



**INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO (INFR)
OFFICIAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION,
BYLAWS, AND RULES**

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

State of New Mexico
Dated: October 13, 1987
and
State of Montana
Dated: April 26, 2004

On file at the INFR Headquarters Office

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO, INC.
INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Non-Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned incorporators, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of the Corporation shall be INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO, INC. & INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II.

Duration

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III.

The purposes which the Corporation is authorized to pursue are:

1. To encourage, promote, showcase, and advance the growth of Indian professional rodeo at an international level for the educational, economic, social, and cultural advancement of North American Indian peoples.
2. To promote the sport of Indian professional rodeo through the organization of rodeo events and advancement of Indian people for mutual benefit by establishing minimal standards for approved rodeos, including, but not limited to: minimal prize money, pre-established entry fees, properly trained rodeo personnel, all approved rodeos; and to encourage professionalism and mutual cooperation between rodeo contestants and all rodeo management, including rodeo sponsors.
3. To protect against unfairness in the sport of Indian professional rodeo through establishment of a positive, historical, credible, consistent image for members and the organization.
4. To provide scholarships and educational funds for Indian youth and students, and to engage in, and carry on activities and programs which are organized for educational, charitable, and athletic purposes, as such terms are defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended.
5. To conduct, promote, and produce Indian rodeo championships and Indian activities in conjunction with such rodeo events, and to teach and preserve the traditions of the Indian people.
6. To receive and administer money and property exclusively for educational and charitable purposes and to engage in any activities lawful for a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New Mexico and qualified pursuant to Section 501 (c)(3) of the United States of America Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended.

ARTICLE IV.

Members

The Corporation is organized on a non-stock, non-ownership basis. The membership of this Corporation shall consist of its Commissioners.

ARTICLE V.

Board of Commissioners

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Commissioners. Commissioners need not be residents of New Mexico or Montana. The Board of Commissioners shall comprise such number of directors, not less than three (3), as shall be fixed from time to time by the By-Laws. The By-Laws may prescribe qualifications for Commissioners. The names and addresses of incorporators, who will serve as the initial Commissioners are:

Sam Bird Cut Bank, MT	Eugene Creighton Standoff, Alberta	Dennis Turner, Valley Center, CA
Carole Jackson-Holyan Window Rock, AZ	Frank Whitecalfe Garrison, ND	John "Chance" Houle Rocky Boy, MT
Michael "Bo" Vocu Kyle, SD	Willie Johns Okeechobee, FL	

ARTICLE VI.

By-Laws

In addition to other powers now or hereafter conferred upon the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Commissioners shall have the power to adopt By-Laws of the Corporation, and the power to make, alter, amend, or appeal the By-Laws of the Corporation. The By-Laws may contain such provisions as are not inconsistent with applicable law or with these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VII.

Other Provisions

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights and powers conferred herein are subject to this reserved power.

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation correctly set forth the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, and they have been duly approved as required by law.

**INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO (INFR) &
INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAWS AND RULES**

FORCE AND EFFECT: These by-laws and rules shall be the By-laws and Rules of the INFR and all INFR Regions, and shall supersede and prevail over any existing Region by-laws and rules. To the extent that these rules are silent, PRCA/CPRA/WPRA rules will apply.

These by-laws and rules, as enacted by the INFR Commissioners on April 25, 2007 and sanctioned by all of the Regions shall remain in effect until such time as they are amended or repealed. Amended March 2, 2015.

**BY-LAWS
CHAPTER 1
MEMBERSHIP**

B1.1 National Office. The office of the corporation shall be located in Browning, MT.

B1.2 Definitions.

B1.2.1 "Indian" An applicant must be an Indian/*Metis* to be granted membership as a contestant, \stock contractor, pick-up man or bullfighter. Enrollment or membership in a recognized Indian Tribe is not, in itself, sufficient proof of Indian blood or descendency if a question still arises. The applicant shall be certified eligible for membership when proof of certification is filed with the INFR office. The INFR reserves the right to obtain further proof from an applicant where Indian descendency continues to be a question. In the event a question continues to arise as to the Indian status of an applicant, the INFR reserves the right to refuse membership.

B1.2.2 "Member" Refers to an individual who has been granted membership in the INFR and who has purchased a membership for the current rodeo season.

B1.3.2. INFR Permits. An individual not wanting to purchase an INFR membership can purchase an INFR Permit for a fee set by the INFR. The applicant must meet the application requirements set out in the INFR Rule Book to be eligible to purchase a Permit. The Permit does not provide any rights, privileges or benefits to the Permit holder. The Permit allows the Permit holder to enter Tour and Region rodeos in the Region designated on the permit application and is valid for one rodeo season. The Permit holder does not qualify for points at any Region or Tour rodeo and the Permit holder cannot qualify to the Region finals or the INFR. The permits will be purchased through the INFR offices.

B1.2.3 "Non-contestant Member" Refers to an individual who has met the requirements for one or more of the following categories (Non-contestant card members must apply and pay membership fees set by the commission, U.S funds only). These categories are not subject to meeting the application criteria of (**B1.2.1**) and are open to any individual who seeks to purchase a membership:

- A. Rodeo producers
- B. Arena Secretaries
- C. Timers
- D. Rodeo clowns and Barrel men
- E. Announcers
- F. Photographers
- G. Specialty acts
- H. Miscellaneous acts
- I. Rodeo Committees
- J. Non-Native Card

B1.2.4 "Personnel Memberships" To be considered for the INFR, all personnel, stock contractors, bullfighters, and pick-up men need to have their membership cards purchased by April 1 of the year in which the rodeo will take place. After April 1, the personnel membership fee increases by \$25 and applicants will be ineligible to work the INFR. Personnel memberships will still be required to work Tour and Region rodeos for all other events after April 1.

B1.2.5 “Purse Money” A sum of money offered as a prize at a Tour or Region rodeo not including entry fees.

B1.2.6 “Section” A section is defined as the maximum number of contestants in a performance or any number of contestants in a rake.

B1.2.7 “Stock Contractor Member” Refers to an individual or firm, including, but not limited to: a partnership, corporation, joint venture or limited liability contractor who holds a stock contractor membership card of the Indian National Finals Rodeo Stock Contractor Association. Stock contractors will be eligible to produce/participate as preferred stock contractors for all INFR Tour and approved Region rodeos. In addition, Stock Contractor members will be eligible to nominate stock to be used during the annual Indian National Finals Rodeo production. Annual Stock Contractor membership fees will be established by the INFR. Stock Contractor membership fees are payable in full at the time an application for initial membership or renewal of membership is submitted to the INFR office. The purchase of a Stock Contractor membership is not a guarantee that stock will be selected for the Indian National Finals Rodeo or for any approved Region rodeo. Stock Contractor members shall be utilized for all INFR Tour rodeos and for the annual Indian National Finals Rodeo production. INFR encourages Region rodeo committees to utilize Stock Contractor members at Region rodeos.

B1.2.7.1 INFR Stock Contractor Requirements.

- A. A stock contractor must be an Indian to be granted membership as a stock contractor or otherwise be approved by the commission. All stock contractor applicants must meet the membership requirements in this by law (B1.2.1).
- B. The INFR Central Headquarters Office will maintain a list of all Stock Contractor members who are current with all dues and are considered eligible to be contracted for any INFR rodeo.
- C. As a condition of membership, a Stock Contractor member shall adhere to all INFR rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations relating to the humane treatment of livestock.
- D. Stock Contractor members must own one hundred percent (100%) of the riding event stock nominated to the annual Indian National Finals Rodeo and all stock must be branded with the stock contractor’s brand on record.
- E. For stock to be considered at the Indian National Finals Rodeo, the stock contractor must be the primary or sub-contractor at one Tour rodeo, or the stock contractor must be the primary or sub-contractor at two Region rodeos. Regions will be responsible for reporting who contracts their Region rodeos to the INFR office.

B1.3 General

B1.3.1. Application for Membership. An individual applying for any membership must submit an application using forms provided by the INFR. An application must be signed and must include Region designation and proof of tribal enrollment/membership. An application for any membership must be submitted to the INFR office. The INFR may, in its sole discretion, deny an applicant membership in the INFR, or may deny renewal of an existing membership. Incomplete applications will be denied.

B1.3.3. Discrepancy in Region Designation. Any discrepancy in the designated Region of record of a member must be brought to the attention of the INFR office by the member or Region so affected within 10 days of the date of payment of membership dues.

B1.3.4 INFR Judge Member Requirements. Past contestant members and/or individuals with at least 10 years of experience that meet the requirement for application as designated by (B1.2.1), may submit an application to be an INFR rodeo judge member. All applicants for INFR judge status (or renewal of judge status) must be approved by the supervisor of pro officials. Judging seminars will be provided or approved by the INFR office to qualify individuals and will include certification by the INFR Supervisor of Pro Officials. Re-certification is required every 2 years by attending an approved judging seminar. No judge may be a competing contestant at a Tour, or the Indian National Finals Rodeo nor may they be stock contractors at those events they are judging. However, judges will be allowed to compete and judge at the same time at Region rodeos only; but not at Region finals. No two judges can compete in the same event and judge the same rodeo. No judge can be a contestant in a rough stock event and judge the same rodeo. If the judge is a competing contestant, they will be the barrier judge during their event up to the point at which they compete, and immediately after they compete.

They will also designate with the rodeo secretary one person to be the barrier judge only while they are competing. It is recommended that rodeo committees and Regions carefully coordinate competing judges, if used, and consider having them compete in the slack if at all possible. Any judge who is impaired by alcohol or drugs will be dismissed and disqualified from further selection for the remaining season and will be put on probation status for up to 5 years. INFR Commission shall select all judges for the Indian National Finals Rodeo and the purchase of membership does not guarantee selection to the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

B1.3.5. Pick-up man and Bullfighter Membership. Pick-up men and bullfighters must purchase a membership through the INFR and must meet the requirement for application as designated by (B1.2.1). Pick-up men and bullfighter membership dues, in the amount set by the INFR, will be collected at the time of submission of an application. Pick-up men and bullfighters will be selected for the Indian National Finals Rodeo by a process set by the INFR Commission. All pick-up men and bullfighters must have worked either an INFR Tour or two Region rodeos to be considered for the INFR. INFR encourages Tour and Region rodeo committees to utilize INFR pick-up men and bullfighter members at all rodeos.

B1.3.6 Rights and Privileges. Members, excluding Permit holders, shall be eligible to participate in all INFR activities. Only members shall be eligible to receive any INFR awards and benefits.

B1.3.7 Cooperation with the INFR. Any Region or individual becoming a member of the INFR shall become familiar with its Rules and By-laws and shall comply with and be bound by same. Upon becoming a member of the INFR, the Region and the individual agree to cooperate with and assist any INFR official in the enforcement of the INFR Official By-laws and Rodeo Rules at any INFR rodeo or in any matter of official business. Any Region that violates the INFR Official By-laws and Rodeo Rules is subject to disciplinary action as follows:

First (1st) violation: \$500.00 fine.

Second (2nd) violation: \$1000.00 fine

Third (3rd) violation: meet with the INFR commissioners for an opportunity to reply to further penalties being considered. The penalties could range from further fines to suspension of that Region from the Indian National Finals Rodeo, including Sr. and Sr. events.

All fines will be deducted from the Region's share of membership fees.

B1.3.8 Consent to Use of Name and Likeness. Any member of the INFR who enters or otherwise participates in an INFR event, shall be deemed to consent to INFR ownership of all rights in and to his or her appearance or other involvement therein. The INFR shall have the right, and may permit others as it sees fit, to dispense, reproduce, and otherwise use any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, photograph and other representation in connection with the advertisement and promotion of an INFR sanctioned event or the sport of rodeo. However, such advertisement and promotion shall not be made in conjunction with any statement constituting an endorsement by such person of any product or service, unless that person's consent thereto is first obtained. A member of the INFR who participates in an INFR sanctioned event authorizes the INFR to act in the member's behalf, as well as in behalf of the INFR, in engaging in promotional activities relating to the conduct of the sport of rodeo.

B1.3.9 No Power of Endorsement. No Region or member shall have any right or authority to grant an endorsement to any third party on behalf of the INFR.

B1.3.10 Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability. Members acknowledge that rodeo events, including INFR sanctioned events, are inherently dangerous activities. Members further acknowledge that participation in an INFR sanctioned event exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risks of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Each member, in consideration of his/her membership in the INFR and his/her being permitted to participate in an INFR sanctioned event in any capacity, does by such membership and participation, agree to assume such hazards and risks. Each member further agrees to discharge, waive, release and covenant not to sue, INFR, INFR Properties, all INFR sponsors, all members, and any other INFR sanctioned event production entity, from all claims, demands, and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury, and/or death arising from such member's participation in an INFR sanctioned event. This discharge, waiver, and release includes claims, demands, and liabilities that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, and includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of negligence of the parties so released by such member.

Furthermore, where permitted by applicable law, this discharge, waiver, and release also includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of the gross negligence or willful and wanton negligence of the parties so released. This discharge, waiver, and release also includes claims, demands, and liabilities by a member for indemnities and contributions arising from property damage, personal injury, and/or death to a third party. In the event that any provision of this discharge, waiver, and release is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the other provisions as if this discharge, waiver, and release had been executed with the invalid provision eliminated. The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon each member, his or her heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

B1.3.11. Indemnification. Each Region and each member agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless INFR and all INFR sponsors from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury, and/or death asserted by a third party and arising from such member's participation in an INFR sanctioned event.

B1.3.12 Major Events. There are eight (8) major events recognized by the INFR as follows:

1. Saddle Bronc Riding
2. Bareback Bronc Riding
3. Bull Riding
4. Steer Wrestling
5. Tie-down Roping (Calf Roping)
6. Team Roping
7. Ladies Barrel Racing
8. Ladies Break-Away Roping.

