



# ***Rule Book 2026***

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**BYLAWS  
OF  
TEXAS SENIOR PRO RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I  
OFFICES**

**Principal Office**

The principal office of the corporation in the state of Texas shall be located in the City of Waco, McLennan County. The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

**Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office as required by the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act. The registered office may be but need not be identical with the principal office of the corporation in the State of Texas, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE II**

## **MEMBERS**

### **Classes of Members**

The corporation shall have four classes of members. The first three classes will renew their membership on a year to year basis. The designation of such classes and the qualifications and rights of the members of such classes shall be as follows:

1. Participating Members—those members whose age meets the requirements in events at rodeos as listed (See Membership)
2. Non-Participating Members—those members who do not participate in rodeo events.
3. Gold Card Members—on an annual basis, the TSPRA Board of Directors awards Gold Card Memberships to all members 75 years of age and over. Must have been a paid member previously in order to receive a Gold Card Membership.

## **Membership**

Membership is open to any person 40 years of age and older for all events. Age will be determined as the oldest age reached during a calendar year. For example, if a person turns 40 on September 15<sup>th</sup> of a given year, that person may join and will be considered to be 40 all during the calendar year. In addition, for purposes of competition in age group events, the age of a member will be determined as the oldest age reached anytime during a calendar year. For example, if a member turns 60 in July, the member will be considered to be a 60's contestant during the complete calendar year from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dues are \$125 per year for a participating member and \$35 for a nonparticipating member.

All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contest or events which they enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.

## **Voting Rights**

Each active participating member, except non-participating members, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the entire membership, provided that the bylaws may provide for voting by certain classes of members only on specific issues.

## **Termination of Membership**

The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing and may, by a majority vote of those present at regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues for the period fixed in Article DC of these bylaws.

## **Resignation**

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges heretofore accrued or unpaid.

## **Reinstatement**

Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary/Treasurer, the Board of Directors may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate. Before the Board can consider reinstatement, all unpaid dues or other money owed by the former member must be paid in full.

## **Transfer of Membership**

Membership in this corporation is not transferable or assignable.

## **Membership Cards**

Each member, upon the payment of dues, shall receive a membership card signed by the Secretary/Treasurer. This card should show the member's name and membership number and should be retained by the member. Every member should have a membership card available at all times as it may be required for admittance to meetings, rodeos, etc.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

#### **Annual Meeting**

An annual meeting of the members can be held if called by the President or majority of the Board of Directors at the end of the fiscal year or at the beginning of the New Year for the nomination of officers and directors or the transaction of other business.

#### **Special Meeting**

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

## **Place of Meeting**

The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Texas, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board. If no designation is made or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of the meeting shall be the registered office of the corporation in the State of Texas; but if all the members shall meet at any time and place, either within or without the state, and consent to the holding of the meeting, such meeting shall be valid without call or notice, and at such meeting, any corporate action may be taken.

## **Notice of Meeting**

Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary/Treasurer, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute of these bylaws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation with postage thereon prepaid.

## **Quorum**

Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting.

## **Proxies**

At any meeting of members, a member entitled to vote may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

## **Voting by Mail**

Where the directors, officers or other officials are to be elected by members, such election must be conducted by US Postal Service mail in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## **ARTICLE IV**

## **OFFICERS**

### **Officers**

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents (the number thereof to be determined by the Board of Directors), a Secretary/Treasurer and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

## **Election and Terms of Office**

The officers of the corporation shall be elected for two-year terms by voting members of the corporation. The president, vice president and secretary/treasurer will be elected in even number years while the event directors will be elected in odd number years.

## **Removal**

Any officer elected may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in their judgment the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby. A majority of the above-named officials must vote for removal.

## **Vacancies**

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next election, at which time a successor shall be elected for a new two-year term.

## **President**

The President shall be the principal officer of the corporation. The President shall in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation as well as preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. If necessary, the President may contact Board members by electronic means for business decisions. The President may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the

corporation authorized by the Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board or by these bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation. In general, the President shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The President must be a Charter or Participating Member of the corporation. The outgoing president will remain on the Board of Directors as an ex-officio non-voting member until the next outgoing president would assume the position.

### **Vice President**

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice President (or in the event there be more than one Vice President, the Vice Presidents in order of their election) shall perform the duties of the President. Any Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors, The Vice President(s) must be a Charter or Participating Member of the corporation.

