

PROPOSED 2018 IGRA RODEO RULE CHANGES

RULE I – CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

1. Uphold the IGRA Code of Conduct, including conduct in the highest regard for professionalism, respect, and support of IGRA's intents and purposes. Any conduct that is viewed as controversial, disrespectful, or unprofessional can lead to disqualification by any IGRA **official and a minimum of \$5 fine.**
3. Contestants hauling livestock bear the responsibility to know the State or Province laws and/or rules regarding health certificates/coggins tests for each State or Province that he/she is traveling in or entering. It is also the contestant's responsibility to have the necessary paperwork (health certificate/coggins certificate) that complies with each State's or Province's laws and/or rules. State laws can be found at web sites:
 - <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport> (US)
 - <http://www.inspection.gc.ca> (Canada)
 - **Hosting association using facilities that require health certificate/coggins must post this in an official manner, at least 30 days prior to the rodeo**
4. Must be a member of an IGRA Member or Recognized Association to register and compete in any IGRA-sanctioned rodeo (refer to Article IV) or IGRA **if such direct membership is created.** If the Rodeo Secretary is not able to verify an individual's membership either from those lists received from Member or Recognized Associations, a valid membership card, or from their association's Trustee prior to the close of registration, then the individual must join any Member or Recognized Association in order to complete registration and compete.
8. Rodeo Event Entries
 - a. Must enter a minimum of:
 - i. One (1) event per go-round, or
 - ii. Two (2) One (1) events on one day.
 - b. Pre-registration must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) **twenty five dollars (\$25.00).**
14. Rough Stock Event Contestant Dress Code
 - c. Sleeves cannot be rolled or pushed up **and must be fastened**, with the exception of the riding arm(s) in Bull Riding, Steer Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, and Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding.
 - e. Clothing must not allow any contestant's genitalia to be exposed
15. Roping and Speed Event Contestant Dress Code

- a. Required to wear long–sleeve shirt, long pants, western hat or protective helmet, and boots that minimally cover the ankle and have a heel **except for calf roping on foot which will be the same as a camp event.**
- d. Clothing must not allow any contestant’s genitalia to be exposed.

18. Finals Rodeo Invitation Acceptance

- a. Finals invitation draw information must be available for review **on the IGRA website**, which would include invitees and decline lists.

RULE III – RULES FOR EVENTS

1. ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

A. General Rules for Rough Stock Riding Events

6. A qualified ride will be timed for six (6) seconds

- b) One non–rookie Judge shall serve as the official timer **positioned at the latch side of the bucking chute. The** second Judge is backup timer. The backup stopwatch will only be used if the Judge with the official stopwatch time was unable to obtain an accurate time for any reason.

2. ROPING EVENTS

B. Calf Roping on Foot

10. Penalties

- a) The Rodeo Director or any certified official may disqualify a contestant and/or team from an event after observing excessive roughness or intentional harm to an animal such as kicking, hitting, slapping, etc., before, during, or after an event. Appeals by the contestant and/or team may be made through the Rodeo Review Request procedures (refer to Rodeo Rule VI). **Contestants with physical conditions requiring the use of a wheelchair will be allowed to position the wheelchair so that their torso is near, but does not break, the barrier line even if part of the wheelchair breaks the barrier line.**

- 12. **No arena official, such as Chute Coordinator/ass. Chute Coordinator, shall be positioned in front of the chute in a ‘hazing’ position. It is the privilege of the contestant to allow other people within in the confines of the timed event box to assist with lining out calf.**

C. MOUNTED BREAK–AWAY ROPING

1. Contestant has a maximum forty–five (4560) second time limit, not including possible penalties.

3. SPEED EVENTS

A. General Rules for Speed Events

1. Arena

- a) Tractor must be removed from the active performance arena area during contestant runs, unless a variance, which specifies a safe location, has been approved.
- e) After a maximum of ten (10) riders, the travel area around all barrels and end poles must be machine–raked. **Additionally, the travel area must be machine-raked before the start of the men’s and women’s classes.**

2. Timing

- b) IGRA–sanctioned rodeos are required to use an electronic timing light for all speed events and three (31) stopwatches as a backup.
- d) Judge will drop their flag start stop watch when any part of the rider or horse breaks the plane of the start/finish line according to the prescribed pattern.
- e) Timers must start and stop their stopwatches when Judge drops the flag.

3. Timing Light Malfunction

- a) If the electronic timing light malfunctions for a contestant, Scorekeeper will record all the stopwatch times and ensure that the contestant is advised immediately of the situation.
 - i. If three stopwatch times are available, the high and low hand stopwatch times are not used, and the stopwatch time in the middle will be used.
 - ii. If only two stopwatch times are available, the average time will be used with no round offs.
 - iii. If only one stopwatch time is available, that time will be used.

RULE IV– GENERAL RULES

4. Safety during the running of rodeo events

- c. Rodeo Director and Trustees will determine if a contestant should be disqualified from an event, day, or rodeo. **If reason is belief that person is under the influence, then decision is based on Rule 4.15.a**

8. Assignment of Contestants to Chutes/Animals

e. If the contestant order is changed after an animal is loaded in the chute, the animal for the contestant moved is turned out.

21. For all horse events, the arena must be cleared of animals and contestants not immediately participating in the go of any particular event. The contestant must not be offered the arena until all interference is removed.

