

**2017**  
**Women's Ranch Rodeo Association**  
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The purpose of the Association is to promote the knowledge of women's role in ranching and agriculture on a national level. We strive to inform the American people of our heritage, a valuable way of life worth preserving. Our mission is to educate while perpetuating the sport of Women's Ranch Rodeo. We compete to bring recognition to the lifestyles and skills associated with women in the cattle and ranching industries.

## **2017 Membership/Entries/Qualifying**

### **2017 WRRR Membership Rules**

We have been blessed with the opportunity to compete in a sport honoring a lifestyle that we love. We consent to conduct ourselves in a manner that maintains the integrity of the legacy of the cowgirl.

#### **A. Team**

1. A team consists of 4 Women.
2. Each team will pay team membership dues.
3. Each team member will pay individual membership dues.
4. Each team will designate one team member to be their contact person with the association.
5. Each team will designate one team member to be their captain.
6. Contact person and captain can be the same person.
7. Members will abide by membership, general and event rules.

#### **B. Team & Individual Dues**

1. Annual WRRR Team Membership Dues: \$300 (subject to change on a yearly basis)
2. Annual WRRR Individual Membership Dues: \$25 (subject to change on a yearly basis)
3. Team Membership & Individual Membership Form must be turned in with Dues.
4. Team & Individual Membership Dues must be received by the WRRR Secretary before competing in rodeo.
5. Memberships will not be collected at rodeos.
6. Mail to: WRRR Secretary: Meagen Krueger: 90281 419th Ave. Valentine, NE 69201

#### **C. New Team**

**Definition of a New Team:** One cowgirl that has competed at WRRR rodeos but has 3 teammates who have not, or 4 cowgirls that have not competed at a WRRR sanctioned rodeo.

1. A new team to the WRRR may compete in their 1st rodeo without paying the \$300 Team Membership dues.
2. All team members must pay the \$25 individual Membership Dues before competing in their 1st rodeo.
3. If the 1st rodeo is on a weekend with 2 rodeos they can compete at both on their \$25 individual membership.
4. The next WRRR rodeo the new team enters they must pay their Team Membership fee before competing.

#### **D. Local Team**

**Definition of a Local Team:** A Local Team has no desire to qualify for and/or compete at the World Finals.

1. Cowgirls of a Local Team can be previous WRRR members.
2. Cowgirls competing as a Local Team will pay a fee of \$90 to the WRRR per rodeo. (This fee is on top of entry fee.)
3. A Local Team can only compete at 2 rodeos per season.
4. At each rodeo a Local Team enters, they will pay the \$90 fee.
5. A Local Team must be based out of a town within 60 miles of the rodeo entered.
6. Local Team fee of \$90 will be applied to individual or team membership dues if the local team decides to join after competing at their local rodeo.

**E. Notifications**

1. All WRRR notifications will be: posted on Facebook page, via email and/or text & will be sent to team contact person.
2. The WRRR Rulebook can be found on the website, downloaded and printed off.
3. **It is the responsibility of the contact person to get information to her team members.**

**F. Entering a Rodeo**

1. Teams will call the WRRR **VP of Sanctioning; [Raelyn Gilmore](#)** the Friday three weeks prior to rodeo to enter.
2. Entry time will be **9:00 am until 2:00 pm** Central Standard Time.
3. Books will remain open until 16 team limit is reached or the following Monday at Noon CST.
4. **Call in number: [308-530-7001](tel:308-530-7001)**
5. Maximum number of teams at each season rodeo will be 16.
6. During call in you will be notified of mailing address for entry fees.
7. Team & members must be in good standing with the WRRR.

**G. Paying Entry Fees**

1. **Entry Fees will be paid by the Friday after Entry Day. NO EXCEPTIONS**
2. Entry Fee check will be made out to the rodeo producer.
3. Fees not received by deadline team will forfeit place in rodeo.
4. Entry fees will be deposited on the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.
5. Entry fees will be forfeited if team cancels after the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.

