6.4.1 Region Finals Contestants.** Each Region Finals may have any number of contestants as determined by the Region. The contestants must be financially eligible and competition eligible, and must officially qualify to enter the Region Finals in accordance with these Bylaws and Rules.

**B6.4.2 Required Region Finals Participation Rule.** To qualify for a Region Sudden Death Finals, a contestant must: be a member of that Region or is a Tour member; have competed in 50% of that Region’s rodeos; be financial and membership eligible; and must have qualified through that Regions’ season standings as required in these Bylaws and Rules.

## **B6.5 Contract Personnel**

**B6.5.1 Selection and Qualification.** Contract Personnel at the Sudden Death Finals shall be selected and approved by the Region directors and officers in accordance with these Bylaws and Rules.

## **CHAPTER 7 APPROVAL OF TOUR RODEOS**

### **B7.1 Application for Tour Rodeos**

**B7.1.1 Region’s 1<sup>st</sup> Tour Rodeo.** A Region Tour Rodeo Committee must submit an application on the appropriate official INFR approval form for its 1<sup>st</sup> Tour Rodeo to the INFR office 30 days prior to the date of scheduled Tour Rodeo.

**B7.1.2 Second Tour Rodeo.** A Region has the option of hosting a “second” Tour Rodeo under the same terms and conditions as prescribed in **B7.1.1**. A second Tour rodeo may be held on the same dates as a 1<sup>st</sup> Tour rodeo’s dates so long as the Finals/Short Go-rounds are not held on the same day.

**B7.1.3** All Tour Rodeo applications must receive the approval of the Region Board of Directors and must be signed by an Officer of the Region before they are submitted to the INFR for approval. The INFR may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny the application. In evaluating whether to approve or deny an application, the INFR may rely on any factors which it deems appropriate.

**B7.1.2 Multi-Year Tour Rodeo Approval.** A Region Tour Rodeo Committee may apply for INFR approval of its Tour rodeo for up to two (2) years, provided the Region Board of Directors approves such an application in writing, the Region Tour Rodeo Committee complies with all requirements as set out in these Bylaws and Rules and in the application form.

**B7.1.2.1 Multi-Year Tour Rodeo Applications.** Multi-year applications for a Tour Rodeo must be applied for on a separate multi-year approval form available from the INFR office. Subject to any penalties prescribed for in the application form, the Region Tour Rodeo Committee shall be responsible to notify the INFR office immediately in the event of any changes to the format of a rodeo or information set forth in the original application.

**B7.1.2.2 Purse Money.** The minimum purse money for a Tour Rodeo is \$2000.00 with a minimum entry fee of \$100.00 to a maximum of \$250.00. Entry Fees to be set in accordance with the following table:

\$2000-\$2499 added purse = Top 10 Finals: Entry Fees: \$100-\$150

\$2500-\$3999 added purse = Top 12 Finals: Entry Fees: \$150-\$200

\$4000+ added purse = Top 15 Finals: Entry Fees: \$200-\$250

Subject to the penalties prescribed for in the application form, any departure from these entrance fee guidelines must receive the approval of the INFR, in writing, at time of application.

**B7.2 Position Changes Due to Region Finals.** A contestant may request a position change at no more than one Tour Rodeo that conflicts with a Region Finals, provided the contestant adheres to the following:

- a. Contestant must request position consideration at time of entry.
- b. Only those contestants affected by the conflict and who qualified for the Region Finals rodeo will be changed.

**B7.3 Entries with Central Entry.** All entries for a Tour Rodeo shall be taken by the INFR's designated Central Entry Office. Contestants are allowed a first and second preference when entering, but none are guaranteed as a rotation system shall be used. Contestants are allowed to enter up to four people in a buddy system, but these are also not guaranteed.

**B7.4 Tour Rodeo Committee Procedures.**

**B7.4.1 Office for Committee and INFR Secretaries.** The Tour Rodeo Committee shall provide office space for INFR Rodeo Secretaries. The office facilities shall have electricity, a dedicated telephone with a telephone number, and must have adequate space, shelter and security.

**B7.4.2 Compensation for Contract Personnel.** Although the INFR Commission has not established a minimum amount to pay contract personnel, the INFR expects each rodeo committee to fairly compensate contract personnel. Factors, among others, to be utilized when determining fair compensation shall be the size of the rodeo, number of contestants, number of performances, and the like.

**B7.5 INFR Tour Rodeo Secretary.** The INFR shall provide the Rodeo Secretary for all Tour Rodeos at no cost to the Rodeo Committee who will be responsible to, among other things, collect entry fees, prepare judges cards, officially record times and scores, prepare payouts and do payouts, provide official results to the INFR office at the conclusion of the rodeo, and generally to perform all of the duties of a Rodeo Secretary. The INFR Rodeo Secretary shall work in co-operation and in conjunction with the Committee Secretary.

## **RULES**

### **CHAPTER 1 OFFICIAL RODEO RULES**

**R1.1 Official Rodeo Rules.** The rules governing the fairness, competition and conduct at Tour and Region rodeos, the safety of contestants and livestock and the definition of rodeo events shall be referred to as the **Official Rodeo Rules** (hereinafter the “Rules”). The Rules shall have the weight and legal effect of the Bylaws of the INFR provided that in the event of a conflict between a Bylaw and a Rule, the Bylaw shall prevail.

**R1.2 Amendment of Rules.** The Rules may be amended from time to time as deemed appropriate by the INFR Commission.

### **RODEO ENTERIES FOR TOUR AND REGION RODEOS**

#### **R1.3 Central Entry Office**

**R1.3.1 Entries.** All entries for Tour Rodeos shall be taken by the INFR Central Entry Office. No entry shall be taken without a proper INFR number.

**R1.3.2 Entries for Region Rodeos.** All entries for Region Rodeos shall be taken by the Region rodeo office. No entry shall be taken without a proper INFR number.

#### **R1.4 Entry in Approved Tour or Region Rodeo**

**R1.4.1 Must Be Eligible to Enter.** To enter an approved Tour or Region rodeo, a contestant must be financially eligible and competition eligible at time of entries. A contestant who is not financially eligible at time of entries cannot enter until all outstanding financial obligations are paid prior to entry closing time.

**R1.4.2 Valid, Correct Membership Numbers.** Contestants must have valid and correct INFR membership number when entering.

**R1.4.3. Unauthorized Use of Membership Number.** The unauthorized use of another Member's membership number for an unauthorized purpose shall result in a fine of not less than \$250.00 for the first offense, with the amount of the fine progressively doubling for each subsequent offense.

**R1.4.4 Enter by Entry Closing Time.** All entries for Tour and Region rodeos must be received by entry closing time. The entry closing times appearing in the long listings of the INFR Newsletter or Website or any official poster posted by the rodeo committee shall be the official entry closing times and shall supersede any other information appearing elsewhere.

**R1.4.5 Commitment to Pay Entry Fees and Additional Charges.** Unless drawn out due to ineligible or inactive status or due to failure to meet qualifications, contestants without a legitimate doctor release or draw-out are committed to paying entry fees and related charges at all Tour and Region rodeos entered.

