



# **2023 RULE BOOK**

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.

\*\*\*purple text indicates change from previous year.\*\*\*

## **2023 Membership/Entries/Qualifying**

### **2023 WRRRA 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 WRRRA Team Membership Dues: \$300 (subject to change on a yearly basis)
2. Annual WRRRA 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 WRRRA **Treasurer 3 WEEKS PRIOR** to competing in rodeo.
5. Memberships will not be collected at rodeos.
6. Mail to: WRRRA Treasurer: Billie Franks, 765 Rd. 8, Grenola, KS 67346.  
Memberships may also be paid online at [www.womensranchrodeo.com](http://www.womensranchrodeo.com). A service fee will apply.
7. Each WRRRA team is ENCOURAGED to sell \$350 in raffle tickets for prize(s) announced by the WRRRA Board of Directors after the first of the year. A portion of the proceeds from the raffle will be used as added money to the payout.

#### **C. Open Team**

***Definition of an Open Team:*** An Open Team has no desire to qualify for and/or compete at the World Finals.

1. **Members of an open team are not required to pay membership fee.**
2. Open Teams compete at local rodeos for cash and prizes but accumulate no points for year end.
3. An open team who wishes to enter a rodeo, then decides to accumulate year end points, must purchase **Individual & Team Membership** by the end of the day of said rodeo. Year end points will not begin to accumulate prior to the date the Team Membership is purchased.

#### **D. Notifications**

1. All WRRRA notifications will be posted in the Facebook Members Group, via email and/or text and will be sent to the team contact person.
2. The WRRRA Rulebook can be found on the website, downloaded, and printed off.
3. *It is the responsibility of the team's contact person to get all information to her team members.*

#### **E. Entering a Rodeo**

1. Teams will **CALL OR TEXT** the WRRRA Sanctioning Officer: **Jacie Brown**, the Friday, three weeks prior to the date of rodeo, to enter.
2. Entry time will be **9:00 am until 2:00 pm CENTRAL TIME**.
3. Books will be Open until the following Monday at Noon, CENTRAL time.
4. Call in number to Enter Rodeo: **405-640-7881**
5. During call in you will be given the mailing address for entry fees.
6. Team and members must be in good standing with the WRRRA.

#### **F. Paying Entry Fees**

1. **Entry Fees will be paid by the Friday after Entry Date. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Entry fee checks will be made out to the rodeo producer.
3. Entry fees not received by the deadline will result in a forfeit of the team's place in the rodeo.
4. Entry fees will be deposited on the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.
5. Entry fees will be forfeited if the team cancels after the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.
6. Producers are encouraged to assess a \$25 late fee and shall be paid prior to entering the arena.
7. Teams not complying with WRRRA rules will hold a status of "not in good standing". Once outstanding fees are paid, the status will be changed to "in good standing".

#### **G. Refund of Entry Fees**

1. Rodeo Producers will return checks to any team canceling from the rodeo prior to the Friday 2-Week deadline.
2. Rodeo Producers will provide proof to the WRRRA that they have returned funds to the canceled team.
3. A WRRRA representative will collect funds from the Rodeo Producer before the rodeo starts if no proof of funds returned have been received.

#### **H. Non-Sufficient Funds – Return of Winnings**

1. If the WRRRA or any sanctioned Rodeo Producer receives a returned check for Non-Sufficient Funds, the team/contestant who issued the check will be required to pay all further fees with cash, money order, or a cashier check at the discretion of the WRRRA Board of Directors.
2. The team/contestant will also be responsible for all NSF fees that may be assessed by the bank.
3. If a team is paid any winnings at a rodeo and a mistake is found in the calculations, the team must return all winnings to the WRRRA or Rodeo Producer so the correction can be made and paid accordingly.
4. A copy of the timesheet will be provided to the team captain or team contact member.
5. Any team not paying back winnings not due to them will not be allowed to compete until said winnings are paid back.

