

2009 ***INTERNATIONAL INDIAN*** ***FINALS RODEO***

October 22-25, 2009
MCGEE PARK COLISEUM
[McGee Park Coliseum](#)
San Juan County
Farmington, New Mexico



GROUND RULES

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INTRODUCTION

The International Indian Finals Rodeo (IIFR) and its affiliated associations promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship and expose a positive image to the general public and First Nation communities.

The IIFR:

- preserves our Indian heritage
- offer a privilege of family bonding
- maintain the highest regard for livestock

The IIFR enables our First Nations' youth their professional, personal, creative potential.

This year's IIFR features the Navajo Nation & Rocky Boy Champions to compete at the 2009 IIFR in additions to the top contestants from Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Ladies Breakaway Roping, Senior Breakaway Roping and the top contestants from the Jr. Barrel Racing and Jr. Steer Riding of the seven associations from Canada and the United States will compete for International titles on October 22-25, 2009 which is hosted by the International Indian Finals Rodeo Board of Directors.

IIFR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The IIFR Board of Directors:

- Two year term positions shall those positions of: Directors, Web Content/Administrator, Communications Officer
- In a case that a Director shall not be available to attend a particular event or meeting an alternate shall take his/her place.
- Directors shall oversee the production of the IIFR.
- Directors shall agree to abide by the Agreement between the IIFR and the Affiliate Associations.
- 4 Senior Advisors shall be permanent fixtures and shall act only as mediators and advise the IIFR Board of Directors.

Board of Directors

Association Director

PIRA	Curtis Taypotat
AIRCA	Ben Bates
CNRA	Harlan Thompson
BPIRA	Wade Colliflower
RRCA	Steven Bruisedhead
Commissioner	Edison Bitsui

Web Content/Administrator

Sonya Taypotat

Senior Advisors

Sk Louis Taypotat

Ab Lawrence Crawler

2009 IIFR Coordinators

Edison Bitsui Rodeo

Gloria Grant & Ruth Bitsui, Pageant 928-245-5690

Floyd Kurly, Golf Tournament 505-402-3223

Dora Platente, Trade Show 505-463-8075

Matt Sanches, Team Roping Jackpot 505-238-4595

PLEASE NOTE:
There will be daily meetings of the IIFR Board of Directors and Pre-Production meeting starting on Wednesday October 21, 2009 at 1:00 AM at the Coliseum for all IIFR Personnel: Judges, Timers, Secretaries, IIFR BOD, Announcers, Stock Contractors

IIFR AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS

The five-affiliate associations of the IIFR include:

Prairie Indian Rodeo Association (PIRA) – Saskatchewan, Canada
Central Navajo Rodeo Association (CNRA) – Arizona, USA
All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association (AIRCA) – Arizona, USA
Reservation Rodeo Cowboys Association (RRCA) – Southern Alberta, Canada
Bear Paw Indian Rodeo Association (BPIRA) – Montana, USA
Navajo Nation Fair Rodeo – Wild Card
Rocky Boy Rodeo – Wild Card

LOCATION & ATTRACTIONS

*INTERNATIONAL INDIAN FINALS RODEO
IS COMING TO YOU OCTOBER 22-25, 2009*

[McGee Park Coliseum](#)

San Juan County, NM. 100 South Oliver Dr., Aztec, NM 87410 505.334.9481
The City of Farmington New Mexico is in the heart of America's Southwest, surrounded by world class cultural treasures and magnificent landscapes. Nestled in the picturesque San Juan River Valley, Farmington is within sight of Colorado's rugged San Juan Mountains and the desert highlands of Arizona and Utah. Farmington is the commercial center of the Four Corners Region with a population of 46,000 people.

[SunRay Park and Casino](#) is located 10 minutes from downtown Farmington. It offers slot machines and live/simulcast horse racing. There are two other casinos located in neighboring southern Colorado. [Ute Mountain Casino](#) is close to Cortez, Colorado and [Sky Ute Casino](#) is located in Ignacio, Colorado.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

You are financially responsible for your own travel and accommodation arrangements.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The following Farmington hotels are host hotels. Please be aware on the timeline (cut off dates) to get the group rates. Also note guests need to identify themselves as IIFR or International Indian Finals Rodeo in order to get the discount.

1. Holiday Inn Express: 505-325-2545, 2110 Bloomfield Blvd. Farmington, NM (cut off date 9-20-09)
2. Marriott Courtyard: 505-325-5111, 560 Scott Avenue, Farmington, NM (cut off date 10-01-09)
3. Hampton Inn & Suites: 505-564-3100, 1500 Bloomfield Blvd, Farmington, NM (cut off date 10-01-09)

STALLS

Please reserve your stalls by calling the Association to whom you qualified from.

Payment must be sent along with your entry fees. The cost is \$15.00 per stall per horse.

REGISTRATION & PHOTOS

Attendance is mandatory or you will be assessed a \$100 dollar fine if you are not in attendance.

A Welcome and Registration Night will take place on **Wednesday 21, 2009 October 2009 @ 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at the following location:

Multi-Purpose Room
[McGee Park Coliseum](#)
San Juan County
Farmington, New Mexico

Contestants shall receive their contestant back number and companion pass (\$40.00), Ground Rules and gate pass at time of registration, and sign a Waiver. Your contestant number must be worn on your back during competition. You must have your back number and gate pass with you when entering the arena through the admission gates.

Please participate in the Group Photos.

At time of registration, please take the opportunity to appoint a representative from your respective event. The event representative shall ensure that all contestants in their events are informed of the rules and bring forth any grievances to the IIFR Board or to the Judges depending on the nature of the grievance. This event rep may also be required to attend IIFR Board meetings during the IIFR. Please see Event Rules for more detail on each event. The appointed barrel racing representative along with another barrel racer shall mark the barrels in the presence of a judge on Thursday at least two hours prior to the start of the first performance. Please see Event Rules for the measurements. A barrel slip will be provided and shall be signed by both contestants and a judge who mark the barrels and hand in to the Arena Secretary when completed.

Action photos and group photos will available by Smiths Photo Company, Crownpoint, New Mexico. The photo both will be set up in vendor area of the Arena. Photos will be available for purchase.

TICKET SALES

Admission:

Thursday Performance

Adults \$10.00

Seniors/Students 7-12 Years \$7.00

6 & Under Free

Friday - Sunday Performances

Adults \$15.00

Seniors/Students 7-12 Years \$12.00

6 & Under Free

Contestants are provided with a companion pass, contestant pass, and back number at time of registration, however, please wear your contestant number and passes at all times during performances and to enter into the admission gates.

RODEO PERFORMANCES

- a) There shall be 4 go rounds with 16 contestants competing in each go-round per event with the exception of Bareback Riding.
- b) There shall be one performance per day.
- c) In all events contestant positions will be drawn for prior to the 1st go-round.
- d) The 1st go-round will be reversed for the 2nd go-round.
- e) The 3rd and 4th go-round positions will be determined by the scores and times of the contestants, with the best scores and times filling the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon performances.

Thursday October 22, 2009
Performance 7:00 p.m.

Friday October 23, 2009 (Native Pride Day –Star/Ribbon Shirts)
Performance 7:00 p.m.

Saturday October 24, 2009 (Tough Enough to Wear Pink)
Performance 7:00 p.m.

Sunday October 25, 2009
Performance 1:00 p.m.

GRAND ENTRIES

All contestants in each performance shall participate in the Opening Ceremony and grand entries. All timed events contestants shall meet at the Grand Entry Gate prior to Grand Entry Times. There will be individuals on hand coordinating these events, so please cooperate.