**H. Refund of Entry Fees**

1. Rodeo producer will return check to any team cancelling before the Friday 2 week deadline.
2. Rodeo producer will provide proof to the WRRR that they have returned funds to cancelled team.
3. A WRRR representative will collect funds from Rodeo Producer before rodeo starts if no proof of return funds has been received.

**I. Non-sufficient funds - Return of Winnings**

1. If the WRRR or any Sanctioned Ranch Rodeo producer receives a NSF Check, the team/contestant who submitted the check will be required to pay all further fees with cash, money order, or a cashier's check at the discretion of the WRRR Board of Directors.
2. The team/contestant will also be responsible for all NSF fees that might be assessed by the bank.
3. If a team is paid for winning at a rodeo and a mistake is found in the calculations, the team must return all winnings to the WRRR or Rodeo Producer so the correct team can be paid.
4. A copy of the timesheet will be provided to the team captain or team contact.
5. Any team not paying back winnings not due to them will not be allowed to compete until said winnings are paid back.

**J. Advertising & Sponsorships**

1. Members will respect the advertisers that the WRRR has already obtained and not call on them.
2. Team Sponsors will only be announced if sponsorship/advertising rules are followed.
3. Any questions on advertising, call or email one of your WRRR board members.

4. World Finals Qualifying teams will receive a Team Ad Form & a Supporting Sponsor Form in their finals packet.

#### **K. Qualifying for WRRR World Finals Rodeo**

1. The top 20 teams in the year-end points will qualify.
2. The points will be figured with the existing WRRR points system.  
Example: 1<sup>st</sup> place in each event is 20 points, 10 bonus points with a possible total points of 110 pts.
3. The year-end points will be the total of points received at each competed rodeo.
4. Standings and results can be found on our webpage. They will be posted after each qualifying rodeo.
5. The qualifying teams have until August 15<sup>th</sup> to turn in their entry form for WRRR World Finals Rodeo. (Unless otherwise stated by WRRR Board; if sanctioned rodeo is held after August 15<sup>th</sup>, entry fees are due within a week of qualifying.)
6. Bios for all team members due no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. Any team changes after August 15<sup>th</sup>, will not be guaranteed to make the rodeo program.
8. Any team changes after August 15<sup>th</sup>, will not be guaranteed for sizes on any welcome bag products.
9. Bios and team info will be sent to team contact person for approval.
10. Changes must be received back to association within 48 hours.
11. Entry Fee for finals \$1,500.00 is due by August 15<sup>th</sup> and deposited 1 week before finals.
12. Teams must be in good standing with the WRRR or forfeit their spot in the finals.
13. Teams must participate at finals with a minimum of 2 original members.
14. Team substitutions at Finals must have participated in at least one WRR during the current year.

## **2017 GENERAL RULES**

No loud, obnoxious profane unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated.

### **OBJECTIVE AT RODEOS**

The objective is to have the fastest time in each event while conducting yourself as a fine sportsman and handling livestock in a good manner.

#### **A. TEAM**

1. A team consists of 4 women.
2. A cowgirl can only compete on one team during a rodeo.
3. Every team will have a captain to act as spokesperson for the team.
4. Team members must ride the same horse throughout the rodeo.
5. All teams must sign a release form before the rodeo.
6. **Anyone under the age of 18 years of age competing, a parent or guardian must sign with them.**
7. A team may start the rodeo with 3 girls and add the 4th later in the rodeo.

