



# 2019 Foothills Cowboys Association Rule Book

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## The objectives of the Society are

- (a) To organize and promote a circuit of Rodeo Contestants to afford the opportunity to the members to engage in rodeo competition; to assist, encourage and work for the benefit of novices and other cowboys contestants and generally to organize rodeo contestants who are not members of the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association.
- (b) To arrange meetings to bring member contestants and managements together to discuss their mutual problems.
- (c) To acquire lands, by purchase or otherwise, erect or otherwise provide a building or buildings for social and community purposes.
- (d) To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of or otherwise deal with the property of the Society (Association).

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIPS

### 1. GENERAL

- a. Membership and permit renewals will not be granted until all outstanding accounts are paid in full to the F.C.A.
- b. The fees are determined by the Board from time to time. The fees shall be set each year and published on the FCA Website. All members must participate in the Group Insurance Plan at a cost of \$18 per member per season included in the fees.
- c. All minor event members must participate in the Group Insurance Plan at a cost of \$18 per member per season included in the fees. A birth certificate must be presented to be eligible for a junior membership. The age of the contestant as on January 1 of the current year will be considered their age for the duration of that rodeo year.
  - 1. Junior Barrel Racing age is 15 years and under
  - 2. Junior Steer Riding age is 8 to 14 years
  - 3. Junior Bull Riding 13 to 17 years
  - 4. Novice Horse Riding 14-21 years
  - 5. Pee Wee Barrel Racers 10 years & under
- d. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully particularly those relating to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as excuse. If the FCA Rulebook does not have a rule to cover an incident, the FCA will refer to the CPRA Rulebook. Any FCA Member in violation of the Rules and Regulations shall be subject to such fine or suspension or both as determined by the Board of Directors acting in its absolute sole discretion.
- e. **First time members – All new members must either have a written letter of guarantee by a card holder of the association that is in good standing, or must be on a cash basis for the first year. – New Addition**
- f. No memberships will be processed on entry closing day, **contestants must have a paid membership card prior to entering rodeo. Membership deadline is Monday at 4:00 pm New Time Change**
- g. If membership dues are not paid by March 31st of each year, an additional late payment fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) will be assessed.
- h. **There is a ten dollar (\$10) Fee for replacement membership cards. - New Addition**
- i. By becoming a member of the F.C.A. a member releases the Association the right to use his name and/or picture for the good of the Association and of the sport of rodeo as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale involved.
- j. The Board will expect the co-operation of any member when called upon by one of the Association officials to represent the Association interests regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.
- k. At such time as any member of the Association is approached by a Rodeo Committee for the purpose of asking that member to sign autographs, interviews on radio or television, etc. for the purpose of advertising, the member will be expected to co-operate to his utmost.
- l. Highlights of the minutes from all meetings shall be available to any FCA current member in good standing upon request.

- m. No FCA member can sue or take legal action against the Association, or any Director or Officer.
- n. Any member may resign from the Association by serving written notice to the Secretary/Treasurer.
- o. The executive may on its sole discretion, reinstate any person as a member who resigns in good faith, after he has paid the then current dues and fees of the Association provided the said person is not on the suspended list of any Association whose suspended list is honored by the F.C.A.
- p. Timers, judges, announcers, pickup men, bull fighters, contract acts and photographers working in the arena, must have a membership card to work at an FCA rodeo. The fee for this card will be set each year. These members must participate in the Group Insurance plan at a cost of \$18 per member per season included in the fees. **Stock Contractors are responsible for paying outstanding membership fees for personnel they hire to work a rodeo. Memberships must be purchased no later than 2 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> rodeo they work. – New Addition**
- q. All stock contractors must have a current FCA membership, cannot contract with a full-contesting membership. **Membership must be purchased no later than 2 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> rodeo contracted to work. New Addition**
- r. Owners of Stock\*\* - Must hold a Sub-Contractor Card to provide any kind of Stock to a FCA Rodeo during the season – Roughstock and Timed Events. When submitting Stock List for a season rodeo, Main Carded Stock Contractor must indicate owner of all stock for each rodeo. All FCA Rules will apply. Membership must be approved by the FCA Board before membership is issued. **Membership must be purchased no later than 2 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> rodeo contracted to provide stock to. New Addition**
- s. Semi-pro CPRA cardholders are eligible to purchase F.C.A. memberships.
- t. Any CPRA, PRCA, or WPRA full-contesting member in good standing wishing to apply for a FCA contestant membership may do so, immediately upon resignation of that full-contesting membership from the CPRA, PRCA, or WPRA and that the FCA membership form state that the FCA membership be granted upon person swearing a statutory declaration that he/she is not currently a CPRA/PRCA/WPRA full-contesting member, except a member with Semi Pro Status, and if so becomes one agrees to immediately forfeit his/her FCA membership and all its rights and privileges. Semi-pro and Boys Steer Riding members and Permit Holders will be exempt from this ruling.
- u. First Nations Members: Members of the Association who are native are eligible to compete at any rodeo approved by the IRCA or IPRA.
- v. Gold Card (Honorary Membership) will be presented to every member who has completed twenty consecutive years of membership. Gold Cardholders need not buy an active card, but to be eligible to compete must participate in the Group Insurance Plan at the cost of \$18.00 per season.
- w. Honorary Members: The Board shall have the absolute sole discretion to present honorary memberships to such persons, as it deems worthy of such honor ("Honorary Members"). Honorary Members shall be reviewed on an annual basis and shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of Members.
- x. If any member fails to pay his/her dues in any given year he/she will be deemed to be a Non-Member for that year.
- y. A contestant with a Full or Senior Membership cannot enter a junior event, even if they are of junior age. Junior members cannot enter a senior event, except the Team Roping and Senior Barrel Racing if there is no Junior Barrel Racing offered. Junior members entering a senior event will not be eligible for the finals in that senior event.
- z. No member may appear in any contest rodeo event for television without the prior written approval of the Association.
- aa. Contestants shall not be required to contest or appear, nor shall the management or producers require contestants to contest or appear, directly or indirectly in television, film recording, or the like, in connection with any approved rodeo without first securing written consent of the Association.

## **SECTION TWO – FINES, SUSPENSIONS, DISQUALIFICATIONS**

### **1. GENERAL**

- a. The Board of Directors has full authority and the absolute sole discretion to set the terms of suspensions and fines of any Member or Permit Holder.
- b. Any Member of the Association will be suspended and/or fined for any rule infractions.
- c. Grievance Process:
  - 1. After a charge is filed against any member for violation any rule, the accused shall be notified by Registered Mail at the address appearing on the books of the Association of the charges against them. Member will also be contacted by telephone to ensure member is aware of the reported infraction. The member must post a \$500 cash bond to be able to compete until the Board of Directors hears their case. A hearing will be scheduled within three (3) weeks of the incident, at a time convenient for both parties, to give the member an opportunity to answer to the charges. Grievance Committee will hear the appeal and vote on the outcome. The result of the Grievance Committee decision and notice of suspension and/or fine will be mailed to the member by Registered Mail. When suspension or fine is imposed, member will be put on the Suspended List

until suspension is over and fine is paid. -Failure of the accused to appear at the time and place aforesaid (unless excused by the Board) or conviction after the hearing ~~will~~ may subject the accused to a suspension from membership for a period not to exceed one (1) year and a fine.

2. After the hearing, regardless of the Board's decision, the cash bond shall be returned, only after all fines are paid in full.

## 2. **BLACKLIST**

- a. **Any members on the blacklist as of December 31 of the prior year, the blacklist will be reviewed each year end by the FCA board of directors, must post a \$250 bond for one year and must remain in good standing during that year. If an outstanding account remains outstanding longer than two weeks after notification by email and/or ordinary mail the entire bond will be forfeited. At the FCA Board of Directors discretion, members on the FCA ineligible list after seven years may be removed from the list but put on a cash basis indefinitely. – New Addition**
- b. The FCA will honor all ineligible lists or "black lists" of all associations that honor the FCA blacklist.
- c. The FCA shall honor the IRCA AND IPRA suspended list on the condition that the IRCA and IPRA honor the FCA suspended list.
- d. No person shall be entitled to a membership or be allowed to enter or work an FCA rodeo when their name appears on the suspended list of the FCA or on the suspended list of any association recognized by the FCA unless they have first obtained the written approval of the Board.
- e. **If all outstanding accounts are not paid in full within 5 days of notification, member will automatically be "blacklisted" with an additional \$100 fine. Suspension will start from the time of notification by email and/or ordinary mail (to last known address) until restitution is made, plus the time it takes to make that restitution after the 5 days grace. Members may compete after paying all fines. – New Addition**
- f. **Contestants will not be advised by the FCA entry system operators on entry closing day that they are ineligible to compete. However if contestant is placed on the ineligible list in error, and was drawn out of a rodeo for that reason, he/she will be drawn back into the rodeo in question. – New Addition**
- g. **If all outstanding accounts are not paid in full within thirty (30) days of notification member or permit holder will automatically become ineligible. Turnout fines must be paid without notification thirty (30) days after the last performance of the rodeo in question, or contestant will automatically become ineligible. – New Addition**
- h. **When a member from a co-approving association enters a FCA rodeo and turns out, the co-approving association the member belongs to must pay the members outstanding account to the FCA. It is then up to that association to collect from their member. – New Addition**

## 3. **FINES/SUSPENSIONS/DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- a. In order to protect the membership and rodeo as a whole from the few irresponsible people who take advantage of the recognition given them as members of the F.C.A. by rodeo secretaries, the following rule is in effect:
  1. A member tendering a check for payment of entry fees at an F.C.A. approved rodeo or as payment for accommodation in a town during the time an F.C.A. approved rodeo is being held and which is not honored by their bank, or a check tendered to the F.C.A., and which is sent to the F.C.A., shall be subject to the following fines, penalties and provisions:
    - i. When the F.C.A. Office receives word of any N.S.F. check, the offender will be put on the suspended list immediately and will not be removed until reimbursement in the amount of the N.S.F. check plus a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine is received in the Association Office.
    - ii. The offender will be required to pay the existing amount in cash or with a certified check or money order, credit card or e-transfer. The offender will also be placed on the cash list for the remainder of the current year plus the following year.
- b. The end of the rodeo year is ten (10) full days prior to the finals.
- c. Any member or permit holder may be disqualified, fined, suspended or all from the Association for any of the following offenses:
  1. Being under the influence of liquor or drugs in the arena
  2. Issuing or tendering bad checks
  3. Failure to pay hotel/motel bills
  4. Non-payment of entrance fees
  5. Rowdiness or Quarreling in the domain of the arena
  6. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, or for talking to a judge or timer while and event is in progress. Violation of this rule shall be reported to the Association Board by the judges involved or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred
  7. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interests of the F.C.A. or the sport of rodeo
  8. Any Failure to abide by or disobedience of articles, by-laws and rules of this Association

9. Refusing to contest during a paid performance on an animal drawn for them
10. Not being ready to compete when called upon
11. Cheating or attempting to cheat
12. Unnecessary delay in taking stock. (This action to be enforced by the judges when a legitimate complaint has been lodged by the chute boss of the man in charge of the chutes)
13. Inhumane Treatment of Animals  
Inhumane treatment of animals shall be: Putting any un-do stress on any animal on or around rodeo grounds: including but not limited to the following:
  - i. Repeatedly striking an animal anywhere on its body with a bat, rope, over & under rope, etc.
  - ii. Failure to provide feed/water to any animal
  - iii. Dragging a fallen roped animal
  - iv. Competing on or using an animal that is obviously lame or in pain
  - v. Excessive use of a stock prod/electric shock on any animal
  - vi. Any action that is deemed inhumane by the Judges or Board of Directors
- d. Any member who fails to pay their entry fees at an FCA approved rodeo shall be subject to a \$25 collection fee in addition to the amount of the entry fees. It will be recorded as a CNP Fine (competed did not pay.)
- e. Any person or persons taking part in the drawing of stock or position, who allow or take part in fixing or changing the draw will be fined not less than \$50 and will be suspended for not more than one (1) year. This includes secretaries, stock contractors, judges, association members or representatives present who allow this offense to take place.
- f. Contestants may not talk to a judge or timer while an event is in progress. Such questions may be addressed to the judge or timer only at the end of the section for that performance. Any member or permit holder violating this regulation will be reported to the Association by the judge of the rodeo where the violation occurred. Violators are subject to an automatic \$25 fine.
- g. Bareback riders who hang-up will be fined \$100.00 to be paid to the contractor. This fine is to be assessed by the judges and ratified by the board.
- h. Any member who has been assigned to mark the barrels will be assessed a \$50 fine for failure to comply or find a suitable replacement.
- i. If a contestant competes on a day other than what is stated on the posted draw at entry office on callback day, without properly trading out, he or she will be disqualified and assessed a \$100 fine.
- j. Anyone handling Judges' cards without consent from the judge will be assessed a \$25 fine.
- k. Judges may disqualify a rider who has been advised they are next to go, if they are not above the animal with glove on (if glove is used), when previous animal leaves the arena.
- l. Judges may disqualify a timed event contestant who has been advised they are next to go, if they are not ready to ride into the box when previous animal leaves the arena.
- m. All members must make an honest attempt when competing in the arena. If an honest effort is not made, they are liable to disqualification.
- n. Contestants may be disqualified for being in a pen with livestock at any time except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director or a judge or when assigned to work in those pens.
- o. No contestant may be disqualified from a rodeo for a period to exceed one (1) year without the express consent of the Board of Directors.