#### **I. Advertising & Sponsorships**

1. Members will respect the advertisers that the WRRRA has already obtained and not call on them.
2. Team Sponsors will only be announced if sponsorship/advertising rules are followed.
3. Any questions regarding sponsorship/advertising should be directed to a WRRRA Board member.

#### **J. Qualifying for WRRRA World Finals Rodeo**

1. The top **12** teams in the standings will qualify for the World Finals. *If any team in the top 12 cannot attend the Finals, the next team in line will be invited to attend.*
2. Points will be figured according to the number of teams competing in each rodeo. *Example: if there are 7 teams entered, the 1<sup>st</sup> place in each event AND average would earn 7 points.* 10 bonus points will be given for a time in each event.

3. Teams Qualified for the World Finals have until **September 1, 2023**, to turn in their entry form for WRRR World Finals Rodeo (unless otherwise stated by the WRRR Board, if a sanctioned rodeo is held after September 1, 2022, entry fees are due within a week of qualifying).
4. Updated bios for all qualified team members are due no later than **September 1, 2023**.
5. Any team changes after the September 1, 2023, deadline will not be guaranteed to make the rodeo program.
6. Any team changes after the September 1, 2023, deadline will not be guaranteed for any sizes on apparel or any welcome bag products.
7. Bios and team info will be sent to the team contact for approval.
8. Changes must be received by the association within 48 hours.
9. **Entry fee for World Finals is \$2000 and is due by September 1, 2023 and WILL BE DEPOSITED ON OCTOBER 6, 2023. Fees must be postmarked by September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline or the team will not be allowed to compete at World Finals Rodeo.**
10. Qualifying teams not in good standing with the WRRR will automatically forfeit their place at the World Finals Rodeo.
11. Qualifying teams must compete at World Finals Rodeo with a minimum of 2 original team members.
12. Qualifying team submissions for World Finals Rodeo must have participated in at least one WRR during the current year.

## **2023 General Rules**

No loud, obnoxious, or 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 a spokesperson for the team.
4. Team members must ride the same horse throughout the rodeo.
5. All teams must sign a release form before each rodeo.
6. Anyone competing under 18 years of age must have a guardian/parent sign the release form in person.
7. A team may start the rodeo with 3 members and add the 4<sup>th</sup> member 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 for events, and cattle prior to the rodeo.
4. Judges and timers cannot be immediate family members (parent, child, spouse, or sibling) of competing members.
5. ALL JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
6. If the team has a discretion/problem/question the team captain shall direct said discretion/problem/question to the arena director or gate man prior to the next team competing.
7. The arena director or gate man will take any discretions/problem/question to the judges.
8. When a sanctioned rodeo or the World Finals Rodeo begins, any WRRR Officer/Board Member that is a contestant is just that, a contestant.

### **C. Rules Meetings**

AT THIS TIME, ANY DISCUSSIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS OF A RULE OR REQUEST OF CHANGE IN RULE SHALL BE DONE.

1. The Rules Meeting will begin at a minimum of 30 minutes prior to performance time.
2. At least one member from each team is required to attend the rules meeting.
3. If any changes are announced during the rules meeting, those changes take precedence over written rules (a change in rules may be due to the condition of the 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 conduct the rules meeting.

### **D. Injury**

1. Another cowgirl may be chosen to participate if an injury occurs during the rodeo.
2. Chosen cowgirl substituting the injured contestant 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 differently than a team with 4 members competing.
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 verified replacement horse.

### **E. Attire & Equipment**

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

### **F. Payback**

1. In the 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 WRRRA to receive payback or prizes.
3. If the 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 **corrected** 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 Producers will be responsible and held accountable for all winnings being paid to winning teams.

### **G. Scoring at Sanctioned WRR**

1. The Rodeo Producer will use the following score system. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.
2. The tie breaker for the entirety of the 2023 WRRRA season including the World Finals Rodeo will be Tie Down / Mugging event. If the mugging event is part of a scramble/combination event, then a single event will be announced as the tie breaker during the rules meeting.
3. The scramble/combination event will count as double or triple point depending on the number of single events in the scramble.
4. Points will be given according to how many teams are entered in a rodeo. (For example, 7 teams entered: 1<sup>st</sup> place 7 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> place 6 pts., 3<sup>rd</sup> place 5 pts., and so on.)
5. A team receiving a 'NO TIME' in an event will receive zero (0) points.
6. 10 bonus points will be given to teams with a time in each event.
7. Event totals and bonus points will be added together to determine the Average placing in each individual rodeo.