RODEO PERSONNEL

Stock Contractor: Charlie Willy Cattle Company & Tsosie Brothers Rough Stock

Announcers: Harlan Thompson, USA
Gary Gross, CANADA

Judges: Tyrone Potts, CANADA
Bobby Pablo, USA

Timers: Sashawnee Bear, CANADA
Alberda Avery, USA

Arena Secretary: Benita Jay

Photographer: Smiths Photo Company

Clown Act: Bert Davis

Colors and Grand Entry: Western Jr. Rodeo Association (Volunteers), Mesa, Arizona

CONTESTANT LISTS

The top contestants in each of the events of Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Ladies Breakaway Roping, Senior Breakaway Roping, and Junior Bull Riding and the top contestants in each of the events of Ladies Barrel Racing, and Junior Barrel Racing will qualify for the IIFR.

ENTRY FEES

11 Events: Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Ladies breakaway Roping, Senior Breakaway Roping
\$300 Entry Fee + \$30 Administration= \$330.00 Total Entry Fee

2 Junior Events: Jr Barrel Racing & Jr. Bull Riding
\$150 Entry Fee + \$30 Administration = \$180.00 Total Entry Fee

Note: If you have qualified in more than one event then you shall only pay a one time Contestant/Admin Fee of \$30.00.

PAYOUT

The Arena Secretary will make payout following each performance. The rodeo office will be opened two (2) hours prior to the rodeo performances and will remain open for one (1) hour after the rodeo performances.

Payout will be required to be picked up by the contestant who has won money. No money will be released to anyone but the contestant who has won money.

Note: The number of paid contestants in each event shall determine payout.

GROUND SPLITS

1. Ground splits will be split equally between contestants who have qualified scores or times.
2. If there are no qualified rides or times, all prize money (entry fees and added money) will be split equally among contestants who have competed.
3. If there are fewer qualified rides/runs than there are payoff positions, the remaining payoff positions will be split equally between those who have made a qualified ride or run.

INSURANCE

Contestants entering the arena will be entering at their own risk. All contestants will be required to sign a contestant waiver form. Contestants can purchase their own insurance but is not required.

AWARDS

An Awards Banquet will take place on **Sunday October 25, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m.** at the Coliseum. Event Champions must be in attendance and will be honored with their awards during this time. There will be a dinner served. Awards consist of Championship Buckles and Saddles. Please plan to attend the Awards Banquet to help the champions celebrate!

It is mandatory that all event and the all round champions are in attendance to receive his/her championship award or a \$250 fine will be imposed and the championship award will be withheld until the fine is paid.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Local media will be in attendance.

FINALS RESULTS

The 2009 IIFR Finals results will be posted on the IIFR website. The website address is www.iifrodeo.com.

GENERAL

1. During all the performance and slack paramedic and ambulance will be on site.
2. The announcers shall not make prejudgments about the competition and events while the events are in progress.
3. Contestant shall wear their contestant number while competing.
4. Rodeo secretary will maintain a fine list and all rule infractions shall be posed in the rodeo office.
5. **IF CONTESTANT IS NOT READY WHEN CALLED UPON THEY WILL BE FINED \$50.00, AND THIS IS TO BE PAID BEFORE THE NEXT PERFORMANCE.**

FINALS CHAMPIONS

1. Each contestants who qualifies for the IIFR finals rodeo must be a member in good standing with the IIFR Affiliated Associations.
2. The following rules shall be used to determine IIFR rodeo champions at the IIFR's finals rodeo:
 - (i) The champions in each event will be the finalist contestant earning the most average scores or times at the finals on 4 rides/runs. The Accumulated scores and times from the 4 go-rounds shall determine the event champion.
 - (ii) In the event that two or more finalist contestants in an event are tied for an event championship at the end of the scheduled number of go-rounds, those tied shall compete on extra stock until tie is broken and a champion is declared.
3. The IIFR Board may establish other ground rules as may be necessary for the efficient functioning of the IIFR's finals rodeo.

All Around Champions must compete in two or more events.

1. In the event of a tie for the All Around championship at the conclusion of the finals rodeo, those contestants who are tied, shall compete on additional stock in the following manner until the tie is broken and the champion declared.
2. If a contestant is in a tie for the all round championship with other contestants and competing at the IIFR Finals in more than two events, he/she shall elect the event in which he/she will compete for the tiebreaker.
3. In the event that the tied contestants are competing in the same event, the contestant with the highest mark or the fastest time on additional stock shall be declared the champion.
4. In the event that the tied contestants are competing in different events, each Contestant shall compete on an additional head of stock in his/her chosen event, with that marking or time being ranked against the marking or time from the other contestants in the final performance. The contestant having the highest ranking shall be declared the All Around Champion.
5. In a case of a tie in a riding event, the stock to be used for the ride off shall be drawn from the re-ride pen. In a case of a tie in a timed event, the stock to be used shall be drawn from the whole herd, exempting the animal competed on by the contestant in the last regular performance.
6. The Sr. Breakaway Roping, Jr. Barrel Racing & Jr. Bull Riding shall not count as an event towards the all round championship.

7. The All Around champion must win money in two or more events. However, if no contestant wins money in two or more events then the All Around champion shall be declared by the contestant winning the most money won in one event but entered in two or more events at the IIFR.
8. In the case where a contestant is picked up by a team roper to form a new partner at the finals allowing that contestant to compete and win money in two events, that contestant picked up to form a new team is not eligible for the All Around award or average pay-off.

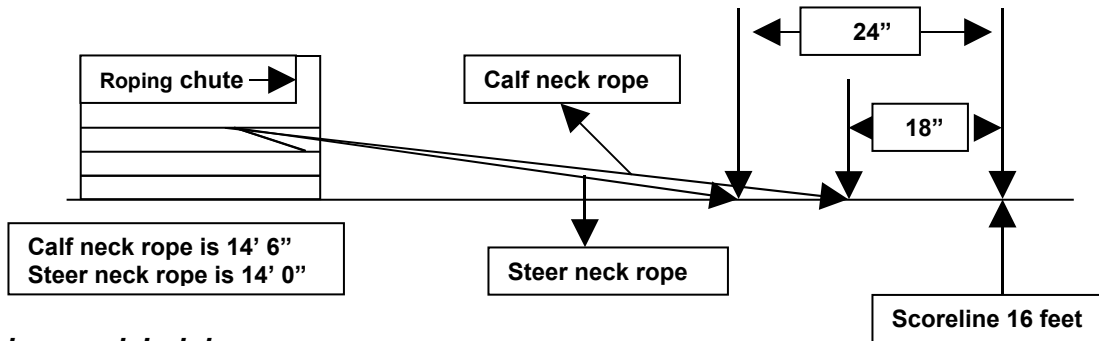
EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL & MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Barriers & Scoreline