#### **4. TURNING OUT STOCK**

- a. Contestants will not be disqualified for not competing at any time except during a paid performance. A paid performance is any performance where admission is charged. Contestant not competing at any time except during a paid performance will receive no time or marking for that go-round, but will be eligible to compete on all other stock.
- b. Such contestant will not be eligible for average money in the event, which they have not competed on all their stock in that event.
- c. Fines for turnouts are as follows:
  1. Non Notified Turnout of 1st preference \$100 + fees,
  2. Notified Turn Out of 1st preference \$50 + fees,
  3. Non Notified Turn Out of performance other than 1st preference \$50 + fees,
  4. Notified Turn Out of performance other than 1st preference \$10 + fees.
  5. With ALL turnouts, contestants are responsible for paying the **applicable Fees & Admin Fees**.
- d. A turnout will be considered "notified" only if: Sent to the turnout email (found on website) at least two hours prior to the performance or slack time on the day the contestant is scheduled to compete.
- e. Turnout fines and fees must be received by the F.C.A. office before 9:00 a.m. on the Wednesday following the rodeo **to be able to enter the next rodeo, if you have online entered and fees are not paid you will be pulled from the draw. New Addition**
- f. Fines and fees may be paid by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, E-Transfer or PayPal through the F.C.A. only. There will be a \$7 charge for the handling of Credit Card payments & 3% fee for PayPal.

- g. Stock so turned out in the arena will not be brought back.
- h. If a contestant is available but turns out stock that is drawn for him, he will be assessed a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine.
- i. A contestant that is entered in more than one event and is turned out in one of those events will still be eligible to compete on remaining stock.

## 5. VET/DOCTOR'S RELEASE AND VISIBLES

- a. If contestant is injured at a rodeo, he may be held back at the same rodeo until later in the go-round with written consent of both judges and the stock contractor.
- b. A medical/vet release may be notified during
  - 1. callback
  - 2. to the rodeo secretary at the rodeo
  - 3. through the turnout email minimum 2 hours on the day of the performance. Email is posted on the
  - 4. website.
- c. A release from another rodeo will be honored if it is signed by both judges of the rodeo at which member was injured. Secretary must be notified at injured person's expense before the performance he is scheduled to compete at.
- d. If in the opinion of the judges a contestant is unable to compete in a particular event because of injury, he may withdraw, but this does not prevent him from competing in other events in which he is entered.
- e. Injured contestants who obtain a medical release and who are drawn out of a rodeo for that reason may not compete at another rodeo for 8 clear days, which does not include the day on which the medical release was used. The 8 full days as indicated above shall commence the first time the release is used, not the last, example: with respect to overlapping rodeos, if a contestant is entered at three rodeos, draws out on a medical on Friday and therefore cannot compete Saturday and Sunday for that reason, the time will begin to run on Saturday and not Monday. Such medical releases, if possible, shall be sent to the F.C.A. Office with rodeo results.
- f. The F.C.A. Office must receive medical release within 5 days of being used or contestant is responsible for fees and turnout fines. Contestants will be allowed 3 different medical releases in any one-year. Those having more than 3 will be liable for their fees or appear before the board.
- g. Visible injury: If in the opinion of the judges a contestant is unable to compete in that performance due to an injury, they must pay their fees but the turn out fine will be waived. This will allow competition if the injury permits within the eight (8) clear days since a medical is not required. A contestant may use the visible injury clause only three times in a season.
- h. With all visible medicals, medicals, doctor and vet releases, the secretary of the MOTHER Association (or turn out email if available) must be notified before rodeo performance times that the contestant is a medical/vet release, or the contestant will be assessed their fees and a turn out fine.
- i. Vet releases to be treated as a medical release. With a medical/vet release, F.C.A. Office must receive **the applicable fees** within five (5) days to avoid suspension.
- j. Rodeo will count toward finals qualification with a Visible medical, Rodeo will not count with a Medical, Vet Release, or Turn out.

## SECTION THREE – APPROVAL AND RODEO CONDUCT

### 1. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL

- a. Prior to approval F.C.A. assumes that committees will ensure that arena ground conditions provide for the safe performance of rodeo contestants and animals and the humane treatment of such. (Refer to Rules to Ensure the Humane Treatment of Livestock; Arena to be free of rocks, holes or obstacles.) Weather permitting, conditions to remain consistent from the 1st through to the last performance.
- b. Rodeo management must submit their prize list and entry fees to the Association Office for approval.
- c. The fee for such approval shall be \$150.00 for a one or two performance rodeo and fifty dollar (\$50.00) for each additional performance. All payout will be done from F.C.A. Office and will be included in this fee.
- d. A performance is the presentation of one or more rodeo events to the public, for which admission is charged.
- e. These fees must be paid to the Association when prize list is submitted for approval.
- f. Rodeo data sheet must be submitted for approval to the Association office sixty (60) days prior to the start of the rodeo.
- g. The F.C.A. will negotiate with rodeos before approving new rodeos and date changes of established rodeos within the F.C.A.
- h. Rodeos may exclude Association Permit holders in any or all major events if so stated on their prize list form when it is submitted to the F.C.A. for approval, otherwise the Association honors Permit holders at all Association approved rodeos.

- i. Where finals are held, it must be listed on the prize list when submitted to the F.C.A. Office.
- j. Prize money must be equal in all-major events and optional major events, although more than one event may be featured subject to Board approval. (Featured means more added money).
- k. FCA Rodeos that do not offer the seven (7) major events need special approval from the FCA Board of Directors.
- l. The seven major infield events are: Bareback Riding, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping.
- m. A Rodeo committee may at its discretion, ask to have any or all of the Junior or Optional events listed below approved at their rodeo; Junior Barrel Racing, Junior Steer Riding, Novice Horse Riding, Junior Bull Riding, Breakaway Roping and Pee Wee Barrel Racing.
- n. To be approved by the F.C.A. these events must conform to F.C.A. rules and regulations.
- o. Every F.C.A. rodeo must have a minimum added purse of \$400.00 in each of the seven major events and \$300 in each of the Junior and optional events. Minimum Purse in Breakaway is \$100.
- p. Pee Wee Barrels Minimum purse \$100 (if \$100-\$250 added EF will be \$25 with a payout to 4 places) if purse is \$251-\$300 added EF will be \$40 with a payout of 6 places).
- q. In Junior Steer Riding, the committees must state on their approval sheets whether they are having steer riding, cow riding or bull riding.
- r. **If the FCA dual approves rodeos, the mother association (FCA) rulebook will be used for FCA Lead Rodeos.**
- s. The F.C.A. will in no manner cover any losses sustained by a member rodeo other than what is provided for in this rulebook.

## **2. ENTRY FEES AND STOCK CHARGE**

- a. The minimum entry fee that can be charged in the seven major events, the Team Roping (per man) is **Seventy Five Dollars (\$75)**.
- b. The minimum entry fee for any of the Junior or Optional events (excluding PW Barrels) is **Fifty Dollars (\$50)**.
- c. **The minimum entry fee for the Pee Wee Barrel Racing is Twenty Five Dollars (\$25)**
- d. Any committee with a purse of more than \$1000 per event shall have the entry fee set by the Board of Directors.
- e. All entry fees are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- f. Five dollars (\$5.00) will be added to the Entry Fees per event per rodeo, including Full, Junior, Optional and Local entries, to be used for FCA Finals.
- g. When contestants are charged admission at the gate, contestants must be refunded the full amount in cash when paying their entry fees at the rodeo office. Committees must state on their approval sheet the intention to charge at the gate and the amount of gate admission. This information will be published with rodeo approval information.

## **3. RODEO SECRETARY**

- a. All rodeos should submit an arena secretary who has been approved by the Association to keep books.
- b. If the stock contractor desires to furnish his own secretary at his expense, he or she shall work in conjunction with the rodeo committee secretary.
- c. The rodeo committee or stock contractor, depending on who provides the arena secretary, will be responsible for the secretary's actions, and will be liable for the handling of entry fees in the event the secretary themselves do not make the proper adjustment, provided that all contestants shall be liable to refund any overpayment, or be subject to a fine, suspension or other discipline.
- d. Any person who intends to act, as secretary must notify the Association of their intentions so that they can be sent the secretary information.

## **4. GENERAL**

- a. All paid up rodeo committees shall be allowed one vote per committee at the general meetings.
- b. The Association reserves the right to withdraw their members from competition in any rodeo, which does not conform, to these rules.
- c. The F.C.A. provides its own Association rules for rodeo contestants, which must be adhered to by member rodeos. Any member of the Association who does not observe the rules is liable to a fine, suspension or both.
- d. Any rodeo with ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the Association rules must have the said rules approved by the Association before they become effective and binding upon Association members.
- e. The management of any member rodeos assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. Each participant by the act of their entry waives all claims against the management for injury they or their property may sustain.
- f. The management of each FCA approved rodeo shall be required to provide an ambulance licensed by the Provincial Government and attendants qualified as an Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance (EMT-A), Emergency Medical Technologist-Paramedic (EMT-P) or Medical Doctor at the rodeo arena for all performances and slack performances. Should the ambulance and attendants have to leave the rodeo



- arena, the rodeo shall be interrupted until such time as the ambulance and attendants have returned or been replaced.
- g. Every rodeo held during the rodeo season except for the F.C.A. Finals Rodeo must be open to all paid-up Association members in good standing, unless specifically agreed to by the Association.
  - h. Any Rodeo with a performance or slack that is longer than 4.5 hours, Judges will be paid by the Committee \$300.00 per Judge. Each performance or slack under 4.5 hours each Judges will be paid \$200.00.
  - i. All contestants who compete during an F.C.A. rodeo including Steer Wrestling hazers and Team Roping partners must be an F.C.A. member in order to be eligible to compete. Rodeo management must approve local entries.
  - j. A Barrier Fee of \$50.00 will be charged to the Committee by one Judge.

## **5. JACKPOT AND NON-APPROVED RODEOS**

- a. Money/Points earned in Approved Rodeos will be counted as FCA money/points.
- b. Money/Points earned in Un-Approved Rodeos will not be counted as FCA money/points.
- c. Association members may compete at jackpot and contract events where admission is charged, provided they qualify as follows:
  - 1. A jackpot must be advertised as such and not advertised as a rodeo.
- d. F.C.A. members may compete at convention rodeos provided these rodeos are for convention guests only and are not open to the general public.
- e. If any committee wishes to use F.C.A. members in a matched event prior approval must be obtained from the Association.
- f. The F.C.A. Board of Directors must approve all rodeo series.

## **6. RODEO CONDUCT**

- a. The F.C.A. has issued a pass to all the yearend saddle and buckle donors. This pass is good for free admission to any performance of any approved rodeo. The F.C.A. asks the co-operation of all the rodeo committees in seeing that these passes are honored. If a committee wishes, they may keep a record of how many of these passes are used at their rodeo, and the F.C.A. will reimburse them.
- b. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event or unless they have signed a waiver releasing the management and producers from liability. The arena director should enforce this rule.
- c. If the management provides satisfactory seats for the contestants, the Association urges the contestants to stay out of the arena when they are not scheduled to compete.
- d. Contestants in the arena must conduct themselves in such a way as to not interfere with the work of bona fide press and professional photographers or with the vision of the spectators.
- e. Rodeo contestants must appear in the arena both at paid performances and at slack one hour prior to start time of a rodeo performance in complete western attire, including long sleeved shirts with cuff and collar and large cowboy hats. Roper runners are not considered adequate attire. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$100.00 fine to be assessed by an Association Director and forwarded to the Association Office.
- f. Contestants shall not have someone hold their hat or otherwise retrieve their hat before it lands on the ground.
- g. All contestants with horses and those with horses provided by the management must ride in the Grand Entry, when requested or will be subject to a fine.
- h. Complaints are to be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors to be reviewed at the next Executive Meeting.
- i. Should the occasion arise for representation at a rodeo, any member in good standing should get in touch with an Association Director or representative for instructions.
- j. Rodeo Clowns will not be allowed the use of shotgun or explosives in an indoor arena unless approved by the rodeo committee or the Association Director.
- k. Management must provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
- l. Slack must be held on the dates the rodeo is approved for.
- m. In the timed events the director or judge, at their discretion have the right to impose a \$50.00 fine to any member who exercises or parades his or her horse during an event in the arena.

## **7. POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATIONS**

- a. A rodeo performance may not be postponed or cancelled except in the case of adverse weather conditions, disaster, strike or warfare; in which case the postponement should be agreed to by the rodeo committee chairman, the stock contractor and an Association official. In the event no Association spokesman is present to represent the contestants, one contestant chosen by the contestants should so act.
- b. Any performance so postponed must be held within 24 hours of the approved dates of that rodeo, unless that rodeo is in an area where Sunday rodeos are contrary to religious beliefs or customs, or prevented by

law, in which case the postponed performance must be held within 48 hours. However, Stock Contractor and committee Chairman will have the option of completing contests of postponed performances at their convenience within 24 hours, canceling the postponed performances.

