



# 2023 Rule Book

Canadian Girls Rodeo Association

*“Women in Professional Rodeo”*



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Steer Undecorating	Matea Lloyd

## DISCLAIMER

**SHOULD ANY QUESTION OR CONTROVERSY ARISE REGARDING INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES AS PRINTED IN THIS RULE BOOK, THE FINAL DECISION WILL LIE WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE C.G.R.A.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND ADHERING TO THE RULES WHICH GOVERN THE C.G.R.A. IN GENERAL, AND YOUR CHOSEN EVENT(S) IN PARTICULAR.**

# C.G.R.A. PAST PRESIDENTS

1957-58	Willa Beebe
1959	Isabella Miller
1960	Carole McEwen
1961	Isabella Miller
1962-65	Pearl Borgal
1966-68	Pat Robbins
1969-70	Marilyn Gray
1971-72	Nancy Reid
1973-74	Marilyn Gray
1975-76	Ellen Neary
1977-78	Iloe Elliott
1979-80	Ellen Neary
1981-86	Isabella Miller
1987-88	Ellen Neary
1989-90	Elaine Watt
1991-92	Bobbi June Miller
1993-94	Cheryl Smith
1995-96	Karen Svendsen
1997	Brenda Knight
1998	Brenda Herbert
1999-2001	Kisa Glaiser
2002-04	Stacey McInenly (Schooten)
2004-05	Debbie Hambling
2006-07	Rose Lang
2008-09	Kim Welter
2010-11	Danita Harrish (Michalsky)
2012-13	Rose Lang
2014-2017	Deb Hambling
2018-2019	Skyler Mantler
2020-2021	Deb Hambling
2022/2023	Jamie Pearce

# C.G.R.A. 2022 CHAMPIONS

- Poles: Amanda Kemble
- Jr Poles: Ericka Webb
- Little Cowgirls Poles: Kayla Boxma
- Goats: Matea Lloyd
- Jr Goats: Jessica Boxma
- Team Roping: Pam House and Mandy Havin
- Barrel Racing: Maria Butterfield
- Jr Barrel Racing: Rylee Litchenberger
- Little Cowgirls Barrels: Kyler Schwerdt
- Breakaway: Pricilla Keates
- Jr. Breakaway: Kaycee Schwerdt
- Tie Down: Jennifer Schuk
- Undecorating: Cassidy Clark
- Cow Riding: Piper Custead
- Cowgirl of the Year: Cyd Collings
- Rookie of the Year: Laurie Morasch
- Jr Rookie of the Year: Piper Custead
- All Around: Cassidy Clark
- Jr. All Around: Emma Webb
- Horse of the Year: "Red" owned and ridden by Kim Welter
- Jr Horse of the Year: "Jetski" owned and ridden by Willow Kingsmith

## SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to qualify for a CGRA Scholarship and receive funding, you must have proof of secondary education by providing a receipt that states you have paid for your education.

This scholarship is open to any female obtaining a secondary education. Any female is eligible to apply for three (3) scholarships over the course of time.

A committee of C.G.R.A. Alumni members select the C.G.R.A. Scholarship recipients. All applicants are reviewed and awards are made on merit. The C.G.R.A. Scholarship committee decisions will be based solely on the information provided by the applicant

The scholarship application forms are found on the official C.G.R.A. website [www.cgra.ca](http://www.cgra.ca).

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**Canadian Girls Rodeo Association**  
**“Women in Professional Rodeo”**  
**2020 Updated Bylaws**

A by-law relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of  
**Canadian Girls’ Rodeo Association**  
(the “Corporation”)

**BE IT ENACTED** as a by-law of the Corporation as follows:

**Definition**

In this by-law and all other by-laws of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**Act**” means the *Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act* S.C. 2009, c. 23 including the Regulations made pursuant to the Act, and any statute or regulations that may be substituted, as amended from time to time;

“**Articles**” means the original or restated articles of incorporation or articles of amendment, amalgamation, continuance, reorganization, arrangement or revival of the Corporation;

“**Association or C.G.R.A.**” means the Canadian Girls’ Rodeo Association

“**Board**” means the board of directors of the Corporation and “**director**” means a member of the board;

“**By-law**” means this by-law and any other by-law of the Corporation as amended and which are, from time to time, in force and effect;

“**Executive**” shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer public relations

“**Meeting of members**” includes an annual meeting of members or a special meeting of members; “**special meeting of members**” includes a meeting of any class or classes of members and a special meeting of all members entitled to vote at an annual meeting of members;

“**Officers**” refer to as the Executive and Directors

“**Ordinary resolution**” means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 50% plus 1 of the votes cast on that resolution;

“**Proposal**” means a proposal submitted by a member of the Corporation that meets the requirements of section 163 (Shareholder Proposals) of the Act;

“**Regulations**” means the regulations made under the Act, as amended, restated or in effect from time to time; and “**special resolution**” means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast on that resolution.

## **Interpretation**

In the interpretation of this by-law, words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa, and “person” includes an individual, body corporate, partnership, trust and unincorporated organization.

## **Corporate Seal**

The seal of the Association shall be in such form as shall be prescribed by the provisional members of the corporation, and shall have the words: “Canadian Girls’ Rodeo Association”. The seal shall be in the custody of the Directors, and shall never be used except by their authority.

## **Execution of Documents**

Signature and Certification of Documents - Contracts, documents, or any instruments in writing, requiring the signature of the Association, shall be signed by any two (2) of: the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, and all contracts, documents, and instruments in writing so signed, shall be binding upon the Association without any further authorization or formality. Directors shall have power from time to time by Bylaw to appoint an officer or officers on behalf of the Association to sign contracts, documents, and instruments in writing. The seal of the Association, when required, may be affixed to contracts, documents, and instruments in writing, signed as aforesaid by any officer or officers appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## **Borrowing Powers**

The directors of the Corporation may, without authorization of the members, borrow money on the credit of the corporation; issue, reissue, sell, pledge or hypothecate debt obligations of the corporation; give a guarantee on behalf and mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the corporation, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any debt obligation of the corporation.

## **Annual Financial Statements**

The C.G.R.A. will make the annual financial statements available to its members and upon a members request send a copy of the annual financial statements.

# Membership Conditions

1. For the purpose of this Association, members shall be divided into the following classifications:

- a) Ladies and Non-Active Members shall be limited to females residing in Canada. Member has voting privileges at general meeting.
- b) Junior Members (age limit as per membership rules) shall be limited to females residing in Canada. One (1) parent of each Junior Member is allowed to vote on all issues, on behalf of that member, at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) Little Cowgirls Membership (age limit as per membership rules) shall be limited to females residing in Canada. One (1) parent of each Lil Cowgirl member is allowed to vote on all issues, on behalf of that member, at the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Non-resident Permits shall be limited to females residing outside of Canada. Non-residents are not eligible for Canadian Championships. No voting privilege.
- e) Life Members:
  - i) A regular member who is in good standing, who has paid her membership dues for a period of ten (10) consecutive years, and who are of age 45 or over, shall be granted a Life Membership in the Association, if she applies, in writing, to the Association for such membership.
  - ii) A Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Ladies Member.
- f) Honorary Member: The Executive may at any time appoint any person an Honorary Member of the Association. An Honorary Member shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association, to participate at professional rodeos, or to any benefit or privilege which may be provided by the Association, unless she has otherwise applied for a category that allows these privileges.

2. All of which are hereinafter referred to as "Members".

3. The Directors shall have the right to expel any member(s) for just cause.

4. A member shall be bound by, subject to, and shall be obligated to observe, the Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Association, in like manner as if she had entered into an agreement to that effect.

# Membership Transferability

Withdrawal as a Member - Any member may withdraw from the Association, upon written notice to that effect, to the Secretary of the Association. Pursuant to Section 197(1) (Fundamental Change) of the Act, a special resolution of the members is required to make any amendment to add, change or delete this section of the by-laws.



## **Termination of Membership**

A membership in the Corporation is terminated when: the member dies or resigns; the member is expelled or their membership is otherwise terminated in accordance with the articles or by-laws; the member's term of membership expires; or the Corporation is liquidated and dissolved under the Act.

## **Effect of Termination of Membership**

Subject to the articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the member, including any rights in the property of the Corporation, automatically cease to exist.

## **Discipline of Members**

The Directors may refuse membership to any person without just cause or reason, and shall have the power and authority to fine or suspend, or both any member, and cancel the membership of any member.

## **Save Harmless**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, each member shall be deemed to have entered into an agreement with the Association wherein the said member agrees to accept full responsibility for, and release, indemnify, and save harmless, the Association from losses, injuries, or damages which the said member might suffer or receive, also to indemnify and save harmless the Association from any loss or damage that the Association may incur and which is caused to other persons by said member. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) (Fundamental Change) of the Act, a special resolution of the members is required to make any amendments to this section of the by-laws if those amendments affect membership rights and/or conditions described in paragraphs 197(1)(e), (h), (l) or (m).

# Notice of Members Meeting

## MEMBERS' MEETINGS

- An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at least once in every calendar year, at such time and place as may be decided by the Directors. The Directors may proceed to convene a Special General Meeting of the members of the Association, at any time and place in Canada, and any such meeting shall be called a Special General Meeting.
- At least seven (7) days' notice of all meetings shall be given to the members, either by post or by publication in any official publication of the Association, and if the meeting is a Special General Meeting, the notice shall indicate the nature of the business which it is proposed will be discussed at the meeting. The accidental omission to give notice to all members of the Association, or the non-receipt by any member of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.
- The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to elect the Directors in any applicable year, and to receive and consider the Directors' reports, the financial statement, and to ratify and confirm the acts of the Directors and any of its delegates, agents, and officers. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) (Fundamental Change) of the Act, a special resolution of the members is required to make any amendment to the bylaws of the Corporation to change the manner of giving notice to members entitled to vote at a meeting of members.

## Members Calling a Members' Meeting

The board of directors shall call a special meeting of members in accordance with Section 167 of the Act, on written requisition of members carrying not less than 5% of the voting rights. If the directors do not call a meeting within twenty-one (21) days of receiving the requisition, any member who signed the requisition may call the meeting.

## Absentee Voting at Members' Meetings

No votes by proxy shall be allowed, and only members entitled to vote shall be those attending the meetings in person. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) (Fundamental Change) of the Act, a special resolution of the members is required to make any amendment to the bylaws of the Corporation to change this method of voting by members not in attendance at a meeting of members.

## Proposals Nominating Directors at Annual Members' Meetings

### Directors and Officers Qualifications

The qualifications of a Director shall be that she is a member in good standing of the Association.

## **Cost of Publishing Proposals for Annual Members' Meetings**

The member who submitted the proposal shall pay the cost of including the proposal and any statement in the notice of meeting at which the proposal is to be presented unless otherwise provided by ordinary resolution of the members present at the meeting.

## **Place of Members' Meeting**

Meetings of the Members' may be held at any place in the Dominion of Canada. The Directors may make regulations in regard to the manner and time that notice shall be given of such meetings.

## **Chair of Members' Meetings**

The President - shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Directors. The Vice President - shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.

## **Quorum at Members' Meetings**

Ten (10) members who are otherwise entitled to vote, and who are personally present, shall constitute a quorum at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association.

## **Votes to Govern at Members' Meetings**

Every question submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a show of hands, and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote to which she may be entitled as a member.

