

National Old-Time Ropers Association

Articles of Incorporation

Bylaws

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2010

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NATIONAL OLD-TIME ROPERS ASSOCIATION

NOTRA

The undersigned, natural Person(s) over the age of eighteen (18) years, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (the “act”), hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

The name of the corporation is National Old-Time Ropers Association – “NOTRA”.

Article II

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

Article III

The period of the corporation’s duration is perpetual.

Article IV

The corporation is organized for the purpose of advancement of roping performance in Texas for men ages 30 & over and women 30 & over within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the “Code”), or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and Texas Tax Code Section 111.18 (C), including such purposes, but not limited to making of distributions to other organizations that qualify as tax exempt organizations under such sections. The corporation shall further its objective and purpose to promote the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship/sportsmanship, self-esteem and self-discipline. Additionally, the purpose of this organization is to operate as an Association consisting of rodeo cowgirls and cowboys interested in the development, organization, promotion and performance of rodeo and livestock events for the benefit of charitable organizations.

Article V

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the corporation for carrying out the purposes set forth herein and to make payments of distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate of public office. Notwithstanding, any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law). Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue code.

Article VI

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 17115 Axell Lane, Manor, TX 78653, and the name of its registered agent at such address is Gale Hansen.

Article VII

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is three (3), and the names of the persons who are to serve as initial directors are:

President

E.O. Odom
1100 CR 134
Hutto, TX 78634
512-563-6730

Vice President

Shane Hansen
1215 Utopia Ln
Hutto, TX 76834
512-848-1342

Secretary

Sherri Brantley
632 County Road 340A
Milano, TX 76556
512-455-6262

Article VIII

The corporation may indemnify a person who was, is or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in litigation or other proceedings because the person is or was a director or other person related to the corporation as provided by the provisions in the Act governing indemnification. As provided in the bylaws of the corporation, the Board of Directors of the corporation shall have the power to define the requirements and limitations for the corporation to indemnify directors, officers, or others related to the corporation.

Article IX

To the maximum extent provided by law, each director of the corporation shall not be liable to the corporation (or its members, if any) for monetary damages for an act or omission in such director's capacity as a director, except that this article does not authorize the elimination or limitation of the liability of such director to the extent the director is found liable for:

1. A breach of his or her duty of loyalty to the corporation or its members.
2. An act or omission not in good faith that constituted a breach of duty of the director to the corporation or an act or omission that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law.
3. A transaction from which such director received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the directors' office.
4. An act or omission for which the liability of such director is expressly provided for by statute.

Article X

Any action required or permitted by the Act to be taken at a meeting of the directors of the corporation may be taken without meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if consent in writing, setting forth the actions taken, shall be signed by no less than the minimum number of directors that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the directors are present and vote.

Article XI

The name and address of the incorporator is: Kimberly Hans Reaves
P.O. Box 102
Johnson City, TX 78636

Executed as of the 25th day of January, 2004

By Laws of
National Old-Time Ropers Association
NOTRA

Article I – Name

The name of the corporation is National Old-Time Ropers Association-“NOTRA”.

Article II – Objective

- 1.01 NOTRA is organized for the purpose of advancement of roping performance in Texas for men ages 30 & over and women ages 30 & over.
- 1.02 NOTRA shall be self-sustaining and operated locally in such a manner within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) if the Internal Revenue Code, as tax code, and Texas Tax Code Section 11.18 (C), including for such purposed, but not limited to, the making of distributions to other organizations that qualify as tax exempt organizations under such sections.
- 1.03 NOTRA shall further its objective and purpose to promote the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship/sportsmanship, self-esteem and self-discipline. Additionally, the purpose of this organization is to operate as an Association consisting of cowgirls and cowboys interested in the development, organization, promotion and performance of livestock events for the benefit of charitable organizations.

Article III – Membership, Dues & Fee

Membership:

- 2.01 Membership will be open to anyone who is willing to work and participate in the operations and functions of the corporation and meets age requirements.
- 2.02 NOTRA is open to any man or woman AGE 30 or older.
Individual must turn the respective minimum age during the current season.
- 2.03 Members must complete and sign a membership application and pay the required membership dues prior to participating in any NOTRA event. Application must be filed with event secretary.
- 2.04 Members must provide proof of eligibility.
- 2.05 A member having been admitted to membership in the organization, shall hold their membership for a period of one roping season, the remainder for the roping season or calendar year, so long as the rules are obeyed and dues paid. **However, the Board of Directors, upon showing good cause, may expel a member from membership in the organization.**
- 2.06 Any person becoming a member of NOTRA shall comply with all of its rules, bylaws and decisions made by the Board of Directors and shall be found by the

same. By becoming a member of NOTRA, a member releases the right to use his/her name and/or pictures for the good of the organization.