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

The position of Secretary/Treasurer shall be an elected position and elected in the same years as the President and Vice-President. In the event the person elected cannot complete the term, the President will have the right to

appoint a member to complete the term. The Secretary/Treasurer must be a Charter or Participating Member of the corporation.

Primary duties of the Secretary/Treasurer will be as follows:

Maintaining, reviewing and reporting of various monetary funds of the association.

May designate the Rodeo Secretary position to receive, deposit and write rodeo winnings and rodeo expense checks.

Responsible for developing an annual budget and keeping the board of directors abreast of budgetary changes as needed.

Responsible for disbursing funds for awards, raffle items or any expenses or disbursements not designated to the Rodeo Secretary position.

Be in charge of the minutes for all board of directors meetings and maintain a file of all such meetings.

Responsible for the custodial seal of the association along with the original charter.

Have direct responsibility over the Rodeo Secretary position. The Rodeo Secretary position will be selected and hired by the board of directors and paid a monthly salary and/or per rodeo rate. The Rodeo secretary position responsibilities will be but not limited to the following:

- Receive membership applications and dues and maintain a membership role.
- Take entries for each rodeo at a predetermined time and location, set up event order and draw contestants out as needed.
- Draw livestock or run draws or team draws as needed per rodeo.
- Receive entry fees and pay all winnings, contractor fees, arena expenses and other expenses associated with a particular rodeo.
- Maintain and update the official record of event points for the year.
- Collect fines and other funds not associated with entry fees.
- Prepare financial reports as needed by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the board or listed in the TSPRA Rule Book.

## **ARTICLE V**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Members of the Board of directors**

The Board of directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/ Treasurer and event directors.

### **Events**

There shall be one director for the events of Ribbon Roping and two directors for the events of Calf Roping, Barrel Racing, and Team Roping. These directors must have participated at least once during the year immediately preceding their election in the event for which they are seeking the directorship. Only those members who likewise participated in an event, for which they wish to choose a director, may vote in the election for director of that particular event. An event must have had entry fees paid and competitions held a minimum of 5 times the previous year to have an elected director for that event.

### **Term of Office**

Each event director shall serve a two-year term and be elected on alternating years, so that both event directors in any one event do not leave the position in the same year.

### **Vacancies**

A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall cause the President of the organization to appoint a member to fill that vacancy until the next directors' election at which time a

permanent event director will be elected. Anyone appointed to a director's position must have participated in that event.

### **Quorum**

A majority of the event Directors shall constitute a quorum of the TSPRA Board of Directors. If a quorum is present, any act of a majority of the members present at such meeting shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

### **Committees**

Each committee shall adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

#### **Contracts**

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

#### **Checks and Drafts**

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such office or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as

shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Deposits**

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

### **Gifts**

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purpose or for any special purpose of the corporation. These gifts are encouraged and will be submitted through the TSPRA General Fund Account.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of amounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, and Board of Directors and shall keep at the registered principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

## **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

## **ARTICLE IX**

## **DUES**

### **Annual Dues**

The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and the annual dues payable to the corporation by members of each class.

### **Payment of Dues**

Dues are payable at the beginning of each New Year and must be paid before participation in any rodeo approved by the association.

## **ARTICLE X**

## **SEAL**

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the words "Corporate Seal of TSPRA, Inc.".

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act, or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the corporation, a waiver in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting, if at least two days written notice is given of an intention to alter, amend, or repeal these bylaws or to adopt new bylaws at such meeting.

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Any person becoming a member of this association shall comply with all of its rules, bylaws and decisions and shall be bound by the same.
2. Any member may be fined, suspended or both from the association for any of the following offenses:
  - a. Bad checks.
  - b. Non-payment of entry fees.
  - c. Fighting, quarreling or using profanity on the premises.

- d. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, or harass the officials at any time between the opening and closing date of a rodeo.
- 3. Members must pay current dues and all outstanding debts to TSPRA before being allowed to participate in any rodeo approved by the association. Entry fee will be paid by cash, check or money order. Cash or money order will be required if the Association receives two Insufficient Fund Checks.
- 4. Entry Fees must be paid on Saturday before a contestant rides/ropes. Barrel Racers entry fees must be paid by noon on the day that they are entered. If their entry fees are not paid before they ride/rope a fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for the first offense and \$100.00 for the second offense.
- 5. **The decision of the judges, flagmen, and timers who have been accepted by the association shall be final and no protest by the contestants will be permitted unless incompetence is proved.**
- 6. No contestant may talk to a judge or timer in any way while an event is going on and this includes asking about re-rides. Such questions may be addressed to the judge no sooner than at the end of the event for that performance. Event directors may call a problem to the attention of the flagger or judge.
- 7. No rodeo shall be responsible for the return of a contestant's entry fee if the contestant has contested in any event once during a rodeo. If he/she is entered in

other events and decides not to participate, the entry fee(s) will not be refunded. If he/she is unable to continue due to contestant or mount injury, the entry fee will be refunded. Draw outs after the Rodeo starts will have to be approved by the Executive Board.

