2027 Rule Proposals – First Reading

Under General Rules Membership & Dues (page 6 new rulebook)

4. A ~~numbered~~ membership ~~card~~ number shall be ~~issued~~ assigned to each eligible applicant desiring to join the association. All second year and older members, and former members in good standing with the association will be assigned a "check acceptable" number. All first-year members, out-of-state members, and former members who have written a "bad" (insufficient fund) check(s) will be ~~assigned~~ marked as "cash only" ~~number~~ in the rodeo program. Out-of-state members, beginning their third consecutive year of membership in the NDRA, shall be assigned a "check acceptable" number. If an NSF check is written by one of these members, they shall revert to a cash only basis. Check acceptable members may agree to cover checks of "cash only" members provided these members accept responsibility for any bad checks. The association will guarantee entry fee checks by "check acceptable" members only.

Secretary note: physical cards are not mailed out. The rodeo program marks the non-card holders, first years & those in bad standing as cash only. Numbers are assigned by the year to have an idea of how long a contestant has been a member.

Rodeo Approvals, Points, and Awards (page 7-8 new rulebook)

1. There shall be ten (10) standard events of the association: Bareback Riding, Tie Down roping, Ladies Breakaway Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Barrel Racing, Team Roping Header, Team Roping Heeler, Senior Men's Breakaway Roping & Bull Riding. These events shall be required for each NDRA rodeo, with or without a limited number of optional events submitted by the rodeo committee. The board shall approve or disapprove each rodeo applying in writing for NDRA sanction. All rodeo approval requests must be into the NDRA office at least 60 days prior to the first performance of the rodeo requesting NDRA sanction to be considered. ~~A $100 bond must accompany the rodeo approval requests. This bond will be returned to the rodeo committee following rodeo if all required personnel have the correct cards/permits. If rodeo personnel do not have the required card/permit, this money will be taken out of the bond, and the remainder (if applicable) returned to the rodeo committee.~~

Secretary note: this bond hasn't been collected for as long as I can tell. If a committee or contractor has personnel that do not have cards, the rodeo secretary either collects it from the individual or adds it on to the total fees to be paid to the NDRA.

2. The association shall implement a system whereby each men's event shall award points through eight places: 80-70-60-50-40-30-20-10 and the women's breakaway roping & barrel racing will award points through 10 places: 100-90-80-70-60-50-40-30-20-10. The point award system will determine champions in each of the standard events with the highest totals at the year's end.

> a. Points must be accumulated in two or more events to be considered for the all-around cowboy & cowgirl awards. A minimum of 100 points each must be won in 2 separate events before being eligible for the Men's All-Around award. Points won in optional events do not count toward all around standings. Team roping points will be adjusted to the 100-point system for the women's all-around standings only.

Secretary note: it has been asked that any team roping points awarded to a female team roper be adjusted to the 100-point system for the women's all around standings.

3. No points will be accumulated towards year-end awards without a current NDRA membership card. Current membership card must be purchased before competing in any event at a rodeo. ~~Money~~ Points won at a rodeo where a contestant did not have a current membership will not count if the card is purchased later.

Secretary note: cleaning up wordage.

5. The NDRA rookie of the year awards will be provided for the individual male and female contestants who accumulate the most points in one or more events at NDRA rodeos during the current year season and will include points won at the NDRA finals. These awards will be named in honor of the founding board president & first secretary—The Peg O'Neill Rookie Cowboy and The Pearl Cullen Rookie cowgirl awards. The contestant must meet the following criteria for award consideration:

a. Be ~~under the age of~~ 18 years or under at the time of membership application. This would include eligibility through their Senior year summer.

b. Competes in the first season of NDRA competition by purchasing an NDRA membership and declaring to the NDRA secretary prior to the first rodeo competed in that year. A contestant that enters and competes in NDRA rodeos with just their High School Rodeo Card will not count towards the rookie of the year.

Secretary note: Changing the wordage would allow a high school senior to compete through their senior summer. They way it is worded excludes most seniors.

Committee & Rodeo Arena (page 11 new rulebook)

6. The minimum purse for an approved NDRA rodeo must be ~~$200.00~~ $400.00 per event and minimum fees of ~~$60~~ ??? per event.

Secretary note: the $400 has already been approved. It is being suggested to up the entry fee.

<u>Finals Rodeo</u> (page 15 new rulebook)

1. A finals rodeo will be held on an annual basis with the dates and location to be determined by the NDRA board of directors. The top twelve (12) contestants in each of the ten standard events shall be eligible to participate in the finals rodeo.

a. All out-of-state contestants must compete in ~~50%~~ 30% of the NDRA first approved rodeos to be eligible for competition in the NDRA finals rodeo and to be eligible for awards. Rodeos that are co-approved by the association will not count in the ~~50%~~ 30%.

b. A member will be exempt from the ~~50%~~ 30% rule if they have a valid ND Driver's License number or have a ND birth certificate.

c. In the event there are an odd number of rodeos in each season, the number of rodeos required to meet ~~50%~~ 30% participation will be rounded up. (i.e., 21 rodeos, compete in 11)

Secretary note: we have been asked to eliminate or reduce the 50% rule for out of state members. The rule was implemented when we had @ 15 rodeos. In 2027 there will be roughly 22.

<u>Entry Fees, Turnouts, Draw Outs</u> (page 21 new rulebook)

3. Entry fees will be the same among men's and ladies' events and shall be charged per person per event; of ~~$60~~ ???? per event. Team Roping shall be charged an entry fee of ~~$85~~ ??? for the header and ~~$85~~ ??? for the heeler. The established entry fee must be advertised as such on the NDRA website, social media or other means available. Each contestant is also required to pay the additional fees that may be assessed at any given rodeo.

Secretary note: it has been asked to discuss increasing the entry fees. More information at meeting.

<u>Order of events</u> (page 26 new rulebook)

1. The standard order of events for every NDRA rodeo shall be run as follows: Bareback Riding, Tie Down Roping, Ladies Breakaway Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, ~~Ladies Barrel Racing,~~ Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, ~~Ladies Goat Tying,~~ Senior Men's Breakaway Roping, Ladies Goat Tying & Bull Riding.

Secretary note: the order of events has been published different than it has been ran.