B1.3.13 INFR Events Cannot be Capped. A Region rodeo committee or Tour rodeo committee cannot limit the number of entries in any of the major or Sr./Sr. events at an approved and sanctioned rodeo. Where entries are capped in any particular event of a sanctioned Tour or Region rodeo the rodeo shall be deemed not to be a sanctioned INFR rodeo and no points are to be awarded.

B1.3.14 Sr. and Sr. Events. There are three (3) Sr. events and two (2) Sr. events recognized by the INFR as follows:

- Sr. Bull Riding – open to girls at Region and Tour rodeos – only boys can qualify to the INFR.
- Sr. Break Away (boys and girls)
- Sr. Girls Barrel Racing
- Sr. Team Roping (open to male and female)
- Sr. Break Away Roping (open to male and female)

B1.3.15 Grade Cards – The Sr. members must meet the requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes), on the grade card that is turned into the INFR. Grades must be turned in when applying for membership. A random grade check may be done throughout the rodeo season. If denied membership at the time of applying because of grades, a member can re-submit grades at any time during the rodeo season. If grade cards are altered in any way, the member will be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo season. The INFR has the right to confirm educational progress with any school district.

B1.3.16 Tour and Region Rodeo Approvals. A Tour or Region rodeo must have scheduled all eight (8) major events in order for it to be approved as a sanctioned rodeo. All Tour rodeos must have approval by the INFR Commission with applications being submitted 30 days prior to the Tour rodeo. All Region rodeos must be recorded with the INFR office at least 30 days prior to the rodeo.

B1.3.17 Display of INFR Emblem. Once a rodeo has been approved by the INFR all printed advertising and promotional material used by the rodeo committee, rodeo producer, stock contractor, or the rodeo to promote the rodeo shall prominently display the official INFR emblem. This requirement does not permit the use of the registered trademark on products that are to be sold commercially.

B1.3.18 Outstanding Financial Obligations. No membership renewal in any membership category will be processed if the applicant for renewal has any delinquent or outstanding financial obligations due to the INFR or to any Region.

B1.3.19 SSN/SIN or Tax Identification Number. No membership will be processed without that person's United States Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number or Canadian Social Insurance Number.

B1.3.20 INFR Competition Membership Fee. The membership fee for a competition card shall be set by the commission in U.S. funds. This will entitle the card holder to enter any INFR Region or Tour rodeo for the current rodeo season.

B1.3.21 INFR Rodeo Year and Memberships. The rodeo year shall begin the Monday immediately following the Indian National Finals Rodeo and will expire at the final performance of the Indian National Finals Rodeo. Memberships are only current for each rodeo year.

B1.3.22 Ineligible (Suspension) List. A member whose name appears on the INFR or a Region's ineligible list or on any recognized ineligible list shall not be allowed to enter and compete in an INFR Tour or Region rodeo or in the INFR until all outstanding obligations to the INFR or Region have been satisfied. Each Region is responsible for maintaining its ineligible list. A Region cannot delete members' names from its ineligible list without all outstanding obligations being satisfied. It is the responsibility of the Region secretary to submit all blacklists to the INFR office. All ineligible contestant lists must be updated and submitted to the INFR office on a weekly basis during the peak of the rodeo season. A final ineligible list must be submitted to the INFR office on or before October 1 of each rodeo season.

B1.3.23 Disqualification. All contestant/non-contestant members who violate the following rules shall be disqualified in all events from Tour or Region rodeos or for the remainder of the INFR and/or shall be fined \$100.00 for a first offense. Any or all subsequent infractions will be progressively doubled and the INFR Commission reserves the right to suspended members for subsequent years for:

- (a) Failure to pay hotel bills;
- (b) Rowdiness or quarreling in or around the arena/ motel;
- (c) Fighting in arena or around rodeo office area/ motels;
- (d) Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the arena or rodeo office area;
- (e) Mistreatment of stock, (personally owned or rodeo stock) in or around arena;
- (f) Cheating or attempting to fix, bribe, threaten, influence or harass, intimidate, assault, or strike a judge, rodeo secretary, rodeo official, INFR official or representative, contestant or stock contractor, and/or spectator.
- (g) Speech or appearance detrimental to the image and best interest of the INFR;
- (h) Or for any other conduct or activity deemed by the Commissioners to be inappropriate and detrimental to the INFR.

B1.3.23.1 Members and officials may report infractions of any one of the listed items to any member of the INFR Commission, judges, rodeo secretary, or designated event spokesperson (in writing) and request appropriate action be taken.

CHAPTER 2 CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

B2.0 General. Any member who has violated these By-laws, the INFR Official Rodeo Rules, or any other rules of the INFR, may be subject to reprimand, fine, ineligibility, suspension, or expulsion pursuant to the penalties set forth in this chapter. Penalties shall be determined by the Commissioners, or any officer or committee to whom the Commissioners have delegated such authority.

B2.1 Progressive Fines. In the case of any offense listed herein with a progressive fine structure, the escalating fine structure shall apply to offenses within the same rodeo year only unless otherwise decided at the discretion of the INFR Commission; provided however, that if a member is fined for the same offense three times in the same rodeo year, the escalating fine structure shall continue into the following rodeo year. Fines derived from Tour rodeos shall still be collected in proceeding years.

B2.2 Offenses. The following shall be considered offenses and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 per offense and/or immediate disqualification from a rodeo, unless otherwise stated:

B2.2.1 Failure to Adhere to the Arena Dress Code. All members (men and women) shall wear a cowboy hat or safety helmet, a long sleeved cut and sewn button-up shirt with a collar (properly tucked in) long pants, and cowboy boots in the arena, with the following exceptions: clowns, bullfighters, and barrel men must wear appropriate footwear, clothing, and headgear that is conducive to the implementation of their individual jobs in a safe and professional manner. Photographers are not required to wear hats, and contestants in the bareback and bull riding only may roll up the sleeve of the riding arm to the elbow only. Failure to adhere to this arena dress code shall result in a \$100.00 fine per article of clothing per performance or section of slack in violation of the code. A fine will be assessed on a member contestant where his/her non-member helper or assistant enters the arena and fails to adhere to the Arena Dress Code.

B2.2.2 Failure to Wear Contestant Number. Failure to wear contestant number when required shall result in a \$100.00 fine per performance or section of slack.

B2.2.3 Contestant Not Ready to Compete. Subject to the judge's discretion, in any event in which a contestant is not ready to compete when called, or takes additional time to enter the arena during any performance or slack competition, said contestant may be fined \$100.00 for each and every offense and/or may be disqualified from the rodeo if the offense is committed a subsequent time.

B2.2.4 Turnout in Slack and/or Performance. Turnout during the slack and/or performance shall result in a fine of \$100 per event, plus entry fees per event. Notified draw outs will be charged \$100 per event and have up until 2 hours prior to rodeo start time to give notice of draw out.

B2.2.4.1 Medical Draw Out. Medical draw out at a Tour rodeo will result in a \$25.00 fine and contestant must sit out the next 2 Tour rodeos. There will be a maximum of 2 medical draw outs at Tour rodeos in a rodeo year.

B2.2.4.2 Doctor Verification. A 30-day doctor verification designation/release is the only other type of designation or release allowed; this can only be used one (1) time in a rodeo year. A contestant who doctor releases in one event may still compete in other events if physically able to do so. An office charge of \$25 will be applied.

B2.2.4.3 Visible Injury. If a contestant draws out of a rodeo due to a visible injury, the contestant must submit a doctor's or judge's verification to the INFR Office within seven (7) days of the last performance of the rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a \$100.00 fine.

B2.2.4.4 Eligibility to Compete on Other Stock. If a contestant turns out in an event at a particular rodeo, he/she will still be eligible to compete on all other stock at that particular rodeo, unless he/she turns out in a go-round prior to a progressive go-round and/or finals go-round (i.e. If a contestant is entered in multiple events at a rodeo, and has made an effort to get to the rodeo but unforeseeable reasons prevent the contestant from competing in first events entered, he/she will still be allowed to compete in the next event entered at that rodeo). However all turnout fines and fees must be paid.

B2.2.4.5 Turning Out When Present and Able to Compete. Any contestant turning out his stock, or refusing to contest on an animal drawn for him, during a paid performance at a rodeo when he is present, able, and healthy enough to compete will be subject to a fine of \$100 plus entry fees per event.

B2.2.4.6 Veterinarian Releases. (This rule applies to barrel racers only.) A contestant who elects to veterinarian release out of competition may only elect to Veterinarian Release two (2) times in any given rodeo season. An office charge of \$25 shall be applied and is to accompany the Veterinary Release being filed with the INFR office.

B2.2.5 Entry Fees. All entry fees are to be paid in cash.

B2.2.5.1 Nonpayment of Entry Fees or Related Fees Any contestant that competes in any Region or Tour rodeo and does not pay his/her entry fees in full at the rodeo will be ineligible, on first offense, to participate in the next two (2) Region or Tour rodeos. A second offense will result in suspension for the remainder of the rodeo year.

B2.2.6 Bad Checks. Writing or passing a bad check made payable to the INFR, a rodeo secretary, stock contractor, contract personnel or rodeo committee at a Tour or Region rodeo, or any such check to any business establishment in the town of a Tour or Region rodeo during the time of said rodeo, shall be subject to a \$100.00 fine plus the amount of check. The individual whose name appears on the check will lose any existing privileges to use this form of payment for any transaction from that point forward.

B2.3 Agreement to Resolve Disputes Internally. As a condition of membership and in consideration thereof, each member agrees that any disagreements or disputes (including protests or disciplinary actions taken or to be taken against such members) with the INFR and its Regions, its affiliated entities, directors, officers, administrative staff, and/ or official regarding an arguable misinterpretation or misapplication of the INFR Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Official Rodeo Rules (including INFR ground rules), or rules of special events or programs administered by INFR headquarters Office affecting such member that are the proper subject matter for grievance shall be resolved through the grievance procedures outlined in this section.

(a) Procedure Not to Be Used to Contest Judgment Calls. The grievance procedures outlined in this section may not be used to challenge or contest actions of INFR officials involving honest judgment calls made during rodeo competition that are based on an official's personal observation of the fact and circumstances to which the judgment call relates; rather, such judgment calls shall not be considered a grievance. However, an allegedly erroneous interpretation or application of the INFR Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, or Official Rodeo Rules (including INFR ground rules) by a INFR official shall be proper subject matter for a grievance, provided the facts and circumstances underlying such interpretation or application that are determined by the official based on his personal observations and judgments in the matter shall not be subject to question in connection with any such grievance.

(b) Procedure Not to Be Used to Contest Corporate Actions. The grievance procedures outlined below may not be used to challenge or contest corporate actions taken or authorized by the INFR Commission, to challenge or contest the substantive content of any provision in the INFR Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Official Rodeo Rules (including INFR rodeo ground rules) and rules of special events or programs administered by INFR Headquarter Office, or to request waiver of any provision of the INFR Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Official Rodeo Rules (including INFR rodeo ground rules) and rules of special events or programs administered by INFR Headquarters Office.

B2.3.1 Grievance

B2.3.1.1 These procedures shall be governed by the rules of the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

B2.3.1.2 Whenever a member of the INFR has a grievance due to an official act or failure to act, that member shall submit the grievance in writing, citing the applicable by-law or rule, to the Region board of directors. The Region board of directors shall convene at their next regular meeting to determine the correctness of the grievance. The member who filed the grievance shall present all pertinent data or evidence on the matter, and may attend in person. The Region board of directors shall make their determination and recommendations for the solution of such grievance, if necessary.

The member shall be notified of such decision within ten (10) days of such decision. If the member is dissatisfied with the decision or the solution as determined by the Region board of directors, the member must submit a written appeal of the matter to the INFR Commission within ten (10) days of notice to the member of the Region decision. At the next regular INFR Commission meeting the member may present any new data or evidence to the INFR Commission concerning the matter together with any new witnesses the member may have. The INFR Commission shall hear this review and again make such determination and solution, if any, as necessary. No INFR member may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States and Canada without first exhausting all remedies within the INFR, including a final appeal to the INFR Commission serving as the Grievance Committee. If a member files suit against the INFR, and the INFR prevails in such suit, the member shall be liable for all attorney's fees and costs, including, but not limited to, all court costs, travel expenses, discovery expenses, and reasonable compensation for time spent by INFR officials and employees in responding to and defending against the lawsuit.

CHAPTER 3 POINTS AND STANDINGS

B3.1 Tour Standings. Tour Standings will only be based on money won. Bonus and ground money do not count toward money won.

B3.1.1 Ties in the INFR Tour Standings: In the event of a tie for the Tour championship and for the last qualifying spot for the INFR, all contestants will advance to the INFR.

B3.1.2 Filing Tour Rodeo Results. Tour rodeo results complete with payouts at Tour rodeos will continue to be filed with the INFR within three business days after each rodeo. If not turned in within three days, the Region will be assessed a fine of \$200. If not turned in after one week, an additional fine of \$500 will be assessed.

B3.2 Awarding of Region Points. All Regions shall record points for contestants in all major events in accordance with **B3.2.1**. All member contestants who compete and place in a Tour/Region rodeo will be awarded points with that hosting Region.

B3.2.1 Point System at all Region Rodeos. Points for a Region rodeo shall be on a 10-point system: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 point, where 10 points is first and 1 point is tenth. Ten places shall always be awarded points regardless of whether monies are paid for the top four, six, or eight places.

B3.2.2 Long and Short Go -Rounds Region Rodeo. The points shall be awarded based upon a 10- point scale. The long go-round shall award 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 point for 1st place, down to 10th place. In a short go-round all contestants competing shall be awarded points on a 10- point scale for the short go-round or final round; the average shall award points on a 10- point scale: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 points. All competition-eligible members who compete and place must be awarded points regardless of Region designation.