2.07 Honorary membership may be given to those persons who have demonstrated extraordinary support for the organization, as decided by the Board of Directors.

2.08 Any member may be fined, suspended, or both from the organization for any of the following reasons, (Note: the following is a partial listing – see “Code of Conduct” listed in the “Rules” section of the NOTRA handbook):

- Unsportsmanlike conduct to other members or livestock (regardless of ownership).
- Bad checks presented for entry fees or any other Association related fees.
- Quarreling or fighting.
- Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judges or timekeepers at any time between the opening and closing dates of roping, in or out of the arena, or for talking with a judge or timekeeper while an event is in progress.
- Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass a director, spokesperson or official of the organization at any time.
- Conduct, speech or appearance detrimental to the best interest of the organization.

2.09 To be eligible to qualify for year-end and/or Finals awards, a member must have attended at least four (4) approved NOTRA ropings as well as having all membership obligations in good standing. Additionally, in order to receive year-end awards, you must participate at the Finals. The only exception is if there is a medical condition to the person or horse at the time of the Finals to receive year-end awards.

Dues and Fees:

2.10 Dues will be paid per roping season by the member prior to participating in any NOTRA event. Dues cover the entire roping season: January 1st – December 31st. Individuals may purchase permits to participate in a NOTRA roping at the cost of \$15.00 per roping. Permit holders do not accumulate points, are not eligible for awards and will not be allowed to participate at the Finals. Points potentially earned are not retroactive and will only apply upon the purchase of a NOTRA membership.

2.11 NOTRA annual membership dues and entry fees shall be:

- Single membership - \$80.00
- Couple membership - \$120.00
- 30, 45, 55, Tiedown - 3 for \$135.00
- 60, 65 & 70 Tiedown - 3 for \$90.00
- 60, 65 & 70 Men’s Breakaway - 3 for \$90.00
- 30, 45, 55 Men’s & Ladies Breakaway - 2 for \$65.00
- Ribbon Roping – 2 f or \$66.00
- Barrels -1 for \$32.00 - Exhibitions 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$12.00
- Team Roping - 3 for \$54 per team/progressive after 2
- A office charge per contestant/per rodeo will be assessed.

2.12 Fees must be paid at the time of entry and prior to the event in which the contestant is competing has started. If participant enters after the books have closed, but prior to the beginning of the tiedown roping, a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed. If the tiedown roping has started, no entry will be allowed.

2.13 Added monies will be collected at each NOTRA roping as follows and awarded at The Finals:

- \$2.00 - per calf roping event entry, per age group
- \$2.00 - # per team roping event entry
- \$5.00 - per barrel racing event entry

2.14 To be eligible to participate at the Finals, you must be a member in good standing with the organization, and as a contestant, you must have entered into the same event during the regular roping season, a minimum of four (4) times in that event. This same ruling applies to contestants that rope down for monies & points.

2.15 Raffle tickets are non-mandatory, therefore no one will incur a penalty for not participating in the fundraiser. For the betterment of the club, it is requested that every effort be made to sale as many raffle tickets as possible.

Article IV - Events

3.01 The following is a listing of events that will be held at each of the scheduled NOTRA ropings.

MEN:

- Age 30 - 44 Tiedown, Breakaway Roping
- Age 45 - 54 Tiedown, Breakaway Roping
- Age 55 - 59 Tiedown, Breakaway Roping
- Age 60 - 64 Tiedown, Breakaway Roping
- Age 65 - 69 Tiedown, Breakaway Roping
- Age 70 & Up Tiedown, Breakaway Roping
- Age 30 & Up Team Roping (open to men & women)
- Ribbon Roping

WOMEN:

- Age 30 & Up Ribbon Roping
- Age 30 & Up Breakaway
- Age 30 & Up Barrel Racing
- Age 30 & Up Team Roping (Combined with men)

3.02 Contestants are eligible to rope down from their respective age group for monetary awards & points. The points & awards will stay in the age group that they rope down in. All applicable fees will apply for each event entered.

Article V - Event Payoffs

4.01 **Payoff percentages are as follows:**

Place (s) Paid	% of Payoff
1	100
2	60/40
3	50/30/20
4	40/30/20/10
5	30/25/20/15/10
6	29/24/19/14/9/5

4.02 **Calf Roping events (excluding 65 & 70 age groups):**

*Pays 1 place for every increment of 5 contestants.

