



**XTREME BRONC RIDING ASSOCIATION**

# **Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rules**

*Effective January 1, 2023*

**Xtreme Bronc Riding Association  
P.O. Box 183 ■ Los Alamos, CA 93440  
805.344.1701**

#### **A1.2.4 ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELASE OF LIABILITY.**

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE XBRA, YOU ARE AGREEING TO RELEASE THE XBRA AND OTHER PARTIES FROM LIABILITY. PLEASE READ THIS PROVISION CAREFULLY.

Members acknowledge that rodeo events, including XBRA-sanctioned events, are inherently dangerous activities. Members further acknowledge that participation in an XBRA-sanctioned event (whether as a competitor, independent contractor, official, laborer, volunteer or observer) exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risks of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Each member, in consideration of his membership in the XBRA and his being permitted to participate in an XBRA-sanctioned event in any capacity, does by such membership and participation agree to assume such hazards and risks. Each Member further agrees to discharge, waive, release and covenant not to sue the XBRA, all XBRA sponsors, all Members (including, without limitation, contestants, Stock Contractors, Rodeo Committees, Rodeo Producers, and Contract Personnel), and any other XBRA-sanctioned event production entity (and each party's respective officers, directors, employees, and agents), from all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all such property damage, personal injury, and/or death arising from such Member's participation in an XBRA-sanctioned event. This discharge, waiver and release includes claims, demands and liabilities that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, and includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of the negligence of the parties so released by such Member. Furthermore, where permitted by applicable law, this discharge, waiver and release also includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the parties so released. This discharge, waiver and release also includes claims, demands, and liabilities by a Member for indemnities and contributions arising from property damage, personal injury and/or death to a third party. In the event that any provision of this discharge, waiver and release is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the other provisions, which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if this discharge, waiver and release has been executed with the invalid provision eliminated. The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon each Member, his or her heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION .....</b>	<b>i</b>
<b>XTREME BRONC RIDING ASSOCIATION BYLAWS</b>	
INTRO      GENERAL REGULATIONS .....	1
CHAPTER 1    MEMBERSHIP .....	4
CHAPTER 2    EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS .....	13
CHAPTER 3    NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS.....	18
CHAPTER 4    INDEMNIFICATION .....	24
CHAPTER 5    RECORDS & FISCAL YEAR.....	24
CHAPTER 6    CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS & DISCIPLINARY ACTION .....	25
CHAPTER 7    GRIEVANCE.....	31
CHAPTER 8    POINTS & STANDINGS.....	36
CHAPTER 9    TEAM REGISTRATION .....	39
CHAPTER 10   NATIONAL FINALS RODEO_& NFR COMMITTEE .....	41
CHAPTER 11   RODEO APPROVAL .....	44
CHAPTER 12   OFFICIAL RODEO RULES .....	46
CHAPTER 13   GENERAL .....	48
<b>OFFICIAL RODEO RULES</b>	
PART 1      GENERAL RULES FOR COMPETITION .....	50
PART 2      EQUIPMENT .....	54
PART 3      EVENT FORMAT.....	55
PART 4      ENTRIES .....	57
PART 5      QUALIFYING RODEOS & FINALS .....	60
PART 6      DRAWING POSITIONS/STOCK .....	62
PART 7      PAYOUT .....	63
PART 8      DRAWING OUT & TURNING OUT .....	66
PART 9      TRADE-OUTS/SUBSTITUTIONS_& MEDICAL RELEASES.....	67
PART 10     HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.....	69
<b>JUDGE’S HANDBOOK.....</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>INDEX .....</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.....</b>	<b>84</b>



## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE XTREME BRONC RIDING ASSOCIATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Non-Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned association/corporation, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by its board of directors, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is  
XTREME BRONC RIDING ASSOCIATION.

### **ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is perpetual.

### **ARTICLE III**

The purposes which the corporation is authorized to pursue are:

1. To encourage, promote and advance information and knowledge concerning rodeos, including the dates of rodeos, names of contestants, prize money, and other particulars in which the members are interested.
2. To promote the professional sport of rodeo, specifically Xtreme Bronc Riding, through the organization of rodeo participants for their mutual benefit.
  - a. To ensure a just amount of prize money.
  - b. To require that all entrance fees be added to prize money.
  - c. To secure competent, honest, and unbiased judges and officials at all rodeos.
  - d. To encourage cooperation between rodeo contestants and management of all rodeos at which members participate.
  - e. To protect against unfairness in the sport of Xtreme Bronc Riding.
  - f. To preserve the historical integrity of the sport of Xtreme Bronc Riding.
3. To raise the standards of cowboy contests so they shall rank among the foremost of American sports.
4. To bring about honest advertising by the rodeo committees, so that both the public and the contestants may rely upon the truth of the advertised events in which it is claimed that members of the Association participate.
5. To work for the betterment of conditions and of rules governing rodeo events in which members of the Association participate.

6. To establish a central place of registration for the convenience of members.
7. To undertake any activity which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the corporation, will facilitate the participation of its members in the professional sport of Xtreme Bronc Riding.
8. To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and have powers granted by this article in any state territory, district, or possession of the United States, or in any foreign country.
9. To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation who may be directors or members, and define their duties and fix their compensation.
10. To have and exercise any or all purposes for which the corporation is organized.

#### ARTICLE IV

1. The Date of the initial incorporation of the corporation is February 3, 2012.
2. The names and address of its incorporators are Bill Agin, Russell Blanchet, Kody Deitrich, Darci Robertson, Maggie Robles, and Serafin Robles, 9303 Alisos Canyon Road, Los Alamos, California, 93440.
3. The current registered agent and office of the corporation is Director of Rodeo Administration, P.O. Box 183, Los Alamos, Calif. 93440.

#### ARTICLE V

No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of, any individual.

#### ARTICLE VI

This corporation shall be a body corporate and public by and in its corporate name with full powers and rights of succession capable of suing and being sued, with the right to mail and enforce contracts in connection with the legitimate business of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

The corporation shall have the power to take purchase hold and dispose of real and personal estate; the right and power to hold and dispose of real and personal estate shall include the right to take the same by gift, bequest, devise or otherwise.

## ARTICLE VII

The corporation, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have the general powers to adopt and alter Bylaws, amend its Articles of Incorporation, consolidate or merge with any other corporation, and exercise every right, power and privilege necessary, incident or pertaining to its business, object or purposes, and, in general, conduct its affairs as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of California as they now exist or as they may be amended.

## ARTICLE IX

The corporation shall be empowered to do everything necessary, proper, advisable or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, or the attainment of any of the objects, or the furtherance of any of the powers herein set forth, either alone or associated with others, and incidental or pertaining to, or growing out of, or in connection with, its business or powers, provided the same be not inconsistent with the laws of the State of California.

## ARTICLE X

The corporation shall have the right to set and assess annual dues against members and may take other assessments on members as may reasonably seem necessary to cover expenses, incurred or anticipated, in the furtherance of the business, objectives and purposes of the corporation.

## ARTICLE XI

The purposes and powers enumerated herein are to be construed both as purposes and powers and shall be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or interference from any other terms of this certificate. Each of the purposes and powers specified shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers and are not intended to be in limitation of the general powers granted to corporations under the laws of the State of California, but are intended to be, and shall be held to be, in furtherance thereof.

## ARTICLE XII

No member, officer, director, employee, agent or attorney shall be personally responsible or liable for any debts, costs or judgments imposed upon or against or incurred by the corporation.

## ARTICLE XIII

Cumulative voting shall not be allowed.

#### ARTICLE XIV

The affairs and management of this corporation shall be under the control of a Board of Directors. The number of members comprising the Board of Directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XV

The principal office of said corporation shall be located in the City of Los Alamos, Santa Barbara County, and State of California. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make such prudential Bylaws as they may deem proper for the management of the affairs of the corporation according to the statute in such case made and provided, including the determination of the qualifications and rights of its members and appropriate disciplinary procedures of its members.

#### ARTICLE XVI

The foregoing articles of incorporation correctly set forth the provisions of the articles of incorporation as heretofore amended, that they have been duly adopted as required by law.

#### ARTICLE XVII

No director of the corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director provided, however, that the foregoing provisions of this Article shall not eliminate or limit any liability of a director for any breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its members, acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, acts specified by law as not being subject to such elimination of limitation, or any transaction from which a director derived an improper personal benefit. This article XVII shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for any act or omission occurring prior to the date this Article becomes effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XVII, this Article shall not limit the rights of the directors for indemnification or other assistance from the corporation and shall not restrict or otherwise diminish the provisions of the California Revised Statutes (concerning non-liability of directors except for wanton and willful acts or omissions) or any amendment or successor provision to such Section.



# XTREME BRONC RIDING ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

## INTRODUCTION GENERAL REGULATIONS

- B0.1 Principal Office.** The principle office of the corporation (“XBRA National Office”) shall be located at 9303 Alisos Canyon Road, Los Alamos, California 93440.
- B0.1.1 No Discrimination.** Discrimination against any XBRA Member because of race, color, religion, sex, or ethnic origin will not be permitted.
- B0.1.2 Gambling.** The XBRA opposes any organized gambling in connection with XBRA-approved rodeos.
- B0.1.3 Gender.** Any reference to the male gender herein shall also include the female gender, where applicable.
- B0.1.4 XBRA Business.** The website [www.XtremeBroncRiding.com](http://www.XtremeBroncRiding.com) shall be the official web publication of the XBRA. Any rule change, notice, or other information displayed on the pages of the Official Website shall be an official communication of the XBRA and the Members of the XBRA shall be considered notified of these communications by virtue of their publication on the Official Website.
- B0.1.5 Headings.** Headings used in these Bylaws are for reference only, and are not intended to be used in interpreting any section of these Bylaws.
- B0.1.6 Deadlines for Submitting Materials to XBRA National Office.** Unless otherwise provided, any requirement in these Bylaws or Official Rodeo Rules that a Member “send,” “mail,” “submit,” or otherwise transmit materials, information or other items to the XBRA National Office shall be interpreted to require that such materials, information or other items be received by the XBRA National Office by the prescribed deadline in order to comply with the Bylaw/Official Rodeo Rule.
- B0.2 Definitions**
- B0.2.1 “Member”** refers to an individual who is either a Card Member, a Permit Member, or a Special Member (as defined in Section B1 of these Bylaws) of the XBRA.
- B0.2.2 “Active Member”** refers to a Member who has submitted and signed a membership application or renewal form and who has

paid the requisite dues, fees, and/or premiums for the current dues-paying year to the XBRA National Office.

- B0.2.3** **“Inactive Member”** refers to a Member who has not submitted nor signed a membership application or renewal form and who has not paid the requisite dues, fees, and/or premiums for the current dues-paying year.
- B0.2.4** **“Card Member”** refers to an individual who is either a Contestant Card Member or a Non-contestant Card Member of the XBRA.
- B0.2.5** **“Contestant Card Member”** refers to an individual who has satisfied the requirements set forth in Sections B1.10 and B1.11 of these Bylaws to advance from Permit Member status to Contestant Card Member status by competing in the event of Xtreme Bronc Riding.
- B0.2.6** **“Non-contestant Card Member”** refers to an individual who has met the following requirements for one or more of the following categories:
- A. Judges
  - B. Associate Members
- B0.2.7** **“Permit Member”** refers to an individual who holds an XBRA permit, who has not satisfied the requirements set forth in Sections B1.10 and B1.11 of these Bylaws to advance from Permit Member status to Contestant Card Member status.
- B0.2.8** **“Financially eligible”**. A Member shall be Financially Eligible provided he has paid all financial obligations due to the XBRA including but not limited to entry fees, related charges, fines, collection charges, and repayment of any overpayment of prize money, or has been accepted by the Director of Rodeo Administration for enrollment in an XBRA repayment plan, and is in compliance with that plan.
- B0.2.9** **“Competition Eligible”**. A Member shall be considered Competition Eligible provided he has satisfied all requirements to compete in an XBRA-approved rodeo or event, including but not limited to the following: 1) be a current Contestant Card Member, Permit Member, or have purchased the applicable temporary permit (e.g., Day Permit); 2) the Member shall be listed as competing on a team where a MINIMUM of ONE contestant must be full-paid member, holding either a Full Membership Card or a Rookie Permit; and 3) must be in good standing with the XBRA.
- B0.2.10** **“Dues-paying year” and “Membership Year”** shall commence on January 1 of each year and end at midnight of December 31 of

that year. Annual dues shall be payable on or before September 1 of the dues paying/membership year.

**B0.2.11 “Rodeo Year”** shall commence and end on those dates which shall be set by the Board of Directors.

**B0.2.12 “Cutoff Date”** refers to the last date for which the results of an XBRA-sanctioned rodeo will be counted in the Official Standings for a championship rodeo, event or sponsorship award (i.e., NFR, CFR, etc.). The Cutoff Dates shall be as follows for the following XBRA-approved rodeos: National Finals Rodeo- end of the Rodeo Year; Circuit Finals Rodeos- 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the first performance of the particular CFR or the rodeo year-end, whichever comes first. Cutoff Dates for other XBRA-approved rodeos or awards not covered by the Rule book shall be as set by the National Office and Published on the XBRA Official Website.

**B02.13 “Mail”** unless otherwise specified, shall imply “Priority Mail” with “Return Receipt” or “Proof of Delivery,” sent via the United States Postal Service (USPS). Personal service may be substituted for service by mail if delivered in the same time-frame.

**B02.14 “Mailing Time-frame”** applies when documents are mailed (as defined in Section B02.13) the official mailing time-frame shall include 3 business days, or 5 days (including weekend days) for postal processing and delivery.

**B0.3 Interchangeable Terms.** Furthermore, the following terms shall be used interchangeably:

**B0.3.1 “Xtreme Bronc Riding Association”** shall be interchangeable with “XBRA,” “the Association,” and “XBR.”

**B0.3.2 “Xtreme Bronc Riding Association Executive Board”** shall be interchangeable with “XBR Executive Board,” “Executive Board of Directors,” “Executive Board,” “Board of Directors,” and “Board.”

**B0.3.3 “Rodeo Official”** shall be interchangeable with “Rodeo Judge,” “Official,” or “Judge.”

**B0.3.4 “Member”** shall be interchangeable with “Card Holder.”

**B0.3.5 “Payout”** shall be interchangeable with “Payoff.”

**B0.3.6 “Rodeo Year”** shall be interchangeable with “Rodeo Season.”

# CHAPTER 1

## MEMBERSHIP

### **B1.1 General**

**B1.1.1 Rights and Privileges.** With the exception of local entries at XBRA-approved rodeos, only Active Members shall be eligible to participate in XBRA activities. Only Active Members shall be eligible to receive any awards or benefits sanctioned by the XBRA. Members will be allowed access to rodeos free of charge unless the ground rules provide otherwise.

**B1.1.2 Cooperation with the XBRA.** Any person becoming a Member of the XBRA shall become familiar with its Rules and Bylaws and shall comply with and be bound by same. Upon becoming a Member of the XBRA, an individual agrees to cooperate with and assist any XBRA official in the enforcement of the XBRA Official Rodeo Rules at any XBRA-approved rodeo or in any matter of official business.

**B1.1.3 Consent to Use Name and Likeness.** Any Member of the XBRA who enters or otherwise participates in an XBRA sanctioned event, any official or staff of the event, and all other persons admitted to the event shall, as a consideration of participation, admission or other involvement therein, be deemed to consent to XBRA ownership of all rights in and to his or her appearance or other involvement therein. The XBRA shall have the right, and may permit others as it sees fit, to dispense, reproduce, and otherwise use any such likeness, biography, photograph and other pictures in connections with the advertisement and promotion of an XBRA-sanctioned event of the sport of Xtreme Bronc Riding. However, such advertisement and promotion shall not be made in conjunction with any statements constituting endorsement by such person of any product or service, unless that person's consent thereto is first obtained. A Member of the XBRA who participates in an XBRA-sanctioned event authorizes the XBRA to act in the Member's behalf as well as in behalf of the XBRA in engaging in promotional activities relating to the conduct of the sport of Xtreme Bronc Riding.

**B1.1.3.1 No Power of Endorsement.** No Member shall have any right or authority to grant an endorsement to any third-party on behalf of the XBRA.

**B1.2 Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability.** THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE XBRA, YOU ARE AGREEING TO RELEASE THE XBRA AND OTHER PARTIES FROM LIABILITY. PLEASE READ THIS PROVISION CAREFULLY:

Members acknowledge that rodeo events, including XBRA-sanctioned events, are inherently dangerous activities. Members further acknowledge that participation in an XBRA-sanctioned event (whether as a competitor, independent contractor, official, laborer, volunteer or observer) exposes the participant to substantial and serious hazards and risks of property damage, personal injury and/or death. Each member, in consideration of his membership in the XBRA and his being permitted to participate in an XBRA-sanctioned event in any capacity, does by such membership and participation agree to assume such hazards and risks.

