

2011 Rule Book Edition
Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association
Rules & Guidelines

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The objects of the association are:

- a) To organize rodeo contestants for their mutual benefit and protection.
- b) To co-operate, insofar as possible, through MRCA policy and administration.
- c) To protect members against unfairness on the part of any rodeo management.
- d) To bring about honest advertising by the association so that the public may rely on the truth of advertised events in which it is claimed that members of the association will participate.
- e) To work for the betterment of conditions and of rules governing rodeo events in which members of the association take part.
- f) To protect and safeguard all aspects of rodeo, not limited to but including: sponsors, members, stock contractors, employees, committees, stock men.

BYLAWS OF THE MANITOBA RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

INTERPRETATION

1. The expression defined hereinafter shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings;

"Approved Rodeo" means a rodeo that is approved by the association;

"Association" means the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association which is also referred to as MRCA;

"Cash List" means a list of members who must pay their entry fees, dues or other payments by cash, money order or certified cheque;

"Guaranteed List" means a list of members whose entry fees are guaranteed by the association;

"Judges List" means a list of persons who are approved by the Association as qualified judges;

"Management" means the rodeo committee or the rodeo producer;

"Member" means a person who has been granted membership in the Association;

"Recognized Rodeo Association" is one that operates under constitutions and bylaws.

"Rodeo Arena" means entire working area for a rodeo as delegated by the rodeo committee.

"Suspended List" means a list of members and others who cannot enter and compete at approved rodeos;

"Unapproved Rodeo" means a rodeo, with paid admission and having more than two major events, which is not approved by the Association or by a recognized rodeo association.

"Life Membership" means a person who has been granted full regular membership privileges by the MRCA Board of Directors.

"Honorary Membership" means a person who has been granted membership without full regular membership privileges by the MRCA Board of Directors.

CORPORATE SEAL

2. The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the seal of the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership in the Association shall be open to persons interested in furthering the objects of the Association and shall consist of anyone whose application for admission as a member has received the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.

4. All members shall be subject to all the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Association.

5. Membership fees shall be determined at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Association and shall be published in Appendix A.

6.

(a) Each member shall, upon payment of his membership fee and acceptance of his application by the Board of Directors, be given a membership card in a form approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) Memberships must be processed (submitted online or called in) before the office closes the day before entries to be eligible to enter a rodeo. A contestant may purchase their card on entry day and pay a \$50.00 fine, and then will be allowed to enter the rodeo. If a contestant has entered the rodeo on another associations card, and would like to purchase his membership, they may purchase their card prior to the first performance of the rodeo starting, and pay a \$50.00 fine, and will be considered a member for that rodeo.

7. All first time applicants for membership will be required to sign a Membership Application and Release Form before being eligible for membership in the Association, and anyone under eighteen (18) years of age must also have both parents or guardian sign the Membership Application and Release Form and any other or additional releases that the Board of Directors deems necessary.

8. Members will get the same MRCA card number annually.

9. The Board of Directors will not accept a Membership Application from anyone who is known to be on the suspended list of any other recognized rodeo association.

10. Members are the only contestants who can work the major events at approved rodeos, with the exception of local contestants.

11. All Personnel contracting or working at MRCA Lead approved rodeos must purchase a MRCA Personnel membership. If the owner competes as a contestant, an individual card must be purchased.

12.(a) The MRCA may issue Life Memberships with full regular membership privileges with such memberships to be issued at the discretion of MRCA Board of Directors.

- (b) The MRCA may issue Honorary Memberships either with or without full regular membership privileges with such memberships to be issued at the discretion of the MRCA Board of Directors.
13. Any member may be required to resign by a vote of three-quarters of the members at an annual meeting.
- 14.(a) Juniors may compete in senior events.
- (b) Ladies may compete in all events.
15. The MRCA Board of directors will align relevant policy with the Canadian Cowboys Association for the current rodeo year.

PERMITS

15. Persons, who do not want to purchase a full membership, may purchase a permit for the fee determined at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Association and shall be published in Appendix A.
- (a) Permit holders may enter any MRCA rodeo accepting permits.
- (b) Permit holders will not earn points, standings will not be kept, and no year end awards will be given.
- (c) Permit holders will have 3 business days following the completion of a rodeo in which the permit holder placed, to upgrade to a full senior membership (the original price of the permit will be deducted) for the points earned at that rodeo to count in the year end standings.
- (d) Permit holders will be required to abide by all MRCA rules and regulations, the same as full members.
- (e) Permit members will not receive priority when entering rodeos, regardless of the number of rodeos entered.
- (f) (i) Permits may or may not be accepted in any or all events, this is to be at the discretion of the sponsoring committee and/or the stock contractor.
- (ii) Notification of such decision must be indicated on the completed approval form when submitted to the MRCA office.
- (g) A Permit Membership does not permit free admission to a rodeo performance at which the permit holder is not competing.

NON-CONTESTANT CARD

17. A non-contestant card will be issued to all timers and secretaries upon attendance at a training school and payment of fees. A new contestant card will be issued to all qualified judges upon attendance at a training school and payment of fees. Attendance at a training school places these judges, timers and secretaries on the MRCA priority list. Each non-contestant must submit application forms yearly to have name continued on the aforementioned lists.
- (a) Each rodeo must have at least one qualified timer. The timer may be supplied by the stock contractor, or hired by the rodeo committee. A qualified timer is one who has attended a training school and is on the list approved by the MRCA.
- (b) Approval for judges, timers and secretaries may also be approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Issuance of a Non-Contestant card does not grant free admission to a rodeo performance at which the non-contestant is not working.

Junior Memberships

- i. Any contestant eighteen (18) years of age or younger as of the first day of January of the current year may purchase a Junior membership at the annual fee.
- ii. Junior members will be allowed to enter Junior events subject to age qualifying rules per Junior events.
- iii. Junior members will be allowed to enter any major event in regular season rodeos and finals events.
- iii. Junior members entering major events cannot tag as a junior, you will be considered as part of the four man buddy group.

HEAD OFFICE

The Head Office of the corporation shall be the address deemed by the board of directors.

MEETINGS

18. The annual or any other general meeting of the members shall be held at any place as the Board of Directors may determine and on such day and at a time to be determined by the Board of Directors.
16. At every annual meeting, in addition to any business that may be transacted, the report of the directors, the financial statement and the report of the auditors shall be presented and a board of directors elected and auditors appointed for the ensuing year. The members may consider and transact any business either special or general at any meeting of the members. The Board of Directors or the President or Vice-President shall have power to call, at any time, a general meeting of the members of the corporation.
- At least seven (7) days prior notice of time and place of holding any meeting of the Association shall be given to each member by written notice in the authorized publication of the association.
17. No error or omission in giving notice of any annual or general meeting or any adjourned meeting, whether annual or general, to the members of the corporation shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat and any member may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat. For the purpose of sending notice to any member, director or officer for any meeting or otherwise, the address of the member, director or officer shall be his last address recorded on the books of the corporation.
18. A notice calling any meeting of the Association other than the annual general meeting shall specify or indicate the nature of the business which it is proposed to discuss or deal with at such meeting.
19. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President of the Association shall preside at every general meeting.
20. If there is no President or Vice-President of the Association or if at any general meeting neither of these officers is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, or is unwilling to act as chairman,

the members present shall choose one of their numbers to be chairperson.

21. Members present in person at a meeting shall constitute a quorum.

(a) The regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least once every two (2) months at such time, on such date and at such place as the Board of Directors shall determine.

(b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or Vice-President at any time.

VOTING

22. Each member present at an annual or any other general meeting, other than the chairperson of the meeting, shall have the right to exercise one vote.

23. All matters arising or to be dealt with at any meeting of the members of the Association or the Board of Directors shall be carried or decided by a majority of those voting and no one shall have a deciding or casting vote except the Chairperson who shall only vote in the event of a tie.

(a) One representative from each rodeo stock contractor and from each rodeo committee will be allowed to vote at the MRCA Annual General Meeting.

AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

24.(a) A bylaw of the Association may only be enacted, repealed or amended by a resolution previously passed by a majority of the Board of Directors and duly confirmed by a majority vote.

(b) A bylaw may be enacted, repealed or amended at an Annual General Meeting of the Association provided that the majority of the members of the Board of Directors presents are in favor of the enactment, repeal or amendment and such enactment, repeal or amendment will have the same effect as if it had been previously passed by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

OFFICERS

25. The officers of the corporation shall be a President and Vice-President and any such other officer or officers as the Board of Directors may by resolution determine including, but without restricting the foregoing, a secretary, a treasurer, an executive secretary or a general manager. Any two offices may be held by the same person.

26. All positions of the MRCA shall be elected and or appointed at the annual general meeting, as the positions become available.

27. The officers of the corporation shall hold elected office for terms as outlined in rule 36.

28. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the position of President or Vice-President prior to the normal expiration of that officer's term of office, the Board of Directors may, by resolution, fill such vacancy for the balance of that officer's unexpired term.

29. No person may assume the office of President until that person has been a member of the Board of Directors for at least two years.

30. Each retiring officer shall be eligible for reelection.

31. The secretary will be hired by the Board of Directors and shall not have a vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

32. The affairs, business, rules, regulations and activities of the Association shall be under the control, management and direction of a Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers of the Association and the Directors listed below.

Directors at Large – 4 (minimum of 4)

2 – two year term

2 – one year term

Event Directors

4 – two year term (rotation)

Timed Event

Roughstock

Minor & Optional Event

Ladies Barrel Racing

Committee Rep (2)

Stock Contractor Rep

33. Only members of the Association in good standing are eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

34. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held upon written or oral notice given by the secretary under instructions from the President, or in his absence, from the Vice-President at least twenty-four (24) hours before the appointed time for the meeting provided however that a meeting may be called on shorter notice with the consent of all members of the Board of Directors.

35. Stock Contractors are allowed to hold only the positions of Director at Large, or that of the Stock Contractor Representative.

36. New executive elected at the annual general meeting take office on January 1.

37. If a director misses three (3) meetings in a row, the director may be dismissed and a replacement may be appointed by the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

38. A quorum for the purpose of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the current members of the Board of Directors provided that in such a quorum, there is at least one officer.

39. All matters arising or dealt with at any meetings of the Board of Directors shall be carried or decided by a simple majority of those voting thereon. At such meetings the chairman shall not have a vote except in the case of a tie at which time he shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

40. A resolution signed by all members of the Board of Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed

at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall cause minutes to be made and kept in books provided for that purpose, of:

41.(a) All appointments and elections of officers and members of the Board of Directors;
(b) All names of members present at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and
(c) All resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of members of the Association and of the Board of Directors and of all committees.

42. The Board of Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept of:

(a) the assets of the Association; and
(b) The sums of money received and expended by the Association and of matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures took place.

43. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint such committees as it may deem advisable, and all such committees may in addition to the members of the Board of Directors on such committee, appoint such other persons to act in an advisory capacity as it may deem advisable.

44. If the position of Public Relations person is deemed feasible, the Board of Directors has the authority to hire someone for the position and negotiate a salary.

45. The office of director or officer shall be automatically vacated:

(a) if a director or officer shall resign his office by delivery of a written resignation to the secretary of the corporation,
(b) if a director is replaced pursuant to the provision of paragraph #42 (misses three meetings),
(c) if, at a special general meeting of members, a resolution is passed by a majority of the members present at the meeting, that he be removed from office,
(d) On death.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

46. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors.

47. In the case of the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties. In the case of the absence of both President and Vice-President, a chairperson may be selected from the quorum.

48.(a) The Secretary shall keep the minutes and other reports of the Association and of the Board of Directors.

(b) The Secretary shall conduct the office correspondence and be responsible for the safe custody of all records and documents relating to the Association.