- 1-5 pays 1
- 6-10 pays 2
- 11-15 pays 3
- 16-20 pays 4
- 21-25 pays 5

4.03 **Calf Roping for 65 & 70 & up age groups:**

* Pays 1 place for every increment of 4 contestants.

- 1-4 pays 1
- 5-8 pays 2
- 9-12 pays 3
- 13-16 pays 4
- 17-20 pay 5

4.04 **2 Head Calf Roping percentage payouts:**

* 50% goes to the average with 25% going to each of the two goes.

4.05 **Team Roping Event:**

- \$2.00 for Fast Time in 1st Round per team
- \$2.00 for Fast Time in 2nd Round per team

TEAM ROPING AVERAGE PAYOUT:

- 1-50 Teams pays 2 places
- 51-75 Teams pays 3 places
- 76-100 Teams pays 4 places
- 101-150 Teams pays 5 places

4.06 **Barrels**

Place(s)	Number of Contestants Needed
1	1-14
2	15-29
3	30-58
4	59-90
5	91-120
6	121 and over

Article VI - Point System & Awards

- 5.01 Point and award calculations begin only after the purchase of a NOTRA membership.
- 5.02 Members must be in good standing with the organization in order to qualify for points and awards.
- 5.03 Awards will be given for year-end and finals standings.
- 5.04 To be eligible to qualify for year-end or finals awards, a member must have attended at least four (4) approved NOTRA ropings, as well as, having all membership obligations in good standings.
- 5.05 To be eligible to qualify for year-end all-around awards, a member must have attended at least four (4) approved NOTRA ropings, entered into at least two (2) of the same events at each of the four ropings, as well as having all membership obligations in good standing. Points will only be counted for those events that a contestant participated in at least four (4) times. Men's "all-around" will consist of Tiedown, Breakaway, Ribbons & Team Roping.
A contestant may take a total of 400 points from each event entered to the All-Around. Points will be counted from an event entered in 2X after all of above obligations are met.
- 5.06 In order to receive year-end awards, you must participate at the Finals. The only exception is if there is a medical condition to person or horse at the time of the Finals, to receive year-end awards.
- 5.07 All awards will be given based on points earned during the regular season including the Finals roping.
- 5.08 Standings will be kept according to points won at any of the scheduled approved Ropings. There will be no "double points" shows.
- 5.09 Added monies will be collected during the regular season and will be included in the Awards.
- 5.10 A contestant may only enter into events at the Finals roping that he/she entered during the regular roping season a minimum of four (4) times.
- 5.11 Points will be awarded per roping as follows:*

	<u>Per Round</u>	<u>Average Go</u>
1 st	100	200
2 nd	90	180
3 rd	80	160
4 th	70	140
5 th	60	120
6 th	50	100
7 th	40	80
8 th	30	60
9 th	20	40
10 th	10	20

Note: No points will be given at any NOTRA "Open" sponsored fund-raiser. Participation at a fundraiser does not count towards membership eligibility.

*See Barrel Racing section for appropriate points.

- 5.12 Participants will receive 100 points per event for attendance at each rodeo:
- Participants can only take 100 points to the All-Around per rodeo.
 - Barrels receive 50 points for attendance per horse/rider combination.
- 5.13 Points awarded per event as follows:
- Team Roping, Tiedown, Men’s and Ladies Breakaway - Points given to the contestant.
 - Ladies Ribbon Roping - Points given to the Roper & the Runner (You may enter 2X with a different Roper or Runner).
 - Ladies Barrels - Points given to the horse/rider combination.
- 5.14 Barrel racer can compete on unlimited number of horses, thus forming a different horse/rider combination with each different horse. Each different horse/rider combination must compete at least four (4) times in order to compete at the finals. Awards will be given based on the total points from any “D” for each different horse/rider combination.
- 5.15 No member will be eligible for more than one saddle or first place award. He/she will receive the award where the most points were accumulated. The bump down method will apply by switching the 1st & 2nd place award winners.
- 5.16 Where saddles are awarded, there must be an average of ten (10) or more paid member contestants per event per rodeo. This rule does not apply to the 65 & up age groups as they are honored members of the NOTRA organization. If a saddle is not awarded to a particular age group/event due to lack of minimum contestant entry, a championship buckle will be awarded.
- 5.17 Donations cannot be designated to any particular group. Monies donated are to be put in the general fund allocated for the awards, for “all” members. In the event that a member chooses to give a “special” presentation to a certain group: said person must make the presentation him or herself at the awards banquet. Member must let the awards committee know in advance, so that the presentation will be included at the awards banquet.
- 5.18 In the event of a tie, the following will be used to break the tie:
1. Awarded to the member who was present at the most events during the season.
 2. Awarded to the member with the best average of their 3 fastest from all of the ropings that they participated in during the regular season.
 3. Awarded by the flip of a coin.