**Each Member further agrees to discharge, waive, release and covenant not to sue the XBRA, all XBRA sponsors, all Members (including, without limitation, contestants, Stock Contractors, Rodeo Committees, Rodeo Producers, and Contract Personnel), and any other XBRA-sanctioned event production entity (and each party's respective officers, directors, employees, and agents), from all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all such property damage, personal injury, and/or death arising from such Member's participation in an XBRA-sanctioned event. This discharge, waiver and release includes claims, demands and liabilities that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, and includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of the negligence of the parties so released by such Member. Furthermore, where permitted by applicable law, this discharge, waiver and release also includes claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the parties so released. This discharge, waiver and release also includes claims, demands, and liabilities by a Member for indemnities and contributions arising from property damage, personal injury and/or death to a third party.**

In the event that any provision of this discharge, waiver and release is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the other provisions, which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if this discharge, waiver and release has been executed with the invalid provision eliminated. The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon each Member, his or her heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

**B1.3 Indemnification.** Each Member (including, without limitation, contestants and officials) agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the XBRA and all XBRA sponsors from any and all claims, demands and liabilities for any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death asserted by a third party (defined as any party other than the Member, XBRA or an XBRA sponsor) and arising from such Member's participation in an XBRA-sanctioned event.

**B1.4 Application for Membership.** An individual applying for any membership or permit in the XBRA must submit an application using forms provided by the XBRA. An application must be signed before the Member will be allowed to participate under that Membership in any XBRA-sanctioned event. The XBRA may, in its sole discretion, deny an applicant membership in the XBRA, or may deny renewal of an existing membership if the applicant or member has been convicted of a serious crime, as defined in Bylaw B6.3.3.9.

**B1.2.6.1 Provisions for Minors.** Any person who is under eighteen (18) years of age will be required to complete a release of liability, signed by his/her parents or legal guardians, before XBRA membership will be granted.

**B1.2.6.2 No Financial Obligations Outstanding.** No membership renewal in any category will be processed if the applicant for renewal has any delinquent financial obligations due to the XBRA.

**B1.2.6.3 Applications Received after October 1.** Membership applications received after October 1 of a dues-paying year will be considered for the following dues-paying year. If such an application is approved, membership will be granted for the following dues-paying year, provided, however, that individuals receiving membership after October 1 may participate in XBRA-sanctioned activities during the remainder of the current dues-paying year.

**B1.5 Information Based on Audit.** An XBRA Member shall be entitled to rely on the following information supplied by the XBRA National Office only if such information is given through a written report based on an audit of the XBRA Official Standings: (i) all information related to the XBRA Official Standings (including but not limited to prize money won and number of official rodeos competed in by the requesting Member or any other Member); (ii) the number of rodeos/performances judged by XBRA Officials; and (iii) information on a Member's performance and standing for purposes of a qualification rodeo. Any information so supplied through a report based on an audit of the XBRA Official Standings shall also be

subject to modification as a result of a challenge as described in Chapter 8 of these Bylaws. Any Member who receives such information supplied by the XBRA National Office that is not both in writing and based upon the final audit of the XBRA Official Standings uses such information at his own risk.

- B1.6 Bylaws, Rules or Ground Rules Interpretations Must Be In Writing.** A Member shall be entitled to rely on interpretations of XBRA Bylaws, Rules or ground rules from the XBRA National Office only that if such interpretation is conveyed in writing by the Executive Board or their designee based upon a request by the Member, provided that the Executive Board or their designee has the affirmative obligation to respond in writing to such Member request. Any Member who receives an interpretation of the XBRA Bylaws, Rules or ground rules from the XBRA National Office that is not both in writing and conveyed by the Executive Board or their designee uses such interpretation at his own risk.
- B1.7 Use of the XBRA Logo by Members.** Upon becoming an Active Member of the XBRA, a Member shall have a limited license to use the XBRA logo, a copy of which is illustrated on the front of this Rule Book, only to indicate that person's membership in the XBRA. To that end, the XBRA logo may be used on the Member's business cards and stationary letterhead; however, a Member may not use the XBRA logo or any other trademarks, trade names or logos of the XBRA in any other manner without the express written consent of the XBRA.
- B1.8 Dues**
- B1.8.1 Annual Dues.** The Executive Board shall enforce and levy annual dues, or fee for membership, with all rights and privileges incumbent upon XBRA membership. Dues revenue shall be used to support the activities necessary for administration and promotion of the XBRA and the event.
- B1.8.2 Collection of Dues.** All dues and charges assessed to a contestant may be paid to the XBRA National Office or rodeo judge, unless otherwise specified.
- B1.8.2.1 Endorsement of Dues Payments.** All checks, money orders, or other forms of bank documented funds shall be made payable to "Xtreme Bronc Riding Association" or "XBRA."

## **B1.9 Permit Member**

**B1.9.1 Permit Member General Eligibility.** Any new contestant or former contestant who has never held or been eligible for Full Contestant status in the XBRA may be eligible to hold an XBRA Permit.

**B1.9.1.1 No Permits for Contestant Card Members.** No permits will be issued to those individuals who have previously been Contestant Card Members in either the XBRA, the Professional Team Bronc Riding Association (PTBRA), or the Professional Wild Horse Racing Association (PWHRA). Once a member has held a Full Contestant membership, that member will not be permitted to take out a Rookie Permit; once reaching Full Contestant status, members shall maintain Full Contestant status.

**B1.9.1.2 Permit Eligibility Exception.** Exceptions to Rule B1.9.1 are Circuit Permit holders; as further stated in Section B1.9.3, Circuit Permits allow past members to compete in their Circuit rodeos only.

**B1.9.2 Rookie Permit Holders.** Rookie Permit holders may retain their card indefinitely as long as they do not win over \$500.00 in a single season. They must also adhere to the following rules:

**B1.9.2.1 Eligibility.** A member must be in good standings with the XBRA to be eligible to compete for Rookie awards.

**B1.9.2.2 Compliance with Rules and Bylaws.** All Permit Members shall agree to be bound by and conduct themselves in accordance with these Bylaws and Official Rodeo Rules.

**B1.9.2.3 Dues and Fees.** Annual Permit Member dues shall be decided by the board of directors.

**B1.9.2.4 Rookie Points.** The points counted toward rookie standings will be one third (1/3) of the total points won with any team.

**B1.9.2.5 Rookie Standings.** Rookie Permit holders are responsible for making sure their points are recorded by the National Office and properly reflected in the Official Rookie Standings. The Permit holder is responsible for bringing their rookie status to the attention of the rodeo official (Director/Judge) and must request that their rookie points be noted on the race result sheet. Alternatively, the member may choose to retain a copy of all rodeo payoff checks,



then have the other two (2) team members endorse the stub and return it to the XBR National Office in order to receive 1/3 of the accumulated points towards rookie standings. This verification must be received by the National Office within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the rodeo.

**B1.9.2.6 National Finals Participation.** A rookie member must be a Full Contestant card holder in order to participate in the XBRA National Finals. Rookie points may not be accumulated at the National Finals. The cutoff date for Rookie points to count will be through the final go of the last sanctioned rodeo of the official Rodeo Season. If the member does not break the \$500.00 mark prior to the Finals, and does not participate in the National Finals, they may retain their Rookie status in the following year.

**B1.9.2.7 Attaining Full Contestant Status.** As a Rookie Permit holder, the member is entitled to compete for Circuit, Rookie and National awards up to \$500.00 in winnings and then must pay the balance to purchase a Full Contestant membership in order to be eligible for competition at the National Finals Rodeo and to receive year-end awards. The member will also be given the right to vote when \$500.00 is won within that season and the Full Contestant membership balance is paid.

**B1.9.2.8 Third Year Voting Rights.** Rookie Permit-holders have the right to vote in their third (3rd) year of Rookie status.

**B1.9.3 Circuit Permits.** Circuit Permits grant XBRA membership to those who wish to qualify for participation in rodeos ONLY within the Circuit in which the member resides.

**R1.9.3.1 Circuit Permit Parameters.** A Circuit Permit is only valid for four (4) rodeos within the member's Circuit. Circuit Permit holders do not have the right to vote nor are they entitled to a companion pass. A companion pass may be purchased by a Circuit Permit holder for an additional fee of \$25.00

**B1.9.3.2 Year-End Awards and National Finals Participation.** As a Circuit Permit holder, the member is entitled to compete at four (4) rodeos within the member's circuit and then must pay the balance to purchase a

Full Contestant membership in order to be eligible for competition at the National Finals Rodeo and to receive year-end awards.

## **B1.10 Becoming a Full Contestant**

**B1.10.1 Requirements to Become a Full Contestant Card Member.** An applicant desiring to become a Full Contestant Card Member must first become a Permit Member and fill a permit by earning at least \$500 at XBRA-sanctioned rodeos in a single Rodeo Year. Upon meeting this requirement, a Permit Member may apply to become a Full Contestant Card Member according to the terms described in Section B1.11 below in order to obtain Full Contestant Card Member status.

**B1.10.2 Notification and Election of Contestant Card Member Status.** A Permit Member will receive notification from the XBRA office by first-class mail when he has satisfied the requirements to become a Full Contestant Card Member. A Permit Member may elect to continue to contest either on his permit for the remainder of that dues-paying year or he may apply for Full Contestant Card Member Status. However, if the Permit Member elects to continue to contest as a Permit Member for the remainder of the dues-paying year, he will be limited to enter rodeos that accept permits and will not be eligible for the National Finals Rodeo.

## **B1.11 Full Contestant Card Members**

**B1.11.1 Obtaining Full Contestant Card Member Status.** Applicants desiring to obtain Full Contestant Card status in the XBRA must first satisfy the requirements of Section B1.10.

**B1.11.2 Dues and Fees.** Annual Full Contestant Card Member dues shall be decided by the board of directors; upon completion of the Judge's Test, or renewal of Judge's Membership from the previous year, contestants wishing to obtain both their Full Contestant Card Membership as well as their Judge's Card may pay an additional \$15 to receive both Full Contestant and Judge's card privileges.

## **B1.12 Non-Member Permits.**

**B1.12.1 Day Permit.** A Day Permit fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per go, per contestant, shall be assessed to allow participation in a particular rodeo. This will normally occur when a substitute is necessary and will ensure that points garnered by that team on

that day will be counted toward year-end awards. No newsletter, voting privileges or companion passes are included in this type of Permit. Day Permits shall only be issued to a contestant who is competing on a team whose Team Captain is a current full-paid member, either designated as a Full Membership Card or a Rookie Permit holder, thus meeting the requirements to be “Competition Eligible” (see B0.2.9), or a Registered Team meeting the Registered Team Competition Requirements (see B9.2).

**B1.12.2 Local Permit.** The XBRA will instate a Non-Membership one-time fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) allowing any three (3) non-members to compete at any one rodeo sanctioned by the XBRA. All three non-members competing must be in good standing with the XBRA. Points garnered under this Local Permit will not be counted for Circuit or National Standings.

### **B1.13 Non-contestant Card Members**

**B1.13.1 XBR Officials.** Both Current and Past Contestant Card Members may apply for Official or “Judge” Status; the annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors (or an additional \$15 for current Full Contestant Cardholders as defined in Section B1.11). Applicants for Judges’ status (or renewal of Judges’ status) may be denied, or an existing Judge status may be terminated, if an individual has been convicted of any crime other than minor traffic offenses. A Judge’s Membership shall include a copy of the current XBRA newsletter or official publication, companion pass, and voting privileges.

**B1.13.1.1 Exemption from Judge’s Dues.** Anyone holding a Director position shall be waived of any Judge’ Membership dues for their time in said position.

**B1.13.2 Associate Membership.** Individuals who desire to support the XBRA as a non-contestant and non-judge member may apply for an Associate Membership for an annual fee. Associate Members will receive a copy of the current XBRA newsletter or official publication but will not be granted voting or contestant privileges.

### **B1.14 Membership Cards**

**B1.14.1 Cards of Membership.** The Executive Board shall provide for issuance of membership cards evidencing membership in the Association. Such cards shall bear the emblem of the XBRA. All cards evidencing membership shall be systematically numbered.

The name and address of each Member and the date of issuance of the card shall be entered on the records of the XBRA. If any card is lost, mutilated or destroyed, a new card may be issued therefore, on such terms and conditions as the Executive Board may determine.

**B1.14.2 Companion Passes.** A companion pass shall be issued to all Full Contestant Card Members and Judges; Rookie Permit and Circuit Permit holders shall be permitted to purchase one Companion Pass per rodeo year for a fee of \$25. All companion passes shall reflect the Permit or Membership number of their respective card holder; XBRA Members are held directly responsible for the actions of individuals who are in possession of their respective Companion Pass.

**B1.14.3 Replacement Cards.** A charge of \$5 will be assessed for any replacement membership card or companion pass.

## **B1.15 Meetings of Members**

**B1.15.1 Annual and Special Meetings.** An annual meeting of the members of the XBRA may be held each calendar year if called by the Executive Board of Directors. The Executive Board shall determine the time and place of such meeting. Special meetings of the Members may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or Card Members having one-tenth of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

**B1.15.2 Notice of Meetings.** When possible, notice of the meetings of Members will be given by publishing notice of the meetings on the Official Website specifying the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called.

**B1.15.3 Voting.** Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, each Active Card Member who holds a Full Contestant Membership or a Judge's Card shall be entitled to one vote on each matter which is submitted to a vote of the membership. At any meeting of the members, the President of the Executive Board shall establish the agenda and no item shall be voted on unless it is on the agenda.

**B1.15.3.1 Quorum.** Ten percent of the Members of the XBRA present at a meeting of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

## CHAPTER 2

### EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**B2.0 General Powers.** The Executive Board of Directors, also referred to as the Executive Board, shall have the power to conduct the business of the XBRA and the power to make, adopt or amend the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and subject to the requirements of Chapter 12 of these Bylaws, the XBRA Official Rodeo Rules. The Executive Board may take any action that it considers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the XBRA and may enter into any contract or obligation in furtherance thereof.

**B2.1 Composition of Board.** The XBRA Executive Board shall consist of the following positions: President, Vice President, Director of Rodeo Administration, Sponsorship Director, Director of Publicity and Publication, Director of Rules and Regulations, and all Circuit Directors

**B2.1.1 President.** The President shall be appointed pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section B3.0 of these Bylaws. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and general membership. The president will act as a national spokesperson for the XBRA for a term of one year.

**B2.1.1.1 Appointment of Director of Rodeo Administration.** The Board shall determine the period of the appointment of and fixed compensation for employment of the Director of Rodeo Administration. The President will advise the Director of Rodeo Administration on all matters concerning policies of the organization.

**B2.1.1.2 Mediator.** If the President discovers factual evidence of an infraction by a member/contestant, a written report detailing the complaint and investigation will be forwarded to the National Office. In the case of misunderstandings or disputes among Officers or Directors, the President shall serve as mediator, pulling together what facts are available in a situation and making his recommendation for a solution to the Board of Directors.

**B2.1.1.3 Approved Spending.** The President is able to spend up to \$750.00 maximum per year without Board approval.

- B2.1.1.4 Appointment of Webmaster.** The President shall have the ability to coordinate and appoint an Official Webmaster who will be responsible for updating the Official XBR website. This shall be a non-contract position; the Webmaster position shall be at the sole digression of the President and the XBR Board of Directors, thus the position can be removed or replaced as they see fit.
- B2.1.2 Vice President.** The term for the office of Vice President will be two years. His first duty shall be to locate and direct the XBRA National Finals Rodeo for that year; this includes locating added money, stock, promotion, and sponsors.
- B2.1.2.1 Assuming the Responsibilities of the President.** The Vice-President shall assume the President's responsibilities for the remainder of the term if the President is unable to do so; upon becoming President he may appoint a Vice-President (to fill the position for the remainder of the term) who must be approved by a Board of Directors majority vote.
- B2.1.2.2 Assuming the Responsibilities of a Director.** The Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of a Director for the remainder of the term if the Director is unable to do so; as soon as practicable, the Director of Rodeo Administration shall obtain nominations from the existing Board of Directors to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term (see Section 3.7).
- B2.1.3 Director of Rodeo Administration.** The Director of Rodeo Administration shall work for both the Executive Board and the General Membership and keep the records of all proceedings and other official reports of the XBRA and the minutes of the meetings of the Members and of the Executive Board. The Director of Rodeo Administration shall conduct the official correspondence and keep all records, books, documents and paper relating to the XBRA, shall act as the conduit through which all Members communicate their complaints, suggestions and inquiries with respect to rodeo administration to the XBRA and, in general, shall perform all of the duties assigned to him from time to time by the President.
- B2.1.4 Sponsorship Director.** The Sponsorship Director shall be appointed by the Executive Board to contact potential sponsors, make business contacts, and negotiate advertising agreements

to gain financial benefit or provision of products or services for support of the XBR Association. The Sponsorship Director will compose and distribute sponsorship material to potential local and national sponsors and shall strive to maintain a positive relationship with these affiliations, encouraging their support of the XBRA.

**B2.1.5 Director of Publicity and Publication.** The Director of Publicity and Publication shall be appointed by the Executive Board to oversee all promotional material representing the XBRA. He shall review documents prior to publication and shall assist the Director of Rodeo Administration with the maintenance of the current member subscriptions to any and all newsletters or formal publications. The Director of Publicity and Publication shall be responsible for providing material for all regular publications, including but not limited to, photos, articles, standings, and other regular updates. The Director of Publicity and Publication shall also coordinate with the appointed Webmaster and assist in the maintenance of the Official XBR Website.