B3.2.3 Progressive and Full Go-Rounds. Points for Region rodeos with progressive rounds or two (2) full go- rounds will be full points for each round and the average.

B3.3 Region Points from Tour Rodeos. Points earned at a Region Tour rodeo, shall be based on the 10-point Region point system.

B3.3.1 Bonus Rounds. In the event of a bonus round (i.e., final four/showdown) no points or money will be awarded for this bonus/showdown round in any Tour or Region rodeo.

B3.4 Team Roping Points and Co-Champions. Separate points and standings shall be kept for headers and for heelers for Region rodeos. There shall be declared a year-end champion header and a year-end champion heeler. Both champions shall be declared co-champions and shall qualify to the INFR as a team.

B3.5 Draw Backs to Short Go-Round/Finals at Tour and Region Rodeos. In any major event where insufficient contestants qualify for the short-go or finals, a Region and the local rodeo committee shall have the discretion to fill the vacant spots using the random draw back method. The decision to utilize the draw back method shall be determined prior to the rodeo and must be declared on rodeo advertisements or it may not be utilized. Contestants drawn back for the short-go or final-go will only compete for money in the short-go and not short go-round points or average points, money won will not go toward Tour standings or Region points. Draw backs will not place in the average.

B3.5.1 Draw Backs. Contestants will be asked at the time of paying entry fees that they confirm if they want to be included in draw backs at that Tour rodeo. If the contestant confirms, and draws out, they will be fined \$100. It will be the contestant responsibility to verify if they are drawn back.

B3.6 Official Tour and Region Rodeo Standings. Tour and Region rodeo championships determined by dollars for Tour rodeos and points for Region rodeos, once tallied and audited, shall be the official Tour and Region rodeo standings. Championship dollars and points won in a rodeo year shall be counted for that rodeo year only. Championship dollars and points won after the end of a rodeo year shall count toward Tour and Region rodeo standings for the next rodeo year

B3.6.1 Basis of Standings. Tour and Region rodeo standings will be tabulated based on the official results of each Tour or Region rodeo. The Region standings must be posted not later than one week after each Region rodeo on the Region's website.

B3.7 Non-Members placing in a Tour or Region Rodeo with Permit. Where a non-member contestant places at a Tour or Region rodeo as a permit contestant, no Tour dollars or Region points will be awarded for the placing.

CHAPTER 4 INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO (INFR)

B4.0 General. There shall be an Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) held annually on dates to be fixed by the INFR Commission in all of the eight (8) major events including bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, ladies barrel racing, and ladies break-away roping. The INFR shall be directed and produced by the INFR Commission.

B4.1 Qualification of Contestants to INFR.

B4.1.1 Number of Contestants. 32 contestants per timed event, or a number proportionate to the number of Regions and Tour rodeos, shall be allowed to compete at the INFR in the five (5) major timed events of tie-down roping, steer wrestling, ladies barrel racing, and ladies break-away roping and 32 teams shall be allowed to compete in the INFR in the team roping. The contestants will consist of the top 10 finishers from the official INFR Tour rodeo standings, 11 sudden-death Region finals champions and 11 year-end Region champions in each major event. There will be "22" contestants per rough stock event, or a number proportionate to the number of Regions and Tour rodeos, shall be allowed to compete at the INFR in the three (3) major rough stock events of bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, and bull riding. The contestants consist of the top 11 finishers from the official INFR Tour rodeo standings and 11 year-end Region champions in each rough stock event. There are no sudden death qualifiers in the rough stock events from the Regions.

B4.1.2 Tour Rodeo Qualifiers. The top 10 Tour rodeo contestants, as ranked by the official Tour rodeo standings in each of the five (5) major timed events, and the top 11 Tour rodeo contestants, as ranked by the official Tour rodeo standings in each of the (3) major rough stock events, shall qualify to the INFR. INFR qualifiers must confirm their participation in the INFR and must be financially eligible and competition-eligible at the time of confirmation. If an INFR qualifier is unable to compete in the INFR, the next highest-ranked contestant shall be invited to compete in the INFR, provided he/she is financially-eligible and competition-eligible. This process shall be repeated until the requisite number of contestants has confirmed participation in an event. Tour rodeo qualifiers to the INFR must take their Tour qualification over any Region qualification except in the team roping (see **B4.1.4**).

B4.1.2.1 Tour Rodeo Team Roping Qualifiers Notwithstanding B4.1.2 but subject to B4.1.3 The team roping qualifiers shall be the top 10 headers and the top 10 heelers as ranked by the official Tour rodeo standings. The top headers and heelers shall team up among themselves as the contestants choose until all 10 teams are made up. If a contestant refuses to rope with any of the other contestants to make up all of the teams, the refusing contestant shall be withdrawn from eligibility from the INFR and the next eligible contestant in the standings shall move up to fill the vacated position. Qualifiers, while confirming their participation in the INFR, must also confirm their team roping partner, and both contestants must be financially eligible and competition eligible at the time of confirmation.

B4.1.3 Region Qualifiers to INFR. The Year-End champions in each Region in each of the eight (8) major events shall qualify to the INFR. The sudden-death/finals champions in each Region in each of the five (5) major timed events shall qualify to the INFR. There will be no sudden-death qualifiers in the rough stock events.

(a) Winning both Year-end and Sudden-death. If a contestant wins both the year-end and sudden-death positions at Region finals the sudden-death position will automatically be taken, allowing the next year-end position to move up and qualify for the INFR.

(b) Region Qualifiers to INFR. A contestant or team who qualifies to the INFR through a Region's sudden-death or year-end standings must confirm acceptance of the qualification immediately following the Region finals. If the contestant or team forfeits qualification, then the next year-end or sudden-death qualifier/team will replace them as a qualifier to the INFR. The contestant or team cannot change their position once they have accepted or forfeited a qualification.

B4.1.3.1 Region Team Roping Qualifiers. Notwithstanding **B4.1.3**, the respective year-end champions in heading and heeling as described in **B4.1.3** and sudden-death finals champions from each Region shall qualify to the INFR as a team and cannot split. In the case that one of the year-end partners is unable to compete at the INFR whatsoever, the next qualifying year-end roper, header or heeler (depending on the partner who cannot compete) will take their place. In the case that one of the sudden-death partners is unable to compete whatsoever, the next qualifying sudden-death **team** will take their place.

B4.1.4 Exception to Team Roping INFR Qualification. If a team roper has qualified to the INFR through the Tour standings, but his usual partner did not, and he and his usual partner have qualified as the year-end co-champions or sudden-death finals champions, the qualifying roper may elect to forego his Tour qualification and choose to take his year-end or sudden-death qualification with his co-champion. A team roper in this situation is allowed to delay confirmation of accepting his Tour seat until his efforts to qualify with his usual partner from a Region finals are exhausted. He will then be required to confirm his Tour seat or decline it.

B4.1.5 Foregoing Tour Qualification. In the event that team ropers choose to forego Tour qualifications for those purposes outlined in **B4.1.4**, the next contestant(s) in the Tour standings will correspondingly move up in the standings until the 10 qualifying positions are filled. Tour qualifiers cannot withdraw as a team to take up a year-end or sudden-death qualification. A contestant cannot qualify as both a Header and Heeler at any one INFR. All team roping qualification rules otherwise continue to apply.

B4.1.6 Confirmation of Participation. Except for team roping, for the reasons outlined in **B4.1.4**, each contestant who is a Tour rodeo qualifier shall confirm with the INFR office that he/she will participate in the INFR no later than 5 business days following notification of Tour standings being official. Entry fees shall be paid at time of confirmation. Failure by a qualifier to confirm his/her participation complete with entry fees within the time required shall result in disqualification from competing at the INFR. Region presidents/secretaries shall provide the list of qualifiers with entry fees to the INFR office no later than the date prescribed above for confirming participation in the INFR.

B4.1.7 Eligibility for World Championships. All contestants competing at the INFR are eligible to win world championships. INFR championships are determined on a sudden-death basis.

B4.1.8 Failure to Participate in the INFR. Any financially-eligible and competition-eligible contestant who confirms participation in the INFR and fails to appear at the INFR will forfeit any trophies awarded unless, in its sole discretion, the INFR Commission determines such contestant had a valid and justifiable reason for not participating, at which time the penalty or penalties may be modified.

B4.1.9 Purse Money. Equal purse money will be added in the eight major events at the INFR

B4.1.10 INFR All-Around Champions. There shall be named a men's all-around champion and a ladies all-around champion at the INFR. The all-around champion in both categories shall be the contestant with the most points placing in two or more events. In the event a contestant competing in two or more events fails to earn points placing in more than one event, then the all-around champion shall be the contestant that qualified in two or more events with the most points in one.

B4.1.10.1. In the event of a tie in either category. The contestant earning the most money shall be named the all-around champion. If still tied after money won they will be all Around Co-Champions and will flip a coin for the prizes. Points at the INFR will be awarded based upon a 10 to 1 scale for all events. If no contestant who qualified in 2 or more events earn points then the All Around will be awarded to the contestant who earned the most points in one event.

B4.1.10.1 Ties for INFR All-Around Championship. All ties based upon points in accordance with ground rules and identified by the INFR rodeo secretary and certified by the general manager of the INFR will be broken by first tabulating the contestants' total money won at the INFR. In the event a tie still stands then the contestants total points earned based upon a point system will be implemented to break the tie. All ties will be broken and no co-all-around champion will be awarded.

B4.1.11 INFR Ground Rules. There shall be approved by the INFR commission ground rules for the INFR. The INFR ground rules shall prevail over these by-laws and rules only to the extent of any conflict that may arise at the INFR Rodeo in which case the INFR By-law and Rules will apply.

B4.2 Applications for Indian National Finals Rodeo Personnel All positions will be selected by the INFR commission. The INFR reserves the right to modify or change all these positions and requirements for personnel positions.

B4.2.1 Negotiate Contracts. The INFR Commission shall negotiate any and all contracts and leases necessary or desirable to further the INFR.

B4.2.2 Livestock Superintendent. The position of livestock superintendent will be determined by the INFR Commission. The livestock superintendent will report to both the INFR Headquarters Office and the designated INFR Commissioner for duties and communication. The livestock superintendent will assist in selection of all stock from the list of stock submitted by the INFR Stock Contracting members. The person holding the position of livestock superintendent must not be a contestant at that year's INFR. Livestock superintendent will ultimately be responsible for care and feeding of livestock at the INFR. Livestock superintendent will also be on-site at the INFR for all check-ins, inspection, and check-out of all bucking stock. The INFR commission shall negotiate any and all contracts and leases necessary or desirable to further the INFR.

B4.2.3 INFR Timed and Riding Event Directors. INFR timed and riding event directors are selected by fellow qualifiers at the INFR in each designated year, and will hold that position throughout the following rodeo year. INFR Event Director duties include upholding all INFR ground rules pertaining to their event, and making sure that stock is suitable to the event prior to the rodeo starting. Event directors will establish the length of score for the timed events in conjunction with the judges and INFR committee. They will also work with the Livestock Superintendent in riding events to establish pens for each performance (but the Livestock Superintendent will have the final decision on animals used). In timed events, directors will arrange to run, tie down or throw cattle down prior to the first performance and establish the pens of cattle to be competed and the order of extras to be used. After each go-road, the event director is responsible for running extras as needed to keep the runs of cattle for every go-round. The event director will designate an individual and alternate (who are preferably not entered in the event) to run extra cattle. If a contestant has a problem (other than a judgement call during competition) he/she could consult with the event director to schedule a meeting with the judge(s). The judges will explain their decision to the event director who will convey it to the contestant. If any further discussion is needed (as determined by the commissioners) the contestant will meet with the event director, judges, and commissioners, at a mutually agreed upon time. The decision at that meeting will be final.

B4.2.4 INFR Timed Event Stock. The INFR timed event stock used in a final or short go-round shall be selected and drawn from the best qualified stock based upon time from the preceding go-round times.

CHAPTER 5 REGIONS

B5.0 General Principles. The Region system is a move on the part of the INFR Commission to encourage greater participation and interest in rodeo through a Championship system at the Region level and a world championship at the INFR level. To that end, the United States and Canada are geographically divided into 11 member Regions of the INFR, which are detailed on the map at www.INFR.org. In that regard, there shall never be more than 14 INFR Regions at any one time, unless otherwise determined by the INFR Commission. Under the current by-laws of the INFR, all Regions will report to, and are held accountable to the INFR Headquarters Office. Each Region is contractually obligated to the Indian National Finals Rodeo, and must submit an annual fee to the INFR as part of this obligation. The INFR Headquarters Office ultimately oversees records, memberships and payments received from the INFR Regions.

B5.1 Region Incorporation. Each INFR Region may choose to be an incorporated entity.

B5.2 Rodeo Approvals. A Region cannot approve or sanction a rodeo in another Region's boundaries. No Region shall co-sanction any Region rodeo. Any Region found to be in violation of this rule will face immediate sanction by the INFR. The INFR may impose a fine or suspend a Region from participation at the Indian Nationals Finals Rodeo for violating this rule.

B5.3 Region Board of Directors. A board of directors is defined as and shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer (these latter two positions may be combined to form the position of secretary-treasurer) and any number of directors so determined by the Region with or without specific portfolios. The positions of president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer may also be referred to as 'officers' or 'executive' of the board. Persons running for office or holding office in any of these elected positions must be current members and remain eligible members of the INFR.

B5.3.1 Terms of Office. To maintain consistency in the leadership of Regions, the office of president shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The remaining officer and director positions shall be elected for terms of two (2) years. Elections for any position(s) shall be held at a Region's finals, and if impractical to do so, then not later than January 31st of the year following.