Article VII - Board of Directors

- 6.01 **General Powers:** The administrative affairs of this organization shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, which includes Event Directors, consisting of members in good standing with the organization. The Board of Directors shall have the power to take any action that it considers necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose of NOTRA.
- 6.02 **Meetings:** The Board of Directors will meet at regular meetings a least two (2) times a year. The time and place will be determined by the president. Reasonable notice shall be given to each member of the board.

- 6.03 Special Meeting:** Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors as deemed necessary to conduct Organizational matters. No business shall be considered at any special meeting, except the specified purpose. The time and place to be determined by the president and reasonable notice shall be given to each member of the board.
- 6.04** No bylaw or rule change shall be made, so as to become effective during the current roping year, unless as an emergency, to prevent injury to a member or livestock.
- 6.05** The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and a minimum of one Event Director for each event held.
- 6.06** The officers of this organization shall consist of a president and vice-president who will be elected by the membership of the organization. A secretary/treasurer shall be appointed by the elected president. Offices shall be held for one year.
- 6.07** Event Directors shall be made up from the membership body using a nomination or volunteer method.
- 6.08** As long as the organization is in existence and except with the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the members: NO member, director, officer, or committee member of the organization shall:
- Do any act in violation of the by laws or a binding obligation of the organization. (Continued)
 - Do any act with the intention of harming the organization or any of its operation.
 - Do any act that would make it impossible or unnecessarily difficult to carry on the intended or ordinary business of the organization.
 - Wrongfully transfer or dispose of organization property, including intangible property such as good will.
 - Disclose any of the organization business practices, trade secrets or any other information not generally known to the business community to any person not authorized to receive it.

Article VIII - Meetings of Members

- 7.01** Meetings: Meeting of members shall be held within the State of Texas at a time designated by the president of the Board of Directors. The meetings shall be held at a NOTRA roping.
- 7.02** Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the president or Board of Directors. No business shall be considered at any special meeting, except the specified purpose. The time and place to be determined by the president. Meetings to be held at a NOTRA roping.
- 7.03** Members, under the direction of the President, may transact business as it comes before the membership except the amendment of these bylaws and rules. Business, as needed, will be transacted with members who choose to be present. A majority of the votes taken at a meeting on any issue brought before the group will constitute passage/veto (I.e: 51 for and 49 against would allow an issue to be implemented based on approval from the majority of those present.)

7.04 A year-end meeting TBA will be held at a roping of the regular scheduled season. The floor will be open to discuss any issues a member wishes to present. Additions or changes to the organizations' format (bylaws and rules) will be placed on a ballot and voted on at the Finals roping. Members must be present (whether eligible to participate at Finals or not), in order to vote on issues addressing the upcoming year. Any amendment of the bylaws or rules shall require a majority of the active membership votes that are turned in at the Finals roping.

Article IX - Miscellaneous

8.01 No bylaw or rule changes shall be made so as to become effective during the current roping year unless, as an emergency, to prevent injury to a member or livestock.

8.02 The bylaws shall be considered in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. All references in the bylaws to statutes, regulations or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors as they may be amended from time to time.

8.03 The Board of Directors or the president shall as needed, establish committees and appoint chairman thereto. Each member of the committee shall continue as such until the completion of their assignment, until the end of the fiscal year, or unless such member is removed from such committee.

8.04 Event directors will ensure that all judges understand the rules in their event and to ensure that the roping runs smooth and in a timely manner. Event Directors will be at each roping performance to monitor their event.

Code of Conduct

All members will at all times conduct themselves in an exemplary manner upholding the NOTRA purpose and shall present themselves in a neat, clean and orderly cowboy or cowgirl manner. A NOTRA member will be responsible for his/her conduct to the NOTRA Board of Directors in the vicinity of any function or roping sanctioned by the NOTRA. Any NOTRA member can be placed on report by any Director of the Board or a judge for misconduct.

The Board of Directors can ask any member to appear before them and fine then for any of the following reasons. All fines to be set by the board.

- A. Any contestant deliberately abusing livestock in the arena, regardless of whether the animal belongs to the contestant or stock producer will be fined \$15.** The contestant will be removed from the arena and total disqualification (monetary and points) from the roping.
- B. Quarreling or fighting in the arena.** Fine to be \$15 and disqualification from the roping.
- C. Writing an insufficient check.** Fine-\$25.00 per incident.