1. Automatic barriers must be used when barriers are required.
2. There must be someone designated to run the timed event end and tie neck ropes other than a judge.
3. Judges will be responsible for maintaining the barriers and the host rodeo committee shall supply the barrier and supplies at the IIFR finals
4. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier.
5. In all timed events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless the ring drops within ten (10) feet of the post.
6. In the timed events, the pusher must be clear of stock before the barrier is tripped.
7. Once a scoreline has been established in each timed events it will not be changed at the finals rodeo, and the length of the box will not be changed.
8. In order for time to be considered official, the barrier flag must operate.
9. (a) If the automatic barrier malfunctions in any way the contestant is entitled to a rerun provided the contestant has made a qualified run or claims animal. A contestant must declare a rerun by notifying the judge.
(b) If automatic barrier equipment hangs on animal or fouls horse or neck rope fouls contestant, then roper or dogger must pull up and declare himself in order to get the animal back.
(c) If the automatic barrier fails to work and stock is brought back, contestant must take the same animal over during or immediately after the same performance.
10. In any timed event should an animal escape from the rodeo arena, the flag will be dropped and timer's watches stopped.
(a) Contestants will get animal back with lap and tap start and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying.
(b) If a time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final. The contestant may or may not be entitled to a re-run. It shall be the decision of the flag judge. The timers shall immediately inform the field flagger of the error.
(c) If rope is on animal, roper will get lap and tap with rope on animal in the chute.
(d) If flag is not dropped or if timer misses flag and time is not recorded, contestant will get animal back or spare, if drawn, with any initial barrier infraction added to the time.
11. If a contestant ropes and ties a calf or dogs a steer without the presence of a flagman in the field he will get a re-run on the same stock unless an extra has been drawn.
12. The minimum standard measurement for timed event boxes is twelve feet in length and eight feet in width.
13. To correctly measure and set the scorelines in the timed events, the barrier shall be put up with the pin in the barrier ring, holding the barrier in place. The score shall be determined by measuring from the post where the barrier pin is pinned to the length of the roping box minus the designated score in each timed events. In the tie down and breakaway roping the score shall be the measurement of the length of the box minus two (2) feet. The score in the steer wrestling shall be the measurement of the length of the box minus five-and-a-half (5½)

feet or minus six (6) feet if the length of the box is greater than eighteen (18) feet. The minimum length of the scoreline in the team roping will be the box minus two (2) feet. The length of the neck rope in the tie down and breakaway shall be the length of the scoreline minus one-and-a-half (1½) feet. The length of the neck rope in the steer wrestling and team roping shall be the length of the scoreline minus two (2) feet.

Illustration of scoreline and neck rope



Judges and Judging

1. Judges, timers and flagmen must be people of experience.
2. Whenever it is necessary to make exception to the rules due to unusual circumstances, the judges must confer with the current **IIFR Board** members present to discuss the possibility of unfair treatment to rodeo contestants entered at said rodeo.
3. One judge must be present prior to the rodeo for the marking of barrel positions for the ladies' barrel racing and must sign the barrel measurement slip supplied for that purpose by the rodeo secretary.
 - (a) A judge must read and record from the electric timer in the Ladies Barrel Racing and Junior Barrel Racing.
4. A riding event judge, barrier or field flagman cannot be changed during the course of the finals unless due to sickness or injury.
5. A judge must pass on an animal's inability to be used before it can be shipped or replaced in the draw.
6. The decisions of any eligible judges, field flagmen or timers will be final and no protests by contestants will be permitted.
7. (a) Markings must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges.
 - (b) Judges must also remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books.
 - (c) Judges must make decision on All Around champion before leaving the rodeo office.
8. It is the responsibility of the judges to see that a contestant takes his right stock.
9. Marks and times must be posted after each performance and cannot be changed after being posted.

Bull Fighters

The IIFR Board is responsible for ensuring that 2 bullfighters are in attendance at the IIFR finals.

Secretaries

1. Contestants will not suffer disqualification because of mistakes made by the rodeo arena secretary.

2. The rodeo arena secretary must supply any office materials he/she will need for the efficient running of the rodeo office, as well as clipboards for the judges and a back up stop watch and whistle for timers.
3. Rodeo office must be open Two (2) hours prior to rodeo start time and open one (1) hour following the performance.

Timers

1. Rodeo must use two timers in timed events. Times are to be added then averaged. If there is one tenth of a difference, time will be recorded by the lowest time. All events with the exception of Ladies and Junior Barrel Racing must be timed in tenths. **Barrel racing must be timed in hundredths.**
2. In riding events, second timer is to back up first timer.

Junior Contestants

The age limits for the Junior Steer Riding and Junior Barrels Racing is fifteen (15) years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

Senior Contestants

The age limit for the Senior Breakaway Roping is fifty (50) years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Male and Female contestants are eligible to compete in this event as long as they meet the age requirement.

Contestant Disqualification

1. Contestants will be disqualified for any of the following offences:
 - a) Contesting while being under the influence of liquor, illegal drugs or substances prohibited by law.
 2. Rowdyism or quarrelling, or engaging in conduct that harasses or threaten rodeo personnel, i.e. judges, contractors, timers, etc. in the actual domain of the rodeo arena is cause for immediate disqualifications from the rodeo and forfeiture of entry fees.
 - a) Conduct deemed to be detrimental to the integrity of the sport rodeo.
 - b) Mistreatment of stock.
 - c) Refusing to contest on stock drawn for him.
 - d) Not being ready to compete when called upon.
 - e) Cheating or attempting to cheat.
 - f) Unnecessary delay in taking stock. This action to be enforced by the judges when the chute boss or the man in charge has lodged a legitimate complaint.
 - g) For not wearing proper cowboy attire, including long-sleeved shirt with collar, with sleeves rolled down, boots and hat, in the rodeo arena during the one hour period prior to rodeo time, and one hour after rodeo, and during the paid performances.
3. All contestants with horses must ride in the Grand Entry if requested to do so by the stock contractor or rodeo management.
4. Riding event contestants will be disqualified for:
 - a) Being bucked off;
 - b) Changing hands on rein;
 - c) Wrapping rein around hand;
 - d) Pulling leather
 - e) Losing stirrup
 - f) Touching animal or anything else with free hand;
 - g) Riding with locked rowels, or with rowels that will lock on spurs in the bareback and saddle bronc, or with sharpened rowels IN ANY EVENT.
 - h) Not following judges instructions to take feet from neck of horse if stalled in the chute;

- i) Ignoring arena director, chute boss or judge who had advised him that he is next to go, if he is not above stock with his glove on (if glove is used) when previous stock leaves the arena;
 - j) Causing unnecessary delaying during the rodeo
 - k) Setting bareback rigging too far ahead (to an extreme).
 - l) Fouling stock by holding gate or side of chute.
5. If a contestant is assessed a fine, the contestant cannot compete on next animal drawn or run barrels until fine is paid. If contestant misses a go round of competition for failure to pay fine, contestant shall be disqualified from the remainder of the rodeo. Contestant would not be eligible to compete in the future in IIFR until fine is satisfied.

Humane Treatment of Livestock

1. No locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs may be used on bareback horses and saddle broncs. No sharpened spurs can be used in any event.
2. No animal shall be beaten, mutilated or cruelly prodded.
 - a) No Standard electric prods shall be used. Only in the case a bareback or bronc horse is known to stall it will be at the consent of the contestant and judge. The prod should not be more than 12" long.
 - b) No wooden paddles may be used on stock, however, straps are permissible.
3.
 - a) A neck rope must be used in the tie down roping and a calf must not be busted.
 - b) If a horse stops and the calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that the calf busts himself, the roper will not be responsible.
 - c) Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging the calf.
 - d) Rope to be removed from calf's body as soon as possible after tie has been passed by the field judge.
4. The placing of fingers in eyes, lips or nose of steers while steer wrestling is forbidden.
5. Animals for all events shall be inspected before the draw.
 - a) No sore, lame, sick, or injured animal or animals with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time.
 - b) Should an animal become sick or be injured between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, the extra animals drawn for the performance will automatically replace the injured animal. The animal must be inspected immediately by veterinarian
 - c) A judge must pass on the animal's inability to be used before it can be replaced in the draw.
6. A conveyance must be available to remove animals from arena in case of injury to livestock.
7. No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle-girth or flank straps shall be permitted.
 - a) Only sheepskin-lined flanking straps shall be used on bucking stock and such straps shall be of the quick-release type.
8. Disqualification will result from the use of an electronic device during a performance.
9. No stimulants or hypnotics to be used, or given to any animals used for contest purposes.
10.
 - a) Chutes must be constructed so as to prevent injury to stock.
 - b) Maintenance men and equipment shall be stationed at chutes to assist in the removal of any animal should it become caught.
11. The rodeo arena shall be free of rocks, holes and obstacles, which might cause injury to stock.
12. Clowns are not to abuse stock in any way.
13. No small animals or pets will be allowed in the rodeo arena where restraint is necessary or where they are subject to injury or attack by another animal.