**B2.1.6 Director of Rules and Regulations.** The Director of Rules and Regulations shall serve as the Chairman (or Co-Chairman) of the Rules Committee for a term of one year. He shall report on all issues concerning the current Rule Book, prospective changes to the current Rule Book, and concerns regarding Rodeo officials. In the case that a Rodeo Official is deserving of an infraction, the Director of Rules and Regulations shall issue any such fines or subsequent disciplinary actions.

**B2.1.7 Circuit Directors.** For alternating two-year terms, Circuit Directors will coordinate with rodeo committees and assist with entries (including solidification of Rodeo Line-Up), if required. Duties will also include providing local media with information on the event and monitoring the conduct of Xtreme Bronc Riding contestants. Any complaints involving XBRA contestants will be investigated by the Circuit Director. If the Director discovers factual evidence of an infraction, a written report detailing the complaint and investigation will be completed and forwarded to the National Office, along with the Director's fine or disciplinary action instigated. The disposition of the case will be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**B2.1.7.1 Geographic Boundaries.** Circuit Directors will be required to reside within the geographic boundaries established for that Circuit.

**B2.1.7.2 Active Participation within Circuit.** The director must also actively participate in a minimum of three (3) rodeos in his Circuit during each year he is in office; participation shall include entry as a contestant or judging (as a paid or non-paid official) of a rodeo.

**B2.1.7.3 Failure to Meet Requirements.** Failure to meet residency or active involvement requirements will disqualify the Director and the Director of Rodeo Administration will conduct an interim election to fill the remainder of the term.

**B2.2 Directors Membership.** All XBR Directors shall receive an honorary Director's Membership for the year of their service pending they meet the minimum annual requirements, including Circuit Director's active participation within their circuit (as set forth in rule B2.1.7.2) and all Directors must also attend and/or participate in a minimum of 50% of the annual Executive Board and General Membership Meetings; XBR Circuit Directors shall receive a free membership of their choosing (e.g. Full-Contestant, Judge, etc.). If the above requirements are not met by December 31 of the calendar year, the Director will be required to pay their full membership dues for the previous year prior to competing at the National Finals Rodeo and their position will be up for re-election.

**B2.3 Meetings.** A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice other than these Bylaws, immediately after, and at the same place as, the bi-annual meeting of Members (for example, in July and at the National Finals Rodeo). The Executive Board may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or without the State of California, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Executive Board without other notice than such resolution. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by or at the request of the President or any two Directors upon proper notice of meeting.

**B2.4 Notice of Meetings.** Notice of each meeting, other than the regular annual meeting of Directors, shall be given to each director. If such notice is given either (1) by personally delivering written notice to a director; (2) by personally telephoning such director; or (3) by transmission through e-mail or other electronic transmission, it shall be so given at least two days prior to the meeting. If such notice is given by depositing a written notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid, it shall be given at least four days prior to the meeting. The notice of all meetings shall state the place,



date and hour thereof, but need not, unless otherwise required by statute, state the purpose or purposes thereof.

**B2.5 Quorum and Requirements for Action.** A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meetings of the Executive Board; but if less than a majority of the Executive Board members are present at said meeting, a majority of the Executive Board members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. The act of a majority of the Executive Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or these Bylaws.

**B2.6 Alternative Representative.** When any Director is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Board, such Director should appoint an alternate representative to take his place at the meeting. If the absentee Director fails to do so, the Executive Board may appoint an alternate representative. The alternate representative shall participate in the meeting of the Executive Board but shall not have the right to vote. Alternately, any Director unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Board may submit his vote in the form of a live verbal response (via telephone) or written and signed affidavit.

**B2.7 Meetings by Telephone.** Members of the Executive Board, or any committee designated thereby, may hold or participate in a meeting of the Executive Board or such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment provided that all such persons so participating in such meeting can hear each other at the same time.

## CHAPTER 3

### NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

**B3.0 General.** Elections conducted by the XBRA for the offices of the Executive Board members (except the position of Director of Rodeo Administration) shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Chapter.

**B3.1 Nomination Forms.** Not later than August 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year of the election the Director of Rodeo Administration shall see that all eligible Members receive a nomination form to nominate candidates in the forthcoming elections. The nominations shall be valid only if cast upon the original, a direct print-out, reproduction of the nomination form, or official electronic ballot provided by the Director of Rodeo Administration. Nomination forms must be completed by the Member in accordance with the instructions on the nomination form and returned to the National Office no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of September of the calendar year during which the candidates nominated by the Members are to stand for election.

**B3.1.1 No Nomination Forms Received.** In the event that no nominations are returned to the XBR office and no official nominations are made the incumbent, provided he has met the qualifications for office listed in Section B3.2 of these Bylaws and has expressed his willingness to serve, pursuant to Section B3.3.2 of these Bylaws, shall be automatically reinstated. If the incumbent does not meet the qualifications for office or does not express his willingness to serve, in the case of an Executive Board representative position, the representatives from the Executive Board shall appoint an individual to serve in that office for the corresponding term (see B3.3.3).

**B3.2 Qualification of Nominees.**

**B3.2.1 President.** In order to qualify as a nominee for the position of XBRA President, an individual, at the time of his nomination and election, 1) must have held a Director's position for a minimum of one year; 2) must not within five calendar years preceding the year of election, have committed an infraction which resulted in a single fine of \$500 or more or a disciplinary suspension of six months or more.

**B3.2.2 Circuit Directors.** In order to qualify as a nominee for the position of XBRA Circuit Director, an individual, at the time of his

nomination and election must, 1) reside within the geographic boundaries established for that Circuit; 2) the Director must also participate by attending and either competing in or judging of a minimum of three (3) rodeos in his Circuit during each year he holds office; and 3) must not within five calendar years preceding the year of election, have committed an infraction which resulted in a single fine of \$500 or more or a disciplinary suspension of six months or more. Failure to meet residency, active involvement, or disciplinary requirements will disqualify the Director and the Director of Rodeo Administration shall conduct an interim election to fill the remainder of the term.

### **B3.3 Determination and Designation of Nominees.**

**B3.3.1 Incumbent.** The incumbent in each office category shall automatically be considered a candidate, provided said incumbent meets the applicable qualifications under Section B3.2 of these Bylaws and provided said incumbent abides by the guidelines set forth in Section B3.3.2 of these Bylaws for nominee notification of willingness to serve if elected.

**B3.3.2 Determination of Nominees.** As soon as practicable, after September 15th of the election year, the Director of Rodeo Administration shall determine which candidates receiving nominations under Section B3.1 of these Bylaws, and which incumbent for each office category meet the applicable qualifications under Section B3.2 of these Bylaws for the offices to which they are nominated in that election year; or in the case of incumbent, for the office which he currently holds. After determining the candidates' eligibility, the Director of Rodeo Administration shall list all those candidates in alphabetical order; the Executive Board must then approve each candidate by majority vote, validating the Board's belief that the candidate will be able to adequately fill the role for which they have been nominated. The Director of Rodeo Administration shall thereupon notify each of the candidates (both in writing and by phone call) and the incumbent (should he meet the qualifications) of the fact that they are among the candidates for the office in question. Such notifications shall be sent by the Director of Rodeo Administration via registered or certified mail to the addresses (as shown by the current records of the XBRA) of such candidates no later than September 20th of the election year or 5 days following the close of nominations. Each of the candidates must expressly respond by signing the Official

Nomination Acceptance Form and returning it to the National Office no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of the election year he is willing to serve, if elected, in the office for which he is listed as a candidate. The candidate may present the signed form to the National Office via USPS Mail, fax, or by attaching a copy of the signed document and sending it via e-mail; the Director of Rodeo Administration/XBRA Auditor shall provide a response form and return envelope to the candidates so notified, which they may use to respond to the Director of Rodeo Administration/XBRA Auditor concerning their willingness to serve if elected. Once received by the Director of Rodeo Administration/XBRA Auditor, a candidate's response shall be irrevocable. Any candidate who receives notice and fails to respond by September 30<sup>th</sup> as provided above shall be deemed to have declined said nomination for candidacy for the office in question. The Director of Rodeo Administration/XBRA Auditor shall strike from the list of candidates for each office the name of each candidate who declines to serve if elected or who fails to express by completion and presentation of the Official Nomination Acceptance Form by September 30<sup>th</sup> his willingness to serve if elected.

**B3.3.3 No Candidates for Office.** In the event that no eligible candidates are nominated for a particular office category, the incumbent, provided he has met the qualifications for office listed in Section B3.2 of these Bylaws and has expressed his willingness to serve, pursuant to Section B3.3.2 of these Bylaws, shall be automatically reinstated. If the incumbent does not meet the qualifications for office or does not express his willingness to serve, in the case of an Executive Board representative position, the representatives from the Executive Board shall appoint an individual to serve in that office for the corresponding term.

**B3.3.4 Final Candidates.** As soon as practicable after September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Director of Rodeo Administration/XBRA Auditor shall determine which candidates remaining on each of the candidate lists shall be the final candidates for each position. The incumbent (if eligible and willing) and all those nominees who indicated a willingness to serve if elected in accordance with the notification guidelines set in Section B3.3.2 of these Bylaws shall be the final candidates for the office category in question.

**B3.4 Election Procedure.** After the nominees for each office for which an election is to be held in the current election year have been determined by the Director of Rodeo Administration/ XBRA Auditor, the names of those nominees shall be published on the Official Website. An Official

Ballot shall be mailed or e-mailed by the XBRA National Office to each Member entitled to vote by October 5<sup>th</sup> of the election year. Ballots shall be valid only if cast upon the official, original, and/or serially numbered ballot sent to the Member by the XBRA National office. The independent accountants, who have been contracted to tally the official vote, have the authority to issue a replacement ballot for a lost ballot upon appropriate procedures for avoidance of any duplication in voting. No photocopies, duplications or other imitation mail ballots shall be valid. Mailed in ballots shall be valid only if completed in accordance with the instructions on the ballot, signed by the voting member, and returned to the independent accountants no later than October 30<sup>th</sup> of the election year. Mailed in ballots shall be tabulated by the independent accountants no later than November 5<sup>th</sup> and reported to the XBRA Director of Rodeo Administration who shall cause the results to be published on the Official Website. The nominee for each office receiving the greater number of the votes cast for the particular office shall be elected to the office. Candidates who have not been nominated through the nomination process shall not be eligible to run and may not be elected for office (i.e. "write-ins" are not allowed and shall not be counted with the official votes). In the event of a tie for any office, the Director of Rodeo Administration shall promptly initiate a vote by mail or e-mail ballot of all Members eligible to vote for such office to resolve the tie. Newly elected officers shall take their respective offices at the National Finals Rodeo; in the event that no National Finals Rodeo is held, newly elected officers shall assume their respective offices on January 1 of the year following the election.

**B3.4.1 Report of election results.** The XBRA independent accountants will apply agreed upon procedures in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The extent and sufficiency of these agreed upon procedures will be established (person and /or position) and approved by the Executive Board by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each election year.

**B3.4.2 Election Ballots.** No election ballot will be sent to voters if there is only one candidate for a particular Executive Council position.

**B3.5 Voter Eligibility.** Only Full XBR Contestant card holders and Judges will be granted the right to participate in the general election; rookie members who have maintained XBR permits for a minimum of two (2) years shall be granted voting rights in their third year of Rookie membership.

**B3.5.1 Voting for Circuit Directors.** Each Circuit shall elect their own Circuit Director. When voting for XBR Circuit Directors, only members of said Circuit will be allowed to cast votes for their Circuit Director; all votes cast for a Circuit Director by members who belong to a differing Circuit shall be disregarded.

**B3.6 Recall of Elected Officials**

**B3.6.1 Misconduct by Elected Official.** If misconduct by an official of the XBRA is alleged, the Executive Board will review the complaint. If a majority of the Board decides there is a factual basis to the complaint, the Director of Rodeo Administration will circulate a form (either via the website, the next newsletter or by direct mail) detailing the allegation and the official's response. This form must be returned, signed, and dated by two-thirds (2/3) of the Circuit Members in a specified time frame for removal of that official to occur. The Director of Rodeo Administration shall conduct a special election to name a replacement.

**B3.6.2 Impeachment of Elected Official.** If a general consensus of the membership in a Circuit believes that the elected Circuit Director does not represent their interests, it will be up to the membership to obtain two-thirds (2/3) of the affected members' signatures on a recall petition. The Director of Rodeo Administration, upon receiving such a petition and verifying the required elements, shall schedule a special election for that position; the incumbent official shall not be permitted to be listed on the ballot but may run in future elections.

**B3.6.3 Elected Officials Placed on Blacklist.** Elected officials who have been placed on the blacklist for two consecutive months will be suspended from any duties of their office. Failure to resolve the reason for blacklisting within 30 days following the suspension will result in removal from office; a replacement will be selected by the Board.

**B3.6.3.1 Upon Revocation of Office.** Upon revocation of office, a certified letter will be sent to the official informing him that his term has been revoked. Upon notification of removal, official responsibilities, telephone, and credit card privileges shall be terminated immediately. Any further representation of the XBRA or use of its assets may result in criminal or civil action.

**B3.6.7 Elected Official Unable to Remain in Office.** In the event that an elected official is unable to remain in office (for various reasons,

including but not limited to health concerns, personal emergencies, financial hardship, etc.) the Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of that Director until a replacement can be selected to fulfill the position for the remainder of the term (see Section B2.1.2.1). As soon as practicable, the Director of Rodeo Administrations shall obtain nominations from the remaining Executive Board members. The Board shall then by a majority vote select a nominee to fill the vacant position. Upon acceptance of the nomination, the Interim Director shall fulfill the duties related to that position until the next Executive Board election.

## CHAPTER 4

### INDEMNIFICATION

- B4.1 Scope of Indemnification.** The XBRA shall indemnify any director, officer, employee, or volunteer of the Association to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of the State of California. The Association shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to indemnify any agent of the Association not otherwise covered by this Article to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of the State of California.
- B4.2 Savings Clause; Limitation.** If this Chapter, any provision hereof or any provision of the California Revised Nonprofit Corporations Act dealing with indemnification shall be invalidated by any court on any ground, then the Association shall nevertheless indemnify each party otherwise entitled to indemnification hereunder to the fullest extent permitted by law or any applicable provision of this Article that shall not have been invalidated. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Association shall neither indemnify any person nor purchase any insurance in any manner or to any extent that would jeopardize or be inconsistent with the qualification of the Association as an organization described in section 501(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## CHAPTER 5

### RECORDS & FISCAL YEAR

- B5.1 Records.** The XBRA shall keep correct and complete books and records of account; and shall also keep minutes of the meetings of its Members, Executive Board of Directors, and committees having exercising any of the authority of the Executive Board; and shall keep at the XBRA National 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 purpose at any reasonable time.
- B5.2 Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1 each year and end at midnight on December 31 of the same year.



# CHAPTER 6

## CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS & DISCIPLINARY ACTION

**B6.0** Any member who violates the XBRA Bylaws, XBRA Rule Book, XBRA Official Rodeo Rules or any XBRA sanctioned event may be subject to reprimand, fine, ineligibility, suspension or expulsion pursuant to the penalties set forth in this rule book and chapter.

**B6.1 Progressive Fines.** In the case of any offense listed herein with a progressive fine structure (such as doubling of fines, or set fines for the first offense, second offense, etc.), the escalation fine structure shall apply to offenses within the same rodeo year only and shall not carry over to later rodeo years; provided, however, that if a Member is fined for the same Class III Offense three times in the same rodeo year, the escalating fine structure shall continue into the following rodeo year.

**B6.2 Blacklist.** Any member listed on the blacklist is ineligible to enter, compete, garner or gain points for themselves or any other team in any performance or rodeo sanctioned by the XBRA.

**B6.2.1 Blacklisted Team Member.** Any team checking in with the judge at said rodeo with a suspended member (Person on the Blacklist) will be ineligible to compete.

### **B6.3 Offenses**

**B6.3.1 Class I Offenses.** The following shall be considered Class I Offenses and shall be punishable by a fine of **less than \$250** per offense and/or disqualification from a rodeo, unless otherwise stated.

**B6.3.1.1 Dress code:** All members shall wear a cowboy hat, long sleeved cut and sewn shirt (no knit pullovers allowed), and cowboy boots in the arena; no duct tape, electrical, or any other tape besides medical tape and medical wraps will be allowed. Shirts will be tucked into pants and sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned. Smashed and/or crumpled hats may be disallowed at the discretion of any XBRA official. Members serving as XBR Photographers shall not be required to wear hats. Failure to adhere to this arena dress code shall result in a \$25 fine per article of clothing per performance or section of slack and removal from competition until attire is presentable.

Dress code will be enforced and fines levied at the discretion of any XBRA official.

**B6.3.1.2 Wearing of Contestant Number.** An XBR Official shall issue a corresponding team/contestant number for each rodeo.

