

# CPRA RULE PROPOSALS

## ATTENTION: All CPRA members, stock contractors and rodeo committees:

**Guidelines for Submission and Publication of Rule Change Proposals:** Any member, director, event representative, or CPRA management may submit a rule change proposal requesting an addition to, a deletion from or a modification of the official rules of the CPRA.

Such rule change proposal shall be made in writing, shall state the reasons for the proposed change and must be received by the Rodeo Administrator by the second Friday in September.

The CPRA Rules Committee will schedule a meeting within one month of the submission deadline to review rule change proposals for the following rodeo season.

After reviewing all rule change proposals, the CPRA Rules Committee will determine those proposals that merit consideration for implementation and will produce a report for publication in a minimum of one issue of the Canadian Rodeo News. CPRA members will have an opportunity to provide comments outlining their views on the pros and cons of implementing any of the rule changes being recommended by the CPRA Rules Committee. Any comments shall be made in writing and must be received by the Rodeo Administrator by the second Friday in January.

The proposed rule changes, along with member comments, shall then be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration to be formally adopted for the upcoming rodeo season. Once adopted, the new rule changes will be published in the Canadian Rodeo News and incorporated in the CPRA Rule Book.

In addition to following these Guidelines as outlined, the Board of Directors may adopt additional rule changes prior to or after the start of the rodeo season only if they deem it to be in the best interests of the CPRA.

## 2011 CPRA RULE BOOK

VISIT: [www.rodeocanada.com/rulebook.htm](http://www.rodeocanada.com/rulebook.htm)

### Addendum to 2011 CPRA Rule Book:

Section I, sub-section A. 1; revise to read:

1. The annual dues and fees payable in 2011 by a regular member are: ~~four hundred and fourteen dollars (\$414)~~ four hundred and thirty four dollars (\$434), plus GST where applicable. This amount includes: membership dues, subscription to the Canadian Rodeo News; a Sports Medicine fee; and, personal accident and disability insurance (Class 1). A ten dollar (\$10) discount will apply on regular membership renewals paid prior to January 31, providing all of the necessary documents accompany the renewal dues.

Section I, sub-section A. 10 (c); revise to read:

(c) The annual dues and fees payable in 2011 by a semi-pro member are: ~~four hundred and thirty nine dollars (\$439)~~ Four hundred and fifty nine dollars (\$459), plus GST where applicable. This amount includes: semi-pro membership dues, subscription to the Canadian Rodeo News; a Sports Medicine fee; personal accident and disability insurance (Class 1); and an Assurance Fund charge. The administration cost to upgrade the semi-pro card to a full membership or revert from a full

membership to semi-pro status is fifty dollars (\$50).

Section I, sub-section B. 1; revise to read:

1. Non-members may purchase permits to contest at Association approved rodeos. The annual dues and fees payable in 2011 by a permit holder are: ~~three hundred and thirteen dollars and eighty cents (\$313.80)~~ three hundred and thirty three dollars and eighty cents (\$333.80) plus GST where applicable. This amount includes: permit holder dues, subscription to the Canadian Rodeo News; a Sports Medicine fee; personal accident and disability insurance (Class 2); and, an Assurance Fund charge. All permits will expire on December 31 and must be renewed yearly.

Section I, sub-section C. 6; revise to read:

6. The annual dues and fees payable in 2011 for photographers and contract members' (i.e. pick-up men, flankmen, bullfighters, clowns, contract acts, announcers) are ~~four hundred and fourteen dollars (\$414)~~ four hundred and thirty four dollars (\$434) plus GST where applicable. This amount includes: annual dues, subscription to the Canadian Rodeo News; a Sports Medicine fee; personal accident and

disability insurance (Class 1). A ten dollar (\$10) discount will apply on contract membership renewals paid prior to January 31, providing all necessary documents accompany the renewal dues.

Section II, sub-section A. 4 (e); revise to read:

(e) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges, event representatives, another member or CPRA staff 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. Violation of this rule shall be reported to the Association ~~Board of Directors~~ by the judges involved, or by the arena director or stock contractor of the rodeo where the violation occurred. The fine for harassment shall be five hundred (\$500) dollars.

Section II, sub-section A. 4 (h); add:

(h) Depending on the severity, all rule infractions reported by an Association judge will be dealt with by either the Rodeo Administrator or the Association Board of Directors. All appeals relating to these charges will be forwarded to the judging commission for review, and subsequent recommendations to the Association Board.

Section II, sub-section A. 4 (i); add:

(i) Being under the influence of alcohol or an illegal substance during a rodeo performance or slack.

