

BCLBRA RULE BOOK



**BRITISH COLUMBIA LITTLE
BRITCHES RODEO ASSOCIATION**



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PURPOSE OF BCLBRA

- 1) To promote and control Little Britches Rodeo and cowboy contests and all other events, sports, competitions and undertakings which are directly and indirectly related thereto.
- 2) To organize, control, manage and supervise rodeo and rodeo events and all Little Britches contestants for their mutual benefit, safety and protection and so as to raise the standard of Little Britches Rodeos and bring about the betterment in working conditions at rodeo and protect such contestants from unfairness or unjust discrimination on the part of any person, company or association who may manage, carry on, or supervise rodeos.
- 3) To improve, define, enforce and approve the rules and regulations of Little Britches Rodeos.
- 4) To encourage, promote and control, when possible, the honest advertising and accurate reporting of information and facts related to rodeos.
- 5) To keep Western Heritage alive in British Columbia.
- 6) To promote interest and skill in the art of horsemanship and to promote closer relationships among the people interested in this activity and the organizations they represent.

DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION

“A CONTESTANT” means any child who is fourteen (14) years of age or younger as of January 1st of the contesting year, who has paid his/her prescribed membership fees, given proof of age and medical coverage and has a signed waiver in place and therefore has been granted a membership in the Association. Such contestant status does not include voting privileges.

“LOCAL ENTRY” means a contestant who is eligible to enter a rodeo as a non-member by paying a \$10.00 non-member fee. If the rodeo is a two day rodeo, they are allowed to enter both days and must pay the \$10.00 non-member fee for

each day. Points earned as a local entry are not transferable, upon purchase of a membership.

“VOTING MEMBER” means a contestant’s parent or legal guardian who has paid the voting membership fee with the Association and has voting privileges, maximum two votes per family.

“AN APPROVED RODEO” means a rodeo which has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association as a Little Britches Rodeo.

“A JUNIOR CONTESTANT” means any contestant who is nine (9) years of age or younger of the contesting year. A Junior Contestant who is nine (9) years old in the contesting year has the option to move up to the Seniors. The contestant must declare this at the start of the season when buying his/her membership. The contestant then must remain a Senior and cannot move back down to the Junior.

“A SENIOR CONTESTANT” means any contestant who is ten (10) years of age to fourteen (14) years of age as of January 1st of the contesting year.

“A NON CONTESTANT MEMBER” means any member other than a contestant or voting member who has an interest in the Association but does not have a vote.

“A LEADLINE” entry is a contestant entered as such and has assistance in the arena past the timer line or flagger and does not get an official time.

“RODEO SEASON” means year commencing April 1st and ending on March 31st.

“YEAR” means rodeo season.

“British Columbia Little Britches Rodeo Association” may be referred to as “BCLBRA”, “Little Britches Association” or “the Association”

RULES

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

General

- 1) Memberships must be purchased and received at least 48 hours before entries for each rodeo.
- 2) The membership fees are paid each year by a Contestant. The annual membership for contestants shall be \$80.00 to include both parents/guardians (2 voting memberships). If a family has more than one child member, each child thereafter will be \$50.00. A twenty dollar (\$20.00) late fee will be added if the membership is not paid by **April 1st**. **A VALID CARE CARD NUMBER OR PROOF OF VALID MEDICAL COVERAGE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP.**
- 3) No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance, unless he/she has signed a waiver releasing the committee and the Association from liability. This rule should be enforced by the Arena Director.
- 4) The annual dues and fees payable each year by a voting member shall be included in the contestant's annual membership fees.
- 5) All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the events in which they enter. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
- 6) Membership renewals will be granted when all outstanding accounts are paid in full to the Little Britches Association.
- 7) Elected directors will oversee events and discuss the rules that pertain to each event with the judges and the arena director at each rodeo, prior to the start of that rodeo, be available in the arena or with the timer to assist in setup, designate contestant to help with events, be available to discuss

problems (on behalf of the contestant) with judges. However, **the Judge's decision will remain final.**

- 8) Two (2) senior competitors, one girl and one boy, will be elected at the first rodeo of the year to act as contestant representatives at the directors meetings. However, there will be no voting privileges with these positions.

SECTION 2: SUSPENSIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

General

- 1) The Board of Directors of the BCLBRA may suspend a BCLBRA member whose family member violates any of the governing rules, guidelines or policies of the BCLBRA.
- 2) Any member may be suspended from the Association for any of the following offenses:
 - a) Issuing or tending bad cheques
 - b) Non-payment of entrance fees
 - c) Quarrelling in the arena
 - d) Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interest of the BCLBRA and the sport of rodeo.
 - e) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges at any time between the opening and closing dates of the rodeo, in or out of the arena, or for talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress. Violation of this rule shall be reported to the arena director or board by the judges involved or by the arena director or stock contractor or the rodeo where the violation occurred.
 - f) Failure to abide by or disobedience of articles, bylaws and rules of the Association.
 - g) Contestants or parents may not talk to a judge or timer in any way with an event going on. Questions may be addressed to the judge or timer only through the Event Rep at the end of that section of that performance.

Turning out of Stock

- 1) Contestants who have entered a rodeo but who turn out stock shall be subject to the following:
Contestants turning out stock or not showing up for BCLBRA rodeo that they have called in for must pay their entry fees for that rodeo before they can compete in the next rodeo. The secretary for each rodeo will compile a list of turn outs the will be forwarded to the entry secretary. The entry secretary can then notify the contestant when they enter the next rodeo that they have money owing. This amount owing will be added to their entry fees for the next rodeo unless it is at the end of the season then the contestant must send the money to the secretary/treasurer.
 - a) Stock turned out will not be brought back. A contestant will be disqualified after being announced three (3) times.
 - b) Once a contestant notifies, they are turning out of a rodeo, said contestant will stay turned out.