8. Contestants must be on hand and ready to compete when their name is called. If a contestant is not ready after being called three times, stock/run will be turned out and entry fee will not be refunded. No stock/run shall be brought back after turning out. Stock so turned out can be used for re-rides.
9. No cancellation of a performance will be permitted unless in the opinion of the committee chairman, stock contractor, or association officials it is a physical impossibility to hold the performance.
10. Each TSPRA member will be responsible for his or her entry fees regardless of who issues the check.
11. Rodeo stock will be approved by an officer or event director or someone designated by them.
12. No rerun will be given for equipment failure or other related responsibilities of the contestant.
13. There shall be two or more timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge. Time to be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score. Length of score to be set by arena director and timed event spokesman or director.
14. A current TSPRA card will serve as a pass to any rodeo for members.

15. Except for barrel racing, members may compete in a lower age group as well as the age group set by their birth date. Members from a lower age group (except for Team Roping – **See page 37 #1**) may not participate/compete in any older age group. Points will be received, and contestants will be eligible for year-end awards. Barrel racers compete in a 4D format which includes all ages but may only receive points and be eligible for year-end awards in a single age group determined by their age for the year (40-49, 50-59, 60-69 or 70 +).
16. Permits may be purchased by non-members to compete at sanctioned TSPRA rodeos. The cost is \$15 per rodeo plus entry fees and office charge.
17. Permit contestants must meet all other criteria established for participating members.
18. No overnight tie outs will be allowed at any arena where TSPRA rodeos are held and where stalls are available. Stalls are defined as designated areas specified by the arena. Cattle pens, catch pens or any area not designated as stalls cannot be used. A fine equal to the Cost of a nightly stall at that facility will be imposed and Members will have to pay for a stall for that night.
19. Dress Code- Western Attire (hat/helmet, long sleeve shirt with collar) when competing and attending Finals Award Ceremony. Exception: Awards Ceremony- women may wear Western fashion attire without hat or long sleeve, collared shirt.

## **ARENA RULES**

1. Contestant may be fined (amount of fine to be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors) and/or disqualified for any of the following offenses during a paid performance or slack:
  - a. Being under the influence of alcohol in the arena,
  - b. Being rowdy or quarreling in the arena,
  - c. Not wearing western hat (ribbon runners being an exception) and long sleeve shirt with collar in the arena,
  - d. Mistreatment of stock in or out of the arena.
  - e. Not being ready to compete when called.
2. Barrier equipment must be inspected before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. If the barrier does not work and time is recorded, no penalty will be assessed and no reruns will be given. If the contestant is fouled by the neck rope from the stock and the contestant pulls up immediately, he will be given a re-run. If a contestant is fouled by any piece of equipment from the pin over on his side, it will be considered no foul. If equipment is not working properly, in case of a missed loop, no re-run will be given in any case.
3. It is the contestant's responsibility to contest the animal drawn. Should the wrong animal be contested, the contestant shall contest the animal drawn for him.

## **RODEO SECRETARY RULES**

1. The association will furnish the rodeo secretary at all TSPRA rodeos.

2. Timers must work from the same location for the duration of the rodeo. If determined by the event directors that different locations would ensure more accurate time keeping, then timers should change to that location.
3. Timekeepers must time an entire event. There will be an official timer and a back-up timer.

## **DRAWING RULES**

1. Contestant positions must be drawn in all events before the stock draw. There will be no placing of contestants.
2. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any one rodeo in the same event without the judge's permission.
3. If a contestant is injured and unable to compete, his stock may be held until later in the go-round with consent of BOTH judges.

