

# 2025 NDRA Rule Proposals

## First Reading November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### Central Entry pg 15 gray rulebook

4a. Late call backs may be charged \$2.50 per contestant.

Replace with

4a. Checking the posted draw is the responsibility of the contestant. All corrections or turnouts shall be made during the designated time for call backs. Any changes after call backs close will not be accepted.

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### Entry Fees, Turnouts, Draw Outs pg 17 gray rulebook

Add Rule 16: Any contestant competing before paying fees will be assessed a \$50 fine.

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### Team Roping pg 35 gray rulebook

Current

28. Should a header rope any leg, it's an automatic no time and under no circumstances will the header be allowed to fish out the leg.

Revised

28. Should a header rope any leg, ~~it's an~~ it will result in an automatic no time and under no circumstances will the header be allowed to fish out the leg. If the header dallies and turns off with a leg in the catch, a fine of \$50 will be issued regardless of if intentional or not.

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### Sr Mens Breakaway pg 35 gray rulebook

Current:

2. Ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with a nylon string provided at the rodeo office. A 12" x 12" white flag must be tied to the rope at the knot end. The nylon string must also be tied to the horn and the rope, at the knot end of the rope. The nylon string may be checked by the judge before the contestant enters the roping box and shall not be altered in a way that lessens the strands and strength. If a judge checks the string and fails inspection, the contestant will be disqualified from competing and will receive a no time.

Revise to say:

2. Ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with a fully intact #18 nylon brightly colored twisted/braided Mason line string provided at the rodeo office. A bright cloth with minimum dimensions of six inches by six inches (6" x 6") 12" x 12" white flag must be tied to the rope at the knot end. The nylon string must also be tied to the horn and the rope, at the knot end of the rope. The nylon string may be checked by the judge before the contestant enters the roping box and shall not be altered in a way that lessens the strands and strength. If a judge checks the string and fails inspection, the contestant will be disqualified from competing and will receive a no time.

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### Ladies Breakaway Roping p 36 gray rulebook

4. The only legal catch will be a bell collar catch. Any other catch will be considered a no time. A bell collar catch is defined as the calf's whole head with no extremities, **and in front of the tail head**. Rope must remain around the calf's neck when string breaks from saddle horn.

5. A nylon string must be tied to both the rope and the saddle horn in the breakaway roping. **A fully intact #18 nylon brightly colored twisted/braided Mason line string must be used**, ~~and will be issued at the time when entry fees are paid.~~ This nylon string may be checked by the judge before the contestant enters the roping box and shall not be altered in a way that lessens the strands and strength. If a judge checks the string and fails inspection, the contestant will be disqualified from competing and will receive a no time.

A. **A bright cloth with minimum dimensions of six inches by six inches (6" x 6") 12" X 12" white flag** must be tied to the rope at the end. The breakaway string must also be tied to the horn and the rope, at the end of the rope.

6. The calf must break the rope away from the horn. The contestant shall receive no time should she or her horse break the rope from the saddle horn ~~or if the flag comes off and is not on the rope when it breaks away from the saddle to signify a completed run.~~ If rope should dally around the horn, contestant may ride forward, un-dally the rope and stop her horse to make the rope break away.

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### Barrel Racing pg 39 gray rulebook

#### Barrel Pattern

#### Current

3. The following shall be used in smaller arenas:

- a. The score line should be at least 45 feet away from the end of the arena.
- b. Barrels 1 and 2 must be at least 18 feet from the arena sides. In extra small arenas they may be less. In no instance should the barrels be any closer than 15 feet from the arena sides.
- c. Barrel 3 should be at least 36 feet from the end of the arena; the 3rd barrel should be set at least 15 feet longer than the 1st and 2nd barrels.

#### Revise to Say:

**c. Barrel 3 should be at least 25 feet from the end of the arena; the 3rd barrel should be set at least 15 feet longer than 1st and 2nd barrels.**

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### Ladies Barrel Racing pg 39 gray rulebook

21. Barrel pattern will be raked 1/2 way through the barrel racing if there are more than ten (10) contestants in any performance. The number of runs raked between shall remain consistent throughout a rodeo's duration (i.e. every 6 runs throughout two performances and one slack). The number of runs to rake between shall not exceed ten (10) ladies.