Contestant Disqualification

- 1) Contestants will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
 - a) Being under the influence of liquor.
 - b) Rowdyism or quarrelling in the actual domain of the arena
 - c) Mistreatment of stock
 - d) Refusing to contest during a performance on an animal drawn for him/her
 - e) Not being ready to compete when called upon
 - f) Cheating or attempting to cheat
 - g) Unnecessary delay in taking stock (THIS ACTION TO BE ENFORCED BY THE JUDGES WHEN A LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN LODGED BY THE CHUTE BOSS).
- 2) All members of the Association must make an honest effort when competing in the arena. If an honest effort is not made, the member is liable for disqualification.

- 3) Contestants may be disqualified for being in a pen with livestock at any time except when accompanied by the stock contractor, arena director, judge or assigned to work in those pens by an Event Rep.
- 4) No contestant may be disqualified from a rodeo for a period to exceed one (1) year without the express consent of the Board of Directors.
- 5) CSA approved hockey helmet, face cage, mouth guard and protective vest must be worn in ALL rough stock events.
- 6) Mouth guards and protective vests must be worn in the Chute Dogging event.
- 7) All runs, all age divisions **must be unassisted** from the timer line on or a **no time will be given.**

SECTION 3: CONDUCT OF A RODEO

General

- 1) Every BC Little Britches Rodeo must offer these events and events must be run according to the program (event order will not be changed unless approved by the arena director and the judges)

Junior Girls

Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tail UnTying
Dummy Roping

Junior Boys

Stake race
Goat Tail UnTying
Co-Ed Steer Riding
Dummy Roping

Senior Girls

Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Goat Tying
Breakaway Roping
Sr. Co-Ed Steer Riding

Senior Boys

Stake Race
Calf Tying
Chute Dogging
Breakaway Roping

- 2) The Association reserves the right to withdraw their members from competition in any rodeo which does not conform to these rules.
- 3) The BC Little Britches Rodeo Association provides its own Association rules for rodeo contestants which must be adhered to by member rodeos. Any member of the Association who does not observe the rules is liable to suspension.
- 4) Any rodeo with ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the Association must have said rules approved by the Association before they become effective and binding on Association members.
- 5) The Association, Committee and sponsors of any member rodeos assume no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistance. Each participant by the act of his entry waives all claims against the committee and sponsors for injuries he or his property may sustain.
- 6) Every rodeo held during the rodeo season must be open to all paid Association members in good standings.
- 7) The Committee of each Association approved rodeo shall be required to provide adequate first aid personnel with a level 3 certification & equipment. It will be the responsibility of the Arena Director or the Board of Directors of the Association to suspend the rodeo, if these requirements are not met.
- 8) **Point system for BC Little Britches Rodeo**

1 st place- 10 points	6 th place- 5 points
2 nd place- 9 points	7 th place- 4 points
3 rd place- 8 points	8 th place- 3 points
4 th place- 7 points	9 th place- 2 points
5 th place- 6 points	10 th place- 1 points

 - a) In order to receive points in a performance a contestant must earn a place.

- b) In the case of ties, points for the placing's will be added together and split evenly. All tied for prizes will be settled the same way, flip for the prize awarded (winner taking the highest placing and loser taking the next prize down). Except in the case of a tie at a two day rodeo. Times and/or scores should be added together to break a tie, if Boy/Boy or Girl/Girl on prizes over two days.**
- c) One (1) contestant constitutes an event.**
- d) Senior- Boys and Girls – must enter at both ends of the arena, (one timed and one barrier event, but not necessarily qualify to be eligible for the All Around at each rodeo. However, a contestant must have placed once in a timed event and once in a barrier event to be eligible for the Year End All Around Award.**
- e) Juniors- Boys and Girls- must enter at least two events but not necessarily place in each event in order to be eligible for the All Around at each rodeo. However, in order to be eligible for the Year End All Around a contestant must have placed at least once in more than one event.**
- 9) All rodeo personnel and persons connected with the production of the rodeo shall be subject to the rules, policies and the standards of conduct of the BCLBRA.
- 10) The minimum length for all new outdoor arenas and portable arenas shall be two hundred (200) feet long and one hundred (100) feet wide, inside measurements.
- 11) Numbers furnished by the Association must be worn by the contestants while competing and must be visible to the judges and spectators. A penalty for competing without a number shall be a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) payable to the Association; it shall be assessed by the rodeo judges and shall be collected by the Secretary/Treasurer.

- 12) Rodeo contestants, judges, **chute help contestant helpers must appear in complete western attire**, including long sleeve buttoned shirt, cowboy boots, jeans, and cowboy hat during the performances and at least one hour prior to the rodeo. Contestants must stay in western attire and be wearing their contestant number until after their division awards. However, no contestant will be penalized for wearing safety attire.
- 13) Complaints pertaining to conduct at a rodeo must be taken to the BCLBRA Directors rather than the rodeo committee or arena director.
- 14) Committees must provide a place for official timers and announcers to work without obstruction or interference.
- 15) Ground condition must be maintained for all events in effort to prevent needless injury to stock and contestants.
- 16) Contestants must be in western attire to accept all prizes and money.
- 17) If a contestant is entered as a Lead line they must remain in the leadline division once entries have closed. Leadlines will go at the end of each event, grouped together and not in the main draw.

Approval

- 1) Members of the Association shall not receive points in rodeos other than those approved by the association.
- 2) Rodeo committees are encouraged to have prizes to sixth (6th) place in each event. Prize value to be equal in all events.
- 3) Each rodeo committee must submit a one hundred and fifty-dollar (\$150.00) per day approval fee to the Association before their rodeo will be added to that year's rodeo circuit.

- 4) Committees must submit evidence of a minimum of two million dollar (\$2,000,000.00) public liability insurance along with their approval fees and the BCLBRA must be added as an additional named insured.

