

### 12.3. Breakaway Calf Roping Regulations and Explanation

## WPRA Breakaway Rules

**12.3.1.** An automatic barrier must be used at all rodeos for breakaway roping. The maximum length of score shall be eighteen feet (18'), score equaling length of box minus four feet (4'). All score lengths are subject to breakaway Director or representative approval.

**12.3.2.** There shall be two or more timekeepers, a field judge, a barrier judge and as many other officials as the local management finds necessary.

**12.3.3.** Only One (1) loop will be permitted. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.

**12.3.4.** Ropes are tied at the very end of the rope, to saddle horn with nylon string. Bright cloth with dimensions of six inches by six inches (6"x6") must be attached to end of rope.

**The following "neck only" ground rules will be enforced at PRCA Pro Rodeos for 2020 per WPRA Board vote Dec 27, 2019**

**12.3.6** The calf's whole head must pass through the loop or the contestant will be disqualified.

**12.3.7** The loop must be drawn up around the neck with no extremities in the loop and in front of the tail head, when string breaks.

**12.3.7.1** If any extremities are in the loop when string breaks, ex. Figure 8 a tail or leg, rope dropped below tail head, etc., the run will be considered a no time. If the string breaks with the extremity in loop and then goes back around the neck of the calf, the run will still be a "no time."

**12.3.7.2** If an extremity gets in the loop after the flagger has dropped flag, the run will be legal. EX If the slack pops high and the loop feeds back out and a calf steps into the loop.

**12.3.7.3** If an official is available (At PRCA events, 3 or more judges), a spotter will be positioned on the opposite side from the judge, to watch for extremities in the loop, when the string breaks.

**12.3.8.** The field judge will flag the contestant when the rope breaks away from the horn.

**12.3.9.** Contestant will receive no time should she break rope from the saddle horn by hand or by touching rope or string after catch is completed. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope, and then stop her horse to make the rope breakaway.

**12.3.10.** Ten (10) second penalty for breaking the barrier.

**12.3.11.** There will be a **thirty (30)** second time limit.

**4.1.4.** All rodeos are required to use watches in tenths of a second when automatic electric timer is not used. Manual time must be recorded and paid off in tenths.

**12.3.5.** Breakaway calves must not weigh over four hundred (400) pounds and weigh a minimum of two hundred (200) pounds.

**12.3.5.1.** Horned cattle shall not be used in the breakaway roping. Horned cattle are defined as those with horns longer than three inches (3") measured from the base of the horn. Only one (1) horn has to be over three inches (3") to be classified.

**12.3.5.2** Calves should be even. If calf weight varies more than fifty pounds (50#), a fine of \$25 per animal may be imposed.

**12.3.12.** Breakaway roping calves must be numbered and drawn for.

**12.3.13.** Timed event contractor must have a minimum one third (1/3) the number of stock. Shortage of stock will result in a fine of \$100 per animal not provided.

**11.1.2.2** Calves must be identified by permanent, factory numbered ear tags in the right ear.

**11.1.2.3** Cattle not properly identified may result in a \$25 per head fine unless approved by the roping director or spokesperson.

**9.1.5.** A contestant must compete on the stock drawn for her unless she has been awarded a rerun by the judges. Each contestant shall be responsible for knowing which stock they are to compete on. \*Clarification (If contestant ropes the incorrect animal, that run is negated, and the roper must run a correct animal.)

**10.3.6** In all timed events, barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within 10 feet of the post.

**10.3.13** Breaking Plane of Barrier. A contestant must be on their horse and their horse must break the plane of the barrier with their draw breaking the plane of the scoreline before they are allowed to compete.

**10.3.14** Neck ropes must be tied with string. No metal snaps, elastics or hardware shall be used on neck ropes in the timed events. Adjustable slide shall be used on all neck ropes for cattle used in the timed events.

**10.2.1** When a specific WPRA rule does not apply and no approved ground rules are posted, the appropriate PRCA ruling as interpreted by the contest judge shall apply. The decision of the judge shall be final.

#### Extra Notes

- Judges and secretary draw per PRCA procedures
- Score maybe same as PRCA Tie Down Roping
- Barrier malfunctions same as PRCA
- WPRA is NECK ONLY
- Draw of cattle follows PRCA procedures. Reruns on cattle may not be drawn before the completion of previous runs.

The WPRA appreciates you. Any questions or concerns please contact Patti McCutchen (Roping Director) 479-650-6931 or KC (WPRA Office) 719-250-7780.