At any meeting, the declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Association, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or the proportion of the votes recorded in favor or against the resolution.

**One (1) parent of each Junior and Little Cowgirl member is allowed to vote on all issues, on behalf of that member, at the Annual Meeting.**

## **Participation by Electronic Means at Members' Meetings**

Participation at meetings of members may not be by telephonic, electronic or other communication facility.

## **Members' Meeting Held Entirely by Electronic Means**

Meetings of members may not be held entirely by telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility.

## Number of Directors

Unless otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of directors shall not be less than five (5), nor more than twenty-two (22).

## Term of Office of Directors

- The applicants hereto shall be the first Directors of the Association, and shall hold office until a Special General Meeting is convened, and at that meeting one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Directors shall be elected to office until the first Annual General Meeting, and the other half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) until the second Annual General Meeting.
- After the Special General Meeting referred to above, Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, to hold office for a two (2) year term, and each Director shall retain office until the dissolution of the meeting at which her successor is elected. Any Province which has members in good standing, resident in that Province at the date of the Annual General Meeting, shall be entitled to representation on the Board of Directors, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to the office of Director at any Annual General Meeting unless such member has been nominated in writing by two (2) other members, and has endorsed her consent to such nomination thereon. Such written nomination must be addressed to the Secretary of the Association, not less than thirty (30) clear days, and not more than sixty (60) days before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

## Vacancy in Office

- The Directors shall have power to appoint any member as a Director to fill a casual vacancy.
- The office of Director shall be automatically vacated:
  - a) if a Director shall resign her office by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary of the Association;
  - b) if at a Special General Meeting of members, a resolution is passed by three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the members present at the meeting, that she be removed from office;
  - c) On death; and/or
  - d) if a Director misses three (3) consecutive meetings without consent of the Board of Directors.

## Calling of Meetings of Board of Directors

The President may, or the Secretary shall, at the request of two (2) directors at any time convene a meeting of the directors.

## **Notice of Meeting of Board of Directors**

Meetings of the Directors may be held at any place in the Dominion of Canada. The Directors may make regulations in regard to the manner and time that notice shall be given of such meetings. Until such regulations are made, meetings of the Board may be held at any time without formal notice, if all the Directors are present, or those absent have signified their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence; and notice of any meeting where notice has not been dispensed with, delivered, mailed, or e-mailed to each Director at her ordinary address, four (4) days prior to such meeting shall be sufficient notice of any meeting of the Directors. In computing such period of four (4) days, the day on which such notice is delivered, mailed or e-mailed shall be included, and the day for which notice is given shall be excluded. Notice of any meeting or irregularity in any meeting or in the notice thereof, may be waived by any Director. The Directors may, by resolution, appoint a regular time and place for meetings, and no further notice of such time and place, than the entry of such resolution upon the minutes of the meeting at which it was passed, shall be necessary.

## **Votes to Govern at Meetings of the Board of Directors**

### **Quorum**

- The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings, and may declare the quorum necessary for the transaction of business, but until the Directors make such determination, ten (10) shall be a quorum.
- A meeting of the Directors for the time being at which a quorum is present, shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretion by or under the regulations of the Association, for the time being vested in, or exercised by, the Directors generally.
- A resolution signed by all Directors of the Association shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a duly constituted meeting of the Directors. Questions arising at any Directors' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- The Directors may alter or amend the rules of the Association at any time, and from time to time.
- The Directors may, but shall not be required to do so, appoint members or persons to represent the Association in any district or province in Canada, and to delegate them such powers and authorities as the Directors may decide.

- A meeting of the Directors, at which a quorum is present, shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities and discretion by or under the regulations of the Association, for the time being vested in, or exercised by, the Directors generally; and any person to whom authority is delegated hereunder shall, notwithstanding that it shall afterwards be discovered that there was some defect in her or their appointment, or that she or they were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person was duly appointed or qualified.
- A Director or Delegate shall not be entitled to any remuneration for her services; provided however if any Director or Delegate is called upon to perform extra service for the Association, the Association may remunerate her for the said services by such sum as may be determined by the Directors. Provided that if by those present, or by any members or Directors' meeting, any general power given to the Board or any Committee thereof, or to any named Director(s), or to any number of Directors, such general delegation may be deemed specific authority for each act done by the Board, Committee or Director(s) in terms thereof.

## **POWER of DIRECTORS**

- The management of the business and affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Directors, who in addition to the powers and authorities by those present, or otherwise, expressly conferred upon them, may exercise all such powers, and do all acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Association, and are not hereby or by statute expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the members in General Meeting.
- The Directors may delegate any of their powers to any other person or persons as they think fit, and may at any time revoke such delegation, and any such person or persons so appointed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Association, and to any regulations that from time to time be imposed upon her or them by the Directors.

## **Committees of the Board of Directors**

- The Directors may delegate any of the powers to committees consisting of such one or more persons as they think fit, and may from time to time revoke such delegation. Any committee so formed, shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Directors.
- The meetings and proceedings of any such committee consisting of two (2) or more persons, shall be governed by the provisions herein contained for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Directors, so far as the same are applicable thereto, and are not superseded by any regulations made by the Directors under the last preceding clause. Two (2) members of any such committee shall constitute a quorum for all meetings thereof, unless otherwise resolved by the Directors.

# Appointment of Executive and Event Directors

The Executive and Directors of the Association shall be elected by the membership. ---The Executive shall be;

a) President

b) Vice President

c) Secretary

d) Treasurer

e) Public Relations officer

- To be eligible for any Executive position the member must be a resident of Alberta.
- To be eligible for election for President, members must have been on the board for four (4) years prior to being nominated.
- And any such other officers as may be determined from time to time by the Directors. -All Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years

## Description of Offices

Duties of Officers

- The President - shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Directors.
- The Vice President - shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
- The Secretary - shall keep minutes of all meetings, and shall keep same and other records of the Association. She shall conduct the official correspondence and be responsible for the safe custody of the corporate seal, and of all records and documents relating to the Association.
- The Treasurer - shall keep an account of all monies received by her, and shall deposit the same in the name of the Association in such depository as shall be designated by the Directors. She shall not disperse any monies of the Association except by cheque drawn on such depository, and signed by her and any other Director and officer that the Directors may designate from time to time. Will supply a monthly detailed transaction list to directors and all transactions will be audited/reviewed by a second board member. She shall also make a full report on the financial condition of the Association at each Annual Meeting.

## Minutes

The Directors shall cause minutes to be duly entered in books provided for the purpose:

- a) Of all appointments of Officers;
- b) Of the names of Directors present at each meeting of the Directors, and of any Committee of Directors;
- c) Of all resolutions made by the Directors, and Committees of Directors;
- d) Of all resolutions and proceedings of General Meetings.

Any such minutes of any meeting of the Directors, or of any Committee of Directors, or of the Association, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of such meeting, shall be receivable as prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such minutes.

## Invalidity of any Provisions of this By-law

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this by-law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this by-law.

## Omissions and Errors

The accidental omission to give any notice to any member, director, officer, member of a committee of the board or public accountant, or the non-receipt of any notice by any such person where the Corporation has provided notice in accordance with the by-laws or any error in any notice not affecting its substance shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting to which the notice pertained or otherwise founded on such notice.

## Mediation and Arbitration

• Disputes or controversies among members, directors, officers, committee members, or volunteers of the Corporation are as much as possible to be resolved in accordance with mediation and/or arbitration as provided in the section on dispute resolution mechanism of this by-law. Directors' Indemnity --- Except as otherwise hereinafter provided, every Director, Manager, Secretary, and other officer or servant of the Association, shall be indemnified by the Association; and it shall be the duty of the Directors, and out of the funds of the Association, to pay all losses and expenses which any such Director, Manager, Secretary, officer or servant shall incur or become liable for by reason of any contract entered into, or act or thing done by her as such Director, Manager, Secretary, officer or servant, or in any discharge of her duties including traveling expenses.



- Any person or her estate made a party to any action, suit, or proceedings by reason of the fact that she is or was a Director, Manager, Secretary, or other officer, agent or servant of the Association, or of any corporation which she served as such, at the request of the Association, shall be indemnified by the Association against the reasonable expenses, including attorney fees, necessarily incurred by her in connection with any appeal therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged that such Director, Manager, Secretary, or other officer, agent or servant is liable for such negligence or misconduct in the performance of her duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other right to which such Director, officer or employee may be entitled. None of the provisions hereof shall be construed as a limitation upon the right of the Association to exercise its general power to enter into a contract or undertaking of indemnity with or for the benefit of any Director, Manager, Secretary, or other officer, agent or servant in any proper case not provided for herein.

- No Director or other officer of the Association shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects, or defaults of any other Director or officer, or for joining any other in any receipt or other act of conformity, or for any loss or expense happening to the Association through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by order of the Directors, for or on behalf of the Association, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in, or upon which any of the monies of the Association shall be invested, or for the loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy or insolvency or tortuous act of any person with whom monies, securities, or effects shall be deposited, or for any loss occasioned by an error, judgment, or oversight on her part, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever, which shall happen in the execution of the duties of her office, or in relation thereto, unless it is otherwise provided in a contract of service with such Director or officer.

## **By-laws and Effective Date**

### Amendment of Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Association may be repealed and amended by a Bylaw enacted by the majority of the Directors, at a meeting called for that purpose, and sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a meeting called for the purpose of considering the said Bylaw; provided that the enactment repeal and amendment of such Bylaw shall not be enforced and acted upon until the approval of the Registrar General of Canada has been obtained.

This section does not apply to a by-law that requires a special resolution of the members according to subsection 197(1) (fundamental change) of the Act.

# RULES

## MEMBERSHIP

### General

1. Members shall pay an initial membership fee payable to the Association before they are a member and able to enter a rodeo. Fee must be accompanied by a signed membership application card.
2. A current membership must be purchased and in order, by closing date of entries for any given C.G.R.A. rodeo, with the exception of locals. If a signed membership form and full payment is not received by the C.G.R.A. by the deadline, either the girl will be entered as a local (points do not count), or, if she has entered one rodeo as a local already, she will be unable to enter. Locals will be determined by show management.
3. A contestant may compete in one (1) rodeo without becoming a C.G.R.A. member, where definite residence is established, and approved by the Rodeo Committee. No points can be earned at that one (1) rodeo.
4. A girl is not a member of the C.G.R.A. until her membership has been paid in full. Points will not count until all monies have been received by the C.G.R.A.
5. All Active Members of good standing in the C.G.R.A. who are Canadian citizens, or who hold landed immigrant status in Canada, and who have resided in Canada for at least one (1) year after becoming landed immigrants, shall be eligible to compete for the Canadian Girls' Rodeo Association Championships.
6. Non-Resident Permits shall be limited to females residing outside of Canada. Non-Residents are not eligible for Canadian Championships.
7. A Non-Active Member may not compete unless she transfers to an Active membership by paying the additional fee. Members of any age holding a Ladies Active Membership shall not be allowed to compete in Junior approved events.
8. Life Members:
  - i) A regular member who is in good standing, who has paid her membership dues for a period of ten (10) consecutive years, and who is of age 45 or over, shall be granted a Life Membership in the Association, if she applies in writing, to the Association for such membership.
  - ii) A life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Ladies Member.
9. Once a girl of Junior age has taken out a Ladies Active Membership, she is no longer eligible to apply for a Junior Membership.
10. Junior Members must be fifteen (15) years of age or younger, as of January first (1st) in that rodeo year.

