

B12.0 Official Rodeo Rules and By-Law/Rule Amendments

B12.1 Rules - The definitions of the rodeo events, the rules governing the conduct and fairness of the competition at Pro-West rodeos, and the safety of contestants, support personnel, and livestock shall be referred to as the "Official Rodeo Rules". These rules are published in Part R of this Pro-West rule book. The Official Rodeo Rules shall have weight and legal effects of by-laws, but in the event of conflicts between rules and by-laws, by-laws shall prevail.

B12.2 By-Law/Rule Amendments

B12.2.1 Before complaints and/or new or changes to by-laws/rules may be considered by the officers and directors, they must be presented in writing to officers or Board members.

B12.2.2 By-Law/Rule proposals for the next rodeo season submitted by the general membership must be to the Association Office 30 days prior to the Pro-West annual membership meeting of the current rodeo season. By-Law/Rule proposals to be voted on by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Association Office no later than January 1st of the current rodeo season, unless a By-Law/Rule change is deemed necessary by the Board of Directors for the current rodeo season. (amended 1/2017)

B12.2.3 Proposed By-Law/Rule changes that affect the policy of the Association shall be presented in at least one (1) Association newsletter/newspaper (hard copy or online version) before being voted on twice (2) by the officers and directors. (amended 1/2017)

B12.2.4 By-Law/Rule proposals must be in at least one association computer newsletter or Association newsletter / newspaper prior to the annual convention that have not been previously voted on by the officers and directors shall be voted on by those members in attendance at the general membership meeting at the annual convention.

B12.2.5 By-Law/Rule clarifications that provide clarity and consistency to existing By-Laws/Rules will not be required to be published in a newsletter/newspaper before being voted on by the officers and directors.

B12.2.6 All By-Law/Rule changes must be voted on twice by the PWRA officers and directors.

1. Recommended Rule Change: (page 69)

R9.5.3 Neck ropes must be used on calf roping horses. In the tie down roping event a contestant will receive a no time and a \$100 fine for that run if he brings the animal over backwards (between 11 and 1 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air. (amended 1/2018)

Rewrite # 1- R9.5.3 Neck ropes must be used on calf roping horses. In the tie down roping event a contestant will receive a no time and a \$100 fine if the judge feels he INTENTIONALLY jerks the calf straight over backwards (between 11 and 1 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air.

Reason for Change:

Reason- We all know if you want to get a calf off their feet, the best go is to jerk them down on their shoulder or side. I would guess that 98% of the time a jerk down happens it is not intentional for the calf to land on its head or spine. I feel that at this level it is not called consistently or properly between different judges.

2. Recommended Rule Change: (only if #1 fails) (page 69)

If rewrite #1 fails, then I'd like to put this one in.

Rewrite #2-R9.5.3 Neck ropes must be used on calf roping horses. In the tie down roping event a contestant will receive a no time for that run if he brings the animal over backwards (between 11 and 1 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air. Only If the judge feels that the jerk down was intentional the contestant will receive a \$100 fine as well as a no time.

Reason for Change:

Reason- when a jerk down happens we are already getting penalized for a no time. I don't think it's necessary for \$100 fine on top of a no time, unless it is clear that you were trying to make the calf land on its head or spine.

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Date: 8/25/18

3. Recommended Rule Change: (page 17)

B5.7 Fine Appeals - To appeal a fine or suspension, the member must submit a written request for a hearing to the Board of Directors, along with a posted bond of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) to the secretary/treasurer. If the Board finds the member guilty of the original infringement of Association rules, any fine and/or suspension levied will stand and the bond shall be forfeited. If a fine and/or suspension is overturned, the bond shall be refunded.

Add to the above rule:

- a. Along with the written request a video/pictures may be submitted in order to fully explain the circumstances that surrounded the event in question.

Reason for Change:

Many organizations now use instant replay for final decision making. Pro West contestants and the person who levied the fine could benefit from being able to see the recorded situation.

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4. Recommended Rule Change: (page 37)

R2.1.15 Late Entries After Call Backs - If the rodeo committee is willing and has late entries noted on their approval form the contestant must work with the rodeo secretary who will work with the committee and stock contractors to accommodate their request.

- a. Late entries in the timed event will run first in the draw order for the specified performance or slack. Late entries in the barrel racing will run last in the draw order for the specified performance or slack.
- b. Late entries will be given no priority for set up preference.
- c. Late entry fee may only be waived in order to fill a performance

Add to the above rule:

- d. Any earnings made from a late entry received after call backs are closed will not count towards year end standings in that event or the all-around standings or the rooking standings.

