

Rules Committee Meeting

January 25, 2010 – Gonzales, LA

Approved Rule Changes to 2010/2012 Rulebook

AGENDA ITEMS & CLARIFICATIONS: These items were not submitted as specific changes, rather inquiries from state/provinces needing clarification and or opinions on how to apply the rule in question. After discussion from the committee, a change may or may not be recommended to the full board but a clarification will be determined and applied.

- 1) Grading System: the 6 period system versus the 4 block system. With the 6 period system, kids need only to pass 4 classes and the kids in the 4 block system must pass all classes. There needs to be some type of lee way for students in the 4 block system. **A proposed rule change was submitted that addresses this clarification. Tabled until rule change discussion later.**
- 2) Clarification of Calf Roping Rule: The rule states to cross and tie any three legs with at least one complete wrap around all three legs with a half hitch. Question: If a roper miss strings the front leg and just holds the string and wraps the three legs and a half hitch, is it a legal tie? I have seen PRCA judges flag out a roper because of this. **No action needed. Covered in the rulebook and this flagger was in error.**
- 3) Team Roping Draw Partner: If a contestant gets hurt in the first rodeo of a weekend or a contestant does not get to a rodeo due to an emergency at home or vehicle breakdown, can this contestant's partner be put into a draw pot for that rodeo? In other words can the partner still rope for points and not be penalized by his partner's misfortune? Other states are using the draw pot if someone can't show or is hurt. It does seem more fair to allow the contestant to compete if the partner is unable to whether it be team roping or ribbon roping. **Laura Hancock move to remove paragraph 14, page 100 and refer to page 36, paragraph 8. Dixie Huxtable seconded. 4 voted in favor of the motion, 10 voted against. Motion fails.**
Mike Mullen moved to add "at a multi-go-round rodeo" page 100, paragraph 14. Laura Hancock seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) Optional Cutting points counting towards all-around. **Don move that they count towards both year-end and state finals all-around. Kenny Littrell seconded. Motion carried.**

The following changes and clarifications were approved at the 2009 Mid-Winter Meeting and have been in place but need to be included in the new rulebook when the book goes to print for the 2010-2012 seasons:

Hat penalty rule, assistant passing the plane of the gate and forward motion rule – Barrel Racing, Page 87, #9. IF THE ARENA REQUIRES AN ALLEYWAY TO MEET THE 75' REQUIREMENT TO START AND STOP, IT IS CONSIDERED PART OF THE ARENA AND ALL RULES APPLY TO THAT ALLEYWAY.

Barrier, Breakaway Roping (as well as TD, TR), Page 91, 12C: A CONTESTANT'S ROPE CANNOT BE FOULED BY THE PULL ROPE.

Timed Events, assistance in the box and touching horse after roper calls for animal. WHEN THE CONTESTANT CALLS FOR THE ANIMAL, NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE CAN TAKE PLACE AFTER THAT. NO ENCOURAGEMENT CAN TAKE PLACE BY THE ASSISTANT AFTER THE CONTESTANT CALLS FOR THE ANIMAL.

Re: rule clarification for contestant helpers in the box.

Contestant helpers in roping timed events/steer wrestling. The contestant is allowed a helper in the box to assist in the helping of settling the horse down and keeping the horse in the corner. The helper may have his hands on the horse at such time that the contestant calls for the animal but if in any way does the helper enhance or hinder any part of the contestants scoring process, the contestant will be disqualified. Clarifications: If the helper starts the horse or holds the horse in any way that affects the scoring process contestant will **DELETE: be disqualified. CHANGE TO: receive a no time.**

Approved NHSRA By-Law Changes

THE FOLLOWING BY-LAW CHANGES ARE BEING RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE RULES COMMITTEE:

#A – ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

PARAGRAPH 6 AND 7, PAGE 4 - CHANGE PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

6. Dues:

a. The annual dues from the member State/Province Associations shall be set by the Board of National Directors payable in advance **ADD: postmarked** on or before September 1 of each year.

b. All State/Province Associations shall submit their dues, a list of all adult directors, and officers of the State/Province Association, and the name of their queen chairman, to the National Office by September 1.

7. Failure to pay dues and registration:

If the State/Province Association dues are not **DELETE: paid ADD: postmarked** by September 1, of each year, no contestant from said State/Province shall be qualified to participate in the National High School Finals Rodeo for said year. A \$50 per day late fee will be charged to the State/Province Association for each day the State/Province dues are late. **ADD: Late will be defined as postmarked anytime after September 1.**

#B – ARTICLE III, BOARD OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS

PARAGRAPH 5, PAGE 9 – CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

5. **DELETE: A current list with addresses and telephone numbers to be included in the rule book.** Each National Director will be required to furnish

CHANGE: this information TO: complete contact information to include mailing and shipping addresses, telephone numbers, FAX numbers, e-mail addresses and any other contact information to the Chairman of the Rules Committee at the National High School Finals Rodeo Meeting.