11. Any person of junior age wishing to compete in approved events must take out a Ladies Active Membership, with the exception of Team Roping and Cow Riding.
12. Little Cowgirls must be Ten (10) years of age or younger as of January first (1st) in that rodeo year.
13. Little Cowgirls events will include Barrel Racing and Pole Bending. No Lead line.
14. Cannot compete in any Junior Events unless they purchase a Junior Membership and move up into that Division.

**Membership Fees**

Annual dues for membership in the Association shall be as follows:

Ladies Active Membership .....	\$100.00 per year
Non-Active Membership .....	\$25.00 per year
Junior Membership .....	\$70.00 per year
Lil Cowgirl .....	\$45.00 per year
Non-Resident Permit .....	U.S. Funds - \$100.00 per year

At All Girl Rodeos, contestants must hold a membership card or non-resident permit.

**Reinstatement**

Any member resigning from the C.G.R.A. will have a one (1) year waiting period before their membership application can be submitted to the Board of Directors for acceptance.

**Protection**

No member of the C.G.R.A. shall at any time organize a C.G.R.A. clinic without the approval of the Board of Directors, nor shall she speak, write or appear on behalf of the C.G.R.A. without the approval of the Board. By becoming a member of the C.G.R.A. a member releases to the Association the right to use her name and/or picture for the good of the Association, or the sport of rodeo, as long as there is no commercial endorsement or resale value involved.

## BINGO AND/OR CASINO RULES

In a current Rodeo Year, Members are required to work, or receive credit for, a total of **TWO (2)** bingos if signed up before March 1st and after March 1st a member will be required to work **THREE (3)** bingos. If a member fails to work or receive credit for these bingos they will be unable to qualify for the Finals or for any award(s).

Rookie Members are required to work only 2 bingos in their Rookie year.

Any member who signs up for a bingo event, and then doesn't show up to work the event will be fined **\$200.00**, and will not be eligible to enter another rodeo until such time as the fine is paid.

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If a member signs up for extra workers to work their bingo and those workers don't show up for the event, the member will be fined \$200.00 for each worker who fails to attend to work the event.

If a member signs up for a bingo and cancels with less than seven days notice, the member will be fined \$200.00 per person who cancelled. To avoid this fine, the member can recruit other workers to fill the vacant space left when she cancels.

Members under 18 have an option of a buy out in lieu of working bingos in the amount of \$250.00. This buy out money must be into the C.G.R.A. office 6 weeks prior to the finals. This date will be announced and posted each year.

## **ALL GIRL RODEO**

### **Circuit**

The C.G.R.A. Circuit consists of approved events held at:

- a) All Girl Rodeos
- b) Promotional Events

### **Events**

All Girl Rodeos must advertise all C.G.R.A. approved events, which are:

#### **Ladies Events:**

- Barrel Racing
- Tie Down Roping
- Pole Bending
- Steer Undecorating
- Breakaway Roping
- Team Roping
- Cow Riding
- Goat Tying

#### **Junior Events:**

- Barrel Racing
- Goat Tying
- Pole Bending
- Breakaway Roping

#### **Little Cowgirl Events:**

- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending

## **C.G.R.A. Rodeo Approval**

1. Anyone wishing to run a C.G.R.A. approved event(s) in accordance with the C.G.R.A. circuit as outlined in this rule book must submit details in writing to the C.G.R.A. for approval, thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the rodeo.
2. Each All Girl Rodeo and promotional event must come through the Association Office for approval, and be listed in a C.G.R.A. official circuit publication mailed a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the closing date of the rodeo entry.
3. When a rodeo committee hosts a rodeo, they will receive 3 free bingos along with assistance for each day.
4. All C.G.R.A. approved events listed on the C.G.R.A. official website count for points. If such events listed are postponed, it is up to the individual contestant to find out the re-scheduled date, but it must be re-scheduled and held within three (3) weeks of the date of postponement, or it will not count for points, unless it reappears on the C.G.R.A. official website.
5. Ladies events require a minimum purse of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per performance, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for Team Roping.  
Minimum entry fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for all Ladies events.
6. Junior events require a minimum purse of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per performance.  
Minimum entry fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all Junior events.
7. Little Cowgirls events require a minimum purse of twenty five dollars (\$25) per performance. Minimum entry fee of ten dollars (\$10) for all Little Cowgirl Events
8. At a one (1) day show, there will be only one (1) go-round, regardless of purse.
9. The minimum purse for a promotional event is five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
10. Purse money from rodeo committees is to be paid one (1) week prior to the rodeo date, at the Directors' discretion.
11. Individual Rodeo Committees must use the C.G.R.A. point system in determining their All-around Award winner, if applicable.
12. The Rodeo Committee has the right to cancel an event if only three (3) contestants have entered.
13. A Rodeo Committee cannot exceed more than a \$10/day Gate Fee per rodeo
14. All Timers, Flagmen and/or Judges used by the Rodeo Committee must be C.G.R.A. approved. Timers, Flagmen and/or Judges may not be changed after the first (1st) performance except for sickness, injury or by the request of a C.G.R.A. official as a result of incompetence.
15. There shall be two (2) or more Timers, a Barrier Judge and a Field Judge. Judges' decisions are final at all times
16. The Board of Directors has the right to reject any approval form which it feels is detrimental to the Association.

## **Rodeo Secretaries and Entries**

1. All calls to the Central Entry Office may be recorded.
2. Email entries open one day prior to phone in entries (Mondays) at 9 am and close at 9 pm (same time as phone in entries-Tuesdays). Phone entries are open from 5 - 9 pm, Tuesdays. Check website for dates.
3. Local Entries are to be received by the host rodeo committee prior to CGRA Entry Date and then they are to forward entries onto Central Entry. Host Rodeo Committee is responsible for collection of fees.
4. The Management and the C.G.R.A. reserve the right to reject the entry of any contestant who has violated the governing rules, who has been dishonest in competition, or who has proven to be undesirable in any recognized contest.
5. It is the contestant's responsibility to find out when she is drawn up in her particular event(s). Trading positions will not be permitted.
6. There will be no cross entries between Junior and Open events, with the exception of Team Roping and Cow Riding.
7. In Team Roping both the contestants must be named when entering. Entry fees per person will be the same as in other events.
8. No exhibition runs will be allowed in any scheduled C.G.R.A. event.
9. If necessary, slack may be held prior to advertised rodeo date, or at any time management desires.
10. Effective January 2023, there will be a stock charge of \$10/run/rodeo. There will be a \$7/run/rodeo tractor fee for barrels and pole events to go to the rodeo committee.
11. The C.G.R.A. Show representative on duty at any C.G.R.A. approved rodeo will be responsible to obtain from the Rodeo Secretary, the results and points of any girl placing in a C.G.R.A. approved event(s), on an official C.G.R.A. Result Form, and this form must be signed by the Rodeo Secretary of said rodeo and mailed to the C.G.R.A. Box 6152 Station D, Calgary, AB T2P 2C8

## **Postponements & Cancellations**

1. No cancellation of a performance will be permitted unless in the unanimous opinion of the Committee Chairman, Stock Contractor, and C.G.R.A. Official, it is physically impossible to hold the performance.
2. If a rodeo is postponed for more than twenty-four (24) hours, the books will be re-opened, and all contestants will be required to re-enter the re-scheduled rodeo.
3. All contestants are responsible for ½ of the Central Entry Office fees, even when the rodeo is cancelled.

## **Turnouts**

1. The Central Entry office must be notified by phone or email of any turnout.
2. There will be no drawing out after position is drawn, without a doctor's release or a veterinarian's certificate.
3. C.G.R.A. member's entry fees in a rodeo are guaranteed by the C.G.R.A. Where a member turns out of a C.G.R.A. approved event(s) the C.G.R.A. will pay all entry fees, and the Board of Directors will levy a turn out fine for each day in the amount stated below, plus the entry fee amount, and CEO fees plus tractor and stock fee. The fine must be paid before the member can compete at the next rodeo.
4. Turn out fines should not exceed entry fees. Ladies fine will be \$25 per rodeo. Junior Fine will be \$15 per rodeo. Lil Cowgirls will be \$10 per rodeo.
5. Contestants turning out stock at any time will receive no time or marking for that go-round, but will be eligible to compete on all other stock. Contestant will not be eligible for average money in the event in which the stock is turned out.
6. A contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when called.
7. In Team Roping:
  - A. In the case of injury/medical release to one (1) partner, or a turn-out of one (1) partner, the remaining partner may pick up a second partner so long as she is not already entered twice in the Team Roping. The alternate must be entered in the rodeo.
  - B. In the event one member turns out in Team Roping, replacement partner gets the points. The turn-out partner in Team Roping must pay fees and turn-out fine. Replacement partner must pay fees and stock fees.
  - C. Entry fees for the turn out partner will go into the general account (not into the payout).



### **Medical and Vet Releases**

1. Contestants using medical and/or vet releases, must notify the Payout or Rodeo Office within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the rodeo.
2. A veterinarian's or doctor's certificate must be received by the C.G.R.A. within three (3) days of the rodeo.
3. A contestant submitting a doctor's release or veterinarian's certificate may not compete at another rodeo for five (5) clear days.
4. Only two (2) veterinarian certificates can be submitted in one (1) year.
5. Upon submission of a veterinarian or doctor's release, entry fees will not be payable, but central entry fee will be applied.
6. Judges will be permitted to do a "visual" vet or medical release at a C.G.R.A. rodeo. The contestant must pay their fees, however no fine will be imposed.
7. If, in the opinion of the judge(s), or as stated on a doctor's release, a contestant is unable to compete in a particular event because of injury, she may withdraw. This does not prevent her from competing in other events in which she may be entered.

### **Results and Payout**

All entry fees, including any local contestants who compete, are to be added to the purse. A three percent (3%) approval fee will be charged at C.G.R.A. and promotional events. The approval fee is defined at three percent (3%) of the total purse plus entry fees. All division of monies is to be calculated after the three percent (3%) fee has been deducted. Medical and Vet Release entry fees do not count towards the payout.

### **Go Round Payout**

Total Entries X Fee	\$ _____
Plus	
Total Money Added	\$ _____
Equals	
Total Money in Pot	\$ _____
Less	
CGRA 3%	\$ _____
Equals	
Total Payout Purse	\$ _____

The purse will be split as follows:

### **Ladies Payout:**

Where purse money plus entry fees is under five-hundred dollars (\$500.00), or in the case of Team Roping under one-thousand (\$1,000.00), in a go-round or average, four (4) monies shall be paid to be split as follows: 40%, 30%, 20% and 10%.

Six (6) monies shall be paid in a go-round or average whenever there is a five-hundred (\$500.00) to one-thousand, nine-hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$1,999.99), or in the case of Team Roping, one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to three-thousand, nine-hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$3,999.99) in the go-round or average. Six (6) monies are split as follows: 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9% and 5%.

Eight (8) monies shall be paid in a go-round or average whenever there is two-thousand (\$2,000.00) to three-thousand, nine-hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$3,999.99), or in the case of Team Roping four-thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to six-thousand, nine-hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$6,999.99) in the go-round or average. Eight (8) monies are split 29%, 23%, 16%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5% and 4%.