8. 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. (For example, 7 teams entered the rodeo: tie is between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 13 pts. {7 pts. For 1<sup>st</sup> place + 6 pts. For 2<sup>nd</sup> place} both teams will then receive 6 ½ points.)
9. In case of a tie in the average of each individual rodeo:
  - a. The tie breaker event of Tie Down / Mugging will be used first.
  - b. If teams are tied following the Tie Breaker event, then it will be figured according to times. If teams are tied in times, then it will be figured according to a coin toss with each team captain present to determine the winner of the tie. Arena Director or Judge must perform the coin toss.
10. Teams will be awarded year end points according to points earned at the rodeo.

#### **H. Scoring for 2023 World Champion Standings**

1. Points for World Champion standings will only be kept on paid WRRR teams.
2. Teams must compete in 7 WRRR sanctioned rodeos to qualify for World Champion prizes. Points will be configured from all rodeos entered for the current year.
3. Points will be accumulated as total points earned at each rodeo throughout the season.
4. In the case of a tie in the year-end placings, the team placing highest in the Tie Down / Mugging event average will win the tie.

#### **I. Scoring at the World Finals Rodeo for Rounds and Average based on 12 Teams**

1. There will be 3 full rodeos performed at the World Finals; each round will be treated as an individual rodeo.
2. The tie breaker event for the 2023 World Finals Rodeo will be the Tie Down / Mugging.
3. Points will be earned in each event
4. WRRR World Finals Rodeo Rounds –
  - a. The points will be figured with the existing WRRR point system for each round
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> place in an event = 12 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> place in an event = 11 pts., 3<sup>rd</sup> place in an event = 10 pts., and so on.
  - c. 10 bonus points will be given to teams with a time in all events.
  - d. All event points and bonus points earned will be added together to determine the number of points earned in the rodeo.
  - e. There is a possible 70 points.
  - f. A team receiving a 'No Time' in an event will receive zero (0) points for that event.
  - g. In the 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.
  - h. In the case of a tie in the average of an individual rodeo, the tie breaker event will be used. If the teams are still tied following the tie breaker event, the tie will be determined on times from the tie breaker event, and fast time will win.
5. WRRR World Finals Rodeo World Champion (average) – (combination of 3 rounds at World Finals Rodeo)
  - a. Each round will be treated as an individual rodeo and scored accordingly to determine points earned for the World Finals Rodeo Average.
  - b. Teams' total points from all 3 rounds will be added together to determine World Finals Average Winners. (For example, Rodeo 1: 70 pts. + Rodeo 2: 55 pts. + Rodeo 3: 60 pts. = 185 pts. Total out of a possible 210 pts.)
  - c. In the case of a tie in the Finals Average, the tie breaking event will be used. (2023 WRRR tie breaking event is Tie Down / Mugging)
  - d. If there is still a tie following the tie breaking event, the times from all 3 rounds in the Tie Down / Mugging event, will be added together and the fastest accumulative time wins.



## **2023 Event Rules**

At least 4 WRR events will be used at sanctioned rodeos. Sanctioned rodeo producers can adjust rules to fit their needs. The 5 WRR events that will be used at the 2023 WRRR Finals: Mugging, Doctoring, Sorting, Calf Branding and Classic Trailer Loading.