B5.3.1.1 Notice. The results of each and every election (or by-election) listing the successful candidate(s) shall be filed with the INFR office not later than three (3) business days of such election.

B5.3.1.2 Failure to Hold Election. In the event a Region fails to conduct an election of its directors as prescribed in this Bylaw and Rules, the INFR reserves the right to conduct an election. The costs of such an election shall be borne by the Region.

B5.3.2 Code of Conduct. All Region presidents, executives, and directors must follow a strict code of conduct as expected of elected officials, and actions/statements made by leadership of a Region must be of a professional standard and not against the best interests of its Region or the INFR. Upon election, each Region board member will agree to hold only one office within his or her own declared Region and shall not represent any other Regions of the INFR, or national Indian rodeo group/organization. Region presidents, executives, and Region secretaries must keep the INFR Headquarters Office updated with Region standings, rodeos, fines, etc., and an updated list of its board members. Failure to uphold these terms, or violations of conduct as a board member, will be grounds for dismissal from that office by the Region. The INFR Commission reserves the right to request the resignation of any Region board member who falsely represents his/her Region or is deemed by the commission unable to effectively hold the position elected to in a manner that promotes the best interests of both the Region and the INFR.

B5.3.3 Region Responsibilities. Each Region president and its board are expected to work to meet the INFR contract stipulations, to hold regular Region board meeting, set dates for general membership meetings, and to communicate, publish and post information for all Region members. No Region shall make rules and by-laws that directly conflict with the INFR Rules and By-laws.

B5.3.4 Access and Passes. Three passes to the INFR will be provided for the president and two other elected directors of each Region. Passes must be picked up by individuals in person. All passes and access is limited to concourse and seating area only. Passes are not provided for arena or VIP access.

B5.3.5 Director in other Non-INFR Indian Associations. An INFR Region director cannot be a director, whether elected or appointed, of a non-INFR Indian rodeo association not recognized by the INFR.

B5.3.6 List of Directors to be filed with INFR. Regions shall file with the INFR office a list of its directors and officers, and the date they were elected, on an annual basis. The list filed with the INFR office is the list of record confirming the directors and officers of a Region until the INFR is otherwise so notified.

B5.4 Region Designations:

Region 1 – IRCA- Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association
Region 2 – WSIRA- Western States Indian Rodeo Association
Region 3 – UIRA- United Indian Rodeo Association
Region 5 – NPIRA- Northern Plains Indian Rodeo Association
Region 6 – NNRA- Navajo Nation Rodeo Association
Region 7 – GPIRA- Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association
Region 8 – AMAIRA- Arrington-McSpadden All Indian Rodeo Association
Region 9 – KMIRA – King Mountain Indian Rodeo Association
Region 10 – NANCA – Northern Alberta Native Cowboy’s Association
Region 12 – SWIRA- Southwest Indian Rodeo Association
Region 13 – EIRA- Eastern Indian Rodeo Association

B5.5 Region Finals. The Region finals shall be governed by these by-laws and rules and any approved Region finals ground rules, so long as the ground rules do not conflict with these by-laws and rules. A Region finals is deemed a finals where contestants qualify as determined by the Region; It is a sudden- death format; the resulting finals/sudden-death champions qualify to the INFR (as distinguished from year-end champions). The Region finals cannot count as one of the six required Region rodeos. Each Region will file a copy of its Region finals ground rules with the INFR not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Region finals. INFR will set formats for the Region to choose one and follow during the Region finals. Neighboring Regions cannot have their finals on the same weekend.

B5.5.1 Region Finals Contestants. Each Region finals may have any number of contestants as determined by the Region. The contestants must be financially eligible and competition eligible, and must officially qualify to enter the Region finals in accordance with these by-laws and rules.

B5.5.2 Required Region Participation Rule to qualify for the INFR. A contestant must be an INFR member and have competed in a specific event at 50% of that Region’s rodeos (if the number of rodeos is an odd number, the 50% will be rounded down to the nearest whole number). For example, if a Region has seven rodeos, a contestant must have entered and competed in that event at three rodeos. Members must be financial and membership eligible and must have qualified through that Region’s season standings as required in these by-laws and rules. For team ropers, a header must have entered the rodeo in the heading position in at least 50% of the rodeos.

CHAPTER 6 INFR TOUR RODEOS

B6.1 General. All Regions are required to host one Tour rodeo, up to a maximum of three (3) Tour rodeos in a rodeo season. A Region has the option of making any one of its Tour rodeos a “one round Tour rodeo”.

B6.2 Region Tour Rodeos. All Regions must host a minimum of one Tour rodeo and have a minimum added event purse of \$2000. Regions have the option to host more Tour rodeos with the approval of the INFR Commission with the minimum of \$2000 added in each event.

B6.2. Tour Rodeo Application. Tour rodeo applications are due on or before March 15th of each rodeo season. All Tour rodeo applications must be completed on official INFR application forms and must be signed by the rodeo committee and the president of the Region (or his/her designate) before being considered for approval by the commission. Tour rodeo applications must be approved no later than 30 days prior to the dates of the Tour rodeo. All applications that are incomplete or are submitted without the appropriate fee will not be considered by the commission.

B6.2.1 Application Fee. All applications must be accompanied with a fee of \$300. Applications received after March 15th but on or before June 1st are subject to an application fee of \$750. An application received after June 1st is subject to a fee to be determined by the INFR Commission. Late applicants may be required to meet with the Commission before they are to be considered. All application fees are non-refundable. The Tour rodeo committee and the Region will determine as between themselves who will pay the application fee. All fees are subject to change by the INFR.

B6.2.2 Approvals and Concurrent Dates. Tour rodeos are approved on a first-come, first-served basis. Two or more Tour rodeos may be approved on the same weekend so long as each rodeo is 500 or more miles from each other and the Tour rodeo schedules allow for contestants to easily compete at both rodeos. Miles are determined by road maps via major highways.

B6.3.4 Compliance. Tour rodeo committees and the Region agree and are expected to comply with the Official Bylaw and Rules of the INFR in producing a Tour rodeo.

B6.4 Position Changes Due to Region Finals. A contestant may request a position change at no more than one Tour rodeo that conflicts with a Region finals, provided the contestant adheres to the following:

- (a) Contestant must request position consideration at time of entry.
- (b) Only those contestants affected by the conflict and who qualified for the Region finals rodeo will be changed.

B6.5 Purse Money. The minimum added purse money for a Tour Rodeo is \$2000 per event with a minimum entry fee of \$100.00 to a maximum of \$300.00. Entry fee amounts are recommended as follows:

\$2000-\$2999 added purse = Top 10 finals: entry fees: \$100-\$150

\$3000-\$4999 added purse = Top 10 or 12 finals: entry fees: \$150-\$200

\$5000 added purse = Top 10, 12, 15 finals: entry fees: \$150-\$300

All entry fee changes that a rodeo committee or Region may seek are subject to INFR approval. In the event that a Region or committee alters or modifies the schedule for entry fees, the INFR Commission must be notified and approval must be sought by the board at least two weeks prior to entries. Changes without prior approval are subject to the penalties proscribed in the application form. Any departure from these entrance fee guidelines must receive the approval of the INFR, in writing, at time of application. No Tour and Region rodeo committees may withhold any additional percentage (other than what is currently approved by the INFR by-laws) of entry fees and purse for any purpose. Infractions that change the payouts or percentage withheld will be cause for the INFR to re-determine rodeo status. Any and all errors in pay-outs by a rodeo committee doing its own secretarial duties will be sanctioned or fined at the sole discretion of the INFR Commission.

B6.6 Tour Rodeo Committee Procedures.

B6.6.1 Office for Committee and INFR Secretaries. The Tour rodeo committee shall provide office space for INFR rodeo secretaries. The office facilities shall have electricity, a dedicated telephone with a telephone number, and must have adequate workspace, shelter and security.

B6.6.2 Official Tour Rodeo Secretary. The INFR is the official secretary at all Tour rodeos but may appoint Tour rodeo secretaries, and in doing so takes into consideration distance of the Tour rodeo, travel costs, and other rodeo committee recommendations when delegating secretarial duties. The rodeo secretary position may be negotiated or approved by the INFR commission allowing for a Region secretary or designate to carry out the duties of rodeo secretary on behalf of the INFR.

B6.6.3 Rodeo Sanctioning Fee for Tour Rodeos. The rodeo sanctioning fee for all Region Tour rodeos can be up to 5% of the total purse money (which includes entry fees). The hosting rodeo committee will receive no less than 50% of the Region's 5% sanctioning fee.

B6.6.4 Compensation for Contract Personnel. Although the INFR Commission has not established a minimum amount to pay contract personnel, the INFR expects each rodeo committee to fairly compensate contract personnel. Factors to be utilized when determining fair compensation shall include the size of the rodeo, number of contestants, number of performances, etc.

B6.7 Cancellation of Tour Rodeo. In the event that a Region or rodeo committee should elect to cancel a sanctioned and approved Tour rodeo, the Region and committee may be subject to fines or sanctions by the INFR Commission.

B6.8 Television and Media Rules.

B6.8.1 Rights Remain in INFR. The INFR retains all rights in and to the filming, taping, or recording in any media now or hereafter known, still footage/photography, radio or television broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form thereof of any INFR sanctioned event. If a Region/rodeo committee receives INFR approval, the Region and or rodeo committee must comply with all requests made by the INFR to coordinate television and filming of approved rodeos.

B6.9 Order of Events at Tour Rodeos. The order of events at all Tour rodeos will be the same as the order used at the INFR and they are as follows: bareback, steer wrestling, ladies breakaway roping, saddle bronc, tie down (calf) roping, team roping, ladies barrel racing and bull riding. This order cannot be changed.

B6.9.1 Slack. In the event of two (2) slacks at Tour rodeos:

B6.9.1.1 Day 1 Slack. The events for 1st day of slack will be: tie down (calf) roping, steer wrestling, team roping, Sr. team roping and Sr. breakaway roping.

B6.9.1.2 Day 2 Slack. The events for 2nd day will be slack will be: Ladies and Sr. barrel racing, ladies breakaway roping, Sr. breakaway roping and Sr. bull riding.

B6.9.1.3 Performance and Slack Times. The times advertised for performance and slack times as approved by the Commission cannot be changed whatsoever.

B6.10 All-Around Awards. Where a Tour rodeo has an all-around award for the major events, points won in the Sr. or Sr. events cannot count towards this major all-around championship.

B6.10.1 Men's and Ladies' All-Around. Where the rodeo committee chooses to award a men's all-around and a ladies' all-around, the prizes should be of equal value. A single award can be given to either a cowboy or cowgirl, but the process for how it will be awarded must be advertised in advance.

B6.11 Compete in Order Drawn. In all events, no contestant will be allowed to take his or her stock or run in advance of his/her respective events and in advance of the position drawn for him/her, with the exception of a split (due to competing on the same horse or position draw [back to back]). Contestants must compete in the order and section drawn for them.

OFFICIAL RODEO RULES

CHAPTER 1

RODEO ENTRIES FOR TOUR AND REGION RODEOS

R1.0 Official Rodeo Rules. The rules governing the fairness, competition and conduct at Tour and Region rodeos, the safety of contestants and livestock and the definition of rodeo events shall be referred to as the Official Rodeo Rules (hereinafter the "Rules"). The Rules shall have the weight and legal effect of the By-laws of the INFR provided that in the event of a conflict between a By-law and a Rule, the By-law shall prevail.

R1.0.1 Amendment of Rules. The Rules may be amended from time to time as deemed appropriate by the INFR Commission.

R1.1 Central Entry System (CES). The Central Rodeo Entry System (known as CES) will be in operation for all approved Tour rodeos. All contestants for all rodeos shall enter through CES, at telephone numbers to be published on the INFR website, Region websites, or any official poster posted by the rodeo committee with the official entry date for open and closing times.

R1.1.1 Entries. The INFR Commission reserves the right to employ a company of their choice to administer the Central Entry System (CES), as long as said company does not pass any rules or by-laws that directly conflict with the INFR rules and by-laws. No entry shall be taken without a current INFR membership on file with the INFR Headquarters Office.

R1.2.0 Entry in Approved Tour or Region Rodeo. Entries in Tour or Region rodeos are subject to the rules established by the Tour or Region central entry office.

R1.2.1 Must Be Eligible to Enter. To enter an approved Tour or Region rodeo, a contestant must be financially eligible and competition eligible at time of entries. A contestant who is not financially eligible at time of entries cannot enter until all outstanding financial obligations are paid prior to entry closing time.

R1.2.2 Valid, Correct Membership Numbers. Contestants must have valid and current INFR membership. Should conflicts/issues arise during the entry process, the office will verify by asking for your INFR card number.

R1.2.3 Unauthorized Use of Membership Number. The unauthorized use of another member's membership number for an unauthorized purpose shall result in a fine of not less than \$100 for the first offense, with the amount of the fine progressively doubling for each subsequent offense.

R1.2.4 No event will be canceled due to limited entries. There is no minimum number of entries in any Region or Tour events. If there are only one or two contestants entered in one event in a rodeo, that event will not be cancelled.

R1.2.5 Duplicate or Multiple Entries. To avoid duplicate or multiple entries, the last entry parameters will be the only entry accepted. Modification to the entries after the close of entries will be assessed a \$50.00 fee per event per contestant.

R1.2.6 Team Roping Entries. Team ropers must enter as a team. Team ropers who are entered but do not have partners at entry closing time will be deleted from the entry list. No position will be drawn for a single entry. The Tour Rodeo Committee may, at its discretion, and with the approval of the INFR, allow contestants to enter twice, where the purse money is equal. Otherwise, contestants may enter twice when the purse is not equal. No cross entering or switching ends with the same partner is allowed.

R1.2.7 Official Entries. Official entries will be only those forwarded by the central entry office.