## **DRAWING OUT AND ENTRY FEE REFUND**

1. Draw out time for a contestant is 24-hours prior to rodeo. If a contestant does not draw-out 24-hours prior to rodeo, their stock/run will be drawn. The contestant will be fined the \$25 office charge plus \$25 per event/per horse/per entry after the 24-hour window. No penalty will be assessed if contestant notifies Rodeo Secretary within the 24-hour window. The first time a contestant fails to draw-out, they will be allowed to enter the next rodeo and pay the fine at the rodeo. After the first offense, all fines will be paid before a contestant may enter another rodeo. An appeal may be filed within ten (10) working days of the infraction. This appeal will go before the Executive Board and the Director(s) of that event.

2. After stock is drawn, the secretary may not refund any entry fees or draw out a contestant without the approval of the Executive Board.
3. If a contestant is injured while competing, contestant's entry fees will be refunded in any events in which the contestant has not competed up to that time and in which contestant cannot compete because of injury.
4. If in the opinion of the judges and Executive Board a contestant is unable to compete in a particular event because of injury, the contestant may withdraw, but this does not prevent the contestant from competing in other events in which he/she is entered

## **DRAWING STOCK**

1. All stock in contest events must be drawn by number by a judge, event director, rodeo secretary or designee.
2. In all riding events, a complete performance must be drawn at one time.
3. Timed-event cattle will not be posted any sooner than two-hours before each performance.
4. In timed events, no drawn stock can be held over from one performance to the next or overnight.
5. Once an animal is taken out of the draw, he may not be returned to the draw for the duration of the rodeo. If any stock is misdrawn in the timed events, then that event can be redrawn at the judge's discretion with the redraw beginning at the point of the incorrect draw.

## **JUDGES AND JUDGING**

1. Judges, timers and flagmen must be experienced.
2. The gate Judge during the Barrel Race will be responsible for documenting all penalties
3. In any timed event, if an animal escapes from the arena, the flag will be dropped, and watches stopped. Contestants will get the animal back with lap and tap and time already spent added to the time used in qualifying.
4. All contestants are required to make an honest effort. Failure to do so shall result in a fine to be imposed by the judge or judges. No judge(s) may rope, in a timed event and flag the event. The person appointed to flag is the judge regardless of who judges the riding events and is the only person qualified to deliver a decision in the timed events.
5. A barrier judge is allowed to compete in the timed events if he finds some responsible member to watch the line in that event on the day he is competing.
6. The decisions of the judges, flagmen or timers will be final, and no protest by contestants will be permitted.
7. In the breakaway roping events the flag judge must use an assistant (offsite judge) to watch for illegal catches on the side away from the flag judge. The assistant must be approved by one of the directors or may be a director.
8. Barrier judge must be equipped with a 10' tape measure in case the short end of the barrier is carried with the horse. If the short end is carried more than 10' from the bottom post at the pin site, it is not a broken barrier.

## **POINT AWARDS**

The association point award system is a ten-point system. Points in each event will be awarded to the top ten (10) places if qualified. In a two head roping points will be awarded to the top ten in each go round if qualified. Points will be given in the average to the top ten. Average points could be given on one qualified time. Points will be awarded as follows in all events:

100/90/80/70/60/50/40/30/20/10.

## **PAYOUTS**

In a two head tiedown roping, no more than four monies will be paid.