- c. Only that performance or section of slack, which had to be postponed, will be rescheduled.
- d. If a rodeo is postponed for more than 24 hours, or in the case of a Sunday, 48 hours, the books shall be reopened and all contestants will be required to re-enter the re-scheduled rodeo.
- e. If due to weather conditions, attendance at any rodeo is substantially reduced, then the members of the Association who have entered as contestants at any rodeo may appoint a committee of three of their members to negotiate with the management of the rodeo, which committee shall be empowered to agree to such reduction in day money as the circumstances warrant.
- f. If for any reason a rodeo is postponed or cancelled, all contestants entered may count said rodeo as one (1) of the qualifying rodeos of the seven (7) mother + three (3) dual approved rodeos that they must attend to qualify for yearend finals.

## **8. FINALS**

- a. Whenever management advertises a final event, the number of contestants advertised to compete in the event would do so regardless of standing in rotation.
  1. Where finals are held, contestants must notify the rodeo secretary before the draw is made if they will not be available to compete in the finals, and the next high man will qualify, and to continue in that fashion.
- b. Finals may be held in any or all events in each case the number of contestants in the finals must be at least two or more than the number of monies paid in the average.
- c. When the total purse per event exceeds \$2,000.00 and finals are held, the Board may negotiate with the Stock Contractor and the Committee as to the number of contestants to compete in the finals.
- d. The number of contestants to compete in the finals must be posted in the rodeo office before the first performance.
- e. Whenever possible, finals must commence with the low man.
- f. In any final ride, contestants may draw their stock in the presence of the judges if management desires.

## **SECTION FOUR – LOCAL RODEO OFFICE**

### **1. ACCEPTING LOCAL ENTRIES**

- a. Each Rodeo Committee is responsible for taking their Local Entries. When a contestant telephones or enters a rodeo before the entry closing time, their name is to be put on the books. If local entry is not received in the rodeo office by entry closing time it will not be accepted.
- b. Rodeo Committee is responsible for entry fees for their local entries once they are sent to FCA office for processing into entry system for their rodeo.
- c. Each rodeo shall have the option of accepting the following non-member entries:
  1. Members of the armed forces who are on leave or furlough;
- d. Local, closest or hometown entries may be accepted, once per season. Such entries may be accepted in any event, even though permits may not be accepted in the event, and provided further that local permit entries may be accepted in an event that excludes permit entries. Each rodeo shall have the option of accepting as many or as few local entries as it wishes, and in the events it wishes. Non-members' entry fees and injuries are the responsibility of the rodeo committee. Non-members can compete at only one rodeo a year as a local.
- e. The local contestant will sign a waiver form declaring that he/she is not currently a CPRA/PRCA/WPRA full-contesting member, excepting a member with Semi-Pro or Permit status, and if found to be one agrees to immediately forfeit any winnings from said rodeo. Semi-pro and Boys Steer Riding Members are exempt from this ruling.
- f. Contestants will not suffer disqualifications, etc., because of mistakes made by the rodeo secretary.

### **2. RESULTS**

- a. Secretaries are required to write on the result sheet submitted to the Association Office, the Association number, Permit number and local or service status with each winner's name. Results must be submitted (faxed or e-mailed) to the Association Office within 24 hours of the rodeo's final date.
- b. Failure to have the results of a rodeo in the mail by 24 hours from the last date of the rodeo will constitute an automatic TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$25) fine.
- c. Secretaries must send the judges' cards to the F.C.A. Office along with the official rodeo results.

### **3. PAYING OF ENTRY FEES**

- a. Contestants must pay their entry fees in all events before the first go-round is over unless other arrangements are made with the secretary.

- b. Stock and/or position must be drawn for every member contestant who is entered.
- c. Entry fees for all contestants for whom position or stock is drawn must be included in purse. Contestants injured and unable to compete are exempt. If the secretary is notified of withdrawal because of injury previous to performance in which contestant is scheduled to compete, their entry fees are not to be included in purse.
- d. Non-member contestants must pay entry fees before stock or position is drawn or makes satisfactory arrangements with the arena secretary for payment of same. Any such contestant failing to do so will have their name automatically removed from the books when stock or position is drawn.
- e. Rodeo secretary, arena director, stock contractor or a contest judge must turn into the Association Office immediately after each rodeo the names of any member contestants who did not pay entry fees and the amount of these unpaid entry fees must be listed.
- f. Unpaid entry fees for F.C.A. members will be honored by the Association upon receipt of written notification at the Association Office.
- g. In any instance where an F.C.A. member presents a N.S.F. check in payment for their entry fee, the Association will honor this check. Any such check must be sent to the F.C.A. Office within 10 days.

#### **4. ENTRY FEE REFUND**

- a. No rodeo that completes its contract shall be responsible for the returning of a contestant's entry fees if they have contested in an event once during the rodeo. If they are entered in other events in which they are unable to compete the entry fees for those events must be returned.
- b. When a contestant asks for his stock, in any rodeo event, his entry fees shall be included in the payoff and shall not be returned to him.
- c. After stock or position is drawn, secretary may not refund any entry fees without approval of judges.

#### **5. PAYOFF**

- a. Purse money and entry fees must be totaled for go-rounds and average in all infield events.
- b. There will always be an average paid.
- c. A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him in an event to place in the average at any FCA mother rodeo or finals.
- d. When less than four contestants compete on their last head of stock, the remaining places in the last go-round and the average are divided among those who do.
- e. When only two men compete on their last head of stock third and fourth monies are split between first and second, 60% for first, 40% for second.
- f. If only one man competes on his last animal he gets all the money for the last go-round and average.
- g. Go-rounds will be divided according to number of head competed on.
- h. Contestants are to be paid any money won in a complete go-round.
- i. When a performance is cancelled and a go-round is not completed, contestants must be paid-off on completed portion of the go-round.
- j. When a final head is given, all markings or times will be counted for the average.
- k. The arena secretary shall deduct 5% off the purse and entry fees before payout from all FCA approved events.
- l. Ground money from F.C.A. rodeos will be split equally among qualifying contestants of that event. In the event there are no qualified rides/times the added purse \$\$ will be returned to the Committee & EF will be retained by the FCA & added to the 5% account.
- m. **FCA Payouts will not be issued at the rodeos but are to be issued at the FCA office after results have been thoroughly checked within 8 to 10 working days after rodeo. FCA does direct deposit for all contestants entered in the Rodeo and we do not issue cheques. Copy of VOID Cheque or Banking Direct Deposit form from your bank must be sent into the FCA office by Wednesday following the rodeo if you have won money. If a cheque is issued, payout cheques dated over 6 months are null and void and will not be re-issued. –**  
**New Addition**

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

- a. On two head of stock the average will be the same as the go-round.
- b. On three head of stock the average will be one and one-half times the go-round.
- c. On four head of stock the average will be twice the go-round.
- d. On five or more head of stock the average will be three times the go-round.
- e. The average will never exceed three times the go-round.
- f. A rodeo with one long go, one short go and an average, the purse shall be split as follows: short go 20%, long go 40%, and average 40%.

## **7. FINALS**

- a. When there are two full go-rounds and a final or short go-round, the money in the final go-round will be deducted and the remaining money divided so that the average pays one and one-half (1 1/2) the amount of the full go-rounds.
- b. When there are three full go-rounds and a final or short go-round, the money in the final go-round will be deducted and the remaining money divided so that the average pays twice the amount of the full go-rounds.
- c. When there are four or more full go-rounds and a final or short go-round, the money in the final or short go-round will be deducted and the remaining money divided so that the average pays three times the amount of the full go-rounds.

## **8. MONEY SPLITS**

- a. When the net money per event in a go-round or average in the four major timed events (CR-SW-LBR-TR), after deducting the five percent (5%) is \$500.00 or less, four monies only shall be paid in the go-rounds and average. When the net money per event in a go-round or average in the three major roughstock events (SB-BB-BR) after deducting the five percent (5%) is \$1500 or less, four monies only shall be paid in the go-round or average.
- b. When four monies are paid the purse shall be split as follows: 40%, 30%, 20% and 10%.
- c. When six monies are paid the purse shall be split as follows: 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9% and 5%.
- d. In the minor events six monies will always be paid unless an event is only held one performance, then only four monies will be paid, and provided that the net purse less the 5% if \$500.00 or less. If a minor event is only held one performance and the net purse after the 5% has been deducted is greater than \$500.00 six monies shall be paid.
- e. When the net money in a go-round or average in the seven major events, after deducting the 5% exceeds \$500.00, six monies shall be paid, with the exception of a two performance two go-round rodeo, in which case only four monies will be paid in the go-rounds and the average.
- f. Only four monies will be paid in a final or short go-round.
- g. In any event if the purse after the entry fees have been added is over \$3,000.00 (Team Roping \$5,000.00) eight monies will be paid. The percentage to be paid is as follows: 28%, 23%, 18%, 13%, 8%, 5%, 3%, 2%.
- h. When the Total payout after entry fees have been added is over \$7,500.00 (TR \$11,000) ten monies will be paid. The percentage to be paid is as follows: 24%, 19%, 16%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%.

## **9. POINT SYSTEM**

- a. One point shall be awarded for each dollar of prize money won by the member in approved events at approved rodeos.
- b. Any point split not covered herein shall be set by the Board, if and when necessary.

## **10. ALL AROUND CHAMPION**

- a. If a member rodeo declares an All Around champion, the winner must be decided as follows: All Around trophies will be awarded to the contestant winning the most points and who is entered in two or more of the five major events, these can be either timed events or both a timed and riding event, at the discretion of the committee. To qualify the contestant must compete on all stock drawn for him, with the exception of injury.

# **SECTION FIVE – RODEO ENTRY SYSTEM**

## **1. F.C.A. ENTRY OFFICE**

- a. The Board will permanently organize and take full responsibility for coordinating all duties of the entry system.
  1. The entry system will be in operation for all F.C.A. approved rodeos.
  2. All entries, except for local entries and entries for un-approved events for all F.C.A. approved rodeos will be taken through the online entry system and to the telephone number published on the FCA website.
- b. All rodeo entries and callback and entry closing times will be taken according to local time at the entry system office.
- c. Unless notified otherwise, phone in entry times are from 9:00 a.m. until **1:00 pm** on the Wednesday the week prior to the rodeo, online entry opens on the Friday prior to phone in entries. Callback times are from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday following entry day (unless otherwise posted). FCA rodeos will have an

- entry period of no less than 6 hours. Position Callback & Stock Callback will be posted on FCA Website [www.fcarodeo.ca](http://www.fcarodeo.ca) **NOTE NEW CLOSE OF ENTRY DEADLINE**
- d. The entry closing times listed on the FCA website shall be official (should telephone service disruption, at the entry system location, cause a delay in the taking of entries, the entry system office shall remain open for a corresponding period of time, beyond the official entry closing time).
  - e. Contestants when entering shall have valid, correct F.C.A. membership numbers or they will not be entered.
    1. Contestants must give entry system operator: F.C.A. number, contestant's name and number of rodeos they wish to enter, which events they want to contest and give two separate performances as their first and second preference (slack may be given as preference).
    2. **Contestants may give an "out preference" when entering i.e. Contestant is only available for the second performance of a rodeo, they would enter two (2) or out. If they do not receive their preference they will be removed from the draw but are responsible for the FCA Entry Office and Associated Fees in this instance. New Addition**
    3. When entering FCA rodeos any contestant entering the Team Roping only and no other event will be considered a tag and not one of the four member buddy group, provided that the Team Roping tag not enter any other event, nor be tagged to another buddy group.
    4. Entry system will try to set up group to give all first preferences, if not, then all second preferences, and if not, then as many first/second preferences as possible allowing the group to make all F.C.A. rodeos.
    5. The Entry system may split a group between a slack and performance, as long as they are the same day.
  - f. Members who double-enter a rodeo will be subject to a Twenty Five dollar (\$25.00) fine.
  - g. No person on the F.C.A. Ineligible-to-compete (suspended) list will be permitted to enter any F.C.A. approved rodeos. Anyone who has entered while on the suspended list will be drawn out at entry closing time.
  - h. Local entries will close at a time agreed to by the Rodeo Committee and the FCA office.
  - i. Stock contractors must have the necessary stock information for drawing purposes by the time set by entry system management and the contractor.
  - j. An entry office fee will be charged to contestants, per rodeo, for the use of entry system and cannot be increased without the approval of the F.C.A. Board of Directors.
  - k. All contestants entering F.C.A. approved rodeos are required to pay their entry system fee.
    1. Failure to pay entry system fee will result in a contestant being placed on the F.C.A. suspended list.
    2. Any member reported to the F.C.A. for nonpayment of entry system fees on a medical release will be given five (5) days to pay the same to the F.C.A. office.
    3. In the event of cancelled performances, contestants are still required to pay entry system fees in 15 days.
  - l. The drawing of the priority list will be made on the basis of contestants entering the largest number of rodeos on any given entry day. Full cardholders will receive a higher priority than Permit and High School card holders. Regarding FCA Dual-Approved Rodeos – anyone entering only one rodeo will receive lower priority than those entering 2.
  - m. **In the timed events the performances/slacks will be filled from the bottom, except ladies' barrel racing which will be filled from the top down. In the barrel racing, a contestant that gets their first preference will be positioned before a contestant that does not get their first preference. In all other timed events, a contestant that gets their first preference will be positioned after a contestant that does not get their first preference. New Addition**
  - n. Contestants will be notified on callback day of what day they will be at a specific rodeo, what position has been drawn, and whether they are in the slack or paid performance. Stock Drawn for each contestant will be available on a separate callback day, see rodeo listing.
  - o. Any discrepancy with callback will not be addressed unless the contestant provides a confirmation number. Members requesting callbacks after the designated callback time will be assessed a \$5.00 office charge and information given will be unofficial.
  - p. Entry system will notify the local rodeo arena secretary of the list of contestants entered at the specific rodeo, what events the contestants are entered in, and what day they are entered.
  - q. The number of local entries that may be placed per event per performance may equal up to 20% of the total competitors in that performance.
  - r. If a FCA Members entry is missed because of an entry office error, the contestant must be given his/her first preference at those rodeos drawn together. Contestant must notify entry office of any error by the end of position callback. Other contestants (dual-approved association members or Locals) will be placed where their priority allows.
  - s. Entries may not close more than ten (10) days before the rodeo starts.
  - t. FCA will choose entry day for each FCA Mother Rodeo. All rodeos will coordinate with the Association of the day and hour of Local entry opening and closing time as well as the Rodeo Office phone number and this information shall be adequately published.