14. Livestock is to be removed from the rodeo arena after completion of completion of contest.
15. Use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.
16. Any mistreatment of livestock used in rodeo competition will result in contestant being disqualification.
17. When artificial horns are used on team roping cattle, they must be removed immediately after each performance.
18. Automatic \$50.00 fine can be levied by judges or IIFR Director on a member for mistreatment of a rodeo animal. Fine must be paid by the end of the performance to the Arena Secretary. IIFR board can reassess situation and levy a higher fine or a disqualification of contestant at the discretion of the judge(s)

Rodeo Livestock

1. All rodeo livestock used in the riding and timed events must be numbered and drawn for.
2. a) Stock for a go-round in the riding events must be drawn at one time per each performance.
b) In the tie down roping, steer wrestling and team roping events, stock may be drawn for a complete performance at one time.
c) All timed event stock must be rotated for drawing purposes. All remaining timed event stock must go to the top of the draw for the next section.
3. a) Calf ropers may elect their representative to pick unsatisfactory calves, this must take place at a reasonable time before the rodeo starts.
b) Unsatisfactory cattle at one performance cannot be used at any further performances, subject to the discretion of the IIFR executive.
4. After the herd is established for the finals rodeo, those animals are subject to the draws through sequential runs of the cattle.
5. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately 150 pounds and not more than 300 pounds and must be strong and healthy.
6. Steers used in the steer wrestling event must be suitable steers weighing not more than 550 pounds.
7. If a reride is given for an animal four times in a row, the said animal will automatically be declared unsatisfactory and must be replaced.
8. Steers used in the team roping must be horned cattle, attachable, artificial horns permitted.
9. Rough stock animals that are removed from the draw due to injury or sickness cannot be used for the remainder of the finals rodeo.

Drawing Stock – General

1. a) All rodeo livestock used in the riding and timed events must be numbered and drawn for.
b) Stock for the complete go-round in the riding events must be drawn up at the one time.
2. a) For the final go round, riding event contestants will draw from the best stock from the previous go rounds in the presence of the judges.
b) All timed event cattle that were qualified on will be used in drawing stock for the finals Performance of a rodeo and if there are not enough cattle, then stock on which the next Fastest times were recorded will be added to the draw.
3. All calves and dogging steers should be as uniform in size as possible.
4. Any stock in the original draw that is turned out (not bucked exhibition or contest) Automatically goes into the reride if necessary.
5. Any animal drawn for a reride, but not used in that go-round may be held out of the draw for rerides in the following go-round along with feature animals but then will be returned for the go-round draw after the rerides have been drawn.
6. a) Rerides may be drawn at any time after the reride has been granted.
b) Rerides will be drawn from reride stock.
c) An animal can be drawn for a reride only once in a go-round.

7. No contestant may compete on the same head of stock twice at any one finals performance in the same event. Exception will be in a rerun or reride pursuant to these rules.
8. The IIFR board has the right to declare any stock unsatisfactory and any stock so declared will be taken from the draw.
9. In case that at any time during the rodeo the stock is sick, crippled or already shipped, replacement will be drawn from reride animals.
11. A contestant in any event who takes the wrong stock will get his right stock later.
 - a) It is the judges' responsibility to see that the contestant takes his right stock.

Drawing Stock - Timed Events

1. Stock in timed events must be drawn by the flag judge or barrier judge not more than two hours before the performance at the roping chute or the rodeo office.
 - a) If mistake is made in drawing timed event stock, redraw will be made from the mistake down.
2. In timed events, the same herd of stock will be used throughout the 4 go-rounds.
3. Only calves and steers that are available for use for the first run can be put into the draw for the second or subsequent runs.
4. In the timed events, all cattle in the draw will be drawn one time before any cattle will be drawn for a second time. When the number of animals is equal to or exceeds the number of contestants in that performance, no stock will be run twice in the same performance.
5. In the timed events, if a contestant has advised the secretary that he will be turning out his stock, no stock will be drawn for such a contestant.
6. The judges shall inspect all timed event stock and are empowered to cull unsatisfactory stock provided that such culling must take place at a reasonable time before the rodeo starts.
7. In timed events, a complete go-round must be finished before any contestant can compete on his next head of stock, except for stock that must be brought back.
8. When it is necessary to make a cut in the cattle in timed events, the weaker end will be taken out of the draw. The cut must be made before the herd is established.
9. In the tie down roping, steer wrestling and team roping events, the stock may be drawn for a complete performance.
10. a) Spares will be automatically used in the event of a re-run (i.e.: animal escapes, barrier malfunction, bad gate, gate left open).
 - b) If contestant did break barrier on first run, he will take re-run with no barrier in place and will carry forward his penalty to the lap and tap time.

Rerides

1. Rerides must be given in all three riding events.
2. Rerides will be given for stock that:
 - a) Fails to break;
 - b) Fouls rider;
 - c) Runs off; or
 - d) Stops or falls.
 - e) If a reride is given, the judges must have the reride and the mark given announced and the contestant has the right to refuse the reride before the reride is drawn or accept the marking.
 - f) The first reride given and accepted must be drawn first.
3. For rerides the order of usage of reride animals must be given to the judge by the stock contractor prior to the performance starting.
4. If an animal runs off, stops or falls, the rider has the privilege of taking the same stock back, providing that the stock contractor is willing, or the rider may have a reride drawn.

5. a) Rerides may be awarded at any time after the reride has been granted.
b) An animal can be drawn for a reride only once in a go-round.
6. If in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to get on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a reride drawn for him.
7. In the horse riding events, if the flank comes off, the rider may accept the marking or a reride will be given from the reride pen, provided the rider has completed the eight second qualified ride.
8. In the bull riding event, if the flank comes off and the rider completes a qualified ride, he may accept the marking or have the option of a reride.
 - a) If a reride is taken, it must be taken from the reride stock unless otherwise provided for by these rules.
9. Riders who are fouled at the chute or by the animal itself must claim the animal by double grabbing or dismounting immediately so as to obviously indicate a foul in order to claim a reride.
 - a) Final decision to be made by the judges.
10. Rerides or reruns will not be given if the contestants own equipment breaks or fails.
11. If no reride stock is designated, then rerides are to be drawn from the herd.
12. a) If, in the opinion of the judges, stock in the riding events deliberately throws itself, the rider shall have, with the approval of the stock contractor, the choice of that stock again or he may have the stock drawn for him from the reride stock.
b) Riders who are fouled at the gate will be entitled to a reride at the discretion of the judges.
c) It is the judges who shall decide on all matters of rerides.
13. Option for a reride will be given in the bareback and saddle bronc if the animal that is used in competition comes into contact with arena personnel.

