

## **Rule Proposal #1**

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*I have been a member of the Pro West for 3 years, and I proudly carry the card, and display the logo on my traveling rig. I am also a member of the PRCA, CRA and NPRA. I travel thousands of miles a year to work the rodeos up here from Texas, because I truly believe in this association and enjoy all the members, stock contractors, and committees.*

*With that being said as a member of the Pro West we like to think we are a step ahead of most associations in how we handle ourselves, our professionalism and fairness. I think we are there with the exception of year end awards. When we sign up for our membership barrelman/clowns are listed as contract acts. While NPRA doesn't hire a barrelman for their finals, they do present a clown of the year award. Why are they one step ahead of us in this, when we pride ourselves on being the best?*

*On the application, Contract Acts include Announcers, Clowns/Barrelman, Pickup Men, Bullfighters, and Drill Teams. At the year end awards, Announcers, Bullfighters, and Pickup Men have their own awards separate from "Contract Acts" but yet are included in Membership. So why are Barrelman not given their own as well.*

*We are lumped together with drill teams, Roman riders, trick riders, and such which are **Specialty Acts**. Why are we in the same category for year end awards?*

*Barrelman/Clown are in the arena the entire show filling in time during events with our walk and talks, performing acts sometimes 2, entertaining crowds during down time, and working the barrel.*

*Specialty acts are only in the arena for about 7 minutes and they are done. While I believe the specialty acts take great talent, time and energy and deserve the recognition they receive. I believe the barrelman/clowns deserve the same recognition for their talent, time and energy.*

*Lets make a separate category for **Specialty Acts** (Drill Teams, Trick Riders), **Contract Acts** (Clowns/Barrelman), and **Non Contesting Personal** (Announcers, Judges, Bullfighters, Pickup Men, Sound Personal).*

*If lumping members together makes things easier, or what not. Let's be fair all around. The team ropers are a "Team" so let's make the category "Team Roper" not "Header" and "Heeler". Let's make the bucking horses one category combine "Saddle Bronc Horse" and Bareback Horse" one and call it "Bucking Horse Of The Year". Please know these are examples and I don't believe any category should be combined as each deserves to be recognized in their fields. But with that being said, so do the barrelman/ clowns. This was more of a way to put it in context for other members.*

*Just like every member of the rodeo family, Clowns work they're butts of all year in this association, hoping for that special recognition at the end and aren't allowed because we're added into a category with members who don't perform the same function.*

*Adding this category will give other barrelman/clowns a reason to join our great association. Give them a reason to make the journey so far from home, because as of now the only thing membership offers me, and the only reason I continue my membership is having the opportunity to work with the committees, contestants, and personal. And that I wouldn't give up for anything. This isn't the barrelman/clowns getting special treatment. It is merely giving us what every other members already get. As a barrelman, I travel great distances to work shows like all the others and we look forward to the awards as recognition for the hard work we do all year. So this needs to be addressed in my mind.*

## ***Rule Proposal #2***

Casey Doll Card # 5078 N7

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Judges shall check to make sure legal barrel are on site at the rodeo arena prior to the start of the first performance or slack if slack is run before the first performance.

Addition to B10.13

## ***Rule Proposal #3***

Justina Fisher # 4947 C7, Jody Wallen #2910 C7, Jodi Fox #2568 C7, Katy Bremner # 1397 C7

General Rule

In the event that a rodeo committee or stock contractor does not provide ALL legal equipment, and or stock, according to Pro-West Rules for each event, AND it cannot be corrected by the end of the performance in question. Pro-West shall pull approval for that event for that rodeo (i.e. monies won in that event at that rodeo will not count towards event standings or all around).

Furthermore, if legal equipment and or stock is not provided by the end of the performance. contestants in that event only, may compete in slack or receive a refund of entry fees (contestant is still responsible for central entry and office fees). If the performance in question takes place after slack, entry fees shall be paid back to contestant.

## ***Rule Proposal #4***

Janet O'Neil

Breakaway R9.9.3 (Put back into the rulebook)

Any boy who enters the association tie-down roping will relinquish his right to compete in the breakaway roping thereafter. A record of any relinquished right will be juror on file by the association secretary.