Call-In

- 1) A call-in date, times and telephone number for each rodeo will be published in the Association media outlets once a Rodeo Committee has received approval from the Association, no other committee shall take that date. If a committee changes any information pertaining to its rodeo, after it has appeared in media outlets it will be their responsibility to notify the membership. Call-in will only be taken during the specified times. **Late entries will be taken from 9:31pm-9:00am the next morning, after entries close, with a \$ 50.00 late fee per contestant/weekend.** The entry person and the Association will each receive \$ 25.00 of the late fee. There will be email entries available to all members on Mondays and Tuesdays up until 6:30 pm (prior to Wednesday, entry day). **If you do not receive email confirmation of your entry from the secretary, you must call in during regular call-in times.** *Email entries to secretary's email address on website.
- 2) **There will be no exhibition runs or rides of any type.**
- 3) **All memberships need to be purchased 48 hours prior to entries opening, except for local entries.**
- 4) Call-in to be the same time period before each rodeo.
- 5) Local entries- A local contestant may enter local rodeo weekend, if it is a one or two day rodeo as a local entry.
- 6) All membership information should be available at call-in; card number, medical number, address, and parents or guardians should be easily attainable for the committee.

Entry Fees

- 1) Entry fees for each event are a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00) and a maximum of ten dollars (\$10.00) and can be set by the committee. These fees are payable to the rodeo committee..
- 2) From time to time the Association may levy a fee to purchase equipment required by the Association. However, such levies will only remain in place until the equipment is paid for.
- 3) An office fee of ten dollars (\$10) per day will be collected by the rodeo secretary with entry fees.

Postponement and Cancellations

- 1) A rodeo performance may not be postponed or cancelled except in the case of disaster, strike or warfare or extreme arena conditions (because of the age of the contestants) in which case the postponement should be agreed to by the rodeo committee chairman, the stock contractor and the Association officials.
- 2) In case of postponement with the rodeo being held within twenty-four (24) hours, the order of position drawn for contestants will be maintained exactly as drawn for the postponed performance.
- 3) If a rodeo is postponed for more than twenty-four (24) hours, the entries will be **Reopened** and all contestants will be required to re-enter a rescheduled rodeo.

SECTION 4: RODEO OFFICE

General

- 1) The rodeo office must be open and entry fees accepted, at least, one (1) hour prior to a performance.

- 2) The rodeo office will be well marked.
- 3) All rodeo committees upon paying their approval fees will receive a package containing all the necessary paperwork for a rodeo from the Secretary of the Association.
- 4) All rodeo committees must supply their own secretary. That secretary will be responsible for collecting all fees paid by the contestants. Contestant fees must be forwarded to the Association secretary/Treasurer.

Paying Of Entry Fees

- 1) Every member contestant must give his/her Association number when entering a rodeo and also, the number of all contestants that he/she is entering. (New members must pay their association dues before paying the rodeo dues, a **VALID MEDICAL CARD OR CARE CARD IS REQUIRED**). First time members will not be charged the late membership fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00).
- 2) Any member contestant other than him/herself will be responsible for the entry fees of all members he/she enters.
- 3) Contestants must pay his/her entry fees in all events before the event he/she is entered in.
- 4) Rodeo secretary must collect any unpaid entries from the previous rodeo before entering a contestant in their rodeo. They must return this money to the previous rodeo and compile a list of any members entering but not showing up at their rodeo. This list must then be forwarded to the secretary of the next rodeo and she will do the same.

Results

- 1) Secretaries are required to write on the result sheets and submit to the Points Secretary for the Association all scores and times for each contestant. **THREE COPIES REQUIRED** (1. Entry Secretary, 2. Committee to keep, 3. To be posted at the rodeo.)

- 2) A copy of the results of each event will be posted in a visible place as soon as possible after the event is completed, in an effort to catch any errors before the prizes are given out.
- 3) A designated director will be responsible to audit all time and score sheets through the season. If the designated director is unable to attend an alternate director will be assigned.

Drawing Out and Doctor's/Vet Release

- 1)** If a contestant is injured at a rodeo, he/she may be held back at the same rodeo until later in the go-round with written consent of both judges and the stock contractor.
- 2)** There will be no drawing out after position or stock is drawn unless contestant has a DOCTOR'S RELEASE OR A VISIBLE RELEASE INJURY SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO (2) JUDGES, for entry fees to be waived.
- 3)** Contestants entered in more than one event may doctor release out of one or more events and compete in other events in which he is entered, all rules pertaining to notification and verification will apply.
- 4)** It is the responsibility of the contestant to have the doctor's or vet release available when drawing out of a rodeo. The doctor's/vet release must be dated within forty-eight (48) hours of the rodeo in question.
- 5) If a contestant is injured in an event at a rodeo and cannot contest in his/her later events may turn out ONLY if a judge's or doctor's release can be obtained.
- 6) Once entry fees are paid a contestant CANNOT TURN OUT from an event, EXCEPT WITH A JUDGES OR DOCTOR'S RELEASE or none of their points for that day will count.**

SECTION 5: OFFICIALS

General

Rodeo officials are in the public eye in an official capacity. Their manner, appearance and conduct both in and out of the arena should reflect credit to the sport of rodeo and to the BC Little Britches Rodeo Association. Any conduct by an official deemed to be detrimental to the sport of rodeo will be dealt with by the directors of the Association.

- 1) The decision of all judges, flagmen, or timers will be final and no protests by contestants will be permitted. **ANY COMMUNICATION TO A JUDGE MUST BE DIRECTED THROUGH AN EVENT REP.**
- 2) Whenever it is necessary to make an exception to the rule due to unusual circumstances, the judges must confer with BCLBRA executives or directors present to discuss the possibility of any unfair treatment to rodeo contestants entered at such rodeos.
- 3) It will be the judge's and or the director's responsibility to see that the rodeo office is run in a proper manner.
- 4) Judges must have the official markings available to announce before the end of that performance.
- 5) Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books.
- 6) Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges.
- 7) The persons appointed to flag are the judges for time events regardless of who judges the riding events, and are the only ones authorized to deliver a decision or draw stock in a timed event.

- 8) Neither barrier judge nor field judge may be changed during the course of the rodeo.
- 9) Timers for a rodeo may not be changed except for sickness or injury, or by the request of an Association official because of timer's incompetence, or through agreement of stock contractor, rodeo committee and the Association. The timer who times the first riding event must time the riding events for the duration of the rodeo except as above provided in this rule.
- 10) All rodeos are required to use at least **two (2) stop watches in tenths of a second**. Scoreboard clocks shall not be used as official timing devices. **If digital watches are used, all digits beyond the tenth will be ignored except in the Barrel Racing, Pole Bending & Stake Race, which will be timed to the hundredth.**
- 11) If the BCLBRA Rule Book does not cover a situation, we will refer to the BCHSRA Rule Book. The BCLBRA Rule Book comes first and foremost.