**B6.3.1.2.1 Failure to Wear Contestant Number.** Failure to wear contestant number when required shall result in a \$10 fine per performance or section of slack.

**B6.3.1.2.2 Failure to Remove Contestant Number.** Contestants shall promptly remove their contestant back numbers prior to engaging personal activity, including but not limited to, drinking alcoholic beverages and the use of profane language. Any contestant who chooses to engage in such activities without removing his contestant back number shall be given a warning; further infraction shall result in a fine of \$25 for each offense.

**B6.3.1.3 “Rowdyism” or Quarreling in the Arena.** Rowdyism or quarreling in the arena shall result in a fine of no less than fifty dollars (\$50) for the first offense, with the amount of the fine doubling for each subsequent offense.

**B6.3.1.4 Artificial Noise-Making Device.** No artificial noise-making device will be allowed, use of such shall be grounds for disqualification from that performance, and is subject to a fine up to \$100.00.

**B6.3.1.5 Unwarranted Presence in Livestock Pen.** Contestants will be disqualified for being present in a pen with livestock at any time, except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director, or a judge or when assigned to work in those pens.

**B6.3.1.6 Arena Obstruction (AKA “Blocking the Barrel”).** Any act of obstruction that impedes a team’s access to the finish line and their placing is an automatic disqualification from that performance. (Judges will use their discretion to determine what constitutes an act of obstruction.)

**B6.3.1.7 Team Cross-over During Competition.** No person shall shank, mug, saddle or ride for any team other than team said person is competing with in that performance. Failure to comply will result in

disqualification from that performance, for one or both teams, at the Judge's discretion.

**B6.3.1.8 Violation of Bylaw or Official Rodeo Rule with Undisclosed Penalty.** Violation of an XBRA Bylaw or Official Rodeo Rule, which is not explicitly listed as Class I, II, III offense, is not addressed in the Official PRCA Rule Book, and for which no fine or penalty is set forth shall be considered a Class I offense.

**B6.3.1.9 Unsportsmanlike Conduct.** Disciplinary action may be taken for conduct, including actions and speech both in and out of the arena, considered to be "Unsportsmanlike"; a fine not to exceed \$250.00 may be levied at the discretion of the documenting rodeo official or Executive Board member.

**B6.3.2 Class II Offenses.** The following shall be considered Class II Offenses and shall be punishable by fine and/or ineligibility, unless otherwise stated.

**B6.3.2.1 Fraudulent Check Writing.** Writing or passing a bad check made payable to the XBRA, a Rodeo Secretary, Stock Contractor, Contract Personnel or Rodeo committee in conjunction with an XBRA approved rodeo, or any such check to any business establishment in the town of a XBRA-approved rodeo during the time of said rodeo, shall be a Class II Offense subject to the following penalties:

**B6.3.2.1.1 Bad Checks.** For any member writing or passing a bad check made payable to the XBRA, a Rodeo Secretary, Stock Contractor, Contract Personnel or Rodeo Committee in conjunction with an XBRA approved rodeo shall be a Class II offense and subject to the following penalties: For the first offense, the member will be charged a flat fine of \$75.00. For the second offense, the member will lose all check writing privileges for one year and will be fined double the written amount of the check.

**B6.3.2.1.2 Ineligibility.** A returned check received in the XBRA office shall result in immediate ineligibility. To regain eligibility, the face value of the check, the bank charge, and the collection fine must be paid in full.

**B6.3.2.1.3 Dispute Over Alleged Bad Check.** In case of a dispute over an alleged bad check, the Member must post a cash bond equal to the face value of the check and the bank charge in order to regain eligibility.

**B6.3.2.1.4 Checks Not Accepted by XBRA National Office.** The XBRA National Office shall not accept personal checks from Members who have lost their “financially eligible” status.

**B6.3.3 Class III Offenses.** The following shall be considered Class III Offenses and may be punishable by fine of **no less than \$250**, ineligibility, suspension, suspension of XBRA privileges and/or expulsion, unless otherwise stated.

**B6.3.3.1 Fighting.** Fighting in the arena, behind the chutes, or anywhere on rodeo grounds is not permitted.

**B6.3.3.2 Influencing an XBRA Official.** Attempting to bribe or influence through physical intimidation any XBRA Official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge at a time when an event is in progress.

**B6.3.3.3 Harassing an XBRA Official or Spectator.** Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any action threatening, berating, harassing, or intimidating a rodeo official, a rodeo spectator, any official representative or employee of the XBRA or any Member.

**B6.3.3.4 Disorderly Conduct.** Disorderly conduct, being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, abusive language, physical or verbal abuse of a judge, contractor, committee person, XBRA office personnel, Directors, Members or arena personnel will result in a fine and/or disqualification from the rodeo.

**B6.3.3.5 Conduct Detrimental to Public Image.** Conduct, speech, appearance or lack of financial responsibility which shall be determined by the XBRA to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation, or well-being of the XBRA or the sport of professional rodeo.

**B6.3.3.6 Mistreatment of Stock/Abuse of Animal.** If a Member abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, he may be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo and fined \$500 for the first offense, with that fine progressively

doubling with each offense thereafter. Judges will immediately inform the announcer that the Team has been disqualified and spectators will be informed of the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness against livestock.

**B6.3.3.6.1 Standard Use of Prods.** In the event of Xtreme Bronc Riding, the use of prods and similar devices is prohibited. The only exception shall be in the case of a known chute stalling horse, and only if agreed upon by the contestant/team, the stock contractor, and the rodeo official before the competition begins. In this instance, the prod shall not exceed 12 inches in length. Use of a prod without the agreement of the contestant/team, stock contractor, and the rodeo official may result in a fine of \$1000.

**B6.3.3.7 Logo and Copyright.** All rights are reserved, for both the logo and the name, "Xtreme Bronc Riding Association." Any use of the title, name (including any part of the name) or the logo must be approved by the Board of Directors, be it for private or personal use or for financial gain. Any member using the name (including any part thereof), the logo or XBRA without said permission may be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or legal action. Any non-member using the name (or any part thereof), the logo or XBRA may be subject to legal action. Only the Board of Directors has the legal use of the name, logo and XBRA and that use must be for approved financial benefit of the XBRA.

**B6.3.3.8 Arrest and Conviction for Serious Crime.** A "serious crime" is hereby defined as a felony (as determined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the offense was committed) involving (i) assault of or bodily injury to another person, (ii) a threat of serious bodily injury, (iii) use or threatened use of a dangerous weapon in connection with the offense, (iv) distribution of, or trafficking, or intent to distribute or traffic, a controlled substance, (v) animal abuse, neglect, or mistreatment.

- B6.3.3.9 Striking.** Engaging in any strike, boycott, picketing, protest, or demonstration of any kind involving any XBRA or PRCA rodeo.
- B6.3.3.10 Multiple Class I or Class II Offenses.** Committing Multiple Class I or Class II Offenses shall result in the escalation of the cumulative offense to a Class III violation.

# CHAPTER 7

## GRIEVANCE

**B7.1 Internal Resolution of Disputes.** As a condition of membership, each XBRA Member agrees that any disagreements or disputes (including appeals of disciplinary actions taken against a Member) with the Xtreme Bronc Riding Association (including any affiliated staff, officers or representatives) that involves interpretation of the Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws, the official current rule book or procedural rules (event judging, rodeo sanctioning or other established procedures) will be settled by the grievance procedures outlined in this chapter and in no other manner.

**B7.1.1 Purpose of this Procedure:** The purpose of this grievance procedure is to provide a formal path by which an XBRA Member may voice concern over a possible rule or policy infraction committed by an XBRA official or representative, which could adversely affect the Member or the reputation of XBRA within the rodeo community.

**B7.1.2 When This Grievance Procedure May Not be Used:** The grievance procedures outlined in this chapter may not be used to challenge or contest actions of XBRA officials involving ostensibly honest judgment calls made during rodeo competitions that are based on an official's personal observation. This procedure is not intended to be used to challenge the appropriateness of a rule or established procedure or to seek a waiver of a rule, procedure or policy.

### **B7.2 Grievance Procedures**

**B7.2.1 Member Initiation.** The Member filing the grievance will notify the XBRA National Office in writing, by mail, no later than thirty (30) days after the event giving rise to the grievance. The letter should specifically describe the alleged infraction, giving dates, the name of the involved official or representative, possible witnesses, and how the infraction could adversely affect the grievant. The letter should include any documentation or other evidence (witnesses' statements, video, photographs, etc.) that tend to verify or support the grievant's claim. It is the Member's responsibility to supply the National Office with 5 sets of any materials that the National Office cannot make copies of (example: videos, photographs etc.); a fee of \$150.00 shall be included with the grievance. A non-refundable office fee of \$75

shall be a deducted from the \$150.00 regardless of the Board's decision.

- B7.2.2 Grievance Forwarded to those Involved.** The National Office will forward a copy of the letter to the involved official or representative for a response. That person will have thirty (30) days in which to reply to the grievant's letter by sending a response in writing by mail sent to the National Office.
- B7.2.3 Distribution to Executive Board.** The National Office will then forward copies of the claim and response, if timely received, to each current member of the Board of Directors.
- B7.2.4 Response by Executive Board.** The Board of Directors will, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the materials, respond in writing by forwarding a copy of its decision to the National Office for distribution to the claimant and other parties.
- B7.2.5 Refund of Filing Fees.** In the event that the Board of Directors rules in favor of the Grievant, in its discretion, the Board shall order the refund of the filing fees paid by the Grievant, less the \$75 non-refundable office fee.

**B7.3 Appeals to the Board of Directors.** If any party to a grievance or disciplinary action is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Directors, that person may file an appeal with the National Office within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the decision. The appeal should be addressed to the Board of Directors and mailed or delivered to the National Office. The National Office will immediately forward copies of the appeal to each Director. The Board of Directors will have fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the appeal in which to respond in writing. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final and not eligible for further appeal.

**B7.4 Disciplinary Actions.** With respect to XBRA Rules infractions by Members, the following procedures will apply:

- B7.4.1 Director Initiation.** In the event of an alleged infraction, the appropriate Circuit Director will notify the National Office of the infraction and recommend an appropriate sanction within those established by the then current XBR rule book.
- B7.4.2 Member Notification.** The accused Member will be immediately notified of the infraction; the Director of Rodeo Administration shall notify the member in writing (via USPS Certified Mail) of the referenced rule or policy infraction and the sanction recommended by the Circuit Director.



**B7.4.3 Member's Response.** The accused Member shall have thirty-five (35) days from the date of the postmark date indicated on the official notification in which to file a written reply to the accusation via the National Office and to request a review by the Board of Directors. This reply should be in the form of a written response that shall be received by the National Office no later than the thirty-fifth day of the response time-frame (or postmarked no later than thirty (30) days following the postmark date indicated on the official notification); this response shall include any appropriate documentation and/or statements of witnesses and explain the reasons the Member feels the disciplinary action is inappropriate. If a reply is not received within the time allotted, the recommended sanction may be enforced without delay.

**B7.4.4 Distribution to Executive Board.** Immediately upon receipt of a reply or appeal to the disciplinary action, the National Office shall forward a copy of the document along with a copy of the Circuit Director's original accusation and recommendation and a copy of the Member's original notification to each member of the Executive Board for review. The Executive Board shall then have fifteen (15) days in which to respond in writing. The Director of Rodeo Administration shall notify the Member of the Board's official decision.

**B7.5 Appeals:** Appeals to the decision of the Board of Directors shall be made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.3 above. An appeal has the effect of suspending the imposition of any sanction during the pendency of the appeal.

**B7.6 Payment of fines:** The Member will have thirty (30) days from the date the decision is mailed to him in which to pay any fine or comply with any sanction imposed by the Board of Directors. If the Member does not so comply, said person shall be suspended (placed on "Blacklist") and lose all membership privileges until such time as the fine is fully paid or the contestant has complied with the sanctions.

**B7.6.1 Turn-Out Fines:** Any team turning out of a rodeo without a medical release must have their entry fees in to the XBRA National Office not more than 24 hours following the last performance of the rodeo entered. If entry fees are not received within 24 hours of the close of the rodeo, there shall be a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) fine added to the entry fees due with the possibility of additionally being assessed a \$100.00 per rodeo

turn-out fine (at the discretion of the appropriate Circuit director). If the fines are not paid in full within thirty (30) days, an additional fifty-dollars (\$50.00) per month will be added to the fine total for up to four months (or a total of \$200.00 in additional fines). Should a team turn-out of a rodeo and attempt to compete in another rodeo with over-lapping dates, the team must pay all outstanding entry fees and turn-out fines prior to competition.

**B7.6.1.1 Failure to Notify.** Pursuant to the rules set forth in Part R8.1.4 of the Official Rodeo Rules, any team turning out at any rodeo and not contacting the XBRA national office, president or Circuit director at least two (2) hours prior to the first performance of the rodeo will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) along with their entry and office fees. A team notifying the office in a timely manner may still incur a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per rodeo or waived at the discretion of the rodeos Circuit Director.

**B7.6.2 Team Fines.** If a team incurs any fines or penalties, it will be the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that these fines and/or penalties are paid to the XBRA Office. If the team captain decides the entire team should shoulder this responsibility, it will be up to him to collect any monies owed to him by the team members. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the team captain being blacklisted from future XBRA events until payment is received in full.

**B7.6.3 Non-Payment of Fines.** If no payment is received, or sanctions complied with, within ninety (90) days after the Member is suspended, the Member will lose all membership privileges for the remainder of the current rodeo season. Reinstatement will occur only when sanctions are complied with and the fine (and any appropriate collection costs or interest as determined by the Board of Directors) is paid in full to the National Office.

**B7.7 “Three Strikes” Policy.** After three upheld disciplinary actions, the involved Member will be suspended from membership for the remainder of the current rodeo season; all dues, entry fees and other payments to XBRA or made by that Member will be forfeited.

**B7.7.1 Team Captain Suspension.** If a Member who comes under a “Three-Strike” suspension is a Captain of a Registered Team, the two remaining team members may elect to re-register as a new team (see Chapter 9, “Team Registration”). The original team

members may register with a new Team Captain and may acquire points garnered by their original team and complete the season applying said points for National Standings.

**B7.8 Maintenance of Member Status throughout Grievance Process.** Until a decision is made on the Grievance by the entire Board of Directors, the member shall be allowed to enter, compete and garner points, the same as any member in good standing.

**B7.8.1 Decision Made in Favor of the Member.** If a decision is made in favor of the member, all points/moneys earned from the date of offense shall be counted toward awards as well as the National Standings.

**B7.8.2 Decision Made against the Member.** If the decision is made against the member, all points/moneys earned from the date of the offense forth shall not count toward awards or towards the National Standings.

## CHAPTER 8

### POINTS & STANDINGS

#### **B8.1 Championship Points and Standings**

**B8.1.1 Awarding of Points.** One championship point will be awarded for each dollar in prize money won by an eligible Contestant or Permit Member at an XBRA-sanctioned rodeo.

#### **B8.1.2 Contestant Eligibility.**

**B8.1.2.1 Contestant Standing.** Team Captains must be members in good standing in order to enter any rodeo and accumulate points for the National Finals and/or year-end standings.

**B8.1.2.2 Maintenance of XBRA Membership Prior to Competition.** Before a team competes on their first horse or in their first performance at any XBRA sanctioned event, all three (3) contestants must be members of the XBRA or have been issued a current non-member permit (see section B1.12, "Non-Member Permits"). If one (1) of the team members is injured during the rodeo and a non-member substitute is required, the replacement must purchase a Day Permit.

**B8.1.2.3 Extenuating Circumstances.** In the event of an emergency (automobile trouble, late airlines, bad weather, etc.), a team member of the original team entered, who does not meet the minimum requirements set forth to continue competition under the Registered Team name, may receive one (1) or two (2) Day Permits to compete on the first horse and possibly the remainder of that rodeo. The entered name may be substituted, but it must be with a paid member in good standing for any points to count. The names of the replacement contestants must be reported to the XBRA office within 24 hours to retain any points earned.

**B8.1.2.4 Competition while Ineligible.** Any XBRA member becoming ineligible and working for another team will make that team ineligible to acquire points for that rodeo.

## **B8.2 Challenge to XBRA Points and Standings**

**B8.2.1 Inspection of Records.** The records of the XBRA, with respect to Championship Points and the Official XBRA Standings, shall be open for inspection to any member during any normal business day throughout the year.

**B8.2.2 Submission of Challenge.** A Member may contact the Director of Rodeo Administration via phone or e-mail if he believes that the Standings or Point Totals are not accurate. Upon superficial review of the standings or points in question, if the Director of Rodeo Administration believes that the posted Standings/point totals are in fact correct, the Member may then draft a letter outlining the points challenge and why he believes there is a discrepancy. Contestants wishing to challenge the XBRA standings calculation after the rodeo-year-end cutoff date (either with respect to their own winnings or those of another team or contestant) must submit a formal letter of challenge to the Director of Rodeo Administration no later than fourteen business days after the corresponding rodeo-year-end cutoff date.