**R1.4.6 Drawing Out.** Contestants are allowed to draw out without penalty anytime before the scheduled call back closing time.

**R1.4.7 Duplicate or Multiple Entries.** To avoid duplicate or multiple entries, the first entry parameters will be the only entry accepted.

**R1.4.8 Team Roping Entries.** Team ropers must enter as a team and a single entry will not be taken. The Tour Rodeo Committee may, at its discretion and with the approval of the INFR, allow contestants to enter twice where the purse money is equal. Otherwise, contestants may enter twice when the purse is not equal.

## **R1.5 Official Entries.**

**R1.5.1. Championship Points.** Only points won at approved Tour or Region rodeos will count for Tour and Region championship points.

### **R1.5.2 Procedure Where All Contestants in a Go-Round Turn Out, Draw Out or Doctor Release (With At Least One Contestant Competing In Another Go-Round).**

In the case that all contestants in a given go-round of a multiple go-round rodeo turn out, draw out, or doctor release, and at least one contestant competes in at least one other go-round of that rodeo, prize money for the go-round in which no contestant competed will revert to the average payoff.

### **R1.5.3 Procedure Where No Contestants Enter a Major Event or All Contestants in a Go-Round Turn Out, Draw Out or Doctor Release (With No Competitions Occurring In Another Go-Round).**

In the case where no contestants enter a major event or all contestants in a one go-round rodeo turn out, draw out, or doctor release, or in the case where all contestants turn out, draw out, or doctor release from all go-rounds of a multiple go-round rodeo, the added

prize money for that event shall revert back to the Rodeo Committee, and the entry fees for that event, in addition to any applicable fines, shall revert to the INFR for a Tour rodeo and to the Region for a Region rodeo.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **RODEO APPROVAL AND ADMINISTRATION FEES AND OTHER CHARGES**

**R2.1 Rodeo Approval Fee for Tour Rodeos.** The Rodeo Approval fee for all Tour rodeos shall be 6% of the Total Prize Money which shall be split equally between the Region and the INFR (3% each). The INFR's portion of this fee will be used to off-set the guaranteed payout. Total Prize Money is the purse plus paid entrance fees.

**R2.2 Rodeo Approval Fee for Region Rodeos.** The Rodeo Approval fee for all Region rodeos shall be 5% of the Total Prize Money. This fee goes to the Region.

**R2.3 Stock and Administration Charges (Including Central Entry Fee) at Tour and Region Rodeos.** At all Tour and Region Rodeos there shall be added a **one-time Administration fee of \$10.00 and a \$10.00 Stock Charge per event in addition to entry fees for each contestant.** The Administration Fee for Tour rodeos go to the INFR and to the Region for Region Rodeos. **The Administration Fee includes the central entry fee (CRES) and a separate fee cannot be added.** Stock charges go to the Rodeo Committee. Barrel racers shall be charged a one-time electric eye charge of \$10.00 instead of a stock charge in accordance with **R7.10.12.**

**R2.4 Building/Facility Fee.** A reasonable building or facility fee may be charged for a Tour rodeo if stated in the tour rodeo application. Region rodeos may charge this fee where the rodeo is held indoors and only between the months of October and April.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **PAYOFF AT TOUR AND REGION RODEOS**

**R3.1 Total Prize Money.** Purse money and entrance fees (the Total Prize Money) must be totaled before splitting for go-rounds and average payouts.

**R3.2 Average Paid.** There will always be an average paid if there is more than one (1) go-round.

**R3.3 Average Placing.** At Tour or Region rodeos with an average, a contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him/her in every round to place in the average.

### **GO-ROUND AND AVERAGE SPLITS**

**R3.4 Two Go-rounds.** At Tour or Region rodeos where there are two (2) full go-rounds or two (2) head of stock, the average will be the same as the go-round and split as follows: 33.3% of the total prize money per each go-round and 33.3% of the total prize money for the average.

**R3.5 Long and Short Round.** At Tour or Region rodeos where there is one (1) go-round (long go-round) and a final (short go-round) and an average, the total prize money will be split as follows: 40% for the long go-round; 20% for the short go-round; 40% for the average.

### **R3.6 PAY-OUT/MONEY SPLITS**

**R3.6.1 Tour Rodeos.** Notwithstanding how points are awarded as prescribed in the By-Laws, the payout in all events at Tour Rodeos shall be as follows:

PER GO-ROUND (after Total Prize Money is divided into go-rounds):

Four places:

Riding Events: \$0-\$2999 pays four places

Timed Events: \$0-\$2999 pays four places

Split as follows: 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%.

Six Places:

Riding Events: \$3000-\$5999 pays six places

Timed Events: \$3000-\$6999 pays six places

Split as follows: 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, and 5%

Eight Places (capped at eight):

Riding Events: \$6000+ pays eight places

Timed Events: \$7000+ pays eight places

Split as follows: 23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 8%, 5%, and 2%

**R3.6.2 Region Rodeos.** Notwithstanding how points are awarded as prescribed in the By-Laws, the payout in all events at Region rodeos shall be as follows:

PER GO ROUND (after total prize money is divided into go-rounds)

Four Places:

Total Prize money = \$2999.00 or less pays **four** places

Split as follows: 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%

Six Places (capped at six place payouts):

Total Prize money = \$3000.00 or more pays **six** places

Split as follows: 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, and 5%

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEE REFUND**

**R4.1 No Refund of Entry Fees Once a Contestant Has Competed.** A contestant's entry fees will not be returned if that contestant has competed once in an event during a rodeo. If the contestant is entered in other events in which he/she is unable to compete and has not yet competed, the entry fees for those events will be returned.

**R4.2 Exception in Case of Injury in First Go-Round Where a Rerun/Re-ride is Due.** If a contestant is injured while competing in the first go-round of an event and has not been disqualified up to the point of injury, his entry fees will be refunded if a re-ride or rerun is due in that event.

**R4.3 No Draw Outs Due to Postponed Performances.** Contestants will not be permitted to draw out because of a postponed performance.

## **CHAPTER 5 HUMANE TREATMENT OF RODEO ANIMALS**

**R5.0 General.** These rules are intended to enforce the humane treatment of rodeo animals and shall be in effect for Tour and Region rodeos and any other INFR sanctioned events. No animal shall be treated inhumanely.

**R5.1 Sore, Lamé, Sick or Injured Animal.** Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight, shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or incapacitated 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 INFR Official Rodeo Rules.

**R5.2 Humane Removal of Injured Animal.** Any injured livestock shall be humanely removed from the arena before continuing the rodeo contest or performance.

**R5.3 Rowels.** No locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, may be used on bareback or saddle bronc horses. Spurs must be dulled. Violation of this rule shall result in a fine of \$250.00.

