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A.General Rules

(1) Amendment of by-laws and rules: These by-laws are rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regional Board of Directors present at an officially called meeting of the Board. A quorum (more than 50% of the eligible voting Board Members in the Region) must be present at the meeting. All member schools must be notified, in writing, of any proposed change in By-Laws or Rules at lease one week prior to the meeting when the vote will take place. This written notification can be presented at an official Regional Board Meeting the previous week or sent by mail, FAX, or E-mail and received by every member school at least one week prior to the meeting. If the advisor or students of a given school cannot attend the Board meeting where the By-Law change will be voted upon, properly-signed proxy votes may be sent to the Regional Faculty Director or the Regional Student Director prior to the meeting when the vote takes place.

(2) Dress Code: NIRA By-Laws and Rules require that appropriate western attire and school vest must be worn by all contestants from every school when in the arena. This applies to all slack sessions and performances and applies to hazers and pushers as well as contestants. Failure to comply will result in a $25 fine (NIRA Rulebook) and other possible disciplinary action. The rule may be waived at the discretion of the Student Director and/or Faculty Director, in consultation with the judges, because of weather or other unusual conditions.

(3) Alcohol and Prohibited Drugs: No alcoholic beverages or prohibited drugs may be sold, possessed or consumed at a college rodeo and no contestant may be under the influence of alcohol or prohibited drugs during a rodeo. No alcohol or prohibited drugs are permitted on the grounds (including in vehicles and campers) during the entire period of a college rodeo. See the section on "Rule Violations and Fines" for penalties.

B. Conduct of Rodeos

(1) Rodeo Information Sheet: The information sent by the producing school to all member schools and independent contestants from non-member schools shall contain:

(a) Time of all performances and slack sessions
(b) Designated rodeo headquarters and its location
(c) Location of the rodeo
(d) Phone and FAX numbers
(e) Time when phoned or faxed entries will be accepted
(f) Draw-out time

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(g) Time when call back information will be available
(h) Local ground rules (if any)
(i) Name and phone number of official veterinarian.

The rodeo secretary shall post the position draw at the designated headquarters.

(2) Ground Rules: The ground rules for each rodeo are established by the host college. They may vary somewhat between rodeos but may not be contrary to National NIRA or Central Rocky Mountain Regional rules. Ground rules must be submitted to the National Office along with the rodeo approval form and also must be posted at the rodeo office.

(3) Entering: All entries from a given school shall be made by the coach, advisor, or sponsor of that particular school or by another designated person. Drawout and call backs are also to be made by a single person from each school (preferably a coach, advisor, or sponsor).

(4) NIRA Numbers: Each rodeo secretary must automatically withdraw any contestants entered whose NIRA number is not on the master entry list or otherwise obtained from the NIRA National Office by the announced draw out date and time.

(5) Team Members: The rodeo coach, sponsor, advisor, or designated representative must name team members and alternates, preferably at the time of entries. Changes in team member designations may not occur after the stock draw for the first performance or first slack session, whichever occurs first.

(6) Posting Team Members: The rodeo secretary is to post at the rodeo office a list of designated team members and alternates for each member school.

(7) Judges: Judges for all CRMR rodeos must come from the list of approved judges furnished by the National NIRA office. Each rodeo recommends desired judges to the NIRA through the Regional Faculty Director and the NIRA assigns the judges.

(8) Posting of Judges Sheets: A copy of official judges sheets and official results in timed events must be posted near the rodeo office as soon as possible after a performance or slack is completed. The original official judges and timers sheets are to be given to the Regional Secretary.

(9) Regional Set Up Rule: Legitimate contestant set-ups at CRMR rodeos will be permitted unless the rodeo producing school chooses not to accept set-ups. In this case the school coach, faculty advisor or sponsor must inform the Regional Secretary of the decision to deny set-up requests.

<u>Conduct of Rodeos</u> (cont'd)
If set-ups are not accepted, this must be clearly stated on the Rodeo Information Sheet mailed to other schools and independents in the CRMR.

(10) Requirements for Set-ups: Set ups are a privilege not a right. Set-ups may be requested only for academic, medical, and/or emergency reasons. Participation in another rodeo will not be a justification for a set-up.