### **Tiedown Calf Roping 75 and over; Breakaway Roping 70-79 and 80+ :**

1 to 3 contestants --1 money - 100%

4 to 6 contestants - 2 monies - 60/40%

7 to 10 contestants - 3 monies - 50/30/20%

11 to 15 contestants - 4 monies - 40/30/20/10%

16 to 20 contestants - 5 monies - 30/25/20/15/10%

21 & over contestants - 6 monies - 29/24/19/14/9/5%

### **Tiedown Calf Roping 40-49; 50-59; 60-67; 68-74**

### **Breakaway Roping 60-69; 70-79 80+**

### **Ladies Breakaway 40 and over**

### **Ribbon Roping 40 and over per team:**

1 to 4 contestants – 1 money - 100%

5 to 8 contestants – 2 monies – 60/40%

9 to 12 contestants – 3 monies – 50/30/20%

13 to 16 contestants – 4 monies – 40/30/20/10%

17 to 20 contestants – 5 monies – 30/25/20/15/10%

21 & over contestants – 6 monies – 29/24/19/14/9/5%

#### **Team Roping 40-59 Age Group – 3 Steers:**

1 to 14 Teams – 2 money – 60%/40%

15 to 29 Teams – 3 monies – 50%/30%/20%

30 to 44 Teams – 4 monies- 40%30%/20%/10%

45 to 59 Teams – 5 monies – 30%/25%/20%/15%/10%

60 + Teams – 6 monies – 29%/24%/19%/14%/9%/5%

#### **Team Roping 60-69 Age Group – 3 Steers:**

1 to 12 Teams – 2 money – 60%/40%

13 to 25 Teams – 3 monies – 50%/30%/20%

26 to 38 Teams – 4 monies – 40%/30%/20%/10%

39 to 51 Teams – 5 monies – 30%/25%/20%/15%/10%

52 + Teams – 6 monies – 29%/24%/19%/14%/9%/5%

## **Team Roping 70+ Age Group – 2 Steers:**

1 to 6 Teams – 1 money – 100%

7 to 12 Teams – 2 monies – 60%/40%

13 to 18 Teams – 3 monies – 50%/30%/20%

19 to 24 Teams – 4 monies – 40%/30%/20%/10%

25 + Teams – 5 monies – 30%/25%/20%/15%/10%

\*\* Dollars will change in the payout based on the number of courtesies placing.

## **LADIES' BARREL RACING RULES**

1. Barrel race is open to any TSPRA female member who is 40 years of age or older.
2. Barrel race is to be run as a cloverleaf pattern.
3. Barrels must be staked, or a laser mounted in the ceiling must be used.
4. Barrels should be set at least 15 feet from the fence. If arena permits, there should be 60 feet from the score line to the first barrel, 90 feet between the first and second barrels, and 105 feet to the end barrel.
5. A five-second penalty will be given for each barrel knocked over and a time recorded.
6. Positions or order of riders and all horses will be entered and drawn from the computer drawn random draw.

7. A go-round shall be completed before another begins.
8. Each barrel racer will pay a \$3 labor fee towards barrel setting.
9. A member is responsible for reporting any violation that is witnessed to the event director or rodeo secretary.
10. Re-runs can be given if the field judge thinks it is warranted due to some fault for which the contestant is not responsible, such as barrels found on the wrong mark or loose livestock in the arena during a run.
11. No re-run will be given for equipment failure or other contestant related responsibilities in the arena during timed run.
12. Horse falling during a run will not constitute a re-run.
13. Contestants must wear a long sleeved shirt with a collar, cowboy hat or helmet and boots for any runs made at TSPRA approved barrel race or be subject to a fine, disqualification or both. The hat must be on when the runner comes out of the alley gate and into the arena. If it comes off in the alleyway, the contestant will be fined \$5 for each occurrence.
14. When possible, two electric eyes will be used simultaneously to ensure electric timer back-up. If the electric timer malfunctions when hand-flag and stopwatch are used as back-up, the runner has the choice of taking back-up time (without knowledge of time) or a re-run will be provided at the end of the

event. Flagger will **STAND** directly behind the electric timer.

- 15. A drag will occur after every five numbers as shown on program/secretary books.
- 16. Circling a barrel twice or breaking the pattern during a run or cease forward motion will be a no time.
- 17. A contestant will be given 2 minutes to get in the alley after their name has been called for the 2nd time. After 2 minutes, a no time will be given.
- 18. Barrel races will be run in a 4D Format, with all age groups running in the same go-round.
- 19. 4D format is based on fastest time (1D); fastest time +  $\frac{1}{2}$  second (2D); fastest time + 1 second; (3D) fastest time +  $1\frac{1}{2}$  second (4D).
- 20. Barrel racers may enter up to 3 horses.  
Designation of point and non-point horse(s) is no longer required when entering. Point horse is identified by rider name only. Non-point horse(s) will be identified by rider name (NPH). All runs will be eligible for jackpot money.
- 21. Multiple runs on the same horse per go-round are not permitted.
- 22. Points for year-end standings and awards will be based upon points acquired on designated run at each rodeo.
- 23. 4D pay-off will not be affected by the designated run process; all horses will be eligible for 4D pay-off process.

24. The barrel racing point award system will be a ten-point system in each age group (40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & over). Points in each rodeo will be awarded to contestants with the top ten (10) fastest times, if qualified, in each age group. Points will be determined by the fastest times according to ranking of fastest to slowest times in each age group. Only the designated run for each rider will be eligible to earn points if a rider competes on more than one horse.