**R5.4 No Sharp Objects in Cinch, Saddle, Girth or Flank Straps.** No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle girth, or flank straps shall be permitted. Flank straps used for horses must be either sheepskin-lined or neoprene lined and shall be of quick-release type. Sheepskin-lined or neoprene lined flank straps shall be placed on the animal so the lined portion is over both flanks of the animal. In the bull riding, a soft cotton rope at least 5/8" in diameter is acceptable as a flank strap and does not require the sheepskin or neoprene lining.

### **R5.5 Arena.**

**R5.5.1 Construction of Chutes.** Chutes must be constructed in a manner so as to prevent injury to an animal. Maintenance men and equipment shall be available to assist in removal of any animal should it become necessary.

**R5.5.2 Conditions of Arena.** The arena shall be as free as possible of rock, holes and unnecessary obstacles.

**R5.5.3 No Small Animals.** No small animals or pets allowed in the arena unless part of a contract act.

**R5.5.4 Removal of Livestock after Competition.** Livestock must be removed from the arena after each competition is completed.

**R5.5.5 Tie-down Roping.** In tie-down roping, calves may not be intentionally flipped backwards. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Rope is to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after tie is approved. Roping calves must be strong and healthy.

**R5.5.6 Abuse of Animal.** If a member abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, he/she may be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo and fined \$250.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each offense thereafter. Judges will immediately inform the announcer that the contestant has been disqualified and spectators will be informed of the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness against livestock.

**R5.5.7 Mistreatment of Animal.** Any member found guilty of mistreatment of livestock anywhere on the rodeo grounds shall be fined \$250.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with any offense thereafter.

**R5.5.8 Apparent Injury during Competition.** Should a riding event animal show evidence of injury inflicted by the contestant during competition, that contestant will be fined \$250.00 for the first offense and \$500.00 for the second offense. For the third and subsequently reported offense, contestant will immediately be declared ineligible to compete for 30 days following the incident. The number of offenses reported for a particular contestant will be start afresh with each rodeo year.

## **CHAPTER 6 RIDING EVENTS**

**R6.0 Stock to be Drawn.** All rough stock at Tour and Region rodeos must be drawn for at least 2 hours before commencement of rodeo or the short go-round or Finals at a rodeo having a finals. Failure for the contractor to provide a stock list to be drawn from for each rough stock event in the time prescribed will result in a fine of \$100.00 on the stock contractor. Failure to draw for stock at a finals shall result in a fine of \$100 each on the Contractor, the Judges and the Rodeo Committee.

**R6.1 Markings.** The rider and animal are to be marked separately. Rider will be marked according to how much rider spurs the animal. Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from zero to 25 per judge on both bucking animal and rider. By using the full spread, the total may reach a maximum of 100 points.

**R6.2. Timing.** All riding events shall be timed for eight seconds, that time to start when animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute gate. All riding event contestants must complete the eight-second qualification limit to be eligible for a marking.

**R6.3 Judges' Official Markings.** Judges in the riding events at all INFR rodeos will submit to the arena secretary their markings for all events for that performance immediately following the completion of the performance. These markings shall be termed the official markings when posted and/or verified by the Judge and may not be changed once submitted.

**R6.4 Use of Flags to Indicate Disqualification.** Rodeo judges will use flags to indicate a disqualification violation. Judges are to also indicate disqualification violations by hand signals.

**R6.5 Holding On To The Gate.** Any riding event contestant who holds on to the chute gate, thus preventing the gate from being opened, after he has indicated he is ready will be disqualified.

#### **R6.6 General Rules for Bareback and Saddle Bronc.**

**R6.6.1 Spur out Rule.** To qualify for a marking, bareback or saddle bronc rider must have the rowels of the spurs touching the horse above the break of the shoulders when the horses' front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.

**R6.6.2 Stalled Horse.** If a horse stalls in the chute, either judge shall tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the spur out rule will be waived.

**R6.6.3 Disqualification for Failing to Abide By Rule.** Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute.

**R6.6.4 Foul at the Gate.** If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate, the spur out rule will be waived.

#### **R6.7 Re-rides.**

**R6.7.1 Contestant May Not Influence Judge.** Contestants shall not influence the judges by asking for a re-ride at any time. Violation of this rule will result in a fine.

**R6.7.2 Judge Shall Inform Contestant of His Options.** If a re-ride is given, the judge shall inform contestant of his marking, and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse the re-ride and take the marking. Contestant must notify judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option upon learning which animal would be used as a re-ride and the time of the re-ride.

#### **R6.7.3 Circumstances Warranting a Re-ride.**

**R6.7.4 Discretion of Judge.** Re-rides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible rerides include the following: if an animal stops or fouls rider, stock contractor's equipment fails, performance of animal is inferior or, if by stock contractor's or flank-man's own admission, the flank-man did not flank the animal properly. No reride will be given if a contestant's own equipment breaks.

**R6.7.5 Chute-Fighting Animal.** If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to call for the animal, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.

**R6.7.6 Flank Breaks in Bareback Riding.** Rider may be given a re-ride on same horse if flank comes off or breaks. A bareback rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off.

**R6.7.7 Flank or Halter Failure in Saddle Bronc Riding.** A saddle bronc rider may have the option of a reride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off. If a flank comes off, rider may have re-ride on same horse. If halter breaks, rider may have a reride, provided contestant has made a qualified ride up to the time the halter breaks, and provided that the halter does not belong to the contestant.

**R6.7.8 Animal Deliberately Throws Itself.** If, in the opinion of the judges, an animal deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have the choice of the same animal again or he may have an animal drawn for him from the re-ride animals.

**R6.7.9 Bull Riders Knocked Off at the Chute, or Bull Falls.** Riders who are knocked off at the chute, or whose bull falls, shall be entitled to a re-ride.

**R6.7.10 Flank Comes Off a Bull.** A bull rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal, and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off. The re-ride may be given on the same animal, if the stock contractor is willing, on a re-ride animal, if so requested by the contestant.

## **R6.8 Bareback Riding.**

**R6.8.1 One-Handed Rigging.** Riding shall be done with one-handed rigging.

**R6.8.2 Rigging Requirements.** Rigging shall be leather and shall not be more than 10 inches in width at the hand-hold and not over 6 inches wide at the D ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in

the D ring. Riggings will use a standard D ring to be set to sit flat on a horse's back when cinched. No freaks will be allowed. Only rawhide may be used under the body of the handhold.

There will be no rawhide restrictions with the exception of no rawhide may be within 1 inch of the back of the rigging body excluding the D ring wrap which may be no more than 2 inches up from the bottom of the body. The rigging body must also be spread 9 inches apart at the back of the rigging 4 inches down from the center. The handle bars under the rigging body must be tapered down to at least 1/4 inch at the end of the handle bar.

**R6.8.3 Cinches and Latigos.** Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair or neoprene and shall be at least 8 inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch D rings. Latigos must be of leather only.

**R6.8.4 No Quick Trips.** No quick trips are allowed on bareback riggings.

**R6.8.5 Rider's Glove.** The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges or gimmicks. An extra piece of leather may be used at the base of the little finger only. It must be on the inside of the glove and is not to extend out from the seam more than 5/8 inch and can be no more than 5/8 inch thick.