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Revise to:

Rule 21 revised and added. REVISE: The number of runs between rakes not to exceed 7.  
ADD... Committee's ground working equipment can be parked in arena in corner by 3rd barrel during contest, if contest is started with it parked in arena.

### Proposal to Add Mixed Team Roping – page 20 Rulebook

#### Mixed Team Roping

1. Mixed Team Roping teams must be made up of a man/woman team.
  - a.) Mixed team roping is an optional event to be determined by committees.
2. Mixed team roping will follow the NDRA open team roping rules as follows.
3. Contestants will start from behind the barrier. Header must start from steer wrestling box and throw first loop at head. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. Steer belongs to roper after he crosses deadline, regardless of what happens, with one exception: if steer gets out of arena, flag will be dropped, and the roper gets the steer lap and tap with the time added which was taken when the steer left the arena.
4. Animal belongs to contestant when he/she calls for it regardless of what happens except cases of mechanical failure.
5. Each contestant will be allowed to carry but one rope. Each team allowed only two loops, one loop at each end. Roping steers without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. Any heeler 50 years of age or older in addition to any female may tie hard and fast.
6. a. Roper must rope, dally and change direction of steer. The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and no time will be recorded.
6. b. Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer in line with ropes dallied and tight. Horse's front feet must be on the ground and ropers mounted when time is taken. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
7. All changes in lists of roping order to split horses, etc., must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in chutes. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order listed.
8. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.
9. If header accidentally jerks steer off his feet or steer trips and falls, header must not drag steer over eight feet before steer regains his feet or the team will be disqualified.
10. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time, regardless if time has been taken or not. (Example: rope hooked on box etc.)
11. Ropers must dally; coils dropped over horn will be considered no time.
12. Ropers may not take off any illegal catch if asked by field flagger to hold steer for flagger inspection. If header does not do so, team may receive a no time.
13. Contestant is only allowed to enter once per rodeo and the entry fee will be \$85 for header & \$85 for heeler.
14. In case the field flag judge flags out a team that still legally has one or more loops coming, the judge may give the same steer back lap and tap and five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each loop already thrown.
15. NDRA will not allow plastic horned cattle in the team roping.
16. Animals used for this event should be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated. A separate pen of cattle must be used from any other event.
17. The steers will either be chute run or drawn.

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18. The minimum length of score at rodeos will be 1/2 the length of roping box. Length of score may vary at event director's or judge's discretion with suggestion to use the Sr. Men Breakaway barrier.
19. Slack will be drawn for in sections depending on how many steers the contractor has there
20. If a team roper does not appear for the section at which she is scheduled to compete, this will be considered a turnout. The female entered with may draw out or may get other partner(s) from among any of the entered contestants in that rodeo except for those ropers already entered at the legal limit.
21. Team ropers that are entered but do not have partners at the time of the draw will have their names removed from the list. No position will be drawn for a single name.
22. There will be an open gate rule excluding those rodeos where there is an average. If at any time during the run, any part of the steer crosses the catch pen gate, he is considered home free and a no time will be given. No contestant can block the gate entrance nor can any livestock be chased back out.
23. Legal head catches-there will be only three (3) legal head catches:
  - a. Head or both horns.
  - b. Half a head.
  - c. Around the neck.
24. Illegal head catches:
  - a. If hondo passes over on horn and the loop over the other, catch is illegal.
  - b. If loop crosses itself in a head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches or head and front foot catches.
  - c. If a leg or legs are in the head loop.
25. Heel catches:
  - a. Any heel catches behind both shoulders is legal is rope goes up heels. Catch must be above hoof.
  - b. One hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty.
  - c. Once a steer is past heel loop, it is considered a missed loop.
  - d. If a heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove to front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the field judge drops his flag, time will be counted. If header faces and heeler is dallied with front foot in loop, team will receive a no time.
26. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put the rope over the horn or head with his hands.
27. Cross firing shall be illegal, according to the PRCA rule book.
28. Judge has the right to inspect all catches and dallies. Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judge.
29. Should a header rope any leg, it's an automatic no time and under no circumstance will the header be allowed to fish out the leg. THIS RULE WILL BE MADE TO MATCH OPEN TEAM ROPING RULE #28 IF IT PASSES 2<sup>ND</sup> READING
30. Each contestant will only be allowed to enter the team roping once per rodeo.