Drawing Positions

1. a) After 2nd go round the order will be bottom up except for Barrel Racing.
b) A list of these positions must be posted where it is available to the contestants.
c) **Request for splits must be requested one hour prior to start of performance.**
2. If contestant is injured at a performance, he may be held back at the same performance until later in the go round with consent of both the judges and the stock contractor.
3. **No contestant will be allowed to take 2 head of stock in the same event in one day, with the exception of rerides or reruns or if a contestant has to compete in tie breaker for the championship.**
4. Rider's position may be drawn or they may take the number stock they have drawn as it appears in the chute.
 - a) If pens aren't available for sorting stock, then it may be run in as it comes and the riders who drew that stock must be notified that their stock is in the chutes.

Medical, Visible and Vet Releases

1. If a contestant is injured in an event and is, in the opinion of the judges, unable to compete in other event in which he is entered, he may medical release from those events providing the contestant has NOT competed on any animals up to the time the medical release is provided the contestant can be refunded the entry fees for the event from which he is medical releasing out. If contestant has on at least one head of stock refund of entry fees will not be permitted. To do this, the contestant who is injured is required to have an official IIFR contestant's release form completed and signed by the judges, with said form to be returned to the IIFR by the rodeo secretary with the rodeo results. An official IIFR Medical Release form, dually signed by the judges will be considered the same as a doctor's medical release.

2. Permission to turn out stock must be obtained from both judges. In the case of a Team Roping partner having to medical release, the remaining partner may get out on the same medical, without fees or fines, or he may find another contestant entered at the Finals Rodeo who is in good standing with the IIFR, and the new formed team would not be eligible for average pay and award.
3. If in the opinion of the judges, a contestant is unable to compete in a particular event because of injury, the contestant may withdraw by **VISIBLE RELEASE**, but this does not prevent the contestant from competing in other events in which he/she is entered. Entry fee remains in the pay off.
 - a) The visible injury must be signed by at least two judges and must be sent in to the Arena Secretary at IIFR Rodeo Office with rodeo results.
 - b) If a contestant is injured away from rodeo and still wishes to visible release he/she must notify the rodeo secretary and then request proper form to be completed by a doctor. The form must be received within 2 hours prior to the start of any go round.
4. If a contestant is injured in an event after he nods for his stock, there will be no refund of entry fees in that event, even though he may have been injured in the chute or behind a barrier.
5. A contestant turning out of any finals performance on a medical release must notify the IIFR Arena Secretary by 11 a.m. of the day he/she is scheduled to compete. Contestant may also send written notification to the rodeo with messenger and messenger must get receipt of proper notification from rodeo secretary. The entry fees will not be refunded.
6. Vet releases may only be used for the Ladies Barrel Racing and Junior Barrel Racing events.
7. a) A medical release can be in effect for one performance and the contestant can still compete on the rest of his stock in the remaining performances.

Turn Outs

1. **Stock that is turned out in a performance due to tardiness of contestant, or because contestant did not show up, will not be brought back.**
 - (a) If the first head of stock has been turned out, the contestant will be allowed to take his second head of stock.
 - (1) The first turn out of stock will result in the contestant being assessed a turn out fine.
2. (a) In the case of a turn out of one team roping partner, the remaining partner will be allowed to pick up another partner who is a participant of the IIFR. The arena secretary must be notified of the new formed partner before the draw is made or an animal will not be drawn for the contestant.
 - (b) If a team forms a new team with a new partner after the draw has been made the new formed team will not be eligible to compete on that drawn animal. The team will take the re-draw (spare).
 - (c) The turned out team roper will be assessed a turn out fine and will be responsible for the fees. There is no refund of entry fees to the turned out team roper.
 - (d) The new formed partner would be the final team and no further change in the team shall be made. And the added new partner would not be eligible for all around awards.
3. Turn out fines will be made payable to the IIFR and will be assessed as follows:
 - (a) If a contestant gives proper notification of turning out, he/she must pay a \$50.00 fine.
 - (b) If a contestant does not give proper notification of turning out, he/she must pay a \$100.00 fine.

CATCH PEN

1. All timed events shall have a closed catch pen.

EVENT RULES

1. During all the performance and slack paramedic and ambulance will be on site.

RIDING EVENTS

1. a) Ride and animal to be marked separately.
b) Both riding event judges must use a stopwatch to time the duration of the rides in all riding events. The judge that is on the latch side of the chute shall be the primary timer and the opposite positioned judge will be the secondary timer.
c) Mark the ride according to how much rider spurs the horse.
d) Mark the ride from one to twenty-five and use the full spread.
e) The animal is to be marked from one to twenty-five and use the full spread.
2. Contestants may pull rigging, cinch saddles and pull ropes from either side in all riding events.
a) Middle flank belongs to bronc rider, within reason.
3. a) To qualify, rider must have spurs touching the animal over the break of the shoulders when the horse's front feet hit the ground the first move out of the chute.
b) If a horse stalls coming out of the chute, either judge may tell a rider "to go on" or to tell the rider to take his feet out of the horse's neck for a "free roll", with the spur out rule being waived.
c) Rider may be disqualified for not following judge's instructions to take feet from neck of the stalled horse in the chute.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Stock used in the event must be furnished by the stock contractor.
2. Stock contractors must furnish their own standard halters and contestants must use them, unless agreement is made between contestant and stock contractor, subject to the approval of the judges on the fitness of the halters.
3. Riding is to be done with a plain halter, one rope rein and a saddle (see specifications). Stock contractor may call judges to pass on suitability of the saddle.
4. a) Horses must be saddled in the chute, with the saddle not to be set too far ahead on the horse's withers.
b) Contestant may cinch his own saddle or examine same to determine if it is satisfactory.
5. Middle flank belongs to the contestant, but the stock contractor may have the contestant put the flank cinch behind the curve of the horse's belly. The flank cinch may be hobbled.
6. Either the stock contractor or the contestant shall have the right to call the judges to pass on whether or not the horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best.
7. That no prod shall be used when animals are in the chute and only if the animal is known to stall. In such cases it should be at the consent of the contestant and judge. The prod should not be more than 12" long.
8. To qualify, the contestant must have his spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hits the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
9. The contestant must ride with one arm free at all times. The riding rein and riding arm must be on the same side.
10. Saddle bronc riding shall be timed for eight seconds, with time to start when the inside shoulder of animal crosses the plane of the chute.
11. The matter of rerides shall be decided by the judges.

12. A contestant will be disqualified for not following contesting rules and for violating Contestant Disqualification rules.
13. In the saddle bronc riding events the rein must be attached on the bottom of the halter nose band unless attached to the throat latches is mutually agreed upon the contestant and the stock contractor

Contestant Saddle Specifications

RIGGING: 3/4 double-front edge of dee ring must pull not further back than directly below centre point of swell. Standard E-Z ring type saddle dee must be used and cannot exceed 5 and 3/4 inch outside-width measurement.

SWELL UNDERCUT: Not more than two inches. One inch on each side.

GULLET: Not less than four inches wide at centre of fork of covered saddle.

TREE: Saddles must be built on standard tree.

SPECIFICATIONS: Fork 14" side; height 9" maximum; gullet 5 and 3/4 wide; cantle 5" maximum height, 14" maximum width.

Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars.

Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering.

No freaks allowed.

Cinches must be five inches wide.