49.(a) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a thorough and accurate account of all money received and shall deposit the same in the name of the Association in such depository as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

(b) The Secretary/Treasurer shall not disburse any of the monies of the Association except by cheque drawn on such depository and signed by the treasurer on behalf of the Association.

(c) At each annual meeting the Secretary/Treasurer shall make a full report of the financial condition of the Association which must be audited by the Association's auditor between the end of the fiscal year and the next annual meeting.

50. All officers and members of the Board of Directors shall, in addition, perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

51. The books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member in good standing at the office of the corporation at all reasonable times on reasonable notice during regular office hours.

REMUNERATION

52. Directors and executive committee members, as such, shall not receive any stated remuneration for their services, but, by resolution of the Board of Directors, expenses of their attendance may be allowed for their attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation as an officer or in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore. The directors shall serve as such without remuneration, and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such; provided that a director may be paid reasonable expense incurred by him in the performance of his duties; and provided further that any director who engage in or is a member of a firm engaged in business or profession may act in and be paid the usual professional costs and charges for any professional business required to be done in connection with the administration of the affairs of the corporation.

FISCAL YEAR

53. The fiscal year of the Association shall end as of December 31 in each calendar year.

RODEO YEAR

54. The rodeo year shall end at such time as the Board of Directors shall determine having consideration to the proper planning for the finals rodeo. The next ensuing rodeo year shall commence immediately upon the expiration of the preceding rodeo year.

INDEMNITIES TO DIRECTORS AND OTHERS

55. Every director or officer of the corporation or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the corporation or any company controlled by it and their heirs, executors and administrators, and estate and effects, respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the corporation, from and against:

(a) All costs, charges or expenses whatsoever which such director, officer or other person sustains or incurs in or

about any action, suit or proceedings which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him, or in respect to any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him, in or about the execution of the duties of his office or in respect of any such liability.

(b) All other costs, charges and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his/her own willful neglect or default.

EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

56. Contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the corporation, shall be signed by any two officers and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the corporation without any further authorization or formality. The directors shall have power from time to time by resolution to appoint an officer or officers on behalf of the corporation to sign specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing. The directors may give the corporation's power of attorney to any registered dealer in securities for the purpose of the transferring of and dealing with any stocks, bonds, and other securities of the corporation. The seal of the corporation, when required, may be affixed to contracts, documents and instruments in writing signed as aforesaid or by any officer or officers appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal of the Association, and he shall deliver only when authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors to do so and to such person or persons as may be named in the resolution.

RULES COMMITTEE

62. The Board of Directors shall be the rules committee and may amend, delete or incorporate rules.

SECTION I

MANITOBA RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION RULES

A. GENERAL

1. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
2. Members are the only contestants who can work the major events at approved rodeos with the exception of location contestants.
3. An individual may enter one sanctioned rodeo as a local contestant. All applicable contact information must be given at the time of entries including full address and telephone number, or the contestant will forfeit any monies won. A local contestant will not be given priority over a full carded member, unless it is requested by the president of the rodeo committee. Rodeo committees will be financially responsible for entry fees and fines of any contestant they allow to enter through local entries, and may ask the individual to enter through the regular entry system if they do not feel comfortable being responsible for their fees. Any local entries taken through the regular entry system must pay their fees in full on entry day by Credit Card, and will not receive a refund if the contestant chooses to turn out. Local entries are subject to entry times as posted in the approvals. Local contestants must familiarize themselves with the rulebook, and are subject to any applicable fines. All Local entries will be required to sign a release before competing, and if the contestant is under 18 years of age, the Parents or guardian has to also sign a release. The release must be in a form satisfactory to the MRCA.
4. Should any contestant fail to meet any financial obligation to a member rodeo, that fact shall be reported to the Association and the contestant shall be barred from competing in any member rodeo until obligations are met.
5. Complaints or breaches of sub clause (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall be referred to the alleged offending member before being considered by the Board, and the alleged offending member shall be given the opportunity to be heard by the Board before the Board determines what action, if any, is to be taken.
 - (a) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges or management at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress.
 - (h) Violators of this rule shall be reported to the Association Board by the judge or judges involved or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred.
 - (b) Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of the Association or the sport of rodeo.
 - (c) Failure to abide by or disobedience of the articles, bylaws and/or rules of this Association.
6. Contestants who turn out stock in a slack or paid performance cannot place in the average of that event nor can he win the All Around Award at that rodeo.
7. All members in each event must submit their picture and resume to the MRCA office by August 30 of that year. If their picture is not received by that date, they will be assessed a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine.

B. NSF CHEQUES

1. For knowingly or unknowingly writing and passing cheques of non-sufficient funds (NSF)
 - (i) Writers of NSF cheques must make restitution to the MRCA for the amount of the cheque and also pay a fine of \$25.00 per cheque written.
 - (ii) Writers of NSF cheques will automatically be placed on the Association's suspended and cash lists.
 - (iii) Writers of NSF cheques or cheques that cannot be cleared at the time of arriving at the bank will immediately be placed on the suspended list until the MRCA has been reimbursed.
 - (iv) Any member having his/her name on the Association's cash list may have his/her name removed by posting cash deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500) with the MRCA for a period of one (1) year. The deposit will be returned to the member at the end of one (1) year providing there are not further NSF cheques written by the member during that time, otherwise the full deposit will be forfeited.
 - (v) Members of the cash list may be taken off if a member in good standing submits a letter to the MRCA

guaranteeing his/her entry fees for one (1) year prior to the entry closing time of the first rodeo of that year. This does not apply to anyone who goes back on the cash list a second time.

C. CONDUCT

1. By becoming a member of the Association, a person releases to the Association the right to use his/her name and/or picture for the good of the Association or for the sport of rodeo as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale involved.

(a) At such time as any member of this Association is approached by a rodeo committee for the purpose of asking that member to sign autographs, interviews on radio or TV, etc., for the purpose of advertising, the member will be expected by the Association to co-operate to his utmost.

2. The Board will expect the co-operation of any member when called upon by one of the Association's officials to represent the Association's interest regarding enforcement of rules at any approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.

3. Any MRCA member guilty of damage to hotel property, or other damage, that is reported to the Association, will be suspended until the reported damages are made good to the satisfaction of the executive.

4. A lawyer will be retained by the MRCA for the purposes of providing legal advice.

****SECTION II****

FINALS GROUND RULES

1. Ground rules for the Finals are to be decided by the Finals Committee, approved by the directorship and published to the membership prior to the Finals.

FINALS QUALIFIERS

1. In the event that a full slate of competitors cannot be drawn from those who qualify, by rodeos attended or monies won, for the Finals, that the Finals Committee be allowed to select current year competitors from the MRCA membership.

2. To be eligible to compete at the MRCA Finals, the contestant must have competed in the qualifying event at a minimum of 8 rodeos after the contestant's card has been purchased.

3. In timed events no known full carded professional rodeo athlete (not limited to but including CPRA, IPRA, PRCA, WRPA) shall be allowed to compete at the MRCA finals.

(a) Roughstock events are open to all rodeo athletes, providing they have met obligations in rule # 2

FINALS EVENTS

1. That in order for a Minor Event to qualify for an event at the MRCA Finals, the Minor Event must have been held at a minimum of six (6) approved rodeos for the year.

2. Any Minor Event held at Finals will be at the sole discretion of the Finals Committee.

****SECTION III****

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

1. The Association shall award the Championship in each year to the High Point Cowboy Competitor and the winners of the Saddle Bronc, Bareback Bronc, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, and Junior Contestants 15 years of age or under in the Junior Girls Barrel Racing and the Junior Steer Riding events. An award shall also be made to the Rookie of the Year. This award shall be based on points won in the major events only. The Major events are: Saddle Bronc, Bareback Bronc, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing

(a) Only members of the MRCA shall be eligible to compete for the above awards.

(b) Rodeos approved and recognized by the MRCA shall be the only rodeos at which points shall be awarded for the above described championships.

(c) High Point will be awarded to the contestant who attains the highest number of points in any number of events.

(d) To qualify for the Rookie of the Year award, the member must be a first year Senior member and must not have been a previous Senior member of any other rodeo association.

2. In determining the Championships to be awarded under clause one (1) of this part, then ten (10) points per placing will be awarded. In the case of a tie for the Finals position, the tie will be broken by the dollar value of winnings.

3. There will be an award for the Saddle Bronc of the Year, the Bareback Bronc of the Year, the Bull of the Year, the Tie Down Roping Horse of the Year, the Team Roping Header Horse of the Year, the Team Roping Heeler Horse of the Year, the Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year, the Ladies Barrel Racing Horse of the Year and the Hazing Horse of the Year.

(i) In order to be eligible for horse of the year award, horses must complete at the finals. Exceptions will be made for horses with a vet release.

4. Any contestant winning a trophy is expected to be at the presentation. If he 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 winner is expected to show his appreciation by written thanks to the donor.

5. The awards and trophies for the above listed events will be presented at the Annual Banquet.

6. The cut-off date for points will be the last rodeo prior to the Finals.

7. MRCA Awards and Trophies, and those approved by the MRCA, will be the only ones presented at the Annual Banquet and Trophy presentations.

8. At rained out or otherwise incomplete rodeos, no points shall be awarded in incomplete events.

9. Regardless of the number of contestants in an event, points will count.

10. If there is a special award for High Point, all Ladies events will count for points.

11. Written nominations for cowboy and cowgirl of the year are to be submitted to the office by a date set by the board. Top three nominations to be voted on by ballot at the finals by the contestants and card holders for the current year.

****SECTION IV****

AWARDING OF POINTS

1. The High Point will be open to contestants who have met the necessary qualifications in all of the Events. Once a contestant has qualified for the High Point Standings, all the money won in all of the above events will count in the total money standings.
2. At rained out or otherwise incomplete rodeos, money won in all completed events will be added to the contestant's earnings record, but money for the High Point category will not be considered if any go-round in the above mentioned events is not completed.
3. Money won in events which have had entry fees changed from the listed amount, without proper notification, will not be added to the contestant's earnings record.
4. Any rodeos with less than 7 major events, all points are ineligible for year end high point award.
5. MRCA Season and Tour standings will be determined by points, and in the event of a tie in points will go to money won. Points will be awarded to the number of placings' as deemed by the Payout Schedule, awarding 10 times the largest number of contestants paid to the winner of the event, and will reduce by 10 points downward. If there are not enough placed contestants in an event, the points will not be split among placed contestants.

****SECTION V****

REGULATIONS FOR RODEO APPROVAL

A. GENERAL

1. Rodeo Committees that held a MRCA rodeo the previous year must have their approval received by the MRCA office 90 days prior to the rodeo for said rodeo to receive approval.
 - (a) The rodeo approval fee is published in Appendix A.
 - (b) All rodeo results must be sent to the MRCA office the day following the final performance of that rodeo.
 - (c) Any expenses incurred by the MRCA in getting delinquent rodeo results will be charged to the responsible rodeo committee.
 - (d) The rodeo approval fees will not be refunded to rodeo committees for cancelled rodeos or for cancelled performances.
2. MRCA will dual approve with another association any rodeos that meet the criteria of MRCA rules, with discretion used with respect to distances.
3. The rodeo approval application must be received in the MRCA office in sufficient time to be taken to a meeting of the Board of Directors and be published in at least one (1) issue of the Association Publication which is approximately 90 days. If a rodeo approval is received too late to be published in the MRCA News Report, the Rodeo Committee will be responsible for the extra cost to the Association.

