

2024 Approved Rule Changes or Additions

Section I D 1.

All rodeo personnel, including timers, announcers, clowns, bull fighters, flank men, digital media creators, secretaries, contract acts and pickup men must be members of the Association.

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6. Digital Media Creator membership dues are two hundred fifty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$257.25). This amount includes annual dues, subscription to the Association publication, a Sports Medicine fee, personal accident and disability insurance (Class 1) and GST where applicable.

- a. CPRA Digital Media Creators must make all CPRA photographs and video's available for purchase to the association.
- b. CPRA Digital Media Creators are expected to abide by the same rules of conduct governing other members of the association.
- c. The following guidelines are in place to be considered for a new CPRA Digital media Creator membership card:
 - i. Applicant must first submit a portfolio of photos and/or video's shot at a non-CPRA event including:
 - a. Unedited outdoor photos and/or video's of each rodeo event
 - b. Unedited evening / indoor photos and/or video's of each rodeo event
 - ii. These will be reviewed by a carded current CPRA Digital Media Creator with at least 5 years of CPRA membership,-a CPRA representative, and a CPRA Media Department representative.
 - iii. An in-arena evaluation may be required with a carded current CPRA Digital Creator with at least 5 years of CPRA membership.
 - iv. If initial acceptance is granted a one (1) year probationary membership will be issued.
 - v. At the end of the one (1) year probationary membership year, applicant will be required to submit ALL work (a complete set of unedited photos and/or video's via online delivery, plus the day sheets for each performance) from three (3) CPRA rodeos – including at least one (1) indoor or night event for review by a carded current CPRA Digital Media Creator with at least 5 years of CPRA membership, a CPRA representative, and a CPRA Media Department representative.
 - vi. The applicant will post a non-refundable fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), submitted to the Association, to be used to defray the cost of the review
 - vii. For the purposes of this rule, videographers working for a video production house providing live video in house or streaming for broadcast via a broadcast service provider are excluded from this requirement.

Section I D. 13.

13. Contract personnel must have worked at least 4 rodeos in the current season on their full card to be eligible for the Canadian Finals Rodeo, where applicable, (Both hired or voted on) and/or the year-end awards. Special events will not count towards the rodeo count.

The voting system for the ballot will be as follows:

First choice vote – 3 points

Second choice vote – 2 points

Third choice vote – 1 point

Section I E 1. C.

In order to compete in the three (3) novice events of saddle bronc riding, bareback riding and bull riding, contestants must be over 16 years of age and under 21 years as of December 31, of the year prior to membership year in question

- a. Permit and Semi Pro card holders may compete in the Novice events until such a time they have aged out of the event regardless of earnings.
- b. Full carded members may compete in the novice events on the provision that their card was filled in a different event and they have won less than \$1000 in the open event in question. (ie. If someone fits the age requirements and fills their card in the Team Roping but have won less than \$1000 in the Open Saddle Bronc Riding, they can compete in the Novice Saddle Bronc Riding until a time they have aged out of the novice or following the year they won more than \$1000 in total earnings in the Open Saddle Bronc Riding) If utilizing this provision the open member may qualify for the Canadian Finals Rodeo in the Novice.
 1. If a full carded member who qualifies under the above provision passes the earnings threshold they may finish the year competing in both the Novice and the Open but is only eligible to compete at the CFR in one of the two (Novice or Open) and must compete in the open only the following year regardless of age
 2. This allowance to compete in the Novice does not provide said member a 2nd chance at the Rookie awards as their first year on a full card is their Rookie Year (No novice earnings will count to Rookie standings)

Section II A. 5. f.

Conduct, speech, appearance or lack of financial responsibility which shall be determined by the CPRA to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation, or wellbeing of the Association or the sport of professional rodeo Conduct Fines are determined by the CPRA Board and range from \$250- \$2,500.

Section II B. 2. f.

~~f. Once a contestant has made a notified turn out, should circumstances change that make it possible for a contestant to compete after a turn out notification has been made, it will be the contestant's responsibility to notify the rodeo's representative individually. If their stock is available, contestant may be allowed to compete. If timed event stock has already been drawn excluding this contestant, said contestant shall not be allowed to compete.~~

Section II C.1.i.

