

## **APRA RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS 2024**

### **RODEO JUDGES**

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17. All APRA rodeos must use at least one Certified Judge and one Qualified Judge or two certified Judges. (i.e.: two Qualified Judges are not permitted to work together unless prior approval from the APRA office is granted). Certified and Qualified Judges shall be paid a minimum of **\$275.00** per performance. Judges pay shall be the burden of the Rodeo Management, Producer, and/or Stock Contractor.

### **RODEO CONTRACT ACTS**

**PAGE 22, RULE 1**

1. All persons representing Contract Acts (Specialty Acts, Clowns, Bullfighters, Barrelmen and Announcers) at an APRA rodeo must be a member in good standing with the APRA. Stock Contractor will be assessed a **fine equivalent to twice the current year full membership price** for each non-APRA personnel used. **The ONLY exception to this rule applies ONLY to Announcers and Specialty Acts, with the exception being they are each allowed to work one (1) "membership free" rodeo per season.**

### **TIMED EVENTS**

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22. There will be a **thirty second (30) time limit for all Timed Event Contestants**. Time limit to be from start to completion of run.

### **JUDGING METHODS | BARRIERS** **RULE 23-C**

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23. The Score Line/Barrier Judge may give a re-run to a Contestant (whether stock is caught or missed) when, in the Judge's opinion, any of the following conditions exist:

- Wrong animal run
- Any barrier malfunction (i.e.: failure to pull)
- Contestant fouled by barrier and/or neck rope, if Contestant declares immediately **(definition of declare: contestant clearly halts contest on stock and voices concern(s) to judge(s) immediately).**
- Stock stopped or obviously hampered by barrier equipment; stock turning into either box or in front of Contestant's horse while neck rope is still attached (providing such action is not caused by Contestant or their hazer)
- Gateman's error

### **RODEO ENTRY (BOOKS)/TURN OUTS** **& RULE 6**

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4. If one partner in the Team Roping does not show, Contestant can choose a partner from a team that is only entered once or any Contestant that is already entered in another event in that

rodeo. If Contestant seeking a replacement partner is entered twice as a header or a heeler, the Contestant will be allowed to switch ends in order to replace the "no show" partner for the purpose of competing on his/her entry. Secretary must make proper note of the contest change so any points won are recording accordingly. No Contestant may compete more times than allowed to make up the team. Contestant must notify the line judge of the partner substitution before the start of the run. After one Contestant is declared not present to compete and another partner is substituted, you cannot change back to the original partner. The partner that does not show will be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50), in addition to their original entry fee amount. The team will draw stock in the original position and the substitute partner must pay his/her entry fee to compete.

6. When entering a rodeo, Team Ropers must specify to CES which end they intend to rope. There will be no switching of positions (i.e. heading and/or heeling) after the conclusion of books.

### **RODEO ENTRY (BOOKS)/TURN OUTS**

LATE ENTRIES/WRITE-INS

**PAGE 39, RULE 1**

1. Books will remain open for any event that is not full until before the draw of the first performance. For full event rodeo's, event performances will be considered full when the entry

maximums have been met at 12 contestants for all events. For LTFR event rodeo's, event performances will be considered full when the following entry maximums have been met (Bulls - 20; Barrels - 24; Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Breakaway, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping - 12).

### **AMERICAN FINALS RODEO**

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#### **RULE 8-A-1&2**

8. For a Stock Contractor to be eligible to bring stock to the AFR any and all accrued fines must be paid in full, or fine amount will be deducted from Stock Contractors AFR proceeds. Stock must be either owned or under a signed lease to an approved Stock Contractor and have bucked under a signed lease at either three (3) straight APRA rodeos or five (5) APRA co-approved rodeos. The Board will have the authority to amend this ruling if an agreement cannot be reached with the Stock Contractor for the finals. The financial agreements with the Stock Contractor must be on par with the previous year.

- a. After the Stock Contractor qualifications for the AFR are met and in order for Rough Stock animals to qualify to go to the AFR, the following conditions must be met:
  1. Bareback and Saddle Bronc - said animals must have had three (3) outs to qualify, with the first reride in pen also qualifying as an out. Any animal must have bucked at least one (1) time during the season.
  2. Bulls must have had three (3) outs to qualify, with the first reride in pen also qualifying as an out. Any animal must have bucked at least one (1) time during the season.