### **B8.2.3 Correction of Errors**

**B8.2.1.1 Rodeo Official/Office Error.** In the case of an incorrect pay-out or result sheet due to Rodeo Official or Office error, the contestant must report the error within ten (10) days of the publication upon the Official Website or receipt of the XBRA newsletter containing the results of the particular rodeo or the points and pay-off remain as received.

**B8.2.1.2 Overpayment.** In the event of a calculation error in which contestants are overpaid and the error is discovered within 30-days following the date of the original payout, the individual contestants shall be responsible for re-payment of the misallocated funds. If at any point during the current rodeo season a contestant is found to have been underpaid, the XBR Office shall see that the funds are correctly redistributed to the contestant.

**B8.2.1.3 Redistribution of Points and Monies Earned.** If an Association Member reports a pay-out infraction within the time allotted and it is impossible to redistribute the correct monies, the member will still receive the correct number of points earned. **Points**

**shall always be corrected, regardless of when a discrepancy is discovered.**

**B8.3 Year-end Awards.** Anyone receiving a year-end award must be card-carrying member of the XBRA. All award money collected throughout the year will be used strictly for the year-end buckle awards. All other awards to include plaques, back numbers, etc. shall be paid out of the association operating account. A contestant must compete in a minimum of three (3) regular season XBR Rodeos in order to be eligible to win Year-end Awards.

**B8.3.1 World Championship.** The World Championship Team will be determined by combining rodeo-year-end winnings for that rodeo-year and National Finals Rodeo winnings from the NFR held in conjunction with that rodeo-year.

**B8.3.2 Rookie of the Year.** Rookie of the Year shall be awarded to that Rookie Permit-holder who wins the most championship points as of the end of the rodeo-year.

**B8.3.3 Circuit Championship.** In order to qualify to win a Circuit Championship, regardless of the number of rodeos hosted by the circuit, a Team (specifically the Team Name as listed in the National Standings) must have competed in a minimum of three (3) regular season XBR Rodeos in order to be eligible to win their respective Circuit Championship.

**B8.4 Rodeo Year End.** The Executive Board, at a regular or special meeting, shall establish a cutoff date which shall be the end of the rodeo year. All championship points won in a rodeo completed before midnight on the rodeo-year cutoff date shall be counted in the Official Standings for that rodeo-year. Championship points won in a rodeo completed after the rodeo-year cutoff date shall be counted in the following rodeo-year's Official Standings. All results of rodeos completed within a rodeo year must be forwarded to the XBRA National Office in a timely manner in order to provide for winnings to be counted; in accordance with Section J1.7.3 of the Judge's Handbook, XBRA Officials are required to submit their paperwork, including placings and points garnered for a rodeo, within 72 hours following conclusion of the last performance.

# CHAPTER 9

## TEAM REGISTRATION

### **B9.1 Team Registrations**

**B9.1.1 Team Registration Form.** Team registration forms must be signed by all team members. New team registrations will be accepted any time during the current season.

**B9.1.1.1 Deadline for Team Registration.** There is no charge for a team's first registration if the team registers **prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>**. After the deadline for team registration, a \$25 fee will be assessed for a first time registration or to make changes to the team's current registration.

**B9.1.2 Team Eligibility.** Each registered team member must be a paid member in good standing no later than the official submission date of the team registration.

**B9.1.3 Registered Team Entries.** The team must register under the name of one team captain and all entries must be made in the name of the registered team captain or the name under which the registered team has chosen to compete.

### **B9.2 Registered Team Competition Requirements**

**B9.2.1 Members Present for Competition Under Registered Team Name.** If a team is registered, the team captain is not required to compete in order to gain points for the National Finals, as long as two original team members are competing and the team is still entered in the original team captain's name.

**B9.2.2 Team Member Substitutions.** Any third person being substituted must be a member in good standing or buy a Day Permit in order for the points garnered to count for the National Standings.

**B9.3 Resignation of Team Registration.** A registered team may resign their registration at any time by written notice from the team captain. If disputed, the team captain will retain the points in question.

**B9.4 Team Captain Substitution.** The team captain may be changed to one of the original registered team members with the team captain's medical release only; a fee of \$25 will be assessed to cover office expenses. Changing the team captain is not required; instead, this is a matter of choice for the team. If not, the team must continue to compete under the

original team captain's name in order for the points to count for National Standings.

**B9.5 Team Member Replacement.** In the event of a current season injury rendering a contestant unable to compete for the remainder of the current season (i.e., a significant debilitating injury), a registered team may replace said injured man with paid member to continue as a registered team.

**B9.5.1 Team Captain May Continue to Compete Under Registered Name.** Team captain can compete and gain points as long as remaining two registered team members are not competing at any other rodeo or same rodeo to gain points for the same team or in the event that the other two registered team members are injured and have forwarded the proper medical release documentation to the National Office.



# CHAPTER 10

## NATIONAL FINALS RODEO AND NFR COMMITTEE

**B10.1 National Finals Committee.** The national finals rodeo and its procedures shall be decided upon by the XBR Executive Board of Directors. The National Finals Committee shall be chaired by the XBRA Vice President and shall serve to secure the location of, negotiate sponsors for, promote, and produce the XBR National Finals Rodeo.

**B10.1.1 NFR Ground Rules.** A minimum of 30 days prior to the first NFR performance, the National Finals Committee may produce a set of official "NFR Ground Rules" discussing the conduct and code expected of all NFR Contestants and Judges. The NFR Ground Rules shall be agreed upon and signed by **ALL NFR PARTICIPANTS** and shall be enforced throughout the duration of the event, including but not limited to meetings, sponsor appearances, official photos, award banquet, and while at the rodeo grounds. The NFR Ground Rules shall not in any way conflict with the General Rules for Competition, but will specifically address conduct outside the arena including, but not limited to attendance, attire, and receiving of payout.

**B10.2 National Finals Qualification.** According to the guidelines set forth in Chapter 1 and Chapter 8, all Team Captains and contestants must be full card-holding members in good standing in order to compete at the XBR National Finals. Teams (i.e. Team Name as listed in XBR National Standings) must have competed in a minimum of FIVE (5) regular season rodeos in the current rodeo season in order to be eligible for a National Finals Rodeo qualification.

**B10.2.1.** "NFR Qualifying Teams" will be limited to XBR Teams who have not only entered, but also competed at (i.e. taken at least one horse in a go-round of competition) a MINIMUM OF 5 REGULAR SEASON RODEOS.

**B10.2.2.** The NFR Team positions will be granted to those teams who: 1) have the most points accrued at the close of the regular rodeo season, AND 2) have also met the minimum rodeo requirement. **If a team has not met the minimum rodeo requirement, they will not be eligible to compete at the National Finals Rodeo.**

**B10.2.3** Should LESS THAN the maximum number of teams meet the above minimum rodeo qualification requirement, the remaining position(s) shall be granted in the following order: 1) Teams who

have the most points accrued at the close of the regular rodeo season, AND 2) have competed in a MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) REGULAR SEASON RODEOS, and so on until the maximum number of teams has been met.

**B10.2 National Finals Payout.** The National Finals shall not pay more than three (3) ways in the Go-Round; however, teams will be awarded points for all placings. The average payout shall follow the standard rules addressing "Average Payout," as describe in Part 7 of the Official Rodeo Rules. Ground rules and added money shall follow the guidelines set forth in Section B11.1.2 of the Bylaws and Parts R4.3 and R7.2.1 of the Official Rodeo Rules.

**B10.3 Attire.** Each team competing at the Finals shall be required to wear matching team shirts. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the team being disqualified from that performance; this shall be up to the discretion of the National Finals Committee.

**B10.4 Team Unable to Attend.** Any team that has qualified for the Finals and committed to compete may relinquish that obligation through a Medical Release (Part R9.2) or an Act of God (Part R9.1.4) that would make attendance at the Finals impossible. A team may also notify the National Office in a timely manner that they wish to be removed from consideration for Finals competition and allow the next qualifying team to have the option of acquiring their position.

**B10.5 Unable to Compete on First Horse Due to Act of God.** Any team unable to compete on their first horse due to an Act of God will have the following alternatives:

**B10.5.1 Notification.** Notify the XBR National Office or a Director that their team is delayed but will still be attending the National Finals and wish to compete on all remaining horses possible after their arrival. All turn-outs will be awarded zero (0) points; their average score will be figured based on all go-rounds held at the finals, regardless of whether or not the team was present.

**B10.5.2 Turn-out All Horses.** Turn-out all of their horses (for either acceptable or unacceptable reasons) and allow the next qualifying team to have the option of acquiring their position.

**B10.6 Unacceptable Turn-outs.** Teams turning out their horses for unacceptable reasons shall be penalized by a loss of all point standings for the competition year for which the National Finals is being held, the following

competition season, the team members shall be permitted to acquire an XBRA Membership, but their points shall not be counted toward the National Standings.

**B10.7 Team Substitutions.** If a qualifying contestant is physically unable to compete in the Finals before the first go-round, the other team members shall still be permitted to compete and may appoint an additional member of their choice to take the place of the disabled member, pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Chapter 9 addressing Team Registration. Any substitute members must carry a current XBR Full-Contestant Membership or have been a Full-Contestant Member in good-standing for the year for which the Finals are taking place.

**B10.7.1 Team Captain Unable to Compete.** If the Team Captain is unable to compete, the team must adhere to the rules set forth in Chapter 9, describing Registered Team requirements for competition.

# CHAPTER 11

## RODEO APPROVAL

### **B11.1 Rodeo Sanctions.**

**B11.1.1 Sanction Fees.** The XBRA reserves the right to charge a rodeo sanction fee; the standard sanction fee will be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be assessed on a per rodeo per year basis.

**B11.1.1.1 Sanction Fee Waiver.** Circuit Directors shall have the authority to waive two (2) sanction fees per year ONLY following approval via majority vote from the Executive Board of Directors.

**B11.1.2 Rodeos Must Honor XBRA Rules.** It is mandatory that a rodeo honor all the rules and regulations of the above sanction, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board.

**B11.2 Sanction Rules for both PRCA and Non-PRCA Rodeos.** XBRA Rules and Regulations must be followed at all PRCA and Non-PRCA Rodeos.

**B11.2.1 Sanctioning Timeframe.** All rodeos must be sanctioned and posted on the Official Website a minimum of 30 days prior to the date of the first performance of said rodeo.

**B11.2.2 Ground Rules & Added Money.** All ground rules and ground-rule changes from the previous year must be posted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first performance of said rodeo. Additionally, all added money provided by the rodeo committee shall be confirmed at the time of sanction-approval; the total amount of added money shall be posted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first performance of said rodeo. Any additional money added after the thirty-day cut-off shall be awarded according to the rules set forth for “Bonus Moneys” as described in Part R7.2.

**B11.2.3 Future Sanctions.** The XBRA reserves the right not to sanction any future events.

**B11.2.4 Entries.** All entries will be taken by the XBRA National Office, in accordance with procedures outlined in Part 4 of the Official Rodeo Rules.

### **B11.3 Added Money**

**B11.3.1 Collection of Added Money.** At the discretion of the Executive Board, a rodeo committee may be required to send the added money to the National Office prior to the first rodeo

performance; such a requirement shall be decided upon and confirmed with the rodeo committee at the time of sanction.

**B11.3.2 Minimum amount added.** For all rodeos, both PRCA and Non-PRCA, the added money will be a minimum of \$1,500 or \$750 a go-round, whichever is greater (e.g. a one-day, one go-round rodeo must add a minimum of \$1,500).

**B11.3.2.1 Less than Minimum Added.** A rodeo may be sanctioned for added money less than described in B11.2.2 above, and a special entry fee may be established by the Circuit Director, however, unless specifically approved by the Executive Board prior to the date of entries opening, the points won will be counted for Circuit Standings only.

**B11.4 Venue.** The event must have a minimum of four (4) chutes, unless otherwise approved by the Circuit Director.

**B11.5 Points.** If a rodeo committee follows the XBRA sanctioning guidelines as described in Chapter 11, including the minimum amount of added money and minimum number of chutes, the points won at that rodeo will be counted for the national standings regardless of the number of teams entered.

**B11.6 Tradition Consideration.** Any rodeo that featured the XBRA event before the sanctioning procedure was instituted in 1976 and desires to continue a specific tradition that has been in effect before 1976 must have the tradition considered by the XBRA Board of Directors. This allowance, or special addition to the event, cannot alter the prescribed pay-off or entry fee requirements. This rule is at the discretion of the Circuit Director and Executive Board.

**B11.7 Exhibition Team.** An exhibition team may be permitted to take a horse at any XBR rodeo, with express approval of the judge or the regional director; all exhibition teams will be required to complete liability waivers/release forms prior to competition.

**B11.8 Rodeo Series.** The Board of Directors shall have the ability to initiate a rodeo series as they see fit, and may include any number of XBR sanctioned rodeos. The Board may appoint a "Series Chairman" who may initiate a Series Committee, help to define the rules and regulations specific to said series, select awards and/or prizes, acquire sponsors, and who shall promote the series to the general membership.

## CHAPTER 12

### OFFICIAL RODEO RULES

**B12.1 Official Rodeo Rules.** The rules governing the fairness or conduct of the competition at XBRA rodeos, the safety of contestants and livestock, and the definition of the event of Xtreme Bronc Riding shall be referred to as “Official Rodeo Rules,” which shall be published in a section separate from these Bylaws, but which shall have the weight and legal effect of Bylaws of the XBRA, provided, however, that in the event of a conflict between a Bylaw and a Rule, the Bylaw shall prevail.

**B12.2 Membership Vote.** All additions, deletions, or modifications to the rule book must either be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board or shall be presented for Membership vote before they can be adopted and placed into effect.

**B12.2 Amendment of Rules by Membership.** When a membership vote is initiated, the Official Rodeo Rules may be amended or modified in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

**B12.2.1 Proposal.** Any voting Contestant, Member, Director, or member of the Executive Board may submit a rule change proposal requesting an addition to, a deletion of, or modification of the Official Rodeo Rules. Such rule change proposal shall be made in writing and shall state the proposed wording of the addition, deletion, or modification of the rule as well as the reasons for the proposal.

**B12.2.1.1 Submission of Proposal.** Proposals requesting an addition to, a deletion of, or modification of the Official Rodeo Rules must be submitted and received by the national office no later than one week prior to the mid-year meeting. Each submitted proposal will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next General Membership or Executive Board meeting. During the mid-year meeting, all Rule Book proposals will be brought before the general membership for consideration, explanation, and clarification.

**B12.2.1.2 Voting on Rule Book Proposals.** The proposals shall be listed on the official ballot and presented to the general membership for voting approval during the official yearly election.

**B12.2.1.3 Rules Taking Effect.** Rule Book amendments voted upon and passed by a majority vote of the general membership shall be included in the Official Rule Book for the following Rodeo Year. The new amendments shall not go into effect until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Rodeo Season following the election. In the event that the National Finals Rodeo is held after January 1<sup>st</sup>, the National Finals shall adhere to the published rules as stated in the Official Rule Book of the year of competition for which the Finals is being held.

# CHAPTER 13

## GENERAL

**B13.1 Governing Law.** These Bylaws and the Official Rodeo Rules shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

**B13.2 Exhaustion of Remedies.** No Member may invoke the aid of the courts in the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within the XBRA including, but not limited to, the Grievance Procedure set forth in Chapter 7 of these Bylaws. For any violation of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines, and shall be liable to the XBRA for all expenses incurred by the XBRA and its officers in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:

1. Court Costs
2. Attorney's fees
3. Reasonable compensation for time spent by the XBRA officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances
4. Travel expenses

**B13.3 Forum Selection in Case of Litigation.** If a Member or Permit Member, after exhausting all remedies available within the XBRA, files suit or any other action against the XBRA, such suit or action must be filed and litigated in an appropriate court located in Santa Barbara County, California (provided, however, that if the suit or action involves a claim for which federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction, then such suit or action must be filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of California in Sacramento, California), and such suit or action shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. This provision is intended also to apply to a former Member or Permit Member who files a suit or action against the XBRA and whose claim arose while such former Member or Permit Member was a Member or Permit Member of the XBRA.





**XTREME BRONC RIDING ASSOCIATION**

# **Official Rodeo Rules**

*Effective January 1, 2023*

# OFFICIAL RODEO RULES

## PART 1

### GENERAL RULES FOR COMPETITION

- R1.1** All contestants must adhere to the Xtreme Bronc Riding Association Rules and Bylaws on personal conduct and humane animal treatment.
- R1.1.1** If any situation should arise where an appropriate ruling is unavailable in the Xtreme Bronc Riding Association (XBRA) Rule Book, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rules and Bylaws shall apply. If neither association has a rule governing the situation, the Board of Directors will be responsible for determining the proper course of action.
- R1.2 Three Men per Team.** A maximum of three (3) contestants per team, for each horse they have drawn, in any one performance.
- R1.3 Animal Cruelty.** No animal shall be treated inhumanely by any XBRA Contestant or Member at any time in or out of the arena. Any account of animal cruelty, including but not limited to the biting of horses' ears and/or gouging of eyes, is grounds for automatic disqualification from the entire rodeo and/or loss of membership privileges at the discretion of the Rodeo Official or Circuit Director.
- R1.4 Equipment Responsibility.** Each team must supply their own saddle, halter, and lead shank.
- R1.5 Lead Shank Length.** The lead shank may not exceed sixteen (16) feet in total length, from the tip of the snap to the tail of the rope.
- R1.6 "Break Out Rule."** If any team should unlatch or untie the chute gate prior to the start of the race and the draw horse should become free of the chute (due to premature gate opening) before the signal is given for the race to begin (aka "Breaking Out"), the team/teams responsible will be automatically disqualified.
- R1.7 Working a Horse.** The horse must be worked by the lead shank from the halter only. No choking down, half-hitches or trip ropes are allowed.