CHAPTER 2 RODEO SANCTIONING, ADMINISTRATION FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

R2.1 Rodeo Sanctioning Fee for Region Rodeos. The rodeo sanctioning fee for all Region rodeos can be up to 5% of the total prize money. This fee goes to the Region.

R2.1.1 Approved fees to be charged at Region and Tour rodeos. The following are the only approved fees that can be charged at Region and Tour rodeos:

CES/Office fee; Tour rodeo - \$10; Region Rodeo- \$4

Stock Charge – no more than \$15

Judges - \$5 per INFR Certified Judge

Electric Eye - \$3

No additional fees can be assessed to contestants.

R2.2 Central Entry Fee at Tour and Region Rodeos. The CES charge at Tour rodeos will be \$10.00 to be split as follows: \$6 to CES system and \$4.00 to the hosting committee as a fee for their secretary. The CES fee at Region rodeos is \$4, payable to the secretary/region.

R2.3 Stock Charge. A stock charge of up to \$15 per event in addition to entry fees for each contestant (A rodeo committee may elect to waive the stock charge so long as it is given prior approval by the INFR Headquarters Office).

R2.4 Fee for Judges. INFR Certified Judges will be paid according to the INFR Judges' Scale for all INFR Tour Rodeos. Regions may approve a one-time judging fee set by the commission paid by each competing contestant at *Region* rodeos. The judging fee may only be applied when a Region elects to use INFR certified judges. The fee per INFR certified judge used at Tour and Region rodeos is \$5 per judge. \$10 will be added to entry fees at all *Tour* rodeos using INFR certified judges. No additional fees will be collected from a contestant at any INFR sanctioned rodeo other than the fees prescribed above.

R2.5 Electric Eye. Barrel racers shall be charged a one-time electric eye charge of \$3.00 instead of a stock charge.

R2.6 Violations of Fees. Violations of the current set fees will be grounds for fines and or sanctions by the INFR. The INFR reserves the right to amend any or all stock, CES/Office, and judges fees.

R2.7 Building/Facility Fee. A building/facility fee of \$10.00 may be charged for a Tour or Region rodeo that is to be held in an indoor facility. The Building/Facility fee will need prior approval and must be submitted with the INFR Tour rodeo application.

CHAPTER 3 PAYOUT AT TOUR AND REGION RODEOS

R3.1 Total Purse Money. Total Purse Money means added money and entrance fees. Both must be totaled before splitting for go-rounds and average payouts. All Purse money must be paid out to contestants entered in the rodeo.

R3.1.2 Team Roping. All pay-outs in the team roping will be calculated based upon per person per end (i.e. header, heeler). All team roping pay-outs must be split (header/heeler) prior to determining number of places paid.

R3.2 Average Placing. At Tour or Region rodeos with an average, a contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him/her in every round to place in the average.

R3.3 Go-round and Average Breakdown

R3.1 Two Go-rounds. At Tour or Region rodeos, where there are two (2) full go-rounds or two (2) head of stock, the average will be the same as the go-round and split as follows: 33.3% of the total prize money per each go-round and 33.3% of the total prize money for the average.

R3.2 Long and Short Round. At Tour or Region rodeos where there is one (1) go-round (long go-round) and a final (short go-round) and an average, the total prize money will be split as follows: 40% for the long go-round; 20% for the short go-round; 40% for the average.

R3.4 Payout and Money Splits

R3.4.1 Tour Rodeos. Notwithstanding how points are awarded as prescribed in the By-Laws, the payout in all events at Tour rodeos, including one round Tour rodeos, shall be as follows: (per go-round, after total prize money is divided into number of go-rounds):

Four Places:

Riding Events: \$0-\$1999 pays four places

Timed Events: \$0-\$1999 pays four places

Split as follows:

1st place: 40%, 2nd place: 30%, 3rd place: 20%, and 4th place: 10%.

Six Places:

Riding Events: \$2000-\$4999 pays six places

Timed Events: \$2000-\$4999 pays six places

Split as follows:

29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, and 5%

Eight Places (capped at eight):

Riding Events: \$5000+ pays eight places

Timed Events: \$5000+ pays eight places

Split as follows: 23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 8%, 5%, and 2%

R3.4.2 Region Rodeos. Notwithstanding how points are awarded as prescribed in the By-Laws, the payout in all events at Region rodeos shall be as follows:

(per go-round, after total prize money is divided into number of go-rounds):

Four Places:

Total Prize money = \$1999.00 or less pays four places

Split as follows: 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%

Six Places (capped at six place payouts):

Total Prize money = \$2000.00 or more pays six places

Split as follows: 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, and 5%

R3.4.3 Five or Less Contestants. When there are 5 or less contestants in an event at a Region rodeo, two places are paid and the Total Prize Money split is as follows: 1st place: 60%, 2nd place: 40%,.

R3.4.4 Region Points. Regardless of the number of places actually paid, points to 10 places shall always be awarded at all Region rodeos.

R3.5 Added Purse for Region Rodeos and Region Finals. Region rodeos must have a minimum added purse of \$200.00 per event. The minimum purse per major event at the Region finals will be \$300.00.

R3.6 Ground Money. Ground split monies will be split between the rodeo committee and any qualified contestant (i.e. one (1) qualified ride/run that contestant will receive 50% of remaining paid places, and the rodeo committee the other 50%). Where all of the contestants in an event at a Tour or Region rodeo fail to qualify in any go-round or where the qualifying contestants in an event are fewer than the number of places to be paid in any go-round, no ground splits (ground money) will be paid to the disqualifying contestants. In such occurrences, the remainder of the purse money shall go to the hosting rodeo committee.

CHAPTER 4 DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEE REFUND

R4.1 No Refund of Entry Fees Once a Contestant has Competed. A contestant's entry fees will not be returned for a particular event if that contestant has competed once in that event during a rodeo. If the contestant is entered in other events in which he/she is unable to compete and has not yet competed, the entry fees for those events will be returned.

R4.2 Exception in Case of Injury in First Go-Round Where a Rerun/Re-ride is due. If a contestant is injured while competing in the first go-round of an event and has not been disqualified up to the point of injury, the contestant's entry fees will be refunded if a re-ride or rerun is due in that event.

R4.3 No Draw Outs Due to Postponed Performances. Contestants will not be permitted to draw out because of a postponed performance.

CHAPTER 5 HUMANE TREATMENT OF RODEO ANIMALS

R5.0 General. These rules are intended to enforce the humane treatment of rodeo animals and shall be in effect for Tour and Region rodeos and any other INFR sanctioned events. No animal shall be treated inhumanely.

R5.1 Sore, Lamé, Sick, or Injured Animal. Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick, or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight, shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or incapacitated between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal shall be drawn for the contestant.

R5.2 Humane Removal of Injured Animal. Any injured livestock shall be humanely removed from the arena before continuing the rodeo contest or performance.

R5.3 Rowels. No locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, may be used on bareback or saddle bronc horses. Spurs must be dulled. Violation of this rule shall result in a fine of \$250.00.

R5.4 No Sharp Objects in Cinch, Saddle, Girth or Flank Straps. No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle girth, or flank straps shall be permitted. Flank straps used for horses must be either sheepskin-lined or neoprene-lined and shall be of quick-release type. Sheepskin-lined or neoprene-lined flank straps shall be placed on the animal so the lined portion is over both flanks of the animal. In the bull riding, a soft cotton rope at least 5/8" in diameter is acceptable as a flank strap and does not require the sheepskin or neoprene lining.

R5.5 Arena.

R5.5.1 Construction of Chutes. Chutes must be constructed in a manner so as to prevent injury to an animal. Maintenance personnel and equipment shall be available to assist in removal of any animal should it become necessary.

R5.5.2 Conditions of Arena. The arena shall be as free as possible of rock, holes and unnecessary obstacles.

R5.5.3 No Small Animals. No small animals or pets will be allowed in the arena unless part of a contract act.

R5.5.4 Removal of Livestock after Competition. Livestock must be removed from the arena immediately after each competition is completed.

R5.5.5 Tie-down Roping. In tie-down roping, calves may not be intentionally flipped backward. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Rope is to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after tie is approved. Roping calves must be strong and healthy.

R5.5.6 Abuse of Animal. If a member abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, he/she may be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo and fined \$250.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each offense thereafter. Judges will immediately inform the announcer that the contestant has been disqualified and spectators will be informed of the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness against livestock.

R5.5.7 Mistreatment of Animal. Any member found guilty of mistreatment of livestock anywhere on the rodeo grounds shall be fined \$250.00 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with any offense thereafter.

R5.5.7.1 Abuse of animal on the rodeo grounds. This accusation must be supported in writing by at least two persons, the complaining party and one witness. The requirement of a witness is waived if the complaining party is a judge.

R5.5.8 Apparent Injury during Competition. Should a riding event animal show evidence of injury intentionally inflicted by the contestant during competition, that contestant will be fined \$250.00 for the first offense and \$500.00 for the second offense. For the third and subsequently reported offense, contestant will immediately be declared ineligible to compete for 30 days following the incident. The number of offenses reported for all members will start over with each new rodeo year.

CHAPTER 6 RIDING EVENTS

R6.1 Stock to be Drawn. All rough stock at Tour and Region rodeos must be drawn for at least two hours before commencement of rodeo or the short go-round or Finals at a rodeo having a finals. Failure for the contractor to provide a stock list to be drawn from for each rough stock event in the time prescribed will result in a fine of \$100 on the stock contractor. Failure to draw for stock at a final shall result in a fine of \$100 each on the Contractor, the judges and the rodeo committee.

R6.2 Markings. The rider and animal are to be marked separately. Rider will be marked according to how he rides the animal. Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from zero to 25 per judge on both bucking animal and rider. By using the full spread, the total may reach a maximum of 100 points.

R6.3 Timing. All riding events shall be timed for eight seconds; that time to start when animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute gate. All riding event contestants must complete the eight-second qualification limit to be eligible for a marking.

R6.4 Judges' Official Markings. Judges in the riding events at all INFR rodeos will submit to the arena secretary their markings for all events for that performance immediately following the completion of the performance. These markings shall be

termed the official markings when posted and/or verified by the judge and may not be changed once submitted.

R6.5 Use of Flags to Indicate Disqualification. Rodeo judges will use flags to indicate a disqualification violation. Judges are to also indicate disqualification violations by hand signals.

R6.6 Holding On To the Gate. Any riding event contestant who holds on to the chute gate, thus preventing the gate from being opened, after he has indicated he is ready, will be disqualified.

R6.7 General Rules for Bareback and Saddle Bronc.

R6.7.1 Mark out Rule. To qualify for a marking, bareback or saddle bronc rider must have the rowels of the spurs touching the horse above the break of the shoulders when the horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.

R6.7.2 Stalled Horse. If a horse stalls in the chute, either judge shall tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck and the spur out rule will be waived.

R6.7.3 Disqualification for Failing to Abide By Rule. Rider shall be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of horse stalled in chute.

R6.7.4 Foul at the Gate. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider is fouled at the gate, the spur out rule will be waived.

R6.8 Re-rides.

R6.8.1 Contestant May Not Influence Judge. Contestants shall not influence the judges by asking for a re-ride at any time. Violation of this rule will result in a fine.

R6.8.2 Judge Shall Inform Contestant of His Options. If a re-ride is given, at the judge's sole discretion, the judge shall inform contestant of his marking, and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse the re-ride and take the marking. Contestant must notify judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option upon learning which animal would be used as a re-ride and the time of the re-ride.

R6.8.3 Circumstances Warranting a Re-ride.

R6.8.4 Discretion of Judge. Re-rides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible re-rides include the following: if an animal stops or fouls rider, stock contractor's, equipment fails, performance of animal is inferior, or if by stock contractor's or flank-man's own admission the flank-man did not flank the animal properly. No re-ride will be given if a contestant's own equipment breaks or malfunctions.

R6.8.5 Chute-Fighting Animal. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to call for the animal, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.

R6.8.6 Flank Breaks in Bareback Riding. Rider may be given a re-ride on same horse if the flank comes off or breaks. A bareback rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off.

R6.8.7 Flank or Halter Failure in Saddle Bronc Riding. A saddle bronc rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off. If a flank comes off, rider may have a re-ride on same horse. If halter breaks, rider may have a re-ride, provided contestant has made a qualified ride up to the time the halter breaks, and provided that the halter was provided by the stock contractor and does not belong to the contestant.

R6.8.8 Animal Deliberately Throws Itself. If, in the opinion of the judges, an animal deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have the choice of the same animal again or he may have an animal drawn for him from the re-ride animals.

R6.8.9 Bull Riders Knocked Off at the Chute, or Bull Falls. Riders who are knocked off at the chute, or whose bull falls, shall be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of the judges.

R6.8.10 Flank Comes Off a Bull. A bull rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the animal, provided the contestant has completed a qualified ride. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal, and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride, but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off. The re-ride may be given on the same animal, if the stock contractor is willing, or, on a re-ride animal, if requested by the contestant.

R6.9 Bareback Riding

R6.9.1 One-Handed Rigging. Riding shall be done with one-handed rigging.

R6.9.2 Rigging Requirements. Rigging shall be leather and shall not be more than 10 inches in width at the hand-hold and not over 6 inches wide at the D ring. Latigo cannot be blocked in the D ring. Riggings will use a standard D ring to be set to sit flat on a horse's back when cinched. No freaks will be allowed. Only rawhide may be used under the body of the hand-hold. There will be no rawhide restrictions with the exception of no rawhide may be within 1 inch of the back of the rigging body excluding the D ring wrap, which may be no more than 2 inches up from the bottom of the body. The rigging body must also be spread 9 inches apart at the back of the rigging, 4 inches down from the center. The handle bars under the rigging body must be tapered down to at least 1/4 inch at the end of the handle bar.