**R6.8.6 Use of Palm Piece.** A palm piece may be used in glove, which will be at east 1 inch wide and 3 inches long, and must be glued in.

**R6.8.6 Use of Adhesives.** There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider's glove. Benzoin may be used.

**R6.8.7 Disqualification of Rider.** Any of the following shall disqualify a rider:

- A) Riding with rowels too sharp or locked;
- B) Being bucked off; touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand;
- C) Rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking;
- D) Violating the spur out rule;
- E) Taking any kind of finger tuck, finger wrap, or use of finger tape. Violators shall be disqualified and may also be subject to a fine;
- F) If rider has been advised he is next to go, failing to be above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.

**R6.8.8 Spur Rowels.** Spur rowels must have five or more points. The first reported offense shall subject contestant to a warning; every offense thereafter shall result in an immediate fine.

**R6.8.9 Unable to Free Hand.** If, in the opinion of the pickup men and/or stock contractor, a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging after a qualified ride or after declaring by double grabbing, he shall be fined \$100. A contestant fouled or bucked off before or after the whistle will not be fined. Judges are required to report the offense.

**R6.10 Saddle Bronc Riding.**

**R6.10.1 Contestant Saddle Specifications.** All riding must be done with saddles that meet the following INFR specifications. Contestants not meeting these specifications will be disqualified and declared ineligible to compete for 30 days and subject to a fine:

A) Rigging: Three-quarter double; front edge of D ring must pull not further back than directly below center of point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring-type saddle D ring must be used, and cannot exceed 5-3/4 inches outside-width measurement.

B) Swell Undercut: Not more than 2 inches - 1 inch on each side.

C) Gullet: Not less than 4 inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.

D) Tree: Saddles must be built on INFR-approved tree and must conform to the following specifications, with a reasonable added thickness of 1/2 inch for leather covering:

Fork 14 inches wide

Height 9 inches maximum

Gullet 5-3/4 inches wide

Cantle 5 inches maximum height;

14 inches maximum width.

E) Stirrup Leathers: Must be hung over bars.

F) No freaks allowed. Front cinch on bronc saddles shall be mohair, and shall be at least 8 inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch D or rings. Latigos must be of leather only.

**R6.10.2 Standard Halter.** Stock contractors must furnish their own halters and contestants must use them, subject to approval of judges on fitness of halter. Halters must have adjustable nose bands. Standard halter must be used, unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.

**R6.10.3 Riding Rein.** Riding rein and hand must be on same side.

**R6.10.4 Saddling of Horses.** Horses shall be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either stock contractor or contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.

**R6.10.5 Disqualification of a Rider.** Any of the following shall disqualify a rider:

A) Changing hands on rein.

B) Losing or dropping rein before pre-designated time.

C) Wrapping rein around hand.

D) Losing stirrup.

E) Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.

F) Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, and/or rowels not dulled.

G) Violating the spur out rule.

H) If a rider who has been advised he is next to go, failing to be above the animal with his glove on, if used, when previous horse leaves arena.

**R6.10.6 Dry Resin may be used on chaps and saddle.** Anyone using any other foreign substance shall be disqualified and declared ineligible to compete for 30 days; also subject to fine. (The judges will examine clothing, saddle, rein and spurs, and exception will be made if local rules make it necessary for the covering of spur rowels.)

## **R6.11 Bull Riding.**

**R6.11.1 Riding:** Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold.

**R6.11.2 No Knots or Hitches.** No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves bull.

**R6.11.3 Bell.** Rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of bull.

**R6.11.4 No Hooks or Posts.** Hooks or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.

**R6.11.5 Ring.** A ring which is significantly larger than the width of the rope may be used on a bull rope. However, under no circumstance can a contestant use a ring and take a wrap. If a ring is used, no twists in the rope are allowed. The rope must go through the ring, then straight back across the palm. If the rope has not fallen from the bull before the bull goes to the catch pen, the rider may be subject to fine.

**R6.11.6 Requirements for Marking.** If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

**R6.11.7 Contestant May Request Ruling on Whether Bull Is Properly Flanked.** Contestant will have the right to request judges to determine whether or not the bull is properly flanked to buck to best of its ability.

**R6.11.8 No Bull Tails Under Flank Straps.** No bulls' tails will be allowed under flank straps.

**R6.11.9 Use of Horse Flanks in Bull Riding.** Horse flanks will be allowed in the bull riding provided that the tail of the flank strap is not long enough to touch the ground once pulled.

**R6.11.10 No Sharp Rowels.** Rider shall not use sharp spur rowels.

**R6.11.11 Pulling Contestant's Rope.** No more than two men may be on chute to pull contestants rope.

**R6.11.12 Horn Specifications.** No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been dulled and reduced to specifications set forth.

**R6.11.13 Disqualification of Rider:** Any one of the following shall disqualify a rider:

- A) Being bucked off.
- B) Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.
- C) Using sharp spurs, or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.

- D) Not having a bell on bull rope.
- E) When a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.
- F) Intentionally leaving the chute with spurs hooked or lodged in the bull rope loop(s).

## **CHAPTER 7 TIMED EVENTS**

**R7.0 Stock to be Drawn.** All timed event stock must be numbered and drawn for at all Tour and Region rodeos. It is the responsibility of the Judges to draw for stock at least 2 hours before commencement of the rodeo or finals where there is a short go round finals. Failure to draw for stock shall result in a fine of \$100.00 each on the Contractor, the Judges and the Rodeo Committee.

### **R7.1 Barrier Rules.**

**R7.1.2 Height.** The height of the barrier in timed events shall be from 32-36 inches, measured at the center of the box. Once the barrier height has been set for a rodeo that height must remain for the entire rodeo.

**R7.1.3 No Automatic Slack Catchers.** Automatic slack catchers may not be used.

**R7.1.4 Side Pull Barrier.** Barriers in the timed events can either be a pole pull or a side-pull barrier with pulley and neck rope pulling from side of chute.

**R7.1.5 Barrier Flag.** The barrier flag must be on the barrier instead of on the neck rope of the timed event cattle whenever possible.

**R7.1.6 Barrier Equipment.** The stock contractor of record for each rodeo or the rodeo committee, as agreed, shall be responsible for furnishing adequate barrier equipment.

### **R7.1.7 Chutes.**

**R7.1.8 Automatic Trip Gate.** All timed-event chutes shall have an automatic trip gate with horizontal bars, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Rodeo Administration and the timed event representatives.

**R7.1.9 Clearance.** The timed event chute must have at least 28 inches clearance inside the chute and at the gate when in an open position for steer wrestling and team roping.

**R7.1.10 Measuring Tape.** The stock contractor or rodeo committee shall ensure that an adequate measuring tape shall be on hand for the barrier judge.

**R7.1.11 Length of Timed Event Box.** Unless otherwise approved by the Director of Rodeo Administration, the box for each timed event must be at least 16 feet in length and both boxes must be the same length.