25. Fastest run in each age group:

1 <sup>st</sup>	100 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	90 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	80 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	70 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	60 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	50 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	40 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	30 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	20 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	10 points

26. The 4D jackpot prize money will be split as follows:

1D Jackpot 34%

2D Jackpot 28%

3D Jackpot 22%

4D Jackpot 16%

27. Barrel race prize money will be paid for 4 divisions or levels of competition. The fastest times are in the first division (1D); the second division (2D) begins with the time equal to or closest following the fastest time plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  second; the third division (3D) begins with the time equal to or closest after the fastest time plus 1 second; the fourth division (4D) begins with the time equal to or closest after the fastest time plus  $1\frac{1}{2}$  seconds. The fastest times in each division will earn prize money. The number of prize moneys paid by division will be determined by the total number of entries in each barrel race jackpot, as indicated below:

<u># of Entries</u>	<u>Places Paid</u>
1 TO 16 ENTRIES	1 IN EACH D
17 TO 33 ENTRIES	2 IN EACH D
34 TO 66 ENTRIES	3 IN EACH D
67 TO 99 ENTRIES	4 IN EACH D
100 & UP ENTRIES	5 IN EACH D

28. After determining the number of prize moneys to be paid per division, the jackpot funds in each division will be distributed as follows:

### Payout Splits

1 place per D      1<sup>st</sup>      100%

2 places per D      1<sup>st</sup>      60%  
                           2<sup>nd</sup>      40%

3 places per D      1<sup>st</sup>      50%  
                           2<sup>nd</sup>      30%  
                           3<sup>rd</sup>      20%

4 places per D      1<sup>st</sup>      40%  
                           2<sup>nd</sup>      30%  
                           3<sup>rd</sup>      20%

	4 <sup>th</sup>	10%
5 places per D	1 <sup>st</sup>	30%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	25%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	20%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	15%
	5 <sup>th</sup>	10%
6 places per D	1 <sup>st</sup>	29%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	24%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	19%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	14%
	5 <sup>th</sup>	9%
	6 <sup>th</sup>	5%

## **BARREL RACING RULES FOR TSPRA FINALS**

1. First and Second Go-Rounds will be run in the 4D format.
2. Go-round and average points will be awarded by the fastest times according to where contestant's times placed in relevant age group.
3. Only the designated run for each rider will be eligible to earn points if a rider competes on more than one horse.
4. Multiple runs on the same horse per go-round are not permitted.
5. Contestants using horse substitution in second go-round remain eligible for go-round and average money, as well as points.

6. Added money collected per age group during the year will be distributed as follows:

10% to 1<sup>st</sup> go-round of finals 4D jackpot

10% to 2<sup>nd</sup> go-round of finals 4D jackpot

20% to average of finals 4D jackpot

60% to finals short-go (per age group)

### **TSPRA BARRELS FINALS AVERAGE:**

1. Average time is determined by averaging the times from round 1 and round 2 corresponding with the same running order position (if running more than one horse).
2. Average times will be ranked by the 4D format (Fastest Time = 1D; fastest time + ½ second per run = 2D; fastest time + 1 second per run = 3D; fastest time + 1 ½ second per run = 4D). A special formula will be used to pay more moneys in the finals average:

#### **Average payout:**

1-10 Contestants = 1 monies Per D

11-20 Contestants = 2 monies Per D

21-30 Contestants = 3 monies Per D

31-40 Contestants = 4 monies Per D

## **TSPRA BARREL FINALS SHORT GO ROUND:**

1. The top ten places in the TSPRA cumulative point standings for the year in each age group (40's; 50's; 60's; 70's) who are entered, and present will be eligible for the Finals Short Go-Round.
2. One run - One horse.
3. The three (3) fastest times in each age group of the Finals Short Go-Round will earn prize money distributed 50%, 30% and 20%.

## **CALF ROPING RULES**

1. Tiedown calf roping is divided into six age groups:  
40-49; 50-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75 and over
2. Breakaway roping is divided into six age groups:  
40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-79; 80 and over, Ladies 40 and over.
3. Ribbon Roping is one age group: 40 and over.
4. Rope must be tied hard and fast. Contestants must rope calf, dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet to qualify as a legal tie, there shall be one or more wraps around three (3) legs and a half-hitch around two (2) or more legs. If the calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be

let up to his feet and thrown by hand (except in the 70 and over tiedown events). If a roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold the calf until roper gets hand on the calf. Tie must hold, and three legs remain crossed until passed on by the judge, and roper must not go back to string after giving a finished signal until after the judge has completed his examination. Legs must be a three (3) bone cross. The field judge will pass on the tie of calf through use of a stopwatch, timing six seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted. In the 70 and 75 and over age group, the stop watch will start when the roper clears the calf and starts back to his horse. Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until the field judge has passed on the tie. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after completion of tie, the six second time period is to start when the roper clears the calf. Flagger must watch the calf during the six second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free using the time shown on the watch to determine whether the calf was tied long enough to qualify. Roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for a time, until the tie has been passed on by the field judge. 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 animal belongs to the contestant when he calls for him regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure at the judge's discretion, and his decision is final.