Ten (10) monies shall be paid in a go-round or average whenever there is four-thousand (\$4,000.00) or more, or in the case of Team Roping, seven-thousand (\$7,000.00) or more. Ten monies are split 24%, 19%, 16%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3% and 2%.

If a person unknown to the C.G.R.A. enters and turns out of the membership rodeo and does not buy a membership, entry fee will not be included in the payout.

### **Junior & Little Cowgirls Payout:**

Where purse money plus entry fees is under two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), four (4) monies shall be paid to be split as follows: 40%, 30%, 20% and 10%.

Six (6) monies shall be paid in a go-round or average whenever there is more than two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), and shall be split 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9% and 5%.

**Note:** The C.G.R.A. strongly recommends two (2) or more runs whenever the added purse is \$3,000.00 (three-thousand dollars) or more.

### **Average Payout:**

Where there are two (2) go-rounds, the average will be the same as go-round money in all events.

Where there are three (3) go-rounds, the average will be one and one-half (1½) times the amount paid in the go rounds.

Where there are four (4) go-rounds, the average will be twice (2x) the amount paid in the go-rounds.

On five (5) or more go-rounds, the average will be three (3) times the amount paid in the go-rounds.

The average will never exceed three (3) times the amount paid in the go-rounds.

If a final is called by Management, and no one is eliminated from previous go-rounds, the final will be paid off as a go-round.

When a final is held in any event, all markings or times will be counted for the average.

If a final or short go-round is requested by a Show Committee, the monies paid out towards the final or short go round will be ten percent (10%) of the total purse.

Should there be no qualifying times or rides, the added purse money put in by the rodeo committee will be given back to the committee. The entry fees paid by the contestant(s) to the C.G.R.A. will be kept by the association and be incorporated into the operating account.

In the case of a tie, the points and monies will be split. A run-off will be for the trophy only.

If all places are not filled by contestants qualifying in all go-rounds, the highest marked ride(s), fastest time(s) in any go-round will be used to fill these places. No ground splits will be paid in the average unless no one qualifies in the go-rounds,

If a go-round has been completed, and there are less than four (4) contestants to compete in any event, the remaining places in the last go-round and the average are equally divided among those who place, and shall be known as "ground money". Ground money shall not count towards standings.

If attendance at any rodeo is substantially reduced, then the members of the Association who have entered as contestants at the rodeo may appoint a Committee of three (3) of their members to negotiate with the Management of the rodeo, which Committee shall be empowered to agree to such reduction in day money as circumstances warrant.

## **POINT SYSTEM**

When money is paid to 4 (four) placings, points will be given to 6 (six) placings starting at 80 points for 1st then will go down in increments of 10:

80/70/60/50/40/30

When money is paid to 6 (six) placings, points will be given to 8 (eight) placings starting at 80 points for 1st then will go down in increments of 10:

80/70/60/50/40/30/20/10

In addition to above points, there will also be BONUS POINTS added to the placing points. The bonus points are determined by the number for entries in the event in which you placed.

*For Example:* If there are 40 entries in an event, you will be given an additional 40 points added to your placing points. In the Team Roping, both the Header and Heeler will be given an additional 40 points each.

Points will count towards Season Leaders in each event, Horse of the Year and All Around. Bonus Points will not be awarded at Sudden Death Finals. Refer to Finals Rules.

## **General Rules**

1. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for infractions.
2. All deadlines to read "POST MARKED" by the specific date i.e. Scholarship, junior bingo buy out.
3. If it is found that a rule has not been clarified in the rulebook, until such time that an item may be voted on, then precedence should prevail.
4. The C.G.R.A. will not let itself become involved in personal conflicts.
5. Fully equipped EMT be on site for the duration of the rodeo if the location exceeds 15 minutes from a hospital otherwise a certified first aid is sufficient.

## **Running Rules**

1. All judges decisions, made in accordance with the C.G.R.A. Rule Book, are final.
2. Questions or disputes with Judges must be handled through the event Director or assistant event Director. If the dispute involves an event Director, than she must seek a neutral Director to act on her behalf. The Arena Director shall not be involved in questions or disputes. Only Contestant entered in that given event may create discussion of any kind with Director and Judge while event is in progress. Once the event is complete, any member may approach the Director for discussion of the event.

3. Any disputes arising during the performance will be dealt with immediately following the event during which they occurred. Failing that, such dispute will be dealt with within one (1) hour of the completion of the performance, or it will be considered abandoned. Event director is to approach the president or vice president (or acting) to arrange a meeting in the rodeo office about the dispute.
  4. "Management" means the organization in charge and responsible for each particular rodeo, horse show, or promotional event carried on under the rules of the Canadian Girls' Rodeo Association (hereinafter referred to as "C.G.R.A.").
  5. In the case of rodeos, "Management" means the Official Judges, Arena Director in charge, and a C.G.R.A. Representative.
  6. Only female contestants shall be allowed in C.G.R.A. approved events.
  7. In every event, girls must have their own equipment, or have made arrangements for equipment before the event starts. In all events, no re-run will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by the contestant.
  8. Contestants must appear in the arena in appropriate, complete, neat and clean, western attire, including tucked in long-sleeved western style shirts with buttons/snaps/zipper shirt with collar and cuffs (no rolled sleeves while in arena). western hats or helmets, and western boots. Parents must sign a waiver for any contestant under 18 in youth and open events to compete without a helmet. Little Cowgirls must wear a CSA approved riding helmet when riding and competing at CGRA Rodeos. Western style running shoes are NOT considered proper western attire. Any contestant in the arena one (1) hour prior to rodeo start time must be in full western attire.
  9. If numbers are furnished by Management, contestants must wear them while contesting, on their backs or it will result in disqualification.
  10. A contestant must ride in the Grand Entry when requested to do so.
  11. Contestants must be on hand to answer the call of the Arena Director; must comply with all the rules of Management; and must be mounted and ready to go back into arena after rodeo for placement recognition.
  12. A contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when called three times and at the judge's discretion.
  13. Any unnecessary delay by the contestant, in starting her event, may result in disqualification.
  14. It shall be the responsibility of each Event Director to ensure that all equipment, stock, etc. is organized for their particular event, at each rodeo throughout the season.
  15. Electric timer will be used in Barrel Racing and Pole Bending and times will be recorded to one one-thousandth (1/1000). If timer fails, stop watch times will be used and stop watches are recorded to one one-hundred (1/100) of a second. Stop watches will be used in all other events and recorded to one one-hundred (1/100th).
- 28 At no time shall there be less than two (2) watches, with a flagger.

16. All contestants must compete in the order they were drawn. Failure to do so may result in a no time at the discretion of the Judge.
17. There will be an open gate for the events - Breakaway, Tie Down Roping, Team Roping, and Steer Undecorating. Once the stocks' nose clears the opening of the gate of the catch pen, no time is taken. Any participant blocking the gate of the catch pen will result in a no time as well.
18. In the roping and steer undecorating events, no helper will be allowed to stand on the wall side of the boxes.
19. Contestant is privileged, if she so desires, to see all records of all contestants in any event in which she competes, at the end of each go-round, provided that said request is made at a time convenient to the Rodeo Secretary, and when the records are available.
20. Dual events are not permitted at C.G.R.A.
21. Once the committee and managing director/secretary have set the program order, and it has been published on the website, then the program order is deemed set and cannot be changed with the exception of extreme circumstances to be determined by the committee and a minimum of 4 Directors.
22. No person shall be allowed in the arena during a rodeo performance unless entered in an event, or unless he or she has signed a waiver releasing the management and producers from liability. This rule will be enforced by the Arena Director.
23. There will be no batting allowed in front of the shoulder in any events, and no stinger whips are allowed. Stinger whips banned are any whips with wire, fiberglass/metal inside. Judge or Event Director can determine whips that are acceptable.

## **Barriers and Score Lines**

1. A measuring tape must be on hand for the Barrier Judge.
2. Arena conditions will determine the score, with length to be set by the Timed Event Director or Delegate.
3. Automatic barrier must be used in all timed events, and there must be a score line at the point where barrier trips.
4. The length of the score line must be determined one (1) hour before the rodeo commences.
5. Once a score line has been set in the timed events, it cannot be changed during the course of the rodeo, nor can the length of the box be changed.
6. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.

7. The Barrier Judge is responsible to change the barrier string, and see that the neck rope is on properly, at the request of the contestant. Should the barrier break at any other than its designated breaking point, the decision is up to the Barrier Judge. If the contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled, or the barrier rope is broken and the string unbroken, the Barrier Judge may assess a ten (10) second penalty, otherwise this will not be considered a broken barrier.
8. The Neck Rope must be fastened with string. No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on Neck Ropes in the timed events.
9. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
10. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten (10) feet (3.05m) of the post.
11. If a Barrier Flagman is used, the animal is to be flagged when crossing the barrier starting line in front of the Flagman.
12. The Barrier Judge shall ensure that no one is allowed to stand close enough to the barrier, or barrier equipment, to tamper with same.
13. In order for time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.
14. Neither the Barrier Judge nor Field Flag Judge may be changed during the course of a rodeo, except in the case of injury or illness.
15. A broken barrier must be reported, and announced, by the Barrier Judge to the timers, before the next contestant competes.

## **Measuring the Score Line**

1. Determine what "score" is going to be used. Measure out this length from the front of the "closed" chute gates. This is where to lay the "score line".
2. Measure back (towards the chute) eighteen (18) inches (0.46m) from the score line. This is the point at which the barrier should release. Check this by putting the barrier up with a pin in the barrier ring, and run tied neck rope out through the open chute. Give the neck rope a pull, and when it reaches the point eighteen (18) inches (0.46m) behind the score line, the pin will be pulled out of the ring and the barrier released. If an eight (8) foot score is used, the neck rope should be tied off at six and one-half (6½) feet (1.94m), or eight (8) feet less eighteen (18) inches (0.46m).
3. At indoor rodeos, length of score may be no longer than the length of the roping box minus three (3) feet (0.9m), unless other arrangements are approved by the Tie Down Roping, Team Roping, Breakaway and Steer Undecorating directors or their delegates.

## Re-runs and Barrier Malfunctions

1. Once a contestant asks for stock, she accepts it as sound.
2. The stock belongs to the contestant when she calls for him, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure (horn wraps not included), or the stock escaping from the arena.
3. The contestant is allowed to claim a re-run on stock by indicating claim, and pulling up immediately if:  
The animal is released before it is asked for,  
Any foul results from the barrier not working properly or,  
If a roper is fouled by a barrier (moving part of barrier or neck rope). No re-run will be granted if fouled by a non-moving object.
4. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, she accepts the animal. If contestant pulls up, she receives the animal back.
5. If the barrier malfunctions, the contestant must take a re-run, provided she has made a qualified run, or has pulled up and claimed her animals. If the barrier malfunctions due to human error; neck rope not being placed properly therefore not pulling the pin or pin placed wrong so that it won't release, the Barrier Judge can, at his discretion, assess a ten (10) second barrier penalty, or award a qualified time.
6. It is a contestant's responsibility to ensure that she takes the stock which was drawn for her. If she takes the wrong stock, her run will be disqualified, and no re-runs allowed, excluding Goat Tying, where if the wrong stock is taken, a re-run will be given on correct stock.
7. When chute run stock is claimed, the re-run must be taken right away.
8. During any performance, if an animal in the timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by the contestants, or if the automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, that animal will be returned by the Arena Director and the labor crew, during or at the end of that performance, in the same manner he was originally worked, or brought to the pens for contesting.
9. Once official time begins, re-runs are not allowed. However, if time is missed due to the electric timer or Flagman not being ready, official time will be taken again.
10. In the Tie Down Roping, Steer Undecorating, Team Roping and Breakaway Roping, if in the opinion of the line judge, the animal falls (falls is defined as: goes to knees or hocks) before it crosses the score line, the contestant shall be entitled to a rerun. There will be no penalty added to the rerun if, in the opinion of the judge, the contestant broke the barrier due to the animal falling. If the judge believes the contestant would have broken the barrier whether the animal fell or not, no rerun will be given. Contestant must declare themselves. In the Tie Down Roping, Steer Undecorating, Team Roping and Breakaway Roping, in the opinion of the line judge, if the animal turns between the chute and the score line, or ducks back into the box and does not allow the competitor to compete, a rerun will be rewarded on the designated spare. In the case of shoot run cattle, the competitor will take the stock next in line. The animal may be removed from the draw.