- i. If a contestant is caught running the wrong stock, or running barrels out of turn, riding the wrong animal in the rough stock events you will be given a NT or a NS in your respective events.

Section III A. 5.

5. The management of each Association approved rodeo shall be required to provide an ambulance licensed in the jurisdiction where the rodeo is held and fully approved to transport patients in critical condition and adequate first aid facilities on the grounds for all performances and competitions incidental there to, including slack, or competitions held at times other than before a paying audience. To be considered adequate, it is mandatory that Primary Care Physician (PCP) with life saving capabilities or higher be in attendance. Any rodeo committee failing to comply with this rule will be subject to a one thousand-dollar (\$1000) fine per performance and/or section of slack for which the rodeo committee is in violation.

Section III. A, 7. a

- a. Special consideration for excess entries - Any rodeo committee desiring special consideration to modify entry rules to alleviate an excess number of entries must request such special consideration on the application for approval with grounds for their concerns, and such special consideration will be taken to the CPRA Board of Directors for consideration.

Section III A, 24

24. Ground conditions must be maintained for all events in an effort to prevent needless injury to stock and contestants. Rodeo committee must have proper equipment in place to maintain safe ground conditions. Committee must have equipment with the ability to rip, level, compact and maintain (harrow and water) arena footing. A rodeo or event can be delayed, cancelled or called off at any time that the officials or CPRA administrations deems the footing to be unsafe for animals in competition.

- a. If slack is run before first performance of rodeo, it is mandatory to work and water the ground the same as will be done for the performance.
- b. If any event is cancelled after some have competed due to dangerous conditions, the event may be paid off using the day money system in order not to sacrifice money won at that rodeo or event. Take the total pot less 6% and divide by total number of entries then multiply that by the entries in the performance/slack you are paying off.
- c. In the case of cancellation of an event as per 24. b., if half or more of the contestants competed (51%), then all added money plus applicable entry fees are to be paid out to those contestants and points will count. If less than half compete, a prorated portion of the added money plus applicable entry fees are to be paid out and only those points will count. Each performance or slack should be figured individually, unless all performances or slack contain the same number of contestants. These monies will count towards the standings and the rodeo shall count towards the contestants rodeo count.

To calculate day money (if 50% or more have competed):

Original added money will be divided by the total number of contestants entered in the completed performances (less Doctor and Barrel racing releases) this will calculate the added money/contestant.

Take amount calculated (added money/contestant) and multiply by the entries in each performance/slack (less Doctor and Barrel racing releases) to determine added money/perf or slack that was completed.

Added money/perf will then be combined with all entry fees (less Doctor and Barrel racing releases) for each perf or slack individually then less applicable administration fees to create a pot/perf and paid out according to the CPRA payout structure for the corresponding total payout.

To calculate day money (if 49% or less have competed):

Original added money will be divided by the total number of entries (less Doctor and Barrel racing releases) this will calculate the original added money/contestant.

Take that amount calculated (added money/contestant) and multiply by the entries in each performance/slack (less Doctor and Barrel racing releases) to determine added money/perf or slack that was completed.

Added money/perf will then be combined with all entry fees (less Doctor and Barrel racing releases) for each perf or slack individually then less applicable administration fees to create a pot/perf and paid out according to the CPRA payout structure for the corresponding total payout.

The balance of the unpaid portion of the added purse monies, if 49% or less competed, will be returned to the committee.

Section III A. 26.

26. Minimum Height for arena panels is 6ft above dirt level vertically and alley gates must have a minimum overhead height of at least 10 feet.