Posting Markings

- 1) Judges will be responsible to see that the exact marks are posted by the rodeo secretary at the end of the event.
- 2) Time and score sheets will be posted at the end of each event by the secretary for each contestant to view. Any discrepancies should be brought to his/her attention and he/she will discuss them with the judges or timers.
- 3) The Points Secretary will post the year-end standings at every rodeo and discrepancies should be brought to her attention as soon as possible.

Sick or Crippled Stock

- 1) If an animal that is drawn in a riding event or is drawn in a pen in a timed event, becomes sick or before it is out that time, a judge must pass on the

animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.

- 2) In case stock is sick, crippled or already shipped, replacement will be drawn from the re-ride animals.
- 3) All injured or crippled livestock must be attended to by a qualified Vet and be isolated from other livestock and/or removed from the premises.
- 4) The rodeo committee must provide a drag or sledge to remove any injured animal from the arena as quickly as humanly possible.
- 5) A qualified vet should be in attendance at all times during the rodeo performance, if this is not possible, the telephone number of available Vet must be easily accessible at the rodeo office.

SECTION 6: RODEO ENTRY SYSTEM

ENTRIES AND DRAWING

Accepting Entries

- 1) Entry secretaries shall be required to have all contestants show or acquire paid up Association membership cards before entering an Association approved rodeo.
- 2) The entry Secretary will complete the draw as soon as all entries have been called in. Positions must be drawn for every contestant, who is entered in each event.
- 3) Contestants will not suffer disqualification, etc. because of mistakes made by the entry secretary.

Drawing Stock

- 1) Only positions will be drawn by the entry secretary for Little Britches Rodeos. All timed event stock will be chute run.
- 2) A complete event must be drawn at one time not by section.
- 3) Each riding event must have at least one re-ride animal.

SECTION 7: STOCK

General

- 1) Each rodeo committee will be responsible for supplying its own stock.
- 2) In the boys steer riding horned or muley cattle may be used. If horned cattle are used in the Jr. Boys steer riding, the horns must be covered. Steers, heifers or cows may be used, but if cows are used all contestants must ride cows. Every effort should be made to get smaller steers or heifers for the Juniors.
- 3) Re-ride animals must be considered in the draw.
- 4) Stock used for roping events must all have horns, or all must be muleys.
- 5) Roping stock must be between 150 Lbs. and 500Lbs.
- 6) All goats must be uniform in size and between 45-75 Lbs. all horns must be taped or covered. If possible, smaller goats should be used for Goat Tail UnTying. **A minimum of three (3) goats for each event is essential.**
- 7) **A stock charge of \$5.00 may be applied by a rodeo committee on any event that requires suitable livestock.**

SECTION 8: RIDING EVENTS - ROUGH STOCK

General

- 1) When a rider has been advised by the chute boss, he is next to go, he must be above the animal with his glove on when the previous animal leaves the arena.
- 2) **A QUALIFIED BULLFIGHTER IS ESSENTIAL.**
- 3) **CSA approved hockey helmet with face cage and mouth guard and protective vest MUST BE WORN IN ALL ROUGH STOCK EVENTS.**

Re-Rides

- 1) Re-rides may be awarded in both riding events.
- 2) The matter of re-rides shall be totally at the discretion of the judges; however, a re-ride must be awarded in the following situation:
 - a) An animal fails to break (runs off) or stops during the ride
 - b) The rider is fouled at the chute or in the arena, and the rider declares himself or does not try to go on with the ride.
 - c) If the rider makes a qualified ride until the flank comes off.
 - d) If an animal deliberately throws itself or falls.
 - e) If a rider makes two (2) honest attempts to get on a chute fighting animal and is unable to do so.
- 3) At no time shall a re-ride or re-run be given if the contestants own equipment breaks or fails.
- 4) If a re-ride is awarded, the judge must have the mark and the fact that the re-ride has been awarded, announced and in all cases the choice of accepting the mark or taking the re-ride is the contestant's but if the contestant elects to a re-ride animal drawn for him, he must get on the re-ride or be disqualified.

- 5) If a re-ride is awarded, the contestant may take the same animal back, provided that the stock contractor and contestant are willing. If either does not agree, re-ride must come from the re-ride stock.
- 6) **A contestant shall not ask for a re-ride.**

Judging

- 1) Ride and animal to be marked separately.
- 2) Mark the ride from one (1) to twenty-five (25).
- 3) The animal is to be marked from one (1) to twenty five (25).
- 4) Judges must always watch the complete ride even if the rider is disqualified at the gate.
- 5) One judge will use a stopwatch. The official time being the watch on the latch side of the chute. Judge to start time when the plane of the animal's shoulder passes the chute gate and stop when the rider comes off.

Junior Steer Riding/Senior Coed Steer Riding

- 1) All contestants must wear CSA approved hockey helmets with face cage, mouth guard and protective vests.
- 2) Maximum of two helpers to pull contestant's rope, one man to turn out steer. Rope may be pulled from either side.
- 3) Junior boys will ride for six (6) seconds and senior contestants will ride for eight (8) seconds. Timer to start when the animal's front shoulder passes the plane of the chute. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand, the ride is to be marked.
- 4) Riding to be done with one (1) or two (2) hands and loose rope with or without hand-hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off

steer when rider leaves him. Rope must have a bell, **(no bell, no mark)**.
Bell must be under the belly of the steer.

- 5) Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
 - a) Being bucked off in time limit.
 - b) Touching the animal with a free hand.
 - c) Using sharp spurs.
 - d) Fouling animal by holding gate.
 - e) The Contestant's head comes into contact with the steer.
- 6) If a contestant starts with one (1) hand, he must finish the ride with one (1) hand. If a contestant starts with two (2) hands, he/she may change to one (1) hand, but then must ride the remainder of the ride with one (1) hand.
- 7) If there are more than 14 steer riders in the Senior Steer riding event, then the total number of steer riders will be divided into 2 equal sections. The first section will ride after the Junior Steer Riding event, and the second section will ride at the end of the rodeo.