## 2. TRADING POSITIONS

- a. Official trades must be made through the FCA entry office. Unless notified otherwise, the trade deadline is **9 a.m.** Monday following the entry day. Only trades given to the committee from the FCA entry office will be considered official. Any contestant who competes in a performance or slack, other than what has been recorded through the entry office, without an official trade, will be disqualified and assessed a \$100 fine.
  - b. **Trades for multiple events must be requested and granted separately, and the granting of a trade in one event shall not automatically entitle a contestant to trade in another event. Trades shall also be specific to the individuals involved and shall not apply to buddy groups of which the traded individuals are members.** **New Addition**
1. **TRADE OUT RULES:**
    - i. A trade list will be kept during callback for contestants. Contestants may request their name to be put on this list with preference for trade.
    - ii. When trading performances, each contestant must take the other's position.
    - iii. A trade can be made to the position a contestant has turned out or is going to medical.
    - iv. In all events positions will be drawn for the first go-round and the position reversed for the second go-round. If trading is allowed, permission must be obtained from both contestants.
    - v. Local set ups will be allowed when beneficial to an F.C.A. rodeo only.
    - vi. Stock can be held only to the end of the event the contestant was drawn in or the end of the run on Timed Event cattle, if the judges have been notified. A Fifty dollar (\$50) fee will be assessed for the change.
    - vii. Any Contestant who has stock moved or held without a legitimate trade, will be disqualified and assessed a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine. The Ladies Barrel Racing and the Junior Barrel Racing will be considered one (1) section at all F.C.A. rodeos.

## SECTION SIX – RULES TO ENSURE HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK

### 1. HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK

- a. No locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses or saddle broncs.
- b. No wooden paddles. Straps are permissible.
- c. A neck rope must be used and a calf may not be busted. If a horse stops and the calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that the calf busts himself, the roper will not be responsible. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Rope to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after "tie" is completed. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately 200 pounds and be strong and healthy.
- d. The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose on any animal is forbidden.
- e. Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw and no sore, lame, sick or injured animal or animals with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or be injured between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal shall be drawn for the contestant as provided in the F.C.A. rulebook.
- f. No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible.
- g. A conveyance must be available to remove animals from arena in case of injury.
- h. No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle girths, or flank straps shall be permitted. Only sheepskin-lined flanking straps shall be used on bucking stock and shall be of the quick-release type.
- i. No stimulants or hypnotics to be used, or given any animal used for contest purposes.
- j. Chutes must be so constructed as to prevent injury to stock. Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in removal of any animal should it become caught. The arena shall be free of rocks, holes and obstacles.
- k. Clowns are not to abuse stock in any fashion.
- l. No small animals or pets allowed in arena where restraint is necessary or subject to injury or attack by another animal.
- m. Livestock to be removed from arena after completion of entry in contest.
- n. Use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.
- o. Foothills Cowboys Association Rule under Contestant Disqualifications. Contestant will be disqualified for any mistreatment of livestock.

## SECTION SEVEN – STOCK CONTRACTORS

### 1. GENERAL

- a. Stock contractors must hold stock contracting cards to contract stock at an F.C.A. Rodeo. Any individual or firm who did not hold a valid Stock Contractor membership in the preceding year, will not be issued a card in the current year until they have produced one (1) new F.C.A. Mother approved rodeo. The fee for this card will be set each year.
- b. FCA Stock Contractor that is advertised as the contractor for each rodeo must supply a minimum of 25% of the Roughstock at said rodeo.
- c. Stock contractors must abide by all Association rules, regulations and by-laws.
- d. FCA Stock Contractor that have an idle year and do not produce any FCA mother Rodeos, must bring a new rodeo the following year to be able to purchase their Stock Contractor's card. Rodeo Year will be January 1 - December 31.
- e. No whips or stock prods are to be used in the arena during performance or slack.
- f. Stock contractors are required to have two (2)-approved bullfighters hired for the bull riding, during both the performance and the slack. **Stock Contractors are responsible for paying outstanding membership fees for personnel they hire to work a rodeo. Memberships must be purchased no later than 2 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> rodeo they work. New Addition**
  1. **First Offence: Stock Contractor Pays Membership Fees plus fine of \$50 for the bullfighter/pickup men in question.**
  2. **Second Offence: Stock Contractor pays membership fees plus fine of \$100 for the bullfighter/pickup men in question.**
- g. **Any FCA Bullfighters card can be pulled if the officials or directors, with review of the Board of Directors, feel the bull fighter is not adequate or qualified. – New Addition**
- h. Each stock contractor shall be required to supply sufficient and adequate livestock, both in quantity and quality, to put on a proper and acceptable rodeo, having regard to the expected number of entries. In timed events adequate stock defined as 15 animals or 1/3 of the total entries, whichever is less. Any timed event animal that is removed from the draw in one event, because of conduct, being banned, or size, may not be placed in the draw of another timed event for any following rodeos in that season. See Breakaway Roping section for new rule.
- i. In the timed events if the event director finds the contractor's stock unsuitable, the director must find suitable stock two weeks prior to the rodeo date. Price for the stock is to be negotiated with the contractor.

### 2. LIVESTOCK

- a. All rodeo livestock must be numbered and drawn for.
- b. The Association Board of Directors or its official representative must inspect all rodeo livestock at a reasonable time before the start of the rodeo and has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared shall be taken from the draw.
- c. Any stock declared by the F.C.A. as unsatisfactory must be replaced.
- d. Rodeo Roughstock may not be worked in the arena 2 hours prior to any performance.
- e. Suitable ear tags for all timed event cattle shall be mandatory and all calves used in the Calf Roping event shall have suitable number stickers on them.
- f. Head fighting bulls or steers having bad horns must be dehorned or kept out of the draw. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back a reasonable distance.
- g. It shall be the responsibility of the stock contractor to have the proper animal at the performance for which it has been drawn and if animal is not available at the proper performance the following shall apply:
  1. If stock is crippled or becomes sick after the draw is made the contestant who has drawn the sick or crippled animal shall receive the first re-ride animal drawn as a replacement.
  2. Or, if it is agreeable to both the contestant and the stock contractor, the contestant may take the proper animal when available at a later date.
- h. All yak and yak-cross bulls are banned from F.C.A. rodeos.

### 3. RIDING EVENTS STOCK

- a. Horses and Bulls may be bucked 3 times with a clipped number, thereafter numbers must be branded. These numbers must be submitted for the draw or the stock contractor submitting the stock will be assessed a fine of Twenty Five (\$25.00) per head.

#### **4. TIMED EVENTS STOCK**

- a. The judges and/or Directors shall inspect all timed event stock and are empowered to cull unsatisfactory stock provided that such culling must take place at a reasonable time before the rodeo starts.
- b. Any cattle that have been used cannot be held over from one year to the next for use in the steer wrestling, except as approved by the steer wrestling director.
- c. Stock contractors must co-operate in trimming the horns of steers that are not able to pass through the steer-wrestling chute. The minimum width for the steer chute shall be thirty-two inches (32").
- d. An animal in the timed events of a rodeo may not be used in any other way than in the contest events of that rodeo, until after the last time that the animal has been used at the rodeo.
- e. Minimum weight of calves 160 lbs, maximum weight 250 lbs, with the emphasis on uniformity
- f. Maximum weight of each dogging steer and each horned team-roping animal shall be 700 pounds, with emphasis on uniformity. Muley team roping cattle should not exceed 550 pounds.
- g. Cattle used for steer roping, cutting, team roping or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.
- h. When it is necessary to make a cut in the cattle in timed events, the weaker end will be out of the draw.
- i. Stock contractors will be given a \$10.00 fine per run per rodeo for any head of livestock deemed unsatisfactory by the event director or judge prior to the start of the rodeo.
- j. Steer Wrestling cattle that are barred from any other association cannot be used.
- k. Steer Wrestling cattle must be all steers or all heifers.
- l. All timed event cattle can be number branded or CCIA tagged. Tag numbers cannot be changed during the rodeo season.

#### **5. RE-RUN ON CALVES**

- a. Unless approved by the Board of Directors, all calves at F.C.A. rodeos must be tied prior to the competition.
- b. If there must be a re-run of calves to complete a go-round, all calves must be tied down before any stock is drawn. If, after one go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo they will not be considered fresh. Fresh calves being roped and tied down must be handled by hand or with a horse.
- c. When calves are not fresh, re-runs will always be drawn from the whole herd used in the draw, not from those calves that are missed. When calves are fresh, re-runs will be drawn from missed calves when re-runs amount to less than ten percent (10%) of the ropers entered at that rodeo. These re-runs will be drawn from calves on which there is no time for that go-round up to the performance that ends the go-round, provided there are enough of these calves. If there are not enough calves with no time in that go-round, up to the performance that ends the go-round, the re-runs will be drawn from all calves being used except for any drawn for the performance that ends the go-round.

#### **6. FRESH CALVES**

- a. Where it is required, the stock contractor shall advise the judges & Event Director that it is necessary to have calves tied down, and the contestants shall be responsible to tie the calves down, under the supervision of the judges. Calves must be finished being tied at least one (1) hour before the start of a rodeo performance or slack or the stock contractor has the right to refuse the calf ropers the right to tie the calves, provided that the calves are at the rodeo location in sufficient time prior to the rodeo to complete the tying one hour before the start of the rodeo performance or slack. Calves, which have not been to a rodeo within two weeks, will be considered fresh and must be tied.
- b. Calves on cows are to be considered fresh, and must be tied only before the first performance of each rodeo.
- c. Each rodeo committee must stipulate their time event stock contractors on their approval form.
- d. If conditioned calves are used, no less than 1/3 of total entries must be supplied, if fresh calves are used no less than ½ of total entries must be supplied.

#### **7. FRESH STEERS**

- a. Steer Wrestling cattle must have horns a minimum of 8 inches from the tip of the horn to the base of the skull.
- b. Steers used in the Steer Wrestling event must be suitable steers not exceeding five hundred and fifty (550) pounds for fresh cattle.
- c. Where it is required, the stock contractor shall advise the judges & Event Director that it is necessary that steers be thrown down, and the contestants shall be responsible to throw the steers down, under the supervision of the judges. This practice must be completed one hour prior to the start of a rodeo performance or slack or the stock contractor has the right to refuse the wrestlers the right to throw the steers provided that the steers are at the rodeo location in sufficient time prior to the rodeo to complete the throwing one hour before the start of the rodeo performance or slack.



## **8. STOCK BROUGHT BACK**

- a. During any performance if an animal in timed events escapes the chute or pens before it is called for by the contestants, or if barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, that animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during or at the end of that performance in the same manner it was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. One steer or calf cannot be brought back alone.

## **9. LOCAL RODEO FINALS STOCK**

- a. All stock used in the finals in the riding events will be selected by the stock contractor. However, in the case of unsatisfactory stock, the stock contractor will be required to co-operate with judges and/or Directors in replacing unsatisfactory stock.
- b. All finals stock in riding events must be posted in the rodeo office before the start of the last complete go-round.
- c. Where practical, stock used in finals must be bucked in a preceding go-round.
- d. When a final head is to be ridden in the riding events, at least two head must be drawn for re-rides.
- e. Feature animals equaling one half of the final riders may be held out of the draw before re-rides are drawn.
- f. All timed event cattle competed on at a rodeo by finalists will be used when drawing for final head. If more stock is needed, the necessary stock will be the stock on which the next fastest times were made and added to the finals draw.

## **10. DRAWING STOCK - GENERAL**

- a. All stock in contestant events must be drawn by number by a judge or an F.C.A. representative.
- b. No contestants may compete on the same head of stock twice at any one rodeo in the same event.
- c. Drawing must be conducted so that any entrant may witness the draw.
- d. All animals' names and numbers must be written on cards that are identical in color and size or drawn by a computer.
- e. Receptacle containing numbers to be drawn must be held above the drawing judge's head and numbers shaken between each number drawn.
- f. There must always be at least four copies made of the draw: one to be posted; one copy for each judge; and one or more copies for the secretary's records.