Bareback Riding

1. Stock used in the event must be furnished by the stock contractor.
2. Contestants must ride with the use of a one-hand riggin (see specifications). Stock contractors have the right to have judges pass on whether or not riggins are objectionable.
3. a) Riggins must lie flat on the horse's back while the rigging is being cinched so there is an even distribution of pressure at all times.
b) A one-inch thick pad must be used under the bareback riggin.
c) The stock contractor must have pads available in case the contestant does not have one.
4. The Stock contractor may call a judge to pass on whether or not the rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt the horse's back. The contestant will have the right to call a judge to pass on whether or not his horse is properly flanked and cinched.
5. That no prod shall be used when animals are in the chute and only if the animal is known to stall in chute. In such cases it should be at the consent of the contestant and judge. The prod should not be more than 12" long.
6. The contestant will not be allowed to use tape or any other adhesive material or substance, other than dry rosin, on his riggin and/or glove, nor may the contestant take any kind of finger tuck or finger wrap.
7. To qualify, the contestant must have his spurs over the break of the horse's shoulders and touching the horse when the horse's front feet hits the ground on the first jump out of the chute.
8. The bareback bronc must be ridden for eight (8) seconds, with time to start when the inside shoulder of the animal crosses the plane of the chute.
9. If the bareback rigging comes off the horse (for any reason) before the whistle, the contestant will be disqualified.
10. The matter of rerides shall be decided by the judges.
11. The contestant will be disqualified for not following the contesting rules and for violating Contestant Disqualification rules.
12. A bareback rider who hangs up may be fined \$200 at the discretion of the judges. This money is to be distributed \$175 to the Stock Contractor and \$25 to the IIFR.

Bareback Rigging Specifications

Width at the handhold must not exceed ten (10) inches.

The "D" ring width must not exceed six (6) inches.

All riggins must have sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath, but no metal, fiberglass or other objectionable material will be permitted underneath the rigin.

No freak riggins will be allowed.

All cinches must be at least five (5) inches wide.

Bull Riding

1. Stock used in the event must be supplied by the stock contractor with no use of yaks allowed.
2. No bull may be put into the draw until his horns have been tipped to the size no smaller in diameter than that of a quarter.
3. a) Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand hold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him.
b) Rider will be disqualified if rope does not have bell.
c) Bell must be under belly of bull.
4. Rider not to use sharp spurs.
5. No more than two men may be on chute to pull contestants rope.
6. Contestant will have the right to call judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability.
7. Unless requested by the rider, no bull shall be hotshotted after the rider sits down. If used it would only to move the animal and used discreetly. The reasons are that if a bull is hotshotted the likelihood of causing an injury to a contestant is greater.
8. Bull will be ridden eight seconds; time to start when the inside shoulder of the animal crosses the plane of the chute.
9. The matter of rerides shall be decided by the judges.
10. If rider makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.
11. A contestant will be disqualified for not following contesting rules and for violating Contestant Disqualification rules.

Junior Bull Riding

1. Junior Bull Riding contestants will not be required to 'START' their stock.
2. The event is limited to junior members who are of fifteen years of age or younger as of January 1st of the current year.
3. All stock used in the Junior Bull Riding event must be flanked.
4. **Junior Bull riders will be required to ride with one hand.**
5. Bulls for the Junior Bull Riding may be yearling bulls with horns tipped at the discretion of the judges.
6. Junior Bull Riders must wear a protective vest, a CSA approved helmet and face shield while competing.

TIMED EVENTS

1. a) The barrier judge is responsible for:
 - (i) Inspecting barrier equipment, if equipment is faulty, it must be replaced;
 - (ii) Making sure that nobody can stand close enough to the barrier or barrier equipment so as to tamper with same;
 - (iii) Changing the barrier string and seeing that the neck rope is on properly at the request of the contestant.
- b) Should a barrier break at any point other than its designated breaking point, decision is up to the barrier judge.

- (i) If contestant obviously beats barrier and the barrier pin is not pulled or barrier rope is broken, but string is unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten second penalty.
 - c) Barrier judge must record all barrier infractions onto the official barrier copy. He must check these infractions with the timer's copy immediately following each performance.
 - d) Flagman cannot rope, dog or haze in the event he flags.
 - e) The people appointed to flag are the judges for the timed events regardless of who judges the riding events and are the only persons authorized to deliver a decision or draw stock in the timed events.
 - f) Once a contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.
- 2) All timed event contestants must notify the CES if they are mounting on the same horse if you are directly right after each other.

Tie Down Roping

1. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately 150 pounds and not more than three hundred pounds and must be strong and healthy.
2. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for tie down roping and there must be a score line at the point where barrier trips.
3. No bailing wire may be used on neck ropes for the calves; neck ropes must be tied with string.
4. At indoor rodeos, length of score must be no longer than the length of the roping box minus three feet unless the tie down roping director or his appointed representative approves other arrangements.
5.
 - a) All calves must be tied down and numbered in the arena one day before the first rodeo performance.
 - b) The draw is to be made no more than two hours before rodeo time.
 - c) 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.
 - d) Fresh calves being roped and tied down must be handled by hand without the use of a horse and must not be snubbed to a corral or chute post and may be tied three times if necessary.
6. If calves are fresh the jerk down rule is waived.
7.
 - a) Two loops will be permitted and should the roper miss with both, he must retire and no time will be allowed.
 - b) If roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and he must use second rope for second loop.
 - c) Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
8. There will be a twenty-five (25) second elapsed time limit in the tie down roping. The timer at the end of the twenty-five second time span shall blow a whistle indicating "no time". If the contestant is in the process of tying the calf he may finish the tie but will receive no time.
9. Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf.
 - a) If a horse drags a calf more than ten feet after the tie has been completed, the calf roper will be fined \$300.00.
 - b) If the drag is intentional, i.e. pulls the reins back on horse causing any drag regardless of distant then the contestant will be disqualified.
11. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.
 - a) This tie down roping is a catch as catch can event and the roper may rope any part of the calf, but rope must be on calf until roper gets his hand on the calf.
12. a) Rope may be dallied or tied hard and fast - either is permissible; contestant must

- dismount, go down rope and throw a calf by hand and cross and tie any three feet with at least one wrap and a half hitch.
- b) If a calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and thrown by hand. **Note: If the calf regains front or back feet it will be considered as up.**
 - (i) If roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
 - c) Tie must hold until passed on by the judge, and roper must not touch calf after giving finish signal until the judge has completed his examination.
 - (i) If tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one, the roper will be marked No Time.
 - (ii) Untie man must not touch calf until signaled to do so by flag judge.
13. a) The fines for busting a calf in the Tie down roping shall be as follows:
 - (i) If the calves are a suitable pen meaning that they have been roped from off a horse and tied three times and are of suitable weight, maximum of 300 lbs. to a minimum of 150 lbs., and the pen is approved by the Tie down roping representative appointed, the fine shall be seventy five (75) dollars. Paid fine to be split to contractor, fifty dollars (\$50.00) and IIFR twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
 - (ii) If the calves are unsuitable, the fine for a bust shall be twenty five (25) dollars payable to the IIFR. A pen of calves must be declared either all suitable or not suitable..
- b) Roper will be fined \$75 for any unnecessary roughness on calf. Fine to be paid fifty (50) dollars to stock contractor and twenty five (25) dollars to IIFR. Recurrence after a second offence to be dealt with by the IIFR Board. If a calf is busted by the horse with first jerk of the rope used to catch the calf, this will be considered and enforced as unnecessary roughness.
 - (i) A bust means the calf is jerked straight over backwards and lands on its back with all four feet in the air.
 - (ii) If a horse stops and the calf hits the end of the rope in such a manner that the calf busts itself, the roper will not be held responsible.
14. The field flag judge will pass on the tie of calves through use of a stop watch, timing six seconds from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after roper has remounted.
 - (i) Rope will not be removed from calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has passed on tie.
15. Flagger must watch calf during the six (6) second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free using the time shown on the watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify.
16. Roper who does not leave rope slack until tie is passed on or jerks rope or drags calf will be disqualified.
17. Under any circumstances, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the field judge has passed on the tie.
18. There shall be a **CLOSED** catch pen and animal must be roped within time limit.
19. There will be no rerun awarded for a broken rope or other roper's equipment.
20. Tie down roper's belt line may not exceed fourteen (14) feet in length. A fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be levied for first offence. For second offence, the fine shall be doubled. After the third offence, the IIFR Board shall deal with this rule infraction.
21. Contestant has two attempts to set their horse in the box after the barrier is stretched within 30-second time limit. The barrier judge will track the time limit with a stopwatch. After the time limit has expired, it is the discretion of the barrier judge to make a decision. The contestant either takes the animal as is or get on another horse.