B. General

1. There must be six (6) major events held in order to obtain rodeo approval, one of which must be Ladies Barrel Racing.
 - (a) The Major Events are: Saddle Bronc, Bareback Bronc, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, and Ladies Barrel Racing.
 - (b) Other approved events include Junior Saddle Bronc, Junior Steer Riding, Junior Girls Barrel Racing, Ladies Goat Tying, Ladies Breakaway and Junior Breakaway.
 - (a) Jackpot events may be included at a rodeo with a required number of approved events. No points are credited to winners of jackpot events.
 - (b) Other unapproved events may be held during intermission providing they last not longer than thirty (30) minutes in duration.
2. The Association cannot tell a rodeo committee what events to have.
3. Entry fees for purses of one thousand dollars (\$1000) or more may be negotiated with the Executive.
4. At MRCA single approved rodeos, more than one featured event may be allowed if the added monies come from a corporate sponsor.
5. If a rodeo committee can provide prize money and stock for both Ladies Steer Undecorating and Ladies Goat Tying, then a rodeo being CCA approved, should be allowed to have one or both of these events during the rodeo performance.

C. PRIZE MONEY AND ENTRY FEES

1.
 - (a) The minimum purse for each Major Event is \$400.
 - (b) Rodeo committees may add additional monies to Major Events at their own discretion.
 - (i) MRCA rodeos with a Finals performance must have a minimum total purse of five hundred (\$500) dollars per event.
 - (c) Minimum Entry Fee for Major Events will be thirty (\$30) dollars
 - (d) Entry fees for Minor Events shall be a minimum of twenty (\$20) dollars.
 - (i) The minimum entry fee for approved Junior Events is twenty (\$20) dollars.
 - (ii) The minimum prize money for approved Junior Events must be fifty (\$50) dollars per event per performance.
 - (iii) The minimum entry fee for a rodeo with a finals performance must be thirty-five (\$35) dollars for each major event.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Association reserves the right to withdraw its members from competition in any rodeo which does not conform to these rules, providing that an agreement cannot be reached between the rodeo management and the Association Director(s) present.
2. All MRCA members in good standing are on the Association's guaranteed list, in that their entry fees are guaranteed at all MRCA approved rodeos.
3. A member producing a valid, numbered membership card is to be admitted free of charge to an MRCA approved rodeo, providing that the member is a contestant at that rodeo.
4. The MRCA and the rodeo management assume 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 this entry waives all claims against the MRCA or rodeo management for injuries he or his property may sustain.
5. Any rodeo with ground rules in any event, in addition to association rules, must have these rules approved by the director of the event in which they apply and must have them announced before that event starts.
6. Rodeo clowns will not be allowed to use shotguns or explosives in an indoor arena unless approved by the rodeo committee or an association director.
- 7.(a) A slack performance may be split into two separate slacks and paid as one slack performance.
(b) Slack can take place before the first performance of a one day rodeo, providing it is stated on the approval form.
8. All timed events, except for Ladies Barrel Racing, is to be timed in tenths (0.0) of a second. For the timing of Ladies Barrel Racing, refer to the section of the name.
(a) Whatever times are written on timers' cards are to be used as the times for the payoff.
(b) Official time will be taken when any part of the horse crosses the score line, start and finish Ladies Barrel Racing
(c) The times of the hand-held digital stop watches will be averaged.
(d) Both stop watch times to be written down.
9. Management is required to provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
10. All MRCA lead approved rodeos in Canada will be paid off according to MRCA payoff percentages, as spelled out elsewhere in this book.
11. The MRCA is required to supply their own vests for judges as part of the production of the MRCA approved rodeos.
12. All rules for paid performances will be implemented for all slack performances.
13. All-Around and High Point awards at rodeos must be determined from the eight (8) 7 (seven) major events.
- 14.(a) The stock contractor and the management of each MRCA approved rodeo shall be jointly responsible for providing an ambulance and first aid facilities on the rodeo grounds for all performances.
(b) Rodeo stock contractors and rodeo committees, not having an ambulance at the rodeo, will be subject to a fine of two hundred (\$200) dollars per day.
(i) This fine is to be levied at the discretion of the MRCA executive.

E. SALARIES

1. The Association has no set price for salaries of timers, arena directors, secretaries, announcers, etc., except that certain minimum salaries have been established.
(a) The minimum salary for timers is five (\$5) dollars per event per performance and slack.
(b) The minimum fee for judging is \$250.00 dollars per performance for each judge and \$50.00 dollars per event for slack for each judge to be paid by the rodeo committee.
- 2.(a) All rodeo committee's picking their judges must have the approval of the MRCA Judges' Commission.
(b) All judges who judge MRCA rodeos must be on the MRCA approved judges' list. All judges on this list must be approved by the MRCA Judges' Commission.
(c) At MRCA lead approved rodeos, the MRCA will pay for one judge, and will choose both judges.

F. BARRIER

1. Automatic barriers must be used when barriers are required.
2. There must be someone designated to run the time event end and tie neck ropes other than a judge.
3. MRCA judges will be responsible for the barrier and supplies at all rodeos. At rodeos where the Contractor or Committee requests the use of the judge's equipment, a fee of \$50 dollars will be paid by the stock contractor to the judge supplying the barrier equipment. If the Contractor or Committee has furnished a good barrier system it will be used by the judges, providing it is set up and ready to use excluding the setting of score line.

G. BULLFIGHTERS

- 1.(a) The rodeo management and stock contractor are jointly responsible for ensuring that an approved rodeo bullfighter will be in attendance during the bull riding event.
(b) A new bullfighter can be hired to work two MRCA approved rodeos, but must shadow fight at least 2 MRCA approved rodeos under an approved bullfighter. He then must have the approval of the Bull Riding Director before he can work a third or subsequent rodeo.
(c) A stock contractor who does not have a bullfighter in attendance at a rodeo during the bull riding event will be subject to a fine of \$100.00 dollars per performance.
2. If a bullfighter, after signing a contract, does not show up or send a suitable replacement to a rodeo, he is subject to

a minimum fine of \$100 dollars.

(a) The fine must be paid to the Association before the bullfighter can contract or work another MRCA approved rodeo.

****SECTION VI**
CONDUCT OF RODEO**

1. If numbers are furnished by the management, contestants must wear them while competing so that the numbers are visible to the judges and spectators.
2. Contestants in the rodeo arena must conduct themselves in such a way so as not to interfere with the vision of the spectators.
3. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance except for sickness or injury, or by request of an Association official because of the timer's incompetence or through agreement of the stock contractor, rodeo committee and association official.
 - (a) The timer who times the first performance of a riding event must time that event for the duration of the rodeo, except as provided above in this rule.
4. If there is a complaint on the condition of the arena, it must be made to the rodeo committee by either a member of the MRCA Board of Directors or the stock contractor no later than two (2) hours prior to rodeo time.
5. If the stock contractor wants the rodeo arena clear of contestants' horses for the hour prior to the rodeo, the contestants must remove their horses when asked to do so.
6. At the discretion of the judges and stock contractor, and to be arranged prior to the first performance, anyone in slack who has to be at another rodeo the next day shall be allowed take their stock immediately following the performance the first day. The stock contractor and/or the judges must be notified of such a request at least one (1) hour prior to the first performance. The following points will be taken into consideration when a decision must be made:
 - (i) Distance and time it takes to go to the next rodeo.
 - (ii) If it makes a difference to buddies or partners.
 - (iii) Nothing but rodeo related reasons to be considered.All of the above is to be strictly enforced.
7. A contestant(s) wishing to trade out must notify stock contractor and rodeo secretary by 12:00 noon the day after callback.

****SECTION VII**
JUNIOR EVENTS**

1. The Junior Barrel Racing event is limited to girls 15 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the current Year
 - (a) Junior Steer Riding contestants will not be required to "start" their stock. The event is limited to Junior members who are fourteen (14) years of age or younger as of January 1st of the current year.
 - (b) All stock used in the Junior Steer Riding event must be flanked.
 - (c) Junior Steer Riders will be required to finish their ride the same way they start with either a one-hand or two-hand hold.
 - (d) Cattle for Junior Steer Riding can be yearling bulls with horns tipped at the discretion of the judges.
 - (e) All Junior Steer riders must wear approved Flack Jacket.
3. Junior events will not be granted approval is the age limit varies from those spelled out in this section.
4. The age of the contestant, as of January 1st of the current year, will be considered his age for the duration of that rodeo year.
5. Protective headgear is optional for contestants in all MRCA approved junior events.
6. Rules for Junior Girls Barrel Racing shall be the same as those established for the Ladies Barrel Racing

****SECTION VIII**
CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Contestants will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
 - (a) Being under the influence of liquor in the rodeo arena;
 - (b) Rowdyism or quarreling in the actual domain of the rodeo arena;
 - (c) Mistreatment of stock;
 - (d) Refusing to contest during a paid performance on stock drawn for him;
 - (e) Not being ready to compete when called upon;
 - (f) Cheating or attempting to cheat;
 - (g) Unnecessary delay in taking stock. This action is to be enforced by the judges when a legitimate complaint has been lodged by the chute boss or the man in charge;
 - (h) For not wearing proper cowboy attire, including long-sleeved shirt with collar, with sleeves rolled down, boots and hat, in the rodeo arena during the one hour period prior to the rodeo time and during the paid and slack performances.
2. All contestants with horses must ride in the Grand Entry if requested to do so by the stock contractor or management, otherwise they will be disqualified and their entry fees forfeited.
3. Riding event contestants will be disqualified for:
 - (a) being bucked off;
 - (b) changing hands on rein;
 - (c) wrapping rein around hand;
 - (d) pulling leather;
 - (e) losing stirrup;

- (f) touching animal or anything else with his free hand;
- (g) riding with locked rowels, with rowels that will lock on spurs or with sharpened rowels, on saddle broncs or bareback horses;
- (h) not following judge's instruction to take feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute;
- (i) ignoring judge who has advised him that he is next to go, if he is not above stock with his glove on (if glove is used) when previous stock leaves the arena;
- (j) delaying the rodeo;
- (k) setting bareback rigging too far ahead (to an extreme);
- (l) Fouling stock by holding gate or side of chute.

****SECTION IX****

POSTPONEMENTS & CANCELLATIONS

1. If, due to weather conditions, attendance at any rodeo is substantially reduced, then the members of the association who have entered as contestants at the rodeo may appoint a committee of three (3) of their members to negotiate with the management of the rodeo, said committee shall be empowered to agree to such reduction in day money as the circumstances may warrant.
2. Any contestant wishing to compete at a rodeo that has been postponed for more than two (2) day must send in new entries.
3. No cancellation of a performance will be permitted unless in the unanimous opinion of the committee chairman, the stock contractor and an association official, it is a physical impossibility to hold the performance.
4.
 - (a) If a rodeo is cancelled part way through, due to weather, etc., prize money will be paid for the portion completed minus the entry fees refunded to the contestants who did not have a change to compete due to the cancellation.
 - (i) Only the entry fees for the events in which the contestant(s) were unable to contest due to the cancellation are to be refunded.
5. If a meeting of representatives is held to discuss cancellation of a rodeo or rodeo performance, then minutes of that meeting must be recorded and sent to the MRCA office.

****SECTION X****

RULES TO INSURE HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK

1. No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs or sharpened spurs may be used on bareback horses or saddle broncs.
- 2.(a) No animal shall be beaten, mutilated or cruelly prodded.
 - (i) Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible.
 - (ii) No wooden paddles may be used on stock, however, straps are permissible.
- 3.(a) A neck rope must be used in the Tie Down Roping (tie down roping) and a calf must not be busted.
 - (i) 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.
 - (b) Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
 - (c) Rope to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after tie is completed.
4. The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steers while steer wrestling is forbidden.
- 5.(a) Animals for all events may be inspected before the draw.
 - (i) No sore, lame, sick or injured animal(s) with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time.
 - (ii) 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, another animal shall be drawn for the contestant as provided in the MRCA rulebook.
 - (iii) An official veterinarian should be available at all times.
 - (iv) A judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
6. A conveyance must be available to remove animals from arena in case of injury.
7. (a) No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle-girth or flank straps shall be permitted.
 - (i) Only sheepskin-lined flanking straps shall be used on bucking stock and such straps shall be of the quick-release type.
8. Disqualification will result from the use of an electronic device during a performance.
9. No stimulants or hypnotics to be use, or given to any animal used for contest purposes.
- 10.(a) Chutes must be constructed so as to prevent injury to stock.
 - (b) Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in the removal of any animal should it become caught.
11. The rodeo arena shall be free of rocks, holes and obstacles which might cause injury to stock.
12. Clowns are not to abuse stock in any fashion.
13. No small animals or pets will be allowed in the rodeo arena where restraint is necessary or where they are subject to injury or attack by another animal.
14. Livestock to be removed from the rodeo arena after completion of entry in contest.
15. Use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.
16. Any mistreatment of livestock used in rodeo competition will result in contestant disqualification.
17. When artificial horns are used on team roping cattle, they must be removed immediately after each performance.
18. No "loose ropes" allowed in bareback bronc riding.