24. All key personnel (Rodeo Director, Assistant Rodeo Director, Arena Director, Assistant Arena Director, Chute Coordinator, Assistant Chute Coordinator, Judges, Timers, Scorekeepers, Announcers, Secretary and staff, stock contractor and staff, bullfighter, veterinarian, and ambulance crew) cannot compete as a contestant or exhibition performance of any type (except for Grand Entry), where there is a risk of injury, in an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo in which they are officiating or working.

RULE V – PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETHICAL ISSUES

2. Professional Conduct and Disqualification

b. Contestant may be disqualified by a joint decision of the Rodeo Director and another certified official for any of the reasons listed below. A disqualified contestant will forfeit all entry fees and will be ineligible to receive rodeo monies, awards, or points. Written documentation must be filed with the Trustees at the Rodeo Review Board meeting. The following shall be considered reasons for disqualification. **A disqualified contestant shall be afforded a witness during this process of their choosing from who is present.**

- iii. Entering the arena or contestant area under the influence or in possession of alcohol, narcotics, or illegal drugs of any kind. **If it is believed the person is under the influence but with no proof, the decision will be based on Rule 4.15.a**
- vii. Contestants working rodeo livestock other than participating in the event or without authorization from the local rodeo officials.
- xii. Entering the arena to verify, measure or change any arena setup or pattern without explicit permission from Arena Director.
- xiii. Appeals by the contestant and/or team may be made through the Rodeo Review Request procedures (refer to Rodeo Rule VI). Placements, which may have occurred prior to the disqualification, will be recalculated based upon the remaining eligible contestants.

RULE VI – RODEO REVIEW PROCEDURES

7. Procedure

- a. Contestants may submit a Rodeo Review Request only in an event in which the contestant competes **and pay a filing fee of \$50 which will be refunded if the decision is overturned.** A Rodeo Review Request must be presented to the Rodeo Review Trustee no later than 30 minutes after the posting of the results for the event for which a review is being requested. Contestant must use the official Rodeo Review Request form.

RULE VII – ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS

2. Licensed Veterinarian

- b. WITH NO EXCEPTION. A veterinarian with large animal care experience will be **on call for the duration of the rodeo performance.** site during the running of all events, performance and slack, foot parade, and grand entry. Non-compliance will result in the host association/chapter being fined \$1,500.00 for the entire rodeo. A second consecutive rodeo violation will result in the host association/chapter being fined \$3,000.00 for the entire rodeo and be suspended from hosting an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo the next year.

20. Stalls for Horses or Storage

- a. Provide at no charge, a minimum of one (1) horse stall per pre-registered contestant entering horse events. Contestants requiring additional stalls for horses may be required to pay a stall fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per horse stall for the rodeo weekend. **Horses not used in the rodeo performance are subject to the facility normal fee.**

RULE VIII – REGISTRATION

2. Entries

- c. Contestants with an assigned IGRA number must mail a completed IGRA Event Entry form with a postmark date no less than twenty-two (22) days prior to the rodeo's first performance or complete and pay for an online registration with a date-time stamp by 10:00pm Mountain Time no less than fifteen (15) seven (7) days prior to the rodeo's first performance to compete in that rodeo.
- f. Late Registration
 - iii. Fee cannot exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- g. Pre-registered contestants adding events
 - iii. Fee cannot exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

3. Entry fees for IGRA-sanctioned rodeos will be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ **fifty dollars (\$50.00)** per person, per go-round.
4. Entry fees for Finals Rodeo will be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ **fifty dollars (\$50.00)** per event, per go-round, per person and will be combined with any contestant money held in escrow. All of this money will be distributed as contestant day money.
5. Except for the **one hundred** dollar (~~\$50.00~~ **\$100.00**) non-refundable entry fee deposit, all prepaid monies are eligible for refund if notified prior to the close of registration.

RULE IX – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. All associations producing an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo must have a signed, dated, stock contractor contract on file and must provide a copy to the checklist Trustee during the pre-rodeo meeting.
 - a. **Should the hosting association be their own stock contractor, no contract will be provided to the checklist Trustee. However the association is responsible to follow all rodeo livestock requirements listed in rule IX.**
6. Livestock Requirements
 - d. Team Roping steers **cattle**, 400–500 pounds **and can be male or female**, and must have minimum of seven-inch horns, blunted to the minimum diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded, and non-jagged edges. These steers cannot be used for any other event, must have been previously roped, and wear protective horn wraps during the event.
 - e. Chute Dogging steers **cattle**, 400–500 pounds **and can be male or female**, and must have minimum of seven-inch horns, blunted to the minimum diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded, and non-jagged edges. These steers cannot be used for any other event, must have been previously dogged or wrestled, and have not been previously used for Team Roping.
 - f. Camp event steers **cattle**, 400–500 pounds **and can be male or female** with horns of uniform length, blunted to the minimum diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded, and non-jagged edges, and have been previously handled. No bobbed or partial tails.
 - h. Common goats, similar in height and size
 - i. No more than 10-pound difference between animals **and not to exceed 75 pounds.**
 - j. The utilization of steers in the above specified events is for safety considerations. All steers are expected to follow the guidelines of the veterinary community for proper

castration. Host association must request for proof of castration if a stock contractor brings young bulls for any event that specifically states the use of steers. **Banding is not considered a castrated animal.** IGRA Rodeo Resources has a reference document titled Castration in Cattle – Welfare Issues. An excerpt follows. “Castration is deemed a necessary practice in U.S. cattle production systems. The procedure is primarily advocated to reduce damage to animals, humans, and facilities by decreasing aggressive male behavior. Several techniques have been developed for castration. Less pain has been associated with early castration (younger than 2 months of age) and is, therefore, recommended.”