(11) Set-up Requests: Set-ups can be requested only by the coach, advisor, or sponsor from a school. Independent contestants requesting a set-up must present a signed letter from a school official (on letterhead) to the Regional Secretary. The regional secretary is not responsible for approving set-up requests. If a coach decides that a student from his/her school needs a set up, it will be on that coach's integrity that the set-up is justified. Set-up requests must contain the specific academic, medical, or other justification and must be submitted to the coach or advisor on official letterhead stationary signed by the appropriate academician or doctor. These letters must be in the possession of the coach or advisor at each rodeo in case of questions.

(12) Hardship: The Regional Faculty Director and Regional Student Director may determine if all of part of a contestant's fees should be refunded when that contestant is unable to attend all or part of a rodeo due to major catastrophe, accident, injury, or act of nature. This is subject to review by the Regional Board of Directors.

<u>C.</u> <u>Charges and Fees</u>
(1)Fees Set by Regional Board of Directors: All of the fees outlined in this section are set by the Regional Board of Directors. To avoid the need to officially change By-Laws when fees are changed, all fees are shown in the "Schedule of Fees and Charges" attached at the end of these By-Laws.

(2) Setting or Changing of Fees: Discussion and setting of fees for the next academic rodeo your shall be done at the Regional Board Meeting during the last rodeo of the previous year. If, because of uncertainties, fees cannot be set at this last meeting then they shall be discussed and set for the remainder of the year at the Regional Board Meeting at the first rodeo in the fall. Discussion and voting on fees and fee charges must occur every year at one of these two meetings and does not require the notice period described in Section A.1. Adopting existing fees and charges at either of these designated meetings requires a majority vote of the Regional Board of Directors present at the meeting. Normally fees will be set at the beginning of a rodeo academic year and maintained for the entire year. Fees can be changed during the year, only if necessary, at an officially called meeting of the Regional Board of Directors with prior notice as outlined in Section A.1.

Charges and Fees (cont'd)
Changes in fees at any time other than the last meeting of the previous year or the first meeting of the current year requires a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

(3) Fees for Member Schools and Individuals: Membership fees shall be set for CRMR member schools and for independent contestants. See Schedule of Fees and Charges for current fees. These fees may be waived for all schools, schools putting on regional rodeos, or individuals upon a majority vote of the Regional Board of Directors.

(4) Mandatory Entry Fees: All CRMR rodeos will have mandatory entry fees in each event. Current entry fees are listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

(5) Stock Charges: Stock charges will be the same at all rodeos within the CRMR. The current stock charges are listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

(6) Regional Award Fee: Each CRMR college rodeo will collect a regional award fee (a one time fee for each rodeo) from each contestant to pay for year-end Regional awards. The current award fee is listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

(7) Secretary Fee: Each CRMR college rodeo will collect a one time secretarial fee from each contestant at each rodeo. Secretarial fees pay for services of the Regional Secretary who also serves as the local Rodeo Secretary. The current secretary fee is listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

D. Regional Positions and Board of Directors
(1)CRMR Board of Directors: The CRMR Board of Directors is composed of the Regional Student and Faculty Directors; one coach, advisor, or sponsor from each member school; two students from each member school's rodeo club; and the designated Regional Event Directors. The NIRA rules specify the following for voting:

(a) Each member school shall have two (2) votes; one (1) to be cast by the member school advisor, and one (1) vote to be cast by the two (2) member school delegates.
(b) The regional Faculty Director will vote only as a member school advisor
(c) The regional Student Director will vote only when serving as one of the member school student representatives.
(d) Elected event directors shall have voting power within their region.

D. Regional Positions and Board of Directors (cont'd)

(e) When electing, faculty shall vote for faculty and students shall vote for students.

A student event director may also represent a member school but does not have two votes.

(2) Regional Board Meetings: Regional Board of Director meetings must be held during both the first and last approved rodeo each academic rodeo year. Other Board Meetings will be held as needed. Time and place of meetings will be announced at slack sessions and performances prior to the meeting. If changes in By-laws are to be voted upon at any meeting, proper notice must be given as provided in Section A.1. The Regional Student Director shall preside over Regional Board of Director Meetings. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed.