## **Field Flagger**

1. In any timed event, if any animal escapes from the arena, the flag will be dropped and watches stopped. The contestant will get the animal back with lap and tap start, and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying; including barriers. If time is not recorded, the decision of the Flag Judge shall be final. If the rope is on the animal, the roper will get lap and tap with the rope on it in chute.
2. When flagging timed events, the Field Flagger must position himself so as to stay out of the contestant's way.

## **Stock and Drawing of Stock**

1. At least one (1) Judge should be present for the stock draw. If there is no Judge available, the draw must be made with the Rodeo Secretary. The Stock Draw is to be made at the Committee's convenience.
2. Drawing must be conducted so that any event director may witness the draw, and the draw must be posted at the rodeo office.
3. All roping stock will be chute run, regardless of number of go rounds.
4. In each event, stock should be of consistent size and weight.
5. Stock must be predetermined by the Stock Contractor at least one (1) hour before show time.
6. A C.G.R.A. Director, or an Official Representative of the Association, must inspect all rodeo stock at a reasonable time before the start of the rodeo, and has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory, and any stock so declared shall be taken from the draw.
7. Any stock in the original draw that is turned out (not bucked) will automatically go into re-rides if needed.
8. All timed event stock must be run prior to performance.
9. No practicing on stock prior to or during any rodeo.
10. Fresh Team Roping stock may not be roped prior to competition.
11. Cattle in timed events must be rotated in such a manner that the first run is completed before the following run starts, and so on.
12. Livestock used for contesting shall be entirely free from effects of stimulants or hypnotics.
13. Livestock may be prodded upon request of contestant with the approval of the Stock Contractor.

## Infractions of Rules & Fines

1. At all approved rodeos, all livestock may be subject to a Veterinarian inspection for humane reasons before and after an event. If any rider refuses to allow such an inspection, or if any contestant is found using stimulants or hypnotics of any kind at any C.G.R.A. approved event, she will automatically be disqualified from the event, and if she is a member of the Association, a fine and/or suspension will follow.
2. The Board of Directors of the C.G.R.A. may fine or suspend from the C.G.R.A. any girl who violates any of the governing rules of the Management or of the C.G.R.A., or for any reason whatsoever, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing in particular:
  - a). Excessive yelling during an event
  - b). Hats falling off during competition. Bandannas must not be worn over or under the hat;
  - c). Any relative of a C.G.R.A. competitor complaining to Management or Arena Director on behalf of said C.G.R.A. member(s);
  - d). The decision of the Timers, Flagmen, and Judges shall be final, and no protest by any contestant or parent/guardian will be permitted. All complaints must be made to the Director; failure to abide will result in a verbal warning; second offense will result in fifty dollar (\$50) fine. Any harassment, altercations, or quarreling with Timers, Flagman or Judges after final decision is made will result in a written warning upon first offence; second offence will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine. This shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - e). Tampering with or removing ropes used as barrel markers.
  - f). Being under the influence of liquor during the performance.
  - g). Rowdyism
  - h). Bad cheques. An automatic twenty dollar (\$20.00) fine for first N.S.F. cheque and any further infractions to be handled by the Board of Directors
  - i). Not participating in the Grand Entry when requested to do so.
  - j). Mistreatment of stock or horse will result in:
    - 1st offence Two hundred (\$200.00) fine
    - 2nd offence Five Hundred (\$500.00) fine and; suspension of 4 (four) rodeos.
  - k). Ill-mannered horses will be disqualified at the judge(s) discretion.
  - l). Excessive use of bats will result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); second offence will result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and a forfeit of points.
  - m). Non-payment of entry fee.

3. Any persons bullying or verbally abusing a Director, shall be assessed a fine of \$100.00 immediately. This shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Such said persons, will not be able to enter that specific rodeo and will be blacklisted until the fines are paid.
4. Any member who has violated any of the governing rules of Management or C.G.R.A. will be notified to appear before the Board of Directors, and shall be able to speak in her own defense.
5. The Directors shall make the final decision without recommendations from other members. Any rule infractions shall be reported either directly to the Board of Directors or through a C.G.R.A. Representative on duty. This report, in writing, must reach the Board within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the rodeo at which such violation occurred.
6. Any member, who has neglected to answer the request of the Board to appear before such Board, may not compete in any C.G.R.A. approved event until cleared by said Board.
7. A member will not be allowed to compete in any C.G.R.A. approved event until her levied fine has been paid. All violators are subject to a fine to be levied by the Board of Directors.
8. A suspended list will be drawn up, and the name of such suspended member will remain until the levied fine is paid, regardless of what year it involves.
9. No Rattling of the Chute. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute gate for her. This applies to both performance and slack. The contestant and/or person rattling the gate shall be disqualified.
10. General complaints must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for consideration and documentation. Anyone found to be harassing Directors, Judges, Stock Contractors, Committee Members, Volunteers or Paid Help will receive a written warning; second offense will result in a one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150) fine; third offense will result in a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine and/or 4 rodeo suspensions. This shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

# Event Rules

## Tie Down Roping

1. Maximum weight for calves will be two hundred (200) pounds (90kg) for Tie Down Roping. If over two hundred (200) pounds (90kg), the event will be run as Ribbon Roping. The maximum weight is not to exceed three hundred and fifty (350) pounds (157.5kg).
2. If there must be a re-run of calves to complete a go-round, all calves must be tied down before any stock is run. If, after a go-round has been completed, a fresh calf has to be used, it must be roped and tied before the next go-round, but if extra calves have been tied at that rodeo, they will not be considered fresh.
3. Roper's horse must break the plane of the barrier and the stock breaking the plane of the score line before the contestant is allowed to throw her loop. Once calf is caught roper must tie calf and the field flag judge will drop the flag when roper declares her tie done. Time will become official when contestants Jean pockets meet the saddle provided the calf does not kick out of the tie. If rope comes off the calf while the contestant is tying it, the flag will be dropped once the roper declares her tie done and time will become official when roper steps back 3 ft.
4. Only one (1) loop will be permitted, and should the roper miss, she must retire and no time will be allowed. Roping a calf without releasing the rope from the hand is not permitted.
5. Contestant will be allowed sixty (60) seconds to get the loop on the calf and complete the run. Catch as catch can rule shall apply.
6. Contestants must adjust the rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf. Contestants must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.
7. The rope must be tied hard and fast. Contestants must dismount, go down rope, throw calf by hand, and cross and tie any three (3) feet. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to its feet and thrown by hand. If the roper's hand is on the calf when it falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand. The rope must hold the calf until the roper gets her hand on the calf. The tie must hold until passed by the Judge, and the roper must not touch the calf after giving the finish signal with both hands and until after the Judge has completed his examination. If the tie comes loose, or the calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked NO TIME. The untie man must not touch the calf until signaled to do so by the Flag Judge.
8. The roper will be penalized ten (10) seconds if a calf is jerked down by the horse with the first jerk of the rope which is used when the calf is caught. A jerk down means that a calf is jerked over backwards (with all 4 legs leaving the ground) between 10 and 2 o'clock on the standard clock and at 150 degrees.
9. If the horse drags the calf, the Field Flag Judge may stop the horse. Penalty for such offence can only be assessed by the Flag Judge. The horse cannot drag the calf more than a total of 10 feet or the contestant will be flagged out.

10. Once the calf is tied, the rope will not be removed from the calf. A roper cannot touch her horse or rope, or encourage in any way her horse to back up, until remounted, or disqualification will result. If the rope is free and clear from the calf during the run, roper is free and clear to do with equipment as need be.
11. Regardless of circumstances, the roper will be disqualified for removing the rope from the calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the Field Judge.
12. A maximum of three (3) people are allowed to line stock, standing at the score line in the centre of the heading box, three (3) feet apart, as per stock contractor's request.
13. In inclement weather, where arena conditions are questionable, it will be at the judge's discretion to continue the event.

### **Ribbon Roping**

1. The ribbon must be secured between the calf's hipbones. The calf must be on its feet when the ribbon is removed.
2. If the ribbon comes off due to no fault of the contestant, the re-run is to be made at the end of that performance, or end of that particular section.
3. Time is to stop when the contestant raises the ribbon above shoulder level.
4. All other preceding Tie Down Roping rules apply to this event.

### **Break-Away Roping**

1. Breakaway calves shall be a minimum of one hundred and eighty (180) pounds, to a maximum of three hundred and fifty (350) pounds.
2. Horns on calves are not to exceed 2 inches long in length.
3. Animals used for this event should be inspected, and objectionable stock eliminated.
4. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit.
5. Break-away competitors must come out of the Tie Down Roping box.
6. The same barrier as Tie Down Roping will be used. Once the score line has been set in the timed events, it will not be changed in that "go", nor can the length of the box be changed.
7. The rope must be tied to the horn in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf hits the end of the rope. This will be the contestant's responsibility.
8. The rope must be tied to the horn with a string, and may not be run through the bridle, tie-down, neck rope or any other device. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with nylon string. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied to the knot. There will be no tail to the rope, 3 knots must be used to tie the competitor rope to the saddle horn.
9. Contestants must use the colored breakaway string supplied by C.G.R.A. and the tie will be inspected by the Event Director prior to the contestant roping (or competing).

10. A cloth of brightly colored, including white, material must be attached to the rope at the saddle horn, and so the judge can tell when the rope breaks from the horn. The flag used must be a minimum of 6x6 in size.
11. A contestant must be on her horse. Her horse must break the plane of the barrier and her stock breaking the plane of the score line before the contestant is allowed to compete.
12. The rope must be released from the contestant's hand to be a legal catch.
13. The "catch as catch can" rule shall apply, meaning that the loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body, after the loop has passed over the calf's head, to break the string from the horn.
14. Time shall be taken between two (2) flags.
15. Only one (1) loop will be permitted, and should the roper miss, she must retire and no time will be allowed. Roping a calf without releasing the rope from the hand is not permitted
16. The contestant will receive no time should she break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally, and then stop her horse to make the rope break away.
17. If the field judge flags out a roper that still legally has one loop coming, the judge may give the same calf back, lap & tap, plus time already elapsed.

