

Accepted Rodeo Rule Changes  
IGRA Convention  
Nashville, TN  
October 21-22, 2006

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I. GENERAL RULES

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8. Due to secretary's extended working hours, provide for independent transportation between the Rodeo Officials Hotel **lodging** and the rodeo facility for the Certified Secretarial Staff.

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11. WITH NO EXCEPTION. Professional medical personnel and an ambulance/emergency transport vehicle must be present and available to respond to any emergency. If for any reason during the running of all events, performance and slack, foot parade, and grand entry, the medical personnel and/or ambulance/emergency transport vehicle become busy or unavailable, the Arena Director(s) must stop all events until the medical personnel is available. Exception would be if there are two (2) sets of professional medical personnel crew and ambulance/emergency transport vehicles and one was still available. **Arena Director, Chute Coordinator, and the Rodeo Director** or his/her designee must meet with the on-site medical personnel before the running of the first event in order to coordinate a plan of action and response expectations in case of emergencies. Space will be provided to facilitate their emergency equipment and they will be provided easy access into the arena. Medical personnel will be provided an official rodeo radio or other communication device throughout the running of all rodeo events. During all rough stock events, medical personnel will observe all competition and be ready to enter the arena with their emergency medical equipment.

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17. **(new) Rodeo grounds that do not have safe and adequately graded warm-up area is required to offer the contestants a minimum of 10 minutes warm-up time in the horse arena immediately prior to the start of the event. Contestants must be given access to the full length of the arena. However, the Arena Director may choose to require contestants to stay out of the immediate race pattern.**

19. Each rodeo shall have the following rodeo personnel wearing shirts, vests, or jackets approved by the IGRA Board of Directors.

A. Judges, RED

B. Arena Director and Assistant Arena Director, BLUE

C. Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director, BLACK

D. Secretary and Scorekeeper, ORANGE (when possible, also Assistant Secretary and Assistant Scorekeeper)

E. Timers, YELLOW

F. Chute Coordinator and Assistant Chute Coordinator, GREEN

G. Arena Crew Coordinator, PURPLE

**A. Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director, BLACK Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director must wear long sleeved BLACK shirts, vests, or jackets with their title on the back. The garment does not have to be approved by the IGRA Board of Directors.**

**B. Arena Director and Assistant Arena Director, BLUE**

**C. Chute Coordinator and Assistant Chute Coordinator, GREEN**

**D. Judges, RED**

**E. Secretary and Scorekeeper, ORANGE**

**F. Assistant Rodeo Secretary and Assistant Rodeo Scorekeeper, ORANGE**

**G. Timers, YELLOW**

**H. Arena Crew Coordinator, PURPLE (If available)**

## II. REGISTRATION

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2. Host Association will send their rodeo information (tri-folds), horse stall information, approved variances, minimum prize money, etc., to all IGRA Member and Recognized Associations at least forty-five (45) days prior to the event. Host Associations shall also send this information to those contestants whose entry forms are received at least eight (8) days prior to the rodeo, fifteen (15) days for rodeos outside of the United States. The contestant mailing should be ongoing as form are received, with the last mailing postmarked a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the rodeo, fourteen (14) days for rodeos outside of the United States.
3. In contestant and invited certified officials information packets, the Host Association will provide maps on blue paper with the names and locations of the nearest medical facilities to the host hotel and rodeo site, and on the reverse side of the blue sheet one edition of the IGRA Health and Safety Newsletter, a.k.a. "Horse Sense" available from the IGRA Web site [www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com). Additional maps will be prepared and kept with secretarial to give to those officials and volunteers who request a copy. Name of veterinarian and phone number must also be in the bag.

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10. Entries

E. Additional fees do not apply to:

1. A first-time contestants (defined as an individual who has never been assigned a four (4) digit IGRA number.
2. A contestant who has been assigned a four (4) digit IGRA number within the previous 30 days.
3. A contestant entering or adding speed events.
4. A contestant entering or adding camp events provided one member of the team has pre-registered for that event.

F. Additional fees apply to:

1. A contestant entering or adding rough stock events at registration.
2. A contestant entering or adding roping events at registration.

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20. Rodeo Numbers

A. Numbers will be on reinforced tear-resistant white material, a minimum of eight (8) by ten (10) inches in size. A medical information form is to be printed on the reverse side of each number. Numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches high **four (4) inches high**, Arial or Helvetica font on portrait format...

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22. The Host Association will provide a survey form (Exhibit O) for evaluating rodeo and rodeo officials for contestants to give feedback, both positive and negative, on the rodeo and rodeo officials. The form will be passed out **and collected** at the awards ceremony. The Host Association will forward the collected forms to IGRA **within thirty (30) days of the award ceremony**. The IGRA office will then disseminate the information to the appropriate committee chair(s) and the IGRA President.

RULE V – RODEO LIVESTOCK

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7. Mulie bulls, riding steers, and calves should be requested from the stock contractor. Cows and heifers may be used for the steer riding event; however, only one type may be used throughout that event. Steers for chute dogging, team roping, and camp events MUST have horns. It is the responsibility of the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator to insure that all horned animals have their horns tipped or cut back. The objective is to have the horns smooth or rounded with no sharp or jagged edges. Guidelines for the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator: bull horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a quarter; steer horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a dime; and for camp events and chute dogging, the horns should be a minimum of seven inches (7") long measured from the hair line out to the end of the horn on each side of the steer's head. If an animal does not meet the above specifications, said animal shall be removed from competitive status if the Arena Director believes there are enough other animals for the competition. No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.

