



2026 NJHFR & NHSFR



RULEBOOK CORRECTION

REINED COW HORSE

- [PAGE 137] **RULEBOOK CORRECTION – REINED WORK – PENALTY POINTS: ½ POINT PENALTIES** – Jogging first two strides
- [PAGE 138] **RULEBOOK CORRECTION – COW WORK – WHISTLES** – The judge may blow his/her whistle at any time during the work. One whistle to terminate the work, two whistles to award a new cow. If the judge feels the exhibitor is out of control or has exhausted the cow, he/she may terminate the work. If the judge awards a new cow, the exhibitor must accept the new cow or the score will result in a zero (0). With the multiple judge system, any one of the judges may terminate the work or signal for a new cow.

GROUND RULES FOR NATIONAL FINALS

ATTIRE

- [PAGE 35] – **CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATIONS, 6A:** Contestants, parents, adults, helpers, and assistants must wear western attire: western hat, long sleeved shirt (must be wrist length sleeved shirt, **tucked in**, with collar and cuffs. No sweatshirts, T-shirts or pullover sweaters allowed), western boots, and western trousers at all times during a performance while in the following areas: (a) All competition arenas, (b) chute areas, (c) stock working areas, (d) any contestant in any seating area, whether competing or not.
- [PAGE 145] – **ATTIRE B: SPEECH AND MODELING COMPETITION** – At the speech and modeling portion of the contest, contestants have the option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, jeans and shirts. **Collar on DRESS is optional.**

DRAWING STOCK

- [PAGE 58] – **DRAWING TIMED EVENT STOCK, ADD 4A:** Optional at National Finals – A computer generated draw will be allowed. Judges to use a run sheet to verify animals are being drawn one (1) at a time.

CONTESTANTS, NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

- [PAGE 17] – **#26:** Contestant delegates will hold a meeting the day before the first performance, to elect contestant event directors. They shall elect one **or two directors** for each event held at all rodeos.

FOR ALL EVENTS

- **ADD TO ALL EVENTS:** If a situation arises that is not covered in event rules, refer to PRCA, WPRA and NIRA Rulebook.

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ALL TIMED EVENT EVENTS

- [PAGE 107 TD / PAGE 113 TR / PAGE 70 BK / PAGE 98 SW / PAGE 118 RR] – **GENERAL RULES – ADD: PRCA R10.3.21** Failure of Animal to Pull Neck Rope. In the timed events, if an animal fails to break the neck rope and time officially started by the contestant, that animal belongs to the contestant. A contestant cannot rope an animal before the neck rope comes off. However, if an animal starts the time and then stops before the neck rope comes off and the contestant declares immediately, he/she will be entitled to a rerun, as long as in the opinion of the judges, the stop not was caused by the hazer or heeler. Broken barrier will result in a ten (:10) second penalty at the discretion of the judge.
- [PAGE 109 #7 TD / PAGE 72 #7 BK / PAGE 101 #7 SW / PAGE 120 #6 RR /PAGE 115 & 116 #7 TR] – **RERUNS:** Remove due to the rule change stated above.
- [**ADD FOR ALL TIMED EVENTS**] – **EVENT RULES:** All changes in lists of roping order to split horses must be made **an hour before** any stock for the at event is loaded into the chute. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order listed.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

- [PAGE 70] – **EVENT RULES #3: REMOVE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH:** Ropes are to be tied at the very end of the rope with fully intact #18 brightly colored twisted/braided mason line string, secured with a minimum of 3 knots to saddle horn. Subject to random checks by event directors and/or judges. If the contestant refuses to use proper equipment roper will be disqualified. **SOLID** bright cloth with minimum dimensions of 6 inches by 6 inches (6x6) must be attached to the end of the rope.
- [PAGE 71] – **EVENT RULES #9: REMOVE IN ITS ENTIRETY:** Only a solid color flag (no pattern) must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn so the judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn.
- [PAGE 71] – **EVENT RULES #12: REMOVE IN ITS ENTIRETY:** Refer to #14; duplicate rule.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING – HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH

- [PAGE 89 SB / PAGE 93 JHSB] – **EQUIPMENT #4 HS – EQUIPMENT #2 JH** – ONLY dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle.
- [PAGE 86 SB / PAGE 90 JHSB] – **GENERAL RULES ADD #6 HS – GENERAL RULES ADD #8 JH** – ONLY dry resin may be used on chaps and saddle.

GOAT TYING

- [PAGE 75] – **EVENT RULES ADD #7:** No jerk line or similar device can be used.
- [PAGE 76] – **SCORING AND PENALTIES ADD #11:** Contestants must run in order drawn. Failure to do so may result I a no time at the discretion of the judges and arena director.

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- [PAGE 131] – **EQUIPMENT: MOUTHPIECES – 2B:** Rule to read as stated, **ADDING:** The mouthpiece may be **one, two, or three** pieces and the port must be no higher than 3 1/2" maximum, with rollers and covers acceptable.
- [PAGE 135] – **LEAD CHANGES:** Rule to read as stated, **CHANGING:** The lead change must be executed at a lope with no change of speed or gait. **The horse shall change lead at the exact location dictated in the pattern description and in the same stride.** The lead change may be a flying lead change or a simple lead change.

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