**R7.1.12 Lining for Timed Event Boxes.** In order to protect the contestant's horse, the back and the side opposite the timed event chute of timed event boxes shall either have a lower rail which is no less than 3 ft. above ground level and have no obstruction in the area from ground level up to the lower rail; or be lined from ground level up to a minimum of 3 ft. high with a solid panel (metal or no less than 3/4 thick plywood). Box pads are likewise required for each timed event box. Failure to do so shall result in a fine to the rodeo committee of \$200.00 per performance or section of slack.

## **R7.2 General: Judges' Responsibilities.**

**R7.2.1 Change Barrier String.** Barrier judge is responsible for changing barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next contestant.

**R7.2.2 Adjust Barrier Neck Rope.** Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier neck rope for each performance and section of slack, to assure the same start for contestants in each performance and section of slack. Barrier judge shall adjust the length of the neck rope when necessary.

**R7.2.3 Inspect Barrier Equipment.** Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the barrier judge shall determine whether the break was caused by the contestant. If contestant obviously beats barrier, or barrier rope is broken and string is unbroken, barrier judge may assess a 10-second penalty against the contestant.

**R7.2.4 Flag Start.** If a barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.

**R7.2.5 Prevent Tampering With Barrier Equipment.** Barrier judge shall ensure that no person can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.

**R7.2.6 Placement of Flag Judge.** Flag judge shall position himself for tie-down roping at the end of the arena, allowing him to come towards the roper. In steer wrestling and team roping, field judge shall place himself on the right-hand side of the timed-event box when facing the timed event chutes.

## **R7.3 General - Competition Rules.**

**R7.3.1 Score line.** Any score line over 18 ft. must be approved by the Director of Rodeo Administration at the time of rodeo approval. The judges have a discretion to set the score line in relation to the size of the arena.

**R7.3.2 Breaking Through Barrier.** Contestants shall start from behind a barrier. A 10-second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.

**R7.3.3 Breaking Plane of Barrier.** A contestant must be on his/her horse and his/her horse must break the plane of the barrier with his draw breaking the plane of the score line before he/she is allowed to compete.

**R7.3.4 Barrier Flag Must Operate.** In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.

**R7.3.5 Barrier Failure.** If barrier fails to work but the flag operates correctly and time is recorded, contestant or team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless barrier is obviously beaten by contestant.

**R7.3.6 Failure of Official Time to Start.** If official time has not started, contestant or team will receive stock which contestant originally drew if contestant has qualified on that stock. If barrier was obviously beaten, the barrier penalty will be applied to the rerun.

**R7.3.7 Contestant Is Fouled.**

**R7.3.8 Fouled by Barrier.** If, in the opinion of the barrier judge, a contestant is fouled by the barrier, the contestant shall be entitled to a rerun on his original stock, provided that contestant declares immediately.

**R7.3.9 Animal Which Escapes from Chute or Pen.** During any performance/slack, if an animal in a timed event escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestant, or if the flag fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during or immediately after the same performance or section of slack.

**R7.3.10 Ground Rule Where Extra Automatically Replaces Escaped Animal.** If a rodeo is specially approved with a ground rule whereby the extra in a paid performance automatically replaces an escaped animal, that escaped animal then becomes the extra for that pen and is returned to the herd for that run and subsequent runs.

**R7.3.11 Drawn Animal Becomes Sick or Crippled.** If an animal that is drawn in a pen in a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is competed on, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw. In that instance, that animal is to be removed from the draw (or herd) for the remainder of the rodeo. If the animal is injured prior to competition but the injury is not detected until after the run has started, contestant must declare immediately and must not compete on that animal. Contestant will receive a rerun on a different animal.

**R7.3.12 Animal Escaping From Arena.** In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop his flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive his original animal with a lap-and-tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10 second penalty for any jump or any loop used.

**R7.3.13 Escape With Rope on Animal.** If a rope is on animal when animal escapes from the arena, contestant will receive the same animal with a lap-and tap start, with the rope on it in chute. Any accumulated time shall be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10 second penalty for any jump or any loop used.

**R7.3.14 Contestant Must Make Effort at a Second Loop or Jump.** Contestant must make an effort at a second loop or jump or be flagged out automatically. Once a contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.

**R7.3.15 Time Not Recorded For Contestant With Another Loop or Jump Coming.** If time is not recorded when a field flagger flags out a contestant who has another loop or jump coming, the contestant has the option of taking the animal back, with a lap and tap start, with 10 seconds added to the new time.

**R7.3.16 Returning Animals.** An animal that must be returned will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during, or at the end of, that performance or section of slack. A minimum of three animals will be brought back together. The decision as to when stock will be rerun will be made by arena director.

**R7.3.17 Request for Change in Order of Performance.** If splitting of horses is necessary and contestant wishes to request a change in the performance competition order, such a request must be made to the arena secretary or the timed-event chute boss. Contestants can only be moved far enough to accommodate the split on a horse. Violation of this rule shall result in a fine.

**R7.3.18 Compete in Order Drawn.** In all sections of the timed events, the original position order must be maintained, unless contestants are riding the same horse and their positions must be split. In such case, the first contestant drawn for a position not riding this horse shall be moved up to the position to be split, unless the judges authorize a further split because of arena conditions.

**R7.3.19 No Consecutive Runs on Same Horse.** In timed events, provided there are other qualified horses on the rodeo grounds, no consecutive runs shall be allowed on the same horse, or horses, unless approval is granted by the arena director, arena boss and/or stock contractor.

**R7.3.20 Contestant May Dismiss Individuals from Box.** Within the confines of the timed-event box, it is the privilege of a contestant to dismiss someone from the box or have up to three persons in the box for assistance. He may instruct the judge to either remove or allow other people in the box.

**R7.3.21 Cattle Pusher.** The individual pushing the cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the chute until the animal has crossed the score line. Penalty for failure to abide by this rule will be a \$25.00 fine charged to the contestant.

**R7.3.22 Horses Allowed in Box.** Only the horses needed during actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any timed event. Offender is subject to a \$25.00 fine for the first offense, with that offense progressively doubling thereafter.

**R7.3.23 Recoiled or Rebuilt Rope.** In roping events, a dropped rope that must be recoiled and/or rebuilt shall be considered a thrown rope.

**R7.3.24 Neck Ropes Must Be Tied With String.** Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps, elastics or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.

**R7.3.25 Liners.** A liner must be used in the tie-down roping. Liner must maintain the same position for all competitions.

**R7.3.26 Judges and Timers.** There shall be at least two timers, a barrier judge and a field flag judge. Time shall be determined between two flags.

**R7.3.27 Competition Must Be From Same Box.** All timed-event contestants must compete from the same box designated for their event:

A) Team Roping - Header must start from left box (as viewed from the box facing the arena); Heeler must start from right box;

B) Steer Wrestling - Steer Wrestler must start from left box; Hazer must start from right box;

C) Tie-down Roping - right box must be used. (as viewed from the box facing the arena.)