### **Goat Tying**

1. Goat order will be drawn prior to the rodeo.
2. Fresh goats must be tied down three (3) times, prior to the show.
3. The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire rodeo.
4. The goat is to be tied to a stake with a rope ten feet (10) in length, from snap to snap. The stake is to be pounded completely into the ground with no part of it visible.
5. The goat peg must be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any fence.
6. The score line to the goat peg will be one hundred (100) feet.
7. Contestant is allowed a running start, and will be required to run in the arena only when an acceptable, centrally located gate or gates safely permits, or by event directors approval.
8. No circling horse in the arena. One spin or pivot in either direction is acceptable if centrally located gate is not used. Once the contestant has crossed the score line the time has started. There is no exception to this rule.
9. Time will start when the horse's nose crosses the starting line.
10. Time will stop when the goat tyer signals the completion of the tie by letting go of the rope/string with both hands.

11. The goat must be held by the collar at the end of the rope in a vertical position from the starting line until time begins. Goat holders cannot be a contestant in the category competing (Juniors cannot hold for Junior goats, but can hold the Ladies' goats)
12. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from her horse, flank the goat by hand, cross, wrap and tie at least three (3) feet together with a leather/cotton rope or pigging string. No wire is to be used in the goat string.
13. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be at least one complete wrap around at least three (3) legs, and a half hitch, hooley or knot. The contestant must tie the goat by hand with no pre-made wraps, coils, knots, hooeys or half hitch.
14. If the goat is down when the contestant reaches it, goat must be elevated high enough that it has the opportunity to regain its feet and then stand clear of the goat when the tie is finished.
15. If contestant's hand is on the goat when goat falls, the goat is considered thrown by hand.
16. Once a contestant has signaled her tie complete, she may not touch the tie or the goat. Any attempt to enhance competitive opportunity after signaling for the time will result in disqualification.
17. The contestant must move back three (3) feet from the goat before the judge will start the six (6) second time limit on the tie – for the goat's legs to remain crossed and tied. If contestant gets rope that is holding goat wrapped around her leg, she may ask the judge if she can remove it. After getting permission from judge, removing rope and moving back three (3) feet her six (6) second time limit will start. While the judge is performing the six (6) second time limit, the contestant will make no gestures, motions or noises to distract the goat. This will be considered trying to make an unfair advantage and will result in disqualification.
18. Legs must remain crossed and secure for six (6) seconds after completion of tie. While the judge is performing the six (6) procedures, the contestant will make no gestures, motions or noises to distract the goat. This will be considered trying to make an unfair advantage and will result in a disqualification.
19. Should the horse run over, or touch the rope, with or without contact to the goat, the contestant will be fined ten (10) seconds. If the violation occurs after the flagman has signaled for time, there will be no penalty.
20. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will be disqualified.
21. If the goat gets loose from tether or the peg comes out from the ground before the contestant touches the goat, a rerun will be assessed.
22. If the horse/rope violation is declared but timer fails to get time, and a rerun is awarded. A ten (10) second penalty will go with contestant on rerun.

23. A contestant may untie her own goat, after the allotted time has elapsed.
24. No goat will have more than three (3) consecutive ties made on them. Three paid ties (non-notified turnouts and doctor releases included) will constitute a run on the goat. Each goat must be “run” before any goat can be “run” the second and subsequent times. In no situation should the goat order of competition change from the original drawn position.
25. In the event that stock is injured, and there is no spare available, the spare should be pulled from another goat tying event. (I.e. Use a junior goat to fill the gap in the senior event, or vice versa.)
26. Both judges must be on the ground for flagging. The Field judge must move to be able to clearly see the contestant complete the tie.

### **Steer Undecorating**

1. Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected, and objectionable ones eliminated. Stock must be predetermined by the Stock Contractor and Director at least one (1) hour before show time. Horned cattle may be used for this event, with a maximum of twelve (12) inch horns with recommendation to have horns tipped. The same cattle cannot be used for both Steer Undecorating and Team Roping.
2. To receive qualified time, the rider must be mounted when the ribbon is taken off the steer.
3. The ribbon must be a piece of cloth, ten inches by ten inches (10” x 10”), bright in color, and placed between the shoulders of the steer.
4. Once clear of the chute, contestants may take the ribbon from either side of the steer. The Undecorator must come out on the left side of the chute, and the hazer must come out on the right hand side of the chute.
5. Time will not be taken until the ribbon is raised at least to the contestant’s shoulder height, however, if a contestant raises her hand above the shoulder without the ribbon, they have declared themselves, and they will receive a no-time.
6. If the ribbon falls off through no fault of the contestant, she will receive a re-run. If the barrier was broken on the first run, the ten (10) second penalty will be assessed to the re-run time.
7. If the animal gets out of the arena in any way time will be stopped, and the contestant will get the animal back lap and tap from the time the animal leaves the arena.
8. If the rider falls off, the horse trips or falls, “No Time” will be given unless it is within the thirty (30) second time limit, in which case the rider may re-mount and continue.
9. Disqualification may result from:
  - a. undecorating the steer when cornered;
  - b. tampering with the steer or chutes;
  - c. the hazer undecorating the steer
  - d. any unnecessary delay caused by the contestant or hazer.
  - e. If the hazer bats steer or contestant’s horse, contestant will receive no time.



10. Hazer's will be allowed to enter one (1) rodeo as a Local. They must purchase a membership to compete in any other all-girl rodeo in that season.
11. Any violation of any rule by hazer will disqualify the contestant they are helping. Failure to observe this rule will result in no time.

### **Team Roping**

1. Prior to the rodeo, it will be decided by the Event Director, if the cattle will be roped as muley or horned cattle.
2. Contestants may enter twice so long as the same combination of ropers is not used (no cross entering). Both ropers must be named when entering. Entry fees per person will be the same as in other events.
3. There will be a thirty (30) second time limit before penalties.
4. Each team is allowed two (2) loops in all.
5. The header will start from behind a barrier.
6. Time will be taken when the steer is roped, both horses facing the steer in a reasonably straight line with both feet on the ground, with ropes dallied and tight. The steer must be on its feet when either head or heel rope is thrown.
7. Once a steer has been roped and the Flagman drops the flag, the ropers must hold their dallies until the Flagman has had a chance to inspect the head and heel loops and dallies. If the loops and dallies are not legal the Flagman will flag the team out.
8. Heelers 50 years of age and older have the option to tie on versus dallying.
9. Roping the steer without releasing the rope will be considered a NO TIME
10. Legal catches are:
  - a. both horns;
  - b. half a head;
  - c. around the neck;
  - d. any heel catch behind the shoulder is legal if the rope goes up the heels or;
  - e. one hind foot, penalty of five (5) seconds.
11. Illegal catches are:
  - a. if Hondo passes over one (1) horn, and loop over other horn;
  - b. figure eight (8) on both horns;
  - c. belly catch - defined as when the loop passes over the head and front feet or;
  - d. horn or neck catch with any feet in the loop.
12. The Flagman will immediately flag out the roper as soon as a front leg is picked up in the head loop.
13. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither team roper is allowed to remove the rope from the front feet by hand, however should the front feet come out of the heel loop by the time the Flagman drops the flag, time will be counted.

14. Cross Firing - The header must have enough control of the steer to have turned the steer's body toward the header, and the steer must have made one (1) full hop out of the bend before the heeler's delivered loop makes contact with the steer. If not, this is considered "cross-firing", and the team will be given a "No Time".
15. Steers must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the Field Judge they have intentionally done so. In the event of intentional injury or cruelty to an animal, contestants will be flagged out.
16. If either roper dismounts, the team will be flagged out.
17. A broken rope will be considered as a used loop. A dropped rope will be considered as "No Time".
18. All ropes must be taken off in the catch pen and not in the arena.

### **Barrel Racing**

1. The Barrel Racing event may be run on a horse or pony of any size.
2. A horse can be ridden more than once in a go-round and/or performance by different girls, but a girl may only ride one (1) horse in a go-round. (I.e. A contestant may change horses between go-rounds.)
3. A C.G.R.A. approved race is open to members and non-members, unless closed to members only at the request of the Show Management.
4. A Junior member shall be able to compete at all Ladies approved Barrel Races, unless there is a Junior Barrel Race at the same show, in which case, the Junior is only able to run in the Junior Barrel Race. Juniors competing in the Ladies Barrel Race event are competing for prize money only.
5. Where necessary, back-to-back runs will be allowed. This will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
6. The first 3 Ladies and Junior Barrel Racers in the program are required to assist in taking down the poles at the completion of the event. The last 3 Ladies and Junior Barrel Racers in the program are required to help set up the poles and timer prior to the start of the event. You may appoint someone to do this for you but you are responsible for the appearance of the worker. Failure to do so will result in the \$25 fine. This will be enforced by the Event Director.
7. Barrels are to be forty-five (45) gallon (202.5 liter) metal drums.
8. Barrel pattern size and measurements must be posted, with a copy to the judge(s).
9. Regulation barrel distances are ninety (90) feet from barrel 1 to 2, and a one hundred and five (105) foot arc from barrels 1 to 3, and 2 to 3, with a sixty (60) foot score line, and a minimum stopping distance of forty-five (45) feet with a closed gate, or thirty (30) feet with an open gate or safe centre alley.

10. If the size or condition of the arena does not allow for the regular pattern, then the pattern may be altered to suit the arena, as long as the distances off the fences are a minimum of fifteen (15) feet for barrels 1 and 2, and a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet for barrel 3, and there is a minimum of forty-five (45) feet to stop with a closed gate, or thirty (30) feet to stop with an open gate or safe alley.
11. The barrels and starting line must be permanently staked for each go-round. If any distances should be changed, or barrel measurements are lost, during a go-round, then split monies must be paid.
12. Whenever split go-rounds are run, barrel distances must be measured with a measuring tape. When the barrels are being marked, a Judge should be present to witness the figures used and recorded as the measurements, to be turned into the Secretary and used the next day. The paper is to be signed by the girls and Judge where possible.
13. Once barrel markers have been placed, no practicing is allowed on the course marked. For the purpose of practicing, barrels must be placed at least fifteen (15) feet (4.6m) away from the markers.
14. No contestant shall run a barrel pattern in the arena within one (1) hour of show time.
15. If, during a performance, it is determined that the barrels were not placed properly on the permanently staked markers, then those contestants who have already made a run on the improperly placed barrels must make a re-run on the official pattern.
16. A running or standing start can be used depending on the arena conditions, and as determined by the Arena Director. In no case may a contestant cause any unnecessary delay in starting the race. Infraction of this rule may result in disqualification.
17. Arena gates are to be left open for all contestants, or closed for all contestants, during a race. The decision is to be made before the race starts, by the Director, or designated Director, depending on the arena conditions.
18. Either barrel one (1) or two (2) may be taken first. A contestant may hang onto the saddle, or use both hands on the reins if she so desires.
19. When a contestant knocks over a barrel, or goes off course, she must complete the course at race speed. She cannot return to the starting line and start again. Infraction of this rule may result in a fine.
20. A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over.
21. Western equipment must be used. The snaffle bit will be accepted as Western equipment.
22. There will be no batting allowed in front of the shoulder and stinger whips will not be allowed. Stinger whips are considered whips that have wire/fiberglass or metal inside. Judge or Event Director can determine whips that are acceptable.