Section II, sub-section A. 8; revise to read:

8. Contestants may not talk to a judge or timer in any way while an event is going on. Such questions may be addressed to the judge or timer only at the end of the section for that performance. Any member violating this regulation will be reported to the Association by the judge of the rodeo where the violation occurs. Violators are subject to an automatic ~~fifty dollar (\$50)~~ one hundred dollar (\$100) fine.

Section II, sub-section D. 1; revise to read:

1. No person shall work an Association rodeo when their name appears under the suspended list, ~~which shall be posted in the CRES office~~, unless they first have been cleared through the Association office.

Section II, sub-section E; add:

E. Overdue Accounts

Section II, sub-section E. 1; add:

1. The CPRA reserves the right to charge interest of up to three

percent (3%) per month on overdue accounts.

Section III, sub-section A. 12; revise to read:

12. If numbers are furnished by the management, contestants must wear them while competing so as to be visible to the judges and spectators. Penalty for competing with a wrong number or without numbers shall be a ~~cash~~ fine of ten dollars (\$10), to be assessed by the rodeo judges.

Section III, sub-section B. 10; revise to read:

10. Approval fees and assessment are grouped as a membership fee. This fee is based on added prize money offered in all events.

Purse per Event	% on <del>Total</del>
Added Prize Money	
\$1,000 or less	10% of <del>total</del>
<del>total</del> added prize money	
\$1,001 to \$2,000	9% of <del>total</del>
added prize money	
\$2,001 to \$4,000	8% of <del>total</del>
added prize money	
\$4,001 to \$6,000	7% of <del>total</del>
added prize money	
\$6,001 to \$8,000	6% of <del>total</del>
added prize money	
\$8,001 and over	5% of <del>total</del>
added prize money	

Section III, sub-section B. 10 (a); revise to read:

a) Approval fees for special events shall be ten percent (10%) of the ~~total~~ added prize money.

Section III, sub-section C; remove:

C. Entry Fees ~~and Closing Time~~

Section IV, sub-section B. 3; add:

3. Contestant must pay their entry fees in all events before the first go-round is over, unless other arrangements are made with the secretary. In all cases, entry fees are to be paid in Canadian currency.

Section IV, sub-section B. 3 (a); revise to read:

(a) If ~~a~~ contestant ~~competes~~ ~~and~~ doesn't pay their entry fees, one or more of the following shall apply:

Section IV, sub-section D. 5 (a); add:

(a) At the time a contestant doctor releases, they must indicate whether the mandatory ineligibility period shall last ten (10) days or thirty (30) days. Ineligibility period shall begin upon notification to the CRES office of the intended doctor release and shall continue through the period ten (10) or thirty (30) days following the first scheduled competition of the rodeo or rodeo's for which the contestant doctor releases. A contestant may extend their ten (10) or thirty (30) day doctor release by four (4) days. Contestants must notify the CRES office of the extension before the expiry of their current ineligibility period. During a rodeo year, a contestant may designate that an ineligibility period shall last ten (10) days no more than twice, and a four (4) day extension no more than twice. Once a contestant has designated a ten (10) day ineligibility period twice in a given rodeo year, all subsequent ineligibility periods shall automatically last thirty (30) days.

i. Example:

1. ten (10) day doctor release + four (4) day extension

2. thirty (30) day doctor release + four (4) day extension

Both four (4) day extension's and only one (1) ten (10) day doctor release has been used.

Section IV, sub-section D. 5 (e); add:

(e) Any abuses of rules pertaining to a doctor's or vet release will be subject to a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine for the first offence and a second offence during their career will result in a six (6) month suspension. Contestant will forfeit any money, points or awards won at the rodeo in which he competed while ineligible. If a contestant doctor's releases from a CPRA rodeo and competes at another event (i.e. C.C.A., PBR, etc.) it will be considered an abuse of the doctor's release and will be subject to the appropriate fine and penalties. This will apply over the course of the contestants CPRA career.

Section IV, sub-section D. 6, 1 (a); add:

(a) The Association visible injury release shall be signed by at least two (2) judges or the Rodeo

Administrator only if contestant is unable to attend rodeo release is for and must be received by the Association office within ten (10) days. If the release is not received within ten (10) days, the contestant will be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) late fine.

Section IV, sub-section H. 1 (c); remove:

~~(c) Association members will be allowed to judge recognized amateur association rodeos on an application basis, with approval from the Association office.~~ Due to the deletion of this rule, please move the following rules up one (1) spot: Section IV, sub-section H. 1 (d - k)

Section IV, sub-section H. 1 (k);

(k) Prior to the start of a rodeo event, it will be the judge's responsibility to examine the condition of the arena(s), chutes, fencing, alleyways, pens, etc for any safety hazards that may appear and to advise the rodeo committee to rectify any condition deemed unsafe prior to the start of the rodeo event.

