



Regional Rules and Policies

National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Grand Canyon Region

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The following rules / policies shall supplement the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rulebook. They will be enforced at all Grand Canyon Region rodeo productions. Policies of the Grand Canyon Region are to be used for clarification purposes of the NIRA rulebook; not for changing the NIRA Rulebook.

Constitution

Article I:

Regional Governing Board

Section 1: Composition of Regional Governing Board

- A. The Regional Governing Board shall be composed of:
 - The Regional Student Director.
 - The Regional Faculty Director.
 - The Faculty advisor/coach from each member school within the region.
 - Two (2) students from each member school, one man and one woman.
 - Elected event directors. (Appointed directors may not vote.)

Section 2: Power and Jurisdiction of the Regional Governing Board

- A. The Regional Governing Board shall have the supervision over the business and affairs of the Grand Canyon region in compliance with the Constitution and By-laws of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.
- B. The Regional Governing Board may bring matters of a controversial nature before the National Executive Committee through elected or appointed representatives.

Section 3: Voting

- A. Each member school shall have two (2) votes. One (1) vote to be cast by the member school advisor, and one (1) vote to be cast between the two (2) student representatives from each member school.
- B. The Regional Faculty Director will vote only as a member school advisor.
- C. The Regional Student Director will vote only when serving as one of the member school representatives.
- D. Elected Regional Event Directors shall have voting power within the region
- E. When electing Regional Faculty Director and Regional Student Director, the Regional Governing Board can elect to use either of the following procedures:
 - 1. Faculty shall vote for the Regional Faculty Director, and students for the Regional Student Director.
 - 2. Both student and faculty members of the Regional Governing Board shall be eligible to vote on all issues before the Board including election of Regional Student Director and Regional Faculty Director.

Section 4: Quorum

- A. A quorum of the regional governing board shall be fifty-one percent (51%) of the NIRA member schools in the region.
- B. A quorum must be present in order to conduct official regional business.

Section 5: Rule/Policy Changes

- A. Any proposed rule/policy changes must be submitted to the regional governing board in the Spring to be considered for implementation the following year.
- B. Any rule/policy addition, deletion or change requires a 2/3rds vote of the votes present.

Section 6: Committees

- A. Awards
- B. Executive

Each committee will be comprised of:

1. The Regional Faculty Director
2. The Regional Student Director
3. Two (2) Coaches
4. Two (2) College Representatives
5. Two (2) Event Directors

These committees will be appointed by the Faculty and Student Directors.

Article II:
BY-LAWS

Section 1: Sanctioning/Sponsoring a Rodeo

- A. Fall rodeo deadline for date submission will be prior to the summer board meeting of the NIRA.
- B. Spring rodeo deadline for date submission will be prior to the winter board meeting of the NIRA.
- C. Any deviation to be approved by the NIRA Commissioner.
- D. Schools that host a rodeo the previous year have first rights to host the rodeo the following year.

Section 2: Ground Money

- A. When ground money is paid in any event, the points for these places will be dropped and no contestant of team may receive them. See NIRA Rule: R 021 pg 47

Section 3: Entry Fees

- A. Entry fees will be \$70.00 per event. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Committee. The sponsoring school will have the option to set entry fees for that rodeo. All entry fees must be paid in cash.
- B. Each college rodeo within the Grand Canyon Region will collect a fee from each contestant, a one time fee of \$20 for each rodeo. The fee shall be collected for the use as payment for services for the Regional Secretary, with the remainder of the fee to be split equally between the sponsoring school and the Grand Canyon Region.
- C. The sponsoring school shall designate stock charge. (generally \$10 per contestant)
- D. Students are required to pay their entry fees in a timely manner or be subject to a late payment fine.

Section 4: Trade Out / Set-up Rule

- A. The trade out rule will be allowed only to prevent a hardship upon a student or upon an institution. A petition to trade out must be submitted to the rodeo secretary of the sponsoring rodeo before the stock is drawn. Such a petition must be made by an official of the school desiring the trade out. Trade out ruling is to be governed by the Regional Directors and Regional Governing Board.

Section 4: Trade Out / Set-up Rule continued....