**The tie breaker event for the 2023 WRRR rodeo year is the Tie Down/Mugging. (see G2 if scramble is being used at rodeo)**

### **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 for the market value of the animal.

#### **GENERAL ROPING RULES:**

(Applies to: Tie Down/Mugging, Doctoring, Double Team Roping, Steer Branding, Trailer Loading, Ribbon Roping)

1. No loop limit.
2. Steer must be roped (rope on the steer) with a legal head catch in the first minute.
  - a. A legal head catch is defined as: around the horns, half-head, around the neck, one heel, or two heels.
3. A team can have no more than 4 ropes in the arena at any time.
4. Ropes may NOT be passed from one team member to another.
5. Ropes must be thrown, not laid upon the steer.
6. 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.
7. Teams cannot tie their ropes on. They must dally.
8. The steer must be on his feet when roped.
9. Once a steer has been caught, the rope cannot be handed off to another member horseback.
10. Roper cannot dally on an illegal head catch in the attempt to slow down or control steer for another team member to throw a head loop.
11. If control of a steer is lost after the first minute, it will be considered a 'No Time' (Loss of Dally or Rope)
12. One minute time limit will be announced on all runs.
13. All ropes must be cleared of dismounted horses, or it will result in a 'No Time'.

### **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 the team and ropes are clear of the steer.

#### **\*\*GENERAL ROPING RULES\*\***

1. 3-minute time limit.
2. Steer doesn't have to be heeled; this is the team's discretion.
4. After the steer is roped and mugged down, he will be tied by 3 legs. \* Legs must be crossed
5. Steer does not have to be daylighted.
6. Steer must not be intentionally jerked and/or choked down.
7. All ropes and team members must be off steer before calling for time.
8. Time stops when one team member raises hands after the steer is tied down.
9. Steer must stay tied for 6 seconds.

## **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 stop when steer has been marked and team member signals for time.

### **\*\*GENERAL ROPING RULES\*\***

1. 2-minute time limit.
2. Team must head and heel steer.
3. Once the steer is roped - ropes must be tight and a visible mark will be placed on the steer's face.
4. One chalk stick per team.
5. Time stops when steer has been marked and team member signals for time.

## **DOUBLE TEAM ROPING**

Two steers will be let into the arena. The team will split into pairs and will start behind a line. Time starts when the first member crosses the line. Both steers will be headed and heeled. All 4 members must rope.

### **\*\*GENERAL ROPING RULES\*\***

1. 2-minute time limit.
2. 2 steers will be turned out. Time starts when the first team member crosses the timeline.
3. Members will split into pairs. Each team member must rope.
4. Once first steer is headed and heeled, and horses faced, having ropes tight, the judge with that pair of teams members will give the okay to just hold steer out of other team members' way. DO NOT turn steer loose.
5. Both steers must be headed and heeled.
6. Flag is dropped, and time stops when the second steer is headed and heeled, horses faced and ropes tight.

## **STEER BRANDING**

Two steers will be let out into the arena. The team will split into pairs, first pair on horses, second pair will tie their horses by branding bucket and work as ground crew until first steer is branded then pairs will switch, and the other steer will be roped and branded. **\*If branding one steer all members are mounted and can rope\***

### **\*\*GENERAL ROPING RULES\*\***

1. 5-minute time limit.
2. 2 steers will be turned out. Time starts when the first team member crosses the timeline.
3. Branding iron can leave the bucket at any time with ground crew.
4. Once the first steer is headed and heeled the ground crew will go tail down the steer. Heel loop must be placed on both hind feet and head loop must be placed on both front feet before steer can be branded.
5. Steer must be branded on either hip.
6. If steer is branded wrong, it is a NO TIME.
7. Once branded, ropes need to be off steer before the second steer can be roped.
8. First ropers tie up their horses and become the ground crew.
9. Second pair heads and heels steer. Ground crew tails steer down and places ropes accordingly.
10. Rope on front feet must be off steer before the judge will drop the flag for time.
11. Iron must be back in the bucket to stop time. Brander must have heel rope from 2<sup>nd</sup> steer when taking branding iron back to bucket.

**\*\*If branding only one steer, omit rule numbers 7,8,9. Brander must have heel rope when taking branding iron back to the bucket.**

## **RIBBON ROPING**

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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 roped with a legal head catch. Time will be called(stopped) when the team and head rope are clear of the steer and ribbon is off tail and to the designated area.