#### **B. JUDGES/TIMERS/ARENA WORKERS**

1. A team member may work the rodeo but cannot keep books or timing.
2. There will be 2 timers and 2 judges.

3. One of the judges, arena director, or rodeo producer will be drawing for team positions in the events and cattle numbers prior to the rodeo.
4. Judges and timers cannot be immediate family members (parent, children, spouse or sibling) of the team members competing.
5. **All judges' decisions are final.**
6. If the team has a discretion/problem/question, the captain will direct it to the arena director or gate man prior to the next team competing.
7. The arena director/gate man will take the issue to the judges.
8. When a sanctioned rodeo or world finals rodeo begins, any WRRR Officer/Board Member that is a contestant is just that, a contestant. Any questions or concerns with rules/judges calls will be directed to the Arena Director. The Arena Director will direct the concerns to the correct people.

### **C. RULES MEETING**

*This is the time to discuss any changes in the rules or clarification of a rule.*

1. Rules meeting will begin 30 minutes before performance time.
2. At least one member from each team is required to attend.
3. If any changes are announced during the team rules meeting, those changes take preference over written rules (a change in rules may be due to the condition of arena or cattle)
4. Violation of any rule could result in team disqualification.
5. If a team is disqualified, there will be no refund of entry fees.
6. Arena Director and Judges will be introduced at this time as they will run the meeting.

### **D. INJURY**

1. Another cowgirl may be chosen if an injury occurs during the rodeo.
2. The cowgirl does not have to be on the entry form or program.
3. The cowgirl chosen to substitute cannot be working the rodeo or be on a team competing in the rodeo.
4. The substitute must be used during the remainder of the rodeo.
5. The team may choose to complete the rodeo with only 3 cowgirls but will not be treated any different than a team with 4 team members.
6. If an injury of a team member or animal occurs during an event, there will be no rerun.
7. If there is an injury to a horse the vet or arena director must verify the injury and the change in horses. The team member must complete the rodeo on a replacement horse.

### **E. ATTIRE & EQUIPMENT**

1. Western attire (jeans, long sleeve shirt, cowboy boots or shoes with a riding heel, and cowboy hat).
2. Condition of equipment is the team's responsibility.
3. No reruns will be made because of equipment failure of the team.
4. Shirt tails must be tucked in.
5. Long sleeves may not be rolled up.

### **F. PAYBACK**

1. In case of bad weather, the last event completed by all teams will be the final event for figuring payback in events and the average.
2. Team must be in good standing with the WRRR to receive payback or prizes.

3. If a team is paid for winning at a rodeo and a mistake is found in the calculations the team must return all winnings to the WRRRA or Rodeo Producer, so that the correct team can be paid. A copy of the timesheet will be provided to the team captain or team contact.
4. Any team not paying back winnings not due to them will not be allowed to compete until said winnings are paid back.
5. Rodeo producer will be responsible and held accountable for all winnings being paid to the winning teams.

#### **G. SCORING AT SANCTIONED WRR**

1. The rodeo producer putting a rodeo on will use the following scoring system, no exceptions to this rule.
2. Twenty points will be given to the first place team in each event. (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> – 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 19, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 18, 4<sup>th</sup> – 17 and so on.)
3. A team receiving a 'No Time' in an event will receive zero points.
4. Ten bonus points will go to teams with a time in each event.
5. Event totals and bonus points are added together to determine the placing in the average.
6. In case of a tie in an event at the rodeo, points will be added and divided by the number of teams tied and awarded to each team equally. (i.e. 20 pts; tie between 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> =39 pts (20pts for 1<sup>st</sup> + 19pts for 2<sup>nd</sup>) both teams will receive 19 ½ pts.
7. Before the rodeo the judge or arena director will have selected a sealed envelope containing the tie-breaking event.
8. The tie-breaking event will not be announced during the rodeo and will only be used in the occurrence of a tie in the average.
9. Each rodeo will be worth 20 yearend points for 1st. (19 pts – 2nd, 18 pts – 3rd, and so on)
10. In the event of a tie for yearend points, the team that places the highest in the first event at Finals will win the tie.