5. In the tiedown calf roping events, one loop will be permitted and catch as catch can. Contestants must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horses from dragging their calves. Drag rule - If the calf is not standing and the rope is attached to the calf and the calf is physically being moved by the tension of the rope the calf will be considered being dragged. If the drag exceeds 10 feet, the contestant will receive a fine. There are two types of drags, 1 - intentional with a \$75 dollar fine. Any fine will consist of any verbal sound or command or gesture towards the horse will be considered an intentional drag. The 2nd fine will be an unintentional drag and that fine will be a \$25 dollar fine. Any fine will be if the horse pulled the calf 10 feet or over by himself (Or called over working of the rope)
6. The intentional abuse of cattle/livestock by a contestant, as rendered by the judge, will be assessed a \$75.00 fine. All fines go back to the Association.

7. Length of score will be determined by calf roping event directors. In the event the directors are not available and have not appointed someone to represent them, the President may act on the directors' behalf.
8. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
9. If there must be a re-run of calves to complete a go-round, all calves must be tied down before any stock is drawn. If after one go-round has been completed a fresh calf has to be used, the calf must be roped and tied before the drawing, but if extra calves have been tied at the rodeo, they will not be considered fresh.
10. Breakaway roping events must be a bell collar catch when the rope breaks from the horn. Rope is attached to the saddle horn with a nylon string; string must be broken by the calf. Field judge has the last say on qualified catch.
11. Ladies Breakaway and 80 Breakaway;  
Catch-as-Catch-Can Rule: The catch-as-catch-can rule shall apply after the loop has passed over the nose and under the chin, behind the calf's ears and pulls tight to break string on any part of the calf's body behind the ears. Field judge has the last say on qualified catch.

12. Contestants will start from behind a barrier in all roping events (Tiedown, Breakaway, and Ribbon Roping). There will be a ten second penalty for breaking or beating the barrier (i.e. horse jumping barrier).
13. If the automatic barrier fails to work and the official time has not started, the contestant or team will get stock back, if stock is qualified on in the field. In order for a time to be official, the barrier flag must work.
14. If in the opinion of the Line judge, the contestant is fouled by the neckrope, he shall get his calf back, providing he declares himself by pulling up immediately. If the contestant fouls the barrier, they will not be entitled to a rerun.
15. In the timed events if in the opinion of the line judge, the neck rope does not pull off the animal or if the animal does not cross the width of the score line (which is the width of the boxes at the length of the score line), the contestant is entitled to a rerun on the same animal, provided he declares himself immediately. There will be no penalty added, if in the opinion of the line judge, the contestant did not break or deliberately beat the barrier.

16. If the calf falls before crossing the barrier line or does not pull the barrier and neckrope is still on the calf, roper will get to rerun the calf with no incurred penalties.
17. A 25 second time limit will be enforced in the 40; 50; 60; and 65 tie down events.
18. In all breakaway events, the TSPRA will furnish nylon string to be used in all age groups except the 70-age group.
19. A 30 second time limit will be enforced in the 70 and 75 tiedown events.

## **TEAM ROPING RULES**

1. Team Roping events are divided into three age groups: 40-59; 60-69 and 70+. 40+ Lady Team Ropers are allowed to compete up in the 60+ age group but not in the 70+ age group.
2. Team Ropers will be permitted to enter both sides "Head and Heel" on the same day at all rodeos.
3. Contestants will start from behind a barrier. There will be a ten second penalty for breaking or beating the barrier. The team roper behind the barrier must throw a loop at head.

4. Only two loops per team shall be allowed. The team will be allowed one loop at the head and one loop at the heels.
5. Length of score will be determined by team roping event directors. In the event the directors are not available and have not appointed someone to represent them, the President may act on the directors' behalf.
6. Roping the steer without releasing the loop will be considered no catch.
7. Steer must be up when roped by head or heels. Flag for time should be dropped when both horses face steer and ropes are tight. Header should face the steer's head; the heeler should face the steer's tail.
8. Horse's front feet should be on the ground and roper mounted when time is taken.
9. Legal catches are as follows: half-head, both horns, or around the neck. One hind foot adds a five (5) second penalty. Hondo over one horn and loop over the other is an illegal catch. Figure eight in a head catch will be an illegal catch (does not apply to heels). Any heel catches with rope going up the heels will be a legal catch.