- D. Failure to pay entry fees or other financial obligations incurred with a member's attendance or participation at a NOTRA roping. Fine is to be payment of obligation plus a fine of \$15.
- E. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or annoy a Producer, Judge, Secretary or Timekeeper at any time between the opening and closing of a roping, in or out of the arena. Fine-removal of membership from NOTRA and forfeiture of all monetary or point awards.
- F. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to NOTRA or the sport of roping. Fine-\$15 per incident
- G. Fighting or arguing with directors, judges or officials. Fine-\$15 and disqualification from the roping.
- H. Any person under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be disqualified from that roping. Fine-\$15 and disqualification from roping.
- I. Tampering with livestock. Fine-\$15 and disqualification from roping.

All persons receiving fines will be placed on the suspension list until such fines are paid. All fines must be paid prior to the contestants entering in the roping or the contestant will not be allowed to enter said roping. Persons placed on the suspended list have thirty (30) days from the infraction or the start of the next NOTRA (whichever is earliest) to clear their name from the list. Any person suing or attempting to sue the NOTRA will be barred from the Association permanently.

General Rules for ALL Roping Events

All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the events which they enter. **FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.** In addition to the information listed in the "Bylaws" and "Code of Conduct", the following will apply:

- 1.01 A barrier will be used in all roping events. Time will begin when the barrier rope is released. Time is taken between two flags.
- 1.02 Two judges will be used as needed:
 - A field judge will be mounted and in the arena - the judge to flag stop time after contestant has motioned that his/her run is complete.
 - A barrier judge - to watch barrier line and to watch for the call of a calf.
- 1.03 There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking or beating the barrier. If short piece of the barrier is over ten (10) feet from the barrier post, it is not considered broken.
- 1.04 Animal belongs to the roper when called for regardless of what happens, except for cases due to mechanical failure. However, if the roper throws a loop, even though he did not call for the animal, the animal is his/hers.
- 1.05 Arena conditions will determine a score.
- 1.06 Contestants must adjust neck rope in a manner that will prevent the horse from dragging an animal. If the horse drags the calf more than 10 feet, the field judge may stop the horse and disqualify the contestant.

- 1.07 Contestants may not receive assistance of any kind from an outside source.
- 1.08 Contestant may have someone push animal out of the chute. No pusher will be allowed to follow animal out of the chute.
- 1.09 A rerun may be given for the following reasons at the discretion of the judge and/or Event director and will be made at the most convenient time to expedite the show:
- A. Barrier fails to release from the animals' neck
 - B. Timer/stopwatch failure
 - C. Failure of field judge to flag a contestant
 - D. Animal jerked down or around by barrier
- 1.10 In the event that the timekeepers fail to start or stop timers and the contestant misses the animal or does not make a qualified run, he/she gets no time. However, if the timekeepers fail to start or stop timers and the roper catches the animal and makes a qualified run, the contestant will get the same animal back with no penalty.
- 1.11 Any questions related to catches in any event will be directed to the field judge. Field judges' decision is final.
- 1.12 Any questions related to barrier or contestants' call for an animal will be directed to the barrier judge. Barrier judges' decision is final.
- 1.13 If a director/judge/stock producer sees any reason for taking a certain animal out of competition, he/she will be eligible to do so.
- 1.14 Tampering with livestock other than examining animal that the contestant has drawn, will not be tolerated. Examination of livestock **MUST** be done from either outside the pen or on top of the pens' fencing. Contestants will not be allowed in the pen at any time.
- 1.15 At any time during a run, should the livestock's head go beyond the plane of the of the exit gate, contestant(s) shall receive a no time run.
- 1.16 If a calf ducks behind the barrier panels the roper will be given another run (if in tiedown, the same calf must be used) if the roper has not thrown his loop. If the barrier is broken, the roper will be given a plus 10 and "lap and tap" time when rerun at the end of the go.
- 1.17 If roper touches his /her rope after raising his/her hands: he/she will receive a no time.
- 1.18 In the event that there are no catches, the roper has the option of donating the payout money back to the association or getting the money back, less the cattle charge and any fees that the Event Director or Officers deem necessary.

Men's Tiedown Roping

In addition to the information listed in the "General Rules for ALL roping Events" and the "Code of Conduct", the following will apply:

- 1.01 Roping is catch as catch can, using (2) loops. Gate will remain open.
- 1.02 Any contestant using two loops must first notify the field judge of decision prior to entering into the box and secondly must be carrying two loops.