****SECTION XI****
Judges and Judging

1. Judge, timers and flagman must be people of experience.
 2. In order to become a certified a judge, you must attend 1 judging clinic and shadow judge 2 or more MRCA rodeos until certified by the judging director; all of which must take place in a twelve month period.
 - (a) Application to be a judge must be made to the MRCA board of directors
 3. The association's judging commission will procure at least 2 judges for each MRCA approved rodeo from the MRCA approved judges list and submit names of said judges to the Manitoba Central Entry office so that judge's names may be included on the telex material sent to rodeo secretaries.
 - (a) In cases where procured judge(s) is/are unable to attend a rodeo and where the judging commission cannot be contacted, replacement judges may be nominated and elected by contestants.
 - (b) A member who is on the suspended list cannot accept a judging job.
 4. Whenever it is necessary to make exceptions to the rules due to unusual circumstances, the judges must confer with the MRCA executive members present to discuss the possibility of unfair treatment to rodeo contestants entered at said rodeo.
 5. One judge must be present prior to the rodeo for the marking of barrel positions for the ladies barrel racing and must sign the barrel measurement slip supplied for that purpose by the rodeo secretary.
 - (a) A qualified official such as a judge or timer must read the electric timer in the ladies barrel racing.
 6. The judges' priority list for each rodeo year will be made from those having attended judging clinics and as listed by the judging commission
 7. A riding event judge, barrier judge or field flagman cannot be changed during the course of a rodeo unless due to sickness or injury.
 - (a) If a judge is unable to judge or flag all events, he must pay his replacement for those events in which he cannot judge or flag
 8. A Judge must pass on an animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
 9. The decisions of any eligible judges, field flagman or timers will be final and no protests by contestants will be permitted.
- Posting Markings
- (a) Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges.
 - (b) 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 rodeo secretary and a judge may be present.
 - (c) Marks and times are to be posted after each performance and cannot be changed after being posted.
10. Carded judges may be required by the judging director to attend a mandatory clinic

MRCA Judges Commission:

The commission will consist of 3 people. These people will be chosen from the three areas of rodeo: Timed events, rough stock, and ladies barrel racing. They must be know as legitimate, fair minded and respected members of the MRCA, who will not allow their personal feelings to interfere with their duties. The commission will replace the position of a judging director, thereby gaining a broader perspective and removing the responsibility from just one person.

Responsibility of the Judge's Commission

- (a) To select 6 judges from the applications received, from people wanting to judge rodeos. These judges would be known as full-time or regular judges and be used whenever possible.
- (b) Judges will be assigned numbers with regular judges being a #3, alternate a #2, and new judges a #1. Judges working a rodeo must have a combined total of 4.
- (c) To assign judges to MRCA approved rodeos
- (d) To evaluate and deal with all complaints pertaining to members of the Judge's team.
- (e) To evaluate judges as to their suitability to judge rodeos and to determine whether a judge should move up from alternate, down from regular, or dropped from the list until such time as that person again completed the criteria mandatory for new judges.

The Judges Team

- (a) To consist of 6 regular judges and 4 alternate judges
- (b) Regular judges to be used whenever possible.
- (c) Alternate judges to be used as needed.
- (d) Any person interested in judging rodeos must make application to the Judge's commission
- (e) Regular and alternate positions will be determined by the commission.
- (f) Everyone on the judge's team will receive a list from the commission assigning them their respective rodeos.
- (g) If judge is unable to attend a rodeo that he has been assigned, it will be his responsibility to find a suitable replacement and to notify the commission at once.
- (h) All approved judges are directly responsible to the Judge's commission.

(i) It is recommended that all judges attend a judge's clinic each year.

Criteria for new Judges

(a) Any person interested in judging rodeos must first attend a judging clinic

(b) He must then attend 2 rodeos as an apprentice judge, at his own expense. As an apprentice judge, he would accompany a regular judge, observe his duties and make a Roughstock card.

(c) Upon completion of his apprenticeship, he would be evaluated by the Judge's commission, and the commission would decide whether or not he is a suitable rodeo judge.

A. Riding events

1. Ride and animal to be marked separately.

(a) One riding event judge must use a stop watch to time the duration of rides.

(b) Mark the ride according to how much the rider spurs the horse twenty five and use of the full spread.

(c) The animal is to be marked from one to twenty five and use of the full spread.

2. Contestants may pull riggings, cinch saddles and pull ropes from either side in all riding events.

(a) Middle flank belongs to bronc rider, within reason.

3. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground the first jump out of the chute.

(a) If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck for a "free roll" with the first-jump qualifications being waved.

(b) Rider may be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in the chute.

4. If in the opinion of the judges, stock in the riding events deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have, with the approval of the stock contractor, the choice of the same stock again, or he may have stock drawn for him from the re-ride stock.

(a) Riders who are knocked off at the chute will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.

(b) It is the judges who shall decide on all matters of rides.

Timed Events

1. The riding event judges must also be field flagmen and barrier judges respectively for the timed event or find suitable replacements

(a) The barrier judge is responsible for:

(i) Inspecting barrier equipment which if faulty, must be replaced.

(ii) Making sure nobody can stand close enough to the barrier or barrier equipment so as to tamper with the same

(iii) changing the barrier string and seeing the the neck rope is on properly at the request of the contestant

(b) Should a barrier break at any point other than its designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge.

(c) If contestant obviously beats the barrier and the staples are pulled or barrier rope is broken, but string is unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten second penalty.

(d) Copies of timer's cards are to be posted at the timed event chute for the judges to mark all barrier penalties.

(e) Flagmen cannot rope, dog, or haze in the event he flags.

(f) The people appointed to flag are the judges for the timed events regardless of who judges the riding events and are the only persons authorized to deliver a decision or draw stock in the timed events.

(g) Once a contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.

2. Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges.

(a) Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books.

(b) Judges must make a decision on All Around Champion or High Point champion before leaving the rodeo office.

3. It is the responsibility of the judges to see that a contestant takes his right stock.

4. Any stock that was placed on in the long go must be used in the short go in timed events.

5. Rodeo judges can blacklist any livestock they feel unsuitable to compete on. These cattle cannot be used in future rodeos. This is to be enforced by the directors.

Rodeo Livestock

1. All rodeo livestock used in the riding and timed events must be numbered and drawn for.

2. Stock for a complete go-round in the riding events must be drawn up at the one time with the exception that stock for one performance may be drawn if the same stock is drawn in both or subsequent performance one hour before the rodeo performance.

(a) In the Tie Down Roping and steer wrestling events, stock may be drawn for a complete performance at one time.

(b) All timed event stock must be rotated for drawing purposes with no less than three head in each event being held over from one performance to another.

3. Calf ropers at any MRCA approved rodeo may elect a representative amongst themselves, with said representative being empowered to cull unsatisfactory calves, providing that such culling must take place at a reasonable time before the rodeo starts.

4. Unsatisfactory calves at one rodeo cannot be used at any further rodeos, subject to the discretion of the MRCA executive.
5. Only calves and steers that are available for use in the first go-round may be put into the draw for the second or subsequent go-rounds.
6. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately 150 pounds and not more than three hundred pounds and must be strong and healthy.
7. Steers used in the steer wrestling event must be suitable steers weighing not more than five hundred and fifty pounds and have a minimum of 8" horn at the time of the first MRCA approved spring rodeo.
8. If a reride is given for an animal four times in a row, the said animal will automatically be declared unsatisfactory and must be replaced.
9. Steers used in the team roping must be horned cattle, with the use of attachable, artificial horns to be permitted.
10. Rodeo Judges can blacklist any cattle they feel unsuitable to compete on. These cattle cannot be used at any more rodeos. This will be enforced by the director.
11. Any bulls used in a MRCA approved rodeo must be tipped to a diameter of a fifty cent piece.
12. After three rodeos, all rough stock must be numbered or letter branded.

Barriers and Score line

1. A 10 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 10 feet of the post.
3. In the timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within 10 feet of the post.
4. In the timed events, the pusher must be clear of stock before the barrier is tripped.
5. Once score line has been set in timed events, it will not be changed at that rodeo, nor can the length of the box be changed.
6. In order for a time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.
 - (a) If the automatic barrier malfunctions in anyway, the contestant must take a rerun providing the contestant has made a qualified run or has claimed an animal.
 - (b) Roper or dogger must pull up and declare himself/herself in order to get the animal back if the automatic carrier equipment hand on the animal or fouls the horse.
 - (c) If the automatic barrier equipment hands on animals or fouls horses or if the neck rope fouls the contestant, then the roper or dogger must pull up and declare himself/herself in order to get the animal back.
 - (d) If the automatic barrier fails to work and the stock is brought back, then the contestant must take the same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.
7. In any timed event, should an animal escape from the rodeo arena, then the flag will be dropped and the timer's watches stopped.
 - (a) Contestants will get the animal back with the lap and tap start and time already spent being added onto the time already used in qualifying.
 - (b) If the time is not recorded, then the decision of the flag judge shall be final
 - (c) If the rope is on the animal, the roper will get lap and tap with the rope on the animal in the chute.
 - (d) If the flag is not dropped or if the timer missed the flag and the time is not recorded, the contestant will get the animal back and will be timed lap and tap with the clock being set at 10 seconds. Any initial barrier infraction must be added to this time.
8. The barrier in roping is to be a minimum of ½ the length of the box and a maximum of ½ the length of the box plus 4 feet. In dogging the barrier is to be a maximum of ½ the length of the box.
9. In Tie Down Roping, team roping, steer wrestling, and steer undecorating, the slack on the neck rope of the animal is to be pulled to hand on the outside of the chute.
10. The minimum standard measurement for timed event boxes is 12 feet in length and eight feet wide.
11. To measure the score line correctly, put the barrier up with the pin and barrier ring. Holding the pin in place, measure from the post where the barrier pin goes to a point where the barrier rope touches the ground. Set the score line 18 inches beyond that point.

Drawing Stock

1. Only timed event stock that is available for use in the first go-round can be put into the draw for the second or subsequent go-rounds.
2. In any finals performance, riding event contestants may draw their own animals in the presence of the judges, if the rodeo management desires.
 - (a) All timed event cattle that were qualified will be used in drawing stock for the finals performance of a rodeo, and if there are not enough cattle, then stock on which the next fastest times were recorded will be added to the draw.
3. All timed event stock calves and dogging steers should be as uniform in size as possible.
4. When calves tie-down roping stock are not fresh, reruns will always be drawn from the whole herd used in the draw, not from those calves that are missed.