#C – ARTICLE III, BOARD OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS

PARAGRAPH 9, PAGE 9 - CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

9. Each State/Province Member Association shall be responsible for their National Director's **ADD: or designee's** legitimate expenses while attending National meetings **ADD: including the NHSFR and the WJHFR.**

#D – ARTICLE V, CONTESTANT'S NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

PARAGRAPH 10, PAGE 14 – CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

PARAGRAPH 30, PAGE 16 – CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

10. All nominations for contestant office will be submitted to the NHSRA Contestant Secretary by **DELETE: 8:00 p.m., Sunday** **ADD: the close of the Delegate Meeting** prior to the first performance of the National High School Finals Rodeo. All candidates will be issued a badge for the permitting of accessibility to campaigning areas. No campaigning in arenas or work areas.

#E – ARTICLE V, CONTESTANT'S NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

PARAGRAPH 11, PAGE 15 – CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

11. The election of contestant officers will be held **DELETE: the** Saturday before the **DELETE: Sunday's** Short Go. The time and place will be posted 24 hours prior to election by National Secretary.

Approved Rule Changes

THE FOLLOWING RULE CHANGES WERE APPROVED BY THE FULL BOARD OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS AND ARE ADOPTED AS GROUND RULES FOR THE 2010 WJHFR AND THE NHSFR IF APPLICABLE.

1 – General Rules, Paragraph 9, Page 25

Barrel Racing, IV. Scoring and Penalties, Paragraph 11, Page 87

Pole Bending, IV. Scoring and Penalties, Paragraph 10, Page 90

ADD TO THE END OF EACH PARAGRAPH:

9. Each contestant will be allowed one, and only one assistant in the arena and only one assistant behind the chutes when he or she is contesting except in the cutting horse contest where two turn-back and two holders are permissible and in the steer wrestling event where a contestant needs a hazer and a pusher. Assistant helping barrel racers and pole benders will not be allowed to go past the plane of the main arena gate when they are entering the arena.

11. Assistant helping barrel racers will not be allowed to go past the plane of the main arena gate when they are entering the arena or the contestant will be

CHANGE: disqualified TO: a no time.

10. Assistant helping pole benders will not be allowed to go past the plane of the main arena gate when they are entering the arena or the contestant will be

CHANGE: disqualified TO: a no time.

ADD: Optional at state/province qualifying rodeos only, not state or national finals: When using the alleyway and closing the back gate on alleyway for stopping, assistant can offer assistance to riders, up to the main arena gate, at the discretion of the arena director.

2 – General Rules, Paragraph 10, Page 25

Barrel Racing, IV. Scoring and Penalties, Paragraph 12, Page 88

Pole Bending, IV. Scoring and Penalties, Paragraph 11, Page 90

ADD TO END OF EACH PARAGRAPH:

Contestant must be mounted when entering the arena.

10. The contestant is allowed a running start. If the gate is centrally located, contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel/pole. If a side or corner gate is used, a single spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction or by the Arena Director's approval. Failure to comply will be a no time.

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#4A – Contestant Qualifications, Paragraph 1 & 2, Page 26

CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

1. Students in the high school division must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have made passing grades in **DELETE: 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects student must have passing grades in all subjects, ADD: at least 70% of the classes taken** or met the state activity requirement of the state they are members in, even if they have graduated in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo through the National High School Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 4 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Remaining paragraph stays unchanged . . .

2. Students in the Wrangler Division must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 16 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade the year just preceding the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have

made passing grades in **DELETE: 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects student must have passing grades in all subjects, ADD: at least 70% of the classes taken**, even if they have finished the 8th grade in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 3 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Remaining paragraph stays unchanged . . .

#5 – Point System, State/Province Point System, Paragraphs 15 & 16, Page 37

CHANGE PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

DELETE: 15. National Qualifiers - The following Point System formula must be used by all states/provinces:

a. Points carried in plus points at Finals would be added to this total up and through each go-round. Finals average points would be added to this total and then high point would be awarded average points.

b. Points to be offered in go-round and average must total 10 points more than maximum points allowed to be carried in.

c. The amount of the points, which will be offered per go-round and average, is the State/Province option.

16. Example:

Total 10 more than maximum points allowed to be carried in:

Total Points Carried In + Points 1st Go + Points 2nd Go + Points Final Go + Points Final Average + Points Total Point Average = National Qualifiers

CHANGE TO:

15. National Qualifiers- The following Point System formula(s) must be used by all states/provinces. State/province must choose which option prior to the start of the qualifying rodeo season.

15. Option I- Same as it is currently including #16 the example formula

Option II-

a) **Points carried in plus points in Finals would be added to this total up and through each go-round and average points on 2 head. This would determine the ‘qualifiers’ for the qualifying round. Finals qualifier points would be added to this total and then and ‘bonus’ points would be awarded based on high point total.**

b) **Points to be offered in go-round, average, qualifier round and ‘bonus’ must total 10 points more than maximum points allowed to be carried in.**

c) **The amount of the points, which will be offered per go-round, average, qualifier round and ‘bonus’, is the State/province option.**

16. **Example:**

Total 10 more than maximum points allowed to be carried in:

Total Points Carried In + Points 1st Go + Points 2nd go + Points Average (on 2 head-times/scores) + Points Qualifying Round + Points ‘Bonus: = National Qualifiers.