- 1.03 Calves will be chute run for all roping events. No contestant will be allowed to rope the same calf more than once.
- 1.04 Contestants must be entered and all fees paid by the closing of the books due to drawing for calves.
If late entering, but enters prior to the beginning of the event, the roper will be assessed a \$25 late fee. If event has begun, no entry will be allowed.
- 1.05 Rope must be tied hard and fast.
- 1.06 Contestant must:
- A. Rope calf
 - B. Dismount and go down the rope to the calf
 - C. Calf must be thrown by hand
 - D. Tie any three (3) feet
- 1.07 If calf is down when contestant reaches the calf, the calf must be lifted onto his feet, thrown by hand and tied. If contestants hand is on the calf when the calf falls, it is considered thrown by hand. **EXCEPTION FOR 65 & 70 AGE GROUP** - if calf is down when roper reaches the calf, contestant does NOT have to lift and throw, but may tie the animal as is. **70 age group is (minus) -1 second.**
- 1.08 If rope comes off the calf as roper makes contact with the animal, catch as catch can will apply and, if able, the roper can throw the calf and tie for a time.
- 1.09 A qualifying legal tie will be one or more wraps and a half hitch around any three crossed legs. At least one wrap must encircle all three legs and legs must remain crossed.
- 1.10 Contestants must signal being finished with the tie by releasing pigging string from both hands.
- 1.11 Calf must remain tied for six (6) seconds as determined by the field judge, time period to begin when the roper rides his mount forward so as to cause slack to be in the rope. Rope must not be removed from the calf and rope must remain slack until field judge has signaled the run as complete.
- 1.12 Should a calf dart into/behind the hazing fence and contestant pulls up, time will be stopped. Contestant will receive another calf (same calf back if during tiedown) at the end of the current round. with a lap time. If contestant throws loop at anytime, he/she will not be eligible for a rerun. If the barrier is broken, the roper will begin with a plus 10.
- 1.13 If a rerun is determined by the judge, the contestant will be placed at the end of the round, in his respective age group. If during tiedown, the same calf will be used.

Disqualifications and/or “No Time”

- Roper’s pigging string does not hold calf until six (6) seconds have passed.
- Tie comes loose or calf gets to his feet before the tie has been ruled a fair one.
- Tie is not a legal tie.
- Contestant does not have calf standing before flanking (Except in 65 & 70 age groups).
- Roper must not purposefully touch calf, rope or pigging string after signaling completion of his run. Roper will receive a no time.

- Any contestant deliberately abusing livestock in the arena regardless of whether the abuse happens during a qualified or disqualified ride, will be removed from the arena and totally disqualified from the roping. This will be the rule by the judge and/or member(s) of the Board of Directors.

Men's and Ladies' Breakaway Roping

In addition to the information listed in the “General Rules for All Roping Events” and the “Code of Conduct”, the following will apply:

- 1.01 Calf must be roped clean around the neck - bell collar catches only. All other catches are considered illegal.
- 1.02 Roper may use only one loop with rope tied to the saddle horn using string provided.
- 1.03 A ribbon/rag/handkerchief of a contrasting color must be attached to the rope at the rope's point of attachment to the saddle horn.
- 1.04 Rope must breakaway from the saddle horn by calf with no assistance from the roper. Flag will be dropped when rope breaks from the horn.
- 1.05 Horse must be brought to a stop.

Disqualifications and/or “No Time”

- Roper fails to rope calf.
- Roper breaks the rope from the horn with his/her hand.
- By touching the rope or string after the catch is complete.
- Contestant is not mounted when calf breaks string.
- Lost or broken rope.
- Ribbon/rag/handkerchief is not attached as specified.
- Any catch other than a bell collar catch.

Ladies Ribbon Roping

In addition to the information listed in the “General Rules for ALL Roping Events” and the “Code of Conduct”, the following will apply:

- 1.01 Ribbon Runner must select a Roper who is a member in good standing with the organization.
- 1.02 Roping is catch as catch can, using one loop.
- 1.03 Runner may choose where she wishes to stand in the arena.
- 1.04 The rope must hold calf until the ribbon is removed.
- 1.05 The calf does not have to be on its feet when the ribbon is removed.
- 1.06 After the calf is roped, the runner removes the ribbon from the calf's tail and must run across the flag line, in either direction, for a time. The runner must have at least some part of the ribbon in her hand when she crosses the designated line.