#### **H. SCORING AT THE WORLD FINALS FOR ROUNDS AND AVERAGE**

1. There will be 2 full rodeos performed and 1 short round.
2. All teams will compete in the first 2 rounds.
3. The top 10 teams of the average from the first 2 rounds and 2 wild card teams (total of 12 teams) will compete in the short round.
4. The wild card teams will be chosen from each of the first 2 rounds tie-breaker event. The winner of this event will be the wild card. If they are already in the top 10 it will move down the line.
5. Before the rodeo the judge or arena director will have selected a sealed envelope containing the tie-breaking event for each round and the average.
6. The tie-breaking event will not be announced during the rodeo and will only be used in the occurrence of a tie and the wild card in the round average and/or the World Finals Average.
7. The same point system as used at sanctioned rodeos will be used for the rounds and average at the World Finals Rodeo.
8. Each round will be treated as a rodeo itself.
9. Each Event will receive 20 pts for 1<sup>st</sup>; 19 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup>; 18 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on down to 1pt for 20<sup>th</sup> place. A no time will receive 0 pts.
10. Points will be given in each event.
11. Ten bonus points will go to teams with a time in each event.
12. A team receiving a no time in an event will receive no points.

13. Event totals and bonus points are added together per round to determine placing in average per round.
14. In case of a time tie in an event, points will be added and divided by the number of teams tied and awarded to each team equally.
15. Points received in all 3 rounds will be added together to determine World Finals Average Winners.
16. If there is a tie in points for the event average the times for 3 rounds will be added together and the fastest time wins.

## **2017 EVENT RULES**

A sanctioned WRRRA Ranch Rodeo will have the 5 following events at each rodeo: Tie Down, Doctoring, Sorting, Trailer Loading and Calf Branding.

### **LIVESTOCK**

Abuse of the stock (horses or cattle) which is deemed unnecessary or cruel, as determined by a Judge or Arena Director will result in a no time. If abuse results in the death of livestock, the team will be held responsible and will be required to compensate the stock contractor the market value of the animal.

**A. TIE DOWN (mugging/stray gathering):** A steer will be let into the arena. The team will start behind a line. The judge will drop the flag to start time. The steer must be roped with a legal head catch and tied down. Time will be called when team and ropes are clear of the steer.

1. 3 minute time limit.
2. No loop limit.
3. Steer must be roped (rope on steer) with a legal head catch in the first minute.
  - a. Legal catches (around the horns, half-head, around the neck, one heel or two).
4. A team can have no more than 4 ropes in the arena at any time.
5. Ropes may NOT be passed from one team member to another.
6. Ropes must be thrown not laid upon steer.
7. A dead rope is defined as any rope that is dropped because of loss of control. If the rider dismounts and pitches their rope, it can be picked up again.
8. Teams cannot tie their ropes on. They must dally.
9. The steer must be on his feet when roped.
10. Once steer has been caught, rope cannot be handed off to another member horseback.
11. Roper cannot dally on an illegal head catch to slow down or control steer for another team member to throw a head loop.
12. Steer doesn't have to be heeled; this is the team's discretion.
13. If control of steer is lost after the 1st minute it is a No Time (Loss of Dally or Rope).
14. After steer is roped and mugged down, he will be tied by 3 legs. \* legs must be crossed
15. Steer does not have to be day-lighted.
16. Steer must not be intentionally jerked and/or choked down.
17. All ropes and team members must be off steer before calling for time.
18. Time stops when one team member raises hands after steer is tied down.
19. Steer must stay tied for 6 seconds.
20. The one minute time limit will be announced in all runs.
21. All ropes must be cleared from dismounted horses.

**B. DOCTORING:** A steer will be let into the arena. The team will start behind a line. The judge will drop the flag to start time. The steer will be headed and heeled, then doctored with a chalk stick. Time will be called when the team member is clear.