## ***Rule Proposal #5***

Shawn P. Sullivan

Breakaway R.9.9.1

All ladies, boys fourteen (14) years and younger, men sixty (60) years and older, will be allowed to enter. The age of a boy and men shall be determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

## ***Rule Proposal #6***

Sarah Morrissey # 2896 C7

Breakaway R.9.9.1

Delete R.9.9.1 All ladies and boys 14 and under will be allowed to enter

Replace with: Ladies only in the Breakaway event will be allowed to enter

### **Rule Proposal #7**

Shawn P. Sullivan

R.9.5.3

Neck ropes must be used on tie down roping horses and calf shall not be "Busted"

Busting calf will be defined as over backwards with the calf landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air between 11:00 and 1:00 o'clock position. C

Contestant will be fined \$100 and be flagged out for "Busting Calf"

Delete Rule R9.5.3 that is rule now

### **Rule Proposal #8**

Shawn P. Sullivan

Barrel Racing R.9.8.12 Delete current rule

The contestant is allowed a running start. If the barrel pattern is centered to the arena entrance gate contestant must keep forward motion toward the first barrel. If a side or corner gate is used a single spin or pivot is acceptable in either direction (no circling)

The infraction of this rule is a fifty dollar fine (\$50)

### **Rule Proposal #9**

Kelley Nybo

B6.4.1 a

To qualify for yearend awards in announcer, specialty act, bull fighter and pickup man categories the member must be a cardholder in good standing and worked at least two (2) Pro-West Prime Rodeos in the year nominated and have membership card purchased by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. (amended 1/2013)

Delete: and have membership card purchased by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. (amended 1/2013)

### **Rule Proposal #10**

Anthony Verdino

R.6.3.9b Horns of steer wrestling cattle shall be blunted to the size of a dime or larger and shall be at least 9 inches long on each side after blunting.

Add to this rule:

And shall be no longer than 28 inches from tip to tip. \$25 fine per animal

### **Rule Proposal #11**

Kelly Knapp # 3883 N7

To qualify for the Pro West Finals Rodeo a contestant must compete in the same % of Pro West prime rodeos as it takes to qualify for yearend awards

## Rule Proposal #12

Gary Nybo # 4237 C7

Timed Events entries: Locals (Home town) and late entries in the team roping, tie down, breakaway and steer wrestling will go first in the draw for the performance or slack that they're drawn up for. Barrel racers will go last.

## Rule Proposal #13

Gary Nybo # 4237 C7

R5.0 Payoff

#1 for all events except barrel racing

Increase the total purse amount by \$500 per placings.

Twelve (12) or fewer contestants will pay four (4) places regardless of money won.

See the following payoff schedule.

*all events except barrel racing*

### 2016 Payoff

Total Purse	PLACINGS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH
0-1,000	3	50.0%	30.0%	20.0%					
1,001-2,000	4	40.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%				
2,001-4,499	6	29.0%	24.0%	19.0%	14.0%	9.0%	5.0%		
4,500 and up	8	23.0%	20.0%	17.0%	14.0%	11.0%	8.0%	5.0%	2.0%

12 or fewer contestants will pay four places

### 2017 Proposed Payoff-adding \$500 to each column

Total Purse	PLACINGS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH
0-\$1,500	3	50.0%	30.0%	20.0%					
\$1,501-\$2,500	4	40.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%				
\$2,501-\$4,999	6	29.0%	24.0%	19.0%	14.0%	9.0%	5.0%		
\$5,000+	8	23.0%	20.0%	17.0%	14.0%	11.0%	8.0%	5.0%	2.0%

**Barrel Racing NOT CHANGED**

Total Purse	PLACINGS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH
0-1,000	3	50.0%	30.0%	20.0%					
1,001-1,500	4	40.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%				
1,501-2,000	5	30.0%	25.0%	20.0%	15.0%	10.0%			
2,001-3,000	6	29.0%	24.0%	19.0%	14.0%	9.0%	5.0%		
3,001 and up	8	23.0%	20.0%	17.0%	14.0%	11.0%	8.0%	5.0%	2.0%