8. (new) Mulie (non-horned) bulls, riding steers, and calves should be requested from the stock contractor.

9. (new) Cows/heifers may be used for the steer riding event if riding steers are not available or of the proper size. If cows/heifers are used, then steers may not be used in that event.

10. (new) Steers for chute dogging, team roping, and camp events **MUST** have horns. It is the responsibility of the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator to insure that all horned animals have their horns tipped or cut back. The objective is to have the horns smooth or rounded with no sharp or jagged edges. Guidelines for the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator: bull horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a quarter; steer horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a dime; and for camp events and chute dogging, the horns should be a minimum of seven inches (7") long measured from the hair line out to the end of the horn on each side of the steer's head. If an animal does not meet the above specifications, said animal shall be removed from competitive status if the Arena Director believes there are enough other animals for the competition. No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.

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8. Approximate weight of livestock for the following events shall be...
- A. A minimum weight for bulls shall be 1,200 pounds.
  - B. Animals used for steer riding weighing 900 to 1,200 pounds.
  - C. Two (2) groups of 400 to 500 pound steers. One group for chute dogging and steer decorating. The other group for team roping and wild drag race. The Chute Coordinator and Stock Contractor shall determine which animals are in each group.
  - D. Calves weighing 200 to 300 pounds for calf roping.
  - E. Common goats are to be of healthy stock with a minimum height requirement of 25 inches at shoulder, but no weight requirement. Goats should be similar/same in height and size. No Billy goats or fainting goats. **Goats shall be exchanged after every eight (8) heats**

#### Rule X. GENERAL RULES

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19. Running order for each go-round will be assigned by random drawing by the Rodeo Secretary, except for bull riding. Running order **for all events should will** be posted **at least thirty (30) minutes** prior to the **scheduled** start of the first event of each go-round. Chute assignments, where applicable, will be made...

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24. The Arena Director **Checklist Trustee** shall report collect and submit to IGRA all injuries injury reports to of animals to the IGRA Trustee completing the rodeo checklist. “All injuries” include: contestants, volunteers, spectators and animals, using the appropriate form. The Chute Coordinator shall report any and all problems encountered with the stock and/or stock contractor to the IGRA **Checklist Trustee** completing the rodeo checklist.

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30. The Arena Director or their designee for speed events, and the Judge for all other events, will notify each contestant/team when the arena is set/clear for their competition. If the contestant/team performs their event before the arena is set/clear, they will be disqualified for that event. **For all horse events, the arena should be cleared of animals, contestants and staff not immediately participating in the go of any particular event. The contestant is not offered the arena until all interference is removed.**

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Bull/Steer Riding.

4. Contestants will have the right to ask the Judge to check on whether or not the animal is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability. A **soft metal collapsible copper** bell must be attached to the contestant’s bull rope **and must** be positioned under the belly of the animal. **No steel bells will be allowed.**

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3. SPEED EVENTS.

A. General Rules for Speed Events.

2. All rodeos shall be required to use an electronic timing light for all speed events. Three (3) hand stopwatches will be used as a back-up. The Scorekeeper will record only the electronic timing light **time**. If the electronic timing light malfunctions for a contestant, the Scorekeeper will record the stopwatch times **and ensure that the contestant is advised immediately of the situation.** and the **The** contestant will have the option of accepting the hand stopwatch time or rerunning the event. The contestant will be advised of the hand time before making a decision and must make that decision immediately. In the event the electronic time is not available and the contestant chooses to accept the stopwatch time,

**If three (3) stopwatch times are available,** the high and low hand stopwatch times are not used, and the hand stopwatch time in the middle is the official time. **will be used.** If only two (2) hand stopwatch times are available, the average time will be the official time used. If only one (1) hand stopwatch time is available, the contestant will have the option of accepting that time or to re-run the event that time will be used. If the electronic timing light permanently fails as determined by the Arena Director, stopwatch times will be used for all

**remaining** contestants in the event for that go-round. (Refer to Rule III. Timers, paragraph 3)

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4. Camp Events.

B. Steer Decorating.

3. Each steer will have a soft cotton twenty-five foot (25') [+ (plus) or – (minus) one foot (1')] long by three-quarters inch (3/4") up to one and one-half inches (1 1/2") diameter rope to include a metal ring with an inside diameter of two and one-half inches (2 1/2") to three inches (3") metal ring attached on:

a. Horns of a horned steer such that the ring end of the rope is behind the steer's horns, and the ring end of the rope points away from the arena side of the chute. The rope is not to be tightened around the horns of the steer before the start of the event.

b. No mulie (non-horned) steers will be allowed. Rope to be furnished by Host Association. Knots are allowed in ropes. Ropes must be uniform in diameter.

c. Ribbon must be a minimum of seven-eighths inch (7/8") to a maximum of one and one-quarter inch (1 1/4") in width and twenty-four inches (24") in length minimum and must be made of prefab cloth ribbon with a finished edge.

d. Ribbons will be made available to each team one heat prior to their go. The first heat teams will be given their ribbons as the line-up is called. **all teams at the beginning of the event.**

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RULE XI – RULES FOR EVENTS

4. Camp Events.

D. Goat Dressing

2. Goats must be spaced so that they cannot tangle up with each other. Goats shall be tethered with a ten foot (10') [+ (plus) or – (minus) three inches (3")] soft cotton rope to a weighted object, which the goats cannot drag. Dog harnesses will be used to tether the goats. Goats must be held stationary at the point furthest away from the start line until the Judge drops the flag and blows the whistle. The shorts shall all be the same size, style, and brand. **Goats shall be exchanged after every eight (8) heats.**