1. 2 minute time limit.
2. No loop limit.
3. Steer must be roped (rope on steer) with a legal head catch in the first minute.
  - a. Legal catches (around the horns, half-head, around the neck, one heel or two).
4. A team can have no more than 4 ropes in the arena at any time.
5. Ropes may NOT be passed from one team member to another.
6. Ropes must be thrown not laid upon steer.
7. A dead rope is defined as any rope that is dropped because of loss of control. If the rider dismounts and pitches their rope, it can be picked up again.
8. Teams cannot tie their ropes on. They must dally.
9. The steer must be on his feet when roped.
10. Once steer has been caught, rope cannot be handed off to another member horseback.
11. Roper cannot dally to slow down or control steer for another team member to throw a head loop.
12. If control of steer is lost after the 1st minute it is a No Time (Loss of Dally or Rope).
13. The one minute time limit will be announced in all runs.
14. Team must head and heel steer.
15. Once steer is roped - ropes must be tight and a visible mark will be placed on the steer's face.
16. One chalk stick per team.
17. Time stops when steer has been marked and team member signals for time.

**C. SORTING:** A herd of cattle will be held at the opposite end of the arena behind a sort line. Time will start when the first team member crosses the sort line. Three consecutive numbered cattle will be sorted. Time will be called when all correct numbered cattle and members are across the line.

1. 3 minute time limit.
2. Sort 3 head.
3. All members may cross the line and anyone can sort.
4. A herd consists of 3 or more head.
5. No loping in or scattering of the herd.
6. It is the judge's discretion to give a no time for loping in or scattering the herd.
7. Only one rider can be in the herd at a time. There may be turn back helpers.
8. Cattle numbers will be announced when first team member crosses the line.
9. Cattle will be sorted in numerical order OR sort 3 head of the same number. (at rodeo producers discretion and will be announced before rodeo starts)
10. The cattle must be day-lighted when coming across the chalk line.
11. If any sorted cattle come back across the line, it is a no time.
12. No wrong numbered cattle may cross the line, or it's a no time.
13. Time stops when all cattle are out in the correct order and all riders are across the line.

**D. TRAILER LOADING:** A herd of cattle will be held at the opposite end of the arena behind a sort line. Time will start when the first team member crosses the sort line. The trailer will be located along the side of the arena with a wing fence. Sort the called numbered cow out of the herd. Load cow in the front of the trailer and one horse in the back. Trailer will be road ready. Time will be called when all team members are in the designated area.

1. 2 minute time limit.
2. All members can cross the line and anyone can sort.
3. A herd consists of 3 or more head.
4. No loping in or scattering of the herd.
5. It is the judge's discretion to give a no time for loping in or scattering the herd.
6. Only one rider can be in the herd at a time. There may be turn back helpers.
7. Team will sort their numbered animal.
8. You may have one wrong numbered animal across the line at a time.
9. Team has to option to rope their steer once it has crossed the herd line. The steer **CANNOT** be drug into the trailer horseback.
10. No wrong numbered animal may be loaded. This results in a no time.
11. If the animal that is to be loaded gets back across the line is a no time.
12. Load animal in front of the trailer.
13. Shut the middle gate.
14. Load one horse in the back of the trailer.
15. No riding horse in the trailer.
16. Shut the end trailer gate and latch it. Trailer must be "Road Ready". (Judge's discretion as to what they call "Road Ready" and it will be announced before rodeo starts.)
17. Time stops when all members are in the designated area.
18. If wing fence is knocked down, there will be no rerun.

**E. CALF BRANDING:** A herd of calves are contained behind a chalk line in a pen within the arena. The crew consists of a roper, brander, and two wrestlers. The ground crew (2 wrestlers & brander) may be exchanged. The team will brand 2 separate calves with legal catches. If illegal catch is made, the ground crew can take off the rope and calf re-roped. Time will be called when the last calf has been branded and the iron is back in the bucket.