(3) Regional Directors Terms: The terms for the Regional Student Director and the Regional Faculty Director will be two years. To provide continuity in representation on the NIRA Board, the Student Director will be elected at a spring meeting of the Regional Board of Directors on odd numbered calendar years and the Regional Faculty Director will be elected on even numbered calendar years.

(4) Duties of Regional Directors: The duties of Regional Student Director and the Regional Faculty Director are specified in the NIRA Rule Book. In addition, the Regional Faculty Director will develop and keep up-to-date mailing and phone lists for school representatives and independents in the CRMR and provide those lists to member schools.

(5) Event Directors: At the first CRMR rodeo each year, the Regional Student Director will appoint Regional Event Directors with the approval of the Regional Faculty Director and final approval from the Regional Board of Directors. Appointees should represent as many different schools within the CRMR as possible and must be qualified to fulfill the duties of the position fair and equally. Event Directors shall be given a written copy of the job description printed later in these rules in Section "I" (p. 11).

(6) Regional Secretary: The duties of the Regional Secretary are listed in Section "J" of this rule book (p. 12). The Regional Secretary shall also serve as a non-voting member of the CRMR Board of Directors.

(7) Secretary to the Regional Board and Regional Treasurer:

(a) The positions of Secretary to the Regional Board of Directors and the Treasurer of the Region shall be held only by school faculty, sponsors, or coaches. No students may hold these offices. The term of each position is 2 years.

D. Regional Positions and Board of Directors (cont'd)

(b) The secretary to the Regional Board will keep minutes of all Regional Board meetings and provide copies to all member schools.

(c) The Regional Treasurer will manage the funds of the CRMR, pay approved bills, and be an ex-officio member of the Awards Committee. The Regional Treasurer will also keep an up-to-date paid membership list for participating schools and independents for the CRMR.

(d) The Secretary and Treasurer positions shall be filled by election as vacancies may occur (by end of term, recall, resignation, or other cause for vacating the position). The election of a Treasurer shall be held at the last spring board meeting on odd numbered years, i.e. the spring of the 2006/2007 rodeo year with the term to start the next fall. The election of a Secretary to the Board shall be held at the first fall Regional Board Meeting in even numbered years (e.g., fall of the 2006/2007 rodeo season) with the term to begin immediately.

E. CRMR Standing Committees

(1) Committee Names: The CRMR Standing Committees will be:

(a) Rodeo Approval, Rodeo Production and Promotion Committee (7) members.

(b) Rules Infraction Committee (7 members)

(c) Awards and Budget Committee (7 members plus the Regional Treasurer who will be an ex-officio member)

(2) Makeup: Each of the Standing Committees of the CRMR will consist of the following 7 members:

Members & Faculty
Regional Student Director
Regional Faculty Director

Students
1 Rough Stock Director
1 Timed Event Director
1 Women's Event Director

(3) Term of Office: Terms of Committee Members shall be two years except as student vacancies occur. All members shall be appointed by the Regional Faculty and Student Directors and approved by the Regional Board of Directors.

F. Rodeo Dates

(1) Request for Dates: Schools in the CRMR shall apply in writing for rodeo dates at least one semester in advance. Written application shall include school, sponsor, and club membership, name of rodeo, and statement of qualifying experience to produce a college rodeo. The Rodeo Approval Production and Promotion Committee and the Regional Board of Directors shall use the following criteria in awarding rodeo dates.

(a) Long- standing record of successful rodeo production. Production experience, arena conditions, and any previous production problems shall be evaluated prior to awarding rodeo dates

(b) Continuous successful production history or resumed production will have priority over a second rodeo for one school in the same year.

(c) When 10 schools do not apply for dates, a school may apply for a second rodeo date.

(d) Alternate years of production are acceptable when approved by the Regional Board of Directors.

(e) A school with more than 6 NIRA members shall receive priority consideration for dates over schools with fewer members.

G. Event Rule Clarification

(1) NIRA Rule Book: The NIRA rule book will be the authority for all events. In the case of something not covered in the NIRA rule book, the PRCA or WPRA rule book will be consulted and followed.

(2) Vests: School vests must be worn by all contestants, hazers and cattle pushers. Hazers must hold an NIRA card and must be a contestant at that rodeo.