5. Any stock in the original draw that is turned out (not bucked exhibition or contest) automatically goes into the reride if necessary.
6. Stock contractor has the option to use turned out stock to go to the top of the reride list.
7. Any animal drawn for a reride, but not used in that go-round, may be held out of the draw for rerides in the following go-round along with feature animals. It will then be returned for the go-round draw after the rerides have been drawn.
8. (a) rerides may be drawn at any time after the reride has been granted
(b) Rerides will be drawn from reride stock, including turned out stock if necessary.
(c) An animal can be drawn for a reride only once in a go-round.
9. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any one rodeo in the same event.
10. THE MRCA board of directors has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory and any stock so declared will be taken from the draw.
11. In case that stock is sick, crippled or already shipped, replacements will be drawn from reride animals.
12. (a) A contestant, in any event, who takes the wrong stock, will get his right stock later.
(b) It is the judge's responsibility to see that the contestant gets his right stock.
13. A complete go-round must be finished before any contestant can compete on the next head of stock, except for stock that must be brought back

Rerides

1. Rerides must be given in all three riding events.
2. Rerides will be given for stock that:
 - (i) Fails to break
 - (ii) Fouls rider
 - (iii) Runs off or
 - (iv) Stops or falls
- (a) If a reride is give, the judges must have the reride and mark given announced, and the contestant has the right to refuse the reride before the reride is drawn or accept the marking.
- (b) The first reride given and accepted must be drawn first.
3. Rerides may be drawn before the end of the event in which the reride is given.
4. If an animal runs off, stops and falls, then the rider has the privilege of taking the same stock back, providing that the stock contractor is willing, or the rider may have a reride drawn.
5. Rerides may be drawn at any time after the reride has been granted.
6. Rerides will be drawn from reride stock, including turned out stock if necessary.
7. An animal can be drawn for a reride only once in a go-round.
8. If in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes 2 honest efforts to get on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a reride drawn for him.
9. In the horse riding events, if the flank comes off, the rider may accept the marking or a reride drawn from the reride pen, provided the rider has completed a qualified ride.
10. In the bull riding event, if the flank comes off, the rider after completing a qualified may accept the marking or a reride.
 - (a) If the reride is taken, it must be taken on the same bill, if the stock contractor consents.
11. Riders who are fouled at the chute, or by the animal itself, must claim the animal by double grabbing or dismounting immediately so as to obviously indicate a foul in order to claim a reride.
 - (a) Final decision to be made by the judges
12. Rerides or reruns will not be given, if the contestants own equipment breaks or fails.
13. if in the opinion of the judges, stock in the riding events deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have, with the approval of the stock contractor, the choice of that stock again or he may have stock drawn for him from the reride stock.
14. Riders who are knocked off at the chute will be entitles to a reride at the the discretion of the judges.
15. It is the judges who shall decide on all matters of rerides.
16. Stock contractor has the option to use turned out stock to go to the top of the reride list.

****SECTION XII****

MANITOBA CENTRAL ENTRY

1. No change may be undertaken or implemented with respect to MCE without prior approval and/or consent from the MRCA board of directors.
 - a) The MCE system will be in operation for all MRCA approved rodeos.
 - b) All entries for MRCA approved rodeos will be taken through the MCE office at the telephone number published in MRCA Rodeo News. Committees have the option of taking local entries, but must abide by rules posted in Section I Association rules
2. All rodeo entries and callback and entry closing times will be taken according to local time at the MCE office.
2. All rodeo entries, callbacks, and closing times will be taken according to what is posted in the Associations' publication
3. The entry closing times listed in the rodeo approvals section of Associations' publication shall be official.
 - a) Should telephone service disruption cause a delay in taking entries, the MCE office shall remain open for a corresponding period of time, beyond the official entry closing time.
4. Contestants when entering must have valid, correct MRCA membership numbers or they will not be entered.

- a) Contestants must give MCE operator their membership number, name, address, number of rodeos they wish to enter, which events they want to contest and state preferences, if any.
- b) Contestants must also notify the MCE operator of their intention to buddy with another contestant.
 - (i) Any two contestants may buddy, however, team-roping contestants are asked to keep in mind the fact that they already have a buddy in the person of their team-roping partner.
- c) Contestants may enter rodeos through MCE on the basis of "one-head" or "one-run" only or automatically be drawn out before priority list and stock draw begins.
- d) Contestant may enter for a specific performance providing there are two or more rodeos on that day and he is willing to work any one rodeo.
- 5. No person on the MRCA Suspended List will be permitted to enter any MRCA approved rodeos. Anyone who has entered while on the suspended list will be drawn out at entry closing time and will not be allowed to remain on the entry list until callback day.
- a) Any MRCA member whose name appears on the suspended list by 5:00 p.m. Friday, in order to enter rodeos on Monday. If entries are taken other days than Monday, the MRCA member must be off the suspended list by 5:00 p.m. the day before entries open.
- 6. Local entries will close the same time as MCE entry closing time and local entries must be called to the MCE office immediately upon the closing of entries.
- 7. A contestant when entering through MCE will be able to enter on the basis of one specific performance or out.
- 8. In the case of duplicate entries in the team-roping event, the latest entry's parameters and preferences will be accepted.
- 9. Stock contracts must have the necessary stock information for drawing purposes by the time set by MCE management and the contractor for the day following the close of entries for rodeo(s) in question.
- 10. The fees charged to contestants for the use of MCE shall be as follows and cannot be increased without the approval of the MRCA board of directors, and will be listed annually in Appendix A
- 11. All contestants entering MRCA approved rodeos are required to pay their MCE fee.
 - a) Failure to pay a MCE fee will result in a contestant being placed on the MRCA's suspended list.
- 12. The drawing of the priority list will be made on the basis of contestants entering the largest number of rodeos on any given weekend.
 - a) The setting of positions will be made from the priority list on the day after entry closing day.
 - b) The drawing of stock for riding events and positions in the time events will be made on the day after entry closing day.
- 13. Contestants will be notified on callback day of what day they will be at a specific rodeo, what stock has been drawn and whether they are in the slack or paid performance.
- 14. MCE will notify the rodeo arena secretary of the list of contestants entered at the specific rodeo, what events the contestants are entered in, what day they are entered and the names of the judges assigned to work their rodeo.
 - a) This information will be provided to the rodeo arena secretary via Fax to enable the secretary to prepare rodeo programs and judges' cards.

A. TURN OUTS - MCE

- 1. A contestant may enter on the basis of one specific performance or out.
- 2. When a contestant enters a rodeo through MCE, he/she may state a preference as to the day he/she would like to compete.
 - a) A contestant who, upon calling back, finds that he/she does not have the preferred performance asked for, may notify the MCE operator that he/she will be turning out.
 - (i) Contestant then becomes responsible for payment of entry fee(s), MCE fees and a ten (\$10) dollars turn out fine.
 - (ii) A contestant who does not notify that he/she is turning out will be responsible for payment of entry fee(s), MCE fees and will be assessed a one hundred (\$100) dollar turn out fine.
 - b) A contestant who, upon calling back, finds that he/she has received that preferred performance asked for and turns out without notifying the MCE operator on call back day will be responsible for payment of entry fee(s), MCE fees and will be assessed a two hundred (\$200) dollar turn out fine.
 - c) A contestant who, upon calling back, finds that he/she has received that preferred performance asked for and notifies the MCE operator on call back of his/her intention to turn out will be responsible for payment of entry fee(s), MCE fees and will be assessed a fifty (\$50) dollar turn out fine.
 - d) If a contestant is turned out by judges according to the Fax, he may take his stock at a different performance, but if proven wrong he will forfeit any prize money won and must pay legal turn out fine.
 - e) A contestant who is up in slack and turns out, he/she will not be assessed a turn out fine the same as if turning out of a performance.
 - f) If entering slack as a preference, turn out fines will be treated the same as a performance.
 - g) Contestants must be present to receive a visible release. A minimum of 1 judge must sign off that the contestant is visibly unable to compete in their event. All fees must be paid in full at the rodeo, or regular fines will be incurred
 - h) Any type of turnout will not count towards qualification in any type of event

i)Failing to turnout through the rodeo secretary at a rodeo or through the turnout line will cause a \$100 fine to be assessed, plus your applicable rodeo fees.

3. If a contestant and/or the Manitoba Central Entry office provides proof to the MRCA office that he/she has been erroneously drawn up at two or more MRCA approved rodeos on the same day, the turn out fine will not apply, however, the contestant must pay entry fees at all rodeos entered.

B. TURN OUTS

1. Stock that is turned out in a paid performance due to tardiness of contestant, or because contestant did not show up, will not be brought back.

(i) If the first head of stock has been turned out, the contestant will be allowed to take his second head of stock.

(ii) The first turn out of stock will result in the contestant being assessed a turn out fine.

2. In the case of a turn out to one team roping partner, the remaining partner will be allowed to pick up another partner who is in good standing, and already not entered, providing that the Rodeo Arena Secretary is notified, and the partner turning out will be liable for his entry fees and a turn out fine.

3. A member that competes at a specified rodeo will not be assessed a turn out fine at another rodeo that he/she is set up for the same day providing that he/she competes at the finals said rodeo. All turn out fines must be paid within 30 days of the rodeo which contestant has turned out of.

4. Contestants who miss livestock due to injury to another contestant will have the option of taking their stock at the end of the performance or a refund of entry fee.

5. Permission to turn out stock must be obtained from both judges.

****SECTION XIII****

RODEO SECRETARY AND OFFICE

1. The secretary of a rodeo must be someone who is approved by the stock contractor of that rodeo.

2. The name of the person chosen as rodeo secretary is to be sent to the MRCA office, so that he/she can be sent the association mailings of secretary information.

3. Contestants will not suffer disqualifications, etc., because of mistakes made by the rodeo secretary.

4. The rodeo secretary must supply any office materials he/she will need for the efficient running of the rodeo office, as well as clipboards for the judges and back up stop watch and whistle for timers.

5. The rodeo secretary will not accept any entry from a local contestant until a release has been signed.

6. The appointed local rodeo secretary must be someone with a telephone so that he/she can accept local entries, at any reasonable time, up to the time set for the closing of entries.

7. All Rodeo Committees must have all contestants' cheques cleared by the bank within two (2) weeks of rodeo or MRCA will not be held responsible for these fees paid by cheque, from the membership.

ARENA SECRETARY

1. Arena secretaries shall be MRCA secretarial members in good standing. The arena secretaries shall purchase a secretarial membership (or non-contestant membership) at the cost of fifty (\$50) dollars plus GST per year.

2. The secretary of a rodeo must be someone who is approved by the stock contractor of that rodeo.

3. The name of the person chosen as arena secretary is to be sent to the MRCA office, so that he/she can be sent the associations mailings of secretary information.

4. The arena secretary must be someone with a telephone, so that he or she can accept turn out notifications.

5. If a situation exists at a rodeo where the arena secretary or secretarial assistant is unable to call the Central Entry Office for all notifications, a designated person or one of the judges to contact the Central Entry Office for all notifications, no earlier than three hours prior to performance time.

6. Arena secretary will be responsible for errors made by arena secretary or secretarial representative, and be responsible for correcting any errors.

7. Contestants will not suffer disqualification, etc., because of mistakes made by the arena secretary.

8. Arena secretaries are required to collect Central Entry Office fees from all contestants at individual rodeos.

9. All contestants are to pay entry fees to the arena secretary prior to competition time, or they shall be subject to a fine.

10. The arena secretary will not accept an entry from a local contestant until a release has been signed.

11. If a stock charge has been approved in the team roping and/or any other event(s), the stock charge must be included with the entry fee(s).

12. Arena secretaries are responsible for giving receipts to every contestant upon payment of fees including central entry office fees, entry fees and stock charges.

13. Within 24 hours, arena secretary must turn into the MRCA office the names of any member contestant who did not pay entry fees.

14. Within 24 hours, the arena secretary must fax the rodeo results to the MRCA offices. This must include the infractions, event results, judges' cards, and timers' cards.

15. Within 48 hours, the arena secretary must courier all rodeo results to the MRCA office including the 4% administration fee.

16. The arena secretary shall deduct four percent (4%) of the purse and entry fees, and shall send this money to the MRCA office with rodeo results.

17. Rodeos that have contest stock to run before or after scheduled performances shall post the order of events in the rodeo office.