Senior Breakaway Roping & Ladies Breakaway Roping

1. The Senior Breakaway Roping event is limited to senior members male or female who are of fifty years of age and older as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Calves for roping must weigh not less than approximately 150 pounds and not more than three hundred pounds and must be strong and healthy.
3. Automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for breakaway roping and there must be a score line at the point where barrier trips.
4. No bailing wire may be used on neck ropes for the calves; neck ropes must be tied with string.
5. The draw is to be made no more than two hours before rodeo time.
6. During any performance if an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by the contestant, or if 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.
7.
 - a) Two loops will be permitted and should the roper miss with both, he/she must retire and no time will be allowed.
 - b) If roper intends to use two loops, he/she must carry two ropes and he/she must use second rope for second loop.
 - c) Roping calf without releasing loop from hand is not permitted.
8. There will be a twenty-five (25) second elapsed time limit in the breakaway roping. The timer at the end of the twenty-five (25) second time span shall blow a whistle indicating "no time".
9. Rope must be tied to horn of saddle with parcel string and rope must have a visible flag at a maximum distance of 6 inches from the horn. The flagman will flag time upon a legal catch when the parcel string breaks from the horn and only when the flag on rope visibly leaves the horn.
10. Rope shall not break away from horn prior to catching or roper shall receive a "no time".
11. **There is only one legal catch. The loop must completely pass over the calf's head and rest around the neck of the calf. All other catches are deemed illegal catches and shall not receive a time.**
12. There shall be a **CLOSED** catch pen and animal must be roped within time limit.
13. There will be no rerun awarded for a broken rope or other roper's equipment.
14. Unsatisfactory calves at one performance cannot be used at any further performances, subject to the discretion of the IIFR Board.
15. Contestant has two attempts to set their horse in the box after the barrier is stretched within 30-second time limit. The barrier judge will track the time limit with a stopwatch. After the time limit has expired, it is the discretion of the barrier judge to make a decision. The contestant either takes the animal as is or get on another horse.

Steer Wrestling

1. Arena conditions will determine score. Length of score to be set by arena director and time event representative, if present, subject to the conditions set forth herein.
2. In steer wrestling the score may be longer than the length of the steer wrestling box minus six feet unless the steer wrestling director or a man of his choice approves other arrangements.
3. There shall be two timers, a field flag judge and a barrier judge.
4.
 - a) Animals used for this contest should be closely inspected and objectionable ones eliminated.
 - b) Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn.
 - c) If a contestant jumps at a steer he accepts him as sound.

5. Contestant will be disqualified if he attempts in any way to tamper with steer or Chutes.
6. Contestant has two attempts to set their horse in the box after the barrier is stretched within 30-second time limit. The barrier judge will track the time limit with a stopwatch. After the time limit has expired, it is the discretion of the barrier judge to make a decision. The contestant either takes the animal as is or get on another horse.
7.
 - a) Contestant must furnish own hazer and horses.
 - b) Only one hazer allowed.
 - c) Hazer will not render any assistance to contestant while contestant is working with steer. (i.) Failure to observe this rule will disqualify contestant.
8.
 - a) Steer must be caught from horse.
 - b) After catching steer, wrestler must bring to stop and twist it down.
 - c) If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being brought to a stop or is thrown by wrestler putting animal's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown.
 - d) Steer will be considered down only when it is thrown on its left side or back, all four feet out in the same direction.
 - e) Wrestler must have hand on steer when flagged.
 - f) The fairness of the catch and throw will be left to the judges, and their decision will be final.
9. When a barrier is used for steer wrestling, an automatic barrier is to be used and there must be a score line at the point where the barrier trips.
10. There must be at least a 12 foot box.
 - a) If box is shorter than 12 feet, the steer wrestling must be timed lap and tap.
11.
 - a) Neck ropes must be tied with string.
 - b) No metal snaps or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events.
12. A ten (10) second penalty shall be assessed in any case in which a flag judge rules that the dogger's feet touched the ground before the score line is crossed.
13. Steer wrestler is allowed two jumps within a sixty (60) second time limit.
 - a) Contestant must have steer thrown inside of 60 second of crossing the scoreline or he will receive a "no" time.
14. No penalty for breaking horn.
15. Cattle used in other events shall not be used for steer wrestling.
16. Dogging steers must not weigh more than 550 pounds and have a minimum of 8-inch horn.
17. All steers may be thrown in the pen one day prior to the start of the first rodeo performance, in the presence of a judge, and before the steers are drawn.
18. A contestant who does not throw his steer in the performance must be thrown after the performance with a judge present or a twenty five (25) dollar fine may be levied when posted at rodeo office.
19. Any steer wrestler unnecessarily abusing or leaving a steer with horns stuck in the ground, after being flagged, will be disqualified by the field flagman.

Ladies' Barrel Racing & Junior Barrel Racing

1. Rules for the Junior Barrel Racing shall be the same as those established for the Ladies' Barrel Racing, however, the Juniors must meet the age requirements.
2. Ladies' Barrel Racing event must be run on a horse ridden by a female contestant only.
3. The regulation Barrel Pattern for the Ladies Barrel Race shall be 90 feet between barrel No. 1 and barrel 2 and 105 foot arc between barrel 1 and barrel 3 and barrel 2 and barrel 3. The score line shall be a minimum of 30 feet and a maximum of 60 feet. Barrel 1 and barrel 2 must be a minimum of 18 feet off the fence and barrel 3 must be a minimum of 25 feet off the fence. Stopping distance must be 45 feet on a closed gate or 30 feet on a safe open centre gate.