17. State/Province Association must submit to the National Office which Point System they plan to use for the season by September 1 of the rodeo year.

#10 – Drawing Timed Event Stock, Paragraph 6, Page 52

**DELETE PARAGRAPH 6, RENUMBER REMAININ PARAGRAPHS:
DELETE: 6. In any finals, contestants may draw their own animals in the presence of judges if management desires.**

#11 – Drawing Timed Event Stock, Paragraph 14, Page 52

CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

14. Stock in timed events shall be drawn by either judge of that event not more than **DELETE: two (2) ADD: three (3)** hours before the performance, and posted **DELETE: one (1) hour ADD: not more than two (2) hours** before performance at arena.

#12 – Animal Welfare, New Paragraph 19, Page 57

ADD NEW PARAGRAPH 19, RENUMBER REMAINING PARAGRAPHS:

19. No foreign objects or ropes may be attached to the horns or any part of the bull after loaded in the chute except in the case of assisting a chute fighting bull, and then the rope must be arranged so that it removes itself once the bull is released from the chute.

#14 – Tie Down Roping, III. Event Rules, Paragraph 6, Page 65

REPLACE EXISTING PARAGRAPH

DELETE: 6. If second loop falls from saddle or contestants hand before used, it cannot be rebuilt.

CHANGE TO: 6. In roping events, a dropped or fallen rope that must be recoiled and/or rebuilt shall be considered a thrown rope.

Breakaway Roping, III. Event Rules, Paragraph 8, Page 92

REPLACE EXISTING PARAGRAPH

DELETE: 8. Should the contestant miss with the first loop and her second loop becomes uncoiled or loose and touches the ground, she will receive a no time.

CHANGE TO: 8. In roping events, a dropped or fallen rope that must be recoiled and/or rebuilt shall be considered a thrown rope.

#15 – Bareback Riding, II. General Rules, Paragraph 3, Page 68

Bull Riding, II. General Rules, Paragraph 3, Page 74

Saddle Bronc Riding, II. General Rules, Paragraph 3, Page 77

CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

3. DELETE: Fall - if any part of rider contacts ground, animal has fallen.

CHANGE TO: 3. Fall - If chest or brisket, belly, side or rump contacts ground animal will be considered fallen. Knee is not considered fallen.

#19 – Barrel Racing, II General Rules, Paragraph 3, Page 86

Pole Bending, II General Rules, Paragraph 6, Page 88

ADD TO END OF EACH PARAGRAPH:

3. There shall be a minimum of 75' allowed for stopping, from starting line in barrels back to arena fence, **ADD: as arena conditions allow.**

6. There shall be a minimum of 75 feet allowed for stopping, from starting line in poles back to arena fence, **ADD: as arena conditions allow.**

#21 – Goat Tying, II. General Rules, Paragraph 10, Page 95

ADD TO END OF PARAGRAPH:

10. Tie all goats down three (3) times before the Rodeo. **ADD: Optional: If goats have been used at a previous rodeo, they do not have to be tied down before the rodeo.**

#22 – Goat Tying, Scoring and Penalties, New Paragraph 9, Page 96

ADD NEW PARAGRAPH 9:

9. Assistant helping the goat tying contestant will not be allowed to go past the plane of the main arena gate when they are entering the arena or the contestant will receive a no time.

#23 – Dally Team Roping, IV. Scoring and Penalties, Paragraph 12, Page 100

CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

DELETE: 12. The steer's entire body must be turned and moving forward in tow before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops it must only be in tow for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown in the switch is considered a crossfire and is illegal and will receive a no time.

CHANGE TO: 12. The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. Any loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a cross-fire and no time will be recorded. However, if the steer stops or sets up before the switch, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal.

#26 – Ribbon Roping, III. Event Rules, New Paragraph 15, Page 114

ADD NEW PARAGRAPH 15:

15. Optional at State/Province level: a Ribbon Roping contestant with no partner may request a partner be supplied as a draw partner from a volunteered list of entered ribbon roping contestants. This option is available only three times. Thereafter, the ribbon roping partner must enter with a partner. No points will be awarded to the drawn partner. No draw partners will be allowed at State/Province Finals Rodeos. They must however use the partner with which they qualified at the State/Province Finals to enter the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo unless his or her partner cannot attend the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo than he or she can pick a new partner, provided the new partner had competed at their State/Provincial Finals in Ribbon Roping.

#27 – Ribbon Roping, VI. Officials, Paragraph 1, Page 116

CHANGE PARAGRAPH TO READ:

DELETE: 1. There shall be two or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge.

CHANGE TO: 1. There shall be two or more timers, a field judge and a barrier flag judge.

ADD NEW PARAGRAPH 2:

2. Field judge may be mounted in order to keep up with the run. Carrier flag judge is to watch the barrier and step to the 30 foot line to flag the time.

RENUMBER REMAINING PARAGRAPHS.

Additional Ground Rule for the 2010 WJHFR in Chute Dogging:

This rule change was brought up on the floor of the full board meeting and adopted as a ground rule for the 2010 WJHFR only.

“Chute Dogger must allow steer to maintain forward motion to the score line. Chute dogger may not choke steer.”