- B. Set-up rule: Contestant set-ups at the Grand Canyon rodeos will be permitted when the rodeo producing school is willing to accept requests for set-ups and the school's coach, faculty advisor or sponsor must inform the Rodeo Secretary of the decision to accept or deny the setup request. The set-up policy may be requested only for academic, medical and/or emergency reasons. Set-ups must only be requested by coaches or sponsors from a school. In the case where from a school must request a set-up, that contestant shall have a school official contact the Rodeo Secretary to make the set-up request. All set-up requests must be approved or denied by the coach or sponsor of the school producing the rodeo. The Rodeo Secretary must not assume the responsibility of approving set-up requests.
- C. Set-up requests based on academic and medical justification must be an explanation on official letterhead stationary signed by the appropriate academician or doctor and be placed on file with the Rodeo Secretary at the times fees are paid.
- D. Violations or abuse of this rule will result in a fine of \$100 and may cause the contestant to be ineligible to enter future Grand Canyon Regional Rodeos.

Section 5: Failure to pay fees and/or fines

- A. Contestants will not be allowed to compete until all of their entry fees and/or fines are paid. Failure to pay fees before competing will result in a \$50 fine.
- B. Contestants who fail to meet a financial obligation to the region will automatically be drawn out of the following rodeo.
- C. In the event that a student athlete fails to meet any financial obligation for entry fees for a regional rodeo, it shall become the responsibility of the member institution for which that student competes.

Section 6: Dress Code

- A. Appropriate western attire (western shirt with button down front and long sleeves, western hat, and boots) and a team vest must be worn by all contestants from every school while in the arena. The arena is designated as any area inside the perimeter arena fence, including fences behind the timed event boxes and behind the bucking chutes. This condition applies to all slack and performances associated with a college rodeo. The rule may be waived at the discretion of both the Student and/or Faculty Director. Failure to comply may result in a fine and/or other disciplinary action. NIRA Rule: R 07 pg 34
- B. Vests must be worn by all contestants, hazers, and cattle pushers. Hazers and cattle pushers must be a NIRA member, have a NIRA number, and be a contestant at that rodeo.

Section 7: Humane Treatment of Livestock

- A. If any NIRA member abuses an animal by unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, anywhere on the rodeo grounds, he/she may be disqualified and fined up to \$500 for the first offense, with that fine progressively doubling with each offense thereafter. NIRA Rule: R 024.16 pg 53

Humane Treatment of Livestock continued...

- B. Any timed-event contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from the field flagger that he/she is mistreating an animal will be fined \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for the second offense. In addition, if warranted, the field flagger may disqualify that contestant from that event for the remainder of the rodeo. NIRA Rule: R 026.35 pg 58
- C. Any NIRA member whose conduct is in poor taste as in swearing or using obscene gestures is subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the NIRA Rulebook.

Section 8: Central Entry Procedures

- A. Central entry procedures may change due to the time and dates of each rodeo. Therefore, the central entry procedures will be emailed to the schools each semester from the regional secretary or hosting school.
- B. The rodeo coach, sponsor or designated representative must name team members (6 men, 4 women) before the stock draw of the rodeo. Team members may be selected from all contestants entered from a member school.
- C. All communication concerning entries will be typed when emailed to the Regional Secretary.
- D. Any changes to entries made after the entry deadline will result in a \$25 fine per change. Late or incomplete entries will be considered changes. Coaches or students (independent schools) requesting the change will be responsible for paying the fine before the rodeo starts.

Section 9: Ground Rules

- A. The ground rules for each rodeo are established by the college hosting the rodeo and must be approved by the Regional Faculty and/or Student Director who will submit them to the National Office along with the rodeo approval form.
- B. The ground rules shall be posted at the rodeo office prior to the start of the rodeo.
- C. All ground rules will be provided to the secretary by the host college.

Section 10: Turnout Fines

- A. Notified turnout fine will be \$25 plus entry fees.
- B. Non-notified turnout fine will be \$50 plus entry fees.

Section 11: Question of Judges Ruling

- A. The Regional Event Directors shall have the authority to question a judge's ruling on behalf of a contestant immediately following the event in question.