Section IV, sub-section H. 1 (o); add:

(o) Neither barrier judge nor field-flag judge may be changed during the course of the rodeo except in case of sickness or injury.

Section V, sub-section A. 2 (a); revise to read:

(a) A single priority list shall be drawn for all performance preference rodeos having the same entry closing date. At all CPRA rodeos that overlap, whether or not the entry closing dates are the same, preference in drawing the priority list shall be given to contestants who have entered the most rodeos, provided the contestant is entered in a common event at all locations, with contestants who have entered only one of several overlapping rodeos to receive the lowest priority. In the timed events the performances will be filled from the bottom, except ladies barrel racing which will be filled from the top down.

Section VII, sub-section C. 3; add:

3. The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty-five (25), and use the full spread. Half points can be used. The animal is only to

be marked if a qualified ride has been made.

Section VIII, sub-section A. 13; revise to read:

13. Any unnecessary delays in the timed events will constitute a ~~twenty five dollar (\$25)~~ one hundred dollar (\$100) fine, escalating with each violation.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (d); revise to read:

(d) Barriers in the timed events must be a side-pull barrier with pulley and neck rope pulling from side of chute or horizontally. Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (e); revise to read:

(e) If the barrier neck rope flies up and hits the contestant or his rope, impairing him, the contestant may declare himself, and if so, must be given a rerun on the same animal a designated spare. A contestant shall so declare himself by not throwing his rope or by not attempting to get down on the steer.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (g) will be moved down to become (h) and (g) will be replaced with the following:

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (g); revise to read:

(g) In the timed events, any time a rerun is awarded the spare animal will be used. The spare animals will be drawn in the following manner: In all performances two (2) spares will be drawn for and designated as spares one (1) and two (2). In the slack when a complete run on the livestock is drawn, spares will be designated and used as follows: The last steer drawn will be spare one (1); the second last spare drawn will be spare two (2) and so on. If either of these spares are used, the contestant who has drawn the last steer will now have a redraw from the entire herd on the next run of cattle. In the slack when a complete run on the cattle is not completed and spares can be drawn, two (2) spares will be drawn and used in that order as required.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (h); add:

(h) Any time a contestant is awarded a rerun due to being fouled by neck rope, barrier or other reasons that deem a rerun, contestant will ~~get same animal back~~ be awarded the spare and the following will apply:

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (h) i; revise to read:

If contestant broke out on initial run, they will get ~~same animal~~ the drawn spare animal back lap and tap plus the barrier penalty that was incurred on the initial run.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (h) ii; revise to read:

If no barrier penalty was incurred on initial run, contestant will get same the drawn spare animal back and barrier will be used.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (h) iii (a); revise to read:

~~(a) Failure of animal to pull neck rope: In the timed events, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time is officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. However, if time is started by the animal and contestant (tie down ropers, steer wrestler and hazer, or header and heeler) remains behind the plane of the barrier for approximately five (5) seconds, that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the misdraw procedure. If an animal fails to pull the barrier or break the neck rope; when time is officially started by the contestant or the animal, is the same, meaning: failure to pull the barrier, the animal did not go forward enough to trip the barrier or break the neck rope and the contestant breaks out; therefore time has been officially started by the contestant. Failure to break the neck rope; the animal went forward enough to trip the barrier but did not break the neck rope, the contestant gets out clean. In this case the animal has officially started the time. If contestant breaks the barrier at this time no rerun will be awarded. Due to the fact a contestant cannot compete on an animal that is part of the barrier, this animal should be considered too weak and sulky (the animal has stopped or changed forward direction before the score line) compromising a~~

fair and honest chance for the contestant to compete. This animal must be removed from the draw, for the entire rodeo and future rodeos. (Failure to comply with this should result in a fine to the timed event contractor). This will be a re-run with no penalty to the contestant, using the drawn spare procedure.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 1 (h) iii (b); add:

(b) However, a contestant (tie down roper, steer wrestler, hazer, header or heeler) must give the animal fair and honest start (the appropriate move at that rodeo). The contestant cannot purposely ride by the animal with the intent to stop or set up the animal before the score line.

Section VIII, sub-section B. 3 (c); revise to read:

(c) If automatic barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestant will get a rerun on the same drawn spare animal if a qualified run is made.