R6.9.3 Cinches and Latigos. Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair or neoprene and shall be at least 8 inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch D rings. Latigos must be of leather only.

R6.9.4 No Quick Trips. No quick trips are allowed on bareback riggings.

R6.9.5 Rider's Glove. The rider's glove will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges or gimmicks. An extra piece of leather may be used at the base of the little finger only. It must be on the inside of the glove and is not to extend out from the seam more than 5/8 inch and can be no more than 5/8 inch thick.

R6.9.6 Use of Palm Piece. A palm piece may be used in glove, which must be at least 1 inch wide and 3 inches long, and must be glued in.

R6.9.6.1 Use of Adhesives. There will be no adhesive material other than dry resin used on rigging or on rider's glove. Benzoin may be used.

R6.9.7 Disqualification of Rider. Any of the following shall disqualify a rider:

- A) Riding with rowels too sharp or locked;
- B) Being bucked off; touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand. One arm must be free at all time;
- C) Rigging comes off horse, with or without breaking;
- D) Violating the spur out rule;
- E) Taking any kind of finger tuck, finger wrap, or use of finger tape.
- F) If rider has been advised he is next to go, failing to be above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves the arena.

Disqualified contestants may also be subject to a fine

R6.9.8 Spur Rowels. Spur rowels must have five or more points. The first reported offense shall subject contestant to a warning; every offense thereafter shall result in an immediate fine.

R6.9.9 Unable to Free Hand. If, in the opinion of the pick-up men and/or stock contractor, a bareback rider is unable to free his hand from the rigging after a qualified ride or after declaring by double grabbing, he shall be fined \$100. A contestant fouled or bucked off before or after the whistle will not be fined. Judges are required to report the offense to the recording secretary.

R6.10 Saddle Bronc Riding.

R6.10.1 Contestant Saddle Specifications. All riding must be done with saddles that meet the following INFR specifications. Contestants not meeting these specifications will be disqualified and declared ineligible to compete for 30 days and subject to a fine:

- A) Rigging: Three-quarter double; front edge of D ring must pull no further back than directly below center of point of swell. Standard E-Z or ring-type saddle D ring must be used, and cannot exceed 5-3/4 inches outside-width measurement.
- B) Swell Undercut: Not more than 2 inches - 1 inch on each side.
- C) Gullet: Not less than 4 inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.
- D) Tree: Saddles must be built on INFR-approved tree and must conform to the following specifications, with a reasonable added thickness of 1/2 inch for leather covering: Fork 14 inches wide; Height 9 inches maximum; Gullet 5-3/4 inches wide; Cantle 5 inches maximum height / 14 inches maximum width.
- E) Stirrup Leathers: must be hung over bars.
- F) Front cinch on Bronc saddles shall be mohair, and shall be at least 8 inches in width at the center, but may be tapered to accommodate cinch D or rings. Latigos must be of leather only.

R6.10.2 Standard Halter. Stock contractors may furnish their own halters and contestants must use them, subject to approval of judges on fitness of halter. Halters may have adjustable nose bands. Standard halter must be used, unless agreement is made by both contestant and stock contractor.

R6.10.3 Riding Rein. Riding rein and hand must be on same side. The rein must be attached on the bottom of the halter noseband unless fastening to the throat latch is preferred by the contestant.

R6.10.4 Saddling of Horses. Horses shall be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle. Saddles shall not be set too far ahead on horse's withers. Either stock contractor or contestant has the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best. Middle flank belongs to rider, but contractor may have rider put flank behind curve of horse's belly. Flank cinch may be hobbled.

R6.10.5 Disqualification of a Rider. Any of the following shall disqualify a rider:

- A) Changing hands on rein.
- B) Losing or dropping rein before pre-designated time.
- C) Wrapping rein around hand.
- D) Losing stirrup.
- E) Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.
- F) Riding with locked rowels, or rowels that will lock on spurs, and/or rowels not dulled.
- G) Violating the spur out rule.
- H) A rider who has been advised he is next to go failing to be above the animal with his glove on, if used, when previous horse leaves arena.

R6.10.6 Dry Resin may be used on chaps and saddle. Anyone using any other foreign substance shall be disqualified and declared ineligible to compete for 30 days; also subject to fine. (The judges will examine clothing, saddle, rein and spurs, and exception will be made if local rules make it necessary for the covering of spur rowels.)

R6.11 Bull Riding.

R6.11.1 Riding. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold.

R6.11.2 No Knots or Hitches. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves bull.

R6.11.3 Bell. Rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of bull.

R6.11.4 No Hooks or Posts. Hooks or posts shall not be used on bull ropes.

R6.11.5 Ring. A ring which is significantly larger than the width of the rope may be used on a bull rope. However, under no circumstance can a contestant use a ring and take a wrap. If a ring is used, no twists in the rope are allowed. The rope must go through the ring, then straight back across the palm. If the rope has not fallen from the bull before the bull goes to the catch pen, the rider may be subject to fine.

R6.11.6 Requirements for Marking. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

R6.11.7 Contestant May Request Ruling on Whether Bull Is Properly Flanked. Contestant will have the right to request judges to determine whether or not the bull is properly flanked to buck to best of its ability.

R6.11.8 No Bull Tails Under Flank Straps. No bulls' tails will be allowed under flank straps.

R6.11.9 Use of Horse Flanks in Bull Riding. Horse flanks will be allowed in the bull riding provided that the tail of the flank strap is not long enough to touch the ground once pulled.

R6.11.10 No Sharp Rowels. Rider shall not use sharp spur rowels.

R6.11.11 Pulling Contestant's Rope. No more than two people may be on chute to pull contestants rope.

R6.11.12 Horn Specifications. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been dulled and reduced to specifications set forth. All horned animals used in the bull riding, shall have their horns blunted to at least the diameter of a half-dollar. Upon direction of the INFR judges, any animal's horns may be shortened to any length deemed necessary for competition. If the above specifications are not adhered to, said animal shall be removed from competitive status until the requirements set forth herein are satisfied.

R6.11.13 Disqualification of Rider: Any one of the following shall disqualify a bull rider:

- A) Being bucked off.
- B) Touching animal, equipment, or person with free hand.
- C) Using sharp spurs, or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
- D) Not having a bell on bull rope.
- E) When a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.
- F) Intentionally leaving the chute with spurs hooked or lodged in the bull rope loop(s).

CHAPTER 7 TIMED EVENTS

R7.1 Use of Chains. All contestants in all timed events must have the chains on their tie downs covered.

R7.2 Stock to be Drawn. All timed-event stock must be numbered and drawn for at all Tour and Region rodeos. It is the responsibility of the judges to draw for stock at least 2 hours before commencement of the rodeo or finals where there is a short go-round finals. Failure to draw for stock shall result in a fine of \$100.00 each on the Contractor, the judges and the rodeo committee.

R7.2.1 Time Limit at Tour Rodeos (Unnecessary Delay in Taking Stock). A 60-second time limit will be enforced at all Tour rodeos. The clock will start when the prior animal leaves the arena and the arena is suitable to compete. It will stop if a drawn animal is not cooperating but will start immediately once the animal is cooperating again. Any unnecessary delays in the Riding events will result in the following:

- 1st offense: warning
- 2nd offense: \$50 fine

3rd offense: \$100 fine

R7.2.2. One Loop and One Jump Rule. The one loop rule in all roping events and the one jump rule in the steer wrestling will be utilized for all Tour and Region rodeos.

R7.3 Barrier Rules.

R7.3.1 Height. The height of the barrier in timed events shall be from 32-36 inches, measured at the center of the box. Once the barrier height has been set for a rodeo that height must remain for the entire rodeo.

R7.3.2 No Automatic Slack Catchers. Automatic slack catchers may not be used.

R7.3.3 Side Pull Barrier. Barriers in the timed events can either be a pole pull or a side-pull barrier with pulley and neck rope pulling from side of chute.

R7.3.4 Barrier Flag. The barrier flag must be on the barrier instead of on the neck rope of the timed-event cattle whenever possible.

R7.3.5 Barrier Equipment. The rodeo judge for each rodeo, or the rodeo committee, shall be responsible for furnishing adequate barrier equipment.

R7.4 Chutes.

R7.4.1 Automatic Trip Gate. All timed-event chutes shall have an automatic trip gate with horizontal bars, unless otherwise approved by the director of rodeo administration and the timed-event representatives.

R7.4.2 Clearance. The timed-event chute must have at least 28 inches clearance inside the chute and 75 inches at the gate when in an open position for steer wrestling and team roping.

R7.4.3 Measuring Tape. The stock contractor or rodeo committee shall ensure that an adequate measuring tape shall be on hand for the barrier judge.

R7.4.4 Length of Timed-Event Box. Unless otherwise approved by the director of rodeo administration, the box for each timed event must be at least 16 feet in length and both boxes must be the same length.

R7.4.5 Lining for Timed-Event Boxes. In order to protect the contestant's horse, the back and the side opposite the timed-event chute of timed-event boxes shall either have a lower rail which is no less than 3 ft. above ground level and no obstruction in the area from ground level up to the lower rail; or be lined from ground level up to a minimum of 3 ft. high with a solid panel (metal or no less than ¾" thick plywood). Box pads are likewise required for each timed-event box. Failure to follow this rule shall result in a fine to the rodeo committee of \$200.00 per performance or section of slack.

R7.4.6 Numbering of Timed-Event Stock. All animals designated and drawn in a timed event will be number-branded or ear-tagged and run in order of draw.

R7.5 General: Judges' Responsibilities.

R7.5.1 Change Barrier String. Barrier judge is responsible for changing barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on request of next contestant.

R7.5.2 Adjust Barrier Neck Rope. Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier neck rope for each performance and section of slack, to assure the same start for contestants in each performance and section of slack. Barrier judge shall adjust the length of the neck rope when necessary.

R7.5.3 Inspect Barrier Equipment. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the barrier judge shall determine whether the break was caused by the contestant. If contestant obviously beats barrier, or barrier rope is broken and string is unbroken, barrier judge may assess a 10-second penalty against the contestant.

R7.5.4 Flag Start. If a barrier judge is used to flag the start, he shall flag the animal when animal's nose crosses the starting line.

R7.5.5 Prevent Tampering With Barrier Equipment. Barrier judge shall ensure that no person can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.

R7.5.6 Placement of Flag Judge. Flag judges shall position themselves for tie-down roping at the end of the arena, allowing them to come toward the roper. In steer wrestling and team roping, field judges shall place themselves on the right-hand side of the timed-event box when facing the timed-event chutes.

R7.6 General Competition Rules.

R7.6.1 A contestant should be allowed one fair opportunity to compete on the animal drawn for him. Judge must verify that the correct animal is in the chute for the contestant getting ready to compete.

R7.6.2 Score line. Any score line over 18 ft. must be approved by the director of rodeo administration at the time of rodeo approval. The judges have the discretion to set the score line in relation to the size of the arena.

R7.6.3 Breaking through Barrier. Contestants shall start from behind a barrier. A 10-second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.

R7.6.4 Breaking Plane of Barrier. A contestant must be on his/her horse and his/her horse must break the plane of the barrier with his draw breaking the plane of the score line before he/she is allowed to compete.

R7.6.5 Barrier Flag Must Operate. In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.

R7.6.6 Barrier Failure. If barrier fails to work, but the flag operates correctly, and time is recorded, contestant or team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless barrier is obviously beaten by contestant.

R7.6.7 Failure of Official Time to Start. If official time has not started when it should have, contestant or team will receive stock which contestant originally drew if contestant has qualified on that stock. If barrier was obviously beaten, the barrier penalty will be applied to the rerun.

R7.6.8 Contestant Is Fouled by Barrier. If, in the opinion of the barrier judge, a contestant is fouled by the barrier, the contestant shall be entitled to a rerun on his original stock, provided that contestant declares immediately.

R7.6.9 Animal Which Escapes from Chute or Pen. During any performance/slack, if an animal in a timed event escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by contestant, or if the flag fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take same animal over, during, or immediately after the same performance or section of slack.

R7.6.10 Ground Rule Where Extra Automatically Replaces Escaped Animal. If a rodeo is specially approved with a ground rule whereby the extra in a paid performance automatically replaces an escaped animal, the escaped animal then becomes the extra for that pen and is returned to the herd for that run and subsequent runs.

R7.6.11 Drawn Animal Becomes Sick or Crippled. If an animal that is drawn in a pen in a timed event becomes sick or crippled before it is competed on, a judge must rule on the animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw. In that instance, the injured animal is to be removed from the draw (or herd) for the remainder of the rodeo. If the animal is injured prior to competition, but the injury is not detected until after the run has started, contestant must declare immediately and must not compete on that animal. Contestant will receive a rerun on a different animal.

R7.6.12 Animal Escaping From Arena. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the field judge will drop his flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive his original animal with a lap-and-tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a

10-second penalty for any jump or any loop used.

R7.6.13 Escape with Rope on Animal. If a rope is on animal when animal escapes from the arena, contestant will receive the same animal with a lap-and tap start, with the rope on it in chute. Any accumulated time shall be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10-second penalty for any jump or any loop used.

R7.6.14 Returning Animals. An animal that must be returned will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during, or at the end of, that performance or section of slack. A minimum of three animals will be brought back together. The decision as to when stock will be rerun will be made by arena director.

R7.6.15 Compete in Order Drawn. In all events, no contestants will be allowed to take their stock or run in advance of their respective events and in advance of the position drawn for them, with the exception of a split due to competing on the same horse or position draw. Contestants must compete in the order and section drawn for them.

R7.6.16 Request for Change in Order of Performance. If splitting of horses is necessary and contestant wishes to request a change in the performance competition order, such a request must be made to the arena secretary or the timed-event chute boss. Contestants can only be moved far enough to accommodate the split on a horse. Violation of this rule shall result in a fine.