**R1.8 Mugging.** A horse may not be mugged (hands above the withers) until his entire body (tail not included) is clear of the chute gate when open at a ninety (90) degree angle from the closed position. Once the animal has cleared the gate requirements, the team may continue competition wherever the horse may take them, except inside the confines of the chute. If a horse should return to the chute, he must be brought out and be clear of the chute before he can be saddled.

**R1.9 Saddling.** The horse may not be saddled while lying down or within the confines of any chute. A horse may be saddled in a sitting, rearing or standing position.

**R1.10 Chute Stalling.** In the case where a horse stalls in the chute (will not readily leave the chute for an extended period of time), it will be left to the judge's discretion as to whether or not the team will be allowed to mug the horse before the horse clears the chute. The use of a prod shall be allowed only when meeting the guidelines set forth in Section B6.3.3.6.1.

**R1.11 Saddling Behind the Finish Line.** If a horse is saddled behind the finish line, the horse must re-cross to the proper side and then cross the finish line again in the proper direction in order for a placing to count. This rule only applies to an arena race where the finish is a line completely crossing the opposite end of the arena and the three-jump rule is in effect.

**R1.12 Shank Rope Release Rule.** At all rodeos all Xtreme Bronc Riding teams are required to remove the shank rope, or have a quick release, leaving a maximum of 4 ft on the shank rope as the three-jump rule takes effect; both track and arena races shall require shank ropes to release at no longer than 4 ft in length. If a team does not perform this task, they will be disqualified from that performance.

**R1.12.1 Exception to Shank Rope Release Rule.** This rule does not apply to track races at which the equipment (e.g. halter and shank rope) is provided for all contestants by the rodeo committee or stock contractor.

**R1.13 Up and Out Rule (or "Three Jump Rule").** All Xtreme Bronc Riding events sanctioned by the Association within the continental U.S. shall enforce the Up and Out Rule. This rule shall automatically be in effect unless otherwise specified by the rodeo committee or Board of Directors. When the rider is mounted in the saddle, his team members may not retain the lead shank or halter after the horse has completed three (3) full jumps or steps in any

direction. The rider has the option of retaining lead shank at all times if he so desires.

**R1.13.1 Up and Out Rule Exceptions.** At any time the rider becomes dislodged from the horse and saddle or harm or injury is apparent to man or horse, a rescue attempt involving the use of the lead shank is legal. The three-jump rule will begin again upon the rider's remount onto the saddle.

**R1.13.2 Official's Ruling on Up and Out.** This rule is a judgment call and the Judge's decision is final. Failure to abide by this rule will result in an immediate disqualification from that performance.

**R1.14 Hazing of Horses During Competition.** Only team members and other XBRA contestants entered in that particular performance may haze any number of horses with or without riders and may even cross the finish line without incurring any penalties. Exceptions to this rule will be allowed only upon consent from the XBRA Board of Directors, on a per rodeo basis.

**R1.15 No Re-Catch.** Teams may proceed with competition as long as at least one team member retains contact with the horse or shank rope. Once a team has lost contact with their horse and/or shank rope, they will not be allowed to re-catch the horse at any time.

**R1.16 Finish Line.** Every race must have a finish line clearly designated. In all arena races the finish shall be perpendicular to the chutes; the official finish line originates from the center of the barrel, which shall be placed directly across from the centermost point of the chutes, 30 feet (or 10 paces) away from the arena fence or wall. The official finish line shall be considered to originate from the centermost point of the barrel and shall extend (perpendicular to the chutes) to the arena fence or wall. The barrel must have its original position marked with a visible substance to mark the finish line in the event the barrel designating the finish line is knocked out of its original position.

**R1.17 Crossing the Finish Line.** Once a rider is mounted, no team member except the rider may cross the finish line with a lead shank in hand.

**R1.18 Rider Positioning.** In order to place, the rider must be seated in the saddle wherever the saddle may be positioned on the horse. Hanging on the side or over the saddle, seated behind or in front of the saddle, does not constitute a qualified ride. The rider's entire physical body must cross the finish line. Regardless of the horse's position relative to the finish line, the

rider's entire body and the entire saddle must begin on one side of the finish line and cross over to the other in order to constitute a valid placing.

**R1.19 Shank Rope in Hand.** When competing in a track race, the rider is responsible for keeping the shank rope in his hand unless the Shank Rope Release Rule (R0.23) is in effect.

**R1.20 Approaching the Judge.** Upon crossing the finish line, no team may approach the judge until the race is complete and both the judge and contestants have exited the arena; failure to comply with this rule may result in a fine at the judge's discretion.

**R1.21 Rules Initiated at Specific Rodeos.** As arena conditions vary from one rodeo to another, guidelines governing the race may be implemented by the rodeo committee. These rules shall not alter the standard entry fee or pay-off guidelines or change the basic performance rules of the event. No rule shall be in direct conflict with existing XBRA rules and policies.

**R1.22 Setting Ground-Rules.** Any new ground-rules or changes made to a rodeo from the previous sanctioned year must be cleared through rodeo's Circuit Director; all changes must be posted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first performance, at the time when entries open.

**R1.23 Rule Application and Boundaries.** These rules and regulations shall be in effect at both PRCA and Non-PRCA rodeos sanctioned by XBRA within the United States. All Xtreme Bronc Riding sanctioned rodeos featuring the Xtreme Bronc Riding event outside the United States shall be governed by the printed rules and regulations in the country where competition occurs as standardized by their rodeo association.

**R1.24 Video Ruling.** Video cameras will be used at the finish line (when available) for placing only, NOT TO BE USED FOR INFRACTIONS. Judge's decision is final; personal videos will not be accepted for placing or infractions.

**R1.25 The judge's decision is always final.**

## PART 2 EQUIPMENT

- R2.1** All equipment is subject to inspection by committee, stock contractor, rodeo officials and/or directors.
- R2.1.1** If equipment is rejected, said team must provide new equipment for approval or be disqualified from that performance and fined for turn-out prior to the event.
- R2.2 Halters.** Halters must be of leather or of a nylon fabric without a chain attached, tacks inserted, blinders or any pressure devices added, meeting the requirement set forth in Part R10.2.
- R2.3 Lead Shanks.** Lead shanks shall not exceed more than sixteen (16) feet in total length.
- R2.3.1 Lead Shanks Provided for Contestants.** If the lead shanks are supplied by anyone other than the XBRA teams, the shank must be the minimum of fourteen (14) feet in length. (The larger the rope diameter, the less chance of injury to the animal and contestant.)
- R2.3.2 Lead Shank Attachments.** Shanks may contain a metal clip or ring if used to attach shank to halter or at the point of breakaway.
- R2.4 Saddles.** Saddles may be of any style and size and are not required to have stirrups or a horn; however, the saddle must contain front swells and a cantle. There must always be a protective material between the saddle and the horse, i.e., sheepskin, foam rubber or a blanket meeting the requirements set forth in Part R10.2. The protective material must be securely attached to the saddle in a manner which will not harm the horse.
- R2.5 Quick Cinch.** Quick cinches and safety belts are acceptable if they are attached to a proper belly cinch and are not harmful to the animal.
- R2.6 Releases.** A simple trip release is required for fast and easy removal of the saddle in the stripping chutes.

## PART 3

### EVENT FORMAT

#### R3.1 Type of Race

- R3.1.1 Track or Arena.** Any Xtreme Bronc Riding event shall be designated as either a track or an arena race.
- R3.1.2 “Track Race”:** any racetrack where the animals are clear of the chutes at the start of the race.
- R3.1.3 “Arena Race”:** an arena race shall be any race where the animals come from chutes with starting signals.

#### R3.2 Track Race.

- R3.2.1 Qualified Ride.** In order to have a qualified ride on a track the rider must physically maintain control of the animal drawn the entire distance of the track, crossing the designated finish line before the designated time limit has elapsed.
- R3.2.2 Re-Catches.** If the team saddles the horse and the rider bucks off in the staging area (without first progressing around the track), and re-catches the horse after the animal has made the entire distance around the track without a rider, the rider must remount and then go completely around the track before the team can be placed. This rule is subject to committee review and approval.
- R3.2.3 Disqualification.** After the horses have been haltered, at no point prior to the official start of the race shall a contestant make direct or indirect contact with the animal; contact with the contestant’s hand, body, or any piece of equipment will be grounds for immediate disqualification. If the rider and horse jump the rail, at any time, the team will automatically be disqualified from that go-round or performance.

#### R3.3 Arena Race.

- R3.3.1 Draw.** All arena races shall be chute draw unless animals are numbered and drawn. In the case of a chute draw, it is preferred that the draw is made after the horses are loaded in the chutes. If the draw is made prior to loading the chutes, it must be done by a judge or an XBRA representative and may not be posted or announced until horses are loaded in the chutes. (Refer to Part 6 “Drawing Positions/Stock”)
- R3.3.2 Race Start.** All races must be started on an even basis; no odd/even gate openings are allowed.

- R3.3.4 No Trip Races Allowed.** At no time will a trip race be allowed. A contestant need not take the saddle from the horse and return to the judge for a placing or to make a qualified ride.
- R3.3.5 Intentional Gating.** Any team intentionally “gating” or trapping another XBRA team with the use of the chute gate will result in a disqualification; judges will use discretion and Judge's rulings are final.
- R3.3.5 Finish Line.** As previously stated in Part R1.15, in all arena races the finish line shall be perpendicular to the chutes, with the barrel marking the finish line placed directly across from the centermost point of the chutes, 30 feet (or 10 paces) away from the arena fence or wall. The barrel must have its original position marked with a visible substance to mark the finish line in the event the barrel designating the finish line is knocked out of its original position.
- R3.3.6 Time Limit.** All arena races shall be conducted with a time limit of two (2) minutes. The XBRA Judge officiating the event will be responsible for keeping the official time; regardless of whether or not a horn or buzzer sounds, teams should pursue competition until the XBRA Judge signals that the two (2) minutes has officially elapsed.



## PART 4

### ENTRIES

#### R4.1 Entry Fees

**R4.1.1 Fees.** Entry fees for all rodeos, with the exception to those referred to in B11.2.2.1, will be a minimum of \$395 per team. Fees collected as part of entry fees are secretary fees, office fees and judges' fees. Any additional fees such as day permits or any other fees will be assessed on a per team/individual basis.

**R4.1.1.1 Fee Standard Exception.** The exception to this rule is any current grandfathered rodeo with entry fees higher than \$390.00 or any future rodeo that desires to establish a higher entry fee as designated on their sanction sheet and approved by the Circuit Director.

**R4.1.2 First Year Members.** First year members will be on probation for one (1) year. Entry fees for first year members are required to be into the National Office no later than 5 days after entries have closed; entries must be paid online.

**R4.1.3 Local Entries.** Local/non-member entries will be required to send their entry fees to the National Office no later than 5 days after entries have closed. Included will be a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) local/non-member fee per team per rodeo; the \$50 fee may be collected by the rodeo official before the first performance if open chutes are still available. These points will not count towards national finals standings.

#### R4.2 Entries

**R4.2.1 Placing Entries.** Entries must be placed by the Team Captain, who will be required to work the team during each go-round in which he is drawn; the other two contestants may be substituted at the team's discretion. (Exception, "Registered Teams" as designated in Chapter 9, "Team Registration.")

**R4.2.1.1 Team Captain Unable to Compete.** In the event that the team captain becomes unable to compete due to injury incurred during competition at said rodeo, the team may register and the team captain may be replaced at the judge's discretion, providing the other two team members continue to compete under that same team name.

- R4.2.2 Entry Eligible.** Only XBRA contestants who are "in good standing" with the Association, will be allowed to enter XBRA sanctioned "card member only" events.
- R4.2.3 Local Entries.** A local team may enter a sanctioned XBRA event if they are not a member of the XBRA, as long as the XBRA accepts local entries [within fifty (50) miles of the rodeo].
- R4.2.4 Methods of Entry.** A rodeo may not close entries to personal appearance only; entries must be accepted via online entry or the current established entry method during the hours and days entries are open.
- R4.2.5 Pre-Payment of Entries.** The XBRA or a committee may ask for entry fees to be paid prior to entry closing time.
- R4.2.6 Close of Entries.** Entries must close prior to the beginning of the first performance. Unless otherwise designated by the Circuit Director, entries will close 72 hours after the time of entries opening (not including Saturday and Sunday). If chute openings are still available, additional teams may place entries after entries have officially closed (see R4.2.6.2).
- R4.2.6.1 Request for Entry Removal Prior to Close of Entries.**  
A team may remove their name from competition without incurring fines or penalties only if the request for removal is presented to the National Office prior to the close of entries (if a specific time is not designated, the default time shall be midnight on the closing date).
- R4.2.6.2 Entering After Close of Entries.** After close of entries, all entered teams, or any teams that may still enter in the event that openings are available, shall be held responsible for entry fees and all other entry requirements.
- R4.2.7 XBR Team Entries.** Entries must be open first to all XBRA Members in good standing as a single team entry.
- R4.2.8 Double-backs.** Double-back entries will be allowed if openings are available and/or if teams are needed.
- R4.2.8.1 Alternate Team Name.** Teams who wish to double-back must enter under a Team Name other than the team for which they have already confirmed entry to that rodeo. They must also designate a separate Team Captain who will be held accountable for the separate Team Name and entry.
- R4.2.9 Non-Local/Non-Member Teams.** Non-Local/Non-Member teams may be permitted to enter a rodeo at the discretion of a judge and/or a Director, in the event that the chutes are not full.

**R4.3 Added Money at Opening of Entries.** All added money must be stated prior to the date of entries opening. If more money is added to a purse at a later date, it will be paid out to the cowboys, but will not count for National Standings Points; see R7.2.1 for allocation of “Bonus Money Won.”

**R4.4 Maximum Entries**

**R4.4.1 Close of Entries.** Rodeo entries may not be closed prior to set closing date. Entries may be extended at the Director’s discretion if special circumstances dictate that such an extension is necessary.

**R4.4.2 Imposition of the “Qualifying Rule.”** If entries go one past the maximum number of entry positions available the qualifying rule may be instated (see Part 5, “Qualifying Rodeos”). All teams entered must be XBRA Members before considering the implementation of the qualifying rule.

**R4.4.2.1 Example:**

8 chutes x 4 performances = 32

$32 \div 2 = 16$  **Teams- Maximum Entry**

**R4.4.2.2 Odd Number of Chutes and Performances.** In the case of both the number of chutes and the number of performances being odd numbers, the calculation would be as illustrated below:

7 chutes x 3 performances = 21 - 1 = 20

$20 \div 2 = 10$  **Teams- Maximum Entry**

The result is always an even number of teams. This will allow each team to compete on a minimum of two-head average.

**R.4.4.3 Track Race Maximum Entry.** Track races may figure a maximum entry according to a minimum of a one-head and a finals at fifteen (15) head per performance.

## PART 5

### QUALIFYING RODEOS & FINALS

#### R5.1 Qualifying Rodeos

**R5.1.1 “Qualifying Rule.”** The qualifying rule has been instated to cope with excessive entries at popular rodeos; this rule is not in effect at all rodeos. The Qualifying Rule applies as follows:

**R5.1.1.1** All contestants must be members of the XBRA.

**R5.1.1.2** Teams with the most money won will be entered (in the event of the first rodeo of the year, entries will be based upon the previous year’s National Standings; team captain’s must remain the same) .

**R5.1.1.3** Teams entering the largest number of rodeos (from the first rodeo of that season to close of entry for that rodeo) will be given second priority, after all teams that qualify from Rules R5.1.1.1 and R5.1.1.2 above are met.

**R5.1.1.4** Teams within a fifty-mile radius and Members in good standing will be given third priority.

**R5.1.1.5** All remaining entries will be added on a “first-come-first-served” basis (e.g. teams will be added to the Official Line-Up in the order of which they enter regardless of their reference to Rules R5.1.1.2 through R5.1.1.4).

#### R5.2 Finals

**R5.2.1 Finals Go-round.** A rodeo may hold a finals, but only in the last performance. It will be paid as another go-round where teams will receive go-round money for their finals placings.

**R5.2.2 Turn-out in Final Go.** In the final go-round, at any given rodeo, all qualifying contestants (i.e. Team Captains) must compete on animals drawn. They may not work more than one (1) animal in any one given performance and they may not turn-out except with a verified medical release. A qualifying contestant that turns-out and works with another team shall automatically cause disqualification for both teams involved.