- 1.07 Roper and/or runner do not have to have hands on the calf in order for the runner to remove the ribbon. The roper must dismount his horse.
- 1.08 Points will be given to the Lady runner and the roper.
- 1.09 Awards will be awarded to the individual contestants with highest points.
- 1.10 If there is no ribbon on the calf's tail when the runner reaches the calf by no fault of her own, a rerun will be offered using the same calf.

Disqualifications and/or "No Time"

- The rope does not hold calf until ribbon is removed.
- Ribbon being removed by the roper or any other means.
- The calf crosses the barrier without a ribbon.
- The roper fails to dismount his horse.
- Any contestant deliberately abusing livestock in the arena regardless of whether the abuse happens during a qualified or disqualified ride, the contestant will be removed from the arena and totally disqualified from the roping. This will be ruled by the judge and/or members of the Board of Directors.

Team Roping

In addition to the information listed in the "General Rules for ALL Roping Events" and the "Code of Conduct", the following apply:

- 1.01 Team Roping points count toward the men's "All-Around" award. A maximum of 400 points will be carried over to the "All-Around" award.
- 1.02 The individual header or heeler with the highest accumulation of points will receive the "high point" saddle and/or award. If participation and/or money allows in this event, a second saddle and/or award may be given. This would allow for the "high point" header & heeler to receive a saddle and/or award for the most points accumulated.
- 1.03 Team Roping event will be a #9 roping with a handicap.
Handicap will be as follows:
- # 7 team 2 seconds off
 - # 8 team 1 second off
 - # 9 team straight up
 - #10 team plus 1 second
 - #11 team plus 2 seconds
 - #12 team plus 3 seconds, etc.
- Team Ropers may enter up until the last 20 teams in the 1st round.
- 1.04 Classification: See the current USTRC Rulebook, Section 2/ page 2. We reserve the right to reclassify.

- 1.05 Team Roping will pay fast times in the 1st & 2nd Rounds, plus the average.
For more information see the USTRC Rulebook, E.O. Odom, or the Event Directors.
- 1.06 Roping is 3 for \$54 per team. Points will be awarded in all go rounds plus the average.
- 1.07 Each contestant may enter the team roping as many times as said contestant wishes.
Each entry must be with a different partner, or reverse ends.
- 1.08 Event is open to both men and women.
- 1.09 Header must start behind an automatic barrier and must throw first loop.
- 1.10 A line judge will stand at the barrier and will be responsible for getting the neck rope on the steer, checking the barrier for correct working order and for signaling by flag that the barrier has been released. If short piece of the barrier is over ten (10) feet from barrier post, it is not considered broken. An electric barrier may be used in lieu of rope barriers.
- 1.11 There is a one (1) minute time limit.
- 1.12 Only one rope may be used. Each team is allowed a total of two throws.
- 1.13 This is a facing team roping. Ropes may be dallied or tied on hard and fast, either is permissible.
- 1.14 Flag will be dropped when:
- A. Steer is roped,
 - B. Both horses are to be facing steer in line with ropes dallied or tied on and tight.
 - C. The steer is standing up when roped by the head and heels.
- 1.15 If the steer is roped by only one horn, the roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn or head with his hands.
- 1.16 If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet, in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot/feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot/feet come out of the heel loop by the time the judge drops his flag, time will be counted.
- 1.17 There are only three (3) legal head catches:
- A. Head or both horns or
 - B. Half a head or
 - C. Around the neck
- 1.18 If Honda passes over one horn and the loop over the other, the catch is legal.
- 1.19 Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
- 1.20 In any case that a permanent fixture fouls a roper, no rerun will be awarded.
- 1.21 There will be a five (5) second penalty for roping one heel. Any heel catch behind both shoulders are legal, if rope comes on around heels. Dew claw catches are legal if catch holds for field judge inspection.
- 1.22 Neck roped must be tied with string or rubber bands. No metal snaps or other hardware shall be used on neck ropes in timed events. An electric barrier may be used in lieu of rope barriers.
A rerun may be given for the following reasons at the discretion of the judge.
Reruns will be made at the most convenient time to expedite the show:
- A. The barrier fails to release from around the steers neck.

- B. A watch failure.
- C. The failure of judge to flag contest.
- D. The barrier jerks steer around or down.

1.23 For more information on the rules refer to the current USTRC rule book.

Disqualifications and/or “No Time”

- Making illegal head catch. Contestants are not allowed to catch by rubbing rope over horn or nose by hand to make a bad catch legal. Loops may be changed by fishing only.
- Using more than two loops per team.
- Lost or broken rope.
- Roping steer without releasing loop.
- Failure to head steer before heeling.
- Either contestant dismounts during contest run.
- Front feet in heading or heeling loop.
- Contestant cross fires (cross firing consists of roping heels of the steer before his direction is changed by one full jump).
- Failure for header to hold dally until head catch is inspected and approved by field judge.
- Animal not on his feet when roped by either end.
- A roper may not dally if tied hard & fast to saddle horn.