Section III C. 1,

b. Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping

Purse:	From	To	Entry Fee
\$1,000	\$1,999.99	\$125 one head	\$150 two head
\$2,000	\$3,999.99	\$150 one head	\$200 two head
\$4,000	\$7,999.99	\$175 one head	\$250 two head

c. Team Roping

Purse:	From	To	Entry Fee
\$1,000	\$1,999.99	\$100 one head	\$150 two head
\$2,000	\$3,999.99	\$125 one head	\$200 two head
\$4,000	\$7,999.99	\$150 one head	\$250 two head

e.	Breakaway Roping			
	Purse:	From	To	Entry Fee
	\$500	\$4,999.99	\$125 one head	\$175 two head
	\$5,000	\$7,999.99	\$150 one head	\$200 two head
	\$8,000 and up		\$175 one head	\$250 two head

Section IV D. 5.

5. No contestant may turn out in one event and compete in another unless it is a non-notified turn out, barrel racer release, DR Release, or visible injury to be determined by our officials.

Section IV D. 7.

7. When turning out at an Association rodeo, including a doctor, visible injury, or ladies barrel racing release, contestant must indicate each location they are turning out of. Information must be given to the CRES office during a designated callback day or a minimum of three (3) hours prior to the scheduled performance or slack time, by calling (403) 945-7381 (answering machine) or by contacting the rodeo secretary directly as outlined in Section IV D. 3. All turn out times are Mountain Time, regardless of the time zone the rodeo is taking place in. Failure to comply as previously outlined will constitute a non-notified turn out.

a. Contestant Doctor Releases:

- i. (Two) 2 short term DR releases (4) four days. With the option to extend to (10) ten days or to (30) thirty-day DR releases. If you extend the Short term release to a 30 day, you will receive you short term release back to use again. There will not be any 10 day DR releases, just four day releases with options to extend. A 4 day extended to a 10 day is four (4) days plus six (6) days equalling 10 days.
- ii. Contestant is allowed no more than two (2) short term 4 day doctor releases with the option to extend to ten(10) or thirty (30) day Dr releases in one season. Once the contestant has used his/her two (2) four day short term Doctor releases, the ineligibility period will automatically be for the thirty (30) days.
- iii. Contestant may extend their original thirty (30) day Dr release by four (4) day or to the following weekend (if your 30 day release ends on a Monday as an example). Notification of this extension must fall within the original doctor releases ineligibility period. Contestant can only use a four (4) day extension no more the twice (2) in one rodeo season.
- iv. A contestant may extend a four (4) day short term Doctor release to a thirty (30) day Doctor release prior to the contestants scheduled competition date after the 4 days or prior to the 4 day short term release ending. The contestant may extend the short-term release to any rodeo entered prior to the start date of the original short term doctor release date. If extending a short-term doctors release, the contestant must turnout of a complete rodeo weekend, giving a minimum three (3) hours' notice to the performance(s) drawn to and state you have already given a four (4), or extended to a ten (10) or thirty (30) day doctor release. Contestant must phone in the extension before the original four (4), or thirty (30) day release is over. If you extend your short-term release to a 30 day your short-term release becomes available again.
- v. If contestant fails to designate doctor release ineligibility period, four (4) day short term release will automatically be given, unless contestant has used his/her two (2) four (4) day doctor releases, then it will automatically be a thirty (30) day doctor release.

Section IV D. 7. g.

g. in the event of a family crisis, death, car accident ect, the board and/or the Rodeo Admin have the ability to write off any fines/suspensions.

Section IV E. 4.

4. If contestant turns out within twenty four (24) hours after position callbacks, and if they are placed in conflict with another CPRA event, the contestant will get their entry fees waved, excluding the CRES and associated fees. This will not apply if you have entered into a conflict or have been entered by another member as part of a buddy group. If you are entered into conflict you will still be responsible for all fees (entry, cres, associated fees).
 - a. If you request a draw out but have entered yourself into conflict, there will be an additional one hundred-dollar 100.00 fee. (this fee is only included if you in fact were entered into conflict.)

Section IV I. j.