4. In all indoor arenas, barrel 1 and barrel 2 will be a minimum of 15 feet off of the fence and barrel 3 will be a minimum of 18 feet off the fence. Score line will be a minimum of 30 feet and a maximum of 60 feet. Distance between barrel 1 and barrel 2 and the distance of arc to barrel 3 may vary to a maximum of 25 feet. Stopping distance the same as regulation pattern.
5. a) Barrels and scoreline must be permanently staked for the entire contest.
b) When barrels are marked for Ladies' Barrel Racing the barrel measurement slip must be signed by the girls marking the barrels.
6. Barrels to be metal drums of 45-gallon size and must be closed at both ends.
7. A five second penalty will be given per run for each barrel knocked over.
8. a) The electric timer must be used whenever available. Times are to be timed to the one-one hundredth of a second (1/100). Two timers using watches to the one-one hundredth of a second must also back it up. Both sets of times are to be recorded. The electric eye time is to be recorded by a judge. When the electric timers are used, and minorities of the contestants are missed, the stopwatch times will be used for them only. Should the timer fail to operate for more than half of the contestants, then the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all the contestants.
b) To ensure the electric timer is ready to use at each performance it shall be the responsibility of the host committee.
9. Official time taken when any part of horse crosses scoreline start and finish.
10. Reruns are allowed at the discretion of the judges.
11. Either barrel #1 or barrel #2 may be taken first, but contestant will be disqualified for not following the cloverleaf pattern or for not being ready to contest when name is called.
12. Contestant will be ineligible from average points if she is absent from a run.
13. After the first go round the barrel racers will run the best time/best average first and so on.
14. a) 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 horse in a go round, thereby allowing contestants to change horses between go rounds.
b) If a contestant is injured during a competition, a substitute contestant cannot take her place.
c) Contestants may not change order of run in a performance without the approval of both judges.
d) A junior contestant may ride the same horse in both the juniors and the ladies events.
15. Contestants may from a riding position hold barrel from falling.
16. Wherever arena conditions permit, contestants may come into the arena and start the race on the run or they may start from a standing position.
- 17. Arena gates are to be left open for all contestants entering and exiting the arena. Contestants must run in and run out.**
18. The use of bats/whips and spurs is allowed, however, excessive use of the bat prior to the race, during the race, or after the race, will mean automatic disqualification for that particular race.
19. The rider may use both hands on the reins or may hang onto the saddle if she desires.
20. A judge must flag all timed events.
21. The arena will be dragged after 8 racers.
22. a) Practice runs must be made a minimum of ten feet from barrel markers.
b) Practice runs will be not be allowed in arena one hour before rodeo time or at intermission.
23. Veterinarian release for horses will be treated the same as a medical doctor release for rodeo contestants.

24. Indoor Arena Facility: If more than one-barrel racer falls due to hitting cement or ice, the barrel racing will be postponed until ground conditions are fixed.
25. Junior Barrel Racing will be run after Ladies Barrel Racing.
26. Bars in alleyway of rodeo arena must be covered with a sufficient amount of dirt to allow safe running and stopping surface for barrel horses.
- 27. There will be a \$25.00 fine assessed if a barrel racers hat hits the ground at any time during her barrel racing run.**
28. There must be a continuous forward motion or a no time will be imposed.

Team Roping

1.
 - a) Contestant will start from behind a barrier.
 - b) When using the automatic barrier, neck ropes must be tied with string.
 - c) There will be a ten second penalty for breaking the barrier.
 - d) There will be a twenty-five (25) second elapsed time limit in the team roping. The timer at the end of the twenty-five (25) second span shall blow a whistle indicting "no time".
2.
 - a) Arena conditions will determine score line, length of score to be set by the arena director or event representative.
 - b) Steer belongs to the roper after he/she crosses the scoreline, regardless of what happens, with one exception; if steer gets out of arena, flag will be dropped and the roper gets the steer back lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the steer left the arena.
3. Each team will be allowed three loops (this means that if a header misses the heeler may head and the header becomes the heeler or if the header catches and the heeler misses the heeler can throw another loop). This applies to all go-rounds.
4. Roping steer without releasing loop from hand will considered no catch.
 - a) No tied ropes allowed.
5.
 - a) There shall be two timers, a barrier judge and a field flagman.
 - b) Time to be taken between the two flags.
 - c) Steer must be on its feet when it is being roped by the head or heels.
 - d) Time will be taken when steer is roped by both head and heels, with both horses in line facing steer. Header and Heeler rope must be dallied tight.
6. The roper will not get an extra loop for a broken rope or a dropped rope. He will receive a "no time".
7.
 - a) Any changes in lists of roping order to split horses, etc., must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in chutes.
 - b) After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order listed.
8. Roping teams must be entered in both names and each contestant may only enter once.
9.
 - a) Head must be caught before heels.
 - b) Any heel catch behind shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
 - c) Only three head catches are legal:
 - (i) Head or both horns
 - (ii) Half a head
 - (iii) Around the neck
 - d) If hondo passes over one horn or if rope crosses itself, catch is illegal.
 - e) A five (5) second penalty will be assessed if only one hind foot is roped.
 - f) Catch is illegal if time is taken when horse or horses are tangled in any way with rope.
10. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges.
11. Steers used in the team roping must be horned cattle, with the use of attachable, artificial horns to be permitted. If the artificial horns come off, the team ropers will get that same steer back.
12. The header must change the direction of the steer before the heeler can throw his rope.

- a) Direction of animal's hips must be changed before heel rope is thrown.
13. If your partner medicals or turns out, you rope as you are entered and may pick up another IIFR Contestant, as long as the roper is in good standing with IIFR.
 14. Contestant has two attempts to set their horse in the box after the barrier is stretched within 30-second time limit. The barrier judge will track the time limit with a stopwatch. After the time limit has expired, it is the discretion of the barrier judge to make a decision. The contestant either takes the animal as is or get on another horse.
 15. Contestants shall be 50 + in order to tie on.

AGREEMENTS

The IIFR has agreements with the Prairie Indian Rodeo Association (PIRA), Central Navajo Rodeo Association (CNRA) and the All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association (AIRCA), Reservation Rodeo Cowboys Association (RRCA), & Bear Paw Indian Rodeo Association (BPIRA).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday		October 21, 2009	Location
04:00:00 PM	Queen Candidates Briefing & Fashion Show Practice		Multi Purpose Building/Classroom B/McGee Park
05:00:00 PM	IIFR Welcoming Reception & Rodeo Contestant Registration		Multi Purpose Building
Thursday		October 22, 2009	Location
07:30:00 AM	Queen's Breakfast, IIFR BOD, Committee & Judges		TBA
10:00:00 AM	Horsemanship Competition		McGee Park
10:00:00 AM	Trade Show Opens		Multi Purpose Building
12:00:00 PM	Queen's Lunch		TBA
01:00:00 PM	Queen's Personality Judging		Multi Purpose Building/Classroom B/McGee Park
07:00:00 PM	Rodeo Grand Entry		McGee Park Coliseum
Friday		October 23, 2009	Location
08:00:00 AM	IIFR # 9 Roping by M & R Productions (Rope at 9AM)		McGee Park Coliseum
10:00:00 AM	Trade Show Opens		Multi Purpose Building
07:00:00 PM	Rodeo Grand Entry		McGee Park Coliseum
Saturday		October 24, 2009	Location
08:00:00 AM	IIFR # 12 Roping by M & R Productions (Rope at 9AM)		McGee Park Coliseum
09:00:00 AM	IIFR Golf Tournament ~ Shot Gun Start 9 AM		Pinon Hills Golf Course, Farmington, NM
10:00:00 AM	Trade Show Opens		Multi Purpose Building
07:00:00 PM	Rodeo Grand Entry & Coronation of IIFR Rodeo Queens		McGee Park Coliseum
Sunday		October 25, 2009	Location
08:00:00 AM	Steer Wrestling Jackpot – <i>Tentative</i>		McGee Park Coliseum
10:00:00 AM	Trade Show Opens		Multi Purpose Building
01:00:00 PM	Rodeo Grand Entry – Final Performance		McGee Park Coliseum
05:00:00 PM	Awards Banquet		Multi Purpose Building