1. 3 minute time limit.
2. 2 calves are branded.
3. No loop limit.
4. Roper is allowed to carry only one rope.
5. Legal catches are: 1 heel or 2 heels, & pantyhose.
6. Heels will be roped from the bottom up.
7. During an illegal catch ground crew may take rope off.
8. During an illegal catch the roper must keep hold of the rope.
9. No loping in or out of the herd.
10. Ground crew can touch the rope once the rider is across the line.
11. Once calf breaks the plane of the line it can be touched, but must be fully across the line before branding.
12. Ground crew must have the calf flat on its side and rope off before iron can leave the bucket and the calf can be branded.
13. Judge will signal when brander can take iron from the bucket.
14. Calf must be branded on either hip.

15. Roper cannot re-rope the first calf branded until that calf is back into the herd. (3 or more calves is a herd)
16. Time stops after 2nd calf is branded and iron is returned to the bucket.
17. If calf is branded wrong, it is a no time.
18. Roper must remain on horse during event, even if there are only 3 members present.
19. Roper must remain in contact with rope.
20. Two teams may go at the same time but in separate pens and at least one judge per pen.
21. If rodeo committee cannot find appropriately sized calves, it is at judge's discretion to allow team's roper to hold heels while branding. If calf is drug in by one heel, ground crew must put rope around both heels before branding iron can leave the bucket.

## **Sanctioning Rules**

### **A. 2017 SANCTIONING RODEOS**

The 2017 WRRR format will be as follows.

1. There will be minimum of 16 and maximum of 20 sanctioned rodeos in the 2017 season.
2. Beginning February 15 and ending September 1.

### **B. Rodeo Sanctioning Guidelines**

1. Sanctioning fee for WRRR shall be \$200 per rodeo (This fee is subject to change on a yearly basis).
2. Sanctioning fee is due with application.
3. There will be no refund of the sanctioning fee if a rodeo is cancelled and not rescheduled.
4. Sanctioning application will be available on request from WRRR or may be downloaded from website.
5. Sanctioning is on an annual basis.
6. WRRR reserves the right to sanction rodeos based on geographical locations, facilities, board involvement, etc.
7. After being sanctioned by WRRR, all advertising and/or promotional material, must prominently display the WRRR logo and season sponsors.
8. The rodeo shall provide a reasonable space for the display of WRRR and WRRR season sponsor banners.
9. The rodeo shall also provide booth space for the WRRR display.
10. The Rodeo Committee shall provide adequate first-aid service for all performances. Equipment & personnel must remain available throughout the entire performance.
11. The Rodeo Committee shall ensure that a veterinarian is present or on call for every performance.
12. The Rodeo Committee must obtain a signed release form from each team and its members.
13. The five (5) events of the WRRR Ranch Rodeo will be: Sorting, Doctoring, Trailer Loading, Calf Branding and Tie Down.
14. The Rodeo Committee will have 5 sealed envelopes for a judge to draw, one, before the start of the rodeo and he/she will sign the outside of the envelope. In the event of a tie for the average, the envelope will be opened to reveal the tie breaking event.
15. WRRR sanctioned rodeos may have other events in addition to those listed.
16. Points for WRRR qualification will only be derived from the five WRRR recognized events.