23. Horses are to be timed on the nose, both at the start and finish of the race. The contestant must complete the race on the horse, in order to have her time count.
24. At any C.G.R.A. approved event, Judges are required to flag the barrel racing, 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 barrel racer / pole bender completes the racing pattern properly.
25. The electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be recorded to the one one-thousandth (1/1000th) of a second. Barrel Racing must also be timed with two (2) stop watches to one one-hundred (1/100th) of a second, even if the timer is used. Both sets of stop watch times are to be recorded along with the electric eye time. When the electric timer is used, and a minority of the contestants are missed, the stop watch times plus "0" are to be used as the official times for the contestant missed (i.e. 16.19 would become 16.10). Should the timer fail to operate for more than half (½) of the contestants, then the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all contestants in that go-round.
26. If stop watches alone are used to time the barrel race, they are to be recorded to the one one hundred (1/100) of a second, and there shall be no less than two (2) watches.
27. Once official racing time begins, re-runs are not allowed. However, if time is missed due to the electric timer or Flagman not being ready, official time will be taken again.
28. Little Cowgirls must wear a CSA approved riding helmet when riding and competing at CGRA Rodeos.

### **Pole Bending**

1. The Pole Bending pattern is to be run around six (6) poles.
2. Poles must be straight in line.
3. Poles shall be set on top of the ground, six (6) feet in height, with a base no larger than fourteen (14) nor less than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Poles must be rubber solid base with a hollow PVC pipe.
4. No flags are to be used on the poles.
5. The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one (21) feet, and spacing between the poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet and there is a minimum stopping distance of forty-five (45) feet with a closed gate, or thirty (30) feet with an open gate or safe centre alley. Start line must be permanently staked for each performance.
6. Horses are to be timed on the nose, both at the start and finish of the race. The contestant must complete the race on the horse, in order to have her time count.
7. A horse may start either to the right or left of the first pole, and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
8. Touching poles is permitted by horse or contestant.

9. Knocking over a pole carries a five (5) second penalty per pole.
10. If, during a performance, it is determined that the poles were not placed properly on the permanently staked markers, then those contestants who have already made a run on the improperly placed poles must make a re-run on the official pattern.
11. If the wind blows a pole, or poles, over at a point in the run which will interfere with the running time, the contestant will be subject to a re-run.
12. The Timed Event Judge will not flag a contestant out if the run is not legal, until a time is recorded.
13. Failure to follow the Pole Bending pattern will receive a "No Time". A "broken pattern" shall be defined as breaking their forward motion to retrace their tracks to finish the pattern, and/or passing the plane of the pole on the "off" side. Example - should a contestant run by a pole and have to back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern. Also, if a pole is knocked down, and the contestant does not follow the weave pattern around the original base position of the fallen pole, it is considered a broken pattern.
14. If the horse re-crosses the starting line at any time before the pattern is completed, the pattern will be considered broken and the run will receive a "No Time".
15. If the contestant's horse breaks the timer light by backing through before starting the pattern, time will be considered started.
16. At any C.G.R.A. approved event, Judges are required to flag the pole bending, 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 pole bender completes the racing pattern properly.
17. The electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be recorded to the one one-thousand (1/1000th) of a second. Pole Bending must also be timed with two (2) stop watches to one one-hundred (1/100) of a second, even if the timer is used. Both sets of stop watch times are to be recorded along with the electric eye time. When the electric timer is used, and a minority of the contestants are missed, the stop watch times plus "0" are to be used as the official times for the contestant missed (i.e. 16.19 would become 16.10). Should the timer fail to operate for more than half (½) of the contestants, then the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all contestants in that go-round.
18. If stop watches alone are used to time the race, they are to be recorded to the one one-hundred (1/100) of a second, and there shall be no less than two (2) watches.
19. Once official racing time begins, re-runs are not allowed. However, if time is missed due to the electric timer or Flagman not being ready, official time will be taken again.

20. The first 3 Ladies and Junior Pole Benders in the program are required to assist in taking down the poles at the completion of the event. The last 3 Ladies and Junior pole benders in the program are required to help set up the poles and timer prior to the start of the event. You may appoint someone to do this for you but you are responsible for the appearance of the worker. Failure to do so will result in the \$25 fine. This will be enforced by the Event Director.
21. There will be no batting allowed in front of the shoulder and stinger whips will not be allowed. Stinger whips are considered whips that have wire/fiberglass or metal inside. Judge or Event Director can determine whips that are acceptable.
22. Little Cowgirls must wear a CSA approved riding helmet when riding and competing at CGRA Rodeos.

### **Charles Young Memorial Cow Riding**

1. Where possible, the number of cows should equal or be greater than the number of contestants. If there are more contestants than cows, all animals are drawn, and then all cows are put back into the draw for the remaining contestants and re-ride cows.
2. Whenever possible, cows or steers having horns must be kept out of the draw. Cows should be a minimum of two (2) years old, and must be a minimum of nine hundred (900) pounds. Cows must be consistent and if they do have horns the tips must be removed to the size of a toonie.
3. Flanking stock will be left to the discretion of the Stock Contractor, and each contestant shall be informed of this decision before the event by the Rodeo Manager or Event Director.
4. There shall be a Flagman and two (2) judges. The judges decisions at all times are final.
5. No more than two (2) persons may be on the chute to pull the contestant's rope.
6. Unless requested by the rider, no stock can be "hot-shotted" after the rider sits down.
7. When the timers are unable to be above the chutes, the Flagman must be used to flag the beginning of the ride.
8. Contestants will ride for eight (8) seconds, with time to start when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plain of the chute. The girl must decide before leaving the chute if she will ride with one (1) hand or two (2) hands, and must complete the ride the way she started or be disqualified.
9. Contestants are required to use regulation ropes and gloves. No knots, hitches, or steel rings may be used which could prevent the rope from falling off the animal when the rider leaves the animal.
10. Contestants are not required to start the animal from the chute, however starting the animal out and spurring the animal will increase the marking.
11. If the rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in her riding hand(s), she is to be marked.

12. If the animal falls, or the rider is knocked off at the chute, or hangs up in the arena fence, the rider may claim stock, (she does not try to go on with the ride), or be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
13. If the flank rope comes off, a re-ride must be given, providing the rider has qualified up to this point, and providing she so desires.
14. Disqualification may result from:
  - a. contestant, who having been advised that she is next to go is not above the animal with her gloves on when the previous cow or stock leaves the arena;
  - b. being bucked off;
  - c. cheating in any manner;
  - d. touching the animal with the free hand, if riding with one (1) hand;
  - e. using sharp spurs or;
  - f. not having a bell on her rope.
  - g. If contestant's helmet touches any part of the cow, the rider will be disqualified.
15. The rider and animal are to be marked separately.
16. Each judge shall mark the animal from one to twenty-five (1-25), using the full spread, and the rider from one to twenty-five (1-25) using the full spread, for a possible one hundred (100) marking. If the animal marks five (5) points or under, there is an automatic re-ride.
17. A contestant may not ask judges for a re-ride, but any Director and/or Assistant may ask for a re-ride on behalf of the contestant.
18. Helmets are optional for senior contestants; however, helmets, face masks, mouth guards and flack jackets are mandatory for junior contestants.

### **Wild Cow Race (Not approved for points)**

1. The Stock Contractor must use suitable stock for Wild Cow Race, and under no circumstances may halter-broke cattle be used.
2. Each team shall furnish their own rigging, halter, and shank. A team will consist of four (4) contestants. Cattle will be let out of the chutes as directed by Management, and when all the stock is clear of the chute, the signal will be given and the race starts from that point.
3. Contestants and helpers are allowed to hold the stock by halter rope only until the signal to start is given. The rider and helpers are not allowed to touch or gentle the animals in any way, until the signal to start has been given. No foot roping will be allowed whether with catch rope or halter shank and cattle must come out of the chute with a rope on the same side as the contestants. Deliberately placing the shank over the neck so as to bust stock when it comes out will not be allowed.
4. The rider must be mounted on the cow and ride the cow over the finish line.
5. All riders are required to remain behind the finish line after dismounting so as not to interfere with wild cattle headed to the finish line, and to avoid accidents.

6. Any of the following offences' will disqualify contestants:
  - a. chain halters;
  - b. gouging fingers in cow's eyes;
  - c. using wire, or any other inhumane device, anywhere on stock or;
  - d. willful busting.
7. Winners will be determined by the order in which the riders ride over the finish line.
8. Whenever possible, equipment will be removed from the stock in the catch pens and not in the arena.
9. Money will be divided 60%, 40% where four teams or less are entered, otherwise money will be divided 50%, 30%, and 20%. The minimum entry fee will be ten dollars (\$10.00) per team.

## **Finals and Championships**

### **Finals**

1. All Active Members in good standing of the C.G.R.A., who are Canadian citizens, or who hold landed immigrant status in Canada, and have resided in Canada for at least one (1) year after becoming landed immigrants, shall be eligible to compete for Canadian Girls' Rodeo Association Championships.
2. A Sudden Death Finals will be held in the fall of each year to determine the C.G.R.A. Champions.
3. If the C.G.R.A. runs in to unforeseen financial difficulties before August 1 of the current rodeo season, no Finals will be held. The Season Leaders then become the Champions.

### **Qualifications**

1. The eligible number of finals contestants can be modified during the season under the discretion of the Board of Directors, depending on the membership in the current year.
2. In Team roping, the top headers and heelers with points have first choice of going to the Finals. If qualifying on both ends a contestant must make a choice as to which end she will compete.
- a. If for some reason there are positions which are not filled, then the person with points may choose a partner who has competed at four (4) CGRA rodeos and worked or been credited for the required bingos.
3. If any of the number eligible to go to the Finals cannot attend, the next in line will move up at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
4. In the event of a tie for Season Leader, both contestants will receive the Season Leader award.



## **Program**

1. Contestants in all events except the Barrel Racing and Pole Bending will compete in the order in which they qualified for the Finals, from tenth (10th) to first (1st) in each performance until the final performance when they will compete in order of their Final standing.  
On the final performance:
  - no catches (score/times) go 1st according to season standings,
  - followed by those with no points based on times per catches, (slowest to fastest).
  - Then those with lowest points to highest points (if tied in points, rank will be based on number of catches, then total time).
2. The Barrel Racing and Pole Bending competition order will be drawn before the program is printed for the first performance. They will rotate this order during the 3 performances. Rotation will be: 2nd performance #5 contestant from the 1st performance starts, the 3rd performance #9 from the 1st performance starts. Final Go will be 10th to 1st coming into final round. Rake will be after every 5. Lil Cowgirls will rotate in the following order after the 1st performance: 2nd performance will start with #5 and 3rd performance #3 from the 1st performance starts on the program. No rake for Little Cowgirls.
3. In determining program order for the Team Roping event, the total points of BOTH contestants will be used, and the team with the highest total points will perform last.
4. The number of contestants to compete in Finals, if there are Finals, must be posted in the Rodeo Office before the start of the first (1st) performance. A draw must be made.
5. Finals back numbers must be visible to the judge. If not, a \$20.00 fine will be assessed and donated to a charity chosen by the Board of Directors.

## **General Finals Rules**

1. A contestant upon entering the Finals cannot turn out of any one (1) go (unless the contestant has a veterinarian or medical release, or a visible occurs). If a contestant does turn out of a go at the Finals for any other reason than those noted above, she will be turned out of the entire Finals and charged a turnout fee.
2. Barrel pattern size and measurements must be posted, with a copy to the judge(s). There will be no rake for the Little Cowgirls
3. In the Team Roping, in the event that a Team Roper is injured, a partner will be drawn for each performance for the injured contestant. The drawn partner will be eligible for money, but no points or Championship Awards. The drawn partner must rope with the original partner first. The name drawn will then come out of the draw for the following performances.
4. Each Event requiring stock, excluding goat tying, will have stock equal to the number of contestants, plus two (2) spares. Each contestant must compete on four different head.