R7.6.17 Contestant May Dismiss from or Allow Individuals in Box. Within the confines of the timed-event box, it is the privilege of a contestant to dismiss someone from the box or have up to three persons in the box for assistance. He may instruct the judge to either remove or allow other people in the box.

R7.6.18 Cattle Pusher. The individual pushing the cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the chute until the animal has crossed the score line. Penalty for failure to abide by this rule will be a \$25.00 fine charged to the contestant.

R7.6.19 Horses Allowed in Box. Only the horses needed during actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any timed event. Offender is subject to a \$25.00 fine for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling for subsequent offenses.

R7.6.20 Recoiled or Rebuilt Rope. In roping events, a dropped rope that must be recoiled and/or rebuilt shall be considered a thrown rope. No second loop or second attempt at a jump of a steer will be allowed.

R7.6.21 Neck Ropes Must Be Tied With String. Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps, elastics or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.

R7.6.22 Liners. A liner must be used in the tie-down roping and break away roping. Liner must maintain the same position for all competitions.

R7.6.23 Judges and Timers. There shall be at least two timers, a barrier judge and a field flag judge. Time shall be determined between two flags.

R7.6.24 Competition Must Be From Same Box. All timed-event contestants must compete from the same box designated for their event:

A) Team Roping - Header must start from left box (as viewed from the box facing the arena); Heeler must start from right box;

B) Steer Wrestling - Steer wrestler must start from left box; hazer must start from right box;

C) Tie-down Roping - right box must be used. (As viewed from the box facing the arena.)

R7.6.25 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 (calf roper, steer wrestler and hazer, or header and heeler) remains behind the plane of the barrier for approximately 10 seconds, that animal should be considered a sulking animal and replaced using the miss-draw procedure.

R7.7 Arena Personnel.

R7.7.1 Interference by Arena Personnel. If any arena personnel (pick-up men, clowns, announcers, etc.) interfere with a timed-event competition, the contestant may, at the discretion of the judge, receive a rerun, providing he/she has made a qualified run up to the point of interference and contestant declares the interference at the time it occurs.

R7.8 Score Lines.

R7.8.1 Score Line Lengths. All score line lengths are to be set by the judges and/or the arena director, in accordance with the official rodeo rules, unless otherwise approved at time of rodeo approval. In all cases, score line lengths of 18 feet or more must be approved at time of rodeo approval. The event representative or the judge may, at his discretion, and prior to the start of the initial competition, approve the lengthening or shortening of the score line by no more than 1 foot over official rodeo rule guidelines depending on the size of the arena. Once the score line has been set, it shall not be changed at that rodeo, nor shall the length of the box be changed.

R7.8.2 Tie-down Roping. In the tie-down roping, at indoor rodeos, the length of score will be the length of the box minus 3 feet, or can be set at the discretion of the judge depending on the size of the arena. The minimum length of score at outdoor rodeos will be the length of the roping box minus 2 feet, or as determined by the judge in his discretion depending on the size of the arena.

R7.8.3 Steer Wrestling. In steer wrestling, at all rodeos, the score may be no longer than the length of the steer wrestling box minus five-and-a-half feet in the case of a steer wrestling box which is less than or equal to eighteen feet, or minus six feet in the case of a steer wrestling box which is greater than eighteen feet. The judge has the discretion to adjust the score line depending on the size of the arena.

R7.8.4 Team Roping. The minimum length of the team roping score line shall be the length of the box minus 2 feet. The judge has the discretion to adjust the score line depending on the size of the arena.

R7.9 Tie-down Roping.

R7.9.1 General Requirements. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, throw calf by hand, and cross and tie any three legs. To qualify as legal tie, there shall be at least one wrap around all three legs and a half-hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and be thrown by hand. If the roper's hand is on the calf when calf falls; calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Three legs must remain crossed and tied for six seconds, as timed by the judge, from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted, until approved by the judge. Roper must not touch calf after signaling that he is finished until after the judge has completed his examination. Rope must remain slack until field judge approves the tie. Unless instructed to do so by the judge, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the field judge. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after completion of tie, the six-second time period is to start when roper clears calf. Flag judge must watch calf during the six 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. If tie becomes illegal by calf kicking, or calf gets to his feet before tie has been approved by the judge, the roper will be marked no time.

R7.9.2 One Loop Permitted. Only one loop will be permitted, catch-as-catch-can, and should the roper miss, he must retire and will be marked no time. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted. No roper shall be allowed to use two loops.

R7.9.3 Time Limit. There will be a 30-second elapsed time limit in the tie-down roping. A whistle indicating no time shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 30-second span. Roping a calf after the 30-second whistle has sounded shall be an offense for mistreatment of animals. This rule shall not apply to legal ties completed in less than 30 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 30 seconds.

R7.9.4 No Dragging of Calf. A neck rope must be used on the horse, in addition to keeper if keeper is used. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If the horse drags the calf at least five feet, field judge may stop horse. The fine for unintentionally dragging a calf five feet but less than ten feet shall be \$25.00. The fine for unintentionally dragging a calf ten feet or more shall be \$100.00. Intentionally dragging a calf, regardless of distance, shall result in a \$250.00 fine for each offense, plus disqualification. "Intentional" shall be defined as "willfully caused by contestant."

R7.9.5 No Jerk Down. Tie down roping contestants will be fined \$25.00 for jerking down a calf. "Jerk down" will be defined as over backwards, with the calf landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air.

R7.10 Steer Wrestling.

R7.10.1 General Requirements. After catching steer, wrestler must change direction or bring steer to a stop and twist it down. If steer is accidentally knocked down, or thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back, with all four feet and head facing the same direction. Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged. The fairness of catch and throw will be determined by the judges.

R7.10.1.1 One Jump Rule. All steer wrestlers may only jump one time during the steer wrestling. An attempt to jump where the steer wrestler does not leave his horse does not constitute a jump.

R7.10.2 Loose Steer. If steer gets loose after wrestler has jumped from the horse, wrestler may take no more than one step to catch steer.

R7.10.3 Furnish Hazer and Horses. Contestant must furnish own hazer and horses. Steer must be caught from horse. Only one hazer allowed.

R7.10.4 No Assistance. Hazer must not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant. Contestant and hazer must use the same two horses with which they leave chute.

R7.10.5 Addition of Fresh Steers. Fresh steers may be added to the herd after they have been bulldogged from horseback and thrown down. It is the responsibility of steer wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.

R7.10.6 Limit on Use of Steer Wrestling Cattle. Cattle used for team roping or other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.

R7.10.7 Turning Steer's Head. Contestant is required to turn steer's head after a completed run so it can stand up after time has been recorded.

R7.10.8 Time Limit. There will be a 30-second elapsed time limit in the steer wrestling. A whistle indicating no time shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 30-second span. This rule shall not apply to legal throws completed in less than 30 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than the 30 seconds.

R7.10.9 Fresh Steers Thrown Down if Missed in Competition. If fresh steers are missed in the steer wrestling, any steer missed in competition must be thrown down immediately following the performance or section of slack in which the steer was drawn. Such steer shall be thrown down by a person appointed by the steer wrestling event representative. Each steer missed in competition is to be thrown no more than one time.

R7.11 Dally Team Roping.

R7.11.1 General Rules. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. At all one, two, or more go-round rodeos, only two loops per team shall be allowed (one loop at each end). Roping steers without turning loose the loop will be considered no catch. The header must rope, dally, and change direction of steer before heeler ropes steer. Once the header has missed or failed to make a legal head catch, the team will be marked a no time and must retire and will not be allowed to throw any remaining loop.

R7.11.2 Header/Heeler Championship Points. Championship points in the header category will be awarded only to the contestant who entered as the header; likewise, championship points in the heeler category will be awarded only to the contestant who entered as the heeler.

R7.11.3 Barriers. All headers shall start from behind a barrier. A 10-second penalty will be added for breaking or beating a barrier.

R7.11.4 Requirements for Roping. Field judge shall drop flag when steer is roped by its head and heels, and both horses are facing steer in line with ropes dallied and tight. Horse's front feet must be on ground and ropers must be mounted for flag to drop. Steer must be standing up when roped by head and heels. Heeler who is a woman or 50 years old or older is allowed to tie on. Tie-on ropers must use a quick release on their ropes.

R7.11.5 Throwing Heel Loop. The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded.

R7.11.6 Heeler Roping Front Foot. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be official.

R7.11.7 Legal Head Catches. There will be only three legal head catches:

- A) Around both horns.
- B) Half a head.
- C) Around the neck.

R7.11.8 Illegal Head Catches. The following shall be illegal head catches:

- A) If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other
- B) If loop crosses itself in a head catch.
- C) If loop is in the steer's mouth.

R7.12 Heel Catches.

R7.12.1 Behind Both Shoulders. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.

R7.12.2 One Hind Foot. Roping of only one hind foot receives a five second penalty.

R7.12.3 Inspection of Catches. Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges. If a field judge tells the header to hold the steer so the field judge may inspect the head catch, and the header does not do so, the team may receive a no-time.

R7.12.4 Time Limit. There will be a 30-second elapsed time limit in the team roping. A whistle indicating no time shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 30-second span. This rule shall not apply to legal catches completed in less than 30 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 30 seconds.

R7.12.5 Partner Turns Out At a Tour Rodeo. Where one partner is turning out or fails to show at a Tour rodeo, whether or not the rodeo secretary has been notified, the remaining partner will be allowed to find a partner who is also entered in that rodeo. The rodeo secretary and judges must be notified before the team roping event commences and entry fees must be paid in full before contestants take their stock.

R7.12.6 Equal Size and Weight of Timed-Event Stock General. All timed- event stock must be of equal size and weight. The stock contractor will be subject to a fine if timed-event stock is not equal such that it becomes an unfair competition (drawing contest) at the judge's discretion.

R7.12.7 Fresh Timed-Event Stock. All fresh timed-event stock must be run down the arena before the commencement of the rodeo.

R7.13 Ladies Break Away Roping

R7.13.1 Muley Cattle. Contestant will rope uniform muley cattle at all Tour and Region rodeos. Committees and Regions will be subject to a \$250.00 fine by the INFR should muley cattle fail to be used. If horned calves are used, horns should be less than 2 inches long and approved by event representative and rodeo official.

R7.13.2 Horned Cattle. Where horned cattle are used, the three legal head catch rule in team roping will apply.

R7.13.3 One Loop. One loop only will be carried in the ladies break away roping event. No exception for short/final go-rounds will be made. A dropped loop is considered a thrown loop.

R7.13.4 Loop Placement. Calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop may draw up tight on any part of the calf's body behind the ears.

R7.13.5 Ropes and String. Ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with standardized string to be supplied by contestants or provided by the judges. Ropes must have a colorful cloth attached to them, no more than 6 inches from the horn. String must be broken by the animal or a no time is assessed. String must be tied at the end of the rope.

R7.13.6 Timing. The judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the horn and time will be taken.

R7.13.7 Rope Break Away. The contestant will receive a no time should she break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope, and then stop her horse to make the rope break away.

R7.13.8 Spotter. A rodeo may have a spotter designated by the judges for the ladies break away roping. The spotter should be on the opposite side of the arena from the flagger.

R7.13.9 Time Limit. There will be a 30 second time limit with the gate closed. This rule shall not apply to legal catches completed in less than 30 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 30 seconds.

R7.13.10 Re-Runs. There will be no reruns unless there is a barrier malfunction or flagging error.

R7.13.11 Other. Anything not covered by the above rules will be covered by the men's tie down roping rules.

R7.14 Ladies Barrel Racing

R7.14.1 Start and Finish Times. The starting and finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire rodeo. The contestant is allowed a running start. Time shall begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose reaches the finish line. The starting and finish line are the same. Barrel should be centered on the marker. The barrel pattern measurements are to be posted at every rodeo.

R7.14.1.1 Start Line. The Start line is defined as the plane across the entire arena, fence to fence, regardless of the position of the electric timers. Crossing the start/finish line any time before horse breaks electric eye beam to start run will result in a no time.

R7.14.2 Preparation. It shall be the responsibility of the flag judge to ensure that the timers are ready before allowing contestant to compete.

R7.14.3 Knocking Over Barrel. Contestants will be assessed a five-second penalty for knocking over a barrel.

R7.14.3.1 Barrel Set on Opposite End. Should barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five -second penalty will be assessed. Barrel must be set back on mark by the judge.

R7.14.4 Disqualification. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking the pattern, or not being ready to compete when name is called. Touching a barrel is permitted. Contestant should be on her horse and ready to enter the arena, as the prior contestant is leaving the arena. It is at the judge's discretion to determine if contestant is not ready or taking too long to enter the arena.

R7.14.5 Fouling. If a contestant feels she has been fouled during a competition run, she must immediately declare herself to the judge(s) (i.e. pull up and stop her horse) for the option for a rerun. This does not apply to unsafe ground conditions.

R7.14.6 Same Horse. Two or more contestants are not allowed to ride the same horse during the same rodeo, go-round, or finals. However, a contestant entered in the Jr. barrel racing can use the same horse in the ladies barrel racing during the same rodeo or finals. The same horse cannot be ridden by two barrel racers in the same go-round, same division at a rodeo, Region finals or INFR.

R7.14.7 Horse Falls. If horse falls or similar incident occurs, the contestant cannot have a rerun.

R7.14.8 Entering Arena. All contestants shall enter the arena through one or more gates designated by the judge prior to the barrel race. Any contestant entering the arena through any gate other than the ones designated by the judge will be disqualified.

R7.14.9 Field Flagger. The field flagger must remain in the same location for the duration of the barrel race for the entire rodeo. The judge who is not flagging is responsible for re-setting tipped-over barrels.