**R5.2.3 Rodeos Holding a Finals Must Be Timed.** Any rodeo which has properly designated that they will be holding a final go-round shall require the judge to keep times for all placings in all go-rounds. The times shall become applicable only in the event of a points tie between teams qualifying for the final-go.

**R5.2.3.1 One Head and a Finals.** In the case of a one-head and a finals, the tie shall go to the team with the fastest time for that go-round in which they qualified; all additional chutes shall be filled by the next fastest qualifying time and so on (see R5.2.4 for example).

**R5.2.3.2 Multiple Go-Rounds and a Finals.** In the case of multiple go-rounds and a finals, ties shall be decided based on the following: 1) First consideration shall go to the team with the highest number of crossings; 2) Second consideration shall go to the team with the fastest cumulative time (based on all go's considered for the teams finals qualification); 3) If after the previous two considerations have been taken into account a tie still exists, the tie shall be decided via "draw from the hat" method.

**R5.2.4 Number of Qualified Teams.** Any rodeo holding a qualifying final go-round may accept the top qualifying teams equal to the number of chutes or set number of teams determined by the Circuit Director **prior to the first go round of the rodeo**. In the event of a points tie entering the rodeo's final go-round, the teams will be selected based upon their qualifying times. The team with the fastest time for that go-round in which they qualified for the final-go shall be selected first to fill any open chutes; all additional chutes shall be filled by the next fastest qualifying time and so on.

**R5.2.4.1 Example:**

9 chutes in the rodeo, 4 performances

-The top placings each day will advance to the finals

Day one = 2 teams cross

Day two = 4 teams cross

Day three = 4 teams cross

-The teams which qualify for the short-go are as follows:

→ Both teams from day one

→ Top 3 teams from day two

→ Top 3 teams from day three

-The final team shall be the fourth place team which holds the fastest qualifying time for that go in which they qualified for the finals.

## PART 6

### DRAWING POSITIONS/STOCK

**R6.0 Animal Draw.** All arena races shall be chute draw unless animals are numbered and drawn. In the case of a chute draw, it is preferred that the draw is made after the horses are loaded in the chutes. If the draw is made prior to loading the chutes, it must be done by a judge or an XBRA representative and may not be posted or announced until horses are loaded in the chutes.

**R6.1 Judge's Draw.** All race draws shall be decided by the judge.

**R6.1.1 Announcement of the Draw.** The decision should be stated so that the least confusion, time spent, and fairness to all contestants is considered.

**R6.1.2** All other arena rules apply.

**R6.1.3 Numbered Animals.** Upon drawing numbered livestock where contestants receive said animal, the draw may be made and posted at any time.

**R6.1.4 Hat Draw.** Draw must be made by a "numbers from the hat" method.

**R6.1.5 No double-chute draw.** At no time will two teams be allowed to compete from the same chute at the same time.

## PART 7 PAYOUT

### R7.1 Payout

**R7.1.1 Breakdown of Payout.** In all payouts there shall be an aggregate average. The average shall be 50% of the total purse, entry fees and added money. The other 50% shall be divided equally into go-round money.

**R7.1.1.1 Go-Round.** Each time the event is conducted from start to finish, whether held as part of a performance or slack, shall constitute a go-round.

**R7.1.1.2 Example:**

**\$600** (entry fees; less Secretary & Award Fees)  
**+ \$1000** (added money)  
**= \$1,600** (total purse)

$\$1,600 \div 2 = \text{\$800 Average}$

$\$800 \div 2 \text{ go-rounds} = \text{\$400 per go-round}$

Thus, **\\$800** Go-Rounds + **\\$800** Average = **\\$1,600** (total purse)

**R7.1.2 Number of Places paid.**

**R7.1.2.1 Seven (7) Teams or Less.** If the majority of the performances have seven (7) or less teams out in a go-round, the payout shall pay to first and second (60%-40%).

**R7.1.2.2 Eight (8) to Ten (10) Teams.** If the majority of performances have eight (8) to ten (10) teams out, it shall pay first, second, and third (50%-30%-20%).

**R7.1.2.3 Eleven (11) or More Teams.** If the majority of performances have eleven (11) or more teams out in a go, it shall pay first, second, third, and fourth (40%-30%-20%-10%)

**R7.1.3 One (1) Horse, One (1) Performance Rodeo.** A one (1) horse, one (1) performance rodeo shall pay on an average basis only.

**R7.1.4 Rodeos with Even Numbers of Performances.** If a rodeo has an even number of performances and 50% of the performances have eight (8) or eleven (11) teams, all performances will be paid to the maximum number of teams.

**R7.1.5 Average payoff on 50% of total purse:**

\$1,000-\$3,000 purse, 3 places (50%, 30%, 20%)

\$3,001-\$6,000 purse, 4 places (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%)

\$6,000 and up purse, 5 places (39%, 29%, 19%, 9%, 4%)

**R7.1.6 Payout via Check.** All winnings must be paid out by check to have documentation of the transaction, if the Director pays cash, then he must still write a check and then void the check for XBRA records

**R7.1.7 Ground Split.** The only instance in which a ground split shall be paid is when no one team crosses the finish line for a placing during the entire rodeo. All unclaimed monies will be divided proportionately between the placing teams.

**R7.1.7.1 One Team & No Teams Placing.** If only one (1) team shall place, they shall receive all the monies. If no one team shall place in a go-round, the monies shall be added to the average.

**R7.1.8 Points.** The largest number of teams entered in any performance at that rodeo shall be where the points start.

**R7.1.8.1 Example:** if one performance has nine and all the rest have nine or less teams, points will start at nine and continue through one, placing all teams that cross the finish line within the time limit.

**R7.1.9 Placings.** Number of placings will always continue until the time limit is exhausted.

**R7.1.10 Ties.** In case of a tie at the finish line, the placing shall be split evenly between tying teams. Tie for first and second place would be  $5 + 4 = 9$ ;  $9 \div 2 = 4\frac{1}{2}$

**R7.1.11 Winning Team as Designated by Points.** The team with the largest number of points at the end of the rodeo is the winner.

**R7.1.12 "Pay-out Rule":** the pay-out will include entry fees from the teams that have pre-paid or are competing at the time of the rodeo. In the event of a turn-out, if the turn-out fee and fine is received within 30 days of the last performance of that rodeo, the pay-out will be changed to include the entry fee of the turn-out team; if it is received after the 30 days, it will be put into the Operating Account to benefit the Association.

**R7.2 Bonus Monies**

**R7.2.1 Bonus Monies Won.** Bonus monies won at individual rodeos shall not count in the cumulative tabulation for each team or National Standings. Regardless, the XBRA office must be made



aware of the amount to be paid and the manner in which the amount is to be distributed.

**R7.2.2 Wild Ride.** A wild ride shall not count towards the average and shall not be paid from the purse money. If a rodeo wishes to award a wild ride, they must appropriate extra funds and the winner shall be paid after each performance.

## PART 8

### DRAWING OUT & TURNING OUT

#### **R8.1 Drawing Out & Turning Out**

**R8.1.1 “Drawing Out”:** When a team/team captain, who does not possess a medical release, **notifies the National Office** that they will not be competing at a rodeo which they have officially entered and for which entries have already closed.

**R8.1.2 “Turning Out”:** When a team/team captain, who does not possess a medical release and expresses no sign of visible injury that would prevent further competition, **does not contact the XBRA National Office**, Circuit Director, or Rodeo Official at least two (2) hours prior to the first performance of the rodeo and fails to present for competition.

**R8.1.3 Draw-Out Fines.** Any team drawing out of a rodeo without a medical release must have their entry fees in to the XBRA national office within 24 hours after the last performance of the rodeo entered. If entry fees are not received within 24 hours, there shall be a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) fine added to the entry fees and possibly a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per rodeo turnout fine assessed as well, at the discretion of the appropriate Circuit Director. If the fines are not paid in full within one month (30 days), another fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month will be added for up to four months (for a total of an additional \$200.00).

**R8.1.4 Turn-Out Fines.** Any team turning out at any rodeo and not contacting the XBRA National Office, Circuit Director, or rodeo Official at minimum of two (2) hours prior to the first performance of the rodeo will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) along with their entry and office fees. A team notifying the office in a timely manner may still incur a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per rodeo fine, which may be waived at the discretion of the rodeos’ Circuit Director. If a team incurs any fines or penalties, it will be the responsibility of the team captain to make sure these fines and/or penalties are paid to the XBRA office. If the team captain decides the entire team should shoulder this responsibility, it will be up to him to collect any monies owed to him by the team members. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the team captain being blacklisted from future XBRA events until payment is received in full.

PART 9  
TRADE-OUTS/SUBSTITUTIONS  
& MEDICAL RELEASES

**R9.1 Trade-Outs/Substitutions**

**R9.1.1** Trade Outs are accepted in XBRA entries, except in the case of a "no trade-out show."

**R9.1.1.1 "No Trade-Out Show."** In a "no trade-out show," the entered name is responsible to pay the entry.

**R9.1.2 Trade-Out Clearance.** A team may trade-out their entry after entries have closed and prior to that team's first go-round of competition. Any team trading out will be cleared through the National Office, Director and/or judge of said rodeo; the rodeo judge must receive confirmation from either the National Office or the Circuit Director before he can accept the trade prior to the performance. If the traded-out team does not show for the performance and/or the rodeo, and does not pay the entry fee, the team accepting the trade out will be held responsible for the entry fee and any fines assessed and added to the blacklist if fees are not paid.

**R9.1.3 Teams Capable of Trade-Outs.** Teams capable of trade-out are at the discretion of the Judge or Director and will only be considered prior to that team's first go-round of competition.

**R9.1.4 Trade-Outs under Extenuating Circumstances.** In the case of an extenuating circumstance (e.g. medical emergency, flight problem, weather, act of God), it will be up to the said rodeo Official/Director to permit a trade out.

**R9.2 Medical Releases and Substitutions**

**R9.2.1 Medical Releases.** The Team Captain may draw his team out prior to his first animal and shall be returned their full entry fee under a medical release for the Team Captain only.

**R9.2.1.1 Valid Medical Release.** A medical release must be signed by a licensed physician and the patient listed must be the Team Captain. The release must be sent (via fax or e-mail) to the XBRA office within 24 hours of notification of medical release. The XBRA office or Circuit Director must be notified of the turn-out prior to the team's first rodeo performance.

**R9.2.1.2 Medical Release for Registered Team.** Only if a "Team Registration Form" has been previously filed

with the XBRA National Office **prior to the date of injury**, the Team Captain may then request a medical release from competition in the event one of the Team Members is injured and deemed unable to compete. The Team Captain must then submit a valid medical release signed by a licensed physician and the patient listed must be a member of the Registered Team. The release must be sent (via fax or e-mail) to the XBRA office within 24 hours of notification of medical release. The XBRA office or Circuit Director must be notified of the turn-out prior to the team's first rodeo performance.

- R9.2.2 Turn-Out Due to Injury or Illness.** If a team turns-out due to an injury or illness of one of the team members, a turn-out fee and fines may result.
- R9.2.3 First Medical Release.** The first medical release will be fully excused and the team refunded the entry fee if the medical release is executed before the team takes their first horse.
- R9.2.4 Second Medical Release.** Upon receipt or notification of a second medical release, the submitting member (who has received the medical release) will be placed on a mandatory thirty (30) day suspension, based on the decision of the Circuit Director. The member will not be eligible to enter or participate with any team, in any performance, at any sanctioned XBRA rodeo. The result of participation with any team would be a disqualification of the team from that performance and a forfeiture of any monies and/or points won in that performance.
- R9.2.5 Following Notification of Medical Release.** A Member who has received and notified the XBRA office or a Director of a medical release for a particular rodeo may not participate at that rodeo, or any other rodeo, with his or any other team. This would result in a disqualification of that team for each performance in which the excused Member did participate.
- R9.2.6 Failure to Notify.** In the event that the Team Captain does not notify the XBRA office or a Director of a medical turn-out, the Team Captain will be held responsible for entry fees and any fines assessed.

## PART 10

### HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

**R10.0 General.** These rules are intended to ensure the humane treatment of rodeo animals and shall be in effect for all XBRA-sanctioned events. No animal shall be treated inhumanely by any Member.

**R10.1 Sore, Lamé, Sick, or Injured Animal.** Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick, or injured animal, shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or incapacitated between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competition, that animal shall not be used in competition and another animal shall be drawn for the contestant as provided in the XBRA Official Rodeo Rules.

**R10.1.1 Removal of Injured Animal.** A conveyance must be available, supplied by the rodeo committee, and shall be used, where practicable, to remove animals from the arena in case of injury; conveyance must be large enough to remove a horse. Animals removed from the arena pursuant to this Part shall be placed in a situation as isolated and comfortable as possible to reduce stress.

**R10.1.2 Must be Humane.** Any injured livestock shall be humanely removed from the arena before continuing the rodeo contest or performance.

**R10.2 No Sharp Objects in Cinch, Saddle, or Halter.** No sharp or cutting objects in cinch, saddle, girth, or halter shall be permitted.

#### **R10.3 Arena.**

**R10.3.1 Construction of Chutes.** Chutes must be constructed to prevent injury to an animal. Maintenance men and equipment shall be available at chutes to assist in removal of any animal should it become necessary.

**R10.3.2 Conditions of Arena.** The arena shall be as free as possible of rock, holes, and unnecessary obstacles.

**R10.3.3 No Small Animals.** No small animals or pets allowed in the arena, unless part of a contract act.

**R10.3.4 Removal of Livestock After Competition.** Livestock must be removed from the arena before and after each competition go-round.

**R10.4 No Stimulants or Hypnotics.** No stimulants or hypnotics may be given to any animal used for contest purposes.

**R10.5 Animals Excessively Excited in Chute.** Any animal that becomes excessively excited and lays down in the chute repeatedly, or tries repeatedly to jump out of the chute, or in any way appears to be in danger of injuring itself, may be released immediately.

**R10.6 No Re-Catch.** To minimize the arena traffic and the presence of unnecessary obstacles, once a team has lost contact with their horse and/or shank rope, they will not be allowed to re-catch the horse at any time.

**R10.7 Mistreatment of Animal.** Any member who mistreats an animal anywhere on the grounds of a facility in which a sanctioned XBRA event is being held shall be fined no less than \$500 and, depending on the severity of the offence, may be declared ineligible, suspended, suspended from XBRA privileges and/or expelled.



**XTREME BRONC RIDING ASSOCIATION**

# **Judge's Handbook**

*Effective January 1, 2023*

## **JUDGING: AN INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the challenge of rodeo judging. If you love rodeo, and are willing to work, you can develop a skill that is personally satisfying and beneficial to the American sport of rodeo. There are no shortcuts to true officiating success any more than there are to true athletic success.

The continuous and phenomenal growth of rodeo in this country has produced a great need for qualified judges. Contestants and committees know that good officiating helps to produce a healthy and sportsmanlike environment and a fair determination of the winner. They wish to have judges who will be advantageous to the arena. The same contestants and committees know, on the other hand, that poorly trained, incompetent judges can create tensions and generate frustration among contestants, stock contractors, and spectators, sometimes with serious consequences.

To put it simply, the judges are an essential dimension of a rodeo contest. The contestant, stock contractor, and judges interact, and depending upon their abilities and their attitudes, combine to produce a variety of possible results – not merely a winner and a loser, but also satisfaction or disappointment, thrills or mediocrity, healthy competition or antagonism, mutual respect or mistrust.

The challenge of the prospective judge is to develop his capabilities so that he can do what he is expected to do, regardless of the difficulties presented. Achieving a high degree of competence is chiefly the result of concentrated study and experience in this sport, supplemented by continuous evaluation and continuous efforts to improve.

Judging is not a simple or easy avocation; it is a challenging task. Judges should dedicate themselves toward significant goals if they expect to be successful.

### **THE FUNDAMENTAL AIM: TO CAUSE THE RODEO TO PROGRESS SMOOTHLY WITHIN THE RULES**

The judge's overriding goal is to promote the normal progress of a contest, as it was meant to be contested, with as little interference as possible. This is not to say that the rule enforcement should be neglected to the slightest degree, but that the competent judge should not only be concerned about penalizing rule infractions. Preventing rule infractions before they occur is also an important concern. Infractions can be prevented in two general ways: (1) by establishing a



subtle, but unquestionable influence over the sport; and (2) by actively preventing specific infractions.

A contest frequently or unnecessarily interrupted by the judge, failure in preparation, or faulty equipment leaves no one satisfied. Under such circumstances, the judge rather than the contestant becomes the dominant factor. Contestants and stock contractors alike respect the judge who, within the contesting rules, provides for continuous and uninterrupted action.

### **I. Establishing a Subtle Influence**

In almost all cases, contestants wish to avoid rule infractions. The competent official capitalizes on the desires and abilities of the contestants by establishing his influence early in the contest.

In order to accomplish this, the competent official must be completely **prepared** on the first action of the event in order to make any necessary ruling without hesitation.

Two important ways in which you as a judge can establish this influence are:

1. By being in a position where you can best observe and best be observed.
2. By reacting immediately to rule infractions.

When contestants, on their own, try to compete in accordance with the spirit and letter of the rules, the result is satisfying and rewarding to all concerned. Such a situation is not always found, but the dedicated judge constantly seeks it.