If in the opinion of the flag judge, the roper has been too rough on the steer, the team can be disqualified.

10. Steer's horn spread must not exceed 22 inches. Steers used should be inspected and any objectionable ones cut before the contest begins. If any are crippled or for some reason become unfit, they will be cut out.
11. Contestants 60 and over may tie hard and fast on the heel end.

12. No Cross-firing. The directions of the steers body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, the steer must be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a cross-fire and a no time will be recorded.
13. Broken rope or loss of rope will be considered no time.
14. If the steer is roped by one horn, the roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn with his hand. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. However, should the front foot or feet come out the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, the time will be counted.
15. Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.
16. If a contestant becomes injured or unable to compete, a courtesy will be drawn from the contestants entered in that age group at the finals or rodeo. Monies will be paid as specified but no points will be awarded to the courtesy contestant.

## **RIBBON ROPING RULES**

1. Ribbon Roping will be one age group, 40 and over.
2. Roper can only rope once, and runner can only run once.

3. Roper and runner must enter as a team (can be different at each rodeo), but points will be counted individually for ropers' and runners' end of year awards.
4. Women can be ribbon ropers, but their runners must be male.
5. One loop is permitted and catch as catch can. Drag rule - If the calf is not standing and the rope is attached to the calf and the calf is physically being moved by the tension of the rope the calf will be considered being dragged. If the drag exceeds 10 feet, the contestant will receive a fine. There are two types of drags, 1 - intentional with a \$75 dollar fine. Any fine will consist of any verbal sound or command or gesture towards the horse will be considered an intentional drag. The 2nd fine will be an unintentional drag and that fine will be a \$25 dollar fine. Any fine will be if the horse pulled the calf 10 feet or over by himself (Or called over working of the rope) and the contestant did not cause the drag. Exception: If the runner, in attempting to get the ribbon or attempting to cross the line, unintentionally causes the drag in excess of 10 feet, there will be no fine or penalty. According to judge's discretion
6. Rope must be on the calf when the runner takes the ribbon.
7. Runner must cross the line and show the ribbon to judge. If a calf is caught inside the line, the runner must cross the line in the opposite direction.

8. If a calf has no ribbon on tail and is a fair catch, roper and runner get another calf, adding any penalties from the first run.
9. If a roper pulls ribbon off the tail with his hands, a no time will be given.
10. If the rope causes the ribbon to fall from the tail, a no time will be awarded.
11. All ropers must be attempting to dismount before the runner crosses the line, with the exception of 70 and over ropers, who do not have to make an attempt or dismount.
12. There will be two judges – barrier judge and field/flag judge – both judges should be watching for the attempted dismount – any questionable attempts will be decided by the judges.
13. Runner must be a TSPRA member or permit contestant.
14. Line placement will be determined by the Ribbon Runner Director. In the event the Director is not available and has not appointed someone to represent her/him, the President may act on the Director's behalf. Team must consist of 1 male and 1 female.
15. If a roper/runner becomes injured or unable to compete, a courtesy partner will be drawn from the contestants entered in the Ribbon Roping. Monies

will be paid as specified but no points will be awarded to the courtesy contestant.

## **YEAR END AWARDS AND FINALS**

1. All awards will be determined by Directors and Officers each year.
2. Each event with less than an average of 8 contestants by the end of June, of the current rodeo season, will be evaluated by the Executive Board to determine the prize line for that rodeo year.
3. In case of ties, awards will be determined by points coming into finals/event if unresolve coin flip will determine the winner.
4. To be able to compete at the Finals, there are two choices:
  - a. A TSPRA member may compete at fourteen (14) rodeos and be eligible to enter any event they are eligible to enter during the year.
  - b. A TSPRA member may compete at ten (10) rodeos but fewer than fourteen (14) rodeos and be eligible to enter any event they are eligible to enter during the year by paying a fee as stated:

**Attend 10 Rodeos \$100 fee**

**Attend 11 Rodeos \$75 fee**

Attend 12 Rodeos \$50 fee

Attend 13 Rodeos \$25 fee

5. A member must compete at the Finals to earn and receive a year-end award, unless unable to compete due to personal injury or illness.

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