17. Rodeo Committee shall be responsible for all contracts and expenses associated with producing a sanctioned rodeo.
18. A sanctioned rodeo must have a minimum of 5 teams attending said rodeo.
19. A sanctioned rodeo will be limited to 16 teams.
20. **Entry Fees will be paid by the Friday after Entry Day. NO EXCEPTIONS**
21. Entry Fee check will be made out to the rodeo producer.
22. Fees not received by deadline team will forfeit place in rodeo.
23. Entry fees will be deposited on the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.
24. Teams canceling, after paying their fees, must give rodeo producers at least 2 weeks notice for refund.
25. Rodeo producer will return check to any team cancelling before the 2 week deadline. Entry fees will be forfeited if team cancels after the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.
26. (This holds true even if the rodeo has the limited 16 teams) The cancelled team's fees will go into the payback 100%. The WRRRA will go to the waiting list and attempt to replace the cancelled team.
27. Rodeo producer will provide proof to the WRRRA that they have returned funds to cancelled team.
28. WRRRA representative will collect funds from Rodeo Producer before rodeo starts if no proof of return funds has been received.
29. A sanctioned ranch rodeo can be run simultaneously with another sanctioned rodeo.
30. Score sheets and ranch rodeo results will be turned into designated WRRRA board member or representative when sanctioned rodeo is complete.
31. Judges, rodeo producer, arena director and at least 1 WRRRA Board member or representative will have a meeting prior to rules meeting.
32. If a WRRRA board member or representative is not present at a sanctioned rodeo, the score sheets & ranch rodeo results must be received by WRRRA office at least one week after completion of the sanctioned rodeo.
33. Failure to turn in score sheets and ranch rodeo results will result in loss of sanctioning. Teams are not awarded points from a rodeo failing to meet this obligation.
34. Rodeo Committee will provide the day sheet for the rodeo. Day sheet template will be emailed to rodeo committee from WRRRA Secretary or Sanctioning Officer, which will contain all WRRRA Season Sponsors.
35. Rodeo producer will be responsible and held accountable for all winnings being paid to the winning teams.
36. During the branding event, 2 teams can run at the same time but they must be in separate pens and 1 judge per pen.
37. Special arrangements made by the rodeo producer and teams entered for paying entry fees other than what is a WRRRA rule is the rodeo producers responsibility (draw out after the deadline date/no show of a team wanting to pay cash day of rodeo is the rodeo producers responsibility if those arrangements were made with a team).

### **C. CO-SANCTIONING RODEOS**

1. Co-sanctioning fee for WRRRA shall be \$200 per rodeo (This fee is subject to change on a yearly basis).
2. Co-Sanctioning fee is due with application.
3. There will be no refund of the co-sanctioning fee if a rodeo is cancelled and not rescheduled.

4. Co-sanctioning application will be available on request from WRRR or may be downloaded from website.
5. Co-sanctioning is on an annual basis.
6. Co-sanctioned rodeos will have the option to run their own rules and/or events; however, the rodeo must include at least 3 WRRR events.
7. If the co-sanctioned rodeo doesn't use a points system the WRRR will convert all places to points and applied accordingly to WRRR teams.
8. WRRR reserves the right to co-sanction rodeos based on geographical locations, facilities, board involvement, etc.
9. After being co-sanctioned by WRRR, all advertising and/or promotional material, must prominently display the WRRR logo and season sponsors.
10. The rodeo shall provide a reasonable space for the display of WRRR and WRRR season sponsor banners.
11. Entries of co-sanctioned rodeo can either be taken by the co-sanctioned association or the WRRR.
12. Special arrangements made by the rodeo producer and teams entered for paying entry fees other than what is a WRRR rule is the rodeo producers responsibility (draw out after the deadline date/no show of a team wanting to pay cash day of rodeo is the rodeo producers responsibility if those arrangements were made with a team).
13. The Rodeo Committee shall provide adequate first-aid service for all performances. Equipment & personnel must remain available throughout the entire performance.
14. The Rodeo Committee shall ensure that a veterinarian is present or on call for every performance.
15. The Rodeo Committee must obtain a signed release form from each team and its member.
16. Rodeo Committee shall be responsible for all contracts and expenses associated with producing a co-sanctioned rodeo.
17. Score sheets and ranch rodeo results will be turned into designated WRRR board member or representative when sanctioned rodeo is complete.
- 18. Failure to turn in score sheets and ranch rodeo results will result in loss of co-sanctioning. Teams are not awarded points from a rodeo failing to meet this obligation.**
19. Rodeo Committee will provide the day sheet for the rodeo. Day sheet template will be emailed to rodeo committee from WRRR Secretary or Sanctioning Officer, which will contain all WRRR Season Sponsors.
20. Rodeo producer will be responsible and held accountable for all winnings being paid to the winning teams.