### **II. Active Prevention**

Obviously, more than just a subtle influence is required occasionally in competition. On these occasions, the usual result is a decision made by the official and the enforcement of the prescribed ruling. On other occasions, however, it is appropriate and advisable for the judge to anticipate the impending infraction and to “talk the contestant out of” committing it. Direct action can and should be both preventive and curative.

Considerable experience and background in the sport is necessary in order to know where and when to not issue warnings. A proper approach to a contestant about refraining from committing a rule infraction should be used. There are moments in all sports and in all levels of play, where this type of preventative officiating can be accomplished appropriately and unobtrusively. Such warnings not only eliminate unnecessary and unwanted infractions but they also help to establish a positive contestant and judge relationship.

## ESSENTIAL ABILITIES OF A RODEO OFFICIAL

There are four fundamental requirements that must be met if you wish to be considered a successful judge:

1. You must enforce the rules intelligently.
2. You must show integrity and always be fair.
3. You must build sound human relations.
4. You must show primary concern for the individual contestant.

## QUALITIES OF A SUCCESSFUL JUDGE

- **Precise Knowledge of the Rules**
- **Judgment-** based primarily upon a thorough knowledge and understanding of the rules.
- **Good Mechanics-** when proper mechanics are performed precisely, the rodeo progresses without confusion or unnecessary delay. Good mechanics include:
  - Creating a check-list for every event.
  - Examples of items you should check may include:
    - Horses
    - Injuries
    - Numbers
    - Chutes
    - Chute Gates
    - Production
    - Drawing procedure
    - Confirmation with National Office
    - Arena Conditions
    - Equipment- including, but not limited to:
      - Judge's Vest
      - Barrel & Barrel Cover
      - Draw Chips
      - Stopwatch
      - Chalk
      - Judge's Sheets
      - Pen or Pencil
      - Air-horn (if necessary)
- **Decisiveness-** the decisive judge converts a controversial or judgmental decision into an accepted ruling merely by his decisiveness.
- **Poise-** Rodeo competition is exciting and, therefore, frequently arouses emotions of the contestants and the spectators; judges cannot control

the emotions of others, but they are expected to control their own and to demonstrate poise, regardless of the circumstances.

- **Consistency**- contestants should be able to expect the rules to be applied equally; true consistency results not from attempting to even up all sides, but from applying the correct rule interpretation to each separate competitive act.
- **Courage**- an extremely difficult decision may occur at any moment, and that is just the decision that separates the superior judge from the mediocre; the superior judge calls all decisions to the best of his ability, regardless of the circumstances.
- **Rapport**- judges must be able to effectively relate to others; judges must always be approachable and receptive to questions.
- **Objectivity**- objectivity is only calling what you see, not being swayed by what people say, by previous calls, or by personalities (including your own).
- **Reaction Time**- assuming that judgment is correct, decisions that are made quickly have a greater chance of being accepted without question.
- **Appearance**- a judge who reports for duty in an unkempt, sloppy, dirty uniform does not inspire the confidence of the contestants, the spectators, or the rodeo committee; such judges start the rodeo at a disadvantage. Judges are expected to adhere to the arena dress code as described in Bylaw B6.3.1.1 when judging a rodeo in any officiating capacity. Judge's vests are to be worn at all times while serving in an official capacity; shirts worn under vests should be solid in color.

## SECTION 1 JUDGE'S MEMBERSHIP

- J1.1 New Judges.** All new judges shall take the current judge's exam, including but not limited to knowledge of Rule Book, sample Rodeo Payouts, etc. Prior to serving as a Head Judge, new judges who have passed the judge's exam shall be required to shadow a current XBR Judge at a minimum of two (2) regular season rodeos.
- J1.2 Contestant Judges.** Xtreme Bronc Riding contestants can only qualify to judge after completing the requirements set forth for New Judges under Section J1.1.
- J1.3 Conflict of Interest.** No Xtreme Bronc Riding card-holding judge, including a contestant holding a judge's card, shall judge a rodeo where there is any possibility of a conflict of interest; at the discretion of the Circuit Director.
- J1.4 "Assigned Judge":** any judge who calls in to the National Office or enters as a judge at the time of entry opening, no less than 2 weeks prior to the date of the first performance of said rodeo. If multiple judges enter to judge a one-judge rodeo, the judge who calls in to the national office or enters first shall be assigned to the rodeo; other judges who have entered may choose to assist the assigned Head Judge in order to garner points for the Judge's Standings.
- J1.5 Maintenance of "Good Standing."** An XBRA Card-holding Judge should judge a minimum of three (3) rodeos a year to be in good standing. If a card holding judge cannot meet this requirement without just cause, the Circuit Director shall require the cardholder to submit a new application and complete a new test, successfully passing the judge's examination before judging at another rodeo.
- J1.6 Judge's Dues.** As set forth in Chapter 1, the Judges annual dues shall be \$50.00, which includes a companion pass, voting rights, and a subscription to the official XBR publication.
- J1.7 Judge's Points.**
- J1.7.1 Points per Performance.** XBRA Judges will garner points for participation at any rodeo to which they are assigned to officiate; as detailed in Section 4 of the Judge's Handbook, the judge who

garners the most points will automatically qualify to be the head judge at the current seasons National Finals Rodeo.

**J1.7.1.1** All judges will garner 5 points per performance.

**J1.7.2 Points Noted.** Judges will be tracked on a per rodeo basis; points are to be noted on the race result sheet. The Judges' Standings will then be tracked and noted in the standings section of the official Website and any standings publications.

**J1.7.3 Forfeiture of Judge's Points.** *Judges are required to text a photo copy of the Judge's Pay-Out Sheet to the National Office the day of the final rodeo performance. Judges must then send their rodeo results and all related paperwork to the National Office within 72 hours following the date of the last performance of a rodeo.* If these requirements are not met the Judge will forfeit his points for that rodeo.

**J1.7.3.1 Judge's Fines.** If the 72 hour requirement is not met, for every 5 additional days (past the initial 72 hours) the Judge will lose one day's worth of performance of pay in addition to the forfeiture of any points garnered at said rodeo (at the discretion of the Director of Rodeo Administration).

## SECTION 2

### COMPENSATION & NUMBER OF JUDGES

- J2.1 Judge's Compensation.** XBRA Card-holding judges will be compensated for expenses accrued while judging at each rodeo.
- J2.1.1 Based upon the number of judges.** The XBRA Directors shall decide reimbursement based on the number of judges at said rodeo; standing at \$150.00 per rodeo performance, not per go.
- J2.1.2 Example:** Said rodeo has 2 performances a day, 1pm & 7pm. There are 2 Go's at 1pm and 2 Go's at 7pm. The judge would be reimbursed \$150 for the 1pm performance and \$150 for the 7pm performance for a total of \$300.00 for the day.
- J2.1.3 Payment of Judge's Compensation.** Payment of Judge's Compensation shall be sent directly to the judge from the National Office once the Judge's Packet has been received by the National Office.
- J2.2 Number of Judges.**
- J2.2.1 Guidelines.** Guidelines for number of judges to judge rodeos:
- 1 Judge -7 teams or less
  - 2 Judges- 8 or more teams
- J2.2.2 One Judge Present at a Two-Judge Rodeo.** If there is only 1 Judge present at a 2 Judge rodeo that Judge will be reimbursed \$200.00 per performance.
- J2.4 Minimum Compensation Rule.** A judge working a one-day, one performance rodeo will be compensated no less than \$175.00.
- J2.5 Compensation Basis Rule.** All judges will be compensated based on the number of teams entered at time of entry close date and **not on number of teams competing.**
- J2.6 Compensation for NFR Judges.** Awards and compensation for both the Qualified Head Judge and any additional selected judges shall be determined by the NFR Committee and/or the XBR Executive Board.

## SECTION 3 JUDGE'S DUTIES

**J3.1 Judge's Duties.** Judges shall be responsible for the following duties:

- Timing of the event- setting and enforcing the appropriate time limit.
- Correct calculations of race result sheet.
- Check-in all teams & procuring all required paperwork.
- Disbursement of back numbers.
- Placement of the finish line or barrel in the arena in accordance with Rules R1.13 and R3.3.
- Placement and removal of Barrel cover/banners or any National Sponsor promotional items.
- Fax or e-mail race result sheets in to the national office, **within 24 hours** of the last go-round of said rodeo.
- Mail completed paperwork and race results in to the national office.
- Procure completed vet survey form.
- The Rodeo's Head Judge shall handle all payouts.
- Judges will be held responsible for legible paperwork and moneys collected.
- Paperwork shall be returned to the National Office as soon as possible, postmarked **no more than 72 hours** following the date of the last rodeo performance of said rodeo.

## SECTION 4 NATIONAL FINALS RODEO OFFICIALS

**J4.1 Judging at the National Finals Rodeo.**

**J4.1.1 NFR Qualification.** The judge with the most points accrued through the last official rodeo of the competition season will automatically qualify to be the head judge at the current seasons National Finals Rodeo.

**J4.1.1.1 Additional Officials.** Any additional officials will be selected by the teams who qualify to participate at the current National Finals. Officials selected must be a current card-holding member, meeting the qualifications stated in Section 1 of the Judge's Handbook; compensation shall be set by the NFR Committee and/or the XBR Executive Board.

**J4.1.2 Minimum Number of Judges attending the NFR.** A minimum of 2 judges will attend the National Finals.

## SECTION 5 JUDGE'S CHECKLIST

### CONTESTANT CHECK-IN:

- Check **Rodeo Line-Up** for accuracy; note any discrepancies, additions, or Turn-Outs on page 4 of the *Judge's Worksheet*.
- Complete the **Team Worksheets** for each team, filling in the name of the contestant competing in each position.
- Complete names of contestants on **Announcer Sheet**, provide sheet to Rodeo Announcer, and review name pronunciation.
- Confirm Payment of Entry Fees**. Once payment has been confirmed by the Team Captain showing proof of online payment/receipt, hand out **team back numbers** and note number on *Race Results Worksheet* and *Team Line-Up/Team Worksheet*.

### PRE-RODEO:

- Arena Check:
  - Check chutes/chute gates.
  - Check horses, confirm details with on-site Veterinarian and fill out *Vet Survey*.
  - Locate barrel, apply barrel cover, and place near finish line.
  - Measure finish line and mark barrel placement with chalk.
  - Confirm start (shotgun, buzzer, horn, etc.) and finish of race with rodeo timer AND announcer.
- Chute draw- once horses are loaded, conduct draw for chutes and note team/chute number on *Race Results Worksheet*.
- Oversee haltering of horses.
- Confirm teams are ready for competition prior to race; acknowledge to announcer that the arena is clear for competition to begin.

### RODEO COMPETITION:

- Time race with judge's stopwatch (\*\*Always go off of judge's stopwatch, NOT rodeo timer/announcer's time\*\*).
- Note placings on *Race Results Worksheet* and report to announcer.

### POST-RODEO:

- Complete *Team Worksheet* with money paid.
- Complete *Judge's Worksheet* to finalize payout.
- Sign *Judge's Worksheet*.
- Collect **Added Money** from Rodeo Office and return to XBR Office with *Judge's Packet*.



# INDEX

## A

**Active Member**, 1, 7  
**Added Money**, 44  
**Animal Draw**, 62  
**ANIMAL WELFARE**, 69  
**Arena Race**. *See* "Type of Race"  
**Associate Membership**, 11  
**Average**, 64

## B

**Blacklist**, 25  
**Blocking the Barrel**, 26  
Board of Directors, 12–17  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, 13  
**Bonus Monies**, 64  
**Break Out Rule**, 50

## C

**Championship Points**, 36  
**Circuit Directors**, 15  
**Circuit Permits**, 9  
**Companion Passes**, 12  
**COMPETITION**, 50  
**Competition Eligible**, 2  
**CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS**, 25  
**Contestant Number**, 26

## D

**Day Permit**, 10  
**Director of Publicity and Publication**,  
15  
**Director of Rodeo Administration**, 14  
**Director of Rules and Regulations**, 15  
**DIRECTORS**, 13

**Circuit Directors**, 15  
**Director of Publicity and Publication**,  
15  
**Director of Rodeo Administration**, 14  
**Director of Rules and Regulations**, 15  
**President**, 13  
**Vice President**, 14

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION, 25

**Draw**, 55

## DRAWING OUT, 66

## DRAWING POSITIONS, 62

**DRAWING STOCK**. *See* "Animal Draw"

**Dress code**, 25

**Dues**, 7

**Dues-paying year**, 2

## E

## ELECTIONS, 18

## ENTRIES, 57

**Entry Fees**, 57

**Equipment**, 50

## EQUIPMENT, 54

## EVENT FORMAT, 55

## F

## FINALS, 60

**Fines**. *See* "Disciplinary Action"

**Finish Line**, 51, 52, 56

**Full Contestant**, 10

## G

## GRIEVANCE, 31

## J

## JUDGE'S HANDBOOK, 71–80

**JUDGE'S MEMBERSHIP, 76**  
**Judges.** *See* "XBR Officials"

## L

**Local Permit, 11**

## M

**Maximum Entries, 59**  
**MEDICAL RELEASES, 67**  
**Meetings of Members, 12**  
**MEMBERSHIP, 4**  
**Membership Year, 2**

## N

**NATIONAL FINALS RODEO, 41**  
**NOMINATIONS.** *See* "Elections"  
**Non-contestant Card members**  
Associate Membership, 11  
**Non-contestant Card Members**  
XBR Officials, 11  
**Non-Member Permits, 10**  
Day Permit, 10  
Local Permit, 10

## O

**Offenses, 25–30**  
Class I Offenses, 25  
Class II Offenses, 27  
Class III Offenses, 28

## P

**PAYOUT, 63**  
**Permit Member, 2, 8**  
**POINTS, 36**  
**President, 13**

## Q

**QUALIFYING RODEOS, 60**  
**Quorum, 12, 17**

## R

**Recall of Elected Officials, 22**  
**Registered Team.** *See* "Team Registration"  
**RODEO APPROVAL, 44**  
**RODEO RULES, 46**  
**Rodeo Sanctions.** *See* "Rodeo Approval"  
**Rodeo Year, 3**  
**Rookie of the Year, 38**  
**Rookie Permit Holders, 8**

## S

**Sanction Fees, 44**  
**Shank Rope Release Rule, 51**  
**Sponsorship Director, 14**  
**STANDINGS, 36**  
**Substitutions, 39, 43, 67**

## T

**TEAM REGISTRATION, 39**  
**Three Jump Rule, 51.** *See* "Up and Out Rule"  
**Time Limit, 56**  
**Track Race.** *See* "Type of Race"  
**TRADE-OUTS, 67**  
**Tradition Consideration, 45**  
**TURNING OUT, 66**  
**Turn-Out, 33, 66, 68**  
**Type of Race, 55**  
Arena Race, 55  
Track Race, 55

## U

**Up and Out Rule, 51**

## V

**Vice President, 14**

Visible Injury, 66

Voting. See "Elections"

## W

**World Championship, 38**

## X

**XBR Officials, 11**

## Y

**Year-end Awards, 38**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

## **How do I enter a rodeo? (R4.2.4)**

You must complete the online Rodeo Entry Form; even if you have spoken with an XBR Director, Rodeo Official, or Board Member, your entry will not be placed unless a formal online entry is completed.

## **Why do entries close? (R4.2.6)**

When entries are open, teams are allowed to enter and can also **Draw-Out WITHOUT BEING FINED**. Once entries have closed, any team that Draws-Out will be held responsible for their entry fee and any Draw-Out fines incurred.

It is also important to enter when entries are open so the Circuit Director can make sure that as many teams as possible are able to enter!

**MORE TEAMS = MORE MONEY UP FOR GRABS!**

e.g. By the close of entries, if only 6 teams enter a rodeo with 6 chutes, only 6 teams will be allowed to enter that rodeo even if more teams want to enter. However, if 7 teams enter before the close of entries, the rodeo can be extended to a 2 or 3 head... which allows teams to **double back (R4.2.8)**

## **How do I know I'm actually entered in the rodeo?**

Online entry forms are the official record of rodeo entries, including the date, time, and order in which the entries were received. If you complete an online entry form, you will receive an automated e-mail receipt confirming that your entry has been received. The official Team Line-Up will be posted on the XBR Website as soon as possible following the close of entries.

## **When will I get my "Call Back" to confirm my entry?**

Call Backs are done as a courtesy and to confirm preferred dates of competition. You will NOT receive a Call Back until AFTER entries have closed AND the maximum number of teams has been determined... Once entries close AND the maximum number of teams allowed to compete is confirmed by the Circuit Director (R4.4), when possible, the XBR (either the office or the Circuit Director) will call each Team Captain back to confirm their entries and preference for dates of competition. Current XBR Teams in good standing will receive first preference on their dates of competition, based on the current National Standings.

## **What does it mean to "Double Back"? (R4.2.8)**

If a rodeo is a multiple-day/multiple-Go rodeo, contestants may have the option to Double Back and compete under a different Team Name (with a separate Team Captain) or on a different team... this is why it's important to enter while entries are open!