R7.14.10 Barrel Racing Fee. A \$3.00 fee will be collected from every barrel racing contestant at each rodeo for the electric eye. This fee is assessed instead of a stock charge. If the electric eye fails to work and hand times are used, the \$3 fee will go into an electric eye fund, to be used toward replacement or repair of the electric eye.

R7.14.11 Electric Eye. If the electric eye malfunctions and the rodeo is paid off in hand/manual times, times will be recorded in thousandths.

R7.14.12 Order of Events. Where there is Sr. barrel racing, the Ladies Barrel Racing will be run before the Sr. barrel racing event at all rodeos and slack.

R7.14.13 Open / Closed Gate. All contestants shall run with either an open gate or a closed gate. The rodeo committee or the judges, in consultation with the event director or the designated person, will determine whether the gate shall be open or closed.

R7.14.14 Circling Horses. There will be no circling horses in the arena. One spin or pivot in either direction is acceptable. When contestants are not required to run in and out, they must keep forward motion toward the first barrel, prior to crossing score line. All violators reported by a judge shall be assessed a \$50.00 fine.

R7.15 Reruns.

R7.15.1 Ground Conditions. Reruns will not be given on an individual basis due to ground conditions. If ground conditions are such that a rerun would be granted, the barrel racing should be stopped and all contestants in the section(s) be granted a rerun by the judges when ground conditions are corrected.

R7.15.2 Rerun Options. Each contestant shall have the option to rerun or keep her recorded time. No penalties will be carried over to the rerun. The secretaries, judges and all other officials shall try to notify contestants of the rerun. However, lack of notification shall not be grounds to change the results. When rerun is given, the section will be run in the order originally drawn and the time for the rerun will be set by the judge with a time span of 30 minutes.

R7.15.3 Timing Problems. If electric eye and backup times are missed, a rerun will be awarded with no penalties assessed.

R7.15.4 Interference. A rerun will be awarded if a person or animal interferes with the run.

R7.15.5 Correct Order. Should the barrels not be placed on the markers, or the electric eye and the flag judge not be in correct place, things must be put in correct order and all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be rerun with no penalties assessed. Judges shall set the time for rerun.

R7.16 Barrel Racing Slack.

R7.16.1 Order of Events. If any barrel race sections are not a part of a paid performance, the order of events provided by the INFR Central Entry Office shall be followed.

R7.16.2 Time between Runs. At least sixty (60) minutes must be given between runs when go -round begins or ends in the same slack.

R7.16.3 Disqualification of Barrel Racing

R7.16.4 Not Ready. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when name is called.

R7.16.5 Breaking Cloverleaf. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking the cloverleaf pattern.

R7.16.6 Not Mounted. Contestant must be mounted on her horse when she crosses the finish line.

R7.16.7 Documentation. Any disqualification of a contestant must be noted in the judge's card of the officiating judge with a note as to reason.

R7.17 Electric Eye Timer

R7.17.1 Official Timing. Complete electric eye timer shall be used at all Tour and Region rodeos plus two stop watches to be operated manually to be used as back up. The electric eye timer must be backed up by a flag judge who will stand directly behind one timer post in the arena. Timers will record the times that appear on the electric eye controlled readout, recording the times in the thousandths. Timers will also record the average time from the hand-held stop watches in thousandths in the place so designated on the timer's sheet. Timers will also record their respective times from the stopwatches.

R7.17.2 Placement of Timer Posts. The timer posts in the arena will be placed on the permanently marked spots on the score line. At no time will the electric eye be set inside the pattern of the first two barrels.

R7.17.3 Timer Malfunction. If an electric eye timer malfunctions for 50% plus 1 of any one go-round, then flag times will be used for entire go-round. Every effort shall be made to make the electric eye work or replace the eye for the remaining go rounds.

R7.17.4 Hand Time. The hand time will be used in the event the electric eye malfunctions in an isolated run or situation and will be recorded in thousandths.

R7.17.5 Flagging. The flag judge shall stand directly behind the electric eye and shall flag the barrel horse at the nose at both the start and finish line. The start and finish line are the same.

R7.17.6 Recording Times. When the electric eye is used, both flag times and electric eye times will be kept in crowd's nest, secretaries' book, and timer's sheet.

R7.18.0 Ground Conditions. It shall be the responsibility of the rodeo committee to ensure that the ground conditions for all events and the barrel racing at any Tour or Region rodeo are satisfactory. The factors that will determine a safe and good quality must be agreed upon by the judges, barrel racing director, and arena director. Poor ground conditions or failure to keep ground conditions of a safe standard for the event during the rodeo shall result in the rodeo committee being fined in an amount determined by the Commission for each infraction each day. The judges, barrel racing director or board member, and arena director will hold authority to stop or delay a rodeo based upon ground conditions. If competition runs for go rounds are made both in slack and a performance, the ground for slack should be prepared so it is as similar as possible to the ground during the barrel race performance. For example, if slack is in the morning and barrel racing is first in slack, the ground should be watered at least two (2) hours prior to the start of slack. Committee is required to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event.

R7.18.1 Safety. The ground condition at all Region and Tour rodeos is required to be safe. It will be up to the judges to determine at the beginning of each rodeo if the ground is safe for the barrel racing event. Committees will be fined for unsafe ground in accordance with rule **R7.18.0**

R7.18.1.2 Cancellation of Barrel Racing. In the event the barrel racing event is cancelled due to poor ground conditions, the purse shall be returned to the rodeo committee, minus any and all fines, and the entrance fees returned to the contestants.

R7.18.2 Running Starts and Running Out in the Barrel Racing. Contestants are allowed a running start. Gate(s) must be safe and fair for all contestants. If the gate is centrally located, contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel. If there is a side gate or corner gate, a spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction. If arena gate is to be used as a center gate and contestant is required to run in, the barrel pattern should be situated in such a manner as is centered to the gate with the first and second barrel equal distance from the gate. A "run out" alley may be included as part of the stopping distance, when necessary, or when the overall length of the arena does not allow for forty-five (45) feet.

R7.18.3 Barrel Raking. At all Tour and Region rodeos, the barrel racing will be raked based on the following. If it is a long and short go rodeo, the rake will be half the number in the short round (i.e. if there are going to be 10 in the short round, the entire rodeo will be raked after five (5) barrel racers, whether they compete or not). If it is a one-go rodeo, the rake will not be more than after every seven (7), whether they run or not.

Chapter 8 Rodeo Judges

R8.1 Judges at Tour Rodeos. All judges must be INFR certified in order to work at an INFR Tour rodeo. Tour rodeo judges must be approved by the INFR. The INFR Headquarters Office will determine which judges will work at each Tour rodeo. All Tour rodeo judges will be paid by the INFR for INFR Tour rodeos.

R8.1.1 Tour Rodeo Judges as Contestants. Judges at Tour rodeos cannot be competing contestants at the same rodeos they are judging. Judges who fail to complete their duties or who quit during an event will be subject to fine or disqualification by the INFR Commission. No judge will be paid until all records are certified by both the rodeo secretary and Region representative. Judges must stay at all Tour rodeos until pay outs are completed.

R8.1.2 Payment of Tour Rodeo Judges. The INFR will select and pay all Tour rodeo judges. A fee of \$10.00 per contestant will be collected by the rodeo secretary at all Tour rodeos. The rodeo approval fee shall also be used to offset the cost of providing certified and qualified judges at all Tour rodeos. Two (2) certified INFR judges will be provided for all Tour rodeos. Only the INFR can designate which judges will work the INFR Tour rodeos.

R8.2 Judges at Region Rodeos. Rodeo committees at all Region rodeos will make all reasonable efforts to use INFR approved or similarly qualified and experienced judges. Region rodeo judges must be approved by the Region directors and officers. If an INFR judge(s) is used at a Region rodeo, a Region rodeo can charge contestants a one-time judging fee up to \$5.00 per INFR judge used. Where judges used at any Region rodeo are not INFR certified judges, no judging fee can be charged.

R8.2.2 Region Rodeo Judges as Contestants. Judges at Region rodeo can be competing contestants – Judges can compete and judge at the same time at Region rodeos, but not Tour rodeos or Region finals. No two judges can compete in the same event and judge the rodeo. No judge can compete in the rough stock event and judge a rodeo. If a judge is a competing contestant, he will be the barrier judge during the event he is entered in. The judge will also designate with the rodeo secretary one person to be the barrier judge only while he is competing. It is recommended that rodeo committees and Regions carefully coordinate with competing judges, if used, and consider having them compete in the slack if at all possible.

R8.3 Judges to be Familiar with all Events and INFR Rules. Judges are expected to know and be familiar with the INFR By-laws and Rules. All judges working a Tour or Region rodeo must know how to judge both timed and rough stock events. Judges will enforce the INFR rules and rulebook.

Chapter 9 Jr. and Sr. Events

R9.1 Jr. and Sr. Events. There are (3) Jr. events and (2) Sr. events recognized by the INFR which are as follows:

- Jr. Bull Riding
- Jr. Break Away (boys and girls)
- Jr. Girls Barrels
- Sr. Team Roping (male and female)
- Sr. Break Away Roping (male and female).

R9.2 Jr./Sr. Membership. General membership rules of the INFR will apply.

R9.2.1 Application for Sr. and Sr. Membership. An individual applying for membership must meet the age requirement: Sr. membership is 15 years of age or younger on January 1st of rodeo year, and Sr. membership is 50 years of age at the time membership is purchased. All applicants must submit an application. Jr. members must also present a birth certificate and Sr. members must present a valid ID. An application must be signed, must include a Region designation, and must be submitted to the INFR office. The INFR may, in its sole discretion, deny an applicant membership in the INFR, or may deny renewal of an existing membership.

R9.2.1.1 INFR Membership. A Sr. or Sr. Member wanting to compete in INFR major events must purchase a full INFR membership card.

R9.2.2 INFR Jr./Sr. Permits. An individual not wanting to purchase an INFR Jr./Sr. membership can purchase an INFR Permit for a fee set by the INFR. The applicant must meet the application requirements set out in the INFR Rule Book to be eligible to purchase a membership. Non-member contestants can enter on permits at Region and Tour rodeos. No points are awarded at any Region or Tour rodeos and the permit does not qualify the individual to the Region finals or the INFR.

R9.3 Competition. All Jr./Sr. members are entitled to compete at any Region or Tour rodeo in the Jr./Sr. events. All members are eligible for any year-end awards, finals awards, and INFR qualification as long as they have attended at least 50% percent of competitions in that Region.

R9.4 Qualification to INFR in Jr. and Sr. Events. The INFR will take the top 10 Jr./Sr. qualifiers to the INFR based on Tour rodeo points. 10-1 points if one go round. If long and a short round, the INFR Tour rodeo point system will be used. INFR rules/criteria must be met for the events to count. Tour rodeos shall include Jr./Sr. events. Regions will only send two (2) Jr. and two (2) Sr. qualifiers to the INFR determined by Region format. Regions will submit the names of all qualifiers with the entry fees to the INFR Headquarters Office on date specified by the INFR.

R9.5 Jr./Sr. Short Go-round. Any rodeo with a minimum purse of 1000.00 shall have a short go round

R9.6 Official Ground Rules for INFR Jr./Sr. Finals. There shall be a Jr. and Sr. finals ground rules published and posted prior to the INFR finals on the INFR web site.

R9.7 Conduct Restrictions and Disciplinary Action. Rules of the INFR Shall Apply.

R9.8 Points, Standings and Payout. The INFR point structure in the major events for Tour and Region standings shall Apply.

R9.9.1 Time Limit at Tour Rodeos (Unnecessary Delay in Taking Stock). A 45-second time limit will be enforced at all Tour rodeos. The clock will start again when the animal before you leaves the arena and the arena is suitable to compete. It will stop if your drawn animal is not cooperating but will start once the animal is cooperating. Any unnecessary delays in the timed/riding events will result in the following:

1st offense = warning

2nd offense = \$50.00 fine

3rd offense = \$100.00 fine

R9.10 Age Categories. Jr. or Sr. events and/or standings cannot be broken into additional age categories.

R9.11 Jr. Break Away (male/female). All Rules for the Ladies Breakaway Roping as it reads in (R7.13) shall apply.

R9.12 Sr. Girls Barrel Racing. All Rules for the Ladies Barrel Racing as it reads in (R7.14) shall apply.

R9.13 Sr. Boys Bull Riding.

R9.13.1 Starting. Rider is to start from a bucking chute, and must nod to the gate help or give audible communication when he is ready for the chute help to open the gate. Time is to start when the steer's inside shoulder crosses the plane of the gate. Contestant must ride for 6 seconds. At any time during the ride the judge can disqualify a contestant.

R9.13.2 Qualifications. Contestant must ride with one hand in the steer rope and the other hand must remain free at all times and may not touch the steer, the rope, or himself during the ride. The INFR will only allow for one hand to be used at the finals.

R9.13.3 Equipment. The contestant is to use a standard flat braided bull rope. No metal or freak devices may be used with the steer riding rope. Only dry rosin will be allowed as adhesive material. There must be a bell attached to the rope to pull the rope free of the steer after the ride is complete. Chaps may be used by the contestant but may not be tucked under the rope while the rope is being pulled tight around the steer. All Jr. bull riders (steer riders) are required to wear helmets when competing. Safety protective vests specifically designed for rodeo events and mouthpieces are also mandatory. Any Region or rodeo committee that does not enforce this rule will be fined in an amount determined by the Commission for each infraction.

R9.14 Sr. Break Away. All Rules for the Ladies Breakaway Roping as it reads in (R7.13) shall apply.

R9.15 Sr. Team Roping. Standard INFR team roping rules apply.

**These By-Laws and Rules have been revised and were duly adopted by the INFR Commissioners this 2 day of March, 2015
Changes and comments to the By-laws and Rules may be submitted to the INFR office for consideration.**