## **11. SICK OR CRIPPLED STOCK**

- a. If an animal that is drawn for a riding event or is drawn in a pen in a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is out that time, a judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
- b. In the case stock is sick, crippled or already shipped replacement will be drawn from re-ride animals.
- c. If stock is crippled or becomes sick after the draw is made the contestant who has drawn the sick or crippled animal shall receive the first re-ride animal drawn as a replacement.

## **12. DRAWING RIDING EVENTS**

- a. In all riding events, a complete go-round must be drawn at one time.
- b. Any animal drawn for a re-ride but not used in that go-round may be held out of the draw for re-rides in the following go-round along with feature animals but then will be returned for the go-round draw after the re-rides have been drawn.

## **13. DRAWING TIMED EVENTS**

- a. Stock in the timed events must be drawn by the flag judge or barrier judge not more than one hour before the performance at the roping chute or the rodeo office.
  1. If mistake is made in drawing timed event stock, redraw will be made from the mistake down.
- b. Drawing to be made for one complete performance only. Slack considered for drawing purposes as a performance.
- c. In timed events, no drawn stock can be held over from one performance to the next or overnight.
- d. No pens of cattle may be drawn for more than one day in advance. If the number of calves required for a rodeo is larger than the number used on the first day or days of that rodeo, then pens will be drawn for each day of the rodeo and only the calves in the pen for a particular day will be tied.
- e. Only calves and steers that are available for use for the first go-round can be put into the draw for the second and subsequent go-rounds.
- f. Timed event cattle shall be drawn in rotation. Rotation meaning: each animal has to have been run once before anyone can have a second run. For example: if there are fifteen steers and ten steer wrestlers in each performance or section draw ten steers, the five left over will be the first ones drawn for the next performance or section and then draw five from the first ten used so there will be five left over to draw from first for the next performance or section, etc.

- g. In the timed events, if a contestant has advised the secretary that he will be turning out his stock, no stock will be drawn for such a contestant.
- h. In timed events, a complete go-round must be finished before any contestant can compete on his next head of stock, except for stock that must be brought back.
- i. Stock order must run in order for slack and performance except when it is necessary to make changes to avoid consecutive runs on the horse.
- j. Any contestant who competes on stock that has not been drawn for him/her will be disqualified.
- k. In the event that there are not enough cattle for each contestant in a given performance (or slack) the judges shall draw the first, second and subsequent run as usual. When there is half-enough stock, the timed event draw must be hidden from the rest of the contestants. (i.e.: 30 ropers, 15 calves, draw must be hidden, 30 ropers, 12 calves, draw does not have to be hidden.)
- l. When drawing stock for the Timed Events there shall be a spare drawn for each performance/slack. The number of the spare shall be kept hidden until such time that the animal s required to be competed on. If the spare is not used in the performance/slack that it was drawn for, then it will be put back in the draw for use in the regular rotation.
- m. A contestant who has injured stock drawn to him in the Timed Events will run the spare that has previously been drawn for that event. If there is no spare available (e.g. the spare has already been used) the contestant will draw from the remaining available cattle.
- n. In the timed events the first three contestants cannot be moved unless the contestants below them agree to move up in the order of go, unless a turn out is assessed.

## **SECTION EIGHT – RODEO OFFICIALS**

### **1. GENERAL**

- a. FCA judges will be required to attend and FCA judging clinic annually in order to judge a FCA rodeo. All FCA Judges must have a current membership-
- b. The decisions of all judges, flagmen or timers will be final and no protests by contestants will be permitted.
- c. Whenever it is necessary to make exception to the rules due to unusual circumstances, the judges must confer with the F.C.A. executive members present to discuss the possibility of any unfair treatment to rodeo contestants entered at such rodeo.
- d. Judges must have the official markings available to be announced before the end of that performance.
- e. Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books.
- f. Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in presence of the judges.
- g. The men appointed to flag are the judges for timed events regardless of who is judging riding events, and are the only ones authorized to deliver a decision or draw stock in a timed event.
- h. Neither barrier judge nor field-flag judge may be changed during the course of a rodeo except for injury or illness.
- i. The timers and flagman of the barrel racing may not be changed after the first performance except because of sickness or injury, or unless by the request of the F.C.A. Show Representative because of their incompetence.
- j. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for injury or illness, or by the request of an Association official because of timer's incompetence, or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee and Association. The timer who times the first performance of a riding event must time that riding event for the duration of that rodeo, except as above provided for in this rule.
- k. Judge's Cards must be returned to the rodeo secretary immediately after each performance.
- l. All rodeos are required to use at least two stopwatches in tenth of a second. Score board clocks shall not be used as official timing devices.
- m. No rodeos are required to have four judges.

### **2. JUDGING RIDING EVENTS**

- a. Ride and animal to be marked separately. Ride shall be timed for eight (8) seconds, time to start when animal leaves chute for the Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding and Junior Steer Riding.
- b. Mark the ride from one (1) to twenty-five (25) according to how much rider spurs the animal and use the full spread.
- c. The animal to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25) and use the full spread.
- d. In Saddle Bronc and Bareback Riding, to qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground first jump out of the chute.
- e. If a horse stalls coming out of the chute either judge may tell rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and first jump qualification will then be waived.
- f. If a horse turns out backwards from the chute the spurring out rule shall be waived.

- g. Rider may be disqualified for not following judges' instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute.
- h. If in the opinion of the judges a rider is fouled at the gate, at the judges' discretion, a re-ride may be given or the spurring out rule may be waived. Rider must claim animal to get a re-ride
- i. Judges must watch complete ride at all times. (Even if rider is disqualified at gate.)
- j. Judges are to use a stopwatch in all riding events. Watches must be digital. The official time is the watch on the latch side of the chute.
- k. Judges will use red flags to indicate a violation of the spur-out rule and all other disqualification's. Judges are to also indicate disqualification violations by already established hand signals. This pertains to all rodeo events.
- l. No riding event judge will compete in riding events at a rodeo where he is judging.

### **3. JUDGING TIMED EVENTS**

- a. Any unnecessary delays in the timed events will constitute a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine, escalating with each violation.
- b. If a steer or calf is hindered from natural progression when gate is opened the contestant shall be disqualified and the pusher will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense and progressing with each offense. Pusher will not leave, nor will any part of his body extrude past gate. The barrier judge will enforce this.
- c. FCA judges are responsible for providing and setting up the barrier at FCA rodeos.
- d. Barrier judges shall keep a record of all barrier penalties. They are to be furnished with a complete list of contestants by the rodeo secretary and their records and those of the rodeo timers must correspond when checked in the office.
- e. Flagman and barrier judges cannot rope, dog or haze in the events they flag.
- f. A judge will record the electric timer times during barrel racing, these are the "official times" for that event. Timers: one timer to record 2<sup>nd</sup> copy of electric timer times and other timer to record stopwatch times. Judges Cards must be signed by judges and timers.
- g. A judge other than the flag judge shall be present to read the time off the electric timer.

### **4. POSTING MARKINGS**

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

### **5. FIELD FLAGGER**

- a. When flagging timed events field flagger must position himself so as not to hinder contestant.
- b. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and watches stopped. Contestant will get animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final. If rope is on animal, roper will get lap and tap with rope on it in chute.
- c. Once a man has been flagged out, he will not receive stock back.

## **SECTION NINE – RIDING EVENTS**

### **1. GENERAL**

- a. A contestant may have his fees returned or a re-ride drawn if his drawn animal does not have eligible branded number or painted number as outlined in the rule book. There will be no duplicate numbers. In any case the stock contractor will be fined fifty dollars (\$50) for the first offence and one hundred dollars (\$100) for the second offence, if animals are not properly brand numbered as stated.
- b. The Association Board of Directors or its official representative must inspect all rodeo stock at a reasonable time before the start of the rodeo and has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared shall be taken from the draw.
- c. Rider will be subject to a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine, after he has been advised by the judge he is next to go, he is not above the animal with his glove on (if glove is used) when previous animal leaves the arena.
- d. No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs, or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses or saddle bronc.
- e. No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle girths, or flank straps shall be permitted. Only sheepskin lined flanking straps shall be used on bucking stock and shall be of the quick-release type.
- f. Each contestant in a horse-riding event must have someone to turn his horse out; the horse's halter must not be held.

## 2. RE-RIDES

- a. Re-rides may be awarded in all three riding events.
- b. The matter of re-rides shall be totally in the discretion of the judges, provided that a re-ride shall be awarded in the following situations:
  1. An animal fails to break (runs off) or stops during a ride.
  2. The rider is fouled at the chute or in the arena, and the rider declares himself or does not try to go on with the ride.
  3. In the horse riding events, if the rider makes a qualified ride and the flank comes off.
  4. In the bull riding, if the rider makes a qualified ride until the flank comes off, re--ride optional.
  5. If an animal deliberately throws itself or falls.
  6. If a rider makes two honest attempts to get on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so.
  7. In the Saddle Bronc riding, if the halter breaks but not if it comes off a re-ride shall be awarded.
  8. If contestant and stock contractor cannot come to an agreement regarding cross-tying an animal, the judge will award a re-ride.
- c. At no time shall a re-ride or a re-run be given if the contestant's own equipment breaks or fails.
- d. If a re-ride is awarded, the judges must have the mark and the fact that a re-ride has been awarded, announced, and in all cases the choice of accepting the mark or taking a re-ride is the contestant's but if the contestant elects to a re-ride animal drawn for him, he must get on the re-ride or be disqualified.
- e. If a re-ride is awarded, the first turned-out animal will be used. If there is no turn-outs then the first drawn re-ride will be used.
- f. A contestant shall not ask for a re-ride.
- g. Drawing re-rides:
  1. In the five (5) riding events (Bareback, Saddle Bronc, and Bull Riding, Novice Horse Riding & Junior Bulls) one (1) re-ride animal for each performance and each slack session will be drawn in the prescribed manner.
- h. When the stock contractor submits his stock list to entry system, he will submit the branded number of one more animal than is required to furnish each contestant in that performance or slack with an animal. The stock contractor is allowed to feature three (3) animals in each performance or slack session that will be exempt from the re-rides. The remaining animals will be put in a hopper and one (1) animal per performance or slack session will be drawn as the designated re-ride animal for each specific performance or slack.
  1. Or a stock contractor may choose to submit in any given pen the equivalent of one (1) additional animal plus one (1) for each performance of the rodeo or go round, i.e. at a three (3) performance rodeo or go round, four (4) re-ride animals would be drawn. A maximum of four (4) animals may be featured before re-rides are drawn. If (2) is used, then the drawn re-rides will constitute the re-rides for the entire rodeo and may not be put back into draw. If, after all drawn re-rides and turned out stock are used, more re-rides are needed, it will be the responsibility of the judges to draw re-rides from a pen of animals which represents the animals used in any given performance agreeable to the stock contractor. All re-ride stock should be available during or immediately following the performance in which the re-ride was granted.
- i. The re-ride animal will be competed on during or following that performance or slack or at a time mutually agreeable to by both the stock contractor and the contestant.
  1. Any stock in the original draw that is turned out, meaning not bucked either in competition or as an exhibition ride, automatically goes in the re-ride draw.
  2. NOTE: A turned out animal can only be drawn once as a re-ride. Thereafter, animal will be drawn out of the herd.

## 3. SADDLE BRONC RIDING

- a. **Minimum age to enter is 16 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. New Addition**
- b. Horse to be furnished by the producer. Riding to be done with plain halter, one rope rein and Standard Association saddle. Stock contractor may call on judges to pass on whether or not a saddle is standard.
- c. Stock contractors must furnish their own halters and contestants must use them. The placing of buck rein, foreign material, fitness of halter, etc., subject to judges' approval.
- d. Standard halter must be used unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.
- e. Horses to be saddled in chute. Saddles may not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Rider may cinch own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory. Either stock contractor or contestant shall have the right to call the judge to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best.
- f. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank cinch behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.
- g. Contestants may cinch saddle from either side.
- h. Unless requested by the rider, saddle bronc horses cannot be hot-shotted after rider sits down in the saddle.
- i. One arm and hand must be free at all times.

- j. Any of the following offenses shall disqualify a rider: being bucked off, changing hands on rein, wrapping rein around hand, pulling leather, losing stirrup, touching animal or himself or saddle or rein with free hand, riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, failing to follow judge's instructions when horse stalls in the chute, for using any substance except dry rosin on saddle or chaps.
- k. CONTEST SADDLE SPECIFICATIONS:
  - 1. RIGGING: 3/4 double – front edge of "D" ring must not pull further back than directly below centre of point of swell, Standard E-Z or ring type saddle must be used and cannot exceed 53/4 inch outside-width measurement.
  - 2. SWELL UNDERCUT: Not more than two inches – one inch on each side.
  - 3. GULLET: Not less than four inches wide at centre fork of covered saddle.
  - 4. TREE: Saddles must be built on standard tree.
  - 5. SPECIFICATIONS: Fork – 14" wide; height – 9" maximum; gullet – 53/4" wide; cantle – 5" maximum height, 14" maximum width.
  - 6. Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars
  - 7. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.
  - 8. No freaks allowed.
  - 9. Cinches must be at least five inches wide.