18. At MRCA rodeos where optional events are included, the arena secretary shall assume the responsibility of

- handling all details necessary for the completion of those events, providing prior arrangements are made.
19. The arena secretary shall not deduct any timed event/horse percentage money from prize money cheques.
 20. All rodeo results for each performance must be posted within two hours of the completion of each performance. Contestants may request to view the official cards at that time.
 21. Failure to comply with MRCA regulations may result in a fine or withdrawal of MRCA secretarial qualifications.
 22. The arena secretary will be responsible for supplying any office materials he/she will need for the efficient running of the rodeo office.
 23. All Rodeo Committees must have all contestant's cheques cleared by the bank within two (2) weeks of the rodeo of the MRCA will not be held responsible for those fees paid by cheque from the membership.

TIMERS

1. The MRCA has determined that to be a qualified time, the timer must attend a timer's school sponsored by the MRCA and timed at a minimum of two rodeos with a qualified time. Exceptions to this must be approved by the MRCA Board of Directors.
2. All timers are required to purchase a non-contestant membership as listed in Appendix A
3. A minimum of two timers are required for each rodeo.
4. Timers for a rodeo may not be changed after the first performance, except for sickness or injury; by request of a MRCA official (because of timer's incompetence); or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee and MRCA official.
5. Timers will work from the same position during all contesting.
6. The timer who times the first performance of a riding event must time that riding event for the duration on that rodeo, except as previously stated in rule#4.
7. Any rodeo using electronic timers for MRCA approved events shall be required to use a minimum of two back-up hand stop-watches; and where a scoreboard is used, there will be three official timers to operate the scoreboard; two of these three using back-up hand watches.
8. All rodeos are required to have watches in thousandths (1000ths) of a second. If digital watches are used, all digits beyond tenths will be ignored except in the Ladies and Girls Barrel Racing events which will be in the thousandths. Digital watches must be used in all the timed events.
9. Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding and Junior Steer Riding (all rough stock events) shall be timed for eight (8) seconds; that time to start when the animal's inside front should pass the plane of the chute.
10. Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling and Tea, Roping shall be timed with digital watches; that time to start when the barrier flag is released by the specified competitor, and the time to end at the signal from the flag judge. Time is to be recorded in the tenths of a second.
11. Ladies Barrel Racing and Junior Girls Barrel Racing shall be timed with digital watches, that time to start when the flag judge indicates the competitor has crossed the start/stop line beginning her run, and that time to end when the flag judge indicates the competitor has crossed the start/stop line ending her run. Time is to be recorded in thousandths of a second.
12. The times of the hand-held digital stopwatches will be averaged. The difference in the time will be calculated by one of the following methods:
 - a) The two watch times will be added together and then divided by two. This will give you the average. (i.e. Qualifying time)
 - b) Subtract the low time from the high time and divide this total by 2. Add this total to the low time for the average.
- Note: When average .05 and higher will be read as .1. (i.e. 1.56 becomes 1.6)
13. One of the two timers is required to record the timed events scores and penalties.
14. Timers are required to meet with the rodeo secretary after the rodeo to review all cards for correctness and to answer any questions.
15. No contestant may talk to a timer in any way while an event is going on. Questions may be addressed no sooner than at the end of the event for that performance. Any contestant violating this regulation will be reported to the arena secretary by the timers, or the arena director, or the stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurs. The arena secretary will be responsible for adding the contestant's name to the infraction sheet.
16. Failure to comply with MRCA regulations may result in a fine or withdrawal of MRCA timer qualifications.

****SECTION XIV****

PAYING OF ENTRY FEES

1. a) The entry fees of all MRCA members in good standing are guaranteed at all MRCA approved rodeos.
- b) Non-members are the responsibility of the rodeo committee.
2. Contestants must pay entry fees before contesting in any event.
 - a) If a member contestant does not pay his entry fees, the MRCA must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the rodeo.
3. Any member reported to the MRCA for non-payment of entry fees or MCE fees will be put on the suspended list until the entry fees for MCE fees are paid and will be fined \$50.00.
4. After entries have closed, entry fees may not be refunded without the approval of the judges.

A. DRAWING POSITION

1. a) In the timed events, positions will be drawn for each performance.
 - (i) A list of these positions must be posted where it is available to the contestants.
 - (ii) The top three (3) in each event in slack will have to go in order drawn.

- b) If trading is allowed, permission must be obtained from both contestants.
 - 2. If contestant is injured at a rodeo, he may be held back at the same rodeo until later in the go-round with consent of both the judges and the stock contractors.
 - 3. No contestant will be allowed to take two head of stock in the same event in one day, with the exception of rerides or reruns, unless there are two complete go-rounds in that one day.
 - 4. a) Rider's position may be drawn or they may take the number stock they have drawn as it appears in the chute.
 - (i) If pens aren't available for separating stock, then it may be run in as it comes and the riders who drew that stock must be notified that their stock is in the chutes.
 - 5. If any rodeo with three (3) performances, where two (2) go-rounds are necessary, contestants may go back-to-back, but cannot compete twice in the same event in each or any performance.
 - 6. 3/90
- All remaining timed event stock must go to the top of the draw for the next section.

B. MEDICAL RELEASES

- 1. If a contestant is injured in an event and is, in the opinion of the judges, unable to compete in other events in which he is entered, he may draw out of those events and be refunded the entry fees for the events from which he draws out.
 - a) A contestant who is injured at a rodeo is required to have an official MRCA contestant's release form completed and signed by the judges, with said form to be returned to the MRCA by the rodeo arena secretary with the rodeo results.
 - (i) An official MRCA contestant release form, dually signed by the judges will be considered the same as a doctor's medical release.
- 2. Permission to turn out stock must be obtained from both judges.
- 3. If, in the opinion of the judges, a contestant is unable to compete in a particular event because of injury, the contestant may withdraw, but this does not prevent the contestant from competing in other events in which he/she is entered.
- 4. If a contestant is injured in an event before he nods for his stock, he may be refunded his entry fee in that event.
 - a) If a contestant is injured in an event after he nods for his stock, there will be no refund of entry fees in that event, even though he may have been injured in the chute or behind a barrier.
- 5. A contestant turning out of any MRCA approved rodeo(s) on a medical release or Doctors Medical release must notify by calling the RIDE office during office hours or by calling the Turn out Recording by 11am of the day he/she is scheduled to compete. Contestant may also send notification to the rodeo with messenger and messenger must get receipt of proper notification from rodeo secretary. To insure proper notification, contestant should call the MRCA office first business day before 10am.
 - (a) Contestants who obtain a Medical release, or complete an official doctor's release to release from a rodeo, cannot compete at a rodeo that starts ten clear days following the first time he used that medical release. The medical release must be received at the MRCA office within 5 days of that rodeo or the contestant will be liable for the entry fees for the rodeo(s) for which the medical release was obtained.
 - (b) Ladies Barrel Racers are allowed 3 Vet releases per year. When proper notification is given, one release will cover all rodeos from the same weekend. When using Vet releases, member cannot compete for ten clear days.
 - (i.) Vet releases may only be used for the Ladies Barrel Racing and Junior Girls Barrel Racing events.
- 6. Any member reported to the MRCA for non-payment of MCE fees on a medical release will be given thirty (30) days to pay same to the MRCA office. Failure to pay the medical release MCE fees within the thirty (30) day limit will result in the member being placed on the association's suspended list.
- 7. Anyone found abusing medical releases must pay entry fees, assessed turn out fines and an additional one hundred (\$100) dollar fine.
- 8. A contestant will be allowed three (3) doctor's or vet releases per competition year, and will, thereafter, be responsible for entry fees for all rodeos entered.
- 9. Members using a Release must pay admin fees for Ladies Barrel Racing prior to next entry or will be placed on the Suspended list.

SECTION XV PAYOFF

- 1) In each event the prize money and the entry fees are added together for the total purse in that event.
- 2) The 4, 6 or 8 place payoff is determined on the purse after the administration fee is deducted.
 - (i) Administration fee to be five percent of purse.
 - (ii) Administration on dual approved rodeos will be split: MRCA four percent, other associations one percent.
- 3) Money splits for Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Barrel Racing, Bull Riding and all other events:
 - i) 4 monies if purse is under \$1000.00 payoff split are 40, 30, 20, and 10 percent.
 - ii) 6 monies if purse is \$1001.00 to \$3000.00 payoff split are 29, 24, 19, 14, 9, and 5 percent.

iii) 8 monies if purse is greater than \$3001.00 payoff split are 23, 20, 17, 14, 11, 8, 5, and 2 percent.

(c) Money splits for Team Roping:

i. 4 monies if purse is under \$3500.00 payoff split are 40, 30, 20, and 10 percent.

ii. 6 monies if purse is \$3501.00 to \$8000.00 payoff split are 29, 24, 19, 14, 9, and 5 percent.

iii. 8 monies if purse is greater than \$8001.00 payoff split is 23, 20, 17, 14, 11, 8, 5, and 2

iv. percent.

(d) Money splits for Saddle Bronc and Bareback:

i. 4 monies if purse is under \$1500.00 payoff split are 40, 30, 20, and 10 percent.

ii. 6 monies if purse is \$1501.00 to \$3000.00 payoff split are 29, 24, 19, 14, 9, and 5 percent.

iii. 8 monies if purse is greater than \$3001.00 payoff split is 23, 20, 17, 14, 11, 8, 5, and 2

iv. percent.

(e) At a rodeo with more than one go-round, the purse is divided by the number of go-rounds and the average

i. Rodeos with one go round and finals pay-off as follows:

1. Long go 40% finals 20% average 40%

(f) Ground splits will be split equally between contestants who have qualified scores or times. Ground splits do not count towards standings points. If there are no qualified rides or times, all prize money (entry fees and added money) will be split equally among contestants who have competed.

5. Ground splits will be split equally between contestants who have qualified scores or times. Ground splits DO NOT COUNT towards standings points. If there are no qualified rides or times, all prize money (entry fees and added money) will be split equally among contestants who have competed.

6. Novice Saddle Bronc, Bareback & Bull Riding:

If there is one qualified ride he will get 1st place, and 2nd, 3rd & 4th place prize money will be paid out as ground split to all the competing contestants and if there is two qualified rides, they will receive 1st and 2nd and the remaining prize money paid out to all competing contestants and so on to fourth place. Ground money will not count towards the standings.

****SECTION XVI****

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

1. Members and/or contestants will be fined and/or suspended for failure to abide by articles, bylaws and rules of this association.

2. The directors are empowered to suspend and/or disqualify any contestant for rule infractions at the time of the infraction with the board's approval.

a) A minimum fine of fifty (\$50) dollars is levied for any rule infraction.

3. Any member who competes at a rodeo and does not pay entry fees, the late payment fee is fifty (\$50) dollars per rodeo.

a) The only exception to the payment of entry fees will be in the case of a contestant notifying the rodeo arena secretary that he/she will be turning out on a medical release before taking stock or making a run.

4. Members and/or contestants will be fined and/or suspended for attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judge(s) or management involved.

5. No contestant or member may talk to a judge or timer in any instance, while an event is going on and this includes asking about rerides.

a) Such questions may be addressed to the judge only at the end of the section of that event for that performance.

(i) Any contestant violating this regulation will be reported to the association office by the arena director or judge or stock contractor of that rodeo where the violation occurred.

6. Any person who has their name on the MRCA's suspended list as of January 1st of the current year will be prohibited from rodeoing during that calendar year unless he/she wished to pay his/her fine plus an additional seventy-five (\$75) dollar membership charge.

a) The only exception to the above rule is that Junior members must pay their fine plus an additional fifteen (\$15) dollar membership charge.

7. Any MRCA member contestant found on the MRCA's suspended list three times during the current rodeo year will be required to post a five hundred (\$500) dollar cash bond with the association. The member contestant will forfeit that bond to the MRCA should he/she appear on the MRCA's suspended list on a fourth occasion.