**R7.3.28 Failure of Animal to Pull Neck Rope.** In the timed events, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and contestant (calf roper, steer wrestler and hazer, or header and heeler) remains behind the plane of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds, that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the miss-draw procedure.

## **R7.4 Arena Personnel.**

**R7.4.1 Interference by Arena Personnel.** If any arena personnel (pickup men, clowns, announcers, etc.) interfere with a timed event competition, the contestant may, at the discretion of the judge, receive a rerun providing he/she has made a qualified run up to the point of interference and contestant declares him/her self at time of interference.

## **R7.5 Score lines.**

**R7.5.1 Score line Lengths.** All score line lengths are to be set by the Judges and/or the arena director, in accordance with the official rodeo rules, unless otherwise approved at time of rodeo approval. In all cases, score line lengths of 18 feet or more must be approved at time of rodeo approval. The event representative or the judge may, at his discretion and prior to the start of the initial competition, approve the lengthening or shortening of the score line by no more than

1 foot over official rodeo rule guidelines depending on the size of the arena. Once the score line has been set, it shall not be changed at that rodeo, nor shall the length of the box be changed.

**R7.5.2 Tie-down Roping.** In the tie-down roping, at indoor rodeos, the length of score will be the length of the box minus 3 feet or, can be set at the discretion of the judge depending on the size of the arena. The minimum length of score at outdoor rodeos will be the length of the roping box minus 2 feet, or as determined by the judge in his discretion depending on the size of the arena.

**R7.5.3 Steer Wrestling.** In steer wrestling, at all rodeos, the score may be no longer than the length of the steer wrestling box minus five-and-a-half feet in the case of a steer wrestling box which is less than or equal to eighteen feet, or minus six feet in the case of a steer wrestling box which is greater than eighteen feet. The judge has the discretion to adjust the score line depending on the size of the arena.

**R7.5.4 Team Roping.** The minimum length of the team roping score line shall be the length of the box minus 2 feet. The judge has the discretion to adjust the score line depending on the size of the arena.

## **R7.6 Tie-down Roping.**

**R7.6.1 General Requirements.** Contestant must rope calf, dismount, throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three legs. To qualify as legal tie, there shall be at least one wrap around all three legs and a half-hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and be thrown by hand. If the roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls; calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Three legs must remain crossed and tied for six seconds, as timed by the judge, from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted, until approved by the judge. Roper must not touch calf after signaling that he is finished until after the judge has completed his examination. Rope must remain slack until field judge approves the tie. Unless instructed to do so by the judge, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the field judge. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after completion of tie, the six-second time period is to start when roper clears calf. Flag judge must watch calf during the six second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free, using the time shown on the watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify. If tie becomes illegal by calf kicking, or calf gets to his feet before tie has been approved by the judge, the roper will be marked no time.

**R7.6.2 Two Loops Permitted.** Two loops will be permitted, catch-as-catch-can, and should the roper miss with both, he must retire and will be marked no time. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. If roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and must use second rope for second loop.

**R7.6.3 Time Limit.** There will be a 25-second elapsed time limit in the tie-down roping. A whistle indicating no time shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 25-second span. Roping a calf after the 25-second whistle has sounded shall be an offense for mistreatment of animals.

This rule shall not apply to legal ties completed in less than 25 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 25 seconds.

**R7.6.4 No Dragging of Calf.** A neck rope must be used on the horse, in addition to keeper if keeper is used. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If the horse drags the calf at least five feet, field judge may stop horse. The fine for unintentionally dragging a calf five feet but less than ten feet shall be \$25.00. The fine for unintentionally dragging a calf ten feet or more shall be \$100.00. Intentionally dragging a calf, regardless of distance, shall result in a \$250.00 fine for each offense, plus possible disqualification. Intentional shall be defined as caused by contestant.

### **R7.7 Steer Wrestling.**

**R7.7.1 General Requirements.** After catching steer, wrestler must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist it down. If steer is accidentally knocked down, or thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back, with all four feet and head facing the same direction. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of catch and throw will be determined by the judges.

**R7.7.2 Loose Steer.** If steer gets loose after wrestler has jumped from the horse, wrestler may take no more than one step to catch steer.

**R7.7.3 Furnish Hazer and Horses.** Contestant must furnish own hazer and horses. Steer must be caught from horse. Only one hazer allowed.

**R7.7.4 No Assistance.** Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Contestant and hazer must use the same two horses with which they leave chute.

**R7.7.5 Addition of Fresh Steers.** Fresh steers may be added to the herd after they have been bulldogged from horseback and thrown down. It is the responsibility of steer wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.

**R7.7.6 Limit on Use of Steer Wrestling Cattle.** Cattle used for team roping or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.

**R7.7.7 After Completed Run.** Contestant is required to turn steers head so it can stand up after time has been recorded.

**R7.7.8 Time Limit.** There will be a 60-second elapsed time limit in the steer wrestling. A whistle indicating no time shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 60-second span. This rule shall not apply to legal throws completed in less than 60 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than the 60 seconds.

**R7.7.9 Fresh Steers Thrown Down if Missed in Competition.** If fresh steers are missed in the steer wrestling, any steer missed in competition must be thrown down immediately following the performance or section of slack in which the steer was drawn. Such steer shall be thrown down by a person appointed by the steer wrestling event representative. Each steer missed in competition is to be thrown no more than one time.

## **R7.8 Dally Team Roping.**

**R7.8.1 General Rules.** Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. If there are more than two go-rounds, each team will be allowed three throws in all. At all one go-round and two go round rodeos, only two loops per team shall be allowed (one loop at each end). Roping steers without turning loose the loop will be considered no catch. Roper must rope, dally and change direction of steer. Championship points in the header category will be awarded only to the contestant who entered as the header; likewise, Championship points in the heeler category will be awarded only to the contestant who entered as the heeler.

**R7.8.2 Header/Heeler Championship Points.** At rodeos where three loops are allowed, if the header (the contestant who starts from the header s box) misses with his first loop, and the heeler (the contestant who starts from the heeler s box) chooses to rope the head, any championship points won shall be counted toward the header championship point standings and the heeler championship point standings in accordance with the original header and heeler designation indicated at time of entry for that rodeo.

**R7.8.3 Barriers.** All headers shall start from behind a barrier. A 10-second penalty will be added for breaking or beating a barrier.

**R7.8.4 Requirements for Roping.** Field judge shall drop flag when steer is roped by its head and heels, and both horses are facing steer in line with ropes dallied and tight. Horse's front feet must be on ground and ropers must be mounted for flag to drop. Steer must be standing up when roped by head and heels. Heeler who is 55 years old or older is allowed to tie on. Tie on ropers must use a quick release on their ropes.

**R7.8.5 Throwing Heel Loop.** The direction of the steers body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded.

**R7.8.6 Steer Roped by One Horn.** If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to use his hands to remove loop or put loop over other horn or head.

**R7.8.7 Heeler Roping Front Foot.** If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be official.

**R7.8.8 Legal Head Catches.** There will be only three legal head catches:

- a) Around both horns.
- b) Half a head.
- c) Around the neck.