#### 4. **BAREBACK BRONC RIDING**

- a. **Minimum age to enter is 16 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. New Addition**
- b. One hand rigging to be used. Riders may use their own rigging if rigging is not over ten inches in width at hand hold and not over six inches wide at "D" ring, or not a freak. No rigging may have metal, fiberglass, or other objectionable material underneath rigging. All riggings must have sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath. Stock contractors will have the right to have judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable. Judges will decide on all riggings.
- c. Riggings must lie flat on the horses back while rigging is being cinched so there is an even distribution of pressure at all times. Stock contractor may call judge to pass on whether rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back.
- d. A one-inch (1") thick pad must be used under bareback rigging if stock contractor requests its use.
- e. All cinches must be at least 5 inches (5") wide.
- f. Contestants will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly flanked or cinched.
- g. Contestants may pull riggings from either side.
- h. Unless requested by the rider, bareback horse cannot be hot-shotted after rider sits down.
- i. THERE WILL BE NO TAPE OR ANY OTHER ADHESIVE MATERIAL OR SUBSTANCE OTHER THAN DRY ROSIN USED ON RIGGING OR RIDER'S GLOVE.
- j. RIDERS SHALL NOT TAKE ANY KIND OF FINGER TUCK OR FINGER WRAP.
- k. Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider: riding with rowels too sharp in opinion of judges, being bucked off, touching animal or himself with free hand, failing to follow judges' instructions when a horse stalls in the chute.
- l. Contestants will be disqualified if rigging is set too far ahead (to an extreme).
- m. A one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be imposed at the discretion of the judges, and stock contractor or pick-up men for the bareback rigger hanging-up. This infraction is to be sent to the F.C.A. office with rodeo results, and must be in writing.
- n. Riders must have their horses cinched before putting their hand in the rigging.

#### 5. **BULL RIDING**

- a. **Minimum age to enter is 16 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. New Addition**
- b. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull or steer when rider leaves him. Rope must have bell; no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull.
- c. No wire or sharp metal to be used to lock rowels.
- d. No more than two men may help pull contestant's rope.
- e. Rope may be pulled from either side.
- f. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
- g. Unless requested by the rider, no bull or steer can be hot-shotted after rider sits down.
- h. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
- i. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses: being bucked off, touching animal or himself or equipment with free hand and/or arm, using sharp spurs, or fouling animal by holding gate.
- j. The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull his rope more than two times if the bull is standing well in the chute.

- k. If bull fence is used in the bull riding it must be solid enough for a man to climb, or raised high enough off the ground for a man to roll under (approximately sixteen inches (16")).
- l. Snow fences will not be allowed for bull fences or arena fences.

## 6. JUNIOR STEER RIDING

- a. The age of the contestant as on January 1 of the current year will be considered their age for the duration of that rodeo year. Junior Steer Riding age is 8 to 14 years.
- b. Riding to be done with one or two hands and loose rope, with or without hand holds; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer when rider leaves him. Rope must have bell; no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of steer.
- c. No more than two men may help pull contestant's rope.
- d. Rope may be pulled from either side.
- e. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not steer is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
- f. Unless requested by the rider, no steer can be hot-shotted after rider sits down.
- g. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, they are to be marked.
- h. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses: being bucked off, touching animal with free hand, using sharp spurs, or fouling animal by holding gate.
- i. The rider shall not be allowed to reset and re-pull the rope more than two times if the animal is standing well in the chute.
- j. If a qualified ride is made until the flank comes off, a re-ride shall be optional but it need not be on the same animal.
- k. If suitable cattle are not available, the event will be cancelled. If Junior Steer Riding is held at an F.C.A. approved rodeo, the event must fall under the guidelines of the F.C.A
- l. Neither bulls nor horned cattle shall be used in the event if older than yearlings. Suitable cattle such as yearling heifers or steers preferable.
- m. If a contestant starts with one hand they must finish with one. If they start with two hands, they may change to one but then rides under the one hand rule.
- n. Touching the animal with their head is not a disqualification.
- o. Contests allowing over age contestants will not be F.C.A. approved. A birth certificate must be presented to be eligible for a junior membership.
- p. It is compulsory to wear a protective vest & helmet when competing in Junior Steer Riding.

## 7. NOVICE HORSE RIDING (Optional Event)

- a. Contestants must be 14-21 years old on January 1 of the current rodeo year. Contestants must hold a FCA Novice Horse Riding Membership or Full Membership. Junior card holders cannot compete in this event.
- b. Can be rode either as Saddle Bronc or Bareback.
- c. Stock contractors must designate bucking horses for each rodeo for either the Novice Horse Riding or Open Saddle Bronc or Bareback. There must be a separate stock list for the Novice Horse Riding event.
- d. Novice Horse Riding stock for FCA season rodeos will be submitted to the office by the stock contractors and drawn for at the office.
- e. Try out horses will not be allowed.
- f. **If you wish to enter both the NHR and the Open Bareback/Saddlebronc you must purchase a Full Membership. Minimum age to enter the open Bareback or Saddlebronc is 16 years of age. If you wish to just enter the NHR you only need a NHR Membership. New Addition**
- g. **If you qualify for the finals in both the Novice and Open you can go to the finals in both events. New Addition**
- h. Spur our rule will be in effect.
- i. Novice Horse Riding stock for the Finals must be submitted by the FCA stock contractors and chosen by the top 6 in the NHR Event.

## 8. JUNIOR BULL RIDING (Optional Event)

- a. Contestants must be 13-17 years old on January 1 of the current rodeo year. Contestants must hold a FCA Junior Bull Riding Membership or Full Membership. Junior Steer Rider card holders cannot compete in this event at the same rodeo they compete in the Steer Riding.
- b. Mature cows OR bulls two years and younger can be used, but must be of the same sex at one rodeo. All bull riding rules apply. Horned cattle must have horns tipped.
- c. Junior bull riding stock for the FCA season rodeos will be drawn for at the office with the other riding events.
- d. **If you wish to enter both the Jr. Bull Riding and the Open Bull Riding you must purchase a Full Membership. Minimum age to enter the open Bull Riding is 16 years of age. If you wish to just enter the Jr. Bull Riding you only need a Jr. Bull Riders Membership. New Addition**

- e. **If you qualify for the finals in both the Junior Bulls and Open you can go to the finals in both events. New Addition**
- f. Junior Bull Riding stock for the Finals must be submitted by the FCA stock contractors and chosen by the top 6 in the Junior Bull Riding

## **SECTION 10 – TIMED EVENTS**

### **1. GENERAL**

- a. Refer to Section VII – Stock Contractors (General, Timed Event Stock and Drawing Timed Events)
- b. There will be a 30-second elapsed time limit in the timed events. A whistle indicating “time” shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 30-second span. This rule shall not apply to times completed in less than 30 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 30 seconds.

### **2. RERUNS**

- a. Reruns may be awarded in all timed events
- b. The matter of awarding a re-run for a contestant in any event shall be completely in the discretion of the judges, provided that a re-run may be awarded if the contestant is not given a fair opportunity to complete the event. The judge shall have the sole discretion to determine whether or not the contestant has been given a fair opportunity to complete the event. The spare will be used for the re-run.

### **3. BARRIERS & SCORELINE**

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

#### **BREAKING BARRIER**

- 1. A ten second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
- 2. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten feet of the pin.
- 3. Should a barrier break at any point other than its designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge.
- 4. If contestant obviously beats barrier, but the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, Barrier Judge may assess a ten second fine. Otherwise this will not be considered a broken barrier.

#### **BARRIER FAILURE**

- 1. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.
- 2. If automatic barrier fails to work, and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.
- 3. Barrier penalties will be assessed by the barrier judge. If the barrier malfunctions, the judge at their discretion will assess or take off the ten (10) second penalty.

#### **SCORELINE**

- 1. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and timed event director or representative, if present, subject to the conditions set forth herein, and subject to the approval of the judges.
- 2. Once score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed at the rodeo, nor can length of box be changed.
- 3. The length of the score line must be determined one hour before the rodeo commences.
- 4. CALF ROPING SCORELINE: The calf roping score will be five feet less than the length of the barrier box to a maximum of 12 feet with exceptions approved by a director.

5. STEER WRESTLING SCORELINE: At indoor rodeos the length of the score shall be no longer than 5% of the length of the working area of the rodeo arena.
6. In the timed events the box must be a minimum of Sixteen (16) feet in length and Ten (10) Feet in width. This is for new builds only, current builds are exempt.
7. A score line must be used at all F.C.A. rodeos.

#### **HOW TO MEASURE SCORELINE**

1. To measure correctly put barrier up with pin in barrier ring, holding the pin in place, measure from post where barrier pin goes, to the point where barrier rope touches the ground. Set barrier line 18 inches beyond that point.

#### **TIMED EVENT BOX**

1. In order to protect the contestant's horse, the back and the side opposite the timed event chute of timed event boxes shall be lined from a minimum of four inches (4") under ground level (unless properly supported by other means) up to a minimum of three feet (3') high with solid panel (no less than three quarter Inches (3/4") thick plywood.)
2. In order to protect contestant's horse, proper box pads are required for each timed event box.
3. Failure to properly line each timed event box and provide proper box pads for each timed event box shall result in a fine to the rodeo committee. The first incident of non-compliance will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine and each additional incident will result in a fine of two hundred & fifty dollars (\$250.)

**TIME LIMIT FOR ALL TIMED EVENTS: A one minute time limit will be in effect from when the barrier is strung or the contestant is "waved in" in the Barrel Racing, under judges stop watch & discretion. If animal is in standing position, a 30 second warning will be called. At one minute contestant or hazer must mount a different horse or be flagged out. A Fifty Dollar (\$50) fine will be issued. The contestant will be able to ride the horse at the next rodeo.**

#### **4. CALF ROPING**

- a. Contestant will be allowed only one (1) loop.
- b. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him regardless of what happens, except cases of mechanical failure.
- c. Once gate is opened, it must not be closed. But if it is opened and then closed the contestant will be disqualified, at discretion of the judge.
- d. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf.
- e. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.
- f. If horse drags calf excessively, field judge may stop horse and penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), may be assessed by field judge and/or any director.
- g. Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast – either is permissible; contestant must dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet with at least one wrap and a half hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and thrown by hand. If 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. Tie must hold until passed on by the judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until the judge has completed his examination. If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked no time. Untie man must not touch calf until signaled to do so by flag judge.
- h. A one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed to calf ropers for unnecessary roughness towards a calf. This will be assessed for obvious-jerk down, even though the calf does not go straight over backwards as outlined in the Rule Book. i.e. the one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed if the contestant throws the slack straight in the air or makes no visible attempt to switch the calf to avoid a jerk down (to hold slack or to throw it off to one side or another). Further examples are as follows: excessive dragging, intentionally running calf into the back fence, any roughness to the calf that could be avoided.
- i. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stop watch, timing six (6) seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
- j. Flagger must watch calf during the 6 second period and will stop watch when the calf kicks free, using the time shown on the watch to determine whether the calf was tied down long enough to be a qualified run.
- k. If calf is intentionally dragged at any time after it has been thrown roper will be disqualified.
- l. If the calf dies before the completion of the run and before the flag is dropped the contestant shall be given no time, and shall not be entitled to a re-run.
- m. Contestant will be disqualified for:
  1. The calf releases roping the calf before barrier.
  2. If contestant's feet touch ground before horse has crossed the score line.



3. Contestant may not have calf line beyond the score line. The judge and/or event rep will position line in the calf-roping event.
  4. A One Hundred Dollar (\$100) jerk down fine will be charged in the calf roping at the judge's discretion. A jerk down being defined as straight over backward with all four feet in the air. The \$100 will go to the F.C.A., this fine must be announced by the announcer when it has been enforced.
  5. There will be a thirty- (30) second elapsed time limit in the calf roping. The timer at the end of the thirty (30) second span shall blow a whistle indicating "no time". If contestant is in the process of tying the calf he may finish the tie but will receive no time.
- n. Where a rope horse is going to be used by more than one roper, calves must be run in such a way as to allow at least one (1) contestant to compete between runs on that horse. On failure to comply with this rule, contestant will be subject to a Twenty Five dollar (\$25) fine, escalating with each violation. (No successive runs will be allowed except at the finals.) After calves have been drawn the revised order of contestants must be given to chute help and rodeo announcer.
  - o. A neck rope must be used and a calf may not be busted. If a horse stops and the calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that the calf busts himself, the roper will not be responsible. Rope to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after "tie" is completed. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately two hundred (200) pounds and be strong and healthy.
  - p. In the event the calf kicks free the calf roper shall dismount and flank or leg the calf to the ground again and hold it there until assisted by people untying calves.
  - q. Calves must be run through the arena one (1) hour before the 1<sup>st</sup> performance at each FCA Rodeo.
  - r. Every calf roper in the 1<sup>st</sup> performance or slack must help run and tie the calves (tied only if required) one (1) hour prior to 1<sup>st</sup> performance or slack or a Twenty Five Dollar (\$25) fine will be assessed.