5. Goats will be numbered and drawn for. Goats will be switched out after each contestant for the first three performances. 4th Performance, contestant will tie the goat that they have not drawn yet.
6. All contestants/runs/rides must be treated equally. If any stock is aided/prodded/directed in any way during the first performance, they MUST be aided/prodded/directed every performance. If any stock is not aided/prodded/directed in the first performance, they MUST NOT be aided/prodded/directed in any performance. If any suggestion for change is made for any stock in any event, all contestants must be consulted and every contestant MUST agree before the change is implemented.
7. Under no condition, nor in any event, will stock be "held" at the Finals. Once it is turned out and runs down the arena, it cannot be brought back.

### Finals Payout

1. Once a contestant has competed in any event at the Finals, the fees will stay in the payout. There will be no refund of entry fees for medical or vet releases at the Finals.
2. Ground Money will be paid at the finals. Ground money will not be in the average.
3. CGRA member's entry fees at the finals is guaranteed by the CGRA. Where a member turns out, the CGRA will pay all final fees, and the board will levy a turn out fine in the amount of \$100/ladies and \$60/junior plus the fees and CEO fees. The fine must be paid before the member can compete at the next rodeo.
4. Added money at the finals will be split equally between the 13 events.
5. No stock charges will be levied at the Finals. One hundred percent (100%) of the entry fees and purse will go to the payout at the Finals.
6. The 40, 30, 20, 10 point system will apply at the Finals for the go-rounds and the average. All Around Points 80/70/60/50/40 for each performance and average. No Bonus Points.
7. Money will be paid out to the top four placing in go rounds and the average.
8. Payout

Total Entries X Fee	\$ _____
Plus +	
Purse Money Added	\$ _____
Equals =	
Total Money in Pot	\$ _____

Money in pot to be divided up as per CGRA Board of Directors Decision:  
Must include four go rounds and a average payout

**Note:** Medicals and vet releases at the finals will be included in the finals payout

## **Canadian Champions**

1. Championships of each event will be determined at the C.G.R.A. Sudden Death Finals. For Team Roping, a Champion Header and Heeler will be declared.
2. If the contestant in the Sudden Death Finals misses any performance, she will not be eligible for Championship Awards, but can compete for money. At the discretion of the CGRA Board a Medical of Vet Release may be considered.
3. In the event of a tie in any of the events, a ride-off will be held. The best stock, chosen by the judges prior to the last performance, will be used for the tie breaker. 2nd and 3rd placing will be determined by average time (fastest).
4. If an award winner does not attend the awards presentation to receive her award, it may be passed on down to the next in line who is present, except in extenuating circumstances. There may be a stipulation on awards that they be kept one (1) year, with a written agreement to that effect where necessary. This is to be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **Canadian Ladies All-Around Champion**

1. The winner will be determined by the cumulative total of points earned in a minimum of three (3) Ladies events entered during the regular rodeo season and competed at four (4) rodeos, during the regular rodeo season, and will include points earned during the Finals. In the Team Roping, only the points from the highest placing (one set of points if you happen to have placed twice) will count towards the All Around.

## **Canadian Junior All-Around Champion**

1. The winner will be determined on the cumulative total of points earned in a minimum of two (2) junior events during the regular rodeo season, competed at four (4) rodeos and will include points earned during the Finals.
2. Junior members are allowed to Cow Ride and Team Rope. Points earned in these events count towards Junior Rookie or Junior All-Around awards, and WILL count towards the Cow Riding and Team Roping Season Leader.

## **Ladies, Junior and Little Cowgirl Rookies of the Year**

The winners of each of these awards will be the first (1st) year member, gaining the highest number of points in one (1) or more events, throughout the season and finals on the approved circuit. Once competing in a category, you are no longer eligible for Rookie award again when moving up.

In the Team Roping, only the points from your highest placing (one set of points if you happen to have placed twice) will count towards the All Around and/or Rookie Award(s).

### **Smoky Jim Hancock Memorial - Ladies and Junior Best Working Horse Award**

1. Horses will be judged for this award at All Girl Rodeos throughout the season and at the Finals. Points will be determined by the placing of the rider(s). The horse must have placed in at least two (2) events. Hazing is to be counted as a ladies event and points will be determined by the placing of the rider(s).
2. Smokey Jim Hancock Junior Memorial points will be awarded for/from junior events only, and Ladies Smokey Jim Hancock Ladies Memorial points will be awarded for/from Ladies events only.
3. In order to count, official results must be given to the Rodeo Secretary.

### **Season Leader Awards and Point System**

1. Season Leader awards will be awarded to the contestants who have earned the most points for the year in each of the events, prior to the Finals. Only points earned at C.G.R.A. All Girl Rodeos and approved promotional events will count towards this award.
2. Separate standing will be kept for header and heeler Season Leader awards. All points earned will count towards the Season Leader.
3. Points will be allocated based on Point System on page 27.
4. Two (2) contestants are required to enter in order for an event to count for points.
5. In the event of a tie of points for season leader, both contestants will receive the award.

### **Barrel Racing Futurity & Derby - Rules and Regulations**

1. Open to all entrants, all breeds, and grade horses. Men or women may ride.
2. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) Futurity/Derby/Sweepstakes permit must be purchased by each rider, before that rider will be allowed to compete. By purchasing a permit you agree to abide by all C.G.R.A. rules. A permit is not necessary for C.G.R.A. Senior Active members.
3. An owner may enter any number of horses, and a rider may ride any number of horses.
4. Horses nominated for Futurity must never have competed in any barrel race competition including rodeos, paydays, jackpots, registered shows, fairs and/or futurities prior to December 1 of the year previous to the Futurity. To have done so, means forfeit of any and all fees paid, and elimination from this Futurity. This does not include exhibition runs.  
Horses may have competed in other events. After December 1 of the year previous to the Futurity, horses nominated for the Futurity may compete in barrel races at rodeos, paydays, jackpots, registered shows or fairs, and futurities.
5. Futurity horses must be five (5) years old or younger at the time of the Futurity.
6. Derby horses must be seven (7) years old or younger at the time of the Derby.
7. A five (5) year old, or younger, horse may enter the Futurity, the Derby and/or the Sweepstakes. Separate entry forms and payments are required.

8. A photocopy of the front and back of the horse's registration papers on the registered horse(s) must accompany the nomination. A veterinarian's affidavit of year of birth and complete description on the unregistered horse(s) must accompany the nomination(s). The entry will be considered late on the second payment until such papers arrive. Check-in time for the futurity/derby will be set with a veterinarian present to verify age of horse(s). All entrants must be present for check -in time or will be disqualified.
9. There will be two (2) Go's and a Final in both the Futurity and the Derby. If there are seventy-nine (79) or fewer entries, the top twelve (12) on two runs will qualify for the Finals. If there are eighty (80) or more entries, the top fifteen (15) will qualify for the Finals, in both the Futurity and the Derby. The numbers will be determined on entry-close date, July 31. The Champion will be determined on a 3-Go average.
10. Running order will be drawn for the first Go, and the second Go will run in reverse order. The final run will go in order of slowest qualifying time to the fastest qualifying time.
11. Once the barrels are marked, (one hour prior to competition) no horses will be allowed in the arena. For working times, barrels must be moved at least fifteen (15) feet off the markers. Any time given for practice will be available to only those horses entered. Anyone breaking this rule will be disqualified immediately.
12. Payments, plus the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) permit fee if applicable, will be due on the dates stated on the entry form. Payments are to be made by two (2) post-dated cheques, and must accompany the entry form(s). Any payment postmarked after the due date, is late. Late fines will be in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per payment due. No exceptions will be made. A twenty percent (20%) administration charge is taken off the entry fee. Late entries are accepted until three (3) weeks prior to the event. NO EXCEPTIONS. All late entries must be accompanied by payment in the form of a money order or certified cheque.
13. All cheques are to be made payable to C.G.R.A. Futurity and Derby. Any NSF cheque will carry a twenty dollar (\$20.00) service charge, and certified cheques or money orders will be required for future payments.
14. There will be no refunds with the exception of a fatality to the entered horse. Requests for refund must be sent to the Futurity Office accompanied by a certificate of death signed by a veterinarian.

15. Pay Out

Futurity: (1 - 60 entries)

1st and 2nd go - 6 monies paid - 25% of the total purse

Final go - 4 monies paid - 10% of the total purse

Average - 6 monies paid - 40% of the total purse

**NOTE:** if there are 61 entries or more the Futurity will pay 8 monies

Derby: (1 - 30 entries)

1st & 2nd go - 4 monies paid - 25% of the total purse

Final go - 4 monies paid - 10% of the total purse

Average - 4 monies paid - 40% of the total purse

**NOTE:** 31 entries or more, the Derby will pay the same as the Futurity.

16. Substitution of horses is allowed only due to illness or death of the horse. You may only substitute a horse in the event you are entered in, i.e. if you are entered in the Derby you may only substitute in a Derby horse. If you are entered in the Futurity you may only substitute in a Futurity horse. A vet affidavit of proof must accompany substitutions, along with a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) substitution fee. The necessary papers on your horse must accompany the fee. Any substitution horse will be ridden by the originally nominated rider. NO EXCEPTIONS.
17. Rider substitution is allowed provided that the Director is notified prior to the first go.
18. Equipment Rules - No restriction of bits. Brain chains are not allowed only smooth leather, rope or nylon `noseband tie-downs are allowed. Your horse's headgear will be checked. Please abide by the rules. A fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be levied against anyone abusing their horse, or any equipment rule, and will result in disqualification.
- 19 Dress Rules - The C.G.R.A. dress code applies.
20. The C.G.R.A. Directors' decision will be final.
21. The C.G.R.A. Board of Directors may refuse entry to anyone as they deem necessary.
22. Awards: - All awards are donated to the C.G.R.A. to be distributed to the champions. All entrants are eligible for all awards and prize money - with the exception of non-Canadian residents who are not eligible for the first (1st) place award of the horse trailer, if applicable. In the event that a non-Canadian resident is the champion, the runner up would receive the trailer.
23. Champions must be present to accept awards and have photographs taken, or runner up will receive the awards.

## 24. Rules and Regulations

- a. Entrants will be responsible for themselves and their horses. All entries are subject to an examination for drugs and/or age. If any horse is examined and found to be in fault of either or both, the person responsible may be banned from all future Futurities and C.G.R.A. approved events.
- b. In the case that any entrant is disqualified, the runner up will receive the money and awards, if applicable.
- c. Inhumane treatment of horses will not be tolerated - in the arena, stabling area, or on the grounds - and will result in disqualification.
- d. Riders must be ready when called, or forfeit the run.
- e. Completion of entry form and signature of rider and owner will indicate acceptance of the rules and regulations contained in this Rule Book.
- f. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, it is understood that each entrant, by act of entry, waives all claims against the C.G.R.A., host committee, organizing body, or any of their members, officers, etc., for any injury, loss or damage which may result in any way of the organization, operations, or activities of the Futurity and Derby. Any helpers or employees of any entrant shall be the sole responsibility of the entrant.



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