**R7.8.9 Illegal Head Catches.** The following shall be illegal head catches:

- a) If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other;
- b) If loop crosses itself in a head catch.
- c) If loop is in the steers mouth.

**R7.8.10 Heel Catches.**

**R7.8.11 Behind Both Shoulders.** Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.

**R7.8.12 One Hind Foot.** One hind foot receives a five second penalty.

**R7.8.13 Inspection of Catches.** Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges. If a field judge tells the header to hold the steer so the field judge may inspect the head catch, and the header does not do so, the team may receive a no-time.

**R7.8.14 Time Limit.** There will be a 30-second elapsed time limit in the team roping. A whistle indicating no time shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 30-second span. This rule shall not apply to legal catches completed in less than 30 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 30 seconds.

**R7.8.15 Partner Turns Out At a Tour Rodeo.** Where one partner is turning out or fails to show at a Tour Rodeo, whether or not the Rodeo Secretary has been notified, the remaining partner will be allowed to find a partner who is also entered in that rodeo. The Rodeo Secretary and judges must be notified **BEFORE** the team roping event commences and entry fees must be paid in full before contestants take their stock.

**R7.9 Equal Size and Weight of Timed Event Stock General.** All timed event stock must be of equal size and weight. The stock contractor will be subject to a fine if timed event stock is not equal such that it becomes an unfair competition (drawing contest).

**R7.10 Fresh Timed Event Stock.** All fresh timed event stock must be run down the arena before the commencement of the rodeo.

**R7.9 Ladies Break Away Roping**

**R7.9.1** There will be a 20 second time limit with the gate closed. There is no time limit at the finals or at any place where there is more than one head of stock.

**R7.9.2** There will be no reruns unless there is a barrier malfunction or flagging error.

**R7.9.3** Contestant will rope uniform muley cattle at all Tour and Region Rodeos.

**R7.9.4** Calves head must pass through the loop. The loop may draw up tight on any part of the calf's body behind the ears

**R7.9.5** One loop only will be carried in the ladies breakaway roping event, except at any rodeo in which there is an average, two loops will be allowed. A dropped loop is considered a thrown loop.

**R7.9.6** Ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with standardized string to be supplied by contestants or provided by the judges. Ropes must have a colorful cloth attached to them, no more than 6 inches from the horn. String must be broken by the animal or a No Time is assessed.

**R7.9.7** The judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the horn and time will be taken.

**R7.9.8** The contestant will receive a no time should she 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 her horse to make the rope break away.

**R7.9.9** Anything not covered by the above rules will be covered by the men's tie down roping rules.

**R7.9.10** A rodeo may have a spotter designated by the judges for the ladies breakaway roping. The spotter should be on the opposite side of the arena from the flagger.

## **R7.10 Ladies Barrel Racing**

**R7.10.1** The starting and finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The contestant is allowed a running start. Time shall begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose reaches the finish line. The starting and finish line are the same.

**R7.10.2** It shall be the responsibility of the flag judge to ensure that the timers are ready before allowing contestant to compete.

**R7.10.3** Contestants will be assessed a five second penalty for knocking over a barrel.

**R7.10.4** Contestant will be disqualified for breaking the pattern, or not being ready to contest when name is called. Touching a barrel is permitted.

**R7.10.5** Should barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five second penalty will be assessed. Barrel must be set back on mark by the judge.

**R7.10.6** Two or more contestants are not allowed to ride the same horse during the same rodeo, go round, or finals.

**R7.10.7** If horse falls or similar incident occurs, the contestant cannot have a rerun.

**R7.10.8** All contestants shall enter the arena through one or more gates designated by the judge prior to the barrel race. Any contestant entering the arena through any other gate other than the ones designated by the judge will be disqualified.

**R7.10.11** The field flagger must remain in the same location for the duration of the barrel race for the entire rodeo. The judge who is not flagging is responsible for re setting tipped over barrels.

**R7.10.12** A \$10.00 fee will be collected from every barrel racing contestant at each rodeo for the electric eye. If the electric eye fails to work and hand times are used, the \$10.00 fee is to go into an electric eye fund, to be used towards replacement or repair of the electric eye.

**R7.10.13** Where there is junior barrel racing the Ladies Barrel Racing will be run before the junior barrel racing event at all rodeos and slack.

**R7.10.14** If the electric eye malfunctions and the rodeo is paid off in hand/manual times, times will be recorded in hundredths.

**R7.10.15** All contestants shall run with an open gate or a closed gate, but not either and whether or not the gate is open or closed shall be determined by the Rodeo Committee or the judges.

**R7.10.16** There will be no circling horses in the arena. One spin or pivot in either direction is acceptable. When contestants are not required to run in and out, they must keep forward motion toward the first barrel, prior to crossing score line. Violators to be reported by judge and \$25.00 fine imposed.

## **R7.11 RERUNS**

**R7.11.1** Reruns will not be given on an individual basis due to ground conditions. If ground conditions are such that a rerun would be granted, the barrel racing should be stopped and all contestants in the section(s) be granted a rerun by the judges when ground conditions are corrected. A section is defined as the maximum number of contestants in a performance or any number of contestants in a rake. Each contestant shall have the option to rerun or keep her recorded time. No penalties will be carried over to the rerun. The secretaries, judges and all other officials shall try to notify contestants of the rerun. However, lack of notification shall not be grounds to change the results.

**R7.11.2** When rerun is given, the section will be run in the order originally drawn and the time for the rerun will be set by the judge with a time span of 30 minutes.

**R7.11.3** If electric eye and backup times are missed a rerun will be awarded as per **R7.11.2** with no penalties assessed.

**R7.11.4** A rerun will be awarded if someone or some animal interferes with the run. Reruns to be in accordance with **R7.11.2**.

**R7.11.5** Should the barrels not be placed on the markers, or the electric eye and the flag judge not be in correct place, things must be put in correct order and all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be rerun with no penalties assessed. Judges shall set the time for rerun.

## **R7.12 BARREL RACING SLACK**

**R7.12.1** If any barrel race sections are not a part of a paid performance, the order of events provided by the INFR Central Entry Office shall be followed.

**R7.12.2** At least **sixty (60) minutes** must be given between runs when go round begins or ends in the same slack.

## **R7.13 DISQUALIFICATION**

**R7.13.1** Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when name is called.

**R7.13.2** Contestant will be disqualified for breaking the cloverleaf pattern.

**R7.13.3** Contestant must be mounted on her horse when she crosses the finish line.

**R7.13.4** Any disqualification of a contestant must be noted in the judge's card of the officiating judge with a note as to reason.

## **R7.11 Electric Eye Timer**

**R7.11.1** Complete electric eye timer shall be used at all Tour and Region rodeos plus two stop watches to be operated manually to be used as back up. The electric eye timer must be backed up by a flag judge who will stand directly behind one timer post in the arena. Timers will record the times that appear on the electric eye controlled readout disregarding the thousandth and recording the times in hundredths. Timers will also record the average time from the hand held stop watches in hundredths in the place so designated on the timer's sheet. Timers will also record their respective times from the stopwatches.