## **5. STEER WRESTLING**

- a. Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn. If a contestant jumps a steer, he accepts him as sound.
- b. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chutes. There can be only one hazer and horse. After catching steer, wrestler must bring it to a stop and twist it down. If steer is turned back, he is considered to have stopped.
- c. If steer is thrown while still going ahead – no time. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop it must be let up on all four feet and thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its left side or back, on the ground, all four feet and head straight.
- d. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of catch and throw will be left to the judges and their decision will be final.
- e. Steer wrestler is required to turn steer's head so he can get up.
- f. 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 same two horses they leave chute with.
- g. A ten (10) second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that steer wrestlers feet touch the ground before score line is crossed.
- h. Contestant may only jump once.
- i. There will be no penalty for breaking horn, but a re-run will not be given to the contestant.
- j. If a qualified run is made by a contestant, and the steer dies, there shall be no disqualification, but if contestant is not flagged and the steer dies, the contestant shall be given no time and shall not be entitled to a re-run.
- k. Once the gateman opens the gate, he shall leave it open. If the gate is opened and then closed, the contestant will be disqualified at the discretion of the judge.
- l. A weight limit shall be placed on steer wrestling cattle; a minimum of four hundred and fifty (450) pounds, and a maximum of seven hundred (700) pounds with a suitable horn length as approved by the steer wrestling representative. Once the steers have been approved, no steer will be removed from the draw because of horn length. However, the steer wrestling representative and/or judge has the authority to remove unsuitable animals from the draw.
- m. Steer must be caught from horse. If steer gets loose, steer wrestler may take no more than one step to catch steer.
- n. If steer wrestler experiences difficulty getting out on steer, he will be given two chances and must be prepared to take the steer on the third attempt.

## **6. TEAM ROPING**

- a. The Team Roping Director must approve all team roping stock.
- b. No cross entries.
- c. Two loops only.
- d. Both contestants' names must be given at time of entry.

- e. If one member of the team does not show a substitute may be used provided they are not already entered in the team roping, but must be entered in that rodeo in another event. The contestant that does not show will be subject to a fine. The substitute will not get points.
- f. Team Ropers must be F.C.A. members or permit holders.
- g. Team Roping is to be run with a barrier.
- h. Any Junior Boys Steer riders or Junior Barrel racers wishing to compete in Team Roping may enter on their minor card however winnings will not count toward FCA Finals.
- i. A 5 second penalty will be assessed for only catching one heel.
- j. Contestants will be disqualified for unnecessary dragging or stretching of animal.
- k. Team Roper behind barrier must throw first loop.
- l. Animal belongs to contestant when he calls for him regardless of what happens, except cases of mechanical failure.
- m. Once the gateman opens the gate he shall leave it open. If gate is opened and then closed, contestant will be disqualified at judges' discretion.
- n. If the animal dies before the completion of a run and before the flag is dropped the contestant shall be given no time, and shall not be entitled to a re-run.
- o. If header accidentally jerks animal off its feet or animal trips and falls, header must not drag animal over 8 feet before animal regains its feet or the team will be disqualified.
- p. Broken or dropped rope will be considered no time.
- q. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands.
- r. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet with heel rope, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet by hand. However should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field flag judge drops his flag, time will be taken.
- s. Roping animal without releasing the loop from hand is not permitted.
- t. Roper must dally to stop animal. No tied ropes allowed. Any team roping heeler over the age of 51 years may tie on hard and fast provided he/she has proper breakaway. Length of entire rope if tied on can be no shorter than 20"6".
- u. Time will be taken when animal is roped with both horses facing animal in line, with ropes dallied and tight. Animal must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
- v. The judges will decide any question as to catches in this contest.
- w. LEGAL CATCHES: both horns; half a head; around neck; any heel catch behind shoulder is legal if rope goes up heels.
- x. All other catches are illegal.
- y. ILLEGAL CATCHES: Hondo passed over one horn and loop over other horn; figure eight on both horns; figure eight on nose and horns; belly catch, defined as any catch when loop passes over head and front feet; horn or neck catch with any feet in loop; loop in animal's mouth; any figure eight or loop crossing itself.
- z. Only three team roping teams be allowed in the arena at any one time.
  - 1. Time limit on team roping will be 60 seconds between time barrier flag is released and flagman flags the run.
  - 2. No ropes shall be taken off in the arena without flagman's approval.
  - 3. No cross firing. Cross firing defined as heeler throwing heel rope before the header changes direction of steer's travel.
  - 4. Dallies must be completed for qualifying run. Dallies means the rope must cross itself when wrapped around the horn of the saddle.
  - 5. Team ropers will be flagged out as soon as flagman sees front foot in header's loop. No time will be allowed for fishing front foot out of head loop.
  - 6. No time will result if any of the above rules are broken.
- aa. Where a team roping horse is going to be used by more than one (1) contestant, the steer must be run in such a way as to allow at least one (1) contestant to compete between runs on that horse. On failure to comply with this rule contestant will be subject to a twenty five dollar (\$25) dollar fine, escalating with each violation. (No successive runs will be allowed except in finals.) After stock has been drawn, the revised order of contestants must be given to chute help and rodeo announcer.
- bb. FCA does not approve any rodeo that has dual entries in any event.

## **7. LADIES BARREL RACING**

### **POLICY RULES RE: ENTRIES**

- a. There shall be no exhibition (unofficial) runs allowed.
- b. If contestant turns out first run, she can still take her remaining runs and run for the go-round money only.
- c. It is a contestant's responsibility to find out when she is drawn up.
- d. The barrel racing event must be run on a horse or pony of any size and ridden by a female only.

- e. A contestant is privileged, if she so desires, to see the records of all contestants at the end of each go-round, provided that said request is made at a time convenient to the Rodeo Secretary and when the records are available.
- f. There will be no drawing out after positions are drawn without a doctor's or a veterinarian's certificate. Contestant may not compete at another rodeo for eight (8) clear days. Only three (3) veterinarian and/or doctor releases can be submitted in one (1) year. Contestant may also turn out stock on a visible injury release. Refer to F.C.A. rules for information regarding turning out, doctor release, visible injury release, etc.
- g. There must be four contestants to make an approved barrel race to count for points. If there are less than four entries, the contestants may compete for the purse only.
- h. After contestant has been set up for the day, positions will be drawn for her.
- i. A contestant must ride in the Grand Entry when requested to do so.
- k. REGULATION COURSE, ALLOWABLE RIDING TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT
  1. Barrel distances will be set-up as follows: where arena conditions permit, 90 x 105 foot arc, 60 foot score (or 90 x 110 foot arc, with a 40 foot score) with 35 feet stopping distance closed gate, 30 feet stopping distance open gate. Arena conditions not permitting, pattern to be as big as possible, with at least 20 feet off all fences outdoors, and 15 feet off all fences indoors. Barrel racing eye must be "boxed" at all FCA rodeos. See Director for instructions.
  2. The barrels and starting line must be permanently staked for each go-round. If any distances are changed for any reason during a go-round, then split monies must be paid and this money will not count toward the finals.
  3. Whenever split go-rounds are run, barrel distances must be measured with a measuring tape. When the barrels are being marked, a judge should be present to witness the figures used and recorded as the measurements to be turned into the secretary and used the next day. The paper is to be signed by girls and judge where possible.
  4. A horse can be ridden more than once in a go-round and/or performance by different girls, but a girl may only ride one (1) horse in a go-round (i.e. A contestant may change horses between go-rounds). When girls are riding the same horse they may be traded within the same section but must trade down the section.
  5. Barrels are to be 45-gallon (202.5 litre) metal drums, closed at both ends.
  6. Either barrel one or two may be taken first but a contestant will be disqualified for not following the cloverleaf pattern.
  7. If at the judge's discretion a LBR horse falls down during a paid performance or slack due to unsafe ground conditions each contestant in that section will have the option, if the ground can be improved, to re-run or keep her recorded time; however the rodeo announcer must announce the fact that there will be a re-run in the LBR as soon as this information is available.
  8. If barrels are not properly marked or barrel duties not performed, contestants responsible will be subject to a to a fifty (\$50) dollar fine. The first three (3) Ladies Barrel Racers in each performance and slack are responsible for taking down the timer, getting the read-out box from announcer stand, putting the timer in the timer box & finding the barrel covers and put both away in the office. The last three (3) barrel racers in each performance or slack are responsible for checking the markers with a judge, making sure the barrel covers and barrels are ready. FCA Judges will be responsible for setting up the timer (on the markers) at all FCA Rodeos & Slack, Barrel Racers are still in charge of marking, checking the pattern, putting on the barrel covers for each performance & slack and removing barrel covers after the performance and taking back to the rodeo office, and taking the read-out box to the announcer stand. Fine for Senior Barrel Racers not complying will be fifty dollars (\$50) per occurrence. The last two Junior Barrel Racers in each performance and slack must help set up the timer and complete all duties. Fine for Junior Barrel Racers not complying will be twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence. Barrel Racers are responsible for carrying timers and barrel covers between rodeos.
  9. A contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when called. Ill-mannered horses will be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
  10. A running or standing start can be used depending on the arena conditions, but in no case may a contestant cause any unnecessary delay in starting the race. If the setup allows for a "run in" meaning it has a center alley, contestants must continue in a forward motion and will be disqualified for circling inside the arena before crossing the eye. This includes circling in the arena in the area before the plane of the electronic eye when pattern is marked square to the entrance gate. Failure to comply would result in a disqualification of the contestant's time.
  11. When a contestant knocks over a barrel or goes off course, she must complete the course at race speed.
  12. A contestant may, from a riding position, hold a barrel from falling.
  13. A contestant may hang onto the saddle or use both hands on the reins if she so desires.
  14. Arena gates are to be left open for all contestants or closed for all contestants during a race. The decision is to be made before the race starts by the majority of the contestants and the arena director, depending on the arena conditions.

15. If the Management furnishes numbers, contestants must wear them while contesting so as to be visible to the judges.
16. Once barrel markers have been placed, no practicing is allowed on the course marked. For the purposes of practicing, barrels must be placed at least ten (10) feet (3m) away from the markers.
17. No contestant shall run a barrel pattern in the arena within one (1) hour of show time.
18. Western equipment must be used. The snaffle bit will be accepted as western equipment.
19. The use of bats and spurs are allowed. A fine will result from a contestant batting her horse in front of the shoulder during a race. If roping or dogging box is closed barrel racers have the option of entering or exiting the box.
20. In the Ladies, Juniors & Pee Wee Barrels Racing a rake must be completed after a maximum of 5 runs on the ground during each performance & slack. There must also be a rake between LBR & JBR & Pee Wee.
21. In a performance or slack where there are more than 35 barrel racers, a rake will be done after 20 runs on the ground, using whatever equipment that is used at the beginning of each performance or slack.
22. Arena care (working & watering) must be consistent for each performance, including slack. Arena conditions must be kept consistent within committee control for each performance/slack of the rodeo.

#### **TIMING THE BARREL RACE**

1. A five second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over.
2. Horses are to be timed on the nose both at the start and finish of the race. The contestant must complete the race on the horse in order to have her time count.
3. Once official racing time begins, re-runs are not allowed, however, if time is missed due to the electric timer or flagman not being ready, official time will be taken again.
4. If there is obvious interference during a run the girl may take a re-run upon the judge's discretion.
5. Electric timer must be used whenever available. Judge will record the official times to the 1/1000<sup>th</sup>. It must also be backed up by two timers using watches, at least to the tenth (1/10th) of a second. Both sets of times must be recorded.
6. Judges are required to flag the barrel racing event whether the electric timer is used or not. When the electric timer is used, judges shall watch to see that no one walks in front of the electric eye and shall further make sure that each barrel racer completes the racing pattern properly.
7. If stop watches alone are used to time the barrel race, they are to be in no less than tenths (1/10th) of a second and there shall be not less than two watches.
8. When the electric timer fails all contestants who do not receive a time on the electric timer, regardless of how many contestants receive electric times, receive a manual time to the hundredth of a second, with a 0 being the hundredth (i.e. 17.46 manual will be read 17.40), and both to be recorded.

#### **FINALS OR SHORT GO-ROUND**

1. The number of contestants to compete in a final or short go-round must be posted in the office before the start of the show.
2. The number of contestants in the finals must be at least two more than the monies paid.
3. When a finals is held, all times will be counted for the average.

### **8. JUNIOR BARREL RACING**

- a. A birth certificate must be presented to be eligible for a junior membership. The age of the contestant as on January 1 of the current year will be considered their age for the duration of that rodeo year. Junior Barrel Racing age is 15 years and under
- b. Once declared a Junior, a Barrel Racer may only count points in Junior Barrel Racing.
- c. Junior Barrel Racers may only enter Junior Barrel Racing at a rodeo where there is both Junior and Senior Barrel Racing.
- d. A Junior Barrel Racer may enter the Senior Barrel Race, if there is no Junior Barrel Racing at the same show, however no points will be awarded.
- e. Junior Barrel Racers must be F.C.A. members.
- f. Same rules apply in Junior Barrel Racing as in Ladies Barrel Racing.
- g. Both boys and girls will be allowed to ride in the Junior Barrel Racing.