SECTION 9: TIMED EVENTS - GOAT TAIL UNTYING / GOAT TYING

General Rules

- 1) The arena gate must be closed immediately after the contestant enters the Arena and must remain closed.
- 2) **There will be a one (1) minute time limit in each event.**
- 3) There will be at least fifteen (15) yards start line that is clearly marked.
- 4) The start line will be one hundred (100) feet from the stake.

- 5) Goats will be tethered with snug collars on a ten (10) foot rope.
- 6) Animals should be uniform in size and will not be tied more than six (6) times in a section.
- 7) Horns shall be taped or covered.
- 8) Senior goats will be rotated after every three (3) ties.
- 9) Stakes must be completely covered under the ground so that no part of it is visible above the ground. Stakes must be positioned at center or left of center in the arena.
- 10) Goats for tying must be tied at least three times (3) one (1) hour prior to performance.
- 11) Goats must be held facing the start line at furthest point away from the contestant and must be released as the starting flag is dropped.
- 12) All goats must be on their feet and thrown before the contestant begins their tie.
- 13) A contestant will receive a 10 second penalty if their horse comes in contact with the goat or rope whether they are mounted or not.
- 14) In the Sr. goat tying, if a contestant's horse makes contact with the goat or it becomes loose or injured due to the contact of the horse, the contestant will get a **NO TIME if mounted or not.**
- 15) Time will start when the nose of the contestant's horse crosses the start line. Judge is to flag time when contestant signals time at the completion of the tie. Judges must flag for time first and then flag contestant out for any infraction. **The timed event judge will not flag a contestant out until time is recorded.**

- 16) A legal tie for Goat Tying will consist of any three (3) legs crossed and tied with a leather thong or rope for goats. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one (1) or more wraps and a half hitch, hooey or knot.
- 17) The tie will be passed by the field judge and if it is not secure for six (6) seconds in the Goat Tying, the contestant will be disqualified. Timing of the tie will begin when the contestant stands clear of the animal. If the animal gets up, the Judge will stop the watch and show the contestant the time on the watch. The contestant will receive a **NO TIME** for touching the animal or the tie after signaling for time.
- 18) No re-runs will be given due to the faulty equipment furnished by the contestant in any of the events.
- 19) If the goat should break away it will be left up to the judge's discretion whether the contestant will get a re-run.
- 20) Times will be recorded to the tenth (10th) of a second.

Junior Girls and Boys Goat Tail Untying

Objective—For the contestant to ride horseback across the start line, run to where a goat is tethered, remove a ribbon from the goat's tail and race back across the finish line in the shortest amount of time possible.

Rules:

- 1) There will be a (forty-five) 45-second time limit in this event. Goats must be uniform in size.
- 2) Equipment— (three) 3-foot (including snaps) long soft rope for tethering goats with a metal snap affixed to each end. Stake with a tether ring. Acceptable is a stake with an eye rolled into it and with a length of rope with a loop tied in one end and attached to the stake at the eye. All adjusted so that no part of the stake protrudes above the ground and just enough of the loop of the length of rope sticks above the ground so the tether rope may be snapped on to it.
- 3) Contestant must ride his/her horse across the start line, race to where the goat is tethered, dismount, catch the goat, remove the ribbon from the

goat's tail, and run back across the finish line, which will be located (ten) 10 feet from tether stake back in the direction of the start line. Contestant must finish cross line with ribbon in hand.

- a) Once time has started, if the ribbon falls off the goat's tail prior to the contestant dismounting, the contestant will be issued a re-run. If the ribbon falls off the goat's tail after the contestant has dismount- ed (relinquished control of horse), the contestant will pick up the ribbon and run to the finish line 111 with ribbon in hand.
- 4) The goat will be tethered at a point (one hundred) 100 feet from the start line and held at the point furthest away from the starting line and facing the starting line and far enough away from fences or walls that there is room to reasonably compete.
- 5) The goat will be held by a goat handler facing the start- ing point until the start line flagger flags the start of the time. He/she will then release the goat and step back out of the way. The committee along with the goat holder should have a second individual to help stop and catch contestant's horse. Contestant's safety is top priority.
- 6) Time runs from the time the start line field judge drops his/her flag starting the time until the field judge drops his/her flag as the contestant crosses finish line.

Penalties: A (five) 5-second penalty if horse crosses the tether between when the time starts and times ends.

Disqualifications not covered in B. Rules:

1. The horse makes contact with the goat.
2. Undue roughness in handling the goat.
3. Crossing the finish line without the ribbon in hand.

Senior Girls Goat Tying

- 1) Goats must be uniform in size, forty-five (45) to seventy five (75) lbs.
- 2) A legal tie for Goat Tying will consist of any three (3) legs crossed and tied with a leather thong or rope for goats.
- 3) One (1) minute time limit.
- 4) Goats must stay tied for six (6) seconds after contestant signals for time.

Senior Boys Goat Tying

- 1) One (1) minute time limit.
- 2) Goats should be uniform in size, forty-five (45) to seventy-five (75) lbs.
- 3) Goats must stay tied for six (6) seconds after the contestant calls for time.
- 4) Contestants must cross and tie any three (3) feet with at least one (1) wrap and a half hitch.

SECTION 10: GAMES JR/SR BOYS STAKE RACE, JR/SR GIRLS POLE BENDING, JR/SR GIRLS BARREL RACE

General Rules

- 1) Barrels, Stakes and Poles must be run in this order at each rodeo.
- 2) A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel or pole or stake knocked over during the race.
- 3) A contestant, from a riding position, may hold a barrel or pole or stake from falling. Hitting or jostling a barrel or pole or stake will not result in a penalty.
- 4) Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty per barrel. Should a barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five (5) second penalty will be assessed.
- 5) Contestants will be allowed legitimate time from the time she enters arena gate until time starts by the Field Flagger or electric eye. Judge will determine legitimate problem for pre-start time.