**\*\*GENERAL ROPING RULES\*\***

1. 3-minute time limit
2. Team must head steer.
3. Once the steer is roped; team will mug and remove ribbon from the tail.
4. Time stops when all ropes are removed from the steer and ribbon is run to the designated area.

**TRAILER LOADING**

A herd of numbered 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 line. A number will be called as the team member crosses the line. The trailer will be located in the middle of the arena. The numbered cow will be sorted out of the herd. The correct numbered cow will be roped and loaded into the trailer. Trailer end gate will be shut and made road ready. Time will stop when the team calls for time.

**\*\*GENERAL ROPING RULES\*\***

1. 3-minute time limit.
2. All members can cross the line, and anyone can sort.
3. No loping or scattering the herd (a herd consists of 3 or more head). It is the judges' discretion to give a no time for loping or scattering the herd.
4. Only one rider can be in the herd at a time. There may be turn back helpers.
5. Once the correct numbered animal is sorted and across the line, the line becomes dead, and the animal will be roped. If an animal crosses back across the line, it may be roped in the herd.
6. No trash cattle allowed.
7. There will be NO UNNECESSARY DRAGGING. Judges will give 1 warning; continued roughness will result in a no time.
8. Horses CANNOT enter the trailer.
9. Animal will then be loaded into the trailer. If a team uses unnecessary roughness resulting in injury to the animal, they will be responsible for compensating stock contractors (You break it, you buy it).
10. Shut the trailer end gate and make "Road Ready". Judges' discretion as to what is road ready and will be announced prior to rodeo starting.
11. Rope may stay on the loaded animal.
12. Flag drops when the trailer is road ready and the team signals for time.

**\*CLASSIC\* 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. 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 the 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 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.)
14. Time stops when all members are in the designated area.
15. If wing fence is knocked down, there will be no rerun.

### **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. No loping in or scattering of the herd. A herd consists of 3 or more head, it is judge's discretion to give a no time for loping or scattering the herd.
5. When the first team member crosses the line, time will start, and the cattle number will be announced.
7. Cattle will be sorted in numerical order OR sort 3 head of the same number. (Rodeo producer's discretion and will be announced before rodeo starts)
8. The cattle must be day-lighted when coming across the chalk line.
9. If any sorted cattle come back across the line, it is a no time.
10. No wrong numbered cattle may cross the line, or it's a no time.
11. Time stops when all cattle are out in the correct order and all riders are across the line.

### **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 an 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. 3minute time limit.
2. 2 calves are branded.
3. No loop limit.
4. Ropers are 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 the 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 the 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 the 2nd calf is branded and iron is returned to the bucket.
17. If a calf is branded wrong, it is a no time.
18. Roper must remain on horse during the 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.

## **TEAM PENNING**

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 numbered cattle will be sorted. Time will be called when 2 or 3 correct numbered cattle are penned in pen. (Pen will be located on the opposite end of the arena from cattle, away from each fence, with the opening facing away from cattle and be at least 20' x 20'.

1. 3-minute time limit. Whistle will be blown at 2 minutes, signaling 1 minute left.
2. Sort 2 or 3 head
3. All members are horseback and may cross the line. 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 by the teams 3 numbers (example: 1,2,3 but do not have to be sorted in numerical order) OR sort 3 head of the same number. (At the rodeo producer's discretion and will be announced before the rodeo starts). Teams will be given their number as they cross the line.
10. Team has the option to only sort 2 and pen two head.
  - a. Teams penning 3 head will place above teams penning 2.
11. The cattle must be day-lighted when coming across the chalk line.
12. If any sorted cattle come back across the line, it is a no time.
13. No wrong numbered cattle may cross the line during the sort, or it's a no time. Once committed to penning the line becomes dead to the herd.
14. Time stops when all cattle are penned and at least one member crosses the line at the pen.

## **Sanctioning Rules**

### **2023 SANCTIONING RODEOS**

The WRRR rodeo year will run from November 1<sup>st</sup> through Labor Day Weekend. Producers are encouraged to hold rodeos with 5 events.