Reason for Change:

The late entry situation is becoming a challenge for the rodeo secretaries and the stock contractors.

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Date: 8/20/18

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Rewrite (a.) to the following:

- a. Late entries in the timed events will run first in the draw order for the specified performance or slack. Late entries in the barrel racing will run last in the draw order for the specified performance or slack, regardless if contestant is traded into a performance or slack or fills in a medical out or vet out.

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Date: 8/28/18

6. Recommended Rule Change: (page 49)

R5.6 Bull Riding Day Money – (voted out 01/2015) (reinstated by amendment 01/2017) An additional twenty dollars (\$20) will be added to bull riding entry fees (Rule R2.2.1) for day money to be split by contestants making qualified rides in a performance and a. All day money will count toward year-end standings b. Five dollars (\$5) of the day money shall go to the arena secretary for processing the day money places and checks. (adopted 1/2017) c. If no qualified rides occur in a performance, that performance's day money is to be added to the purse money. (adopted 1/2013)

Proposed change:

Eliminate this rule.

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Date: 8/28/18

7. Recommended Rule Change: (pages 45/46)

R4.4.2 Medical/Vet Releases and Turnouts

- a. If notification of a medical/vet turn out or a medical/vet release is provided to the arena secretary prior to the performance the contestant or barrel horse is to participate in, no entry fee or turn out fines shall be assessed. The entry fee for the medical/vet turn out will not be added to the event purse and the contestant has ten days from the notification date to have a written medical/vet slip in the Pro-West office. Failure to do so will result in immediate suspension until the medical/vet, or fees are paid.
- b. If notification of a medical/vet turn out is not provided prior to the performance the contestant or barrel horse is to participate in, the contestant shall be assessed a fine equal to the entry fee.
- c. If medical/vet releases are not provided to the Association Office within ten (10) days of the medical /vet turn out, a contestant shall be assessed an additional fifty dollar (\$50) turn out fine.
- d. Medical/vet releases will be accepted from licensed physicians/veterinarians only. Failure to comply, falsifying documents, or abusing this medical/vet release rule shall result in a one hundred-dollar (\$100) fine and two (2) week suspension on the first offense.
- e. Contestants using medical turnouts cannot participate in any Association approved rodeo for

- ten (10) days after the performance/day the medical turnout was used.
- f. Contestants using vet turnouts cannot participate in any Association approved rodeo on the vet released horse for three (3) days after the performance/day the vet turnout was used.
- g. If contestant is entered in multiple events, if he or she doctor releases one event, he or she is eligible to compete in the other events entered. (adopted 1/2014)

Rewrite (a.) to the following:

- a. **Medical/vet releases are only to be use when the contestant/barrel racing horse is unable to perform because of a medical condition.** If notification of a medical/vet turn out or a medical/vet release is provided to the arena secretary prior to the performance the contestant or barrel horse is to participate in, no entry fee or turn out fines shall be assessed. **The office fee will still be assessed.** The entry fee for the medical/vet turn out will not be added to the event purse and the contestant has ten days from the notification date to have a written medical/vet slip in the Pro-West office. Failure to do so will result in immediate suspension until the medical/vet, or fees are paid.

Reason for Change:

Clarification only

Rewrite (d.) to the following:

- . d. Medical/vet releases will be accepted from licensed physicians/veterinarians only **on official clinic or hospital identified forms with the establishment name and doctor's/veterinarian's name clearly identified with all contact information listed (name, address, phone number, etc).** Failure to comply, falsifying documents, or abusing this medical/vet release rule shall result in a one hundred-dollar (\$100) fine **per rodeo, original entry fees** and two (2) week suspension on the first offense.

Reason for Change:

Clarification only

Add to the above R4.4.2 rule:

- h. If a contestant medical releases out of a rodeo any future rodeos already entered into within the 10-day period following the release date will be pulled from central entry and no charges will result except a central entry draw out fee of \$10 per rodeo.**

Reason for Change:

Contestants are entering on Thursday's for the rodeo a week and a half away. On the weekend after they enter they medical out.

Add to the above R4.4.2 rule:

- i. Medical/Vet release are not to be used to receive higher preference in receiving your performance choice. If it appears you are using the Medical/Vet release to receive your performance preference you will be drawn out of all rodeos that weekend, pay all entry fees plus \$100 fine will be assessed per rodeo. The two (2) week suspension will also be enforced.**

Reason for Change:

Clarification only

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