### **9. PEE WEE BARREL RACING (Optional Event)**

- a. A birth certificate must be presented to be eligible for a Pee Wee membership. The age of the contestant as on January 1 of the current year will be considered their age for the duration of that rodeo year. Pee Wee Barrel Racing age is 10 years and under.
- b. Once declared a Pee Wee Barrel Racer may only count points in Pee Wee Barrel Racing.

- c. Pee Wee Barrel Racers may only enter the Pee Wee Barrel Racing at a rodeo where there is both Pee Wee and Junior Barrel Racing.
- d. A Pee Wee Barrel Racer may enter the Junior Barrel Race, if there is no Pee Wee Barrel Racing at the same show, however no points will be awarded.
- e. Pee Wee Barrel Racers must be F.C.A. members.
- f. Same rules apply in Pee Wee Barrel Racing as in Junior Barrel Racing and Ladies Barrel Racing (no leading on foot/horse allowed.)
- g. Both boys and girls will be allowed to ride in the Pee Wee Barrel Racing.
- h. **It is compulsory for PeeWees to wear a helmet when competing. New Addition**

## 10. **BREAKAWAY ROPING (Optional Event)**

Contestants can be a female of any age, or males that are 14 & under on January 1 of current rodeo year.

- a. Calves or team roping cattle may be used.
- b. There will be a twenty five (25) second time limit to complete the catch.
- c. Barrier and timers rules as used in the Calf Roping apply
- d. One loop only.
- e. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand will result in disqualification.
- f. Rope must be tied to saddle horn with string provided by the committee, and have a colorful cloth, large enough to be seen by the judge, attached to the rope no more than six (6) inches from the saddle horn. Misplacement of cloth will result in disqualification by the flagger.
- g. When roping muleys cattle or calves, the rope must pass over the head and may draw up on any part of the animal's body to make a break from the horn.
- h. When roping horned cattle the three (3) legal team roping head catches will be allowed.
- i. The judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the horn and time will be taken.
- j. The contestant will receive NO TIME should he or she break the rope away from the horn by hand. However, should the rope dally around the saddle horn, contestant may ride ahead, un-dally the rope and stop the horse or turn off to make the rope break away from the saddle horn.
- k. The contestant must be mounted on horse when time is taken
- l. All other calf roping rules apply
- m. There will be open gate at the catch pen.
- n. Stock requirements to be ¼ enough of the entries.

## **SECTION FOURTEEN – FCA FINALS**

### 1. **F.C.A. FINALS RODEO**

- a. Anyone supplying stock to an F.C.A. rodeo may submit a list of stock to be voted on for the F.C.A. finals providing they have produced one or more F.C.A. rodeos during the current season. Rough stock submitted to F.C.A. finals must be drawn twice during that season's rodeos. To qualify stock for the FCA Finals animal can have one (1) trip at a FCA mother rodeo, 2<sup>nd</sup> trip can be at a co-approved rodeo (LRA/WRA/CRA/CCA). Non-bucked 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> re-ride will count as one (1) trip. **Stock Contractor must provide name of co-approved rodeo where stock made 2<sup>nd</sup> trip. – New Addition**
- b. Sub-Contractors in the SB, BB, BR will be the responsibility of one of the Main Carded Stock Contractors, and their stock must be submitted for vote, by one of the main carded Stock Contractors to be considered.
- c. Sub-Contractors in the NHR, Jr Bulls, Steer Riding can be submitted for vote, under their own membership name. Sub-Contractors can and will be fined just like any other member for rule infractions. \*\* This applies to owners of Leased Stock to all FCA Main Carded Stock Contractor.
- d. At the FCA Finals Stock Draw, re-rides will be designated not drawn for. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> round re-rides will go into draw for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> rounds and new re-rides be designated.
- e. Best bucking stock of the finals will be voted on after the finals before that event is over.
- f. In the case of a tie at the finals a ride off or a run off will be held.
- g. Anyone competing in the F.C.A. finals rodeo in any event cannot judge that rodeo.
- h. The stock lists for the finals rodeo shall be submitted by FCA Stock Contractors for each event and then a selection committee of the top 10 contestants in the major events & top 6 in the NHR and Jr. Bull Riding will select the stock in that event
- i. When finals stock lists are submitted the contractors must send a letter of commitment with respect to selected animals at a set price and they must get in touch with the event director about any substitutions that will be made.
- j. Finals contestants shall vote on the judges for the finals. The pickup men will be selected by the Saddle Bronc and Bareback riders. The bullfighters will be selected by the Bull Riders and Steer Riders. Any pickup men or bull fighters chosen to work at the FCA Finals must have worked 1 (one) FCA rodeo during the current year. Any ballots sent out to vote on finals personnel, stock, etc., must be signed when returned to

the F.C.A. Office. **To have name on the ballot the personnel must have purchased their membership prior to working their first rodeo. New Addition**

- k. The F.C.A. Champion will be decided at the Sudden Death Finals.
  1. FCA Championships will be determined by the total number of points won at the Sudden Death Finals Rodeo in each of the following events: Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Ladies Barrel Race, Team Roping, Junior Steer Riding, Junior Barrel Race, Junior Bull Riding, Novice Horse Riding.
- l. The F.C.A. Board of Directors shall be allowed to use the 5% account to boost the finals at their discretion.
- m. The F.C.A. will have a four man judging system at the F.C.A. finals. To qualify to judge the FCA Finals, judge must work 2 FCA mother rodeos in that season and be a current member in good standing.
- n. Any member qualified for the F.C.A. finals must withdraw by stock selection meeting or they will be levied a fine found suitable by the directorship.
- o. Any stock contractor or any person submitting a list of stock and given the opportunity to supply stock to the F.C.A. finals will not be allowed to submit a stock list for 3 years, if they withdraw from bringing stock after the stock selection meeting.
- p. **To Qualify for the FCA Finals in All Events, except roughstock, Contestants must have entered and competed in that event, at a minimum of 10 Rodeos during the season, 50% (to a maximum of 7) of those rodeos must be FCA "Mother" sanctioned rodeos (in Roughstock only 5 Mother Rodeos are needed to make the finals). In the case where a rodeo is not formally approved by the FCA 6 weeks prior to the date of entries the board will adjust the rodeo count accordingly in favor of the contestant. If said rodeo is subsequently approved by the board then it will still count as a mother sanctioned rodeo in the contestants count.**
- q. At the FCA Finals in the Timed Events (except Ladies & Junior Barrel Racing), contestants will compete as 10<sup>th</sup> place coming into finals to 1<sup>st</sup> place in all first 3 go-rounds. In the LBR and JBR season leaders will go 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> performance then roll 4 places each for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> performances. Last performance in all events will go according to points earned in first 3 performances.
- r. Any Finalist that does not fulfill the 10 rodeo rule Finals qualification, but is invited to compete in the Finals, cannot win the Finals Championship.
- s. The fine for not attending the Finals General Meeting will be one hundred dollars (\$100). This meeting is mandatory for all finalists at each FCA Finals rodeo, including Junior Members.
- t. MEDICAL EXEMPTION: A member may request a Medical Exemption for the FCA Finals, all the following must apply:
  1. have earnings enough to qualify through standings, but due to medical reasons was unable to compete at the required number of rodeos,
  2. have competed in 50% of approved rodeos up time of injury,
  3. provide FCA office with proper documentation-medical to indicate when injury occurred and medical indicating when member is able to compete again,
  4. have FCA board approval.
- u. The FCA Board of Directors & FCA Finals Committee will choose the Finals Production Team for each annual FCA Finals. Finals Production Team consists of: Timers, Arena Directors, Announcer, VIP Manager, Chute Boss for Roughstock and Timed Events, Rodeo Secretary, Rodeo Office Personnel, Stock Boss, Rodeo Clown, Specialty Acts and Photographer. Bids will be taken each year for Announcer, Rodeo Clown, Specialty Acts and Photographer.

## 2. **Turning Out Finals Stock**

- a. If a contestant fails to notify the secretary before the draw is made that they will not be available to compete in the finals and the final stock is drawn for, they will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50) fine.

## **SECTION TWELVE – TROPHY AWARDS AND DONORS**

### 1. **Trophy Awards and Donors**

- a. Season Leader Awards will be given to the contestants having the most points won in the Association's Standings at the year-end in each of the seven major events (SB,BB,BR,CR,SW,TR,LBR) plus JBR, BSR, NHR, BBR and the All Around & have fulfilled the Rodeo Count for that year. The year-end Season Leader will receive a saddle (in optional events if sponsorship permits, Optional Events are: Novice Horse Riding, Junior Bull Riding, Pee Wee Barrels, Breakaway Roping), the Sudden Death Finals Champion will receive a buckle.
- b. Saddle and buckle donors shall receive tickets to the finals rodeo.
- c. Year-end award winners must be paid up and in good standing with the F.C.A. or they won't receive their award. Donor has the right to present the award to the runner-up or hold it over until the next year.
- d. Any contestant winning a year-end trophy is expected to be at the presentation. If he/she is not present without a legitimate excuse, donor has the right to present the award to the runner-up or hold it over until

- the next year. Each trophy award winner is expected to show their appreciation by written thanks to the donor.
- e. The F.C.A. will pay for saddles in all Major events & Jr. Steer Riding & Jr. Barrel Racing if sponsorship is not available.
  - f. The F.C.A. will award finals buckles in all events, but will not pay for any year-end runner-up awards.
  - g. Before a year-end trophy is put up by the F.C.A. for any event there must be four approved F.C.A. rodeos holding that approved event.
  - h. F.C.A. Awards and Trophies and those approved by the F.C.A. will be the only ones presented at the annual banquet and trophy presentation.

## **2. All Around Award**

- a. The Season Leader All Around Champion will be determined on the basis of the contestants who qualify at two separate rodeos in a major timed event and two separate rodeos in a major riding event. If no one qualifies for the finals as an "All Around" contestant in the major events or optional major events, this award will go to the "high point" champion at the sudden death finals rodeo. (High point champion is the one contestant obtaining the most points at the sudden death finals in the major events plus Ladies Barrel Race and Team Roping.)

## **3. Rookie of the Year**

- a. Rookie of the Year be awarded to the person with the most points at the end of the year provided that the person has never held a full a card in any comparable Association (i.e.: LRA, WRA, CCA, CRA, NRA, BCRA, etc) excluding minor events and regardless of contestant's age.

## **SECTION THIRTEEN – TIMED EVENT/ROUGHSTOCK CHALLENGE**

**All Contestants entering a Timed Event/Roughstock Challenge must have a current FCA Membership. To be classed as a Timed Event/Roughstock Challenge – there is no requirement to have added money. These are held between November 1 and April 30<sup>th</sup> and are considered a fundraiser for the association and put on by the FCA. The Finals Fee, Office Fee & Barrel Timer Fees will all be charged same as regular season.**

**The following rules apply:**

- 1. In any stock event 67% is deducted from the entry fees and payout is calculated**
- 2. In the Barrel Racing events, 70% is deducted from the entry fees and payout is calculated as stated earlier in the rule book.**
- 3. In the Team Roping**
  - a. Can enter 2x – different partners, no cross entries**
  - b. All teams dollars count toward season standings**
  - c. Entry fees \$60/man/go –**
  - d. Stock charge of \$5/entry, this will not be calculated in the payout.**
  - e. All stock chute ran, no draw**
  - f. If payout is less than \$1000/side, only 4 holes will be paid, 40,30,20,10, if payout is over \$1000/side payout will be calculated as stated earlier in the rule book**
  - g. All other rules to follow FCA rule book**
- 4. In the Calf Roping and Steer Wrestling**
  - a. Can enter 2x**
  - b. All dollars count toward season standings**
  - c. Entry Fees \$60/man/go**
  - d. All stock chute ran, no draw**
  - e. Stock charge of \$5/entry, this will not be calculated in the payout.**
  - f. If payout is less than \$1000, only 4 holes will be paid, 40,30,20,10, if payout is over \$1000/side payout will be calculated as stated earlier in the rule book**
  - g. All other rules to follow FCA rule book**
- 5. In the Ladies Barrel Racing**
  - a. Can enter 2x**
  - b. All runs count toward season standings**
  - c. Entry fees \$60/run**
  - d. Can be 2 times on same horse or different horses**
  - e. If payout is less than \$1000, only 4 holes will be paid, 40,30,20,10, , if payout is over \$1000/side payout will be calculated as stated earlier in the rule book**

- f. All other rules to follow FCA rule book
- 6. In the Junior Barrel Racing and PeeWee Barrel Racing
  - a. Can enter 2x
  - b. All runs count toward season standings
  - c. Entry fees \$30/run.
  - d. Can be 2 times on same horse or different horses
  - e. All other rules to follow FCA rule book
- 7. In the Open Roughstock Events (Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding)
  - a. Can enter 2x
  - b. All dollars count toward season standings
  - c. Entry fees \$60/man/go –
  - d. Stock charge of \$5/entry, this will not be calculated in the payout.
  - e. All stock chute ran, no draw
  - f. All other rules to follow FCA rule book
- 8. In the Junior Stock Events (Junior Bulls, Steer Riding, Novice Riding, Breakaway)
  - a. Can enter 2x
  - b. All dollars count toward season standings
  - c. Entry fees \$30/man/go –
  - d. Stock charge of \$5/entry, this will not be calculated in the payout.
  - e. All stock chute ran, no draw
  - f. All other rules to follow FCA rule book