*There will be no more than 5 rodeos a year in any one location.*

### **A. Rodeo/ Co - Sanctioning Rules**

Revised 12/14/2022

1. Sanctioning fee for WRRRA shall be **\$100 for 1 rodeo and 2 rodeos on the same day, or \$150 for a 2-day rodeo** (This fee is subject to change on a yearly basis).
2. **Sanctioning fee is due with application.**
3. Sanctioned rodeo producers may use the WRRRA rules as guidelines for their events, adjusting them to fit their individual rodeos.
4. There will be no refund of the sanctioning fee if a rodeo is canceled and not rescheduled **pending board approval.**
5. Sanctioning application will be available on request from WRRRA or may be downloaded from the website. **Sanctioning Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
6. Sanctioning is on an annual basis.
7. WRRRA reserves the right to sanction rodeos based on geographical locations, facilities, board involvement, etc.
8. After being sanctioned by WRRRA, all advertising and/or promotional material, must prominently display the WRRRA logo and season sponsors.
9. The rodeo shall provide a reasonable space for the display of WRRRA and WRRRA season sponsor banners.
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 must obtain a signed release form from each team and its members.
12. The **9** events of the WRRRA Ranch Rodeo will be: Sorting, Doctoring, Trailer Loading, Calf Branding, Tie Down, Team Penning, Double Team Roping, Steer Branding and Ribbon Roping. A minimum of 4 WRRRA events must be used in a WRRRA Sanctioned Rodeo.
13. **The tie breaker event for the 2023 WRRRA rodeo year is the Tie Down/Mugging. If doing a scramble/combination event, a single event must be announced as the tie breaker at the rules meeting prior to the rodeo.**
14. WRRRA sanctioned rodeos may have other events in addition to those listed.
15. Points for WRRRA qualification will only be derived from the **9** WRRRA recognized events.
16. The Rodeo Committee shall be responsible for all contracts and expenses associated with producing a sanctioned rodeo.
17. A sanctioned rodeo must have a minimum of **4** teams attending said rodeo
18. **Entry Fees will be paid by the Friday after Entry Day. NO EXCEPTIONS**
19. Entry Fee check will be made out to the rodeo producer.
20. Fees not received by the deadline team will forfeit a place in the rodeo.
21. A \$25 late fee is **encouraged to be** assessed and will be used at producer's discretion.
22. Entry fees will be deposited on the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.
23. Teams canceling, after paying their fees, must give rodeo producers at least 2weeks notice for refund.
24. Rodeo producers will return a check to any team canceling 2 weeks before the scheduled rodeo. Entry fees will be forfeited if the team cancels after the Friday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo.
25. The canceled team's fees will go into the payback 100%. The WRRRA will go to the waiting list and attempt to replace the canceled team.
26. Rodeo producers will provide proof to the WRRRA that they have returned funds to the canceled team.
27. WRRRA representative will collect funds from Rodeo Producer before rodeo starts if no proof of return funds has been received.
28. A sanctioned ranch rodeo can be run simultaneously with another sanctioned rodeo.
29. Score sheets and ranch rodeo results will be turned into designated WRRRA board members or representatives when sanctioned rodeo is complete.
30. Judges, rodeo producer, arena director and at least 1 WRRRA Board member or representative will have a meeting prior to rules meeting.
31. If a WRRRA board member or representative is not present at a sanctioned rodeo, the score sheets & ranch rodeo results must be received by the WRRRA office at least one week after completion of the sanctioned rodeo.

32. **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.**
33. The Rodeo Committee will provide the day sheet for the rodeo. Day sheet template will be emailed to the rodeo committee from WRRRA Secretary or Sanctioning Officer, which will contain all WRRRA Season Sponsors.
34. Rodeo producers will be responsible and held accountable for all winnings being paid to the winning teams.
35. Special arrangements made by the rodeo producer and teams entered for paying entry fees other than what is a WRRRA rule is the rodeo producer's responsibility (draw out after the deadline date/no show of a team wanting to pay cash day of rodeo is the rodeo producer's responsibility if those arrangements were made with a team).