Section 12: Short-Go Round Clarifications

- A. Stock Selection. Regional Event Directors and sock contractors shall select the short-go round stock in accordance with the NIRA Rulebook.
- B. Contestant Selection. The top 10 contestants from the long-go round will advance to a short-go round performance.
- C. If there is under 15 competing contestants in an event, all contestants will qualify for the short-go competition.

Section 13: Grand Entry

- A. No riding double in the grand entry. No leading of another horse in the grand entry. A \$25.00 fine will be assessed on a contestant for violation of a rule listed in this section.
- B. The member school producing the rodeo may establish a ground rule making the grand entry mandatory for the contestants entered in that performance.

Section 14: Tie Down Roping Jerk Down Rule

- A. The jerk down rule shall be an optional rule. Sponsoring rodeo may include the jerk down rule at a regional rodeo provided they have submitted it to the Tie Down Roping Event Director and Regional Faculty Director, and must submit the request to the NIRA National Office. In order for the optional ground rule to be accepted the criteria outlined in the NIRA Rulebook (R 027.1.3 pg 59) must be met.

Section 15: Regional Raffle Fundraiser:

- A. All competing members will be required to sell regional raffle tickets to help pay for year end awards.
- B. Tickets will be due at the Central Arizona College Rodeo, and turned in before they can compete on the second day of the Central Arizona College Rodeo.
- C. The drawing will be held at the regional finals rodeo Awards Banquet
- D. Winners do not have to be present. Prizes will be mailed that week

Regional Secretary:

The Grand Canyon Regional Secretarial position shall be a two (2) year term. Written applications must be submitted with two letters of recommendation by January 1 of the voting year, except in the case of an incumbent secretary electing to return for another year, then an application only is acceptable. The position is a non-voting member of the Regional Governing Board. The hiring decision is made by the Regional Governing Board.

The Regional Secretary shall:

- A. Keep current points and rodeo results on teams and individuals of the region.
- B. Develop mailing and phone lists for school representatives of the Grand Canyon Region.
- C. Handle media requests about information from the Region.
- D. Pay any expenses and provide any equipment needed that is not provided by the region.
- E. Keep official NIRA and judges sheets for a year.
- F. Keep paid membership list for participating schools of the region.
- G. Keep an official financial statement of the Grand Canyon Region funds.
- H. Keep a financial report for each rodeo.
- I. Provide balance sheet at the end of the year.
- J. Comply with IRS rules and regulations as required.
- K. Utilize the Grand Canyon Region entry system as per by-laws.

The Grand Canyon Regional Secretary will post the following items in or near the rodeo office:

1. Grand Canyon Region By-laws and Rules.
2. Ground Rules for that rodeo.
3. NIRA Humane Issues.
4. Veterinarian's name and telephone number.
5. Current Regional Standings.
6. Position Draw in all events.
7. Stock Draw for all timed events and rough stock events.
8. Times and Scores following of each performance or slack as appropriate.

Other Duties:

1. Contact stock contractor, judges, sponsoring schools and make arrangements for the rough stock draw.
2. Prepare judges and timers sheets.
3. Prepare the program (day sheets) for the school and coordinate with the college on this matter.
4. Prepare receipts and collect fees as specified by the Regional Secretary and sponsoring school.
5. Conduct timed event draw in accordance with the NIRA Rulebook.
6. Distribute the payoff and maintain receipt records.
7. Prepare and send all reports to the National Office that are required.
8. Prepare the rodeo result sheets and fax to the National Office within 24 hours of the completion of the rodeo. All originals must then be mailed within 24 hours of the completion of the rodeo.

Regional Athletic Trainer:

The Grand Canyon Regional Athletic Trainer position shall be a two (2) year term. Written applications must be submitted with two letters of recommendation by January 1 of the voting year, except in the case of an incumbent Athletic Trainer electing to return for another year, then an application only is acceptable. The position is a non-voting member of the Regional Governing Board. The hiring decision is made by the Regional Governing Board.

Regional Athletic Trainer: Will work with contestants, medical staff, and local athletic trainers to insure that the members of the Grand Canyon Region have the highest quality of care.