(3) Team Roping:

(a) No team roping entries may be made at a regional rodeo unless two people are partnered as one team at the time of entry. Team entries made by representatives from different schools must be entered alike or the individuals will be drawn out of competition.

(b) In the long go, only two loops are allowed per team, only one loop at the head and one loop at he heels. Three loops are allowed in the short round.

(4) Barrel Racing: In all CRMR rodeos a position draw will be used to determine the order of the Barrel Racing during the short round.

G. Event Rule Clarifications (cont'd)

(5) Goat Tying:

(a) To minimize injuries, the arena from the start line up to the goat on either side of the goat must be raked by a single pass with a tractor and harrow or drag prior to the goat tying in every performance and slack. If a tractor is not available, hand raking must be done immediately in front of and on both sides of the goat in the area where goat tiers dismount.

(6) Circling: Circling within the arena while on horseback prior to competing is prohibited. This is applicable to all contestants in all events including every performance and slack. The rule may be waived by judges. See the Rule and Violations and Fines section for applicable fines.

H. Rule Violations and Fines

(1) Procedure for Reporting Rule Violations: Rule violations are to be reported to the Regional Secretary on the proper form by a judge, coach, Regional Board member, rodeo official, Student Event Director, Regional Student Director or the Regional Faculty Director. The person reporting the violation must sign the violation form. After this is done, the Regional Student or Faculty Director shall direct the Regional Secretary to assess the fine. Once a rodeo begins, only the judges may report infractions occurring within the arena that relate to the conduct of a rodeo event. The judge should sign the violation form. Infractions which occur outside the arena and out of the judges' view may be turned in to the Regional Student or Faculty Director or any member of the Regional Board of Directors, using the procedure stated above. All fines shall be posted at the rodeo office.

(2) Payment of Fines: All infraction penalties must be paid to the Regional Secretary prior to the next rodeo or performance prior to any other stock being received or competed upon.

(3) Improper Conduct: Fines and/or disqualification may be assessed for swearing or obscene gestures determined to be degrading or detrimental to the sport and/or in poor taste, as covered in the NIRA Rule Book. Such fines may be imposed by a judge or reported to the Rodeo Secretary by the Student or Faculty Director or any member of the Regional Board of Directors using the procedures in H. 1.

(4) Alcohol and Prohibited Drugs: Any contestant at a college rodeo who consumes alcohol or prohibited drugs, or is ounder the influence of alcohol or prohibited drugs during a college rodeo, or who is found to be possessing alcohol or prohibited drugs on the premises where a college rodeo is being held will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

H. Rule Violations and Fines (cont'd)

(a) First offense for drinking or possession of alcohol or prohibited drugs will be a $100.00 fine, disqualification from the rest of that rodeo and suspended from the next rodeo. First offense for being under the influence of alcohol or prohibited drugs during a rodeo will be a minimum of a $25.00 fine and other penalties as appropriate.

(b) Second offense for drinking or using prohibited drugs, possession of alcohol or prohibited drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or prohibited drugs on the rodeo grounds during a college rodeo will result in a doubled fine outlined above and the contestant will be suspended for the remainder of the year. Additional disciplinary action may be taken by the Regional Board of Directors. Violators will also be reported to the NIRA Office for possible further disciplinary action.

(5) Extra Loop Thrown in Team Roping: In the long round, if the header misses or drips his/her rope and the heeler throws his/her rope, the heeler will be assessed a $10.00 fine per occurrence.

(6) Abuse of Livestock: Any contestant who is considered to be abusing their mount or other animals while on the rodeo grounds is subject to a fine up to $250.00 as provided in the NIRA rules (R 24.16) Judges may impose fines for abuse in the arena. Student Event Directors, the Student or Faculty Regional Director or any other member of the Regional Board of Directors may report violations for abuse outside the arena. For serious or repeat offenses, the appropriate fine will be assessed by the Regional board of Directors.

(7) Circling in the Arena: Circling in the arena prior to starting competition will result in a $10.00 dine. In case of abuse, a $10.00 fine may be assessed for each circle made.

(8) Splits in Timed Events: Splits on horses in timed events must be made with the Rodeo Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time of the performance or slack. Failure to do so will result in a $10 fine for each performance.

(9) Stock Pushers: Timed event stock pushers who go past the gate while pushing will cause the contestant to be automatically fined $10.00 for the first offence. Fines for subsequent offences may be higher at the discretion of the Regional Student and/or Faculty Director.