Section VIII, sub-section D. 6; remove:

6. A one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed to tie-down ropers for unnecessary roughness towards a calf. This will be assessed for obvious intentional jerk down, even though the calf does not go straight over backwards, as outlined in rule D, 8, e, i.e., The one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed if the contestant throws the slack straight in the air or makes no visible attempt to switch the calf to avoid a jerk down (to hold slack or throw it off to one side or another). Further examples are as follows: ~~excessive dragging, intentionally running calf into the back fence or any roughness to the calf that could be avoided.~~ A one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed to tie-down ropers for obvious intentional jerk down, even though the calf does not go over backwards, as outlined in rule D. 8, d, I, e; the one hundred dollar (\$100) fine will be assessed if the contestant throws his slack straight in the air or makes no visible attempt to switch the calf to avoid a jerk down (to hold slack or throw it off to one side or another). Any intentional roughness to the calf that could be avoided will be dealt with under

Section XII, sub-section A Rules to Ensure Humane Treatment of Livestock 1.

Section VIII, subsection D. 7 (b); add:

(b) Above rules (7 and 7a) will only be enforced at CPRA/PRCA approved rodeos in Canada. At any CPRA ONLY approved rodeo's the following will apply: The calf must stayed tied until the roper has placed his foot in the stirrup to remount his horse.

Section VIII, sub-section D. 8; add:

8. Contestant will be disqualified or fined for the following:

Section VIII, sub-section D. 8 (d); revise to read:

~~If a calf is jerked down by the horse with the first jerk of the rope which is used when the calf is caught, the contestant will be disqualified. A jerk down means that a calf is jerked straight over backwards, landing on its head or back. If a calf is jerked down by the horse with the first jerk of the rope which is used when the calf is caught, the contestant will be disqualified. A jerk down means that a calf is jerked over backwards between ten (10) and two (2) on a standard clock or between thirty (30) and one hundred and fifty (150) degrees. At a rodeo with three (3) or more judges, one (1) judge other than the flagman will call the jerk down rule. At a two (2) judge rodeo, the flagger will call the jerk down.~~

Section IX, sub-section B. 1 (a); add:

(a) This pattern must be a minimum of twenty five feet (25') off barrel three (3) to the fence and a minimum of fifteen feet (15') to the fence from barrels one (1) and two (2).

Section IX, sub-section B. 2; remove:

~~2. When arena conditions are not suitable for the above pattern, the following distances should be used: ninety feet (90') between barrel one (1) to two (2) and one hundred and ten feet (110') from barrels one (1) to three (3) and from barrels two (2) to three (3) with a sixty foot (60') maximum and a thirty foot (30') minimum scoreline.~~

Section IX, sub-section B. 2 (b); remove:

~~(b) This pattern must be a minimum of twenty five feet (25') off barrel three (3) to the fence and a minimum of fifteen feet (15') to the fence from barrels one (1) and two (2). Due to the deletion of this rule, please move the following rules up one (1) spot: Section IX, sub-section B. 2-17~~

Section IX, sub-section B. 9; revise to read:

9. A contestant will be ~~disqualified~~ fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for not being ready to contest when called. Ill-mannered horses will ~~cause the contestant to~~ be disqualified at the Judge(s) discretion.

Section IX, sub-section B. 10 (a); revise to read:

~~(a) Compulsory run in and out must be posted in the rodeo office, and judges to be notified. Ladies barrel racers will be disqualified if this rule is not complied with. If the gate is centrally located, the contestant must keep a forward motion at a pace faster than a walk toward the first barrel, and a forward motion when leaving the arena. If it is a side or corner gate, a spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction. Failure to do so will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine.~~

Section IX, sub-section B. 10 (b); remove:

~~(b) All forward motion toward the score line at a pace faster than a walk will be considered a run.~~

Section IX, sub-section B. 17;

17. Contestant's appearance must be neat, clean and professional. Any contestant whose appearance is deemed unprofessional will be fined at the discretion of the Judges or Event Representative. The fine will be one hundred dollars (\$100). Contestants must wear pants, long sleeved shirt, western hat, and western boots for all rodeo performances and slack.

Section IX, sub-section B. 24; add:

24. When raking, turn-outs and releases will not be included in the count.

Section XI, sub-section A. 3 (b); remove:

(b) Canadian Rodeo Tour Championship shall ~~not~~ be applied to this count.

Section XI, sub-section D. 1; add:

1. A trophy will be awarded to the permit holder accumulating the most points in a regular rodeo

season. If contestant exceeds the allowed maximum as a permit holder, and turns in their permit for a membership, their points will continue to count toward the permit trophy. Points in all of the major events will count for this trophy at the end of the regular season.

Section XI, sub-section F. 1; add:

1. Rookie of the year shall be defined as that first-year member contestant winning the most money in one (1) or more of the major events in a regular rodeo season.

Section XI, sub-section I. 2; add:

2. Bucking stock must be in an approved CPRA rodeo draw three (3) times to qualify to be eligible to compete at the CFR.