Any contestant deliberately abusing livestock in the arena, regardless of whether the abuse happens during a qualified or disqualified ride, will be removed from the arena and totally disqualified from the roping. This will be ruled by the judge and/or members of the Board of Directors.

Ladies’ Barrel Racing

All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the events which they enter. FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.

In addition to the information listed in the “Bylaws” and the “Code of Conduct”, the following will apply:

Points will be awarded per roping as follows:*

	<u>Per Round</u>
1 st	200
2 nd	180
3 rd	160
4 th	140
5 th	120
6 th	100
7 th	80
8 th	60
9 th	40
10 th	20

*Double points (200, 180, 160...) will be given in Ladies' Barrel Racing since it is the only event without an Average go. Points will be given to each different horse/rider combination, but with a maximum of 400 points going to All-Round. Barrel Contestants will receive 50 points for attendance per horse/rider combination. However, only 100 attendance points is the maximum that a Barrel Contestant can take to the All-Around.

1.01 This event is open to female contestants only. Age 30 & older.

1.02 The barrel race will be run in 4D format with ½ second splits.

i.e: Fastest time 16.00, 1st in 2D would be 16.50, 1st in 3D would be 17.00 and 1st in 4D would be 17.50.

1.03 There will be equal payout in each "D".

1.04 Barrel positions are to be permanently staked in the ground for the entire barrel race.

1.05 A standard pattern will be used when arena conditions permit. A standard pattern for a barrel race is sixty (60) feet from the score line to the first barrel, ninety (90) feet from the first to the second barrel, and one hundred five (105) feet from the second to the third barrel. Timers should be staked at a minimum of thirty (30) feet and a maximum of sixty (60) feet from the alleyway. If the arena has no alleyway there should be ample stopping distance from the electric eye to the gate. Barrels should be at least fifteen (15) feet from the fence on the first two barrels and at least twenty (20) feet from the back fence. Barrels are to always be positioned on the inside of the stakes.

1.06 An electric timer will be used. If the electric timer fails to operate, the contestant will be offered the option of a rerun at the end of the barrel race or refund of entry fee less office charge. If the contestant opts to have fees refunded, her entry will still be counted for attendance purposes. If the contestant did not have a qualified run, no rerun or refund will be offered.

1.07 Timing shall begin as soon as any part of the horse reaches the starting line and stopped when any part of the horse passes over the finish line.

1.08 Arena will be dragged after every fifth run.

1.09 Reruns will not be given for personally faulty equipment. Reruns will only be given at the judge's direction. All judges' decisions will be final.

1.10 Schooling or training of any kind is not permitted in the arena during the official barrel race.

1.11 Contestants are **NOT** allowed to enter the arena more than once.

1.12 A contestant will receive a no time if they cross over the timer eye causing the timer to restart.

1.13 Horse/rider combination must have been ridden during four rodeos of the regular to be ridden at the finals.

1.14 There are no substitutions.

Disqualifications and/or “No Time”

- Breaking or not running a true cloverleaf pattern.
- Knocking over barrels.
- No reruns for default or breakage of contestant’s equipment.
- Any contestant deliberately abusing livestock in the arena, regardless of whether the abuse happens during a qualified or disqualified ride, the contestant will be removed from the arena and totally disqualified from the barrel racing event. This will be ruled by the judge and/or member of the Board of Directors.

Fines.

- If after breaking a true cloverleaf pattern, contestant begins “schooling “ a horse or “wrapping/circling any barrel more than the one original run around a barrel, a fine of \$15 will be assessed.
- If after completing a run, a contestant does not immediately exit the alleyway, or backs horse, crossing the timer line, a fine of \$15 will be assessed.

Exhibition Barrels

Exhibition barrels will be offered with entries taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Exhibitions will be \$5 per run or 3 for \$12.00.

Names & times will be called out.

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February 13, 2010 - Caldwell

March 14, 2010 - Caldwell

April 3, 2010 - Caldwell

April 24, 2010 - Giddings

May 16, 2010 - Caldwell

June 6, 2010 - Caldwell

July 11, 2010 - Caldwell

August 29, 2010 - Caldwell

September 25, 2010 - Giddings

October 17, 2010 - Caldwell

Finals – November 13, 2010 - Giddings

Awards Banquet – November 14, 2010 - Giddings