- 6) A running or standing start will be allowed, **HOWEVER**, there will be **NO OPEN GATES IN ANY OF THESE EVENTS**. The gate must be closed immediately after the contestant enters the arena.
- 7) If a contestant's horse breaks the timer line by backing through before the starting pattern, time will be considered started.
- 8) If a horse re-crosses the starting line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and run will receive NO TIME.
- 9) If the gate is centrally located, contestants must keep forward motion. If a side or corner gate is used, a single spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction. Failure to comply will be no time.
- 10) There must be a minimum of fifty (50) feet stopping distance, after the pattern has been set. Patterns will be adjusted to fit arena size, but **SAFETY** must be the first consideration.
- 11) Judges are required to flag the events whether the electric timer is used or not. When the electric timer is used, judges shall watch to see that no one walks in front of the electric eye and shall further make sure that each pattern is completed properly. **FAILURE TO CORRECTLY COMPLETE THE PROPER CLOVERLEAF BARREL PATTERN, POLE BENDING AND STAKE RACE PATTERNS SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION**. The Field Flagger shall first flag the time **THEN** flag the contestant out. Once the eye has been broken the time has been started.
- 12) The electric timer must be used whenever possible. **Times are to be timed to the one-one thousandth (1/1000) of a second**. It must be backed up by two (2) timers using watches to the tenth (10th) of a second. Both sets of times are to be recorded. When the electric timer is used, and minority of the contestants are missed, the stopwatch timers plus "0" are to be used as official times for the contestants missed (ex. 16.1 would become 16.10). Should the timer fail to operate for more than half the contestants, then stop watches will be considered as the official times for all

contestants in the performance. All events MUST be timed with no less than two (2) watches in tenth (10th) of a second when the electric timer is not used. Times must then be added and averaged. Manual timers will time on the FIELD FLAGGER, times to be flagged on the nose of the contestant's horse both at the start and finish of the event. The contestant must complete the race on their horse in order to have their time count.

- 13) The start line must be permanently staked, visibly marked and must remain the same for each event.
- 14) Permanent markers to be put in the ground for the electric eyes. The line on the fence for FIELD FLAGGER should be well marked and permanent.
- 15) Once pattern markers have been place, no practicing is allowed on the course marked. For purposes of practicing, barrels must be placed at least fifteen (15) feet away from the markers. No contestant shall run a pattern in the arena within one (1) hour of the show time.
- 16) Once official racing time begins, reruns are not allowed; however, if time is missed due to electric timer or FIELD FLAGGER not being ready, a rerun will be given. Reruns awarded due to mechanical failure WILL CARRY FORWARD ALL PENALTIES and will be run at the end of the section/go-round.
- 17) If there is obvious interference during a run the contestant may get a rerun at the judge's discretion.
- 18) No rerun will be given due faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.
- 19) Western equipment must be used, a snaffle is acceptable.

In the Electric Eye Events, (Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, and Stake Race), if contestants' hat is lost at any time while competing, contestants will be assessed a \$5.00 fine payable to the BCLBRA. Infraction is to be recorded on the judges' cards. All monies goes to the association.

- 20) The use of bats and spurs will be allowed. However, **DISQUALIFICATION WILL** result from a contestant batting their horse in front of the shoulder.
- 21) A contestant may hang onto the saddle horn or use both hands on the reins if they so desire.
- 22) A contestant will be **DISQUALIFIED** for not being ready to contest when called. **ILL-MANNERED HORSES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AT THE JUDGES' DISCRETION.**
- 23) The ground will be raked after every 5 runs on the ground.

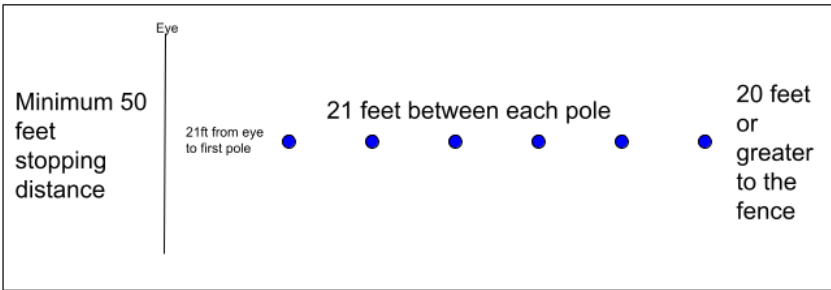
Junior and Senior Boys Stake Race

- 1) There will be two (2) poles, one hundred and five (105) feet apart. (Use the first (1st) and sixth (6th) poles of the pole bending pattern), set twenty-one (21) feet back from the start line.
- 2) Failure to complete the pattern correctly shall result in disqualification. A five (5) second penalty shall be added for each knocked over pole.
- 3) A contestant may start to the right or left of the first pole but must run the rest of the figure-8 pattern accordingly.

Junior and Senior Pole Bending

- 1) The pole bending pattern is run around six (6) poles, the first (1st) pole being set twenty-one (21) feet thereafter. There should be a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the fence and the top pole.
- 2) Poles should be set on top of the ground, at performance. Marked intervals, in a straight line. The judge or flagman will adjust the pole alignment so a fair start is received by each contestant. (See Diagram)

DIAGRAM:

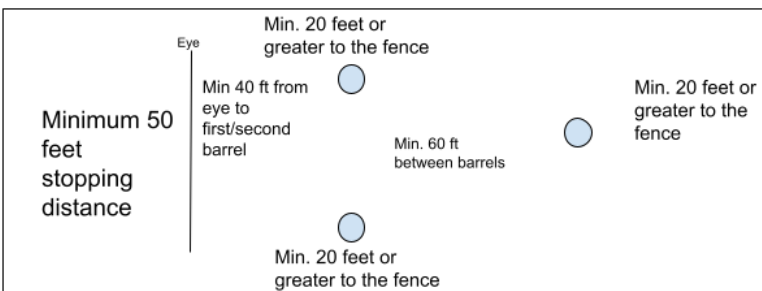
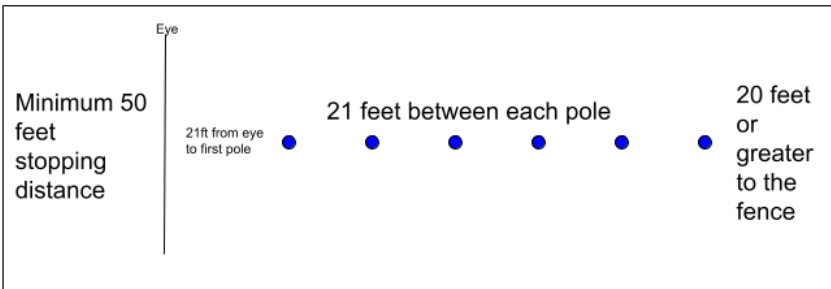


- 3) Poles should be six (6) feet in height, with a base no larger than fourteen (14) inches and no less than twelve (12) inches in diameter. If possible, they should be constructed from PVC PIPE and painted red, white and blue by six (6) inch stripes. There should be no flags used on poles.
- 4) Failure to complete the pattern correctly will result in disqualification. A five (5) second penalty will be added for each knocked over pole.
- 5) A contestant may start on either side of the first pole but must run the rest of the pattern accordingly.

Junior and Senior Girls Barrel Racing

- 1) Barrels are to be forty-five (45) gallon metal drums. **NO OPEN-ENDED BARRELS.** Barrel must have both ends intact.
- 2) Contestants may start on either the right or left barrel. When starting on the right, there will be one (1) right turn and two (2) left turns around the barrels. When starting on the left, there will be one (1) left turn and two (2) right turns around the barrels. The timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded, he will then and only then flag contestant out, if run is not legal.
- 3) Barrels are to be set in a cloverleaf pattern. All barrels must be a **MINIMUM** of sixty (60) feet apart and each barrel must be **MINIMUM** of twenty (20) feet off the fence. There must also be a **MINIMUM** of fifty (50) feet of stopping distance from the start line to the fence. (See Diagram)

DIAGRAM:



- 4) Arena size will determine the size of the pattern over a minimum. Barrels must be set to run in and out equally for left-handed and right-handed barrels races.

SECTION 11: BARRIER EVENTS

Barrier

- 1) Mechanical barriers must be used when barriers are required and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips. No electronic barriers may be used.

- 2) Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty it must be replaced.
- 3) The Barrier event Rep will always consider the age of the contestants when setting the score.
- 4) Barrier judge is responsible to change the barrier string and see that the neck rope is on properly at the request of the contestant.
- 5) Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in timed events.
- 6) If the barrier neck rope flies up and hits the contestant or his/her rope, the contestant may declare themselves and if so, must be given a rerun. A contestant shall declare themselves to be not throwing their rope and stopping/pulling up their horse.
- 7) Height of barrier in timed events shall be from thirty-two (32) inches measured at the center of the box.
- 8) Times will be recorded to the tenth (10th) of a second.

Breaking the Barrier

- 1) A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
- 2) In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten (10) feet of the post.

Barrier Failure

- 1) In order for time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.
- 2) If the mechanical barrier malfunctions in any way, the contestant may take a rerun provided that in the Judge's opinion, the barrier malfunction caused the contestant to be disqualified.

- 3) If the mechanical barrier fails to work and official time has not started, contestants will get stock back if a qualified run is made.

Scoreline

- 1) Arena conditions will determine score, length of the score to be set by the judge and timed event director if present.
- 2) Once the score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed at the rodeo nor can the length of the box be changed.
- 3) The length of the score line will be determined one (1) hour before rodeo commences.
- 4) The roping score will be five (5) feet less than the length of the roping box unless approved by the Event Rep.
- 5) In barrier events the box must be a minimum of fourteen (14) feet.
- 6) To measure score line correctly,
- 7) Put the barrier up with pin in the barrier ring, holding the pin in place, measure from the post where the barrier pin goes, to the point where the barrier rope touches the ground. Set the barrier line eighteen (18) inches beyond that point.

Field Flagger

- 1) When flagging timed events field flagger must position themselves so as not to hinder contestants.
- 2) In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped, and watches stopped. Contestants will get animal back, lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time of a qualified run. If flag is not dropped or if timer misses the flag and time is not recorded

contestant will get animal back lap and tap with ten (10) seconds to be added to this time, plus any barrier penalty incurred.

General Rules

- 1) A contestant may have a hazer if roping horned yearlings.
- 2) The hazer must not render any assistance to the contestant while the contestant is working the steer. If the hazer bats, blocks or purposely turns the steer back before the out gate the contestant will be disqualified.
- 3) There is a thirty (30) second time limit in all events.
- 4) The animal belongs to the contestant when he or she calls for it.
- 5) Stock from the previous contestant must be out of the arena before the next competitor competes.
- 6) Timed event judges will not flag time contestants out until time is recorded. Judge is to flag time then flag contestants out if run is not legal.
- 7) If the judge sees he has made an error in flagging he must declare a rerun before the contestant leaves the arena.

Senior Girls and Boys Breakaway Roping

- 1) Breakaway ropers come out of the heeler's box if roping calves or muleys yearlings and out of the headers box if roping horned cattle and then may use a hazer.
- 2) If a contestant is roping horned cattle then it must be a legal head catch of ½ head or around horns or neck. If roping muleys then the rope must pass over the head. The catch as catch rule applies after rope passes over head in either cases of horned or muleys.
- 3) Two loops will be allowed if two ropes are carried. No loops can be rebuilt.