- j. If not enough contestants qualify for the number of places to be paid in any event, the remaining places shall be divided evenly amongst those contestants who did qualify. If no one qualifies, the money will be divided evenly amongst all who competed-
 - i. In the bull riding event, if no one qualifies for prize money for that rodeo in its entirety, no ground money will be paid out. The prize money for the bull riding for that rodeo will be held in escrow by the CPRA until the following year and will be combined with the bull riding purse for that same rodeo the following year and paid out in accordance with the CPRA Rule Book. The CPRA will not retain its 6% until the money has actually been paid out. If the purse is “carried over” to the following year, the amount to be combined with the current year’s purse will be published in the ground rules of that rodeo posted on the website. The following year the rodeo must still bring the added money the rest of the events in the rodeo are getting and the money from the previous year will be paid out as added money by the CPRA if won.

Section V, A. 3, d

Vii Full Carded members who are entering Novice events must split their entries (cannot enter open events and Novice on same entry) and Novice entry will have same priority as other Novice contestants.

Section V A. 9. e.

- a. Five dollars (\$5) per entry fee for circuit fee on rodeos \$7999 and under that are on the Maple Leaf Circuit.

Section V B. 1. c.

c. Re entries will be implemented for (and limited to) all tour events and special events. Re entries for any given weekend will all take place on the same day/same time and will be limited to two hours. This date will be determined by the Board of Directors. Anyone utilizing re entries will only be able to be placed in an open spot as per committee splits during entries and will be at the bottom of the priority list/replacement list regardless of qualifications.

Section V C. 1.a.

1. General

a. If a contestant qualifies for the finals of a professional rodeo, and that contestant is scheduled to compete on the same day in another professional rodeo, with added purse money of \$3,000 or more in the event that contestant entered (the conflicting rodeo), only the conflicted contestant will be moved forward at the conflicting rodeo to the first available position where possible. The contestant must notify the CRES office or the arena secretary at the conflicting rodeo no later than the turn out deadline for his originally scheduled performance at the conflicting rodeo.

i. Timed event contestants will compete in the first available position drawing into the run of cattle appropriate to that position. If there are no available positions, the contestant will not be moved.

ii. In the riding events, if the contestant's originally drawn animal cannot be made available at the conflicting rodeo, that contestant can either accept the designated re-ride for the next available performance or, if prior to the end of the first go-round of the conflicting rodeo, elect to be drawn out of the conflicting rodeo.

- i. In both the timed events and the rough stock events, the contestant has the option of being moved forward to the next available performance or being drawn out of the rodeo.
- ii. "Moved forward" to the next available performance or slack after they are scheduled to compete is defined as a performance or slack being held at a later date related to your original scheduled date to compete. You can not move to a performance at an earlier date.

Section VI A. 4.

4. Nominations of stock for CFR are to be received by the Association office no later than 4pm MST on the first business day after August long weekend. Injury substitutions are to be made one (1) week prior to CFR of the given year. Bucking stock must be in an approved CPRA event draw three (3) times to qualify to be eligible to compete at the CFR. Animals turned out will count as a trip.

Section VII B.6.a.i.(a)

6. Drawing Re-rides

a. In the three (3) riding events (bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding), re-ride animals for each performance and each slack session will be drawn in the prescribed manner:

i. In the three (3) riding events (bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding), two (2) re-ride animals for every twelve (12) contestants in each performance and each slack session will be drawn in the prescribed manner:

When the stock contractor submits their stock list to the CRES office, they will submit the branded number of two (2) animals for every twelve (12) contestants than is required to furnish each contestant in that performance or slack with an animal, with an additional one (1) animal for every six (6) contestants after.

- 1)** Re-rides may be set by the contractor at time of submission for draw but only one (1) set re-ride trip (if not used) may count to CFR trip count or Year end awards.
- 2)** Drawn re-rides (not set by the contractor) will count towards the CFR count and the stock award count.
- 3)** Only the required amount of re-ride stock (set or drawn) will count for a trip unless used in the rodeo/special event long go.
- 4)** All animals in a short go pen set by the Event Director will count for a trip
- 5)** In the event of a "stock draft" short go all animals available to be drafted will get a trip (to a maximum of 4 extras)

Section VII E. f.

~~f. Only rawhide may be used under the body of the hand hold. There will be no rawhide restrictions with the exception of no rawhide may be within one (1) inch of the back of the rigging body excluding the "D" ring wrap which may be no more than two (2) inches up from the bottom of the body.~~

Section VIII, A. 13.