H. Rule Violations and Fines (cont'd)

(10) Turn Out Fines: Turn out fines are $25.00 per turn out, assessed by the Regional Student or Faculty Director after being notified by the Rodeo Secretary.

(11) Violations of Set-Up Rule: Violations include (but are not limited to):

(a) Attending another rodeo after requesting a set-up
(b) Requesting a set up for any other non-valid reason
(c) Being present at any performance or slack session prior to the performance or slack requested for the set up for that CRMR rodeo.

Violations of the set-up rule will result in a fine of $25.00 for the first offence (and may cause the contestant to be ineligible to enter the next and/or future CRMR college rodeos). Subsequent offenses will have more stringent penalties as determined by the Rules and Infraction Committee.

(12) Appeals: After being paid, fines may be appealed to the Rules and Infraction Committee in writing. This committee will conduct a fair and impartial hearing of both sides of the issue. The committee may uphold the infraction and fine or waive the penalty and notify the Regional Secretary that all or a portion of the fine should be refunded. Judges decisions made in the arena can not be appealed.

I. Student Event Director Job Description

(1) Responsibilities: The Event Directors for CRMR college rodeos have the responsibilities of serving on the Regional Board of Directors, communicating with the Regional Student Director and Regional Faculty Director, assisting the enforcing of all NIRA and CRMR rules and policies. Event Directors must oversee the activities of their events at every college rodeo and be responsible for those events being conducted in the most professional, rapid and public pleasing manner possible.

(2) Duties: An Event Director in the CRMR shall:

(a) Inspect carefully all chutes or other mechanical equipment including gates, barriers, boxes, markers, ties, stakes, automatic timers, horns, etc., to insure they are in perfect working condition before each rodeo and during all performances and slack.
(b) Enforce (and discuss with the Arena Director and Judges) the ground rules, fines, score lines, lining, etc.
(c) Complete and sign a rule infraction form for any violation of NIRA or CRMR rules he/she observes during the conduct of a rodeo.
(d) Check stock for evenness and proper preparation, identification, loading, etc.

I. Student Event Director Job Description (cont'd)

(e) Mediate any complaints or disputes arising which involve their event.
(f) Provide each contestant with fair and equal opportunity to compete and perform.
(g) Student Event Directors shall be responsible for collecting all short round fees
(h) When an Event Director must be absent from a performance or clack or a CRMR rodeo, he/she must designate a replacement and must notify the Student Director or Faculty Director of the replacement.
(i) The Breakaway Director shall provide breakaway string for all rodeos and will be reimbursed for the cost of the string by the region
(j) Event Directors shall coordinate setting short-go pens with the rodeo secretary and stock contractors at the conclusion of the long round.

J. Regional Secretary

(1) Term: The Regional Secretary position will be a two year term. The Regional Secretary will be responsible for all regional duties listed below and will also serve as the local Rodeo Secretary for all 10 regional rodeos each year. Selection will occur on even numbered calendar years at a spring regional Board of Directors meeting. Duties will start with the first fall rodeo. Written applications will be accompanied with two letters of recommendation.

(2) Required Qualifications: The Regional Secretary must be familiar with rodeo in general, College (NIRA) rodeo events and rules specifically, and have rodeo secretary experience. The Regional Secretary must have access for FAX facilities.
Desired Qualifications: The Regional Secretary should have a computer with programs for keeping regional results up-to-date, setting up individual rodeos, and keeping rodeo results up-to-date during the conduct of a rodeo.

(3) Salary: The salary for the duties of Regional Secretary is a fee levied on each contestant at each rodeo (specified in the Schedule of Fees and Charges section). The Regional Secretary must pay for all of her/his own travel, phone, postage, FAX and other expenses.

(4) Regional Duties:

(a) Attend all 10 regional rodeos
(b) Keep current points on teams and individuals of the region and provide coaches with a copy and post either at the next rodeo or within one week if there is no rodeo.