8. The MRCA reserves the right to deduct any monies owing to the association from monies won.

****SECTION XVII****

Event Rules

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Stock used in the event must be furnished by the stock contractor.

2. Stock Contractors must furnish their own standard halters and contestants must use them, unless agreement is made between contestant and stock contractor, subject to approval of the judges on the fitness of the halters.

3. Riding to be done with a plain halter, one rope rein and an association saddle (see specifications). Stock contractor may call judges to pass on suitability of the saddle.

4. (a) Horses must be saddled in the chute, with the saddle not to be set too far ahead on the horse's withers.

5. Contestant may cinch his won saddle or examine same to determine if it is satisfactory.

6. Middle flank belongs to the contestant, but the stock contractor may have the contestant put the flank cinch behind the curve of the horse's belly. The flank cinch may be hobbled.
7. Either the stock contractor or the contestant shall have the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not the horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best.
8. Unless requested by the contestant, his saddle bronc horse cannot be hotshotted after that contestant sits down in the saddle.
9. To qualify, the contestant must have his spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
10. The contestant must ride with one arm free at all times. The riding rein and riding arm must be on the same side.
11. Saddle Bronc Riding shall be timed for 8 seconds, with time started when the horse leaves the chute.
12. The matter or rerides shall be decided by the judges.
13. A contestant will be disqualified for not following contesting rules, and for violating contestant disqualification rules.
14. Contestant Saddle Specifications:
 Rigging: $\frac{3}{4}$ double - front edge of dee ring must pull not further back than directly below centre point of swell.
 Standard E-Z ring type saddle Dee must be used and cannot exceed $\frac{53}{4}$ inch outside width measurement
 Swell Undercut: Not more than two inches. One inch on each side
 Gullet: Not less than four inches wide at centre fork of covered saddle.
 Tree: Saddles must be built on standard association tree.
 Fork: 14" side, height 9" maximum, gullet $\frac{53}{4}$ " wide, cantle 5" maximum height, 14" maximum width. Stirrup leather must be hung over bars. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness from leather covering. No freaks allowed. Cinch must be at least 5" wide.
15. Amateur Saddle Bronc Rules will be the same as those established for the Saddle bronc event, with the exception that the event is timed for 6 seconds, not 8 seconds, and a contestant may only compete in the amateur event until he has won a total of \$1500.00 lifetime earnings

Bareback Riding

1. Stock used in the event must be furnished by the stock contractor.
2. Contestants must ride with the use of a one-hand rigging (see specifications). Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether or not riggings are objectionable.
3. (a) Riggings must lie flat on the horse's back while the rigging is being cinched so there is an even distribution of pressure at all times
 (b) A one inch thick pad must be used under the bareback rigging if the stock contractor requests its use.
 (c) The Stock contractor must have pads available in case the contestant does not have one.
4. The stock contractor may call a judge to pass on whether or not the rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back. The contestant will have the right to call a judge to pass on whether or not his horse is properly flanked and cinched.
5. Unless requested by the contestant, his bareback horse cannot be hotshotted after the contestant sits down.
6. The contestant will not be allowed to use tape or any other adhesive material or substance, other than dry rosin, on his rigging and/or glove, nor may the contestant take any kind of finger tick or finger wrap.
7. To qualify, the contestant must have his spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hit the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
8. The bareback bronc must be ridden for 8 seconds, with time to start when the horse leaves the chute.
9. If the bareback rigging comes off the horse without breaking, the contestant will be disqualified.
10. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges.
11. The contestant will be disqualified for not following the contesting rules and for violating contestant disqualification rules.
12. Bareback Rigging specifications
 Width at the hand hold must not exceed 10". The "D" ring width must not exceed 6". All riggings must have sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath, but no metal, fiberglass or other objectionable material will be permitted underneath the rigging. No freak riggings will be allowed. All cinches must be at least 5" wide.
13. Amateur Bareback Rules will be the same as those established for the Bareback event, with the exception that the event is timed for 6 seconds, not 8 seconds and a contestant may only compete in the amateur event until he has won a total of \$1500.00 in lifetime earnings

Bull Riding

1. Stock used in the event must be supplied by the stock contractor with the use of Yaks being limited to a maximum of 10% of the entry in bull riding.
2. Head fighting bulls having bad or damaged horns must have horns tipped back to a reasonable diameter and maintained to the suitability of the event director.
3. (a) Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him
 (b) Rope must have bell; no bell, no marking
 (c) Bell must be under the belly of bull.

4. Rider not to use sharp spurs
5. No more than 2 men may be on a chute to pull contestants rope
6. 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.
7. Unless requested by the rider, no bull can be hotshotted after the rider sits down
8. Bull shall be ridden eight seconds, time to start when animal leaves chute.
9. The matter of rerides shall be decided by the judges,
10. If the rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked
11. A contestant will be disqualified for not following contesting rules and for violating contestant disqualification rules.
12. Amateur Bull Riding will be the same as those established for the Bull Riding event, with the exception that the event is timed for 6 seconds, not 8 seconds and a contestant may only compete in the amateur event until he has won a total of \$1500.00 in lifetime earnings

Tie Down Roping

1. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately 200 pounds and not more than 300 pounds and must be strong and healthy
2. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for Tie Down Roping and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
3. No bailing wire may be used on neck ropes for the calves; neck ropes must be tied with string
4. At indoor rodeo length of score may be no longer than the length of the roping box minus 3 feet unless other arrangements are approved by the Tie Down Roping director or a man of his choice.
5. (a) All calves must be tied down and numbered in the arena the day of the rodeo at least one hour before rodeo time.
(b) The draw is to be made no more than 2 hours before rodeo time
(c) Fresh calves being roped and tied down must be handled by hand without the use of a horse and must not be snubbed to a corral or chute post and may be tied three times if necessary.
6. During any performance if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by the contestant, or if automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, that animal will be returned to the arena director and the labour crew during or at the end of that performance in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting.
7. (a) 2 loops will be permitted and should the roper miss with both he must retire and no time will be allowed.
(b) If roper intends to use 2 loops, he must carry two ropes and must use second rope for second loop.
(c) If roper misses his calf with first loop, the flagman must ask the roper if he wishes another loop. The roper must reply at once.
(d) Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
8. Roper to receive a no-time if he has not caught his calf in 25 seconds.
9. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf.
(a) If a horse drags a calf more than 10 feet after the tie has been completed, the calf roper will be flagged out.
10. (a) Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.
(b) This is a catch as catch can event, and the roper may rope any part of the calf, but rope must be on the calf until the roper gets his hand on the calf.
11. (a) Rope may be sallied or tied hard and fast – either is permissible; contestant must dismount, go down rope and throw a calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet with at least one wrap and a half-hitch.
(b) If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and thrown by hand
(c) If the roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
(d) 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.
(i) 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.
(ii) Untie man must not touch calf until signaled to do so by flag judge.
- Note: If the calf regains front or back feet, it will be considered as up.
12. The fines for busting a calf in the Tie Down Roping shall be no cash fine, but an automatic disqualification from the event
(i) A bust means the calf is jerked straight over backwards and falls on its back with all four feet in the air.
(ii) 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.
13. (a) The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stop watch, timing six seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted.
(b) Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
14. Flagger must watch calf during the 6 second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free using the time shown on the watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify.
15. Roper who does not leave his rope slack until tie is passed on or jerks rope or drags calf will be disqualified.
16. Under any circumstances, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed by the field judge.
17. There will be no rerun awarded for a broken rope or other equipment.
18. Unsatisfactory calves at one rodeo cannot be used at any further rodeos, subject to the discretion of the board

of directors.

19. Calf roper's belt line may not exceed 14 feet in length. A fine of \$25 dollars shall be levied for first offence. For second offence, the fine shall be doubled. After the third offence, this rule infraction shall be dealt with by the MRCA Board of Directors.

Steer Wrestling

1. Arena conditions will determine score. Length of score to be set by arena director and the time event director or representative. If present, subject to the conditions set forth therein.
2. In steer wrestling the score may be no longer than the length of the steer wrestling box minus 6 feet unless other arrangements are approved by the steer wrestling director or a man of his choice.
3. There shall be two timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge.
4. (a) Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
(b) Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn
(c) If a contestant jumps a steer he accepts him as sound.
5. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with the steer or chutes.
6. (a) Contestant must furnish his own hazer and horses.
(b) Only one hazer allowed.
(c) Hazer will not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer.
7. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify a contestant.
(a) Steer must be caught from horse.
(b) If a steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one step to catch a steer.
(c) After catching steer, wrestler must bring to stop and twist it down.
(d) If steer is accidentally knocked down before being thrown by wrestler putting animals horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown.
(e) Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its left side or back, all four feet and head straight.
(f) Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
(g) The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision will be final.
8. When a barrier is used for steer wrestling, an automatic barrier is to be used and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
9. (a) There must be at least twelve foot box.
(b) If box is shorter than steer wrestling must be lap and tap.
10. (a) Neck ropes must be tied with string.
(b) No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.
11. A ten second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that the dogger's feet touched the ground before the flag line is crossed.
12. Steer wrestler is allowed one jump only.
(a) Contestant must make first jump within 30 seconds or he will receive a no time.
(b) Contestant must have steer thrown inside of 2 minutes of crossing the score line or he will receive a no time.
13. No penalty for breaking horn.
14. Cattle used in other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.
15. Dogging steers must not weigh more than five hundred and fifty pounds and have a minimum of eight inch horn at the first spring rodeo.
16. All steers may be thrown in the pen one hour before the start of the rodeo, in the presence of a judge, and before the steers are drawn.
17. Any steer wrestler unnecessarily abusing or leaving a steer with horns stick in the ground, after being flagged, will be disqualified by the field flagman.
18. Ear tagged and hot branded.

Ladies and Junior Girls Barrel Racing.

1. The ladies barrel race must meet MRCA approval and be run during the regular rodeo performance or it cannot be held. (unless stock is needed)
(a) Rules for the Junior girls barrel racing shall be the same as those established for the Ladies Barrel Racing.
2. Ladies Barrel Racing event must be run on a horse ridden by a female contestant only.
3. The regulation Barrel Pattern for the Ladies Barrel Race shall be 90 feet between barrel No. 1 and barrel 2 and 105 foot arc between barrel 1 and barrel 3 and barrel 2 and barrel 3. The score line shall be a minimum of 30 feet and a maximum of 60 feet. Barrel 1 and barrel 2 must be a minimum of 18 feet off the fence and barrel 3 must be a minimum of 25 feet off the fence. Stopping distance must be 45 feet on a closed gate or 30 feet on a safe open center gate.
(a) In all outdoor arenas that are NOT large enough for the regulation pattern barrel 1 and barrel 2 must be a minimum of 15 feet off the fence and barrel 3 must be a minimum of 18 feet off the fence. Score line will be a minimum of 30 feet and a maximum of 60 feet. Stopping distance same as regulation pattern. Distance between barrel 1 and barrel 2 and the distance of arc to barrel 3 may vary to a maximum of 25 feet according to arena size. Any outdoor arenas that are very small or the same size as an indoor arena use the guidelines for indoor arenas.
(b) In all indoor arenas, barrel 1 and barrel 2 will be a minimum of 15 feet off of the fence and barrel

3 will be a minimum of 18 feet off the fence. Score line will be a minimum of 30 feet and a maximum of 60 feet. Distance between barrel 1 and barrel 2 and the distance of arc to barrel 3 may vary to a maximum of 25 feet. Stopping distance the same as regulation pattern.

(g) An exception to the above rule would be the very small outdoor arenas and most indoor arenas where the regulation pattern would not fit. In these arenas, the barrels would be marked fifteen off of walls or fences and eighteen feet off of chutes, and the score line would be a minimum of twenty feet with a stopping distance of forty five feet measured from the centre of the arena.