13. Intentional training during a money run will result in a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine. Completing run is not intentional training.

a. If whipping your horse to catch up to an animal, there is a maximum of two(2) whips per run. If someone whips more then twice it will be considered excessive and the contestant shall be fined Five Hundred dollars (500). Not Applicable in the Ladies Barrel Racing (LBR)

Section VIII A. 5. b.

b. In the timed events, if they are fresh cattle, it must be one for everyone or have at least three runs to be considered not fresh. Unless otherwise approved by the event director.

Section VIII A. 22.

22. All timed event pushers in all events must be Event Rep approved

Section VIII C. 6.

f. Intentional running calf into the back fence or any roughness to the calf will be a Two hundred and fifty (250) to a twenty fine hundred dollar (2500) fine at the judges discretion.

Section VIII Timed Events C. 8.

8. Gate must be closed while tie down roping is during the performance or slack performance

Section VIII F. 21

21. Spotters may be used in the breakaway roping, however the spotter must be a CPRA official at that that event.

Section X A. 3. .

1. Rodeo Count

f. All contestants in the breakaway roping event must go to at least fifteen (15) rodeos to qualify for the Canadian Finals Rodeo.

Section X B. 6.

6. The Association Kenny Mclean championship will be decided based on the season and CFR combined earnings. To be eligible for the Kenny Mclean standings during the season a contestant must place at 1 rodeo in a major riding event and one rodeo in a major timed event. It is not necessary that those eligible for the Kenny Mclean championship qualify for the Canadian Finals Rodeo to win the championship

Section X .H.3

Each Canadian stock contractor will nominate up to three (3) animals, and the nominations must be received in the Association office before July 31st of each year. A ballot will be mailed to the top fifteen (15) contestants in the standings following the August long weekend of each year.

Each member receiving a ballot may make their first, second, and third choice. Points will be awarded to the animal based on three (3) points for first, two (2) points for second and one (1) point for third.

The animal receiving the most points will be declared animal of the year. In the case of a tie, the animal receiving the most first place votes would be declared the winner. If necessary, second and third place votes would be used to break the tie.

Section XI A. 1.

1. Any intentional abuse to an animal the contestant will be fined at the judges discretion and will range from Two hundred and fifty (250) to twenty five hundred (2500) dollars.

Section XI C.

C. Patch Program

1. Members by category of the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association ("CPRA") in good standing are eligible to participate in this program. This includes all CPRA members.
2. Contestants must send a photo of the patches to be approved by the rodeo administrator this must be done before competing at CPRA Rodeos, and the Canadian Finals rodeo. Failure to do so will come with with a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine
3. No limit will be placed on the number of different sponsorships an individual member may have
4. CPRA contract personnel member participants must reach agreement with rodeo committees to which they are contracted with respect to any patch sponsorship that may be in conflict with the rodeo committee's own sponsorship.
5. Patch program sponsors cannot claim any CPRA endorsements nor can they use CPRA logos (except recognized CPRA National Sponsors) in accordance with their CPRA sponsorship agreements.
6. Patch program sponsors cannot be acknowledged over the public address system at any CPRA rodeo.
7. All logos or patches must be firmly attached to all points on clothing used for display.
8. Any commercial identification in violation of any law or governmental regulation will be prohibited by CPRA
9. Notwithstanding any other provision, no CPRA member may appear in the arena at a CPRA rodeo displaying a sponsor's patches or other advertising material as permitted by these rules until patches and signage have been registered and approved by CPRA as provided in these rules.

10. All contestant patch sponsorships must be registered and approved by the CPRA office annually. If patch is in bad taste it will not be approved by the CPRA office.

11. The CPRA patch sponsorship program does not apply to Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association rodeos.

12. Announcers who violate the Rules and Regulations by mention over the public address system of a patch program sponsor of an individual shall be subject to a progressive fine starting at fifty dollars (\$50)

Section III B. 19.

19. Minimum added money for major events at a CPRA rodeo is two thousand dollars (\$2000.00/event)
(This rule will apply starting 2025)