- 4) The rope must be attached to the horn with string in such a manner as to allow the end of the rope to be released from the horn when the steer hits the end of the rope. String will be provided by the rodeo committee and how it is attached can be inspected by the judge. The rope must be tied to the horn using only the string supplied by the Rodeo Committee.
- 5) A ribbon or piece of tape must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn so the judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn.
- 6) Rope must be released from the contestant's hand to be a legal catch. Roping Steer without releasing loops from hand will disqualify catch.
- 7) The contestant will receive no time if they break rope away from the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope then stop their horse to make the rope break away.
- 8) Breakaway stock must be suitable cattle that have been through a chute and **NOT RANGE CATTLE THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN ROPED.**

SECTION 12: JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS DUMMY ROPING

- 1) The three (3) legal catches are-whole head; half head; and around the horns.
- 2) Illegal Catches: A catch when the rope is not in contact with any part of the BONES head is considered an illegal catch, i.e. roping the entire BONES.
- 3) Touching or stepping over the line will result in disqualification.
- 4) Disqualification: A ropers name will be called three (3) times, if after three (3) calls the roper is not on the barrier line and ready to rope, he/she will be disqualified from the competition

- 5) No fishing allowed.
- 6) Roper must stand on the left side of the dummy.
- 7) Each roper will be allowed one (1) loop per go-round, roper will not be allowed to rebuild their loop.
- 8) Starting point for the go-round will be twelve (24 inches or 2 feet) behind the Bones dummy.
- 9) Go-rounds: when a roper successfully catches the dummy, they will advance to the next go round and the Bones dummy will be moved forward twelve (12) inches and then roped again.
- 10) Dummy Roping must be held inside the arena. No mounted riders will be allowed in the arena during the dummy roping.
- 11) Points: A record will be kept on each legal catch. Points for dummy roping will be considered based on the longest distance **FIRST** and then the type of catch and points will be recorded in this manner.
- 12) Any discretionary calls will be left up to the judges.

Horn catch: 3 points

Neck catch: 2 points

Half Head catch: 1 point

Tie breaker: ties will be broken by the roper with the most points. Any ties remaining after the points are considered will remain a tie.

The Association to supply the Bones Dummy at each rodeo or suitable substitute.

SECTION 13: SENIOR BOYS CHUTE DOGGING

Time Limit

- 1) There will be a thirty (30) second time limit with optional one (1), minute time limit at state/province rodeos. There will be a mandatory thirty (30) second time limit at the National Junior High Finals.

General Rules

- 1) Chute dogging chute shall be part of the arena during dogging events.
- 2) Once the score line (gypsum line) has been set it will not be changed in that go.
- 3) Score line will be parallel to bucking chutes. It will be set at ten (10) Feet in front of the bucking chute. The measurement will be made with a chute gate in the closed position.
- 4) The line (Barrier) judge will flag the start when the animal's nose crosses the score line.
- 5) Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for it, regardless of what happens, with the following exceptions:
 - a) In any timed event, if animal escapes from the arena, field judge will drop flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive original animal back with a lap and tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run.
 - b) In case of mechanical failure.
 - c) If in the opinion of the line judge contestant is fouled by chute, contestant shall get his steer back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up.
- 6) Time shall be taken between two (2) flags.
- 7) It shall be the arena director's responsibility to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock

drawn for must be run during that performance and only that time or score taken.

- 8) This event shall not be conducted with an open catch pen gate at any rodeo.
- 9) All steers shall be turned out in the same direction and the same chute will be used.

Event Rules

- 1) A chute dogging chute must be used, and all chute dogging runs must be made from the same chute.
- 2) With steers loaded in a chuting dogging chute, dogger gets beside the steer, right hand in front of or behind right front shoulder. When dogger calls for the steer the chute gate will be opened. Dogger must keep right hand in front of or behind shoulder until the steer's nose crosses the score line. If dogger moves into throwing position or touches either horn before steer's nose crosses score line, there will be a ten (10) second penalty added to time. If steer is thrown before crossing the score line the dogger will be disqualified.
- 3) **Chute dogger must allow steer to maintain forward motion to the score line. Chute Dogger may not choke steer.**
- 4) It is the contestant's responsibility to check for broken horns.
- 5) There will be a designated helper assigned by the Arena Director. The helper cannot pass the plane of the chute gate.
- 6) Contestant is considered working the steer when the steer leaves the chute.
- 7) If steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than one (1) step to catch steer.

- 8) After crossing the start line, wrestler must bring it to a stop or change its direction and twist it down.
- 9) If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up to all four feet and then thrown.
- 10) Steer will be considered thrown down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight.
- 11) Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
- 12) Contestant is required to turn steer's head so that he can get up.
- 13) A steer falling in the opposite direction the steer wrestler is attempting to throw him (dog fall) the contestant may choose to turn the steer's head to correspond with the leg position to make this a legal fall.

Scoring and Penalties

- 1) In order for time to be considered official, barrier flag must operate.
- 2) Timed event judge will not flag contestant out until time is recorded.
- 3) Judge is to flag time, then flag contestant out if run is not legal.
- 4) Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment of steer.
- 5) Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steers or chute.
- 6) Time should be taken with the average of two (2) times at all rodeos.
- 7) Dogger will be disqualified if animal is thrown before start line.

- 8) If steer falls on its own before nose crosses line, steer must be let up and not thrown until steer's nose crosses line.
- 9) There will be a ten (10) second penalty added if dogger moves right arm to the right horn (throwing position) before start line. This will be referred to as breaking the barrier.

Reruns

Refer to steer wrestling section of NHSRA Rulebook with the following change:

- 1) Rule 4: Change to read: A steer must be rerun before it is used by another contestant. Fresh steers may be added to the herd after they have been released from the bucking chute and thrown down. It is the responsibility of the steer wrestlers to throw the cattle, at a time mutually agreed upon with the stock contractor.
- 2) Exclude rule # 7.

Officials

- 1) There shall be two (2) or more timers, a field flag judge, and a barrier judge.
- 2) The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision will be final.
- 3) Field flagger is required to watch contestant and steer until animal is turned loose.
- 4) Barrier judge will stand on the start line on right side of the steer and flag when the animal's nose crosses the line indicating the start of the run.
- 5) Field flagger will flag when the animal is legally thrown indicating the end of the run.

Optional Rules

- 1) A whistle may be used to signal when the steer has crossed the start line.
- 2) The same judge can be used to flag the start and the finish