4. (a) Barrels and score line must be permanently staked for the entire contest,

(b) When barrels are marked for Ladies Barrel Racing, the barrel measurement slip must be signed by the women marking the barrels, and signed by a judge,

5. Barrels to be metal drums (45 gallon size) with both bottom and top.

6. A five second penalty will be given per run for each barrel knocked over.

6. (a) the electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be timed to the one-one hundredth of a second (1/100). It must also be backed up by two timers using watches to the one-one hundredth of a second. Both sets of times are to be recorded. The electric eye time is to be recorded by a judge. When the electric timers are used, and a minority of the contestants is missed, the stop watches times will be used for them only. If the electric timer fails to operate for more than half of the contestants, the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all contestants.

(b) To ensure the electric timer is ready to use at each performance of a rodeo it shall be the responsibility of the last two MRCA card members in that performance or slack to make sure the timer is operational and set up for the barrel racing. The first two MRCA card members running in that performance or slack shall be responsible for taking the timer down and putting it away at the end of the event. If these responsibilities are not carried out a minimum fine of \$50.00 dollars to a maximum of \$100.00 dollars may be levied by the MRCA Board.

7. Horses to be timed when any part of the horse crosses the score line, start and finish.

8. After official racing time begins, re-runs are not allowed.

9. Either barrel #1 or barrel #2 may be taken first, but contestant will be disqualified for not following the clover-leaf pattern or for not being ready to contest when name is called.

10. Contestant will be disqualified for the remaining performances of a rodeo if she is absent from a run.

11. (a) A horse can be ridden more than once in a go-round and/or performance by different women, but a woman may only ride one horse in a go-round, thereby allowing contestants to change horse between go-rounds.

(b) If a contestant is injured during a competition, a substitute contestant cannot take her place.

13. Contestants may from a riding position, hold the barrel from falling.

14. Wherever arena conditions permit, contestants may come into the arena and start the race on the run or they may start from a standing position.

15. The arena gates may be opened or closed during and for the finish of the race at the request of the individual contestant or the show manager.

16. The use of bats and spurs is allowed; however, excessive use of the bat prior to the race, during the race, or after the race, will mean automatic disqualification for that particular race.

17. The rider may use both hands on the reins or may hand on to the saddle if she desires.

18. All timers and flagmen must be experienced. Ladies barrel racing must be flagged by a judge.

19. (a) Practice runs must be made a minimum of 10 feet from the barrel markers.

(b) Practice runs will be allowed only until one hour before rodeo time.

(i) No practicing will be allowed during that hour or during intermission.

20. Veterinarian release for horses will be treated the same as a medical doctor release for rodeo contestants.

21. If more than one barrel racer falls due to hitting cement, mud or ice, the barrel racing shall be postponed until the ground conditions are fixed.

(a) In the Ladies Barrel Racing event only, if a contestant does not wish to compete due to unsafe ground conditions, contestant must get both judges to sign off thereby allowing that contestant to visible and not be fined a turn out fee.

22. A judge must read the electric eye timer in the barrel racing.

23. Barrel racers entered at a rodeo must make their competition run prior to any exhibition runs.

(a) If there is slack at a rodeo, only local non-member barrel racers may exhibition run during the performance.

(b) No exhibition runs may be held prior to the completion of Ladies and Junior Barrel Racing during a performance.

24. At MRCA Lead approved rodeos, 2 barrel reps will be assigned to the first performance, and 1 barrel rep will be assigned to all other performances following the first performance.

Team Roping

1. Contestant will start from behind a barrier

(a) When using the automatic barrier, neck ropes must be tied with string.

(b) There will be a 10 second penalty for breaking the barrier.

2. Arena conditions will determine score line; length of score to be set by the arena director or event director.

(a) Steer belongs to the roper after he crosses the score line, regardless of what happens, with one exception, if the steer gets out of the arena, the flag will be dropped and the roper will get the steer

- back lap and tap with the time added on which was taken when the steer left the arena.
3. Each team will be allowed a total of 2 throws.
 4. Roping a steer without releasing loop from hand will be considered no catch.
 - (a) Roper must dally to stop steer.
 - (b) No tied ropes allowed
 5. There shall be two timers, a barrier judge and a field flag man.
 - (a) Time to be taken between the two flags.
 - (b) Steer must be on its feet when it is being roped by the head or heels.
 - (c) Time will be taken when steer is roped by both head and heels, with both horses in line facing steer with ropes dallied and tight Heelers Rope must be dallied and tight, header may have rope in hand, but does not need to have rope tight nor dallied. Header may use option to dally if he/she chooses.
 - (d) Steer may be standing or lying down.
 6. The roper will not get an extra loop for a broken rope or dropped rope. He will receive a No Time
 7. Any changes in lists or roping order to split horse etc. Must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in chutes.
 - (a) After stock is loaded ropers must rope in order listed.
 8. Roping teams must be entered in both names and each contestant may enter twice or cross enter.
 9. Head must be caught before heels.
 - (a) Any heel catch behind shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
 - (b) Only 3 head catches are legal.
 - (i) Head or both horns
 - (ii) Half a Head
 - (iii) Around the neck
 10. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.
 11. Steers used in the team roping must be horned cattle, with the use of attachable, artificial horns to be permitted. If the artificial horns come off, the team ropers will get that same steer back.
 12. The header must change direction of the steer before the heeler can throw his rope.
 13. Roping Teams must be entered in both names as either a header or heeler and must compete as entered.

Junior Steer Riding

1. Age to be 14 or under as of January 1st of the rodeo year.
2. Judges of Junior Steer Riding marking left to discretion of the judges, with no discrepancy of points against 1 or 2 handed riders.
 1. Stock does not have to be started out of the chute.
 2. Bull riding director to represent Junior Steer Riders and to enforce their rules.
 3. All stock in junior Steer Riding must be flanked.
 4. Contestants disqualified for slapping if riding with one hand.
 5. If riding with two hands, and one hand breaks loose after the ride has started, contestant is disqualified.

C. AMATEUR SADDLE BRONC, BAREBACK. And BULL RIDING

1. Contesting rules for these two events are subject to CCA rulebook regarding Saddle Bronc , Bareback Bronc and Bull Riding except that the amateur events will only require a six second whistle for the ride to be considered complete.
2. Minimum membership requirements will be junior or permit membership.
3. Minimum prize money \$150.00 per event, cannot exceed half of the prize money in an open event.
4. \$20.00 minimum entry fee plus normal administration charges..
5. Open to contestants who have not yet won \$1000.00 in the open Saddle Bronc or Bareback event in one rodeo year in a recognized rodeo association.
6. Contestant may enter amateur riding events and other major events at same location (ie: tie down roping) subject to qualifying rules.
7. Once a contestant has won \$1000.00 in the open Saddle Bronc and/or open Bareback he will not be allowed to finish the year in Amateur Saddle Bronc and/or Amateur Bareback.
8. Once a contestant has won \$1500.00 in an amateur event in one year, he will be allowed to finish the year in the amateur event. The following year he will be ineligible to enter that amateur event.
9. Entries may be limited by stock contractor, this will be confirmed on call back day.
10. These events will be re-evaluated from time to time for rule or policy adjustments.

****SECTION XVII****

Agreements

The Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association will honor any recognized Rodeo Associations suspended list as submitted, providing the recognized association in turn honors the MRCA suspended list

****SECTION XVII****

Television Rights

The Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association retains all rights in and to the filming taping, radio or television broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form of any of its approved rodeos or any part thereof. All proposals for filming or

television of sanctioned rodeos including local, cable or educational televisions must be cleared through the Board of Directors of the MRCA. There will be a fee of one hundred dollars assessed which may be waived by the board of directors, legitimate news coverage is exempted. Send enquiries to the MRCA office.

Appendix A

Membership fees:

All members must buy insurance, if not insured through the CCA.

Insurance is an additional \$15.00

Membership cost between Oct 1st & Jan 31st Membership Cost Feb 1st to Sept 30th

SENIOR May compete at any and all MRCA Approved rodeos.

\$125.00 plus \$6.25 GST = \$131.25 \$145.00 plus \$7.25 GST = \$152.25

PERMIT

May compete at MRCA Approved rodeos where permits accepted. A contestant may only compete on a permit until 100 points or \$1000.00 dollars is won in a regular season (whichever comes first), and then must upgrade to a full card to continue competing. Rodeo Committees are allowed to refuse permit card holders the right to enter.

\$50.00 plus \$2.50 GST = \$52.50 \$70.00 plus \$3.50 GST = \$73.50

JUNIOR

Contestant must be 18 years & under as of January 1st of current year.

Junior Events are subject to specific age requirements

\$25.00 plus \$1.25 GST = \$26.25 \$45.00 plus \$2.25 GST = \$47.25

PERSONNEL Stock Contractors, Judges, Pick up Men, Bullfighters, Clowns & Announcers

\$100.00 plus \$5.00 GST = \$105.00 \$120.00 plus \$6.00 GST = \$126.00

TIMERS Must be qualified to work MRCA Approved rodeos

\$50.00 plus \$2.50 GST = \$52.50 \$70.00 plus \$3.50 GST = \$73.50

ASSOCIATE

Non-contestant. Simply a supporter of the association

\$30.00 plus \$1.50 GST = \$31.50

\$70.00 plus \$3.50 GST = \$73.50

Rodeo Committee Approval Fees: \$100.00 plus \$5.00 GST = \$105.00

MCE Fees: \$10.00 per contestant/per rodeo

Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association

Cowboy/ Cowgirl of the Year

The qualifications and categories for judging are listed below:

The categories set out in the award are ability, sportsmanship, appearance, personality and contributions to the betterment of the sport of rodeo. These categories are further defined as follows:

A) Ability-

- Has the candidate demonstrated outstanding ability?
- Has the candidate had "try" or have they been lucky?
- Does the candidate work more than one event?

B) Sportsmanship -

- Does the candidate accept victory and defeat as a pro?
- Is the candidate fair in his dealings?
- Does the candidate always abide by the rules and not try to get an unfair advantage for him or herself?
- Does the candidate help others - be they beginners or veterans?
- Does the candidate try to change things for his own good, or for the general good of the sport?

C) Personality -

- Is the candidate friendly, co-operative and open with all, be they young or veteran contestants, rodeo committees, the press or rodeo fans?
- Is the candidate stable and consistent in his/her relationships?
- Is the candidate a credit to the sport?

D) Appearance -

- Does the candidate add to rather than detract from the production of a rodeo?
- Does the candidate follow the rules with respect to dress at a rodeo?
- Is the candidates' appearance a credit to the sport, and its image?

E) Contributions to the betterment of rodeo -

In what ways has the candidate worked to improve rodeo:

ij Promotion

- Has the candidate always been co-operative with and available to the press?
- Has the candidate willingly made appearances, given speeches and interviews, gone to schools etc., without a view to making a profit but to help rodeo?

ii) Development of the sport

- Has the candidate served on the Board, or committees, or carried out special projects beyond what is normally required of a member?
- Has the candidate worked toward developing programs or sponsors for the sport generally, not just for himself?
- Has the candidate had constructive suggestions for the improvement of the sport, and carried through on these?
- Has the candidate done his share of judging, when needed, or taken part in clinics, or acted as a spokesman when needed?
- Has the candidate consistently had the interests of the MRCA as a priority — finding trophy donors, seeking new ways to get exposure for rodeo, and helping new fans?
- Has the candidate, in short, extended himself for the good of rodeo, without consideration of immediate rewards or gain?
- Has the candidate been a consistent ambassador for rodeo?

Written nominations for Cowboy/ Cowgirl of the Year must be received by the MRCA no later than September 30th of the current year. The nominations should be as detailed as possible, establishing how the candidate has performed in each of the five categories. Only those candidates for whom a written nomination has been received shall be considered by the selection committee.