J. Regional Secretary (cont'd)

(c) Interact with the National Office to keep points and standings correct.
(d) Handle media requests with information from the region
(e) Interact with coaches and advisors
(f) Have reporting official(s) sign "Rule Violation" forms.
(g) Post outstanding fines at each rodeo
(h) Notify individuals and coaches of fines and collect fines.
(i) Keep official NIRA sheets and judges' sheets for one year
(j) Keep a record of earnings of the contestants and file 1099 forms with the IRS for those who qualify
(k) Other duties outlined in the job announcement

(4) Duties for each of the 10 regional rodeos include:

(a) Act as Central Entry contact and take entries
(b) Follow the NIRA and regional rules (See B. Conduct of Rodeos) in setting up and performing secretary duties at each rodeo. This includes honoring all valid set-up requests (See Regional By-Laws Section B, 8, 9, 10).
(c) Setup rodeo performances and slack in consultation with the school producing the rodeo; including randomly drawing positions into proper performance or slack.
(d) Post the following at the local rodeo office:
* CRMR By-Laws and Rules
* Ground Rules of hosting rodeo
* NIRA Humane issues
* Name and phone number of official veterinarian
* Position draw for all events
* Order of events for performances and slack
* Stock draw for all events
* Designated team members for all member schools.
(e) Collect fees at rodeos and keep records of fees paid
(f) Draw stock as per NIRA rulebook and post in a timely manner
(g) Post results after each performance or slack
(h) Determine top 10 for the short-go, post and make short-go sheets
(i) Calculate final standings and points for individuals and teams.
(j) Calculate pay-off in each event for school officials.(writing and signing checks is responsibility of school sponsoring rodeo)
(k) Prepare and submit required NIRA reports.

Schedule of Fees and Charges

Effective February 2008

(1) Fees for Member Schools and Individuals: The membership fee is $200.00 per NIRA member school and $10.00 per independent contestant from non-member schools.
(2) Mandatory Entry Fees: Entry fees are $30.00 per person per event (including Team Roping).
(3) Stock Charges: The stock charge for all women's events is $7.50 per head including barrel racing. The stock charge for all men's events is $10.00 per head. Team roping contestants split the stock charge equally, i.e. $5.00 per contestant.
(4) Regional Aware Fee: The award fee is $7.00 per contestant per rodeo.
(5) Secretary Fee: The secretary fee is $5.00 per contestant per rodeo to pay for the duties of the Regional Secretary who also acts as the local rodeo secretary for all rodeos. In addition, the hosting school must provide a hotel room for the secretary and $100.00.
(6) Setting for Changing of Fees: Procedures for changing of fees or charges are outlined in Section C.1 &2 of the CRMR By-Laws.

Changes to Regional Rules approved by Board, Fall 1999

B. Conduct of Rodeos, (11) Present Wording

ADD: (12) Order of run for contestants set up:

(a) All contestants requiring a valid set up shall be placed in the first position in the first available slack or performance for all events except barrel racing. Barrel racers requiring a set-up will be placed in the last position in the first available slack or performance. All remaining contestants will be drawn positions according to the NIRA rulebook.

(b) If more than one contestant is set up in the same even in the same event as described in "a", an order will be drawn for those contestants, independent of the order of the remaining contestants.

F. Rodeo Dates

ADD (2) When two or more member schools apply for the same rodeo dates, the following guidelines will be used to award rodeo dates:

(a) Member schools with seniority of dates shall receive preference.

(b) Member schools producing outdoor rodeos shall receive preference for dates over schools producing indoor rodeos.

H. Rule Violations and Fines, (10) Turn- Out Fines; ADD:

(a) Notified Turn-out-Secretary is notified of turn-out after draw-out deadline on Tuesday but before 3 hours prior to the performance or slack he/she is turning out. No fine is assessed but the contestant is responsible for paying all fees.

(b) Non-Notified Turn-out- Secretary is notified 3 hours or less prior to performance or scheduled slack. A turn-out fine of $25.00 is applied and all event fees must be paid.

H. Rule Violations and Fines:

(12) (To replace last paragraph of (11)). Violations of the set-up rule shall result in a fine of $25.00 for the first offense and the contestant shall be ineligible to ender the second regional rodeo after the rodeo where the violation occurred. This allows notification time after an infraction is reported and time for the contestant to appeal (if desired) at the next scheduled rodeo. Subsequent offenses will have more stringent penalties as determined by the Rules and Infraction Committee.