**R7.11.2** The timer posts in the arena will be placed on the permanently marked spots on the score line. At no time will the electric eye be set inside the pattern of the first two barrels.

**R7.11.3** If an electric eye timer malfunctions for 50% plus 1 of any one go around, then flag times will be used for entire go-around. Every effort shall be made to make the electric eye work or replace the eye for the remaining go rounds.

**R7.11.4** The hand time will be used in the event the electric eye malfunctions in an isolated run or situation and will be recorded in hundredths.

**R7.11.5** The flag judge shall stand directly behind the electric eye and shall flag the barrel horse at the nose at both the start and finish line. The start and finish line are the same.

**R7.11.6** When the electric eye is used, both flag times and electric eye times will be kept in crow's nest, secretaries' book, and timer's sheet.

## **R7.12 Ground Conditions**

**R7.12.1** It shall be the responsibility of the rodeo committee to ensure that the ground conditions for the barrel racing at any Tour or Region rodeo are of a safe and good quality. Poor ground conditions or failure to keep ground conditions of a standard safe for the event during the rodeo shall result in the rodeo committee being fined in an amount of not more than \$500.00 for each infraction each day. Representatives from the Region, the INFR, the Judges and a representative of the barrel racers shall confer to decide whether or not the barrel racing event is to continue or be cancelled.

**R7.12.1 Cancellation of Barrel Racing.** In the event the barrel racing event is cancelled due to poor ground conditions, the purse shall be returned to the rodeo committee, minus any and all fines, and the entrance fees returned to the contestants.

## **Chapter 8 Judges**

### **R8.0 Judges General**

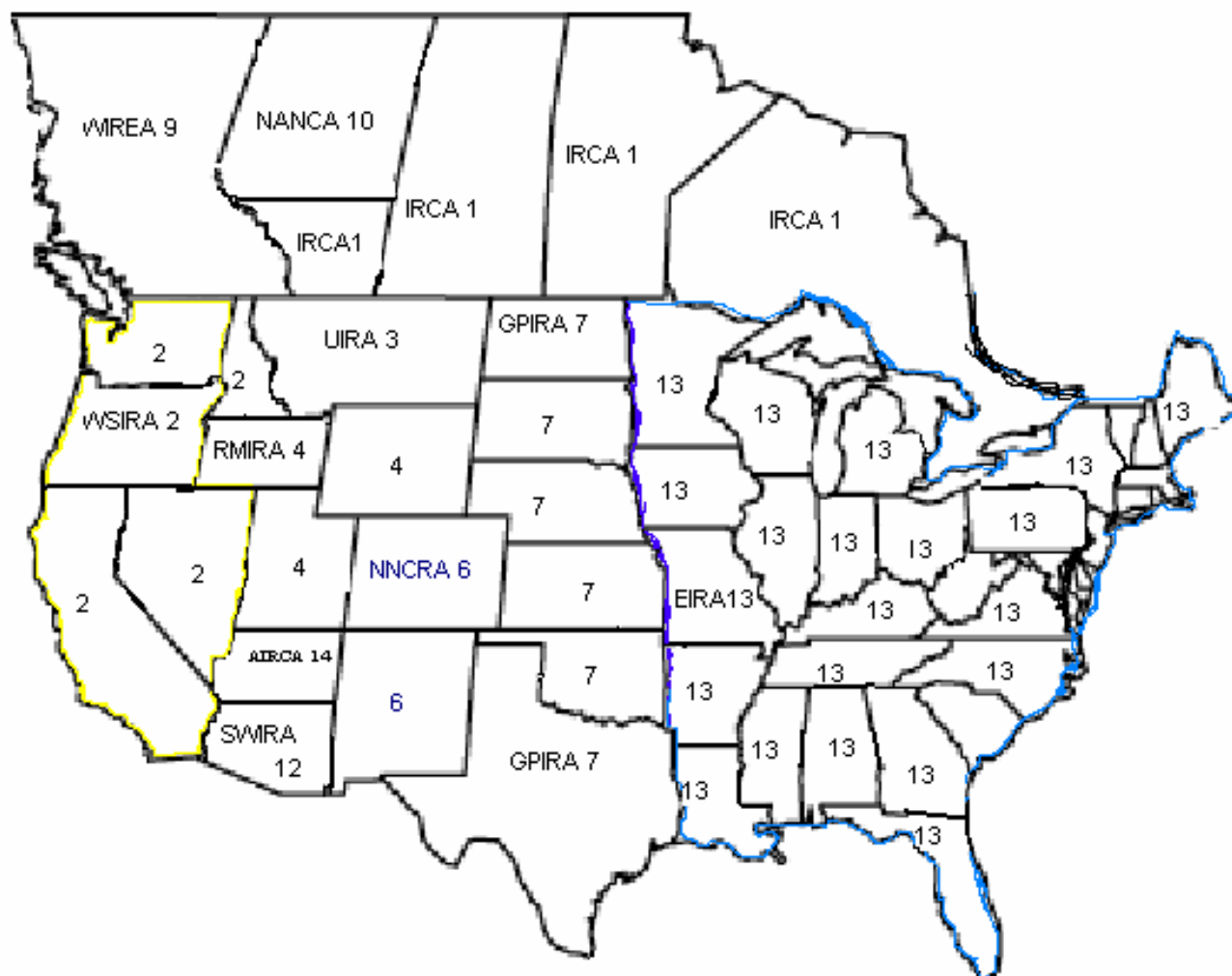
**R8.1 Judges at Tour Rodeos.** At least one of any number of judges working a Tour Rodeo must be a Wrangler qualified judge. Tour rodeo judges must be approved by the INFR.

**R8.2 Judges at Region Rodeos.** Rodeo committees at all Region rodeos will make all reasonable efforts to use Wrangler or similarly qualified and experienced judges. Region rodeo judges must be approved by the Region Directors and Officers.

**R8.3 Judges to be Familiar with all Events and INFR Rules.** Judges are expected to know and be familiar with the INFR Bylaws and Rules. Both or all judges working a Tour or Region rodeo must know how to judge both timed and rough stock events.

**R8.4 General. Judges at Tour or Region rodeos cannot be contestants at same rodeos they are judging. Committees are discouraged from using judges that have close family members competing at Tour or Region rodeos.**

**These By-Laws and Rules have been revised and were duly adopted by the INFR Commissioners this 25 day of April, 2007.**



Region	Name of Region
1	IRCA - Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association
2	WSIRA - Western States Indian Rodeo Association
3	UIRA - United Indian Rodeo Association
4	RMIRA - Rocky Mountain Indian Rodeo Association
6	NNCRA - Navajo Nation Rodeo Cowboys Association
7	GPIRA - Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association
9	WIREA - Western Indian Rodeo Exhibition Association
10	NANCA - Northern Alberta Native Cowboys Association
12	SWIRA - South West Indian Rodeo Association
13	EIRA - Eastern Indian Rodeo Association
14	AIRCA - All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association

